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Craft Masonry.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ashteton Arms Hotel. Bro. W. Percival, W.M., presided, being assisted by Bros. F. Fothergill, S.W.; J. Hutton, J.W.; G. Bradbury, I.P.M.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; S. Hewitt, Sec.; P. Lawton, J.D.; J. Eckersley, I.G.; and J. Kent, Tyler. The lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and received confirmation. Mr. W. S. Whittaker was proposed as a candidate, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree by the W.M., Bro. W. Percival. The working tools were presented by Bro. J. Hutton, J.W.; and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. F. Fothergill, S.W. The ceremony throughout was of a very impressive character. Since the last meeting of the lodge, Past Master David Reid has been bereft of his partner in life, the companion of his joys and sorrows. The sleep of death does separate but for a season; may the awakening joy unite them in Grand Lodge on high. A vote of condolence and sympathy with Bro. Reid was proposed by Bro. J. Wood, P.M.; seconded, Bro. H. Heywood, P.M.; supported by the W.M., Bro. Percival, and carried unanimously. Instructions having been given for the same to be forwarded to Bro. Reid, P.M., the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren retired to the social board. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured and the brethren separated shortly before ten.

SLAIDBURN.—Royal Forest Lodge (No. 401).—The annual festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at the house of Bro. Stead, the Hawk to Bounty Inn, on Friday last, and was well attended. There were present, Bros. Col. Parker, P.P.S.G.W.; Lofthouse, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Landless, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Ainsworth, P.G.R. Whewell, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Thomas, P.P.G.R. Oxfordshire, P.P.J.G.D. East Lancashire; and numerous other brethren, members of the lodge and of other lodges in the neighbourhood. A more than ordinary number of P.M.'s were present. Bro. J. E. Anderton, of Clitheroe, having been elected W.M. for the next year, was installed in a most impressive manner by Bro. F. Thomas, of Blackburn. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, the brethren adjourned to the large court-room, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Stead, who may be complimented upon his catering. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the dinner, and the visiting brethren were enabled to leave Slaidburn at an early hour. Bro. Anderton appointed as his officers Bros. Jas. Dewhurst, S.W.; Rev. R. L. Jones, J.W.; Rev. S. H. Ireson, Chap.; J. Livesey, S.D.; John Higson, J.D.; George Lofthouse, D.C.; Bro. John Slaiter, Sec.; and John Frankland, I.G. Bro. Henry Harrison, who has for many years acted as Tyler, was unanimously re-appointed by the members.

GATESHEAD.—Borough Lodge (No. 424).—A regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the Half Moon Hotel. There were present Bros. P. J. Jackson, W.M.; J. W. Lowick, S.W.; Jno. Mackay, J.W.; E. A. Gibson, Secretary; J. Marchant, P.M., Treas. and D.C.; G. J. Dean, P.M., acting S.D.; Jas. Bryan, J.D.; Jno. Redpath, Steward; T. S. Miller, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Cook, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Ridsdale, P.P.G.J.W.; Lorck, P.G.S.D.; M. Corbitt, W.M. 48; J. Scott, P.M. 1342; G. J. Dean, W.M. 541; T. Halliday, P.M. 406; T. S. Wraith, P.M. 424; W. Hartig, P.M. 424; J. Marchant, P.M. 424; J. Mitchell, J.W. 1643; J. Goss, 541; S. Harris, I.G. 406, and others. Lodge hav-

ing been opened, Bro. R. Ramsey was passed to the F.C. Degree, the tools being explained by the S.W. Bro. W. F. Poad was raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, who explained the tracing board, the tools being explained by the J.W. The lodge was then closed to the First Degree, when some propositions were made, and the congratulations of many lodges were tendered. The business being all finished, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a very happy evening, which was greatly enhanced by the harmony of Bros. Gee, Ferry, Hartig, P.M.; Poad, Cook, and others. The Tyler being called for, gave his toast, and the brethren dispersed till the 15th prox.

SPALDING.—Hundred of Elloe Lodge (No. 469).—On Friday, the 14th inst., the brethren of the above lodge enjoyed a sort of supplemental outing, which had the advantage of breaking up new ground, whilst, contrary to invariable rule, business formed no part of the programme. On this occasion, under the auspices of the W.M. of the lodge—Bro. Barrell—the brethren paid a visit to the ancient castle of Belvoir, so noted in story, and the day proving beautifully fine, the picnic resulted in one of the happiest reunions ever remembered by Masons in the Province of Lincolnshire. In addition to the brethren of the Hundred of Elloe, visitors from many other lodges were also invited by the W.M., and by the time of arrival at the Angel, at Grantham, the party had swollen to a considerable number. From this royal hostelry the brethren were driven in wagonettes to the Castle, where they were met by Bro. Ingram, the well-known head gardener, whose affability and gentlemanly bearing are proverbial throughout the district. Accordingly, under the auspices of Bro. Ingram, and the direction of an accredited guide, the whole company viewed the stores of wealth which are literally piled up within the walls of Belvoir—the costly tapestry, the valuable paintings by the old masters, the rich and delicate articles of vertu, the unique furniture, the massive gold and silver plate, as well as the ancient armour, alike coming in for minute inspection. Then followed the gardens, rich in untold and indescribable beauties, with their magnificent beds of choice flowers, and thickly studded with noble forest trees, standing upon acre after acre of undulating ground, which in many instances rises to an altitude of several hundred feet. In this delightful manner upwards of four hours were spent, when the whole of the company adjourned to the Peacock Hotel, on the estate, where a most abundant dinner had been provided, and to which one and all were prepared to do ample justice. In accordance with custom, Bro. Barrell, W.M., occupied the chair, and Bro. T. Hill-dred (Harmony), Boston, the vice-chair. After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. Robinson proposed "The Officers of the Neighbouring Province," coupling the name of Bro. Ingram, who was received with enthusiasm, and a cordial vote of thanks given him for the happy day he had been the means of affording the brethren of the Province of Lincolnshire. A similar reception met the toast of "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Samuel Kingston, the former being the chief promulgator of the picnic. Bro. Ingram then escorted the company over the kitchen gardens, and to some other points of interest on the estate, when seven o'clock having arrived, they took their departure for Grantham, arriving at Spalding by the mail train. So far as we can learn, the prevailing desire is that the Masonic picnic should be made an annual event.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst. The members assembled at their lodge room, Portland-square, at half-past three, there being present: Bros. J. Wood, W.M.; Geo. Kirkwood, S.W.; G. McMillen, J.W.; Geo. Brooker, P.M. and Treasurer, P.P.G. Purst.; H. Irving, Secretary; D. Reece, I.G.; W. Wagg, Tyler; G. T. Archibald, P.M.; J. J. Beattie, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. W.; J. A. Salkeld, W.M. elect; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 and 962, P.G. Secretary; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. W. Young, P.M. 1400, P.G. Purst.; W. Jackson, I. Evening, D. B. Winstone, S. W. Bradbury, R. Thomas, T. Atkinson, J. Blackburn, jun., F. Whitehead, J. Burnett, W. Whitehead, J. P. Burnett, W. Carlyle, P. Wedgwood, James Ruth, J. J. Coverdale, W. Selkirk, and J. J. Little. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Cowman, P.M. 872; T. Carey, P.M. 371; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg. (Freemason); G. W. Smith, 872; J. Johnston, W.M. 1400; W. Kice, 79, St. David's, Dundee; T. Coulthead, 1400; J. Sheridan, 177, Old Monkland, N.B.; W. Balderstow, 1400; E. J. Fletcher, 119; R. Bailey, 1002; J. Halloway, 1002; G. Hirschfeld, 1, Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh; T. Mandle, P.M. 371; F. Hodgson, S.W. 872; G. W. Thompson, 371; J. T. Ray, J.W. 872; W. Gaspey, 1073; J. H. Raven, 371, and others. The lodge room presented a brilliant appearance, having been recently redecorated; whilst it may be mentioned that the bible belonging to the old Sun and Sector Lodge, of ninety years ago, has been handsomely and appropriately rebound in morocco, through the kindness of Bro. Evening. The W.M. having opened the lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed, including the election of Bro. G. W. Kenworthy as an honorary member, in recognition of his services at installation festivals. Subsequently, Bro. W. B. Gibson, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, took the chair, and installed Bro. J. A. Salkeld into the chair of K.S. After the admission of the brethren generally, and the salutations and proclamations, the officers were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. Joseph Wood, I.P.M.; Henry Irving, S.W.; Rowland Hill, J.W.; George Brooker, Treasurer (re-elected); J. J. Coverdale, Secretary; D. Reece, S.D.; W. Jackson, J.D.; W. Whitehead, I.G.; P. Burnett, Steward; T. Whitehead, Steward; S. W. Bradbury, D.C.; J. Little, Organist; W.

Wagg, re-elected Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy, and that to the members generally by Bro. W. B. Gibson, after which Bro. Brooker, the Treasurer, read a most satisfactory balance sheet of the affairs of Sun and Sector Lodge. The lodge was then closed in form. An adjournment was then made to the Assembly Room, where an excellent and well-served banquet was provided by Bro. W. A. Smith, of the Lowther Arms Hotel, Workington. Bro. J. A. Salkeld, W.M., presided, supported right and left by the Provincial Officers present, and faced by the two newly-appointed Wardens. After dessert had been placed upon the tables, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received with musical honours. Bro. Brooker, in a very patriotic speech, proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," which he coupled with the name of the Chairman, who returned thanks. The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Kirkwood also gave "The R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon," which was duly honoured. Bro. W. B. Gibson proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, the Earl of Bective, M.P." Masonry had progressed in an unparalleled degree since his lordship became ruler of the province, in fact he was A1 of the provincial Grand Masters of the country. The toast was drunk with all the honours of the Craft. Bro. Philip Wedgwood gave "The R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present." He said that Col. Whitwell, though a Freemason of so high a standing, showed the grand principles on which the Order was based in his everyday life, and was a pattern for every man to follow. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. Lamonby, P.G. Registrar. Bro. Lamonby, after acknowledging the toast on behalf of his brother provincial officers and himself, took occasion to thank Bro. Wood and the brethren of the Sun and Sector Lodge for their kindness in allowing him to search through the minute books of the old Sun and Sector Lodge, which was founded in 1774. A perusal of those valuable documents had proved more than ordinarily interesting, and one fact had been established, that the brethren of that day were not a whit behind the brethren of the present day in the practice of benevolence and charity, in comparison with the value of money and the circumstances of the two periods. Again, the bye-laws of the old lodge, though over a century since they were written, proved in a remarkable degree that the Masons of those times were thoroughly constitutional, and a pattern to their descendants in working. Would it also be believed that nearly a hundred years ago, though the brethren of Sun and Sector Lodge were a social and charitable body of men, they were nevertheless advocates of temperance, for he (Bro. Lamonby) found it duly recorded that the Tyler was to be paid sixpence per night and no drink. Again, in the exercise of their charity to a distressed brother it was on record that the lodge had acted the part of what was sometimes vulgarly called, "my uncle," for they advanced a brother £4 5s. on his watch, entered the said watch as one of the lodge effects, and kept it till they in turn had to sell it. He should also like to add that Sun and Sector Lodge was many years ago removed to the Green Dragon Hotel, kept at that time by the great grandfather of their newly-installed Master of that day, Bro. Salkeld. Again thanking the brethren for their kindness, he also returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Jos. Wood, I.P.M., next proposed, in very complimentary terms, "The Health of the Newly-installed Master of Sun and Sector Lodge, Bro. J. A. Salkeld." He spoke in high terms of Bro. Salkeld's diligence and character as a Mason, and said he had gone up every rung in the ladder of office, from I.G. to S.W., two years ago, when he waited patiently till, being called on by his brethren to assume the highest office in the power of a lodge to bestow on any of its members, he had that day been installed W.M. He anticipated a prosperous year of office for Bro. Salkeld, and promised to afford him all the assistance in his power. The Chairman replied in a brief and modest speech. Bro. Gibson, as the oldest Past Master of Sun and Sector Lodge, then rose to perform what he termed a very pleasing duty, that of proposing "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and at the same time presenting Bro. Wood with a mark of the esteem of his brethren in the shape of a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Wood, he knew, had filled the chair of Sun and Sector Lodge with the utmost credit to himself and advantage to the lodge, and the Past Master's jewel he now presented him with he was sure Bro. Wood had fairly earned, and might he live long to wear it. Bro. Wood returned thanks, not only to the brethren generally for their handsome recognition of his humble services, but to his officers who had so ably assisted him during his year of office. The Chairman then proposed, in most complimentary terms, "The Installing Masters, Bros. Gibson and Kenworthy," who had so kindly and ably performed the office of installation ever since the Sun and Sector Lodge was re-established. Bro. Gibson replied for Bro. Kenworthy, who had been obliged to leave by an early train, and as regarded himself he hoped to be long spared to attend on a similar occasion. The Chairman having given "The Newly-invested Officers," and "The Past Masters and Retiring Officers" which were duly responded to, Bro. Wood proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Gibson gave "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so, mentioned that a widow of one of their Whitehaven brethren had recently been elected an annuitant of the Royal Benevolent Fund. Extraordinary efforts, however, had been made to accomplish the old lady's election, and they had borrowed 400 votes from the neighbouring province of Northumberland, which would have to be paid back. It only showed, therefore, that no effort should be relaxed to increase the voting strength of Cum-

