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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**LODGE OF FAITH (No. 141).**—An emergency meeting of this old lodge was convened on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The lodge was duly and formally opened at 6 p.m., when there were present amongst others: Bros. E. Mallett, W.M.; C. Dairy, S.W.; Themans, P.M., acting J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; M. Davis, I.P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middlesex; Clark, D.C.; Longstaffe, Tyler. The ceremony of raising Bro. Jannion to the degree of a M.M. was most ably performed by the W.M. Some minor business having been subsequently disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren separated until the last Tuesday in September next.

**LODGE OF AMITY (No. 171).**—This old lodge met on Tuesday week at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, the W.M., Bro. W. H. Batty, in the chair. There were also present Bro. Joseph William Clever, S.W.; Bro. W. K. Bateman, J.W.; Bro. C. Harcourt, Treasurer; Bro. Joseph Clever, Secretary; Bro. Edward Phillips, S.D.; Bro. W. H. Mardon, J.D.; Bro. H. J. Leslie, I.G.; Bro. Stevens, Bro. F. C. W. Fenn, Bro. J. Ashton, Bro. W. Buck, Bro. F. G. Dawson, Bro. Gooding, Bro. Straith, Bro. Dodd, Bro. Petrie, and Bro. Midence. There were also several visitors present among whom were Bro. J. Tickle, P.M. and Bro. E. G. Legge, W.M. of the Urban 1196; Bro. W. P. Wilson, Hertford, 403; Bro. Whitmarsh, Gihon 49; Bro. A. Peebles, De Grey and Ripon, 903; Bro. L. Solcaque, W.M. Albion 2; Bro. Gaston Murray, No. 66 and Bro. Massey (*Freemason*). The formal business of confirming the minutes of the previous meeting having been transacted, Bro. Macnee was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Ashton passed to the degree of F.C. both of which ceremonies he performed with his customary ease and precision, Bro. Batty then left the chair, which was assumed by Bro. Clever, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect. The event was rendered more than usually interesting from the fact that the W.M. elect was the son of the Installing Master, and no doubt to this fact was due the more than usually impressive nature of the ceremony. Bro. Joseph William Clever, the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Batty, and duly installed, after which he was presented to a Board of Installed Masters, and himself installed into the chair of K.S. and duly proclaimed and saluted. It is needless to say that the ceremony was ably performed; all who know Bro. Clever well know that it could not be otherwise. The newly elected W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Bateman, S.W.; Edward Phillips, J.W.; Harcourt, Treas.; Clever, Sec.; Mardon, S.D.; Gooding, J.D.; Dawson, I.G.; Leslie, Organist; Smith, Tyler. The ballot was then taken for Bro. S. P. Smith, and being declared unanimous in favour of his admission he was installed into the mysteries of the First Degree by the newly installed W.M. whose working of the ceremony showed that he is following ably in the steps of his worthy father. The next business was the presentation of a P.M. jewel to Bro. J. H. Batty, who acknowledged the compliment in a few appropriate words; and the alteration of the date of the August meeting, concluded the business on the paper. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, served in a style in keeping with the reputation which the Ship Tavern enjoys for such matters. On the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and warmly received by the brethren present. The toast was responded to by Bro. Willars from the Prov. G. Lodge of Herts, who in the course of his remarks referred to the deep interest taken in Masonry by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Carnarvon and the rest of the

Grand Officers. Bro. Batty, P.M., said brethren you may naturally suppose what toast I am going to propose when you see me with this gavel in my hand. It is the toast of the evening, and I am sure I am not saying more than the toast deserves. Our newly installed W.M. deserves all the honours you can give him. I am glad to observe that your W.M. has adopted brevity of style in speaking, not only because it is the soul of wit, but because it is highly convenient. My remarks will therefore also be few. I am proud to be, as Immediate P.M., entitled to propose our new Master's health, a privilege I suppose I shall be entitled to throughout his year of office. It gives me the greatest pleasure because I know that you have now a brother in the chair who will do honour to the Amity Lodge. He has been doing his best to make himself perfect in his work, so as to thoroughly qualify himself for the duties of his high office, and I think that there can be not the least doubt in the world that in his hands the work of the lodge will be done to your entire satisfaction, and that as a ruler in the Craft he will be found accessible and courteous in listening to the brethren, and steady and firm in principle in carrying out the constitutions of the Order. Brethren I give you "The Health of the W.M." and may he have a very prosperous year of office. Bro. J. W. Clever, W.M.: I hardly know what to say, brethren, in reply to the speech, made in such flattering terms by the I.P.M. During the time that I have been in office in this lodge, I have done my best to fill the various offices I have held to the best of my ability. You have done me the honour to elect me to this chair, and I promise you that I will do my best in it. If I fail you must put it down, not to want of will, but to want of ability. During my Masonic career, I have done my best to qualify myself for this office; and should it be my happy lot to have as prosperous a year of office as my predecessor, I trust that I shall be able to perform the ceremonies to your satisfaction and my own. I must however be in a great measure dependent on my officers in this matter, and I hope I shall gain all the support I want, and if I get that I doubt not for the success of my year of office. Brethren, I thank you very much for the hearty manner in which my health has been drunk. "The Health of the Initiate," Bro. S. P. Smith, was next proposed by the W.M., and cordially received by the brethren; and Bro. Smith returned thanks. Many other toasts were honoured, among which were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge." In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" Bro. Joseph Clever, the W.M. said the next toast is that of "The Installing Master." It is impossible for me to tell you what he has done for me—my obligations as a son are too great—but as regards Freemasonry I may say that four years ago, my father was placed in the same position as that I hold to night, and I occupied the position our Bro. Smith, the Initiate, holds. I hardly know which occasion I have felt to be the prouder of the two. I had for three or four years been abroad, but as I was then paying a visit to England opportunity was taken to initiate me. In the following month I was passed to the Second Degree, and then went away, and was subsequently raised by him in another lodge. Brethren, I cannot enter into, so as to express my feelings, now that the opportunity has occurred for my father to instal me into this chair: he is now both father and brother. I cannot say anything more, but call upon you to drink "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. J. Clever, W.M., and brethren, I assure you I hardly know how to return thanks for the honour you have done me in drinking my health in so cordial a manner. I have in the first place to thank you for the honour you have done me in appointing my son W.M. My feelings carry me back to the time when I was made a Mason. I then resolved that if the Great Architect of the Universe would spare my life that I would train my sons in Freemasonry. Our W.M. is the only one that He has spared to me, and I have had the double privilege of beginning and completing the work of making him a Mason. I had the pleasure of initiating him, I had the pleasure of passing him, and in another lodge I had the pleasure of raising him, since that I have had the further pleasure of introducing him into Royal Arch Masonry, and now I have had the added pleasure of installing him into the chair of K.S. Words cannot adequately convey my feelings on the present occasion, I can only assure you that he is determined to carry out the thorough spirit of Freemasonry in the Amity Lodge, and to discharge his duties to the utmost of his ability; and I feel satisfied that at the end of his year of office he will have given you satisfaction. I am sure he will endeavour to carry out the spirit of Freemasonry in its entirety, to extend brotherly love to all, so as to show that there is something more in Freemasonry than the outside world thinks there is. It is my desire and his desire, that in every action of life the principle of Masonry shall be his rule and guide, and at the end of life may he be called to that Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocal music provided on the occasion. The lodge has the immense advantage of numbering among its members many brethren possessing more than usual musical taste and ability; and some really good music was the result of their combined forces. Much credit is due to Bro. Leslie, the newly appointed Organist of the lodge, in his arrangements in this branch of the evening's entertainments, the whole of the musical department having been placed under his direction. It is needless to add that the meeting was a most successful one.

**HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).**—The June meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John H. Southwood, W.M., presided, and was supported by his officers, Bros. E. J. Goodacre, S.W.; J. T. Spalding, J.W.; Jabez Hogg, P.M., Treas.;

Charles Atkins, P.M., Sec.; E. S. Foot, J.D.; Orlando L. Latreille, I.G.; H. J. Dean, Org.; and C. T. Speight, T., and the following visitors: F. Chitney, 1551; E. B. Grabham, P.M. 19; S. T. Lucas, 192; W. H. Rosenthal, 1673; J. Terry, P.M. 228, &c. &c., Prov. G.D.C. Herts.; Charles Horsley, P.M., of numerous lodges, and P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; Fred H. Tate, 1563; F. R. W. Hedges, 1194; and H. Massey, (*Freemason*). Bro. Daniel Fildew was elected a re-joining member of the lodge; Bros. Sang and North were raised; and Mr. Shadrach Albert John, a gentleman of colour, a merchant of Lagos, on the West Coast of Africa, was initiated. The ceremonies were accompanied by an organ performance by Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist of the lodge. The W.M. gave notice of a motion to the effect that half the fees for initiation and joining should be taken from the general fund and paid over to the Benevolent Fund in order to make the latter a success. The brethren afterwards closed the lodge, and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, to banquet; after which they honoured the list of toasts. The W.M. in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" drew the attention of the brethren to the facts that they had round the table representatives of numerous nationalities—English, Irish, Scotch, American, and African; by all of whom Her Majesty was loved; and he looked upon the Queen as the best loved woman in the world. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in reply to the toast of the G.M., the Pro G.M. &c. said that the Earl of Carnarvon by his kind and courteous manner gave great encouragement to young Masons and to all those who in the transaction of Masonic business came in contact with him. From a long experience of his Lordship he found him well skilled in the conduct of business and the experience of other brethren who attended Grand Lodge must have directed their opinion in the same direction. Referring to the other Grand Officers he would only have to mention the name of that brother whose name the lodge bore to produce a proof of the way in which the Grand Officers discharged their duties. Bro. Charles Atkins, in place of Bro. Hogg, who had to leave in consequence of a professional appointment, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who was at present in a very indifferent state. The W.M., however, showed his desire to do all he could for the Hervey Lodge by attending to his duties when he really ought to have been in bed. The W.M. having replied, proposed "The Health of the Initiate." It had been his pleasing duty to initiate several gentlemen during his year of office, and without making any comparisons he could say with all honesty and sincerity there were none he had initiated with greater pleasure to himself, with greater satisfaction, looking into the ulterior objects of Freemasonry, than Bro. John. Bro. John had come all the way from Africa, with two objects, the pursuit of his own business of a merchant, and Freemasonry. He happened to be a friend of Bro. Dr. King, who was initiated in the Egyptian Lodge two and a half years ago, and whose recollection of English Masonry was sufficiently favourable to advise Bro. John, who was anxious to become a Mason, to take his degrees in England. Bro. King, coming recommended by Bro. Atkins, was sufficient assurance that he was a good and genuine man. He (the W.M.) had had the satisfaction of entertaining at his house Bro. John, and he had found him possessed of those qualities which would enable him to be introduced fearlessly to the brethren as a gentleman of whom they might be proud. Bro. John had been looking with very curious eyes upon their proceedings, and it was to be hoped he had incepted on his first lesson in Freemasonry one of a Mason's cardinal virtues—a virtue which he (the W.M.) would only like to see in large practice—the virtue of charity. If Bro. King only used and practised it in a more extended form than some of the old ones did at home he would be a better reflex of the superb principle which the Order was intended to formulate. —Bro. John, in reply, said he could not for the moment express how satisfied he felt to be among the brethren, and how proud he felt to occupy this position. It was simply corroborative of the fact that Englishmen respected all persons of honest principle without any distinction of race or colour. He need hardly say that he felt quite elated, and to say the least he felt himself in a strange land, in a strange world, so to speak. He had made up his mind to become a Mason years ago, and it had been his pride that if ever he became a Mason at all he would be initiated in a very respectable lodge, and, under God, he was glad to say that his ambition had been realised. He felt very thankful to the brethren, and he really hoped that he should on his return to Africa be one more ray in the focus of light to the African race. His visits in England had been very short. Advantage he had had none at all of learning anything of England, but what he could gather from English newspapers and novels; but it had been his pride to associate with good people, and he was happy to say, that since his arrival here the friends he had met, and the friends those friends had introduced him to, had been true friends to the backbone and in every sense of the word. He thanked the brethren very much for the honour they had been pleased to confer upon him, and he hoped he should carry it onward and onward, and to good effect, on the West Coast of Africa. Before resuming his seat he would say, "Three Cheers for the Hervey Lodge," God spare the lives of the brethren, and might they live in charity with one another. He hoped to return to his country and to fill the chair, not by favour, but by merit. In him the brethren saw the true specimen of the negro race, and exactly the good that England had done for Africa. However, he would not say more, as he was afraid he would be occupying too much time. What he might have omitted the brethren would please supply. It was quite natural that a stranger should be timid among such a worthy assembly. Under the circumstances he would resume his seat, and he hoped ere long he might meet the brethren again. Bros. Chitney and Dr. Rosenthal responded to the toast of "The Visitors." Bro.

Charles Atkins replied for "Treasurer and Secretary." The W.M., in giving "Success to the Masonic Institutions," spoke of these institutions as a pearl that glittered more resplendent in the crown of Masonry than all the other blazing stars and stones that irradiated the brows of a Mason. Referring to the Benevolent Institution, its success since Bro. Terry had become its Secretary was most remarkable. Bro. Terry was a man of untiring energy, of very great intelligence, and a brother who was not to be beaten by any competition, however big, however loud of tongue, and however well equipped with fact and argument. He not only possessed the very happy knack of talking business, but of talking it in such a pleasant way that he found a response at the bottom of brethren's pockets before they had any knowledge of it. And he did it in such a genial, unassuming, undictatorial manner, that the brethren gave to this Institution without any feeling afterwards that they had been driven into it, that they had not even been coached into it. He placed his facts and figure in such elegant array before the brethren, that they felt that this institution was a good and worthy object to which they would subscribe their sovereigns. The W.M. then referred to the Girls' School, represented on this occasion by Bro. Hedges. It was a fact, which should commend the name of Bro. Hedges to the brethren, that while he had been in a comparatively subordinate position in the office the institution, during the last two years, while the Secretary was ill, Bro. Hedges had been quietly plodding along, doing all the work, and gaining for himself a high reputation among the workers in the Craft. Although the depression of trade was entirely unprecedented within the history of living men, Bro. Hedges, by working day and night, had brought the late festival of the Institution to a successful issue. Bro. Hedges was now a candidate for the vacant Secretaryship, and the suffrages of the life-governors. Bro. Hedges was mainly instrumental in getting Clara Kingcombe, the Hervey Lodge candidate, into the School; and it was now in the power of the members who had votes to do him a good turn. If the brethren had in their counting-houses or warehouses a good, true, faithful man, who advanced their interests by staying after the other clerks had gone, he asked whether they would not put that man down in their memorandum books for the first vacancy? He asked them to apply the same rule in this case. Bro. Hedges replying, after thanking the W.M. and the brethren, said that if he should be successful, nothing would be wanting on his part to justify the confidence which might be reposed in him. Bro. Terry said that the Masonic Institutions occupied a very prominent position in the history of the charities of England—prominent because they had a very limited circle to which to appeal, and from that limited circle they derived greater results than any other three Institutions. Last year the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three, obtained at its festival £13,300; the Girls' School obtained £9000; and the Boys' School £12,800. When the year 1877 closed it was found that the three Institutions had collected amongst them over £44,000. He would contrast that with eight years ago, when the result was £20,000. When the Prince of Wales joined the Craft and took the chair at the festival of the Institution an impetus was given. In 1872 the Benevolent Institution festival brought in £3200. In 1873, when the Prince of Wales presided, £6800 was the result, and from that time until now the Benevolent Institution had gone on increasing, until last year it had the proud satisfaction of finding itself at the head of the three Masonic Institutions. Of course, this could not have been done if it had not been for the support of the Craft, nor could the success of the other Institutions have been brought about but for the same influence. He trusted that the motion of which the W.M. had given notice that evening would be beneficial to the Institutions. He was sure he had only to bring before the lodge the claims of the Institutions to enlist the brethren's cordial co-operation and sympathy and he hoped that Bro. John would carry to the west coast of Africa, a report of these Institutions, and that he would tell the Masons out there that if they were Masons under the English Constitution, or widows who were the widows of Masons under that Constitution, or the children the children of such Masons, the benefits of the Institutions would be tendered to them. If Bro. John would call on him in the morning he would give him plenty of pamphlets and papers to take back with him. From them he would see that the Masonic Institutions were three of the most magnificent Institutions that could be called charities. "The Masonic Press" was then proposed, and "The Officers" and "Tyler's Toast" concluded a most agreeable evening.

**SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The W.M., Bro. Edward G. Sim, presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. T. J. Coombs, S.W., and W.M. elect; A. F. Rowley, P.M. 12; J. W. J. Osborn, Sec.; J. Weston, S.D.; W. Norris, J.D.; W. F. Poulton, I.G.; R. G. Thomas, O. H. Field, D.C.; J. H. Oppenheim, W.S.; E. Somers, P.M.; J. Greenfield, W. H. Lund, J. G. Rimell, R. Allison, E. J. Percy, J. Farlong, G. Tarrant, W. Francis, J. Francis, J. Gibbs, E. Abrams, T. Henri, J. Brewer, W. Dawson, C. Parslow, S. Rowley, I. Franklin, R. J. Towne, Visitors; Bros. W. H. Parker, S.D. 946; J. Kew, W.M. 179; E. J. Claunch, W.M. 462; R. Percy, J.W. 228; B. Skilton, P.M. 311; W. B. Kidder, P.M. 126; T. G. Reason, 1260; J. Gibson, P.M. 1420; F. J. Carter, 1687; J. Bateman, P.M. 820; C. J. G. Wood, 1288; T. Weaver, P.M. 820; J. G. Clare, 1507; W. Rowley, 917; W. Wiles, P.M. 173; G. Edwards, 907; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Free Mason*); and others. After the reading and con-

fimation of the minutes the W.M. initiated Mr. George Henri, ("Mohawk Minstrels") and Mr. James Brewer. This ceremony having been completed, a handsome "Secretary's jewel," together with a testimonial in illuminated writing on vellum, executed by Bro. Oppenheim, and framed and glazed, was presented by the W.M. to Bro. John Osborn, Secretary. Both were subscribed for by the members of the lodge. The inscription on the vellum was as follows:—"This Testimonial, together with a gold jewel, is presented to Bro. John Osborn by the members of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, and the lodge of instruction attached thereto, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the brethren, in acknowledgment of his indefatigable services in the formation of the lodge, and in recognition of the ability with which he has discharged the duties of Secretary. Edward G. Sim, W.M., May, 1878." Bro. Osborn having thanked the brethren for the presentation, and assured them of the great interest he took in the welfare of the lodge, Bro. Edward G. Sim proceeded to instal as W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. Thomas J. Coombs, who was unanimously elected at the former meeting. The new W.M.'s banner, this being a banner lodge, was then placed behind the W.M. chair. This banner, as well as the banner of Bro. Sim, were also the work of Bro. Oppenheim. After the W.M. had been saluted by the Board of Installed Masters, the brethren below the rank of Installed Master were admitted, and after the customary salutes the following appointments were made:—Bros. A. Rowley, P.M., S.W.; Weston, J.W.; Norris, S.D.; Payne, Treasurer; Osborn, Secretary; Poulton, J.D.; Field, I.G.; Rymill, W.S.; Paislow, Assistant W.S.; Thomas, Organist; Oppenheim, D.C.; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Sim then delivered the charges, after which the W.M. presented Bro. Sim with a massive gold P.M.'s jewel. Bro. Sim in a very few words thanked the lodge for the gift, and the balance sheet of the lodge was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. This balance sheet showed a balance in hands of the Treasurer on general account £12 5s. 11d., the total receipts being £200 10s. 9d. The Benevolent Fund showed a balance of £10 5s. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a delightful banquet, provided, in his best style, by Bro. Grist, of Hackney. The customary toasts succeeded the banquet, and Bro. Sim in proposing the toast of "The W.M." said he knew he was only expressing the feelings of the brethren when he said he was very much pleased at seeing Bro. Coombs in the chair of W.M. He hoped that Bro. Coombs would enjoy perfect health, that he might perform the duties of his office satisfactorily, and that at the termination of his year of office he might have the approbation of the brethren and their assurance that he had done his duty. The W.M. replied, and after thanking the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast, said he hoped the brethren would assist him to the utmost of their power in the performance of his duties. He would do his best to discharge them faithfully and zealously. If they discovered any shortcomings he hoped they would forgive them. Whatever he did they must take in the best form, for he would do his best for the benefit of the lodge. As one of the founders of the lodge he had hitherto done his best. The lodge had hitherto been carried on successfully under the able guidance of the P.M.'s, and he trusted he should leave the chair with as much credit as his predecessors had. He was glad to see such a goodly company present, and that there had been such a successful meeting. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiates," and in welcoming them into the Craft congratulated them on joining a lodge which would take rank with any in London. Bro. Brewer replied, and the W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," of whom there were nineteen present. Bro. W. Browne Kidder responded. He had had the honour of being invited by Bro. Rowley, and having heard the lodge frequently spoken of in the highest terms was happy to accept the invitation. The name of the lodge was sufficient to carry it forward, but the working was an extra assurance, for he had never heard better work before. The way in which the P.M. performed his duties, its solemnity and seriousness, was still impressed on his mind. He expatiated with force and eloquence on the advantages to be obtained by becoming a Mason. He (Bro. Kidder) was only a Mason of seven years' standing, but during the time he had been a Mason he felt he was a better man than he was before. Since he had been one of the Craft there was no happier man than he. He had taken care to mix himself up with Masons, and from the enjoyment he had received in lodges of instruction, and in the hospitality of lodges, he felt it behoved him to impress on others the advantages of Freemasonry. Though a young Mason he appreciated everything in Masonry. There was nothing he so prized as Masonry. It was one of the greatest boons a man could possess; one of the greatest institutions in the world; and he thought that the example Masons had in the Prince of Wales becoming the head of the Order should show them that the prosperity of Masonry was assured. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," and reminded the brethren of the great services rendered to the lodge by Bros. Elias Somers and E. G. Sim. Bro. Somers, in reply said that all he should say would be to quote words well known:—"The evil that men do lives after them: the good is oft interred with their bones." Bro. Sim said he had had much pleasure in installing his successor, and any trouble or pains he had been at had been amply repaid by the heartiness with which the brethren had received the mention of his name. As long as he should fill the position of I.P.M., in fact as long as he was a P.M. of the lodge, the brethren might rely upon him to perform every duty he might be called upon to perform, and he trusted it would be with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself. He then said that the W.M. had asked him to propose "The Masonic Charities." The brethren all knew that these institutions were flourishing. Every year shewed

an addition to the funds, a larger number of annuitants in the Benevolent Institution, and more boys and girls received into the two schools. The revenues of the Institutions were steadily and considerably augmenting. The success showed that as the Craft increased numerically the funds increased in proportion. But he hoped the funds would increase in still larger proportion. He was very sorry that none of the Secretaries were present. Bro. Terry, from whom they had a letter, was engaged in Manchester, otherwise he would have been present, and would have given the brethren the figures. Bro. Rimell was going to represent the lodge at the next festival of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Norris was going up for the Boys' School. Although the lodge sent two Stewards this year, it could not do all it wished in the cause of charity; still, sending up two Stewards showed the spirit that prevailed in the lodge. On every occasion hitherto the lodge had been represented at each festival, and he hoped it always would be. Bro. Rimell said, in reply, that he hoped before the next festival of the Benevolent Institution that money would pour into his list. Bro. Norris said that the festival of the Boys' School was to be a great success, and that Bros. Bertram and Roberts would place at the disposal of the brethren the concert room, the Italian garden, the conservatory, and the picture gallery. The whole of this magnificent accommodation (at the western side of the building) would be reserved exclusively for those attending the festival. The company would assemble in the picture gallery, the access to which was immediately adjoining the staircase leading from the Palace Railway Station. The banquet would be served in the concert room, in which 1000 persons could be seated with ease and comfort. The Italian garden would be open for recreation. Tea and coffee would be served in the conservatory, and the garden and conservatory would be brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns and coloured lamps. There would be vocal and instrumental music throughout the evening, and ladies and brethren would dine together at the same tables. The day would be the 8th of July, and it was hoped that, with the fortunate combination of circumstances under which the festival would be held, Stewards would be more than ordinarily zealous in securing a large attendance of ladies and brethren. The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," and, referring to the latter brother, said that the testimonial that he had had presented to him that evening proved that he had conducted the affairs of the lodge satisfactorily to all the brethren. Bro. John Osborn acknowledged the toast, and again thanked the brethren for the very beautiful testimonial they had presented to him. The encomiums lavished on him he felt were more than he deserved. He was delighted to do all he could for the lodge, and he was much pleased to see the great prosperity which had attended it. Bro. Rowley replied to the toast of "The Officers," and the brethren then separated. Bro. George Henri sang some excellent songs during the evening.

**ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).**—This flourishing lodge, already known to many as the lodge of the season, met on Thursday evening last at the Town Hall, Poplar, when the following were present:—Bros. W. H. Farnfield, W.M.; J. Dennis, S.W.; J. Kemp Coleman, Acting J.W.; Leonard Pott, S.D.; W. C. Young, I.G.; E. Witherstone, T. Bates, J. J. Abbott, H. J. Hancock, T. E. Bowkett, J. B. Finney, C. Phillips, T. Gaisford, J. House, T. L. Rennett, T. Johnson, and as a visitor, Bro. R. Mills, of Lodge 217. The business was to raise Bros. Bowkett and Finney, to pass Bro. Kennett, and to initiate Mr. George Hine. The meeting being called for 6.15, punctually to that time the W.M. rose, and the lodge was opened in due form in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed; the Second Degree was then reached, and Bros. Bowkett and Finney, having answered the usual questions, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bros. Bowkett and Finney were then admitted, and regularly raised to the Sublime degree. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Dennis, P.M. and S.W. of the lodge took the chair, by permission of the W.M., for the purpose of passing Bro. T. L. Kennett, this brother having been initiated by Bro. Dennis. The candidate having answered the usual questions, retired, and the lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Kennett admitted and duly passed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree and Mr. Hine, the initiate, not being in attendance, a call off resulted. On calling on, the lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, the W.M. now again occupied the chair, and all the brethren with the exception of the Principal Officers, and Bro. Kennett entered and worked up from the First Degree. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, and Mr. Hine still being absent the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Coleman took the opportunity of stating he had served the office of Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on behalf of the All Saints Lodge, and through the generosity of the members was enabled to hand in a list of £60 8s. which he considered a very gratifying fact. The W.M. supported the remarks of Bro. Coleman, as to the gratifying result of his endeavours, especially, when it was remembered the lodge was consecrated so recently as September last year, and that nearly £40 was sent up to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last. After some routine business the lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**ROYAL SAVOY LODGE (No. 1744).**—The first meeting of this lodge was held at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, 28th May. Present: Bros. Willing, W.M.; Douglass, S.W.; Clemow, J.W.; Treadwell, Treas.; Stiles, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Hyland, J.D.; Smith, I.G.; Barham, Tomkins, Jaques, Sellis, Deller, Holt and many others. The lodge was opened in due

form and the W.M. raised, by permission of the W.M.'s 45 and 177, Bros. Lowe and Baldry to the Sublime Third Degree. Messrs. Arthur Douglass, Mabey, Philpott, Hixon, and Lloyd were impressively initiated into Freemasonry, and 17 brethren were balloted for and admitted as joining members. The bye-laws were proposed, discussed, and agreed to, so as to be submitted to Grand Lodge for approval, and a summer festival appointed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which Bro. Mitchell served in a splendid manner, the only fault was that, all the waiters being foreigners, some little delay occurred between the various courses. The lodge will meet again on the fourth Tuesday in June.

**MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, March 28th, at the Assheton Arms Hotel. Bro. W. Percival, W.M., presided, and was assisted by the following officers: Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hatton, J.W.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; G. Bradbury, I.P.M.; S. Hewitt, Sec.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; J. Kent, Tyler. There was a good attendance of brethren. The lodge having been opened in due form with solemn prayer, the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. A communication was read from Grand Lodge respecting the recent decision of the Grand Orient of France. One candidate was proposed for initiation. The usual proclamations were made, and elicited "Hearty good wishes" from lodges 317, Affability, and 103, Rising Sun, Saratoga Springs, New York. Charity was next attended to, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, and the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.

**LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).**—In honour of Her Majesty's birthday, Bro. T. H. Scott, Organist, entertained the brethren of this lodge and their friends with a grand harmonium and pianoforte recital, at the Masonic Hall, on Friday evening, the 24th ult., when a varied selection of music from first-class authors was given. The performance of the several pieces was of the highest order, and the execution on both instruments gave evidence of careful study and incessant practice. The full-dress of the ladies, and the regalia of the brethren of various degrees, imparted to the assembly a gay and animated appearance. The necessary arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton, I.P.M., Hon. Sec., and great satisfaction was expressed by a highly appreciative audience with the evening's entertainment. Among those present were: The Mayor, Bro. C. Stretton, P.M.; the Lady Mayoress; Bro. C. E. Stretton, P.M., and Mrs. Stretton; Bros. J. M. McAllister, P.M.; G. W. Statham, W. M.; S. Cleaver, S.W.; J. Farndale, J.W.; C. Gurden, Treas.; O. Law, Sec.; T. Colman, J.D.; E. Newton, D.C.; W. M. Randall, J. Roadknight, and others.

**LEEDS.—Philanthropic Lodge (No. 304).**—At the regular meeting of the above lodge, on Wednesday, the 29th May, an interesting presentation took place. It had been the pleasure and privilege of the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge to contribute to the happiness of their brethren of the 17th Lancers (which regiment is now laying at Leeds) Lodge, by granting them the use of their rooms for the purposes of their meetings. In recognition of this favour, the brethren of the military lodge have testified their regard by presenting to the Philanthropic Lodge three ebony mauls, for the use of the W.M., S.W., and J.W. Each maul or gavel is inscribed on the front with a silver plate, which bears the following inscription:—"From the 17th Lancers Lodge, 218, Irish Constitution, to the Philanthropic Lodge, 304, English Constitution, in token of their appreciation of the fraternal reception accorded to them in Leeds, May, 1878." In handing the present to the W.M. of the Philanthropic Lodge, Bro. Williams, P.M., of the 17th Lancers Lodge (who was accompanied by Bro. Brown, I.P.M., and Bro. Abbott, P.M.) said he begged to express the sentiments of his lodge, and say how highly they valued the many kindnesses that had been shewn to them by their brethren in Leeds. The reception accorded them was far greater than they, as strangers, could have expected; still it proved that in the Philanthropic Lodge, and in Leeds generally, the true spirit of Freemasonry flourished in a great degree. (Applause.) In concluding, in the name of his brethren he begged the acceptance by the Philanthropic Lodge of that small token of their esteem, and he hoped that as the mauls passed into other hands from year to year they might carry with them pleasant memories of their meetings together, one thing was certain, that in the 17th Lancers Lodge, the Philanthropic, 304, would long live in their memories. Bro. Taylor, W.M., 304, suitably acknowledged the unexpected present, and in the name of his lodge accepted it, at the same time remarking that the brethren of the 17th Lancers Lodge had endeared themselves to the Craft in Leeds by their ability in working the ceremonies (which had been done in a most efficient manner) and by their geniality and courtesy. He bid them a hearty welcome on all occasions of their meeting, and if, when they left Leeds (which he hoped would be some time hence) they ever came near that town, he hoped they would endeavour to give them a visit. In concluding, he hoped the brethren of the Philanthropic Lodge would ever be ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to all military brethren who might be staying in or passing through Leeds. He tendered to the 17th Lancers Lodge his hearty good wishes. (Applause.)

**APPLEBY.—Eden Valley Lodge (No. 812).**—The annual meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Thursday, June 6th, at four

o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M., Bro. R. Warton, was supported by Bros. Cockfield, S.W., W.M. elect; Whitehead, P.M., &c.; Fulton, P.M.; Rev. Dr. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain of England; Dr. Sayer; Arnison, P.M. (Penrith); W. Kirkbride, P.M., &c.; Cussins, W.M., Penrith Lodge; McKay, W.M., 129; John Bowes, P.M., &c., Robinson (York); Bentley; Ridge, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Bentley and Ridge claimed preferment, and having sustained their claim, were entrusted. The chair was now assumed by Bro. John Bowes, and the candidates separately admitted and raised under the able deaconate of Bro. Warton, W.M. Resuming labour in the second degree, Bro. W. Kirkbride took the chair and, with the assistance of Bro. Bowes, installed Bro. Cockfield as W.M. for the ensuing year in ample form. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was tastefully served. The cloth being withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. Dr. Simpson, in proposing the toast, "The Installing Master," paid a high compliment to "the choice and master spirits" who had kindly visited them and performed the ceremonies in such a correct and impressive manner. Bro. Robinson, of York, in responding for "The Visitors," begged to add his hearty concurrence with the complimentary remarks of his friend and brother, Canon Simpson. The meeting had been an exceedingly profitable one, and he congratulated the W.M. and members of the Eden Valley Lodge that they were able to command the services of brethren competent to interpret their beautiful ceremonies. The Tyler's Toast brought the proceedings to a close at ten o'clock.

**CHESHUNT.—Gresham Lodge (No. 869).**—The fine old Baronial Hall of Cheshunt, was on Saturday, the 8th inst., the scene of a very pleasing ceremony, for here under the roof which had witnessed alike the joyous days of Wolsey, of James and of the first Charles, amid the labours which had been borne on many a well contested field by those whose armour now stand motionless against its walls, the brethren of the Gresham Lodge had met to do honour to our esteemed Bro. Doctor Pottle, who by his courteous and affable conduct since he first saw the light of Masonry, had won the esteem of the brethren, culminating in his being unanimously elected at the previous meeting as their W.M. The business of the day commenced by the W.M. Bro. Etherington, assisted by his officers, opening the lodge in the First and Second Degrees, when Bro. J. F. Grocott, having proved his proficiency therein, was entrusted and retired, and upon the lodge being opened in the Third Degree, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., in a manner that gave universal satisfaction to the brethren present. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Doctor Pottle, was duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. E. Gompertz, for the benefit of Installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, was installed in the chair of K.S. and saluted in ancient form. The Master Masons having been admitted a procession was arranged by the D.C., Bro. F. D. R. Copstick, and the brethren thrice made a circuit of the Hall, successively saluting the W.M. in the 3rd 2nd and 1st degrees. The Installing Master then gave the customary charges in a very impressive manner, dwelling with more than usual pathos on the great moral precepts therein contained. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. T. C. Chapman, as S.W.; P. Perry, J.W.; C. B. Cheese, S.D.; W. E. Gompertz, Jun. J.D.; W. R. Dixon, I.G.; the Rev. Charles Erskine Mayo, (M.A.) Chaplain; F. D. R. Copstick, Treasurer; W. E. Gompertz, Secretary; J. F. Grocott, Organist, and Bros. Bernard and Holland, Stewards. The W.M. said it now became his pleasing duty to place upon the breast of his immediate predecessor, Bro. Etherington, a P.M. jewel, voted unanimously by the brethren, as a slight testimony of their appreciation of the satisfactory way in which he had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year. Bro. Etherington in a suitable speech thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Green Dragon, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. In giving the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. alluded to the fact of their Treasurer being about to represent them as Steward at the next Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urged the brethren not only as a lodge, but individually, to support him, so as to make his list a satisfactory one. Bro. James Terry, (Sec. Masonic Benevolent) in thanking the W.M. made an exhaustive speech upon the Great Masonic Institutions, one of which he was there to represent, showing their progress, the blessings they had conferred upon those who from their tender years, were unable to help themselves, likewise upon those who in their prosperity had borne the burden and heat of the day, and were now in the decline of life, dependant upon those whom Providence had blessed with the power of exercising that truly Masonic virtue Charity. Among the visitors were Bros. James Terry, P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts; J. Tydeman, P.M. 1237, W.M. 1327, P.P.G.P. Essex; E. Power, 1558; G. Mickley, P.M. 449, P.G.D. Herts.; R. Leech, P.M. 861; A. Datteridge, W.M. 172; P. Magee, S.W. 548; and others.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Sheriff, the W.M., who was supported by his respective officers. There was

a fair attendance of members and visitors. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then raised to the Second Degree, and Bros. Tucker and Robinson, having given proof of their proficiency as F.C., were entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and Bros. Tucker and Robinson having been separately admitted were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, the working being carefully gone through by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down, and the usual proclamations having been given and heartily responded to by the visitors, the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

**DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Wednesday, June 5th. Present Bros. G. Pipes, W.M.; W. Heathcote, P.G.D. of C. I.P.M.; M. H. Bobart, P.P.S.G.W. as S.W.; W. B. Hextall, J.W.; J. O. Manton, Sec.; H. Biggs, W.M. 802, as S.D.; P. Wallis, as J.D.; W. Butterfield, I.G.; Past Masters F. Iliffe, P.P.J.G.W., and J. Worsnop, P.P.G.P.; Bros. Eaton, Pakeman, Walters, Pragnell, Lane, Baxter, Hefford, Arnold, Johnson, Popplewell, Gore, Steele, and Visitors, Bros. G. F. Smith, 163 and Johnson 731. The lodge was opened at 7.40 p.m. Bros. Hefford, Baxter, and Arnold, were passed to the second degree by the W.M. A quarterly communication from Grand Lodge was presented, and other business connected with the working of the lodge was transacted. The case of a distressed brother, suffering from illness, was submitted, and received the favourable consideration of the lodge. After the formulae the lodge was adjourned until the first Wednesday in July.