berland and Westmorland, and he hoped that next year there would be found a considerable increase of votes in the different lodges. Bro. Lamony had referred to the system recently adopted by the Sun and Sector Lodge to increase votes, and which had proved so signal a success, viz., the lottery system. Bro. Lamony had tried it at Cockermouth, but it was a failure, and he (Bro. Gibson) was sorry to say that the scheme had met with no better response at Whitehaven. However, he was still in hopes of Cumberland and Westmorland becoming self-supporting one of these days. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close at nine o'clock; and the proceedings reflected the utmost credit on the Permanent Committee of Sun and Sector Lodge. Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1902, Provincial Grand Organist, presided at the pianoforte, and also had charge of the music in the lodge-room. Several songs and glees were contributed in the course of the evening by various musical brethren.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst. There were present:—Bros. Jas. Black, W.M.; Capt. Sewell, S.W.; John Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; W. Taylor, P.M.; F. C. Robinson, Sec.; Isaac Evening, as I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler, and several others. After opening, and confirming the minutes, Bro. Chas. H. McCall, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, Leeds, was balloted for, and unanimously accepted as an affiliating member of Skiddaw Lodge, whilst Bro. Henry Ritson was duly accepted as a candidate for initiation. The lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Jos. Borrowdale and Jos. Hewson, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in first-class style, by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Sewell, S.W., as ably explaining the tracing board, presenting the working tools, and delivering the introductory address to the third lecture. The lodge was then reduced to the first degree, when Bro. R. W. Robinson, Domestic Lodge, No. 177, London, was proposed as an affiliating member. After some other matters were gone into, the lodge was closed in form.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 24th inst., in the Court Room. The attendance was very small (within a dozen, all told), doubtless by reason of its being the height of the season, when tradesmen in the "Metropolis of the Lake District" make hay while the sun shines. The officers' positions were occupied as follows: Bros. W. F. Lamony, P.M. Lodge 1002, Cockermouth (*Freemason*), as W.M.; Thos. Usher, as S.W.; William Lamony, W.M. 1073, as J.W. and Sec.; W. Hodgson, J.D., as S.D.; W. Gaspey, D.C., as J.D.; D. Crowden, as I.G.; J. Barron, Treas.; C. Thompson, Tyler, and others. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Rushforth, of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, Darlington, was balloted for as a joining member, and approved. The balance sheet for the past year was next read and adopted. Then Bro. E. Jackson, being in attendance, gave proof of his efficiency as an Entered Apprentice, and retired, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. On re-admission, the candidate was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. in the chair, after which the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and finally closed.

BLACKHEATH.—Blackheath Lodge (No. 1320).—The installation meeting of this pleasant summer lodge took place on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Green Man Hotel, Blackheath. The business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Hy. Morson, and investment of officers. The brethren present were Bros. E. M. Hubbuck, P.M.; H. A. Collington, P.M.; R. B. Webster, P.M.; Budds, Le Cren, Anderson, the W.M. elect, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Benevolent Institution; Kipps, P.G.O., Kent; J. T. Miller, W.M., Joppa, No. 183; Hudson, Royal York, No. 315; Theo. W. Williams; Jordan; C. J. Turner, Bedford, No. 157; Spence, Grenadiers, No. 66. The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Wm. Hy. Morson was presented to Bro. Hubbuck, who acted as Installing Master, and regularly installed in the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were then invested as follows: Bro. J. C. Seard, I.P.M.; Turner, S.W. Penidge, J.W.; R. B. Webster, Treas.; H. A. Collington, Sec.; C. Jardine, S.D.; Le Cren, J.D.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the W.M. announced his intention of offering himself as a Steward for the R.M. Institute for Girls at the festival in 1879, which intimation was gladly welcomed. After closing the lodge the brethren adjourned and partook of a choice banquet, Bro. Wm. Hy. Morson presiding. The customary toasts followed, and Bro. Till, proposing "The toast of the W.M.," stated that Bro. Morson was the first initiate of the Blackheath Lodge, who had become W.M., and he felt sure that he was only expressing the feelings of the brethren when he stated that he was very pleased at seeing Bro. Morson in the chair as W.M., he hoped that Bro. Morson would be blessed with good health, that he might carry out the duties of his office satisfactorily. The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren very heartily for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast, he assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities, and to the credit of the Blackheath Lodge. He felt sure that during his year the officers and brethren would amply support him, especially in the object he had in view for the Girls' School, as he looked upon the Masonic charities as the very essence of Freemasonry. Bro. Miller, W.M. of the Joppa, No. 183, in reply, on behalf of the visitors, stated that he had had the pleasure of being associated with Bro.

Morson, the W.M., for a great number of years. He wished him a very successful and pleasant year of office, he was always highly gratified in visiting the Blackheath Lodge, and on this occasion he felt bound to express the extreme pleasure he had experienced in witnessing the very able and efficient manner in which Bro. Hubbuck had discharged his duties as Installing Master. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, and would long be remembered with feelings of admiration. Bro. Terry responded on behalf of the Masonic charities. He was gratified to hear that Bro. Morson, the W.M., had decided to act as Steward for the next Girls' Festival. From what he had heard regarding the success of Bro. Jardine, he felt sure that with plenty of zeal and energy a good sum would be raised. Bro. Terry's speech was marked throughout with that perfect sincerity and earnestness which always flows from his lips when speaking in connection with the great charitable institutions attached to Freemasonry. During a very pleasant evening Bro. Hudson delighted the company with two capital recitations, and Bros. Brown and Frill, with others, displayed with much taste their vocal powers, accompanied by Bro. Jordan at the piano. This closed a very successful and enjoyable gathering.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The special season of summer installations in the Province of West Lancashire, more especially the section which comprises Liverpool, may be said to have again set in with great severity, and one of these interesting annuals was celebrated on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., the Waterloo anniversary, when the brethren attached to the Stanley Lodge, No. 1325, met at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, for the purpose of assisting at a celebration of a ceremony which is always viewed with interest. Bro. James W. Burgess, W.M., occupied his seat of honour in the E. at the opening of the lodge, shortly after two o'clock, and amongst the official representatives of the lodge present were Bros. F. Knight, P.M.; C. Leighton, P.M.; T. H. Bradshaw, S.W. (W.M. elect); C. Wmskill, J.W.; H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas.; T. Faulkes, Sec.; R. B. Burgess, S.D.; W. Robertson, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; A. Samuels, S.; J. Holme, Assist. S.; and M. W. Clemson, Tyler. The privates of the Masonic ranks of the Stanley comprised Bros. T. W. Pritchard; B. Littleton; R. Jones; G. Argyle; S. Gordon; J. Hughes; F. C. Sanders; J. M. Arnold; W. Bell; J. H. Grooms; W. H. Quayle; J. Fakingham; P. S. Johnson; J. Ashton; P. M. Campbell; W. J. Bell; E. D. Jones; G. Vining; J. Threlfall; R. Upton; H. Braddock; W. Liddon, &c. The numerous visitors included Bros. J. Hayes, P.M. 249; R. Ellery, 667; W. Corbett, S.D. 249; F. Barnett, S.W. 249 (W.M. elect); Joseph Skeaf, P.M. 216; P.G. Organist; T. Johnson, 283; D. A. Davis, J.W. 625; J. Gage, 823; W. R. Reave, 674; J. Healing, P.M. 1264; J. Pemberton, P.M. 1864; P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; J. Wood, Treas. 1024 (*Freemason*); Hugh Williams, P.M. 1264; G. E. Hammer, P.M. 1086; R. Davidson, 673; H. Burrows, W.M. 673; D. Jackson, S.W. 673, W.M. elect; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; R. Fairclough, S.D. 1675; J. H. Linaker, Sec. 1364; W. T. May, P.M. 673; J. R. Bottomley, S.W. 1675; J. P. Bryan, S.D. 1035; W. Jones, P.M. 220; J. Mortleman, S.D. 1473; T. H. Carefull, I.G. 823; T. Shaw, P.M. 823; T. Hutton, 203; and M. Donnelly, 823. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Burgess, and after the transaction of the usual preliminary business he proceeded most efficiently to install Bro. Joseph Harrison Bradshaw as the W.M. for the year. The following were the officers who were appointed and invested: Bros. James W. Burgess, I.P.M.; F. Knight, P.M., D.C.; H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas.; C. Wmskill, S.W.; T. Faulkes, J.W.; R. B. Burgess, Sec.; N. Robertson, S.D.; B. Samuels, J.D.; S. Hill, I.G.; J. Holme, S.S.; and P. Campbell, J.S. The charges to the officers were given by Bro. H. Ashmore, P.M., Treas., and at the close of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. C. Leighton, P.M., was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bros. Burgess and Ashmore, for their admirable services that day. The brethren subsequently gathered in the old lodge room, where an excellent banquet was served, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Bradshaw. On the cloth being drawn, he proposed "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." (National Anthem.) Bro. Foulkes, Bro. H. Arnold, P.M., next proposed the toast of "The M.W. the G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." In the course of his speech he said that he, who was now the head of their glorious institution, would one day be King of England, and no more hearty support would be given to him than that which would be given by the Masons of England. "God bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. J. P. Bryan. The W.M. next gave the toasts of "The Pro Grand Master and the D.G.M. (Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Prov. G.M. W.I.)," whose affability and urbanity he referred to in the highest terms. Bro. J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W., responded to the latter toast, and said that as the Masonic head in that province, Lord Skelmersdale was the right man in the right place. They did not perhaps see so much of his lordship in that province as they could desire, as his parliamentary duties greatly interfered with that visitation, but there was no doubt his heart was in Masonry and he exercised a large amount of influence in connection with the progress of the Order in that division. It gave him (Bro. Pemberton) great pleasure to be an ordinary member of the Stanley Lodge, and any service he could give towards advancing the interests he would be most happy to give. Bro. Burgess then gave "The Health of the W.M.," referring with satisfaction to the fact that Bro. Bradshaw was the first Master of the Stanley who had been initiated in the lodge since its consecration. He had most faithfully served nearly all the offices, and they must all feel proud that he had at last got to a position

which ought to be the ambition of every Mason. He (the W.M.) would do his work as well and faithfully as any of his predecessors. The W.M. in response said he would strive to do his duty most faithfully, and trusted he would have the active and cordial co-operation of all his officers and the brethren connected with the Stanley Lodge. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master" (Bro. Burgess), and after alluding to the excellent services he had rendered to the lodge during the period of his membership, and especially in his year of office, he concluded by presenting Bro. Burgess, as I.P.M., with a very valuable P.M.'s jewel, with the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Stanley Lodge, No. 1325, to Bro. James Whittaker Burgess, I.P.M., as a token of their respect and esteem." The present was most happily acknowledged by Bro. Burgess, who assured the brethren he would continue to take a very active interest in a lodge with which he had been so closely identified since his return from India several years ago. The toast of "The Past Masters," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Crosby Leighton, P.M.; F. Knight, P.M.; and J. W. Burgess, I.P.M. The toast of "The Visitors," also given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bros. N. Williams, P.M. 1264; J. Hayes, P.M. 249; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; and W. Jones, P.M. 220 and 1299. Bro. Burgess, I.P.M., gave the toast, "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," which was acknowledged by Bro. H. Williams, P.M. 1264. "The Officers" was responded to by Bros. Wmskill, S.W.; T. Foulkes, J.W.; F. Knight, P.M., D.C.; R. B. Burgess, Sec., &c. "The Masonic Press," given by Bro. Burgess, was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Joseph Wood, Treas. 249 (*Freemason*), MacKenzie and Davis. Several other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour. The harmony of the evening was greatly promoted by the efforts of Bros. Linaker, Foulkes, Wmskill, Bryan, Skeaf, &c. It should be stated that the installation cards were beautifully got up, and greatly enhanced by two splendid portraits of the W.M. and I.P.M.; the cards being done by Bro. G. G. Walmsley, and the portraits by the celebrated firm of Bros. Brown, Barnes, and Bell, of Liverpool.