**STRANGEWAYS.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).**—The usual monthly meeting of the members was held at the Empire Hotel, Strangeways, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at five o'clock p.m. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. The lodge being opened in due form, Mr. W. B. Russell and Mr. M. Misell, were duly balloted for and initiated in the degree of Entered Apprentice, the initiatory ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. W. T. Schofield, I.P.M., in the first place, and Bro. S. H. Needham, W.M., in the second instance. Bro. Kelly having answered the questions in the Second Degree, was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. B. Taylor, P.M. Lodge of Harmony, in a manner which elicited the highest praise from those present. The principal business of the evening was then brought forward by the W.M., viz., the election of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelve months. After some considerable discussion, Bro. Brandon, S.W. 1876-7 was elected to the coveted honour. Bro. J. Andrew, P.M., was again elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Heydon unanimously chosen as Tyler. Two brethren were selected to audit the accounts for the past year, and a committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the W.M. elect and St. John's Festival. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where supper was served by Bro. Banks, in a manner which well sustained the renown the "Empire" has acquired for the taste displayed by the chef-de-cuisine of that establishment. On the removal of the cloth the toasts incidental to the occasion were duly given and responded to with full Masonic honours; that of the W.M. elect being received most vociferously. Bro. Brandon responded in a very neat speech; and Bro. Leech S.W., replied on behalf of the "Officers of Strangeways Lodge," trusting that the same cordial support which had been given to the present W.M. would be shown to his successor, and that the unanimity then existing between them would still continue. Bros. Ruddock and Dunville, P.M., contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent singing. The party broke up shortly before eleven o'clock.

**LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).**—The brethren of the "old Neptune" (which, like the representative British flag, has "braved the battle and the breeze," if not for a thousand years, at least for a considerable period), met on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of celebrating the annual festival of St. John, and the particular as well as general interest felt in the event was conclusively shown by a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. Joseph Healing, the W.M. (who has twice occupied that proud position—the proudest to a Freemason's heart), occupied the post of honour, and his officers present were the following: Bros. Joseph Korn, S.W.; W. C. Webb, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Linaker, Secretary; A. C. Wyle, S.D.; T. H. Arden, J.D.; C. Fothergill, Steward; and C. Rigotti, Steward. The members present were Bros. John Martin, Geo. Crute, J. W. Burgess, W. H. Dawson, C. S. Daniels, J. Tickle, J. S. Warden, John Shaw, G. W. Irvin, W. Jones, R. Edwards, W. F. Jones, T. Dealy, A. Fletcher, G. Capper, J. Ashworth, J. C. C. Fish, T. Grant, J. Hughes, J. Heel, W. Fish, J. Pallfreyman, J. S. Jones, Wm. Peter, Wm. Hue, Wm. Gray, L. Robertson, Josh. Griffiths, W. F. Fender, Ed. Russell, and J. Burke. The visitors included Bros. W. S. Corris, 1356; T. M. Creak, 667; J. B. Mackenzie, J.W., 1609; J. Archdeacon, 667; Joseph Wood, Treas., 1094, (Freemason); Wm. Cotter, 1299; S. M. Davis, 22, (Canada); W. J. Chapman, W.M., 1609; J. Bayley, 667; Robert Stewart, 667; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; Thomas Wood, 673; W. Atherton, 823; J. Hallow, P.M., 673 and 1505; Ed. George, J.D., 1356; T. Shepard, P.M., 594; J. M. Tukey, 43; J. H. Bradshaw, S.W., 1325; Josh. Skeaf, P.G. Organist; T. Shaw, P.M., 823; H. Firth, S.W., 667; J. Hayes, P.M., 249; J. Frank, P.M., 203 and 1502; M. Goshan, 823; J. R. Bottomley, S.W.



1675; A. Hart, W.M., 724 and 1602; and J. Neill, 1356. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the W.M. initiated Mr. Charles Cavern into the Order, the work being very efficiently performed. The W.M. (Bro. J. Healing) subsequently concluded his year's office in the chair by impressively installing Bro. Joseph Korn in the chair of K.S. for the coming year.—The following were the official investments by the W.M.:—Bros. J. Healing, I.P.M.; A. Cotter, P.M., D.C.; W. Webb, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treasurer (re-elected unanimously); J. H. Linaker, Secretary (re-appointed); T. H. Arden, S.D.; C. Fothergill, J.D.; J. L. Warden, I.G.; R. Battersby, S.S.; G. Crute, J.S.; John Tickle, Assistant S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, Bro. A. Cotter, P.M., D.C., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Healing, I.P.M., for having performed the work in such a satisfactory manner. He had certainly gone through the ceremony to perfection, and it was therefore the duty of the lodge, he (Bro. Cotter) thought, to pass their special vote of thanks, and have it recorded on the minutes. Bro. P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas., seconded the resolution, and also bore testimony to the able and efficient manner in which the whole ceremony had been performed. The vote was carried unanimously, and Bro. Healing briefly acknowledged the compliment. He remembered that when he entered the lodge that afternoon he was determined not to fail, and the brethren by that vote of thanks had shown he had not done so. He thanked the lodge exceedingly for that special mark of honour, and it would quicken his interest in the Neptune Lodge. After some discussion, it was resolved that there should be, as usual, the pic-nic in connection with the lodge, Bellevue Gardens, Manchester, being selected as the scene of the day's festivities. The arrangements for the Masonic "out" were relegated to the lodge committee, who will report at next meeting. Substantial aid was voted to a distressed widow and brother, and the lodge was then closed in due form, in perfect harmony. The brethren subsequently dined in the large banqueting hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Joseph Korn, who, upon the removal of the cloth, proposed the usual initiatory toasts: "The Queen;" "H.R.H. Bro. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England;" "Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M. of England, R.W.P.G.M. of West Lancashire;" and "Bro. the Right Hon. Fred. Stanley, D.P.G.M. of W.L., and the Officers of the Province," the last-named being responded by Bro. J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325, in the absence of Bro. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S.B. Bro. Healing, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said: W.M., P.M.'s, officers and brethren, now you have elected Bro. Korn for the ensuing year, I may say I had the honour of introducing him some eight years ago. You have selected him for this high and important office, and I trust, W.M., you may receive the same support that I have done. You have filled nearly every office in the lodge with entire satisfaction, and it gives me great pleasure in proposing your very good health. The recitation, "The Little Hero," was given by Bro. J. W. Chapman, the W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge, with great effect, which elicited fervent and general expressions of approval. The W.M., in reply to the toast, said: Bro. P.M.'s, officers and brethren, it is now eight years ago since I was put in office, and in every one I have endeavoured to fulfil my duties. I shall leave no stone unturned to give you satisfaction. The Neptune Lodge was a large one, and it will be my duty to endeavour to imitate the admirable way in which the work has been done by my predecessors, although it will require no little skill and thought to keep the ship in the same condition as to its sailing trim. The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and said: Brethren, it is with the utmost pleasure I propose the next toast—"The Health of Bro. Joseph Healing, our I.P. and Installing Master," and I may remind you it was he who was chiefly instrumental in getting our warrant—a service which he has further enhanced by twice occupying the position of W.M. All who know him are perfectly cognisant of the fact that whatever he undertakes he performs well. He has done a wonderful work to-day, in giving the First Degree, and then performing the work of installation in the remarkably able manner which you have witnessed. To mark the esteem felt for you, Bro. Healing, by the brethren of the Neptune Lodge, I have now the pleasure and honour to present to you in their name, this valuable set of diamond studs. Masonic honours, and a song by Bro. Linaker, Secretary. Bro. Healing, in reply, said, I thank you, W.M., for the manner in which you have been pleased to speak of me, and in doing so I am sure you have not meant to use flattery. I have done my best for the lodge since its formation, and I assure you I am proud of the present position of the good ship, although we have done nothing but our duty in seeking to secure its welfare. As the mariner feels pride in the condition and position of his Craft, so do we of the "Neptune;" and I will continue to use my best efforts for her welfare. I thank you, W.M. and brethren, for the very handsome testimonial which you have presented to me this day, which will always be treasured by me throughout my life. Bro. Gee, P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Cotter, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters of Lodge 1264." Bro. Skeaf, P.G.O., for "The Prov. G. Organist and the Musical Brethren;" Bro. Cavern for "The Newly Initiated," and Bro. H. Firth, S.W. 667, for "The Visitors." The brethren left the banquet at an early hour.

**MORECAMBE.**—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There was a good gathering of the Craft, and the lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Longmire, was duly installed to that office for the ensuing year. Bro. Dr. Moore (of Lancaster) P.M. and P.G.S.B. of E. officiated as Installing Master, and went through the

ceremony with his well-known ability and impressiveness. On the conclusion of the ceremony the following officers were appointed by the W.M. and installed by Bro. Moore, namely, Bros. W. Duff, I.P.M.; W. Longmire, S.W.; A. K. Stansfield, J.W.; R. Hartley, Treas.; W. Stephenson, Sec.; W. W. Wilde, S.D.; R. Bannister, J.D.; A. Poole, I.G.; L. Gorton, Org.; G. Bingham, S.S.; J. Brown, J.S., and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the house of Bro. T. Longmire, the King's Arms hotel, where the installation banquet was held. The table was laid in a very attractive style, the edibles (which included the delicacies of the season) were of the choicest, and the serving excellent. The newly-elected W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Moore, W. Duff, F. G. Dale (1353), Signor Pandolfini (281), T. Atkinson (281), J. Jowett (281), R. Hartley, Croskell, Stephenson, Ellershaw, &c. The duties of croupier were ably discharged by Bro. W. Longmire, who was supported by Bros. Stansfield, Poole, Bannister, Bingham, Hall (1070), Atkinson (*Freemason*), and others. On the removal of the cloth, the Chairman gave the healths of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," which were received with the customary honours. The toast of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge, and Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, Prov. G.M., and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," was proposed by Bro. T. Atkinson. Bro. Moore, with whose name the last toast was coupled, responded, observing that the gentlemen occupying the offices named were all men renowned for their knowledge and skill in Masonry. In the course of his remarks he paid a passing tribute to the memory of the late Colonel Birchall, and complimented the Morecambe Lodge on the honour that had been conferred upon it by the appointment of one of its members—Bro. Capt. Garnett—as Prov. G.S.W. Bro. Duff, in rising to propose the health of their Chairman, the Worshipful Master of the lodge, said it was a toast which he was sure they would respond to with pleasure. (Applause.) He felt very proud in being called upon to propose the toast, though he could not find words to convey to them all he would say on that occasion. It was now about three years ago since they first started the Morecambe Lodge and he might say that from that time to the present they had never had the least difference of opinion, but all had gone on smoothly and pleasantly with the respective Masters and the rest of the officers. All had been ready and willing to assist in anything that was for the good and welfare of the Lodge in general, and he trusted that they would still go on evincing the same united spirit and action. (Hear, hear.) He felt sure that they were proud in seeing their Chairman in the position in which he had been placed that day, and he hoped that during his year of office he would have good health to carry on his duties, that the prosperity of the lodge would increase under his rule. (Applause.) Bro. Duff concluded by calling upon the company to drink the health of the W.M., and the toast was honoured in a very enthusiastic manner. The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment, and thanked the brethren for placing him in the position he occupied on that occasion. It would always be his desire to perform the various duties connected with the office of Worshipful Master of the lodge to the best of his ability, and he would leave no stone unturned to accomplish that object—(applause)—so that when he left the chair none of them should have reason to regret that they placed him there. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the installing Officer," complimenting Dr. Moore on the manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and also on his willingness at all times to afford them any assistance in his power on matters relating to the guidance or government of their lodge, and regretting that he was unable to speak to the toast in the way it deserved. The toast was most cordially received. Bro. Moore, in responding, thanked the company for the kind and flattering manner in which his name had been received. He fully appreciated all that the Chairman would have wished to make known to the brethren, and would take the will for the deed. He took it as a high compliment paid to himself, and thanked him for it, as well as for the many kindnesses shown to him by the lodge on that and other occasions. He hoped that unless the W.M. for the time being undertook the duties of Installing Officer—on which occasions he should be very glad to be Director of Ceremonies—it would be his pleasure, so long as he was able, to install the Masters of that lodge. (Applause.) That was about the thirtieth time he had acted in the capacity of Installing Officer, and he looked with a great deal of pride on what he had done in that respect. He had also consecrated one Craft Lodge and one Royal Arch Chapter, and constituted a province of Royal Arch Masonry. With regard to the other degrees he did not know how many he had taken part in. One conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, which he consecrated had a daughter, and was now about to have a grand-daughter, the members in the three conclaves numbering something like 270. (Applause.) In concluding, Bro. Moore proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master"—Bro. Duff, who during his year of office had done well for the Morecambe Lodge, and on behalf of the lodge presented him with a Past Master's jewel, in appreciation of the zealous and assiduous manner in which he had filled the duties of his office during the year just closed. The jewel bore the words "Morecambe Lodge, 1861. W.M. 1877." On the reverse was the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. W. Duff, W.M. by the members of the Morecambe Lodge, June 4th, 1878." The toast having been cordially responded to, Bro. Duff, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had been completely taken by surprise in the matter of the presentation to him of a Past Master's jewel, but he accepted it at their hands with the greatest pleasure. It would ever be his wish to render what assistance he could to the lodge, and

try to forward its interests by all means in his power. He trusted they would all work together and by perseverance place the lodge in a good financial position. He paid a high compliment to the Chairman for the energy and ability he had displayed in trying to bring about the establishment of the Morecambe Lodge, and well deserved the honour conferred upon him that day. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Dale proposed the health of "The Wardens." Bro. W. Longmire and K. A. Stansfield, briefly acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Jowett proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," which was acknowledged by Bros. Hartley and Stephenson.—The health of the "Junior Officers" was proposed by Bro. T. Atkinson, and duly responded to. Bro. Moore proposed "The Visitors," which was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Pandolfini, with whose name the toast was coupled. The "Tyler's" toast was the last on the list, and this was given by Bro. Wilkinson, and received with the customary honours.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—

The monthly meeting of this excellent lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Bro. W. J. Chapman, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Joseph Bell, P.M.; J. B. McKenzie, acting S.W.; B. B. Marson, P.M., D.C., acting J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. Atkinson, Sec.; W. Sandbrook, S.D.; F. Wilkinson, J.D.; H. P. Squire, acting I.G.; J. Pyer, S.S.; W. Savage, J.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., and R. Burgess, Organists; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. Dr. R. H. D. Johnson, P.M.; J. S. Macbeth, Penny, Ray, Keet, Avann, Boyd, Shrapnell, H. Leslie, D. Saunders, I. de Frece, Treasurer 1502 (Lodge of Israel); W. Hildyard, W. M. Annaud, A. Wilkinson, P. Lowndes, Dr. Pitts, W. Coates, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. the Rev.—Leslie, F. J. Pentin, Davies (Canada), Richardson, C. Heywood, Round, R. Robinson, Oglesby, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes Mr. Conby, who was unanimously elected, was initiated in a strikingly impressive way by the W.M., and seven brethren (two being from a sister lodge) were subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s. The Dramatic choir, organised under the direction of Bro. Burgess, Organist, was brought to the front in connection with the ceremonies for the first time, and added greatly to the effect of the working. Eight guineas were voted in charity—five for the widow of a member, and three for a distressed brother. "Hearty good wishes" were given from numerous visitors. Upwards of sixty brethren afterwards partook of a banquet in the large hall, and during the evening a variety of toasts and songs were given, the latter being furnished by Bros. Penny, Cook, Pyer, Richardson, C. Heywood, and "Dan" Saunders, the piano accompaniments being admirably played by Bros. Skeaf and Burgess. The brethren separated about seven o'clock.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—St. Nicholas

Lodge (No. 1676).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street. Present: Bros. T. Cochrane, P.P.A.D.C., W.M.; Jno. Thos. Taylor, S.W.; Arthur T. Taylor, J.W.; M. Catchside, Secretary; J. R. Pringle, Treasurer, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. D. Davies, P.M. 541, &c, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Cranston, P.M. 636; J. Cook, P.M. 481, &c, P.P.G.S.W.; Scott, P.M. 1132; P. J. Jackson, W.M. 424 and Treasurer 1634; B. P. Ord, S.W. 1427; J. Braithwaite, Secretary 1427; W. M. Taylor, 24; Thos. Walton, 24 and 1664; W. Harbutt, 940; R. H. Walters, 1094; G. T. Charlton, 1664; H. Wilson, 24 and 1664; W. Guthrie, 240; W. J. Haggston, 240; J. M. Marr, 1626; Robins, 101, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. T. Cochrane, P.P.A.D.C. Northumberland, was passed to the F.C. Degree, when the Installing Master, Bro. E. D. Davis, P.M. and P.G.D.C. Northumberland, assumed the chair, and Bro. J. T. Taylor, S.W., was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. After the obligation had been subscribed to, the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and those below the rank of P.M. were requested to withdraw. The Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and in a most impressive manner the new Master was placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren being readmitted, were informed that during their absence their new Master had been regularly installed, and they were requested to salute him as M.M.'s. The charge was then given, and the tools for this degree presented; the lodge then was raised to the Second Degree, when the Master being saluted, the charge for this degree being given, and the tools presented, it was reduced to the Third Degree, the saluting charge and presentation of tools were again gone through, and after the appointment of the following officers: Bros. T. Cochrane, P.P.G.A.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., D. of C.; A. T. Taylor, S.W.; W. Cathside, J.W.; F. Blencowe, Secretary; J. R. Pringle, Treasurer; Jno. Mackay, S.D.; W. Cummings, J.D.; E. Marston, I.G.; R. Ferry, Organist; J. Curry, Tyler, R. Veitch, Steward; J. P. Clark, J.S. The Treasurer's report was read and confirmed, and which was a very satisfactory one, the lodge having been opened one year only, all liabilities were discharged and a balance of £36 remained in hand; some other routine business was disposed of, and the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Douglas Hotel, where a very splendid banquet was served, to which about fifty sat down. The toasts were given and responded to in a very genial manner. "The I.P.M.," proposed by the W.M., was very heartily received, as it was due to his great exertions that the lodge was inaugurated and is now in so flourishing a condition. The toast of "The W.M.," was also very cordially received by all present, he, in returning thanks, assured the brethren that he would do his best to continue the good feeling and harmony, and trusted the lodge might not lose its lustre while in his keeping. The remainder of the toasts having been given and duly responded to the brethren departed, well satisfied with the first annual meeting of their lodge. J

## INSTRUCTION.

**PANMURE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**—The first meeting of this new lodge of instruction, which has been formed for the purpose of affording instruction in the Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch Degrees, an ingenious arrangement, which, whilst keeping the several ceremonies distinct, will enable the brethren to associate for the general support and other advancement of each other in the respective degrees, was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lion-road, Brixton, on the 6th inst. The lodge was opened at 7.30 p.m., by Bros. James Stevens, P.M., as W.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M., S.W.; John Coe, J.W.; E. Francis, S.D.; J. Dunn, J.D.; C. T. Pearce, I.G.; Thomas Dickie, P.G.P., acting Secretary. There were also present, Bros. W. Ackland, C. P. McKay, Henry Lovegrove, E. Farwig, Joseph Croker, H. Wilkinson, and others. The ceremony of initiation having been rehearsed, the brethren proceeded to discuss the several propositions placed before them by Bros. Stevens and Poore, to whom had been granted the sanction required from the Panmure Craft Lodge, the Panmure Mark Lodge, and the Panmure Royal Arch Chapter respectively. These were fully discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz: "That the Panmure General Lodge of Instruction be founded on the programme set forth in the circular convening the meeting, and that the order of working shall be:

First Thursday in the Month	...Craft Ceremony and Sections, First Degree.
Second " "	...Mark Ceremony and Lecture.
Third " "	...Craft Ceremonies and Sections, Second and Third Degrees.
Fourth " "	...Royal Arch Ceremony and Sections.
First fifth Thursday in the Year	...Craft Installation and Annual Festival.
Second " "	...Mark Installation Ceremony.
Third " "	...Fifteen Sections (Craft).
Fourth " "	...Royal Arch Installation Ceremony.