CHURCH GRESLEY.—Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1739).—The third regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic room, Church Gresley, on Friday, June the 14th. Present, Bros. Wm. Carrick Crofts, P.M. 779, P.P.G.J.W. Leicester, W.M.; Robt. Howe, P.M. 624 S.W.; T. Halliday, J.W.; E. Faulkner, P.M. 779, P.P.J.G.D. Leicester, I.P.M.; G. Hassall, S.D.; G. Crutenden, J.D.; W. S. Allen, P.M. 779, P.P.G.J.D. Leicester, Treas. G. Hamilton, I.G.; T. A. Cochran, Clements, Walters, Thompson, and Cooper. The lodge was opened at 6 p.m. Bros. Thompson and Cooper were passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and the W.M. then initiated Mr. Whitmore as serving brother. The bye-laws were submitted and discussed. A communication from Grand Lodge was read respecting the recent decision of the Grand Orient of France. The usual proclamations were made, and this promising young lodge closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to supper at the Boot Inn. The usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured, and the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.

PANMURE GENERAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—The second Craft meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, on Thursday evening, the 20th inst. Bro. J. Cor, W.M. of the Stockwell Lodge, as W.M.; Bros. E. A. Francis, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, J.W.; Dr. C. T. Pearce, S.D.; R. Hooker, J.D.; C. P. McKay, W.M. Panmure Lodge, 720, I.G.; James Stevens and Thomas Poore, Preceptors; J. G. Dickie, P.G.P., Secretary; also W. H. Cohen, H. Baldwin, G. Lambett, and others. The minutes of the former Craft meeting having been confirmed, the ceremonies of the second and Third Degrees were ably rehearsed. The brethren present, not already members, were unanimously added to the list of founders of the general lodge. Bro. Francis was elected W.M. for the next Craft meeting, to be held on the first Thursday in July, and the lodge was then closed in peace and harmony.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933) held its weekly meeting at Bro. Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on Friday, the 14th inst.: Bro. Butter, W.M.; Job, S.W.; Wallington, J.W.; Waterer, S.D.; J. P. Cohen, J.D.; McDonald, I.G.; Musto, Hon. Sec. There were also present a large number of brethren, including the following Past Masters: Myers, Koch, Barnes, Scott, Wallington, Hogg, I. P. Cohen, Atkins, Cundick, and Musto. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, the minutes read and confirmed; the lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the W.M. worked the installation ceremony in a most impressive manner, after which he worked the ceremony of passing. Bro. Barnes proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the installation ceremony, and that he be elected an Honorary Member of the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Barnes in the course of his remarks said that he was pleased that upon him devolved the duty to move the resolution, for he had had a large experience in the working of the several ceremonies, including also the ceremony of installation, and he must say—and felt sure that every P.M. present would confirm the statement—that it was not very often the ceremony in its entirety was so well performed as it had been this evening, and especially so when we take into account that this was only the second time Bro. Butter had rehearsed it. Again, Bro. Butter had broken away from the traditions of the locality in which his sphere of action lies, and had come to the very

fountain whence the method he had adopted sprung—to a Lodge of Instruction noted for the number and excellence of its workers, and where he was sure to be, not unkindly, but closely scanned and criticised, circumstances likely to somewhat unnerve any but the most expert, and especially the novice. Bro. Butter had, however, sustained the ordeal with great credit to himself, and also he (Bro. Barnes) was sure to the satisfaction of every brother now present who had ever before assisted at the ceremony. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Cundick, Preceptor of the lodge, and unanimously carried. Bro. Butter in reply expressed the deep sense of the obligations he was under, not only to the brethren of the lodge for courteously allowing him the privilege of occupying the chair in a London lodge so justly celebrated for its excellent working, to one hailing from a provincial lodge, and also to the P.M.'s for the invaluable aid he received in the ceremony just concluded; but also to his esteemed friend Bro. Musto, the Hon. Secretary of the lodge, who, knowing that he had shortly to instal his successor in his mother lodge, had in so kind a manner invited him to rehearse it at the Doric Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Past Master Musto had further rendered him material assistance in overcoming the difficulties of the ceremony, and had in great measure conduced to that success the brethren were pleased to praise. His sense of obligation was, however, deepened by the honorary membership which was conferred upon him. He assured the brethren he fully appreciated the compliment, and trusted that an opportunity might not be far distant when he could make each brother some return for the many kindnesses he had enjoyed that evening. Bro. Musto said he would take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of the lodge for their kindness in having invited Bro. Butter to preside that evening, and also the Past Masters and Preceptors for their numerous attendance. He (Bro. Musto) was anxious that the brethren of the East-end of London should know upon what ground the seed of the Doric working had been sown, and he was sure from the fertility of the soil it would germinate and spread throughout the province with which the W.M. was associated. Bro. Job was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.—Pythagoras Chapter (No. 88).—This being the jubilee year of the above chapter a meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst. at the Lion Hotel, at 3 p.m., for the purposes of exaltation of candidates, election of officers for the ensuing year, and other Masonic business, immediately after which a Holy Conclave was formed under the auspices of the above chapter, when the Most W. Excellent Comp. J. Deighton, Provincial Grand Superintendent for Cambridgeshire (who had been previously installed), proceeded to form and complete a Provincial Grand Chapter for this province, when he then conferred the distinguished honour of appointing as his officers: The Most Excellent Comps. J. Dimmock, P.Z., P.P.G.W., H.; E. Haggis, P.Z., P.G.S., J.; F. Grain, P.Z., P.P.G.W., E.; G. Wilderspan, P.Z., P.P.G. Reg., N.; T. Nichols, P.G. Treasurer; W. Davidson, P.Z., P.P.G.W., P.S.; Comps. G. N. L. Marriott, 1st A.S.; R. Fairbairn, 2nd A.S.; C. F. Jarrold, P.P.G.S. of W. Reg.; The Most Excellent Comp. J. A. Dimmock, P.Z., P.P.G. D.C., D.C.; Comps. T. Hunnybun, P.P.G.D.C., S.B.; W. C. Dewbury, P.P.G. Org., Org.; C. E. Peck, Stan. B.; The Holy Conclave was duly closed, when thirty-six companions and distinguished guests adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Mayes, the remainder of the evening being spent in perfect Masonic harmony.

Mark Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 104).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. Alfred Williams, G.S.D., W.M., presided, and the other brethren present were Bros. North Ritherdon, S.W., Thos. Meggy, P.M. and Treasurer, W. Worrell, P.M. and Sec.; James Stevens, P.M.; A. Wolton, P.M.; G. W. Verry, J.D.; W. Collins, N. J. F. Bassett, W. Hall, G. Yaxley, Theodore Distin, Org.; Louis Hirsch, J. K. Pitt, and visitors, H. Taylor, St. Ethelburga, Wimborne, and H. Massey, P.M. 22. (Freemason). Bro. F. E. W. Collard was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, and Bro. North Ritherdon was installed as Master by Bro. Thomas Meggy, P.M., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., delivered the address: The brethren appointed as officers were Bro. Edward Moody, S.W.; Bro. E. Drewett, J.W.; Bro. W. P. Collins, M.O.; Bro. F. H. Cozens, S.O.; Bro. N. J. F. Bassett, J.O.; Bro. Thos. Meggy, P.M., Treas.; Bro. W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; Bro. E. Yaxley, Reg. of Marks; Bro. G. W. Verry, S.D.; Bro. W. C. Hall, J.D.; Bro. J. Stevens, D.C.; Bro. Theodore Distin, Org.; and Bro. W. Grant, P. The Audit Committee's report was read and received, and Bro. Alfred Williams, I.P.M., was presented with a P.M. jewel. It was afterwards resolved that Bro. G. Ward Verry, S.D., should represent the lodge at the festival of the Benevolent Fund to be held on the 17th July at the Alexandra Palace, when Lord Skelmersdale, M.W.G.M., will preside, and the lodge voted three guineas to Bro. Verry's list as Steward. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together. After dinner the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Alfred Williams, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he wished him all health and the most work the brethren could cram together during the year, so that they might see he carried out his promise faithfully and showed his willingness to leave the chair as satisfactorily as those Masters, who had gone before him. It seemed but a little task for a Master of the Macdonald Lodge to do this, although there were three months in the year during which there was no working

at all, and in consequence of which a W.M. was very likely to forget all he had previously learned. The W.M., replying, said he felt very deeply the honour the brethren had done him in electing him to the high office of W.M. He felt great diffidence in responding to the toast, because he felt his deficiency and an inability to fill the chair as ably as had been done by his predecessors. At the same time, although diffident and modest, he had a great deal of determination and a strong will; and he was determined to fill his position in such a manner that he should not disgrace the lodge, and a strong will not to call upon the P.M.'s to assist him more than he could help, although he knew they were always ready and willing to render any assistance that might be required. He trusted that he should have a prosperous year, and he would do the best he could to fulfil all the duties the brethren had cast upon him (and the more they did cast upon him the better he should like it) to his own credit and the welfare of the lodge. He took great interest in Mark Masonry: he liked the degree, and he liked the lodge. He congratulated himself on having entered the degree in the Macdonald Lodge. He had visited other Mark lodges, and had felt reason after each visit still further to congratulate himself, inasmuch as the members of the Macdonald, past and present, and he might almost say future, were such as he was pleased to meet. There were few lodges also where the work of the Mark Degree was so well performed as in the Macdonald. The W.M. next gave "The Newly Advanced Brother," and said that the brethren who came to the Macdonald were doubly welcome, inasmuch as they proved worthy of the recommendation of their proposers, and they also were brethren of zeal and ability, who aspired to office, and when they got into office showed themselves able to fulfil the duties thereof. Bro. Collard replied, and hoped to prove worthy of the recommendation of Bro. Wolton. He entered this lodge with the ambition of going through the different offices, and he hoped to obtain office and to do the duties of office. He hoped he should not be long before he took office. The charity box of the lodge was sent round at this part of the proceedings, and yielded 14s. 3d. Bros. Taylor and Massey replied to the toast of "The Visitors." In giving "The Health of the P.M.'s," the W.M. narrated the working qualities of each of the P.M.'s of the lodge. Bro. Alfred Williams, I.P.M., who replied, said this was the first time he had had to respond in this character. The song they had just heard, "All's Well," had peculiar words in it—"all's well," and "above, below," but they were applicable to the position of P.M. The P.M.'s had been "below," they had now got "above," and it had been "all well" with them. They had gone through the chairs with credit to themselves; they had done their duty "below," and it was "all well." His brother P.M.'s and himself, if they could be of any assistance at any time to the brother who occupied the chair, would one and all of them be happy to render that assistance. The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Treasurer," and said if he talked for a month he could not make the brethren appreciate the merits of Bro. Meggy more than they already did. One and all of the brethren were spontaneously ready to acknowledge their indebtedness to him for the way he had acted in every capacity, but more especially as their Treasurer. Their funds had sometimes been high and sometimes low, but they had never known whether high or low. The mud might have shown its mark to him, but he had not let the brethren know about it, for he had found that which was needful himself. He always had and always would do all he could to advance the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Meggy replied. As the W.M. had said, he had the interests of the lodge at heart. It was his child, and he hoped as long as he remained in the lodge and was spared to come among the brethren that they, as his children, would take care that he, as their Treasurer, would not let any mud be shown. The lodge was in a very prosperous condition, and all they had to take care of was that those who belonged to the Order should come and see them and find it was in a prosperous condition. He was very pleased to see the W.M. in the chair, and felt assured that he would have, with the assistance of the brethren appointed to office, a most prosperous year and a happy year. He could only ask the brethren to promote the interest of the lodge by bringing new members. He should do so himself, and he hoped the other brethren would do so as well. The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," said he was quite sure they were such brethren as would conduce to his having a prosperous year of office, and that all candidates who came would be impressed with Mark Masonry, in a way that the brethren would desire them to be impressed. Bro. James Stevens replied on behalf of Bro. Moody, S.W., who was absent, and said he was sure that Bro. Moody regretted it very much. Bro. Moody, however, was very busy just now, and was away with his partner in Paris, and but for that circumstance would have been present. Bro. W. Worrell, P.M. and Secretary, replied as well, and thanked the W.M. for having mentioned his candidature for the Secretaryship of the Girls' School. He was pleased with the strong support he had received, and if the promises to support him were fulfilled he was certain to be placed at the head of the poll. But unless these friends made it a matter of certainty that they would record their votes for him, he was afraid some other zealous candidate would be in that position. He was himself trying very hard, and if he failed it would not be for want of trying. He was very much obliged indeed to the brethren of this lodge for their support. Those brethren who were governors would vote for him, and those who were not were doing all they could to further his success. Bros. Collins, Bassett, and Pitt also replied; and the toast of "The Press" having been proposed, Bro. Massey replied, and the proceedings were brought to a close. The brethren were entertained with some capital music during the evening by Bros. Theodore Distin, H. Taylor, A. Wolton, James Stevens, and Thomas Meggy.

MARYPORT.—Whitwell Lodge (No. 151).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The following members were present: Bros. T. Mandle, W.M., P.G.J.O.; J. R. Banks, S.W., P.G. Steward; J. H. Banks, J.W. and W.M. elect, P.G.A.D.C.; P. Dodgson, M.O.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., and S.O., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Melmore, as J.O.; J. W. Robinson, R.V.; E. G. Mitchell, S.D., as Sec.; Thompson, J.D.; R. Hetherington, I.G.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G.O.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, P.G.I.G. of England, Installing Master; W. F. Lamony, P.P.G.A.D.C. (Freemason); T. Carey, John Adair, W. Armstrong, W. Dobie, J. Pearson, Capt. F. R. Sewell, T. Dixon, and Harris, Tyler. The following visitors were also present: Bros. F. W. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.P.G.S.W., P.G.S.D. of England; Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. 216, P.G.J.D.; Dr. E. W. Henry, W.M. 213, P.P.G.S.W.; Jas. Winter, 216; and H. Bewes, 60. After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the previous monthly and emergency meetings read and confirmed, the W.M. read the dispensation from Grand Lodge, sanctioning the installation of Bro. J. H. Banks, W.M. elect. Bro. G. G. Hayward then took the chair, and subsequently, with the assistance of Bro. F. W. Hayward, and the other Masters and Past Masters present, regularly installed Bro. J. H. Banks into the chair of A. After being saluted and proclaimed, the new W.M. appointed his officers, and they were invested as follow: Bros. T. Mandle, I.P.M.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; P. Dodgson, J.W.; E. G. Mitchell, M.O.; J. W. Robinson, S.O.; J. D. Thompson, J.O.; W. F. Lamony, Chap.; Jos. Nicholson (re-elected) Treas.; Capt. Sewell, R.M.; J. Adair, Sec.; W. Stoddart, S.D.; T. Carey, J.D.; T. Dixon, D.C.; J. Melmore, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; W. Dobie, Steward; R. G. Harris, Tyler. Two candidates for advancement having been proposed, lodge was closed. Shortly afterwards the brethren were invited by the W.M. to partake of a splendid luncheon, laid out in the lodge room, the like of which is seldom seen in these high latitudes, whilst there was a constant flow of Moet from beginning to end of the sumptuous entertainment. Bro. Banks, W.M., presided, and proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. He also proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," coupled with the name of Bro. Capt. Sewell, Reg. M. Bro. Sewell, in reply, contrasted the warfare of the present day with that of the Crimean contest, showing that science had more to do with the success of military and naval operations than physical force. That he ably illustrated in the case of the telephone, which in its turn had to give way to the microphone. He also compared the equipments of the soldier of the present day with the wretched outfit of above twenty years ago; and highly approved of camps of instruction. The remarks of the gallant captain were received with much applause. The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Grand Mark Master of England, Lord Skelmersdale," and in doing so expressed the regret of all the Mark Masters of Cumberland and Westmorland that his lordship was unable to attend the moveable meeting of Grand Lodge, at Keswick, the other day. The toast was accompanied with grand honours. Bro. Mandle, I.P.M., followed with "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore, and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was likewise duly honoured. Bro. Armstrong gave "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Bective, M.P.," and the W.M. proposed "The R.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Whitwell, M.P., and the rest of the Prov. Officers, Past and Present," both of which toasts were honoured with a full supply of "fire." Bro. Nicholson first of all replied. Bro. Dr. Henry said he was proud to be not only a Past Officer of the province, but also Master of a Mark lodge, and he hoped that the name of Fletcher would prove an augury of success to that lodge, as it had done on former occasions, in which the name of their departed brother had been connected with Masonry. Bros. Lamony, Dalrymple, J. R. Banks, Dodgson, Gardiner, and Mandle also replied to the toast. Bro. Mandle then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the newly-installed W.M. of Whitwell Lodge," which was received with immense cheering as a matter of course. The W.M., in reply, expressed his warmest thanks for the honour done him, though he rather thought himself in a somewhat false position. He thought he would be more at home on board ship than in command of the Craft he had that day been appointed to. However, he would do his best during the ensuing year, with the assistance of the officers whom he had appointed. He proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Mandle," which was cordially received, and replied to by that worthy brother. Bro. Nicholson proposed "The Installing Masters, Bros. G. and F. W. Hayward," who had unfortunately been obliged to leave at an early stage of the proceedings. Bro. Gardiner gave "The Oldest Past Master, Bro. Nicholson," and the veteran having acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed "The Newly-Invested Officers," followed by that of "The Past Masters." Bro. Lamony gave "The Masonic Charities," and begged to interpolate a word thereto, viz., "The Mark Masonic Charities." He drew attention to the fact that Whitwell Lodge would be represented at the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at the Alexandra Palace, next month, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master of England, Bro. Gardiner having kindly offered to attend as Steward. He hoped that Bro. Gardiner would be able to carry up a good list, and was glad to see that Whitwell Lodge had set so excellent an example to the other Mark lodges in the two counties. He, therefore, coupled the toast of "The Mark Masonic Charities" with the name of Bro. Gardiner. Bro. Gardiner, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had received more encouragement from the members of the Whitwell Lodge than he expected.

ated. He should highly appreciate the honour of Steward at the festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Bro. Armstrong then gave "The Visiting Brethren," coupled with Bros. Dr. Henry, Dalrymple, and Winter. Dr. Henry after thanking the W.M. for his handsome hospitality that day, said that the Whitheaven Masons had hitherto been connected with Maryport, through the R.A. Chapter; but now they hoped to open up a new connection in the Mark Degree. Bro. Dalrymple wished the W.M. of Lodge 151 every success, and the way in which they had been entertained by Bro. Banks that day was worthy of all praise. The brethren of Frizington would always look up to Whitwell Lodge as the master spirit in Mark Masonry. The Tyler's toast then brought to a close decidedly the most successful meeting ever held in connection with Whitwell Lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—Tuesday, the 18th inst., was a most important day for Mark Masonry and for Plumstead, the above lodge being on that day consecrated to the working of the Mark Degree, and Plumstead, for the first time in its existence, having Mark Masonry hung like a jewel upon its bosom. The consecration was held in the fire hall attached to Bro. Garbett's house, the Sir Robert Peel, on Anglesea Hill, which is, and has been for the past three years, the home for the military Masons of the district. Great preparations had been made, and the hall was very beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, much taste being displayed in the arrangements, which were carried out under the able directions of Bros. Weston and Watkins. The lodge was opened at two o'clock p.m. by Bro. Fitzgerald Matier, who, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Binckes, G.S., filled the chair, having for his Wardens Bros. Dewar, A.G.S., and Finch, one of the Grand Officers of Kent. The following brethren were then advanced to the Mark Degree, viz., the Rev. C. A. Solbé, Bros. C. Jolly (*Freemason*), H. Harding, H. Holleyman, Capt. Eugene Sweny, J. J. Donnelly, G. Kennedy, Watkins, Jas. McCaffery, R. Crisdale, Capon, Neil, Tappenden, Dunn, Norman, Orcha d, Garbett, Hepburn, Kirkbride, Wilson, J. A. Mason, Buckland, Hessegood, Baver, Tomkins, Fountain, Sharpe, Larder, Nicholls, Moulds, Gibson, Edwards, Anderson, and others. The beautiful ceremony was finely rendered by Bro. Matier and his officers, and made a deep impression upon the newly-advanced brethren. The ceremony of consecration followed, Bro. Matier working in superb style, and most ably assisted by Bro. the Rev. R. Holden, the Grand Chaplain, whose impressive delivery and imposing manner added much to the beauty of the consecration. A brief oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. G. Wilson Sicklemore, M.A., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, and the usual formalities observed to the letter. The installation of the Worshipful Master followed, Bro. Matier filling the office of installing officer, in which his fine declamation and effective elocution made a great impression, and in due form Bro. Capt. Ritchie, P.G.M., J.W. Mid. and Surrey, was placed in the chair of A. and saluted in due form. The investiture of the officers was then proceeded with, as follows: Bros. C. Coupland, S.W.; Jos. Smyth, J.W.; Rev. C. A. Solbé, Chap; W. A. Weston, M.O.; A. Penfold, S.O.; H. Shaw, J.O.; G. Spinks, S.D.; E. Palmer, J.D.; D. Deeves, I.G.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, R. of M.; H. Harding, Org.; H. Holleyman, Dir. of Cer.; Capon, Steward; Norman, Tyler; and Bros. H. Pryce and G. Kennedy were elected as Treas. and Sec. A vote of thanks to Bro. Matier for his valuable services was carried by acclamation, and on the proposal of one of the brethren, he, together with Bros. the Rev. J. W. Sicklemore and Holden, were elected honorary members of the lodge. Letters of regret at not being able to be present were read from Bros. Lord Holmesdale, General Brownrigg, Colonel F. Burdett, and other distinguished Mark Masons, and the lodge was closed in due form. Among the distinguished brethren present were Bros. James Lewis Thomas, Hammerton, Brighton, Pye, Poore, and others. The banquet which followed was one of a very choice description; the menu was excellent, and the wines of the choicest vintages, the table and banqueting room being beautifully decorated with flowers, and presenting a grand appearance. The usual toasts followed, the first, proposed by the W.M., being "The Queen and Mark Masonry," followed by those of "The Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers, Past and Present," "The Provincial Grand Master for Kent," &c. These toasts were responded to most enthusiastically, that of "The Grand Officers" being met by Bro. Brighton, the Asst. G.S. of Works, and Prov. G.S. for Middx. and Surrey, who made a very telling speech on the subject of Mark Masonry. The toast of the evening, that of "The W.M. of the Excelsior Lodge," was then proposed in glowing terms by Bro. Matier. He said: Brethren, it is one of the duties as well as one of the privileges of the Consecrating Officer to propose to you "The Health of your W.M.," and I need hardly tell you that it is a task that I approach with much pleasure. Now that the good ship "Excelsior" has been launched upon the sea of Mark Masonry under such distinguished and auspicious circumstances, with a good and skilful captain, good officers, and a willing and gallant crew of fifty men—and I may safely say that I have never seen a ship launched upon that sea with so good a Master, officers, and men as this that I have assisted at to-day—may she go on her way and prosper is, I feel sure, the prayer of us all. I can see that this lodge will be second to none holding their rank under the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and I feel sure that there is a great future before it. Now we know that at all consecrations of lodges there is a great deal for the W.M. designate to do to get the lodge and its affairs in ship-shape fashion, and from the beautiful appearance of the lodge, its decoration, and the care evidently bestowed in having everything properly prepared for the ceremonies, it shows us that he has worked hard and done

well for our comfort and the successful carrying out of their grand and glorious enterprise. Then, brethren, let us thank him for carrying us through so well and so ably, and say in the words of one of the noblest of our poets:—