The whole of the brethren present were constituted founders and to their number will be added those who may be present at the first meeting of the Mark and Royal Arch sections of the general lodge. Bros. James Stevens, P.M. and P.Z., and Thomas Poore, P.M. and J., were appointed Hon. Preceptors. Bro. Thomas Dickie, P.M., P.Z., was appointed Hon. Sec. The settlement of the bye-laws was deferred until the expiration of three months, in order that the several sections may be properly represented in the general lodge when holding its meetings in the first degree. The thanks of the meeting were voted to the respective lodges and chapter for the sanctions accorded, and to Bro. Stevens and Poore for their services in the preliminary formation of the lodge. Bro. Coe was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting (June 20th). Lodge was then closed, and the Craft meeting adjourned to that date.

**FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Finsbury Park Tavern on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. N. Thompson, W.M.; Press, S.W.; Frampton, J.W.; Walker, S.D.; Dunn, J.D.; Beattie, I.G.; P. Dickinson, P.M., Preceptor; H. B. D. Dunn, Sec.; Beattie, Oakeshott, P.M. Wright, and Edmonds. The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Oakeshott being candidate. Bro. Dunn being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Bro. P.M. Dickinson then assumed the chair, and Bro. Thompson being presented as W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. P.M. Dickinson into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Bro. Thompson then invested the officers. Bros. Beattie, 1507, and Oakeshott, 1288, were elected members, Bro. Press was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. P.M. Dickinson for working the ceremony of installation. The lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

## Royal Arch.

**LIVERPOOL—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).**—The companions of this chapter were summoned to the performance of their duties at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 16th May. The chapter was opened at 5 o'clock by Comps. P. B. Gee, Z.; J. E. Jackson, H.; and T. Ockleshaw, J.; and amongst those present were Comps. Henry Pearson, P.Z.; Joseph Healing, P.Z.; John Ellis, S.E.; Henry Firth, S.N.; Joseph Wood, Treas. (Freemason); Alex. Cotter, P.S.; W. H. Ball, Janitor. The members who put in an appearance were Comps. T. H. Hall, Wm. Peter, Jas. S. Warden, J. E. Skillicorn, Thos. Peake, Geo. Cuete, Wm. Roberts, Peter Robbie, Rich. Edwards, Josh. Korn, J. T. Rogers, Robt. Carter, T. M. Creak, Josh. Croxton, Wm. Fish, J. H. Linaker, A. Bucknall, Thos. Mason, and James Lees. The visitors included Comps. Hugh Williams, P.G.S.B. W.L.; Thos. Shaw, Z. 823; Jas. T. Callow, P.Z. 673; W. T. May, P.Z. 673, M.E.Z. 598; W. J. Chapman, J. 1356; and Capt. Thos. Berry, late 310. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a candidate who had been elected at a previous meeting being present, was exalted by the Z. in a superior manner. The companions retired, and Comp. Gee installed Comps. J. E. Jackson as Z.; Thos. Ockleshaw, H.; Alex. Cotter, J., the manner in which the work was done eliciting great praise from all who were present. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. Gee, P.Z.;

Joseph Wood, Treas. (Freemason), for the 8th time; J. Ellis, P.S.; H. Firth, S.E.; and Korn, S.N. The M.E.Z. then presented Comp. Gee with a beautiful P.Z. gold level (in the name of the companions), with the following inscription:—"Presented by the Mariners Chapter, 249, to Comp. Peter B. Gee, P.Z., as a token of their sincere regard and esteem. Liverpool, May 16th, 1878." The Treasurer's balance sheet was read and passed. After several propositions for exaltation, and hearty good wishes from visiting companions, the chapter was duly and solemnly closed. The companions then retired for refreshment, served in Comp. Ball's best style, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The companions separated at an early hour.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Chapter (No. 540).**—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the rooms at the Swan Hotel, on Friday evening. Chapter was opened at 7 p.m. by Comps. Cookson, M.E.Z.; Rev. W. Tebbs, N. (H. Royal Cyrus, 285, as acting) H.; and Fisher, J., when there were also present Comps. Alderman J. R. Bull, J.P., I.P.Z.; Capt. Colburne, E.; Billson, P.S.; Stafford and Coombs, 1st and 2nd A.S.; Carter, Treasurer; Thody, Organist; Bevan (acting) J. (Comp. Reynolds being unfortunately too unwell to be present); as well as Comps. R. Boughton Smith, M.E.Z.; Dr. Mowbray, Chapter, Melton Mowbray, 1130, P. Prov. G.D.C. Leicestershire; Tindsell, Alderman Carter, Harris, and Kilpin. The minutes of the last communication, including the auditor's report, having been read and duly confirmed, Comps. Stafford and Coombs (nominated at the last chapter as A.S.'s by the P.S.) together with Comp. Thody, Organist, who was absent on the last occasion, were invested with the collar and jewel of their office. Comp. Bull, P.Z., then proposed and Comp. Cookson, M.E.Z., seconded and it was carried unanimously that Scribe E. be instructed to forward to Mrs. Little, a letter informing her of the sorrow with which the chapter had heard of the death of her husband and assuring her of the sympathy of its members with her in her bereavement. As may be remembered Comp. on Robert Wentworth Little was an honorary member of the Stuart Chapter having been unanimously elected on the first meeting of the members as a recognition of his fraternal services in having consecrated the chapter. Comp. Little visited the chapter once more afterwards when he went down to install in the chair of Z., the I.P.Z. Comp. Bull. As elsewhere, Comp. Little had endeared himself to the Bedford Companions by the kindness of his manner, no less than by his Masonic skill and knowledge, and it was with most profound regret that they heard of the fatal termination of his long illness. There being no further business the chapter was duly closed and the companions sat down to supper, spending afterwards a very pleasant evening, enlivened by the capital singing of Companions Sergeant, Cookson, Stafford, and Harris.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).**—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. The chapter was opened by Comps. B. S. Wilmot, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; W. Stephens, J. The companions having been admitted and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was presented, and it was recommended that the founders clear off the small debt upon the same terms as the contribution for foundation was paid, which was carried unanimously. The election of officers then took place and resulted unanimously in favor of Comps. Stevens, M.E.Z.; W. Delves, H.; W. B. Bacon, J.; B. S. Wilmot, P.Z., Treasurer; R. W. Delves, Scribe, E.; A. D. M. Williams, S.N.; J. Bass, P.S.; C. Graham, 1st Asst. Soj.; G. Langridge, 2nd Asst. Soj.; C. W. Holt, P.C.; J. H. Spencer, Janitor. All the business having been disposed of the chapter was closed in due form until the first Monday in October, when Comps. Stevens, Delves, and Bacon will be installed as the Principals for the ensuing year. The usual banquet was partaken of and the loyal and Masonic Toasts were given and responded to, and the companions separated after spending a very enjoyable evening.

**GOSPORT.—Gosport Chapter (No. 903).**—The regular quarterly meeting of this very promising young chapter was held at the India Arms Hotel, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. There were present M.E. Comps. H. Sleeman, Z.; G. F. Lancaster, H.; and H. M. Emanuel, P.Z., J. pro tem (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. J. Wallingford), also the officers and a goodly number of the companions, including visiting Comp. James Willmott, P.S. 342, who again kindly attended to assist by his presence in the working of a degree in which he takes so great an interest, and infuses so much energy and enthusiasm. After the minutes of the previous regular meeting had been confirmed, Bros. T. Batchelor and Alec Wright, of the Gosport Lodge, were unanimously elected, and exalted into this Sublime Degree, in a manner which reflected the highest possible credit on Comp. Sleeman, Z., for his impressive rendering of this beautiful ceremony. The historical symbolical, and mystical lectures, peculiar to this degree, were successively given by Comps. S. Turney, G. F. Lancaster, and E. S. Main, P.Z.; the duty of P.S. being creditably performed by Comp. Powell, A.S., in the absence of the P.S., Comp. Hillyer. After some discussion of subjects anent the well being of the chapter, it was closed, and the companions adjourned from labour to refreshment. We congratulate Gosport Chapter on its progress, although consecrated by the Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, so recently as January, 1877, it has attained a degree of proficiency in its working which must be gratifying to all who love a sincere and feeling rendering of this beautiful ritual and ceremonial. The pecuniary outlay on forming a chapter is necessarily

large, and it is satisfactory to find that in the short space of eighteen months, the chapter may be considered nearly out of debt. This is in a large measure due to a few beneficent honors, who are members of the chapter, among whom we must mention Comps. Turney and Lancaster, who are entitled to the lasting thanks of the companions.

## Mark Masonry.

**ROCHDALE.—Lodge of Faith (No. 20).**—The quarterly meeting of this M.M.'s lodge was held on Wednesday the 5th of June, and there was a very good attendance of the brethren, the officers present were Bros. John Partington, W.M.; Richard Gorton, S.W.; James Holt, J.W.; J. H. Barnish, M.O.; Henry Chadwick, S.O.; James Schofield, J.O.; P.M., C. M. Jones, Treasurer; P.M., Robert Colling, Secretary; James Hutchinson, S.D.; William Swift, J.D.; Geo. Wilson, I.G.; P.M., William Davies, Tyler. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 7.15 p.m., and the minutes of the previous lodge were read and put for confirmation and were carried unanimously. Bro. G. O. McOwen Royds, Lodge 816, had been previously ballotted for, but business prevented him from attending. Bro. Lawrence Nuttall, of Hope Lodge, 54, has also been previously ballotted for and elected. Bro. James Dearden, Hope Lodge, 54, was ballotted and duly elected; he presented himself and was regularly advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. by P.M. J. B. Ashworth, who went through the ceremony in a very satisfactory manner. After reading the communications and receiving hearty good wishes, the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony at 8.30 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was amply provided by the host and hostess in their usual elegant style. After the cloth was removed the W.M. took the chair and was well supported by his officers and brethren. The W.M. the proposed "The Health of the Queen." The W.M. next gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Members of the Royal Family." The W.M. next gave "The M.W. Grand Mark Master Mason." He next gave "The R.W.D. Grand M.M.M. and the Rest of the Grand Officers." He then gave "The Health of the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, Lancashire." The S.W. proposed The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Deputy Prov. Grand M.M.M." The J.W. gave "The Health of the Rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the newly advanced Brother" was then proposed and was nicely responded to. The Tyler then followed with the usual toast to all poor and distressed, &c. and the brethren separated in peace and good fellowship towards each other after having spent a pleasant evening.

**HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166)**—A numerous attended meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when a large number of members of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge were present, amongst whom we noticed the following: Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., Deputy Prov. G.M.; G. Smith, P. Prov. G.M.W.; Joseph Braithwaite, P. Prov. G.M.W.; W. R. Wood, Prov. G.M.W.; T. S. Byass, M.D., Prov. G. M.; O. Richard Pidcock, Prov. G.M.; Registrar; Rev. Cave Browne-Cave, M.A., Prov. G.M. Chap.; C. R. Duke, Prov. G.M., D.C.; W. T. Clarke, Prov. G.M. Assist. Sec. Bros. A. L. Ward, H. F. Crossthwaite, C. G. Nairne, and J. Attersol were admitted to the degree, on the conclusion of which ceremony the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened. By the unanimous wish of the lodge, a letter of condolence was directed to be sent to the family of the late Prov. G.M. Master, Bro. Cunningham, M.D., whose inestimable worth and zealous labours for the furtherance of the interests of Freemasonry in all its branches are so well known to the Masonic world, and whose genial kindness and warmth of heart will for many a long year be remembered in every lodge throughout the province. Bro. Trollope, Deputy Prov. G.M. M., was, by the unanimous voice of the lodge, chosen as best fitted to occupy the position of the late Bro. Cunningham, and it was ordered that he be recommended to the Grand M. Master of England for election to the post of Prov. G.M. Master. The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was then closed, and the East Sussex Mark Lodge was reopened and the W.M. elect, Bro. Croucher, M.D., was installed with the customary honours. The newly-installed W.M. then chose his officers for the year, and the lodge was closed in due form. A banquet, numerous attended by visiting brethren from Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, and by the members of the East Sussex Mark Lodge, concluded the proceedings, and proved an agreeable termination to the more serious business of the day.

## Red Cross of Constantine.

**LIVERPOOL.—Skelmersdale Conclave (No. 77).**—The annual assembly of the Knights holding rank under the banner of this conclave, was holden at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the evening of the 3rd inst. Sir Knight Cottrell, P.S., opened the conclave, and there was a fair attendance, including Ill. Sir Knight Major Turner, Int. Gen. W.L. (who performed the ceremony of enthronement); Ill. Sir Knight Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Dep. Int. General, W.L.; Sir Knights J. T. Callow, P.S.; H. Jackson, P.S.; and James Skelly. Ill. Sir Knight Joseph Skeaf, was enthroned M.P. Sov., G.M.; Sir Knight R. H. Evans was installed V.E.; and the following officers were appointed and invested:—Sir Knights W. H. Cooper, S.G.; R. Reader, J.G.; J. Webster, H.P.; Thos. Ashmore, Treasurer (re-elected); A. C. Wylie, Recorder; J. M. Russell, Prefect; T. B. Brown, Standard Bearer; W. Irwin, Orator; Hunter, Herald; and P. Ball, Sentinel. The assembled Knights subsequently adjourned to the refectory for refreshment.

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

## Answers to Correspondents.

A review of Ranking's Milton's "Comus" in our next.  
A review of "Freemasonry," by Willoughby, in "Macmillan's Magazine" for June, will appear in our next.

## BOOKS RECEIVED, &amp;c.

"Advocate;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Der Triangel;" "Masonic Monthly;" "Constitution of the Grand Commandery Knight Templars of Pennsylvania;" "Key-stone;" "Freemasons' Repository;" "Hull Packet;" "Medical Examiner;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Masonic Eclectic;" "Risorgimento;" "Broad Arrow;" "La Voz de Hiram;" "Sunderland Times;" Milton's "Comus," with Glossary and three essays; "Macmillan's Magazine;" "Dick Radcliffe's Plant and General Catalogue."

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

BLAKE.—On the 6th inst., at Tuam, Co. Galway, the wife of H. A. Blake, of a son.

CLEWOW.—On the 10th inst., the wife of R. H. Clewov, of Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-st., of a daughter.

REID.—On the 9th inst., at Linden-gardens, Bayswater, the wife of W. S. Reid, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

COCKBURN—JENKINSON.—On the 5th inst., at St John's, Yealand Coyers, Jamison Cockburn, M.B., C.M., of Ulverstone, to Eliza, daughter of J. Jenkinson, Esq., of Yealand.

SCOTT—CURLING.—On the 5th inst., at St. George's, Ramsgate, the Rev. William John Scott, of Ealing, to Mary Louisa Rosa, daughter of H. Curling, Esq., of Ramsgate.

## DEATHS.

CORN.—On the 10th inst., in her 44th year, Caroline, the beloved wife of Thomas Corn, of 21, Clissold-road, Stoke Newington.

LESLIE.—On the 8th inst., at Greenhill-terrace, Edinburgh, Mary, infant daughter of A. Leslie, C.E.

McDANIEL.—On the 14th ult., in the City of Washington U.S.A., John Robin McDaniel, aged 72.

## The Freemason.

SATURDAY, 15 JUNE, 1878.

## PROVINCIAL FUNDS.

We like from time to time, to lay before our brethren a financial précis of the Provincial Balance-sheets, and we take up to-day that of a very distinguished province, namely, East Lancashire, and we are glad to do so for a special reason, which will be seen later on. East Lancashire begun 1878 with

	£	s.	d.
Balance March, 31, 1878	750	7	3
From Lodges and Fees	568	5	6
Dividends	90	13	11
Banker's Interest	10	14	4
	£1420	1	0

There were expended

	£	s.	d.
In Donations to the R.M.B. Institution	300	0	0
" to the E. L. Sytematic M.E. and Ben. Institution...	300	0	0
Local Grants for Relief	42	10	0
Prov. Grand Secretary	250	0	0
Printing and other Expenses	159	15	9
Balance	367	13	3
	£1420	1	0

Now, this Balance sheet is very remarkable for the fact that nearly one-half, or 50 per cent., of the income has been spent in Masonic charity:—£642 10s. We feel bound, therefore, to hold up the example of East Lancashire to the imitation of all our provinces, and to the admiration and recognition of all members of the Order. There is no great use, that we can see, in keeping large balances at our bankers'. Let our Masonic income be spent in the relief of local and Masonic indigence, and of general Masonic charity. We greatly admire the Masonic spirit of our good brethren in East Lancashire.

## THE CONTEST FOR THE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

This contest, which is just now very lively, seems to promise to assume larger proportions than has ever been known in its previous history. Probably a larger number of Life Governors will record their votes, than have ever yet been known, and it seems at this moment most difficult to predicate who will be the successful candidate. We believe that we are expressing the feeling of all true friends to the Institution when we say, that we hope that the best man, absolutely, be he who he may, will succeed, that the most thoroughly qualified candidate will obtain the majority of votes. Such appointments ought not, under any circumstances to be attained, either by the undecorous eagerness of a clique or the underhand manifestations of a job, but should be awarded to merit, to experience, and to the most competent. Unfortunately, as we all know too well, in the affairs of the world, in the transactions of this life, personal influence and private interest too often favour an antagonistic and countervailing power as against the claims of the meritorious and the efforts of the qualified. Far too many of the arrangements of our public institutions are made in a haphazard way, and depend rather on the leanings and activity of personal idiosyncrasies, than on any abstract principles of justice, right, or even common sense. Without attempting to-day to anticipate what the verdict of our Masonic jury on July 11th will be, without seeking to favour this or that special candidate, we surely cannot be doing wrong in reiterating our hope and wish, that the election will not be influenced by any private or personal considerations, but will honestly seek to put the right man in the right place, to select the candidate who, humanly speaking, is the best fitted for the important duties he has to perform. Shall we be found fault with if we either attempt to sketch out shortly our idea of what the Secretary of the Girls' School should be? Considering the peculiar nature of the Institution of which he

is to be Secretary, he must in the first place be a man of unblemished character, and morally looked up to and regarded by all his brethren. He should be a religiously minded man, no bigot or fanatic, but one whose practical religiousness is best shown forth in the kindness, gentleness, affability, and consideration of all his words and ways. He must be a good man of business, conversant with the technical duties of his office, and modest in demeanour, if firm in principle, and must never forget that he is the Secretary, and as such, amenable to the superior authority of the House and General Committee. If in addition to all this, he is a good Mason, and thoroughly imbued with the kindly, fraternal, tolerant principles of our benevolent Order, he will find, not only the greatest pleasure in advancing the interests of the Girls' School, but by his genial temperament and zealous efforts, he will render himself acceptable to the many friends of the Institution and best advance the claims of the great and lasting characteristic of our fraternity—Charity! We do not think that it is absolutely necessary that the Secretary should be a man of "many words" or versatile talent, an eloquent orator, or a "buon camarado." All these things, not to be blamed in their way, are in our opinion subservient far to the higher qualifications of amability of temper, integrity of life, those pleasant traits in a man's character, which make him alike, loved, respected, and confided in by his fellow men. If some may be disposed to say we create too high an "ideal," if others may think we seek to erect too lofty a standard, let them remember, that in life we always ought to advance and to reform, and that the emphatic motto of true Freemasonry is ever "Excelsior." Let us hope that July 11th will witness the election of a Secretary to the Girls' School, who may enjoy alike the entire approval of the authorities of the School, and the warm adhesion of the Craft.

## THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

We should have alluded to this interesting report last week, but a press of other matters kept our "Leader" out. The Institution is able to boast of much material prosperity, whereat we truly rejoice, inasmuch as we consider all such provincial institutions a step in the right direction, though the "step," in our opinion, does not go far enough. The Society has now £3000 funded property, having been 15 years in existence, and its annual income and expenditure are as follows: It ended 1876 with a balance of £476 6s. and has since received in fees, donations, and subscriptions from lodges, £328 11s. 6d.; interest of funded property £117 5s. 3d.; and Miscellaneous, (including two Masonic balls and an amateur performance) £60 1s.; in all £975 17s. 7d. It has expended in payments for "Education of sixteen children, £97 5s. 8d.; and payments for advancement of five, £24 9s. 7d. It has disbursed for printing and small expenses £34 7s. 1d. It has invested £335 5s. and had a balance of £464 8s. at the close of 1877. We note that the payments for the children vary, (mainly according to age), from £2 3s. 9d. the lowest, to £10 10s. the highest, and that the average amount is £6 per head. So in the payments for advancement, the amount varies from £6 5s. 11d. to £4 3s. 11d., and the average amount to £4 17s. 0d. and a fraction. There is no doubt a good deal to be said, especially from the economical side of it, as regards the limitation of provincial educational work, but we have always thought that the time might come when our provincial educational Institutions might become preparatory schools (conducted on one principle) for our great Metropolitan Academies. This may be a dream of the future, and our younger brethren may live to see it realized, but in the meanwhile we welcome all provincial and all local effort to ensure that the children of our deceased brethren receive the inestimable advantage of a sound and good education. One question we should like to have answered, "what steps are taken to see that the children do receive a befitting education."



## ANOTHER TERRIBLE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

The most appalling disaster that has occurred in the history of British coal mining, with the solitary exception of that which happened at the Oaks Colliery, Barnsley, in 1866, occurred at the collieries of Messrs. Richard Evans and Co., Haydock, about seven miles from Wigan. The firm employs several thousands of hands, and their chief offices are in the centre of a thickly-populated village, situated a short distance from Earlstown Junction, on the Manchester and Liverpool section of the London and North-Western Railway. The village, which, although very neat and clean for a colliery village, still possesses many of the dusky characteristics of its class, is about a quarter of a mile distant, and, in extending their operations to the Wood Pits, the colliery proprietors have mined a piece of wooded country, and the head gearing is on one or two sides hid from view by the trees among which it is situated. The principal charge of these extensive collieries is in the hands of Mr. Chadwick, a gentleman of very large experience in mining, who had among his staff several certificated managers, and who has had for many years the reputation of being one of the most accomplished mining engineers of the district. Thus speaks the *Times* on Saturday last, and most mournful is the account of this appalling disaster. Though 250 miners were said to be "down" at the time of the explosion, this account is not quite correct, though it is to be feared that 180 poor fellows at least have laid down their lives. The question must occur to us all, can science do nothing to mitigate the effect and avert the possibility of such terrific explosions? The account of the distress of the families is very heart-rending, the record of the gallantry of those who volunteered to go down most affecting.

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

We are happy in being permitted to state that we understand the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern is secured for the election, a fact which will be hailed by all, and we trust that we shall not be deemed presumptuous in suggesting to the authorities of the Girls' School that arrangements should be made to simplify the process of verifying the qualified voters, and distributing the voting papers. In the Great Hall each of the Committees can have a separate table.

### 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.]

#### ELECTION OF SECRETARY, GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me on behalf not only of Bro. Paul Storr, one of the candidates, but equally in the interest of those who intend to put themselves to the amiable trouble of attending at Freemasons' Hall on the 11th of July to vote, to respectfully offer a suggestion, or rather two suggestions.

The first is that, looking at the short hours of polling, 2 to 5, the alphabet should be broken into at least six divisions, with a polling place to each.

The second is, if anything, more important. We highly value our Lady Governors, and of these I am in a position to say that Bro. Storr numbers many among his supporters. Probably other candidates do the like.

Let there be a separate and easily accessible polling place for ladies only. So shall they be encouraged to come, be freed from crowding or inconvenience, and go away with a better opinion of Freemasonry than ever.

I am, fraternally yours, JOHN B. MONCKTON.

#### ANNUAL RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last week, happening to be in town for the Derby, I seized the opportunity to attend the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. A ter the business, I had the curiosity to look over the register books in the ante-room, more particularly as regards the nineteen lodges in the province to which I belong. That inspection, I am ashamed to confess, let in daylight on serious dereliction of duty on the part of newly installed Masters and newly appointed Secretaries of at least half-a-dozen lodges of the nineteen I refer to, inasmuch as annual returns do not appear to have been made of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, for

periods varying from two to eighteen years. Will it be believed that one of the lodges so neglectful of its duty, or ignorant of the "Book of Constitutions," is over a century old, and has more than a hundred subscribing members? Another lodge, whose warrant dates from 1860, does not appear to have made a single return! Supposing any present officer or Past Master not returned to the Grand Secretary, were to present himself at Grand Lodge, and be refused admission, who would be to blame? May I be permitted to give the important clause bearing on the subject, viz., pp. 66 and 67, 8vo edition, "Book of Constitutions":—"25. Each lodge shall annually make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, of the lodge and of all members who claim to be entitled to attend the Grand Lodge as Past Masters, having served the office of Master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of them has served the office of Master, and no brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return."

I am not aware whether any other provinces are oblivious of the existence of the above rule; but, at all events, as regards my own province, I shall feel it my duty to mention the subject at our very next meeting.

Very fraternally yours,

A. P. M. AND PROVINCIAL OFFICER.

### QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you, or any of your numerous readers, favour me, an American brother, with a reply to the following queries:—

First. Whether Dr. Birdwood's "Hand-Book to the Indian Court of the Paris Exhibition" is on sale, and if so, the price.

Second. Can some of your Correspondents give us the derivation of the word "Aryan," and what it strictly alludes to. I often see it used, but have never been able to find a clear and satisfactory definition of it.

Yours fraternally,

W. W. A.

[The following two letters, which originally appeared in and were addressed to the *Times*, appear to deserve preservation in the pages of the *Freemason*.]

#### THE LETTER "H."

Sir,—I am afraid that the beautiful county of Worcester, far more deserving of the title of the "Garden of England" than either Kent or Herefordshire, must be held to be the crunbula of the offences of omission and of commission against the letter "h."

I was nearly five years at Bromsgrove School, and the following lines appeared somewhere about that time in one of the Worcester papers:—

"THE COMPLAINT OF THE LETTER H TO THE INHABITANTS OF WORCESTERSHIRE."

"Whereas by you I have been driven

"From Hope, from Home, from House, from Heaven,

"And placed by your most learn'd Society

"In exile, anguish, and anxiety,

"I hereby ask full restitution,

"And beg you'll mend your elocution."

To which the following rejoinder appeared in the next week's paper:—

"Whereas we've rescued you, ingrate,

"From Hell, from Horror, and from Hate,

"From hedgebill, horsepond, and from halter,

"And consecrated you in Altar,

"We think you need no restitution,

"And shall not mend our elocution."

I rather incline to think that they have kept to their determination and have been as good as their word.

"Floreat semper Fidelis Civitas."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. O. MORRIS.

Nunburnholme Rectory, Hayton, York.

### EASILY CAUGHT.

Sir,—Will you kindly suffer a word of warning to those in search of cooks?

About a fortnight ago, in answer to an advertisement in *The Times*, a respectable, middle-aged female presented herself at our vicarage. She was, according to her own description, what we had been longing for and sighing after for many weary years—perfectly au fait at dairy work, breadmaking, and plain cooking, with an inveterate hostility to beer, spirits, and followers on the kitchen premises, a paragon of perfection, in short, for £25 a year, everything included. Somewhat inexperienced in the ways of a wicked world, she had started from Eastbourne that day, and, as they would not book her farther than Hastings, she had spent all her money and was left high and dry at our vicarage with an empty purse and no return-ticket. Being tender-hearted, compassionate people in our humble way, we obligingly gave her a good dinner, left her the superintendence of our spoons and forks while in consultation together, and, rather than that she should walk all the way back to Eastbourne, my wife made her a parting present of 14s., second-class fare, as our newly-found friend could not endure the rough company that usually travelled third. Would you believe it, Sir, this paragon of perfection, this domestic treasure, to whom the dairy work of six cows was but a trifling recreation—a pleasant interlude in the midst of life's sterner duties—turns out to have been an arrant impostor? The lady to whom she gave a reference for a seven years' character existed only in her ardent imagination. The vicar of the parish who a fortnight ago buried her mother repudiated her with scorn, and finally, to crown all, a letter addressed to Miss Evans herself

—this is the treasure's name—is returned, endorsed "Not known." The next paragon that appears may walk to Jericho if she likes, but I scarcely think that her expenses en route will at the present be defrayed by

A COUNTRY VICAR.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, V.P. and Trustee, presided. There were also present: Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, J. G. Stevens, J. Newton, Charles G. Hill, Jas. Willing, jun., S. Rawson, Erasmus Wilson, G. Bolton, Thos. Cubitt, Charles John Percival L. Stean, H. Massey (*Freemason*), and James Terry (Sec.) Bro. Terry read the following report of the House Committee to the Committee of Management:

"The House Committee desire to report that on the 7th May some of the stewards of the late Festival visited the Institution, and, after inspecting the building, were entertained at luncheon by various members who were present to receive them. Upon the occasion they were pleased to express their high gratification at witnessing the comfort of the residents and the admirable order of the building and grounds. That on the 31st May they again visited the Institution, with the secretary, and paid the annuities. They availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by this visit of presenting to Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon, the testimonial voted to him at the last committee meeting, which consisted of a service of plate, and was very kindly presented by Col. Creaton on behalf of the committee, and graciously acknowledged by Dr. Strong. They have also to report that D. Hazbitt, the new gardener, commenced work on the 3rd inst., and seems to be a useful man. The residents are all in a good state of health considering their advanced years. The Institution is in a thorough state of repair, and, as far as can be foreseen, will not require for some time any considerable outlay to keep it so.

(Signed) J. CREATON.

Croydon, May 3rd, 1878."

Bros. John Hervey, Benjamin Head, Col. Creaton, W. Hale, and H. G. Warren, were re-elected the Finance Committee. The election of the House Committee resulted in the return of Bros. Benjamin Head, Col. Creaton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, and C. J. Percival.

Half her late husband's annuity was presented to a widow, and Bro. Terry obtained the leave of the committee for the use of the hall at the Institute at Croydon for the summer entertainment to the inmates.

Leave of absence was granted to several of the annuitants who desire to visit their friends at this season; after which Bro. Wm. Stephens gave notice that he should move that a life-governorship of the Institution should be presented to Bro. Cutbush, in recognition of his kindness and liberality in giving the Institution in the course of the last three years about £100 worth of flowers, &c., for the garden.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson gave notice that he would move that an alteration be made in rules 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, so as to alter the donations to the Institution to guineas instead of pounds.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

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**FREEMASONRY IN PORTSMOUTH.**—We understand a few zealous and experienced Masons contemplate the founding of a new lodge of Freemasons near the Commercial-road, Landport for the convenience of brethren residing in that locality, and a desire to spread the principles of Masonry in this large and thriving borough. We hope they may be successful in their application and endeavour to emulate the successful working and practice of benevolence as is done in those lodges which are established and so well known.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

—A meeting of this Grand Lodge takes place at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, this (Saturday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Banquet at 6, with Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.S.W., R.W. Grand Master in the chair. The musical arrangement are in the hands of Bro. T. C. Walls, S.W. 1381, G. Org. Middx. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Mr. George Henry Savage, M.D. University London, L.R.C.P. London, has been appointed President physician and medical superintendent of the Royal Hospital of Bethlehem, at £700 per annum, pupils fees, furnished residence, &c., vice Williams, appointed a Commissioner in Lunacy; Mr. George Davis, L.R.C.P. London, M.R.C.S. England, has been appointed resident obstetric assistant to the Westminster Hospital, vice Horner, whose appointment has expired.

We learn from Wednesday's *City Press* that the funeral of the late Bro. E. S. Stillwell took place at Highgate on Saturday. The mourners were Bro. Stillwell's sons and other members of his family, and Bro. Alderman Knight; and amongst those who attended to show their respect for the deceased were many members of the Common Council, besides the managers, foremen, and work-people from the establishments in Barbican and Little Britain.

## THE ROMANCE OF HISTORY.

There are many remarkable romances in history which, though they appeal to our belief and acceptance as venerable "Sagas" of the past, yet we are unable to substantiate them by the accurate enquiries of this critical age. Without going so far as Sir Robert Walpole, and dubbing all history mendacious, we can, we think, afford to reconsider calmly to-day, (in the admirable temper, for instance, of the late lamented Sir George Cornwall Lewis,) some of the cherished traditions of ages, some well-known assertions of bygone days, some of the legends of the bards, and the averments of the chroniclers which delighted us when we were young, have accompanied us in maturer years, and to which we still cling when we are old and weary with the race. For instance, here is a question which just now interests us all as patriots and Freemasons, "was Joan of Arc really burned at Rouen?" Monsignor Dupanloup, the able opponent of our order, has very skilfully put forward the "patriot and martyred virgin," as a set-off against the Sceptic and Freemason Voltaire!

Well, abstractedly it is a good "set-off," if we take into consideration the "essential condition" and the "eternal fitness of things" and we do not profess to be at all concerned in this resuscitation of Voltairean memory, neither are we at all prepared to express any approval of his slight connection with French Freemasonry. We cannot think, we are sorry if we displease any, that the name of Voltaire brings any credit to Freemasonry. For in our Order we do not profess to admire or to admit sarcastic scoffers or noisy sceptics. We ask—we demand from all our acolytes, on the contrary, a reverent and seasonable belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. and, making every allowance for the inevitable process of "reaction" on the mind of Voltaire and many more, arising out of Ultramontane destructiveness, we cannot admire the tone and temper of his writings, but are rather always reminded in them of the well-known line.

"And fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

But when Monsignor Dupanloup thus opposes Voltaire "the unbelieving and unpatriotic," as he asserts, to the "Martyred Virgin," criticism comes in with its sterner query at once. Is the fact, qua fact, a fact at all? Is it positively true? Is it historically proveable? Was Joan of Arc really burnt? As patriotic Englishmen and Freemasons we shall rejoice if this stain on our national history, (for stain it is if true), could be removed; and we are too practical and too religious, even, to waste our time amending over unreal occurrences and erroneous legends. If the judicial murder of Joan of Arc be a national or denominational myth, let it at once be given up by all who value historical truth and critical certainty, not even excepting the Bishop of Orleans, and let us surrender, if, perhaps, with a sigh, another pleasant but unverifiable "Romance of History."

Mr. E.A. Viles, in the *Times* of Thursday last states that the Abbé Lenglet, in his "Histoire de Jeanne d'Arc," 1753, says that La Pucelle made her appearance at Metz some time after her supposed execution, where she was received with due honours, "was acknowledged by her two brothers, Jean and Pierre d'Arc, and was married to a gentleman of the house of Armoise, in 1436. At their solicitation her sentence was annulled in 1456.

But the truth is that so early as 1683, a letter appeared in the French "Mercure Galant," in the month of November, addressed to Monsieur de Grammont, which stated that Joan of Arc, the "Pucelle d'Orleans," did not suffer death at Rouen on the 30th May, 1431, but having escaped, married in 1436 a Sieur d'Armoises or Robert des Hermoises, and had a family. This was stated on the authority of a MS., afterwards printed, called the "Chronicle of Metz," composed by the Curate de St. Thiebault, of that city and coming down to 1445.

Father Calmet inserted it in his history of Lorraine, and it has always been looked upon as authentic and genuine. How then to explain this historical problem? Is it really a true narrative, or a taking romance? It is undoubted that more than one impostor personated Joan of Arc, one of whom was recognized by the King.

The King, too, whose intimacy with Joan before she fell into the hands of the English was well known, is stated to have recognised her, as her brothers had done, and received her with these words:—"Pucelle, m'amie, soyez la tres bien revenue au nom de Dieu!" She is then said to have knelt at his Majesty's feet and communicated to him the artifice by which she had escaped.

But as this story is also told of an impostor we cannot lay much stress upon it.

It is asserted that the English allowed Joan of Arc to escape and substituted a female criminal for her. Certain it is, that in the Register of Orleans, payment is made between 1435 and 1436 to a certain "Renaud Brune," on the 25th of July, for letters from "Johan la Pucelle."

A contract for sale in 1436 is said by Father Vignier, of the Oratory, who wrote the letter above mentioned in 1683, to have been read by him, as of the first part, by Robert de Hermoises, Lord of Trichemont, and Jeanne du Lis, La Pucelle de France.

There are also in the register of Orleans, various presents and refreshments on the 28th, 29th, and 30th July, 1439, to "Dame Jehanne des Armoises," and on the 1st August, 1439, after "deliberation made by the Council of the City, and for the services rendered by her to the said city during the siege," a present is given to Jehanne de Armoises of 210 livres.

Curiously enough, on the eve of the "Fête Dieu," 1439, nine pounds of wax are paid for the "obsequies of the defunct Jehanne la Pucelle," but no similar account is found in 1440. This was previous to the re-entry in Orleans of Jehanne d'Armoises. In 1443, Charles, Duke of Orleans, in a deed to Peter du Lis, brother of La Pucelle talks of her "absence," not of her "death."

Then on the other hand, there are many works professing to give the account of her accusation, trial, and death, and there are no less than twelve MSS. in the Royal Library at Paris, which record these facts. There are also eight MSS. giving an account of her absolution by papal authority; there are also nine MSS. giving her general history.

It may be noted that the Abbe Lenglet Dufrenois' work mentioned by Mr. Viles was founded really on a MS. history of "Edmond Richer, a Doctor of the Sorbonne, Paris." There are several printed prose and poetical histories of Joan of Arc. The earliest in MS. seems to be of date 1432, the earliest prose about 1553. Artezan, who was Secretary to the Duke of Orleans, has left a poem in MS., written about 1435; giving a full account of Jeanne, but he merely says "God at length perceiving that France could maintain herself, deprived the kingdom of the assistance of Jeanne." He gives this latin epitaph

Tanta erat pudor huic et tanta modestia ut ipsa  
Esse Videretur miræ L ucretia famæ.

Lord Stanhope, in his "Historical Essays" seems to think that the lady who married the "Sire des Armoises" was an "impostor," but he adds, alluding to the facts and documents already quoted, "these documents appear of undoubted authenticity, yet we are wholly unable to explain them."