"Tho' hushed the rude whirlwind that ruffled the deep,
And skies if no longer dark tempests deform;
When our perils are o'er shall our gratitude sleep?
No! here's to the pilot that weathered the storm."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and in reply Bro. Ritchie said he begged to return them his grateful appreciation of all that had been said in his favour, and that he trusted as the Excelsior promised to be first in point of numbers, it would always be first among the lodges in all its Masonic duties. The next toast was that of "The Installing and Consecrating Officer, Bro. Matier," and in proposing it the W.M. said that were he to attempt to tell that brother how deeply they were indebted to him for the valuable services rendered to them that day by him he should, he felt sure, make it a failure; all that he could say was that to see the splendid manner in which Bro. Matier had advanced thirty-four initiates, consecrated the lodge, and then installed him into the chair, was nothing less than the work of a giant among Mark Masonry, and would long be remembered by all who had the privilege of witnessing it. They had not done Bro. Matier enough honour by making him an honorary member, but now he would ask them to drink his health with "Three times Three." After the toast had been honoured, Bro. Matier, in the course of an eloquent reply, said he should have thought they had had enough of his mellifluous voice that day. A great poet had said "modest men are dumb," and he had he felt sure come almost to the end of his cable tow, so far as talking was concerned. He always had a great and enduring love for the Mark Degree; it was his first love, and through that love he had worked hard for the success of the degree. There were, as they knew, many magnificent charities in the Craft, the Boys', the Girls', and the Aged Men and Women's Institutions, doing good work in the cause of charity, and to night he was going to tell them of a charity in connection with the Mark Degree—he alluded to the Mark Benevolent Fund. During the next month they would hold a festival for that Institution at the Alexandra Palace, at which their Grand Master would be present, and he hoped to see many of those assembled there that night present on that occasion. He concluded by saying that he had to tell them their W.M. had consented to stand Steward for the year 1879. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Dewar, who had come all the way from Cumberland to assist in his Mark Masonic duties and in the opening of that lodge. Bro. Dewar briefly and suitably replied. Bros. C. Jolly, R. Croisdale, and Eugene Sweny severally responded for "The Newly-advanced Brethren." Bros. C. Coupland and Jas. Smyth responded for "The Officers." The latter in a speech replete with eloquence and elevated sentiments said: "W.M., Officers, and brethren, I rise with much pleasure to respond to your very kind allusions to the officers of this, the Excelsior Lodge. It is indeed a most appropriate and excellent motto for Masons at large, and this lodge in particular. For, I would ask, What is Masonry? Is it merely the meeting together of a number of brethren to perform certain evolutions in a room appropriate for Masonic meetings? Not so. I take it it has much loftier aims and ambitions. It is intended by its teachings and symbols to elevate the mind of man above its grosser state of animal. It appeals to the inner self, and draws us upwards to soar in regions above. Yes, 'Excelsior, Excelsior!' higher still, until the loftier and grander our aspirations become the nearer we get to the contemplation of inimitable truths, and the knowledge of spiritual and divine objects. Now, it is a truth—not to be denied—that the teaching of all the arts has the same object, a diffusion of knowledge and the elevation of the human mind to a loftier status, but I would here state to my young brethren present, that, possessing as I do some slight knowledge of art, I must yet confess that a close study of Masonry in all its various degrees seems to me to afford a readier and swifter road to reach the promised goal than any other means within the grasp of the human mind. If this then be the case, what an incentive it ought to be to zeal and perseverance by the young brethren who have been raised to this beautiful degree to-day. I would here beg to say, W.M. and brethren, particularly to those brethren of my old and respected lodge, The Florence Nightingale, it may appear somewhat strange that for many years I had given up personal attendance at the lodge meetings. No doubt it has been remarked, spoken of, and animadverted upon from time to time, and doubtless my present appearance, and my high advocacy of the elevating tendency of a close study of Masonry, may be the subject of surprise and question of old brother Masons around me to-night. The fear lest this should in any manner tend to throw any slur upon the Craft induces me to do, what has been left undone for many years, and what I must confess seems to me to be the proper moment to speak. Well, brethren, it was no loss of love or reverence for Masonry pure and simple, but because of deep family afflictions. Englishmen, I am proud to say, take their punishment, whether in the shape of family afflictions, or other causes, silently, respectfully, and according to ability firmly. It is not our custom to carry on our sleeve for public inspection or curiosity the sharp strings of misfortune, let them be of whatever sort they may. Such a reticence may be condemned, even while it is, and must be, respected. This, then, brethren, has been my course of action; it has my own full approval, and I doubt not will at once remove any cloud or wonderings which may have been collecting for a long space of time in our Masonic hemisphere, and place us upon a footing of full accord and sympathy. It occurred to me to-day, during the consecration of our M.M.M. Lodge Excelsior, that this

was the third consecration of Masonic lodges I had personally assisted, at Woolwich, viz.: 1. The Florence Nightingale Craft Lodge; 2. The Florence Nightingale M.M.M. Lodge; and 3. The Excelsior Lodge of M.M.M. of to-day. This is a remarkable thing to occur to one individual, because many old Masons have never had the opportunity of even seeing, without assisting at, any single consecration of a lodge; but a yet more remarkable occurrence struck me, that at the period of the consecration of the first lodge, 1854, and again at the period of the consecration of the lodge of to-day, England was on the eve of a war with Russia. I well remember Lord Panmure, the Secretary of State for War in 1854, coming down from his office in London when deeply engaged in his arrangements for the army of the Crimea, and in right of his office as Deputy Grand Master, with his retinue of Grand Officers, consecrating the Florence Nightingale Craft Lodge at Woolwich. I am fearful, W.M., I have trespassed upon the indulgence of yourself and the brethren in general, in what I certainly did not, at this late period of the evening, mean to be a speech, certainly not a long speech, and as I believe another officer, one of my respected conferees, has to address you, I will conclude with my warmest thanks for your kindness and the indulgence accorded to me by the brethren at large. (Loud applause.) A special compliment was next deservedly paid to Bro. Weston for his efforts for the successful carrying out of the formation of the lodge, in which he had undoubtedly, with Bro. Shaw and others, done yeoman's service. Bro. Weston replied, assuring the brethren that his work had been a labour of love, and his reward was their approbation. The Tyler's toast then concluded a most important and successful gathering. The proceedings were enlivened by the efforts of a musical quartette, consisting of Miss Jessie Royd, Miss Kate Leopold, Bro. Steadman, 172, and Bro. Tinney, 319, Bro. Steadman directing.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The quarterly meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday, 21st June. The N.P.S. Sir Knight G. A. Green was supported by the Int. Gen. and Dep. I.G. of the division, and the greater number of his officers. Bro. John Cox, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, was unanimously approved of, entrusted, admitted, and installed a Knight of the Order. After the closing of the Conclave, Mount Olive Sanc. R.H.S., was opened in due form and ordinary business transacted. The Sanctuary was formally sealed until the third Friday in September next.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

The Triennial Convocation of the Order of Prince Grand Rose Croix of Ireland (which was adjourned unavoidably from April last), was held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., immediately after the conclusion of the Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The attendance of members of the Order on the occasion was unusually large, the very beautiful room appropriated to the special use of chapters of this degree was filled to overflowing, the brethren wearing the full costume of the Rose Croix Degree, and all evidently anxious to manifest their respect and esteem for the beloved President, as well as their sincere sympathy with him in the heavy bereavement with which it has pleased T.G.A.O.T.U. so recently to afflict him.

The regular business of Grand Chapter having concluded, the Hon. Judge Townsend, LL.D., President of the Order, and Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33° for Ireland, presented his report as to the progress and position of the Rose Croix Degree in Ireland, which was listened to with the most rapt attention.

A warm vote of thanks having been presented to Judge Townsend for his able and exhaustive report, and he having, in compliance with the unanimously expressed wish of Grand Chapter, consented to prepare same for publication, the convocation closed after partaking of the "loving cup." We hope at some future time to present our readers with an abstract of this report.

The banquet which took place in the evening was attended by nearly 100 members, and at it an interesting ceremony took place, viz., that of presenting to the Hon. Judge Townsend, President of the Order, a very beautiful Prince Mason's ring, with the cross of the Order set in precious stones. The desire to unite in this token of esteem was so great that it was found necessary to confine the subscriptions to the Grand Officers and the actual Sovereign of such of the subordinate chapters as representatives of the entire Order. The pleasing duty of making the presentation devolved upon the Vice-President, Bro. E. J. Armstrong, D.L., who was ably seconded by the Sovereigns of the senior and junior chapters present. The President's reply was one of his happiest efforts, and a more beautiful and effective address has seldom been heard in a Masonic assembly.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday, and advanced the rate of discount from 2½ to 3 per cent.

An interesting letter from Bro. Pike, U.S., will appear in our next.

A meeting will be held in the Board room at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday next, July 5th, at six o'clock p.m., "to institute measures for establishing a memorial to perpetuate the memory of Bro. R. Wentworth Little amongst the brotherhood, for which he did so much and by whom he was so much esteemed."

Reviews.

FROM CALAIS TO KARLSBAD. T. LOUIS OXLEY. Kerby, and Endean, 190, Oxford-street.

We have received this little sketch with much pleasure, and only wish that it had been somewhat longer, and that there had been "more of it." It gives an animated account of a journey from Calais to Karlsbad, commencing with the well-known and quaint hotel of M. and Mme. Dessin, and ending at "La Grande Ville" of Paris, of which the writer most truly remarks, "what a beautiful city!" Yes, Paris is beautiful under all aspects and at all times, and he must be a very blasé or borné subject who cannot admire or appreciate Paris. From Calais the party go on to Brussels, "Hotel de l'Europe," and seem to be most favourably impressed with that agreeable city. The writer runs along, via Aachen, paying a just tribute to Nuellen's Hotel and the Dremels; he passes through Bonn, and Bingen, and Frankfurt, and Eisenach. He sees the Mosenthal, the Wartburg, and glances at the Green Vaults and galleries of Dresden, Konigstein, and its fortifications, until for a month he sojourns peacefully and comfortably amid the charming scenery of Schandau. Then he proceeds to the "Kur" at Karlsbad, and afterwards goes for the "Nach Kur" to the Rhigi, or Rigi Kaltbad. We too have a vivid remembrance of that Rhigi Kaltbad in less civilised days, before the Rhigi Kulm Railway was made, before Vitznau took the place of "Wäggis," but our memory reverts to a "wooden dependance" not quite finished, which was a "bath" by day and night, which was on the top of the sunburnt plateau, and which rendered sleep impossible, and comfort out of the question, to say nothing of incessant conversation through thin partitions, and innumerable cockroaches which made themselves completely at home, chez vous. But despite all these "desagremens" we liked the genius loci and the Swiss people. We can fancy the Rhigi Kaltbad to be a most enjoyable spot, apres tout. All this little story of a foreign journey is told with much quietness and simplicity of style, in an easy, unconstrained narrative, and we recommend to any of our readers who are thinking of a foreign tour to Karlsbad or the Rhigi, to invest at once in this little book, and if they pay a visit to Mr. Endean's well stocked emporium they will not go away disappointed. We commend the work for its truthfulness of description and unpretentiousness of profession. It is what it claims to be, an interesting account of an interesting journey.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY. Chicago.

The "Voice of Masonry" for June is now before us, as usual most admirably edited by Bros. J. W. Brown and A. G. Mackay. It is one of the best Masonic periodicals that we know, and deserves to be appreciated in England as in America.

LE MONDE MACONNIQUE for June, is before us, and contains a great deal of French Masonic matter, which unfortunately does not quite harmonise with our English views. Bro. Caubet's address at the opening of the new lodge, "Les Maçons réunis," is marked by much moderation, good sense, and Masonic sentiment.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33rd DEGREE OF THE SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

This is a very imposing looking volume of 616 pages, which we are happy to receive and interested in perusing.

ANNUAL REGISTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA for the year 1878.

This is a very interesting record, which we deem worth preserving, and which we have perused with pleasure.

KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA OF FREEMASONRY.

This invaluable companion for the reading Mason is on our table. The labour of preparing the work was undertaken some five years ago by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., editor of the London *Freemason*, an accomplished, able, and fearless writer; and in the preparation of it he has found ample scope for his versatile intellect and sound knowledge of things pertaining to Freemasonry. The acceptable secret in making such a book consists more, perhaps, in knowing what to leave out than what to put in, and in this our learned brother has great skill.

It is published by Bro. George Kenning, whose name the book bears, and who is known to all the world as the greatest Masonic publisher in this century. He liberally supplied the sinews, such a necessary accompaniment to an undertaking so laborious and expensive, and it is earnestly to be hoped that he will reap a handsome reward. The book is handsomely bound in fine blue cloth, having a beautifully illuminated cover bearing the portraits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England; the Duke of Abercorn, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland; and Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, M.W. Grand Master of Scotland.—*The Masonic Eclectic*.

We are delighted to hear that the authorities at Trafalgar-square have just been enabled to acquire for the national collection several of the gems of the famous gallery formed by the late Mr. Fuller Maitland, of Stanstead-park. Foremost among these acquisitions must be reckoned the small Botticelli exhibited at Burlington-house in 1871, with the enigmatical Greek inscription at the top; this Nativité—a nativity, as our readers remember, with the addition of several unusual episodes—is one of the most imaginative, the best preserved, and in all respects most delightful examples in the whole works of the master.—*Academy*.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD CERTIFICATES.

A day or two ago, when looking through the old minute books of Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, at Maryport, in search of material for my projected work on Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland, Bro. Jos. Nicholson, one of the oldest Masons in the north, showed me a number of parchments, which he had collected from time to time. One is a warrant issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, dated Dec. 7, 1785, with a large seal attached in a tin box, suspended by a blue and yellow ribbon. The names of the signatories are John George Pyke, P.G.M. W. Campbell, D.P.G.M.; J. Snelling, P.G.S.W.; and D. J. Wood, P.G.J.W. The Earl of Antrim is also mentioned as Grand Master of England. The warrant empowers John Fraser, James Carmichael, and George Brown, to form and hold a lodge at the house of Bro. John Fraser, or elsewhere, in the township of Walmsley, in the said province. The name of J. Peters appears as G.S., and a note at the corner certifies that "This warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, vol. 1, letter A." The warrant is wholly in manuscript. Another parchment is the Craft certificate of Bro. Samuel Hyslop, Lodge 299, Merlin's Cave, Liverpool, now extinct, dated June 15, 1797. There are also two or three scraps of a paper certificate, printed, issued to Bro. Hyslop, by his mother lodge, the following September, one of which scraps has intact the lodge seal in red wax. The same brother has also left behind him a parchment certificate from St. John's Lodge, No. 253, Castle Douglas, N.B., dated April, 1799, showing that Bro. Hyslop had "duly passed the chair, received the degrees of Excellent, Super-excellent, and Royal Arch Mason, by us in our lodge." To this part of the parchment there is attached a crimson ribbon, with a red wax seal, an almost exact representation of the Scotch Royal Arch jewel of the present day. The second half of the parchment certifies that the brother also "was duly dubbed a Sir Knight Templar" in the encampment attached to St. John's Lodge. The seal, in black wax, representing emblems of mortality, in this case, is suspended by a black ribbon. St. John's Lodge, Castle Douglas, was chartered in 1794, and is now numbered 189; but the chapter and encampment appear to be numbered with the things of the past. Bro. Nicholson has also in his possession a most interesting pamphlet, published in 1804, entitled "Masonic Union: an Address to the Duke of Athol on the subject of an Union between the Masons that have lately assembled under his Grace's sanction, and the regular Masons of England, H.R.H. George, Prince of Wales, Grand Master; by a Member of the Fraternity." As a supplement to this pamphlet there is a list of Grand Patrons, Grand Masters, and Provincial Grand Masters; together with a list of lodges. I am sure Bro. Nicholson will be most happy to lend this interesting pamphlet to any reading Mason who has never seen it.

W. F. LAMONBY.

PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUES.

My able friend Bro. Findel can no doubt confirm or refute the supposition that a work entitled "Philosophical Dialogues on the Reunion of the Different Christian Communions," by the late Baron de Starck, Protestant Minister, and first Preacher to the Court of Darmstadt, and published in London in 1819, translated from the German, is the production of the well-known High Grade Bro. von Starck. If it be, he was clearly a Roman Catholic in sympathy, if not in profession, and this would account for many of his erratic proceedings in respect of Freemasonry.

MASONIC STUDENT.

GRAND ORIENT OF EGYPT.

I have very much pleasure in informing the brethren in this country, who are interested in the progress of Freemasonry in Egypt, that the Grand Orient for that country has been officially recognised by the Grand Lodge of Iowa (United States), and the M.W.G.M. has appointed the indefatigable Grand Secretary (Bro. F. F. Oddi) the R representative of Iowa of Egypt. This makes still another Grand Lodge which has followed the example of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in extending the right hand of fellowship to our brethren in Egypt, and, doubtless, ere long there will be few who will not thus unite in helping the Craft in that country, just as England and Ireland have done. Recognition in a fraternal spirit is what is asked, the matter of representation being a matter of much less importance, though none the less desirable.

WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Obituary.

BRO. R. D. DUCKETT, 228.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Richard Dent Duckett, of the United Strength Lodge, No. 228. Bro. Duckett retired to rest apparently in good health late on Tuesday night, and was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning. A stroke of apoplexy had carried him off in the early hours of the morning, and he seemed to have died without a struggle or a pang. Our Bro. Duckett, who was one of the permanent staff of the *Standard*, was well known among the members of the press, and was highly respected in both business and social circles. Bro. Duckett was a keen appreciator of character and motive, and whenever he found honesty of purpose and sincerity of disposition he became a firm friend whom it was impossible to alienate.

A female physician and clairvoyant in New York advertises to "mend ladies hearts after they have undergone a severe affliction."

NOTES ON ART, &c.

At a general assembly of the Royal Academy of Arts held on Thursday last week, Mr. W. F. Yeames, painter, was elected an Academician, and Mr. Frank Holl, painter, and Mr. E. Crofts, painter, were elected Associates.

The Clothworkers' Company have voted a sum of twenty guineas towards the sustentation fund of the Parkes Museum of Hygiene, University College. The Lords of the Admiralty have forwarded a series of plans and drawings of hospital ships and other articles having reference to naval hygiene.

Mr. H. P. MacCarthy, the sculptor, was permitted to take a cast of the face of the late Mr. Russell Gurney. A successful mask was obtained, and Mr. MacCarthy is preparing a bust from it.

Mr. Joseph Albert, photographer to the Court of Vienna, has just constructed a photographic steam-press by which he has induced photography to render the natural colours in a picture. An expert painter, says the *Medical Examiner*, could hardly pourtray the colours of the object more faithfully, and the distinctness in the nicest shades more accurately, than the Albert press does in these coloured photographs.

Some further additions have been made to the series of cabinet portraits of civic celebrities taken by Bro. Fradelle, 246 Regent-street. Alderman Sir R. W. Carden is one of the "subjects," and his portrait is an exceedingly striking one. Another is Mr. John Bath, C.C., President of the Society of Accountants; a third, Mr. W. S. Page, Master of the Shipwrights' Company; a fourth, Mr. W. A. Oldaker, warden of the Cutlers' Company. All these are remarkably good. As likenesses they are very successful, whilst in each case the details are brought out in the clear manner for which Bro. Fradelle's photo-mezzotint portraits have become renowned.

The adoption of a Rat by a Cat is reported by a correspondent of the *Turf, Field, and Farm*, writing from Connecticut. A young rat, about two weeks old, was brought to an old cat for her dinner, but instead of eating it she carried it off to the nest where her kitten lodged, and left it there. The rat, finding himself comfortable, stayed with the kitten, and the old cat nursed both the kitten and the rat, and all lived happily together. The little rat left the nest once a week, but returned of his own accord. The owner had a wire cage built for the trio, which was convenient for all three, but the door was so narrow that one day, as the cat and rat were trying to pass through it at the same time, the little rat was squeezed to death. So the rat was thrown away, and for two days the old cat mewed and sought about for her lost protégé.

The probability is that the prison of Newgate will be removed before many months have elapsed, and the site occupied by a "Criminal Court of Justice," to which all the business of the Central Criminal Court will become transferred. The change is inevitable, and, such being the case, the City of London Corporation are said to be contemplating the erection of a pile of buildings which will compare favourably with the handsome Assize Courts at Manchester and elsewhere.

The Honorary Treasurer of the London school of medical women 30 Henrietta-street, Brunswick-square, has received a notification from Mr. George Oakes, of New South Wales, of a legacy amounting in value to nearly £7000 having been left to the institution by his late wife.

The closing meeting of the Meteorological Society for the present session was held last week at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr. C. Graves, F.G.S. (President), chair, when the following papers were read:—"The Climate of Lundy Island," by Mr. A. J. H. Crespi, B.A.; "On the Auroral or Magnetic Cirrus," by the Rev. S. Barber; and "On a method of sometimes determining the amount of the diurnal variation of the barometer on any particular day," by the Hon. R. Abercomby.

It is interesting to learn from the Bulletin of the United States Survey of the Territories that the remains of a bird of high organisation have been discovered in certain insect-bearing shales at Florissant, in Colorado. The relics comprise the greater part of the skeleton, and, though deficient in portions of the head, include nearly all the bones of the anterior and posterior extremities; the wings and tail are so well imprinted on the rock as to indicate even the shafts and barbs of the feathers. The fossil represents a bird of aboreal habits, with well developed powers of flight. It belongs evidently to a high ornithic type, and is probably referable to the group of Passeres, or perching birds. Although the absence of bill renders it impossible to assign the species to any particular family, there are reasons for believing that it is allied to the finches. *Palaeospiza Belta* is the name under which Mr. J. A. Allen describes this new bird. Both generic and specific names are new. This specimen represents the first fossil passerine bird which has been discovered in North America.—*Academy*.

The Chinese pavilion in the Paris Exhibition is not yet open to the public. Through the closed porch a sight can be obtained of the garden within, in the centre of which stands a richly-decorated summer-house; and the bazaar adjoining is doing a fair trade in Chinese articles of every nature, vended by Orientals in full national costume. It seems rather peculiar to see these sleepy eyed, pig-tailed "heathen Chinese," clad in rich silken stuffs, which suggest romantic ideas of the Celestial Empire, quietly pulling away at large cigars of the most European and prosaic appearance. The Siamese and Persian pavilions are closed yet, through exteriorly complete. The buildings will be picturesque features of the Trocadero grounds.

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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.

J.D.—The only emblem on the apron of the R.A. companions is the double triangle and triple tau; the silk or satin ground of the triangle is white for companions, crimson for Principals, and purple for Grand and P.G. Officers. No other emblem can be worn on the apron.

BOOKS RECEIVED, &c.

"Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Medical Examiner;" "Risorgimento;" "Hull Packet;" "Kelet;" "Le Monde Maçonnique;" "Annual Register of the Grand Lodge of Perfection of South Carolina for the year 1802;" "Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council of the 33rd for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States;" "West London Express;" "Keystone;" "La Voz de Hiram" Habana; "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal;" "The Corner Stone;" "The Advance;" "Night and Day;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec;" "Freemasons' Monthly;" "Ferret, or South Wales Ratepayer;" "Wellingboro News;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Der 'Triangel;" "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse;" "The Soldier of the Army Reserve and his Family."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

C. CHRY.—On the 23rd inst., at Park-terrace, Maze-hill, the wife of E. W. Cherry, of a son.

FISHER.—On the 22nd inst., at Ashchurch Park-villas, W., the wife of T. F. Fisher, Esq., of a daughter.