The brothers of Joan of Arc might possibly have had hopes of profit by the fraud, but how the people of Orleans, who had seen her so closely, who had fought side by side with her in the siege, could be deceived, we cannot understand, nor yet what motive they could have in deceiving."

Lord Stanhope evidently, however, accepts the historical truth of Joan of Arc's condemnation. We confess that we somewhat doubt, but still we must also bear in mind, that the tendency of the day is to doubt everything, and that this supposed re-appearance of the "Pucelle" is explainable after all, perhaps as a Roman Catholic "Fraus Pia."

After what we have stated, however, some of our readers may not think that Monsignor Dupanloup's facts are quite so certain or incontestable as he seems to think evidently that they are.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The summer half yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Market Harborough, on Wednesday, May 29th, when a large number of representatives both of the local and other lodges in the province assembled to welcome the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, on the occasion of his first visit to the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, since its consecration.

The Craft lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. F. Grant, P.P.G.D., the Prov. Grand Master and his officers entered, and on his lordship taking the chair he was saluted with the customary honours.

Amongst those present were Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.G. S.B., as D.P.G.M.; W. B. Smith, Prov. G.S.W.; J. C. Duncombe as Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. F. Richardson, Prov. G. Chap.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Cooke, Prov. G. S. of W.; S. Cleaver, Prov. A.G.D.C.; G. T. Willan, Prov. G.S.B.; M. H. Lewin, Prov. G. P.; E. R. Cust, Prov. A.G.P.; Webb and Gibson, Prov. G. Stwds.; Rev. W. Langley, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. F. Halford, P.P.G.C.; Dr. T. Macauley, P.P.G.S.D.; C. E. Stretton, and R. Dalgleish, P.P.G. Sups. of Works; Dr. J. Hunt and R. Boughton-Smith, P.P.A.G. Dirs. of Cers.; J. R. Douglass, P.P.G. Reg.; and A. M. Duff, P.P.G.D. Visitor: Bro. E. J. Orford, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, and the other routine business disposed of, the report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by Bro. Dr. Langley, the Hon. Sec. The report, after speaking of the successful result of the efforts of the Committee, in supporting the application of a local candidate for the Girls' School, and the arrangements made for promoting the case of a boy candidate, son of the lately deceased Prov. G.D.C., at the October election, concluded with a reference to the continued and increasing interest taken in this province in the central Masonic Charities, the liberality evinced by the large contributions made to the Boys' School in 1877 having being equally displayed during the present year on behalf of the Girls' School, which Institution received at its recent Festival, donations from Leicester and Rutland amounting to the sum £233 16s. Upon the proposition of Bro. Duncombe, seconded by Bro. Duff, the report was unanimously adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bros. W. J. Hughan, P. G.D. of England, and Colonel Basevi, Secretary of the Gloucestershire Charity Committee, for valuable assistance rendered in the case of Dora Bolton, the local candidate for the Girls' School at the election in April last. Bro. Toller in proposing these votes of thanks referred to the advantageous position in which the Province was placed in consequence of the establishment of the Charity Committee, and of the arrangements entered into with other Provinces for the lending and exchanging of votes, by means of which a local candidate was successful on her first application at the recent election, and a considerable reserve of votes still remained available for a case for the Boys' School next October.

A donation from the Charity Fund was voted to a brother, who from losses and illness was in deep distress, and whose application for assistance was supported by the Charity Committee.

Bros. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., and Dr. J. Hunt were unanimously re-elected as representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge on the Committee of the Leicester Masonic Hall.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Partridge for his services as Charity Steward for the Province at the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Partridge in acknowledging the vote expressed his great obligations to Bros. Macaulay and Willan, and other members of the Provincial Charity Committee for the efficient assistance they had rendered to him in their respective lodges in canvassing for subscriptions and generally in supporting him in his appeals to the brethren on behalf of the Institutions he had represented, and alluded with feelings of pride and gratification to the fact that during the last two years, the small province of Leicester and Rutland, having a muster roll of under 400 brethren, had contributed to the funds of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions the very liberal sum of nearly £650.

Apologies for absence from the P.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, Bro. C. Stretton, P.P.G.W., (Mayor of Leicester); Bro. W. Hardy, Prov. G.J.W., and others, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in the usual form.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served by the worthy host of the Three Swans Hotel, Bro. Armstrong, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, and the proceedings generally were of a most satisfactory character, the admirable arrangements of the local reception Committee adding greatly to the comfort of the brethren and the general success of the meeting.

## OUR ROYAL GRAND MASTER.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, attended by Colonel Ellis and Sir Howard Elphinstone, left London for Paris on Friday last. Their Royal Highnesses were received at the South-Eastern Company's station at Charing-cross by Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., the chairman, and travelled by special train, which was under the charge of Mr. John Shaw, the general manager, leaving at 8 25 p.m., and arriving at Dover at 10 15 p.m. The special steamer Maid of Kent, Captain Pittock, left the Admiralty pier a few minutes after the arrival of the train for Calais. Their Royal Highnesses proceeded to Paris by the mail train at 1 20 a.m., and travelled in the saloon carriage of the South-Eastern Company, which has been specially fitted up for the Prince of Wales's accommodation. The arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Kanne, the director of Royal journeys. In the same train there travelled the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, the Duke of Hamilton, the Marquis of Hartington, Sir Augustus Paget, Lord Calthorpe, Colonel Reilly, Colonel Kingscote, and Admiral Glyn.

## THE FREEMASONS' LIFEBOATS.

The Masons' lifeboat, stationed at Hope Cove, on the coast of Devonshire, is to be publicly launched at Kingsbridge to-morrow (Thursday), under the auspices of the Freemasons resident in the West of England. It is one of the two lifeboats presented by the English Masons to the National Institution to testify their loyal gratification at the safe return from India of their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. Their other lifeboat is stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, and the ceremony of public naming and launching that boat is also to take place shortly under grand auspices. It may be mentioned that the lifeboats are respectively 34 feet and 35 feet long; they row 10 oars, double banked, and possess the usual characteristics of the boats of the Institution in regard to self-righting, self-ejecting, &c. It is expected that Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, who are receiving their nautical education on board her Majesty's ship Britannia, stationed at Dartmouth, will be present to name the Hope Cove lifeboat the Alexandra, after their mother, the Princess of Wales. It may be here stated that the Institution has now 268 lifeboats under its management, 36 of which are stationed on the coasts of Devon and Cornwall. Not a winter passes without some of these boats rendering important service in saving life from shipwreck on these iron-bound coasts.—*Daily News*, June 12th.

THE REMEMBRANCER.—The office of Remembrancer of the City of London has become vacant by the resignation, after 14 years' service, of Mr. William Corrie, who, before his appointment, was one of the stipendiary police magistrates of the metropolis. His predecessor, Mr. Edward Tyrrell, is still living, and in receipt of a handsome allowance from the Corporation. The duties of the office are partly Parliamentary and partly ceremonial, and involve daily attendance at the House of Commons during the sitting of Parliament, and the constant watching of all measures introduced or proposed which may be likely to affect the interests or privileges of the City. The Remembrancer enjoys the privilege of a seat within the House itself. The ceremonial duties are in connection with the presentation of addresses to the Royal Family and communications with the Government. It is understood in the City that the City solicitor (Mr. Nelson) will be a candidate for the more agreeable, though slightly less remunerative office of Remembrancer, and, if so, his success is almost certain, but there are other competitors in the field, including Bros. Macrae Moir, Mr. A. Turner, Captain Pim, M.P., and others.

The *Athenæum* says it is understood that the Postal Congress held the other day at Paris has agreed on an amended treaty to come in force on the 1st of April next, by which the limit of weight of books to be carried by the Postal Union Mails is raised from 2lb. to 4lb. Nothing appears to have been agreed upon that will hamper free delivery by post in America of English books. This will probably lead, sooner or later, to the abolition of duty levied by the United States on books.



## Reviews.

## THE BOOK OF THE LAW OF THE GRAND COM-MANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1878.

This is a well printed collection of the laws of Pennsylvanian Templary—which we are pleased to receive and glad to peruse. Perhaps, they have not much interest for any but Masonic Knights Templar, but be that as it may, we are not so bigoted (for Craft Masons are always tolerant) but that we may take an interest in somewhat analogous systems, and quasi-Masonic coteries. The "High Grades," as they are called, (though we think the word a misnomer), exist, and it is idle affectation to ignore the fact, that they are both well "thought of," and sincerely esteemed, by many most excellent Masons. We think, as we have often said, the term "High Grades" a misnomer, inasmuch, as according to our views, pure Craft Masonry is the highest and most ancient of all. For Christian Masonry, though we do not belong to it, we have, what it has a right to expect and claim, all courtesy and all consideration.

SINGING. An Essay: By Bro FREDERIC PENNA. Tinsley Brothers, 8, Catherine-street, Strand.

Bro. Penna, (we understand he is a member of our Order), well known as an artist of no mean celebrity, has put together a few hints on "The Art of Singing," which we have run through, unfortunately, owing to much work, perhaps too cursorily. Still, though not "professed musicians," or even "accomplished amateurs," we are enabled to say that the little work is both sensible and practical, is well conceived and well written, deserves perusal and demands consideration. It handles a confessedly very difficult, nay, intricate subject, with great clearness and good effect, and is, in our opinion, better worth reading than many other more ambitious works on so abstruse and yet harmonious a subject. Pleasant souvenirs crowd before us, as we write, of an animated band of would-be songsters who made melody in "days of old" with touching refrains and happy glees, and ever delighted the "sterner sense" in a good old ancient city in a classical close of an estimable professor of Divinity, who has found a few weeks back his "honoured rest." If music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," if music can lighten sorrow and mitigate care, the good advice of Professor Penna, giving us safe maxims and sound counsels on its "ups and downs," on its "quavers and its crotchets," its "bars" and its "movements," should be gratefully welcomed and warmly patronised. "Adveniant utinam sic mihi sæpe dies."

KENNING'S MASONIC CYCLOPÆDIA. Edited by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A. (Kenning.)

The greater part of this volume we must be content to take on trust, but there are parts which an outsider may criticise. Euclid i., 47, it may be remarked, is not a problem at all, however "striking and beautiful," and it certainly is not called the "pons asinorum." The book, however, is a laborious compilation, and includes a great variety of information which, whatever its value, is certainly curious, and often not without interest. The world may be glad to have a description of "Freemasonry" from one who may be presumed to be an authority. It is "an art founded on the principles of geometry, and directed to the service and convenience of mankind." So far, the definition would do for land surveying. "It may also be termed a science, as it teaches us alike the laws of self-government and self-restraint, and inculcates the abiding need of intellectual culture and self-improvement, forbearance and fortitude, toleration and truth. It is also the setting-forth of social harmony and personal virtue, and aims at the loving fellowship of brethren and the peaceful progress of mankind.—*The Spectator*

THE BERLIN PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPANY.—This establishment, which is situated at No. 5, Rathbone Place, Oxford Street, and which is under the direction of Mr. I. Gerson, is probably well known to many of our readers as a convenient place where they may procure photographic reproductions of all sorts and sizes for their albums; but they may not be equally aware of the importance of some of the works which have been thus reproduced under Mr. Gerson's direction, and which are, colour excepted, absolute facsimiles of celebrated originals, being the full size of the pictures from which they are taken. Among these we may mention, from the Dresden Gallery, "The Sleeping Venus," "The Reclining Venus," "The Lady with a Vase," of Titian; "The last Judgment," of Rubens; and the "Virgin and Child," of Holbein; and, from the Berlin Museum, portraits by F. Hals, &c., Vandyke's "Entombment," and Rubens' "Raising of Lazarus." These are only a few among a number of masterpieces which have been thus reproduced, and which form most appropriate ornaments for halls and other places where there is plenty of wall-space, the prices, moreover, being very reasonable compared with their intrinsic value. Among the modern works in the Company's collection we may note "The Proclamation of the German Empire at Versailles, Jan. 18th 1871," a picture by H. Von Werner, which was presented to Emperor William on his birthday last year, and a series of recently-executed photographs, by Loescher and Petsch, of Berlin, of His Majesty, the Crown Prince, Prince Bismarck, and Count Moltke. Next, we would call attention to an admirable humorous series of sketches from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," by Grützner; to "A Pic-Nic," in which the young folks are imitating the festive proceedings of their elders, by L. Knaus; and to "The Dancing Master," by Vautier, an artist highly appreciated in Germany, but not so well known here as Knaus. Riefstahl's "Pantheon of Agrippa," Bokelmann's "Pawshop," Treidler's "Francis I. refusing to Sign the Treaty of Pavia," and Henneberg's "Pursuit of Fortune,"

are all, in their several styles, well deserving of notice, and numbers of others remain of equal merit, to which, for want of space, we are unable to refer.—*Graphic*.

## Multum in Parvo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

## THE PARIS LODGES.

Since last I wrote, by the courtesy of Bro. John Hervey, our esteemed and excellent Grand Secretary, whose readiness to oblige we all have so many proofs of, I have seen the Grand Lodge minutes of the last century. The lodges struck off in 1768 were the Lodge 49, a la Ville de Tonerre, Rue des Boucheries a Paris, founded April 3, 1732, and the Lodge at Aubigny, in France, No. 73, founded August 12, 1735. It is evident to me that no other lodge but the lodge warranted in 1732 was founded in Paris, or emanated from our English Grand Lodge. But if the French argument be correct, and the actions of the French Grand Orient legal in the Mauritius, then the English Grand Lodge has the right of prior occupation in France, and may grant warrants to English Masons in France, who have a right to select the jurisdiction they most affect.

What is "saucy for the goose is saucy for the gander," is an old English proverb, and if such French Masonic law be good at the Mauritius, it is, in my opinion, equally good in France.

But it may be said "two blacks don't make a white." Probably not, and, therefore, as it is never right, under any circumstances, "to do evil that good may come," perhaps the most dignified course for the Grand Lodge will be to treat such revolutionary proceedings with silent contempt. I ought not, perhaps to mix up Masonic ethics with archaeology, but I may, perhaps, under the circumstances, be pardoned for doing so.

## MASONIC STUDENT.

## MULTA PAUCIS, &amp;c., &amp;c.

The "Complete Freemason," or "Multa Paucis," was an unauthorised account of Freemasonry, issued, it is believed, in the year 1766. Several of the author's statements differ from those by the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., as to the early history of the Craft, and, therefore, I think we shall be obliged to set aside such assertions, and give the preference to those of Dr. Anderson, who, clearly wrote at a time when many personally knew as to the facts narrated, he, himself, being one of the chief actors in the "Revival," of 1716-7.

The author or compiler of "Multa Paucis," speaks of six lodges being present or represented at the "Revival," whereas Dr. Anderson says four. Now, the "Book of Constitutions," of 1738, by the latter, was really the official statement issued by the Grand Lodge, and consequently is superior in authority on such points to all other works, no matter by whom, having, indeed, been written by vote of the Grand Lodge, and agreed to in MS. by the same body.

The I.P.M. of 533 also notices another error on the work under consideration, viz., as to the re-election of Crawford.

"An Old Masonic Book," by R. W. O., was really a reprint of the Constitutions of 1767, only in 8vo., with the addition of the scheme of Incorporation, &c. It was not issued by the Grand Lodge. W. JAMES HUGHAN.

## RE-TRACING BOARD OF THE ROYAL ARCH.

Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie is in error as to Cole being the engraver of the List of Lodges, 1735. He did not act in that capacity until much later; the engraver of that period, and in fact from 1723 until about 1750-5, being John Pine. W. J. H.

## NEW MANUSCRIPTS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

The following will doubtless interest many archaeological readers of the *Freemason*:—Among the latest additions to the manuscripts in the British Museum are the following:—A Greek MS. of the early part of the 12th century, containing homilies on Genesis; a Latin Psalter, illuminated in Germany in the 15th century; an English MS. of the 15 century, being "The wys boke of Philosophi and Astronomie," treating of zodiacal influences, with medical recipes, and a treatise on surgery. Of historical interest are:—Accounts of Subsidies and Taxes in Normandy in 1341-2; a Journal of the Return of the French Embassy under the Comte d' Avaux from the Northern Courts, February-August, 1636; Exchequer Accounts for the years 1543-1717; Copies of the Despatches of Sir Ralph Sadler, Ambassador in Scotland, in 1539, 1543; and letters of the political agent Plantamour to Secretary Blathwayt, from Berlin, 1701-1702. There are also:—Poor's rate Book for Poole, April, 1697. Minute Book and Accounts of Hammersmith Charity School and the Latimer Charity, 1713-1751; the Inquisition post mortem of lands of Anne widow of John Holland, Duke of Exeter, 1458; Creditors' Accounts delivered in the executors of the Duke of Richmond and Lennox, 1672; Coats and Crests of English Families, of the seventeenth century; a History of the Mansell Family, 1754; and a Register of Noble Families of Pistoia, by the Cavaliere Franchi, in three volumes, 1701. Letters to Lady Sundon, lady-in-waiting to Queen Caroline, 1732-1737; a poem of the seventeenth century, by G. Ellis, "Adam's calamitie and misery cured by Christ's humanity and mercy;" the Report of the Synod of Upsala for consideration of the Swedish Liturgy, 1593; Sermons in the Guarani dialect of Mexico, of the seventeenth century. A large number of volumes of music have also been added, chiefly containing church music by Italian composers of the eighteenth century, and also airs arranged for the organ, &c., by John Cooper, in the seventeenth century, compositions by William and Thomas Lirley and some operas by Meyerbeer and Rossini.

## INDAGATOR.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

Preparations are being made in Nottingham in view of the approaching visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the town to open the Nottingham Castle as an Industrial and Art Museum on the 3rd of next month. During their stay in the neighbourhood the Prince and Princess will be the guests of the Duke of St. Albans at Bestwood-lodge, where they will arrive on the 2nd of July. Among the distinguished visitors who are expected at the opening ceremony and at a luncheon afterwards in the Albert-hall are Mr. Gladstone, who is one of the trustees of the Duke of Newcastle, to whom the Castle belongs, Sir Henry Cole, K.C.B., Lord Belper (Lord Lieutenant of the county), the Bishop of Lincoln, and others.

The National Gallery has acquired a valuable picture by Paul Veronese, "St. Helena's Vision of the Invention of the Cross," which was bought at the sale of the Nevay Collection on Saturday for 3300 guineas. The painting depicts the saint life-sized seated with her head leaning on her hand, her face turned upwards, and gazing on a cross supported by cherubs. It was formerly the altarpiece of a chapel dedicated to St. Helena at Venice, and passed through the hands of the great Duke of Marlborough, the Duke of Leeds, and the Marquis of Hertford. At Saturday's sale the two great attractions were Raphael's "Vierge aux Candelabres," and the "Vierge à la Légende." The former, which is a circular painting and only 26 in. in diameter, was bought in for 19,500 guineas, while the latter, representing the Virgin seated holding her child, and which is said to have belonged to Charles I., was sold for 3000 guineas. The remaining pictures included examples by Murillo, Titian, Vandyck, Raphael, Veronese, Cuypp, and others, and the whole sale realised £44,522 17s. 6d.

Rome proposes to hold an International Exhibition in 1881.