GIBSON.—On the 22nd inst., at Campden-hill-gardens, Kensington, the wife of G. M. Gibson, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

COOKE.—On the 20th inst., at Church-street, West Ham, Mrs. Hannah Cooke, aged 83.

DUCKETT.—On the 25th inst., of apoplexy, R. D. Duckett, of Lodge 228.

JOHNSON.—On the 23rd inst., at Springfield, Upper Clapton, Benjamin Johnson, in his 78th year.

The Freemason.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1878.

THE RECENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

The untoward fact, to which we called attention last week, is one which, as it reflects great discredit on Grand Lodge and Freemasonry, we feel it to be proper to recur to-day. The returns of the Scrutineers at the last Grand Lodge have been examined, and with the result as we stated in our last impression. The brother who was returned as head of the list had, we believe, only 54 votes, and was not returned at all; while several other brethren, who were said to be upon the Board, have been found not to have received the qualifying number of votes. This is a most unprecedented state of things, and demands alike serious enquiry and severe animadversion. It is most discreditable and painful on every ground. We shall probably hear in the next report of the Board of General Purposes what notice that important tribunal has taken of such premeditated and unmasonic "laches," (to use a law term), and we trust that we may never have to hear again of a like dereliction of duty on the part of Scrutineers—a similar scandal in Grand Lodge. Dame Rumour, who, as the saying is, is a "lying jade," and always prone to exaggeration, and in addition wise after the event, has been very busy amongst us lately in regard to these recent extraordinary proceedings. We are, however, inclined charitably and Masonically to believe that much that has been said rests upon no solid foundation of accuracy or fact. Until authority has spoken we decline to be made the "mouthpiece" of foolish "canards" or exaggerated assertions. At any rate, the evil has been discovered and rectified, and let us all hope, that Masonic justice will be done, and mete out a proper punishment to those who have so far forgotten themselves as men and Masons as to have had recourse to a very dirty trick, and to most discreditable proceedings.

THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The struggle grows in vivacity as we approach July 11th. Other candidates have come forward than those who have publicly avowed themselves, it seems, and despite the clear words of the advertisement, two or three are excluded by the age line. We publish elsewhere a report of the meeting of the General Committee by which we learn how many received candidates are before the subscribers, and for whom their votes will be asked and recorded on July 11th. We do not think that we can add much to our remarks of the two last preceding weeks, further than to say that the election is still practically in the hands of the subscribers. The number of unpledged votes is very large indeed, and it is difficult on any safe ground of calculation to forecast now what the final response of the subscribers will be to the various appeals made to them. To use a sporting expression, the "betting is nearly even all round," and whether one of the "favourites" or a "dark horse" may make the "running" is a matter which can only be satisfactorily determined on the "course" on July 11th.

A QUID PRO QUO.

Our esteemed and excellent friend Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, made some amusingly sarcastic remarks, "more suo," at the consecration banquet of the Lodge of Perseverance, with respect to some recent observations in a leader in the *Freemason*, relative to "Masonic Mendicancy." We pass over to-day any little "skits" which our good brother "in the exuberance of his playful imagination thought well to direct against the *Freemason*," as to "whether it will be read or not," "perhaps not," and to its price being "2d.," with respect to which latter remarkable announcement, we

beg to say, that it is not a new fact, nor any "factor" in the discussion at all. As we understand Bro. Terry's objection to our remarks—it is this, put into simple words, as an easy proposition. "Without this going about of the Secretaries, the Institutions cannot be kept up. It would be better no doubt if it were not so, but it is a necessary evil." Such we apprehend to be the exact force of our versatile and amusing friend's remarks, for whose untiring labours we have the greatest admiration, and of whose many qualities of head and heart, we in common with his many friends, have the warmest appreciation. Few brethren have worked harder than Bro. Terry has done for Masonry, and the efficiency and lucidity which mark the performance of his duty as a "Consecrating Officer," are both very remarkable and very impressive. But we think a statement of our worthy brother will come upon the Craft very great surprise, will affect them, as it did us when we heard it, very deeply, and is in itself great as a condemnation of the existing system as can well be imagined. Nothing that we have as yet said surpasses the effect on all thinking minds produced by the following admission of Bro. Terry himself. He declared with much pathos, before a most sympathetic audience, that "labouring, as he was, to earn his livelihood by the sweat of his brow, he had for 290 evenings during the last twelve months attended lodge meetings, and given up the quiet and happiness of home, 290 nights out of 311 working days. We need hardly remark that anything more condemnatory of the present mischievous system cannot well be conceived. Multiply 290 by three, as representing the three Institutions, giving an equal amount of activity, and we all know that Bro. Binckes is not inferior in activity to Bro. Terry, and supposing "all things equal," the Secretaries have to make 870 visits to lodges during the year. No wonder that brethren are complaining, no wonder that some lodges sternly refuse to allow charity appeals in their social circle, no wonder that the whole fabric of our charity stands upon a very insecure and fragile foundation. For what is the effect of this unnecessary (we hope we do not use an offensive word) Masonic Mendicancy? Only this, nothing more, and we beg all our brethren to note it. The great bulk of our lodges and chapters, as well as the brethren and companions, do nothing for our charities. No, their support is left to the zeal of the liberal, and to the repeated efforts of a few large-hearted individuals—all honour to them be it said. This is not a satisfactory nor a safe state of things, and as Masons, always professing charity, we should not allow it to continue. Therefore it is that we appeal to lodges and chapters, and the brethren generally, to come forward and strengthen the cause of the charities and lighten the labours of the Secretaries. It cannot be right that any one of our Secretaries should have to pay 290 visits in one year to obtain Stewards and support. Of course there are certain gatherings and festivals and the like, when it is most advisable, nay needful, that the Secretaries should be present, but why, in addition to their hard work in their offices, we are to deprive them of home life and domestic comfort we cannot, for the life of us, conceive. With all due deference to our excellent Bro. Terry, we, therefore, beg to repeat to-day, that we are convinced abstractedly of the justice of our previous remarks, (which he does not apparently contest), and that in practice we apprehend that with much greater support on the part of lodges and chapters and brethren, Bro. Terry's fears as to the diminution of the annual income for the charities will be found to be unreal. Our remarks were penned with all good feeling to the Secretaries, in the first place, with a lively interest in the charities in the next place, and we fancy that, above all, in all that we have said, we express the feelings of a very large number of the most thoughtful and intelligent of our brethren.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE.

This interesting ceremony, as a full report shews our readers elsewhere, took place last Saturday, and was carried through under the happiest auspices and with the best effect. Our excellent and esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro.

John Hervey, and his assistant Consecrating Officers, performed the ceremony of our ancient ritual with great animation and power, and the gathering was alike evidently impressed and gratified with such an evidence of the beauty of our ceremonial, and the manner in which it had been set forth by our "Masonic experts." We call the attention of our readers to the faithful report of the speeches elsewhere, and specially to an impromptu address of Bro. Court, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S. We congratulate our worthy Bro. Leins, the first W.M., and his officers and brethren, on this most successful "début" of the Lodge of Perseverance, and we trust that its future may be as happy and prosperous as its beginning was bright and genial.

THE FRENCH GRAND ORIENT AND THE ENGLISH GRAND LODGE.

It seems that, owing to a very pardonable mistake, we erred in supposing that the new French lodge at the Mauritius had been chartered by the French Grand Orient. It appears, according to our old friend, Bro. Grimaux, in the *Monde Maconnique*, this lodge has been really chartered by the Grand Conseil of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Paris. When we read in the *Monde Maconnique* the account of this consecration, and the protest of the W.M. of our English lodge, and of the arguments of the French authorities, as nothing was said to give us a clue to the real state of the case, we never could suppose that Bros. Caubet and Grimaux, staunch members of the French Grand Orient, would lend their names even to the semblance of irregularity, or even mention it without protest. Under what pretence can the Grand Conseil of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, claim to charter a Craft Lodge? Is it that though illegal in France it is legal out of it? We really are astonished at the inconsistency of the position assumed by our good friends in France. Bro. Grimaux's idea that the *Freemason* is hostile to the Grand Orient of France is altogether a chimera. We will venture to add that the Grand Orient of France, so long as it preserves the even march of legality, order, and true Masonry, has no sincerer friend than the *Freemason*.

OUR LATE BRO. THE KING OF HANOVER.

On Monday last, the Royal Mausoleum in St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, received all that was mortal of our late royal and distinguished brother the King of Hanover. In that most fitting burial place, in that solemn receptacle of so many of the House of Brunswick, and amidst the tears of sorrowing relatives, and the respectful and loyal attachment of ancient subjects and friends, he rests, life's stormy journey over, let us all hope, in peace. And we who record the fact to-day, will only presume to add the heartfelt expression of our own loyal sympathy and concern.

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.]

RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"A Past Prov. Officer," quoting from his letter in your last has 'stumbled over a mare's nest' as he will readily perceive, by another reference to my communication of the 15th inst. I made no allusion whatever to "monies due to Grand Lodge;" what I wrote about was neglect in making annual returns to Grand Lodge, immediately after installation, of the new W.M., Wardens, and Past Masters, so as to qualify them to sit in Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

A. P.M. and Prov. Officer.

PILGRIMAGE OF AMERICAN KNIGHTS TEMPLARS TO EUROPE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue you give particulars of a pilgrimage to Europe which the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, U.S.A., will make next month. Perhaps next week you may be able to devote some space to a similar pilgrimage to be made by the

Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, leaving New York July 3rd. With this pilgrimage our distinguished and universally esteemed Bro. Dr. Robert Morris, La Grange, Kentucky, will be associated, and I am sure the brethren generally will be eager to seek the privilege of taking him by the hand, wherever opportunity may offer. I enclose you full particulars of the pilgrimage.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN HOGG.

"We have already announced that Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, of Allegheny, Pa., together with such members of other commanderies as may join the expedition, will set forth on the 3rd July next, for a tour of seventy-five days in Great Britain and the Continent. We have now to add that Sir Knight Robt. Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, has secured a place, and will give his large Masonic experience to make the tour pleasant and instructive. Success go with them.—*Masonic Review*," Cincinnati, May 18, 1878.

Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., 32^o, is the author of "Masonic Songs and Poems," incomparably the best collection of Masonic poems ever written, commencing with "We Meet Upon the Level, We Part Upon the Square," "The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky," "Freemasonry in the Holy Land," &c., &c. Bro. Carson, in his "Masonic Bibliography," after enumerating ten of Bro. Dr. Morris's works, adds: "He was also the Editor of the *American Freemason* (Louisville, 1859, Folio); the same title, 8^o, Chicago, 1859. He was also the projector, editor, and publisher of that ponderous collection the *Universal Masonic Library*, 30 vols., 8^o, 1856-57, and he edited an edition of *Webb's Freemasons' Monitor*, Cincinnati, 1859, and has been engaged in various other Masonic literary enterprises.

A MASONIC SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to propose a scheme, which I think may be welcome to many brethren who are blessed with children, and who may now or will shortly require a good school for them without being either a charity school or an expensive one. In short, Sir, I would have a Masonic School Co., Limited, with £10 shares, each share giving the right to send one pupil, being the child of a Mason. Should this project meet with a favourable reception I shall be pleased to communicate with any brother on the subject, and explain my ideas more fully.

I am, Sir, Yours fraternally,

S. DAVISON, 1619.

BRO. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE DECEASED.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has been suggested by many of Bro. Little's Masonic friends that a meeting should be convened to institute measures for establishing a memorial to perpetuate his memory amongst the brotherhood, for which he did so much, and by whom he was so much esteemed. Permission has been obtained from the Board of General Purposes to hold a meeting for that object in the Board Room at Freemasons' Hall.