Mr. George Smith left in an almost complete state the "History of Sennacherib" (in the same style as the well-known "History of Assurbanipal"), with the cuneiform texts transliterated and translated. All that was wanting was the last 20 pages, which have been supplied by the editor, Mr. Sayce. It is published at the expense of the Mr. Bosanquet, and will be out shortly.—*Athenæum*.

A Museum and Free Library for South London, on the plan of the Bethnal Green Museum, is being discussed, and an offer has been made to a committee of gentlemen interested in the movement to let the hall at the Surrey Gardens for six years at a nominal rent for this purpose.

GOLD MASKS IN TOMBS.—M. Mariette, in "Monuments of Upper Egypt," says: "We discovered (in the Tomb of Apis, at Sakkarah) a human mummy. A gold mask covered its face, and jewels of every description were arranged on its breast." (p. 92.)

The Ashbury Railway Carriage and Iron Company (Limited), of Manchester, have just completed a novel kind of railway waggon adapted for carrying meat, game, fruit, or similar perishable commodities. The waggon when loaded is hermetically closed, except where, by an automatic arrangement, air is taken in, and after undergoing a refrigerating and drying process, circulates over the whole contents of the waggon. It then discharged through an exhaust pipe. Waggons of this description will be principally used for the large traffic in meat between Scotland, Liverpool, and London. They will enable importers to store their meat for several days should they find the market overstocked. The arrangements for cooling and drying the air have been designed by Colonel W. D. Mann.

The Fathers of St. Louis, who are settled on the ruins of Carthage, have just prepared a fine map of the site, and have sent a number of copies to M. Léon Renier for the Institute, French public libraries, and individual scholars. The Fathers have conducted excavations among the ruins of Carthage at their own expense, and have purchased all the antiquities the discovery of which in the adjacent country has been reported to them. They have thus formed a large collection of Runic and Latin epigraphs, which they are about to present to the Academy of Inscriptions.—*Academy*.

Mr. Streeter writes to the *Times*:—Already a panic seems to have been created by the report in the *Times* of frauds in connection with imitation jewellery and diamonds known as the "Waterkloof." It may allay much misapprehension if those of your readers who have recently purchased diamonds of which they have any doubt would submit them to a very simple test—viz., the file. By drawing across the surface of any imitation diamond a small steel file, an effect is produced as highly detrimental to the spurious as it is satisfactory to the genuine article. To the uninitiated no better test presents itself.

The Question of how little food is sufficient to support life has been studied by an Indian doctor in the most practical manner, the doctor having subjected himself to a diet experiment for six weeks. In support of his theory that a man's daily food should only cost him sixpence, the doctor lived for the first seven days on bread, milk, fruit, and vegetables, costing only 3s. 1d., and having an average daily weight of a little over half a pound. His health remained perfect and his weight did not diminish, so for the second week he took prepared farinaceous food, milk, and fruit, consuming daily a little over 9½ oz., and then felt so strong that he gave up milk and lived on 3d. a day. In the fourth week he took half a pound of food daily, at a cost of 2d., and tried soup, puddings, and eggs, but this did not answer, for the fifth and sixth weeks he lived on 8½ oz. to 9oz. daily. He carefully avoided stimulants and tobacco, and finally declared that he experienced a constant increase of physical strength and power of work.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY

The thirty-third half-yearly communication was held at the new Freemasons' Hall in Nesbit Lane, Buyculla, on Saturday, the 30th March, 1878.

The following Dist. Grand Officers were present: Bros. Hon. J. Gibbs, D.G.M., in the chair; E. Tyrell Leith, Deputy D.G.M.; B. Robinson, as D.G.S.W.; W. C. Rowe, D.G.J.W.; Rev. C. Gilder, D.G.C.; A. McKenzie, D.G.R.; Sorabjee N. Cooper, D.G.T.; C. E. Mitchell, D.G.S.; W. H. Hussey, as D.G.S.D.; T. Counsell, D.G.J.D.; C. Tudball, D.G. Supt. of Works; H. Watson, as D.G. Sword Bearer; J. E. Treasurywalla, D.G. Pursuivant; J. W. Seager, D.G. Tyler; J. H. R. Cruickshank and M. R. Thomas, D.G. Stewards.

There were also present representatives of Lodges 415, 444, 757, 1100, 1189, 1270, and several distinguished visitors.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock. After grand honours had been paid to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, the District Grand Secretary read the summons convening the meeting. On the motion of Wor. Bro. A. McKenzie, seconded by Wor. Bro. Robinson, it was resolved that the minutes of the previous communication be taken as read. Wor. Bro. Barrow moved, and Wor. Bro. Mitchell seconded, that the minutes of the previous communication be confirmed.

Wor. Brother Hussey said there was a slight mistake or misstatement in the minutes of the last communication which he wished to have corrected. Worshipful Brother Balfour had stated that "Worshipful Brother Hussey was a member of the Committee of General Purposes, and although not present at the meeting when the proposed addition to the Bye Laws was approved, he was at a subsequent meeting, and saw the resolutions which had been agreed to by his colleagues, and was furnished with a copy of the summons for the present communication." As he (Wor. Bro. Hussey) did not remember being present at any subsequent meeting where the Bye-Laws were brought forward, he took the trouble, in order to refresh his memory, to call upon their worthy District Grand Secretary, who told him that he (Worshipful Brother Hussey) had not attended any of the subsequent meetings. With the permission of the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, therefore, he (Worshipful Brother Hussey) asked that the minutes might be amended accordingly.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master asked whether he was not correct in stating that on a previous occasion there was a discussion as to what the confirmation of the minutes amounted to, when it was ruled that their confirmation was a mere formal act? Perhaps the Secretary could inform him?

Worshipful Brother Hussey remembered that there was a discussion on the point, but said he did not think that any rule was laid down, and referred to page 59 of the Book of Constitutions.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then said that the District Grand Lodge is bound by the procedure relating to the conduct of business in the Grand Lodge, not by the regulation for a private lodge, and the question is whether we have to do anything more than confirm these minutes as a correct account of what took place. "It is not whether the Acting District Grand Master made use of certain words in connection with a particular subject referred to in the minutes, which you state were not correct, what we have to state is whether these minutes are correct so far as what actually took place. Do you contend that the minutes themselves are incorrect?"

Worshipful Brother Hussey replied in the negative; he stated that they were correct, but suggested that the passage he objected to should be corrected.

Most Worshipful Brother Balfour then rose and said: "With your permission, Right Worshipful Sir, I beg to state that I certainly appear to have made a mistake upon the last occasion, and I shall only be too happy to see it corrected."

The R.W. the District Grand Master suggested that the minutes should be confirmed, but that it be entered on this communication that W. Bro. Hussey brought to notice that the statement that "W. Bro. Hussey was a member of the Committee of General Purposes, and although not present at the meeting when the proposed addition to the bye-law was approved, he was at subsequent meetings, and saw the resolutions which had been agreed to by his colleagues," was not correct, and that M.W. Bro. Balfour had admitted this, and wished that the correction should be made accordingly."

This was recorded.

The R.W. the District Grand Master: Brethren, according to custom it now devolves upon me to make a statement to you of the working of the Craft in this district during the past half year, and I am happy to be able to tell you that the statement will be very short, for when I called upon the District Grand Secretary to prepare a brief for me for this evening, he replied that nothing of importance, with one exception, had occurred during the half year, that all the lodges in the district had been working in perfect harmony, and that he had had no trouble in getting in their returns. My speech therefore will be very short, but I much regret to have to mention to you, that just before the summons for this Communication was issued, we received intelligence that the District Grand Master of Madras had been called away to the Grand Lodge above. With reference to this intimation a special motion will hereafter be proposed. Of the few particular circumstances affecting Masonry in this District upon which I have to comment, the first I will mention is, that soon after the return to Bombay of W. Bro. Leith, W. Bro. Balfour, who was acting as my Deputy, was promoted to the high and honourable post of Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry in India. (Applause.)

Thereupon I conferred the post of Deputy on W. Bro. Leith, who during the affliction with which I was visited undertook for me the duty of visiting the various lodges in Bombay. You all know the warm interest he takes in his duties, and I wish to thank him for the very valuable assistance he has given me. As for my absence from among the brethren, I am sure they will all understand it was solely owing to my not mixing in society for some time. There is one point I wish to place before you, and it is the very great satisfaction I have experienced at the opening of Lodge "Aryan." For some years past the idea has existed that we might have a lodge for Hindoos. Two Parsee lodges have been working here under the English banner for several years past, and two have been established under the Scottish Constitution. A Mahomedan lodge was recently established under the same Constitution, and now the opening of a lodge for Hindoos may be said to be *in fait accompli*. The subject was bruited, as I have observed, several years since, and a long while ago I received a letter from the District Grand Secretary for Bengal, forwarding copy of a communication which had been written by a very well-known and respected Mason, Very W. Brother White, who for very many years was Grand Secretary, and who had been asked to ascertain what the views of the then Grand Master, H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, were. The answer was, that those who were Polytheists could not be admitted as Masons, but that if there were Hindoos who believed in, and worshipped the one True God there was no reason why they should not become Masons. There was no reason, therefore, why Hindoos who believed in one true God should not be received into the Order in the same way Parsees were, but he (the D.G. Master) believed that up to the present time no steps had been taken in Calcutta for the formation of a Hindoo lodge."

M.W. Bro. Balfour: No.

The R.W. the District Grand Master continued: This admission of Hindoos is a question which I have had at heart for a lengthened period, and I only regret that I was not able to move in the matter before. However, some brethren who were warmly interested in the question persevered, and it was chiefly due to the exertions of W. Bro. Leith that "Aryan" has come into existence. I regard the starting of this new lodge as highly satisfactory, for there is no doubt it will be to the advantage of the reforming party among our Hindoo fellow subjects. I do not refer particularly to those who belong to the Bramo Somaj, but to those who are among the more conservative, namely, those who are anxious to go back to the pure teaching of the Vedas, the worship of the one true God. There are many friends of mine among these gentlemen, who in some cases occupy high positions under Government, and in others are not in the public service, who are as far from Polytheism as I am; and I trust they will find their places in Masonry through the medium of Lodge Aryan, for I am sure of this, that when they join the Craft and know more of its civilizing effects, Masonry will have a most beneficial influence on them. I therefore look upon the establishment of Lodge Aryan as an event on which we may congratulate ourselves. (Applause.) I am happy to say there are no complaints of the non-receipt of returns from lodges: and I may congratulate the district on the opening of Lodge Excelsior, by W. Bro. Colonel Hodgson, who is District Grand Senior Warden of Madras. Returning to the subject of the minutes of the last Communication, I wish to state, that although they have been confirmed, it will be necessary to move, as a special motion, the confirmation of the Bye-laws, and it has been brought to my notice that there is one portion of the new Bye-laws, which by a slight verbal alteration might perhaps be rendered more acceptable to the brethren generally. I, therefore, move that the alterations made in the Bye-laws at the last Communication be confirmed, with the exception of the latter part of Bye-law XI., which I propose to amend thus: "Each lodge shall pay for each person who has been initiated therein the sum of five rupees to the Fund of Benevolence."

The Deputy District Grand Master seconded the motion.

The motion was then carried.

On the motion of W. Bro. Hussey, seconded by W. Bro. H. Pestonjee, W. Bro. Sorabjee Nowrojee Cooper was unanimously re-elected Dist. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Seager was appointed Dist. Grand Tyler.

The officers of the Dist. Grand Lodge were appointed and invested as follows:

Major J. H. R. Cruickshank.....	Dist. G.S.W.
Rev. C. Gilder.....	Dist. G.J.W.
H. Watson.....	Dist. G. Chap.
Capt. S. Babington .....	Dist. G. Reg.
C. E. Mitchell.....	Dist. G. Sec.
C. Tudball.....	Dist. G.S.D.
D. M. Saclotwalla.....	Dist. G.J.D.
W. Easdon.....	Dist. G.D.
R. Chamberlain .....	Dist. G.D.
P. M. Jeejeebhoy .....	Dist. Supt. of W.
H. Pestonjee .....	Dist. Dir. of C.
J. L. Madden.....	Dist. G. Swd. B.
A. Plumpton .....	Dist. G. Org.
Dhunjeshaw M. Kapudia .....	Dist. G. Purst.

The following were appointed Dist. Grand Stewards:—Bros. E. W. Bald, 549; H. E. L. James, 944; Richard Raymond, 1100; Pestonjee Merwanjee Narellwalla, 1189; Merwanjee Bomanjee Engineer, 1359.

The following brethren were then appointed by the Right W. the District Grand Master members of the Committee of General Purposes, viz:—W. Bros. W. H. Hussey, B. Robinson, H. W. Barrow, and the following brethren were elected: W. Bros. A. McKenzie, W. C. Rowe, and H. Watson.

(W. Bro. Counsell was nominated for election, but withdrew his name.)

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master then called W. Bro. Darashaw Chichgur, the Secretary to the Hall Committee, to the dais, and said: It affords me much pleasure, Bro. Darashaw, to be the medium of presenting to you this silver inkstand and gold pencil-case, as a slight testimonial from the Committee who were appointed to carry out the arrangements for the occupation of this hall by the two Constitutions. I also hand to you the resolution on the subject passed by the Committee. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Chichgur, in acknowledging the gift, said that, overwhelmed as he was with feelings and gratitude, he could not find words sufficient to thank the Right W. the District Grand Master and the Committee for the honour which was thus done him. He felt the honour as a great one, for the testimonial was presented to him in an English lodge, although he belonged to the Scotch Constitution, a circumstance which of itself went to prove that when Masons worked together, and met under one common roof, their sympathies made them forget the difference of constitution, and only remember their common brotherhood. (Applause.)

W. Bro. Major Cruickshank wished to draw attention to the fact, that up to the present time, the accounts of the District Grand Lodge, as published, were not given in sufficient detail; the receipts were given, but not the disbursements, so that the various lodges, although much interested in the details, were unable to get at them.

The District Grand Treasurer explained that when he took charge of the accounts, those published were simply a statement showing the gross income and gross expenditure; no return of the profit and loss account being shown. This year he had given the details for the first time, and he hoped these would meet the requirements of Bro. Major Cruickshank.

The District Grand Secretary reported that several dispensations had been granted by the R.W. District Grand Master since the last Communication.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master, said the accounts of the last half-year had been audited and found correct. The balance to the credit of the Hall account was Rs. 1,770-10-3, and that to the credit of the District Grand Lodge, Rs. 1,184-12-9, but a portion of the fees, had not yet been paid in.

The Right Worshipful the District Grand Master: I now beg to propose that the District Grand Lodge of Bombay offers its sincere condolence to the District Grand Lodge of Madras on the sad loss which the latter has sustained in the death of its District Grand Master, the late Right Worshipful Brother John Miller, Barrister-at-Law. Carried unanimously.

The District Grand Secretary read apologies he had received from the following brethren for non-attendance: W. Bros. W. Clarke, F. S. Llewellyn, F. J. Saville, R. Chamberlain, S. Babington, and Bros. J. R. Tinsley, T. Carrick, J. C. Elstone, Adam Smith, and M. Levi.

There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer at eight o'clock.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A quarterly communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Lodge room, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1878.

There were present Bros. H. E. Downer, W.D.D.G.M., in the chair; W. Robert Peel, W.D.G.S.W.; McIntyre, W.P.D.G.J.W., as W.D.G.J.W.; W. Ralph E. Lucy, W.D.G. Secretary; W. Frank Makin, W.D.G. Assist. Dir. of Cer.; W. T. E. F. Seabrook, W.D.G. Pursuivant; J. C. Fergusson, L. S. Burton, Stewards; and E. Saint, D.G. Tyler.

The visitors were Bros. Lionel S. Wickstead, 583; T. DeCean, 423; Geo. T. Powell, 649; and W. Wyatt, 505.

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the General Committee for the past half-year was read and adopted.

The following report of the General Committee was submitted to the Right Worshipful the District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge.

Your Committee lay before you the accounts for the year duly audited.

They have to report having made a donation of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£150) from the Lodge Funds to the Funds of the S.A. Masonic Benevolent Fund, two-thirds for the Permanent Fund and one-third for the Available Fund.

The Right Worshipful the D.G. Master has granted a Provisional Warrant for a new lodge at Laura, to be called the "Areas Lodge," which was opened in due form on February 22nd last by the Worshipful Deputy District Grand Master (Bro. H. E. Downer) assisted by several of the officers of the District Grand Lodge.

The Committee find that there are no Trustees to the S.A. Masonic Benevolent Fund, it will therefore be the duty of the District Grand Lodge to appoint five Trustees.

A circular from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, London, was received and read.

There being no further business, the lodge was then closed with solemn prayer.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Stomach and Liver Complaints.—The source and centre of almost every ailment is impurity of the blood; dislodge this poison, and disease departs. Holloway's Pills exercise the inestimable power of thoroughly cleansing each component part of the blood, and rendering this fluid fit to perform its important functions. They cope most successfully with intestinal diseases, stomach complaints, liver disorders, and many other maladies, which were once the besetting dangers of mankind at certain seasons in town and country. The directions for use enable every one to regulate the operation of these Pills with the greatest nicety. Chronic invalids, nervous sufferers, and all whom other treatment has failed to relieve, are respectfully invited to try Holloway's celebrated medicine, which will strengthen and cure them.—ADVT.

## Obituary.

## BRO. ALBERT SCHMITT.

The funeral of Bro. Schmitt took place at Jersey, on the 7th inst. Prior to recording the proceedings, we will briefly refer to the solemnity of the scene at the Temple, where the body lay in state. The number of visitors on Thursday evening was large, the darkened chamber in which the body reposed in a beautiful coffin, covered with the insignia of the deceased, being filled for nearly a couple of hours by those of the public anxious to witness the mournful and impressive spectacle, made doubly mournful and impressive by the solemn strains of music, produced with great effect from an organ, at which Bro. E. Dowden, presided. The solemnity of the scene was certainly most touching, and we may be pardoned for stating that in many cases the spectators were moved to tears, such an effect did this spectacle of Death, in its most solemn form, have upon them. The last Masonic funeral in Jersey was that of Bro. E. Ainsley, which took place about eleven years ago, and this fact, coupled with the publication in the local papers of the Masonic programme for yesterday afternoon's proceedings, drew together a large crowd in Stopford-road and David-place long before the hour of three o'clock, the time appointed for leaving the Temple, from the summit of which floated at half-mast the Royal Standard and Union Jack. About half-past three the procession was formed in the order given below, and headed by Mr. W. McMee's band, which played alternately and with good effect the Dead March in Saul and "Adeste fideles," proceeded through David-place, Bath-street, Boreford-street, Halkett-place, to the French Wesleyan Chapel, where the funeral service, which comprised the reading of a psalm, the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, and a prayer, was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Dupuy. Bro. E. Dowden presided at the organ, and performed both on the arrival and departure of the imposing cortege some appropriate music from Beethoven, which was very impressive. The procession having been re-formed, it slowly wended its way to Almorah Cemetery, by way of Burrard-street, New-street, Val Plaisant, Midvale-road, Rouge Bouillon, and Queen's-road. The cemetery was reached at five o'clock, and from here the body was borne on the shoulders of paid bearers to its final resting place, the following Past Masters of deceased's lodge, "La Césarée," acting as pall-bearers: Bros. Viel, Renouf, Pallot, Benham, Du Jardin, and Durrell. The remainder of the funeral service having been concluded, Bro. Durrell, W.M. of "La Césarée," whose installation into that office was the last duty performed by the departed brother, gave an extempore address over the grave, in which he not unfrequently testified to the worth of the deceased, and paid a high tribute to his memory as a Mason. At the conclusion of the funeral ceremony, the members of the deceased's lodge broke their wands and shrew them into the grave; each of the brethren also threw in a sprig of acacia, and several handsome bouquets were also thrown upon the coffin. We may also add that some earth from Poland was thrown upon the bier by one of the Polish friends of the deceased. The crowd around the graveside was very great, but the utmost decorum prevailed, and the proceedings throughout were conducted most orderly. The procession re-formed and left the cemetery about a quarter to six o'clock, the band playing the Masonic quick step—"The Entered Apprentice," which it continued to perform until the brethren reached the Temple, where the proceedings were closed by "La Césarée" lodge shortly after six o'clock. The funeral cortege was composed of upwards of 200 persons, including the band and about a dozen friends, three of whom were Poles, quite 170 of that number being associated with Freemasonry. As a procession it was a most imposing sight, and but for the sad duty which had called the members of the Craft together would have been a doubly pleasing spectacle. The hearse was drawn by four horses, and the sombreness of the conveyance was greatly relieved from the fact that the coffin, containing the body of the deceased, covered with the insignia of the Order and embellished with flowers, was exposed to view. The remains of the late Albert Schmitt are deposited in a piece of ground on the right of the cemetery, belonging to "La Césarée" lodge, and repose with the remains of the late Bros. Dr. Benjamin Coquemille and Jean Asplet. We need only remark that the funeral of the late Bro. A. Schmitt, which was most satisfactorily carried out by Bro. G. F. Baker, La Motte street, was of a most imposing and solemn character, and that the tribute of respect shown to the departed brother reflects immeasurable credit upon the Freemasons of Jersey, whose appearance in full Masonic honours, to show their appreciation of the deceased, will not soon be forgotten.

An oration was given over the grave by Bro. Durrell, W.M., La Césarée Lodge, from which our space prevents us giving more than the following extract:—

"Albert Schmitt, we bid you an eternal adieu! We cast a last sorrowing look on thy coffin; but still we hope, far beyond the grave, the dawn of eternal life sheds upon us its heavenly light, and by the grave we proclaim our firm belief in the existence of the great Architect of the Universe, and our constant hope, that when it pleaseth him to remove us from this, our temporary abode, we may accompany thee in that great Lodge upon high, where they, who have carried out the noble principles of our Order, will for ever live. Bro. Schmitt, good-bye, we will no longer hear thy voice, as of old, but thou wilt live in our hearts, and the noble example of thy life will not be lost upon us.

"Brethren, one more word, and I have done. Our brother has lived, as a mason should live; he has died, as we should wish to die; for has he not accomplished the wish of the poet—

"Qu'ils meurent pleins de jours, que leur mort soit pleurée; qu'un ami leur ferme les yeux."

## BRO. W. W. SQUIRES.

Died, on Sunday, 21st April, aged 37, at his residence, Hardy-street, Nelson, New Zealand, after an illness of twelve days, William Westbrooke Squires, M.D., eldest son of the late William Westbrooke Squires, of Liverpool. Deceased was born at St. Germain-en-Laye, near Paris, Aug. 31st, 1840, and received his professional training at Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Pisa. He was M.R.C.S., England, and graduated as M.D. Edinburgh, 1866. His health being precarious he sought to benefit it by a voyage to this country, and he arrived in Nelson by the ship "Magna Bona," in December, 1864, and was induced to settle here in the practice of his profession, in which he continued until the time of his attack. Shortly after his arrival, he was appointed Coroner, subsequently Public Health Officer, Consulting Surgeon to the Nelson Hospital, and he has filled other offices of importance in public matters.

Deceased married on the 23rd of April, 1872, Catherine J. C., daughter of Mr. John Simpson of Moutere, by whom he had one son. He was presented with an affectionate address of condolence from the Southern Star Lodge on the death of his wife, which took place on the 20th Aug., 1873. As a good Mason, a skilful physician, a useful citizen, and a warm friend, his loss will be deeply felt for a long time to come.

But five weeks ago, in apparent health, deceased followed the remains of his brother to his long home, in which he is now called to join him.

Bro. Squires, M.D., was first admitted to the light of Masonry, in St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, (36, S.C.) in 1861, when but twenty-one years of age, and in 1863, was installed as a Companion, Royal Arch, in Edinburgh Chapter (No. 1, S.C.) On the first of June, 1874, he received the degree of Prince, Rose Croix, and previous to leaving for New Zealand, in July following, he had the honour of being admitted to the 30th Degree of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

On his arrival at Nelson, and having resolved on taking up his abode there, he formed that lasting association with our worthy and worshipful friend and brother, Dr. Sealy, which remained unbroken till his death, and on the 15th of August, 1865, affiliated to the Southern Star Lodge, (175 S.C.) at a period when that star was certainly not in the ascendant. Our brother came in at an opportune moment, as he was enabled, by his Masonic learning, and by the new enthusiasm he instilled, to stimulate the lodge in its weakness. In December, 1866, and again in December, 1867, he was installed as Worshipful Master.

On the establishment of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, (157, S.C.) in 1874, elected Second Principal; as First Principal in 1876, and re-elected in 1877, having previously filled the chair of Worshipful Mark Master in the Nelson Mark Lodge, under the constitution of England and Wales.

In accordance with his wish his remains were brought from his residence to the Masonic Hall, where a lodge was opened up to the third degree, when the impressive ceremonies of a "Lodge of Sorrow" were gone through—and the Worshipful Master made a beautiful and feeling oration. On the coffin (on which was a beautiful cross of immortelles interwoven with acacia) being removed from the lodge, Messrs. Pitt, McDonald, Greenfield, and Blundell were pall-bearers. About fifty Masonic brethren, their appropriate emblems covered with black crape—one of the brethren bearing the Holy Bible—preceded the hearse, and a number of Oddfellows and other citizens followed to the cemetery, where Brother the Ven. Arch Deacon Thorpe read the burial service, after which Bro. W. M. Stanton, the Worshipful Master, made a valedictory address, having special reference to the Masonic career of the deceased brother, who, as it is well-known, had attained a distinguished position in the Craft. It was listened to with marked attention. Sprigs of acacia were dropped into the grave, with a lambskin, or white leather apron. A few shovelfull of earth, and the tomb closed over the mortal remains of one highly respected in all the stations of life which he filled—as public officer, private friend, physician, husband, brother Mason—he did his duty. What more need we say. It is the one consolation to his sorrowing relatives. Most of the shops on the line of cortege were closed, and every token of respect paid to him on his last journey.—*Nelson Advertiser*.

## BRO. S. H. WAGSTAFF.

We deeply regret having this week briefly to record the death of Bro. S. H. Wagstaff, P.M. of the Macdonald Lodge No. 1216, Z.; Macdonald Chapter, etc., which sad event took place on Thursday the 20th ult. The funeral, which took place at Highgate Cemetery on the 24th ult., was attended by the principals and employés of the firm of Wheeler and Wilson, and a large number of the brethren of the Macdonald and other lodges.

## BRO. J. R. McDANIEL.

The Grand Commandery of Virginia, has issued the following obituary notice of their deceased P.G.C.:—"Alexandria 26th of May, 1878. The notes of sorrow and sadness resound throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Our beloved Past Grand Commander, John Robin McDaniel, was called from his earthly labour on the 14th instant, in the city of Washington, in the seventy-second year of his age. In all his relations of life he was true, true to his professions, true to every duty, true as a friend, true as a Templar. His memory merits this testimony of our affection. This circular will be promulgated to your Commandery at its first meeting, and you are requested to testify, in a fitting manner, that respect which is due to the memory of the honoured dead.

By order

"R. E. ROBERT E. WITHERS,  
"Grand Commander."

## Masonic and General Tidings.

The 80th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will take place at the Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N., on Monday, the 8th of July, under the distinguished Chairmanship of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Senior Warden. Full particulars may be obtained from the advertisement on the front page.

The installation meeting of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, takes place at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Tuesday next, at half-past 4 for 5 precisely. Bro. Charles Henry Edmonds is the W.M. elect.

The ceremony of Installation will be worked at the Camden Lodge of Instruction, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, on Monday June 17th, Bro. H. C. Soper, W.M., of the Mother Lodge, will take the chair at 8 o'clock precisely.

At a public meeting held on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall, Ramsgate, it was decided to hold the Ramsgate Regatta on Thursday, August the 29th. The yacht races will take place in July.

H. R. H. the Princess of Wales accompanied by three of her children visited the horse show at the Agricultural Hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The *Broad Arrow* states that the desperate outrage by Dr. Nobiling constitutes the third attempt that has been made on the life of the aged Emperor of Germany. He ascended the throne on January 2, 1861, and on the 14th of the following July he was shot at by a Leipzig student named Becker. The would-be-assassin was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment, but is believed to be now at liberty. The second attempt was but a few weeks ago, and the perpetrator, Hödel, still awaits trial.

Whit Monday brought its usual shoals of visitors to the various metropolitan places of amusement. The total number present at the Crystal Palace was 54,154; at the Zoological Gardens, 31,963; at the Tower, 2,528; at Hampstead Heath about 40,000; and at the Alexandra Palace the number may be estimated at between 30,000 and 40,000.

Dr. Burdon Sanderson will according to the *Medical Examiner*, deliver the Harveian Oration at the Royal College of Physicians, on Wednesday, the 26th of June, at 5 o'clock.

Dr. Huillet, late of Pondicherry, undertakes to show that vaccination was known to a certain Dahwantori, who flourished several thousand years before Hippocrates. Dr. Huillet appears to have arrived at this conclusion from the contents of certain Hindoo manuscripts preserved at Pondicherry, in which are described the effects produced by inoculating the human subject with the matter taken from a man or a cow. The secondary disease is described as identical in appearance with its source, with this important difference, that it is quite harmless.—*Medical Examiner*.

We are asked to state that the lodge of instruction attached to the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge meets every Tuesday evening at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street-road, at 8 o'clock. Bro. Richd. Percy, J.W. United Strength Lodge, No. 228, is the Preceptor.

The meetings of the Camden Lodge of Instruction are now held at the Mother Red Cap, 174 High-street, Camden Town, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Zur Arbeit Lodge at Pesth has offered a prize for a Goethe Christomathy, with introduction and commentary, comprising a collection of all passages in Goethe's works relating to Freemasonry, with historical comments on its state in Goethe's time, and elucidations from the Masonic standpoint.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have intimated to the Duke of Athole their intention of being present at the Royal Caledonian Fancy Dress Ball on the 28th inst., if possible.

The expenses of the candidates at the late Worcester City election were as follow:—Bro. John Derby Allcroft, M.P. (P.M. Lodge 1657), £3645 12s. 1d.; Sir F. Lycett, £3437 16s. 3d.

Bro. J. L. Toole has consented to preside at the annual banquet of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, which will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, July 2nd.

The Christ's Hospital athletic sports will be held on Wednesday next, at the school field, Herne-hill.

The *Christian World* will be enlarged by nearly 30 columns in September to meet the constantly increasing pressure of matter.

The installation meeting of the Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320) will take place at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath, on Thursday, the 20th inst. Bro W. H. Morson is the W.M. elect.

William Cullen Bryant, the well-known American poet, died on Wednesday, at the age of 81.

Kenning's *Masonic Cyclopædia* is now ready and may be had at the office of this paper (198, Fleet-street.) Price 10 6d.—*Adv.*

"The Masonic Magazine" for June is now ready, and may be obtained of any bookseller, or direct from the office of this paper, by forwarding to the publisher seven penny stamps.

Constitution of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charge, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—*Adv.*



The summer banquet of the Paxton Lodge, No. 1686, will take place in the Grand Saloon, Crystal Palace, on Wednesday July 10th. Dinner will be on the table at half-past four. Brethren only and their ladies will be admitted.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.**—The prizes won at the University of Cambridge Local Examination, were distributed on Thursday afternoon, at the theatre of the London University, Burlington-gardens, by Canon Farrar. Among the most distinguished boys in the first-class juniors were H. Bowler and E. T. Sage, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

**THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.**—It should have been stated in the *Freemason's* report of the meeting of this Masonic division of Lancashire that Bro. Edward Diggles, of Burnley, was appointed Provincial Grand Standard Bearer by the Prov. Grand Master.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Swan hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 17th inst. The lodge will be opened at 7 p.m., and the chair will be occupied by Bro. Pulsford, P.M.

The Boulogne Deep Sea Harbour Bill was unanimously passed in the Senate on Monday week. The town was decorated and illuminated.

The official adoption of the word "ticket" by the authorities of the Paris Exhibition has drawn attention to the numerous English words which have gradually been enrolled in the Parisian vocabulary, and a writer in the *Illustration* is very indignant that Frenchmen should ignore the riches of their own language and borrow from the "poor jargon of Great Britain." Thus when a boulevard dandy now speaks of his cane he terms it mon stick, his overcoat he styles a coachman or a waterproof. At the restaurant he asks for "turtle soup" or "pale ale," his fashionable amusement is the "skating rink," while his sporting vocabulary is replete with Anglicisms, from Le Turf to un steeplechase or un jockey. The latest means of conveyance is termed officially a "tramway." As regards the chief offending term, "ticket," there is something to be said in extenuation of the French adoption of the word, as it is originally derived from the French word etiquette, which etymologists tell us was embodied in our language in the time of good Queen Bess.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol appeals for funds to aid in the work of restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey. Information will be furnished on application by Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, R.W.G.M. for Worcestershire, 13, Bolton-row, Mayfair, chairman of the Restoration Committee, to whom, as also to Mr. C. W. Moore, hon. treasurer, Tewkesbury, subscriptions may be sent.

Her Majesty receives daily most favourable accounts of the Emperor of Germany's health. The Emperor and Empress are greatly touched by the universal sympathy shown in England on the occasion of the attempted assassination.

Artistic amateurs may justly pride themselves on the excellence of their work shown in the Annual Exhibition of Paintings on China, now being held at Messrs. Howell and James's Art Pottery Galleries, and their productions can well hold their own against the specimens of professional execution included in the collection. Taking a general view of the exhibition, floral subjects are as usual most numerous, and the flowers are more often treated in a natural than a conventional manner, the grouping being well managed, while some of the backgrounds are delightful bits of colour. Amongst these designs we may specially note two quaint floral chess-boards, by Miss Abby as a very novel idea, the squares being ornamented by dainty insects and blossoms. Figure subjects are not so plentiful, nor as a rule so meritorious; but there are some charming heads, mostly of a feminine character, and several landscapes. Seascapes are few in number, and there is a remarkable dearth of the familiar Cupids and mythological subjects. Professionals are also represented on the walls, but we fancy the best of their work has been sent to Paris. China paintings find one of its warmest patronesses in the Imperial Princess of Germany, and the special gold medal presented by her for this amateur competition has been won by the Countess of Warwick for a pleasing female head surrounded by apple-blossom. The bronze medal and monetary prizes are chiefly awarded to floral paintings, amongst which are two very bold studies of the blue and yellow iris.

An examination of surgeons in the Royal Navy who are eligible and who may be desirous of qualifying for the rank of staff-surgeon will be held at the Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar and Plymouth on the 10th of July.

**THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.**—Invitations have been issued by the President and Fellows for a conversation, on Wednesday, 3rd of July.

Bro. Dick Radclyffe & Co. supplied the floral decorations for the banquet of the Crystal Palace Lodge, which were greatly admired. At the Paris Exhibition Bro. Radclyffe and Co. exhibit a fernery in the Princes' Pavilion with caverns, cascades, ferns, &c., in very pretty style. A window case near the Avenue des Grands Nations is prettily decorated with rockwork, ferns, fountains and waterfalls; and also four cases of very handsome wreaths of dried natural flowers and grasses. Bro. Radclyffe and Co. have taken two medals at the last two Horticultural Shows, and their has been spoken of by several of the papers as the most pleasing features in the show.

The River Ouse is to have a new bridge. Its foundation-stone was laid on Wednesday by the Lord Mayor. The structure is to cost £40,000 and is to span that portion of the river known at present as Sheldergate.

At the meeting of the London Joint Stock Banks it was without discussion resolved to apply to the Bankers' Clearing House to call a meeting of the private and joint-stock banks to consider what action should be taken upon the abandonment of the official minimum by the Bank of England.

Mr. H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, was present at a banquet on Wednesday evening, given at Brussels by the Belgian Geographical Society.

A new esplanade in the western part of Hastings, constructed at a cost of £10,000, was formally opened to the public on Wednesday. The occasion was to have been celebrated with an aquatic *fete* and a grand display of fireworks, but these portions of the programme had to be abandoned owing to the boisterous state of the weather.

The directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, as usual, but made no alteration in the rate of discount.

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

The Registrar General reports that the duration of registered sunshine last week was only 25.3 hours, although the sun was above the horizon during 114.5 hours: the recorded duration of sunshine was therefore equal to 22 per cent. of its possible duration.

#### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 21, 1878.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 15.

Grand Lodge of Middlesex, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.  
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, S.W.  
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.  
Encampment 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-road.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
London Masonic Club, at 101, Queen Victoria-st. E.C., 2nd and 4th Monday every month, at 6 o'clock.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

Board of Gen. Purposes, F.M.H.  
Lodge 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H.  
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H.  
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bge.  
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.  
Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.  
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.  
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-st., S.W.  
Rose Croix, Oxford and Cambridge, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Dalhousie, King Edward, Triangle, Hackney.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, 23, Gresham-st.  
Leopold, Woolpack Tavern, Bermondsey-st.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Sir Hugh Myddleton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge of Benevolence.  
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
" 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks.  
Rose Croix, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tav., Railway-place, Fenchurch-st.  
Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road.  
Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-st., W., at 8

Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-st., Greenwich.  
New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.  
La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-st., Oxford-st.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-road, Peckham.  
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.  
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7-30

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.  
Chap. 1326, Lebanon, Red Lion Hot., Hampton.  
Encampment, Observance, 14, Bedford-row.  
" 128, Ox. and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jelly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.  
Libury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-road, Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmar Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 12.

House Com. Boys' School, F.M.H.  
Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.  
" 1118, University, F.M.H.  
Chap. 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.  
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav. Gresham-st.  
Encamp. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
Rose Croix, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.**  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-road, Deptford.  
Clapton, White Hart, Clapton.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st, at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
St. James's, New Tanners' Arms, Grange-rd., Bermondsey.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.  
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up George-st., Edgware-rd.  
Hervey, 99, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Gouborne-rd., Notting-hill.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 22, 1878.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Liverpool L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.  
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.  
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.  
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale.  
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hotel, Liscard.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.  
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.  
" 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 20.

Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 343, Concord, Militia Mess Rooms, Preston.  
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.  
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.  
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., West Derby.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 21.

Lodge 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.  
Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

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