Friday, the 5th July, at 6 p.m., has been fixed for the time of meeting, that being quite a blank day in the Masonic Calendar.

It is to be hoped that the brethren will make an effort to be present on that occasion, and submit for consideration any suggestion they may think best suited to keep in remembrance the name of our departed brother.

I remain, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM DODD,

Executor of Bro. R. Wentworth Little deceased.
26th June, 1878.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

On Saturday last this new Lodge was consecrated at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, by Bro. John Hervey, G.S.; who was assisted by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; as Chaplain, Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, as S.W., Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Prov. G.D. Herts, Bro. James Terry, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies Herts, as D.C.; Bro. Mollindina, as Secretary, and Bro. D. Reed, Prov. G.D. Essex, as I.G. The complete list of brethren who attended was as follows:—Louis A. Leins, Albert Barker, Frederick Kearney, John L. Mather, E. Marlet, Joseph Wall, C. E. Sparrow, C. E. Ferry, W. Payne, C. H. Reed, Alfred Eade, George Mellison, C. Robinson, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. Miller, 65; Fredk. Crookford, Zetland, (Malta); G. F. Brown, W.M. 65; W. Simmons, W.M. 1569; J. Roberts, 65; Edgar Bowyer, 1580, P.G.D. Herts; Alfd. Trewmond, S.W. 1693; H. P. Isaac, 188, J.W. 1693; John Greensfield, 1602; Robert Court, Ancient York, Lovell, Massachusetts, W. W. Morgan, 211; W. J. Wright, 65; D. Reed, 1457, P.G.D., Essex; Frederick Gotto, 1087, P.G.S. Works Berks and Bucks; Thos. W. Simons, 1185; Fred. H. Cozens, Org. 907; John Hervey, G.S.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; Jas. Terry, Prov. G.D.C., Herts; A. W. Hubbard, 813; George Murray, 1471; J. Tullidge, 1426; Thomas Parry, P.M., 890; C. L. Pierce, 65; George B. Cutler, 217; C. B. Payne, G.T.; and H. Massey, P.M. 619, (*Freemason*).

After the Lodge had been opened, the Grand Secretary in addressing the brethren, briefly referred to the innovation made recently by the Grand Orient of France, and spoke in terms of high praise with respect to the action taken by Grand Lodge of England on the subject. He afterwards dwelt shortly on the matter of the change, and on the whole objection to it. The ceremony of the day, and its importance had engaged his attention, and in speaking of it stated the pleasure he felt in once more installing in the Master's chair of a lodge a brother who had occu-

pled that position on three previous occasions. He would leave the subject of Freemasonry to be dilated on by Bro. Woodford, who had always something to say to the brethren which they might ponder over with profit.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C., then delivered the following oration;

I have been requested, V.W. Presiding Officer, by the W. Master elect of this new lodge, as you are aware, to deliver the customary oration on the present occasion, and though I acceded to his fraternal request with pleasure, I yet did so with diffidence, as the thought struck me, as it will perhaps strike many more now present, what is there to say? either worth hearing? or worth preserving? So many able brethren have from time to time addressed the brotherhood, that at first sight it might almost appear as if there were neither room for novelty or even further illustration of a subject so often dilated upon just now as Freemasonry. I, for one, however, hold it to be a great mistake to repeat at such gatherings as these, interesting and important in themselves, stereotyped formulæ or familiar utterances, since, however, well delivered they may be by the practised speaker, they weary the intelligent and disappoint the cultivated. And hence the special difficulty of the Chaplain on such occasions as these. He has to avoid the two dilemmas of oversameness and over novelty, and while he does not weary he is to interest, to instruct, and to edify a critical but sympathetic audience. What then, V. Worshipful Sir, can I say to-day, as your Chaplain, which shall serve to "improve the occasion," to command the adhesion of the thoughtful and to gratify the feelings of the assenting? Luckily for us we have a very tolerant audience to deal with, and we know well before we begin, from old experience of their indulgence, that we may rely upon their patience and invoke their forbearance. What, then, can I say about that good old Order of ours, in whose service and ranks we both, like many more old friends, have grown grey, which shall be worthy the occasion, or the assembly I see before me? It appears to me that I cannot do better than build upon the "ancient foundations," and endeavour from the goodly teaching of older Masters to lay down certain first principles of Masonic teaching and action, if in modern diction, which may serve to refresh the memories of the older Masons amongst us, while they tend to commend Freemasonry to the warm appreciation and admiration of those younger brethren of ours, in whose hands, let me once more impress upon them, lies after all the solemn future, of the honour, of the usefulness, of the progress of Freemasonry in this great country of ours! We shall then all agree, in the first place, in this definition of Freemasonry, that it is a philanthropic brotherhood, based upon the acknowledgement of these two great truths, Belief in God, Love to our brother. We in England, from the very first have been a religiously minded sodality. We have ever declared that we knowingly admitted no "stupid Atheist" amongst us; we loudly repeat that avowal to-day. Let other sections of the Masonic family do what they perversely will, let some, foolishly and wickedly departing from the foundation truth of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, and relax restrictions which are, Sir, I conceive, absolutely essential to our safety, our endurance, and our very existence as a brotherhood in the world, we in England will always seek to walk in the good old paths, and as loyally adhere to our wise and ancient formulæ. No candidate can or shall be admitted amongst us who will not profess to put his trust in God. Neither will we associate as Masons with those under whose laws the intolerant sceptic and the open infidel is permitted to claim adoption into our tolerant, beneficent and religious order. Love to our brethren, also the Second Table of our Masonic Law, is and ever will be the distinguishing characteristic of our Fraternity. We shall adopt no Utopian views or childish chimeras. We shall invent no cant phrases, such as "La Solidarité humaine" to take the place of well-balanced truths; but we shall simply seek to assert and to evince our love to our brethren in theory as well as in practice, in word as well as in deed. And if some of my younger friends may ask me, not unreasonably, how is this great principle best manifested in practice amongst us, I would shortly thus reply. Brotherly love is an active duty, not a phrase, a practical and personal reality, not a tissue of mere fine words. By brotherly love we understand a sincere regard for, interest in, attachment to, our brother. We are to act with him "on the square." We are to render him every service that kindness, justice, morality can require. We are to uphold his character in his absence as in his presence, we are boldly to repel the slanderer of his good name, we are to relieve his necessities and succour his wants, if unforeseen and unavoidable calamity fall upon him as it does upon all mortals often, in a spirit of thoughtful observation and prudent consideration. Because a man is a Mason we are not, however, to uphold him when he does wrong. We are not to allow a fictitious sentiment of Masonic sympathy, to cloud our understanding or warp our judgment, and while in all cases of human transgression and weakness, which are many and great, as we all know, our Masonic sentiment is to be "Fiat justitia ruat Cælum," to use the words of our old teacher, we are also to bear in mind that if our "brother deserves not our esteem and friendship he has at least a demand on our commiseration and our forbearance. Like a fruitful olive tree planted by the side of a fountain, whose boughs overshadow the wall, such is, such ought to be, brotherly love. It spreadeth abroad its arms, from the strength and opulence of its station, and lendeth its shade for the repose, comfort, and protection of all those who come under its branches. Let us then haste to the home of affliction and open the arms of affection to a distressed brother and fellow creatures. While they live, let us strive to support the drooping head and cheer the afflicted heart, let us cover them with the garments of kindness and friendship, and administer to them the cordial balm of

brotherly good will, and however great or small our own abilities may be, we should always remember that a cup of cold water, the humblest mite of true charity given in the name and with the heart of a brother, shall in no wise be forgotten or blotted out of the Great Book of God's remembrance." Thus you see, V.W. sir and brother, that these two great principles of our Masonic profession and practice, (of course not our only ones), must rest on some sacred authority, not merely human but God's and that authority is the Holy Book of divine Law, happily for us in England, ever open in our lodges. It is the one sure foundation on which our whole Masonic edifice so peacefully rests. It animates, it inspires, every prayer we offer, every doctrine we avow, every principle we profess, and every action we perform. It is the source and the inspiration of all our Masonic existence, it alike directs, pervades, and ennobles our whole Masonic theory, and our entire Masonic practice. Without God's word no true or binding morality can be proclaimed to man, because all human morality is alike ephemeral and uncertain, shifting and erratic, because purely human, it resembles in everything the weakness, the inconstancy, the frivolity, the mortality of man. To proclaim morality without the Bible, is as if we were to seek to steer a ship without a compass, or to set a mighty piece of machinery at work, without a directing, controlling and sovereign power, without which ere long that machine must come to a stop, or fall to pieces and crush all things within its range. As far as we are concerned in England, I make bold to say no profane hand shall ever remove our bibles from our lodges, because we find in them the very authority, reality, and soundness of our Masonic morality, because God's holy and inspired word is the best of counsellors, the safest of guides, and the most consoling of friends to weak, and suffering, and dying men. If in other jurisdictions unhappily the Word of God has disappeared, as the great light of true Masonry, we do not at all wonder at that dimness which now obscures their Masonic profession, according to our views, or at that darkness which seems now overclouding their whole Masonic life. And we also venture to assert, and in this I know you will agree with me, V.W. sir, that the first step needful to bring back other jurisdictions to the great universal family of Freemasonry, to heal existing dissensions, and to prevent a lasting schism, is the reintegration and the restoration of the Bible in these lodges, from which it has been most unwisely and irreligiously banished. Then we might fairly hope for peace for our universal family, and Freemasonry might seriously pursue its goodly and gracious mission among men, inculcating mutual forbearance and toleration, proclaiming hatred of persecution, liberty of conscience, loyalty to the throne and sympathy for the people, reverence of God and love for man! It is a matter of great rejoicing to us to-day to see you, Very Worshipful Sir, with your wonted skill, urbanity, and courtesy to all, in the name of our Royal Grand Master, consecrating another goodly lodge to the honour of God and the welfare of our ancient and accepted brotherhood. We thank you, Sir, for that admirable spirit of æsthetic elegance and carefulness which you have thrown round those venerated ceremonies of ours, and we trust that this auspicious commencement of new Masonic work may result in the erection of a truly Masonic building amongst us, "perfect in all its parts, and honourable to the builders." May all of prosperity attend the new Lodge of Perseverance, and may it worthily take its rank on the lengthening roll of English lodges. May its members ever remember this day, and zealously strive to do good "ashlar work" for Masonry and for Charity in their time and generation, to uphold the reputation of the Lodge of Perseverance and maintain the prestige of the Grand Lodge of England. In the words of a Masonic poet, with which, if slightly adapted, I will close this imperfect oration, I beg to end my agreeable duty, and to commend in all honest earnestness and sincerity that useful brotherhood to which it is our pride and privilege to belong, alike to the matured intelligence of the old Mason and the warm and zealous attachment of the young Mason.

Securely in the Lodge without alloy
We raise a Structure and the mind employ,
As o'er the universe Freemasonry extends,
The voice of Truth in majesty attends.
On that foundation we in safety build;
Through that fair medium our doctrines are instilled,
Here honest friendship rising from its seat,
Bids peevish envy to its cave retreat,
Here virtue lifts on high her gentle voice,
Bidding true men and Masons all rejoice,
Impelling vice, in every subtle shade,
To quit her presence, nor dare her ranks invade.
Here wisdom's utterance is gladly heard,
Her's is the gentle and the monitory word.
And thus she speaks to Masons in good will,
And these her words—Oh! listen to them still.
"True to your trust be not unwisely gay,
Nor carelessly your solemn vows betray:
Be just and faithful, honest and sincere,
Delight in virtue, and your God revere;
The world, convinced by honour's measured line,
That all the virtues round your hearts entwine,
Will bright encomiums to your Order pay,
And bless the light of our Masonic day."

In the old formula of our ritual, V.W. Sir and brethren, let us say with one voice "So mote it be!"

The above oration was very attentively listened to, and was loudly applauded on the rev. brother resuming his seat. The usual programme was afterwards gone through, the ceremony being splendidly accompanied by the musical brethren, Bros. T. W. Simons, F. H. Cozens, and Albert Hubbard. The lodge having been formally consecrated

and dedicated to Freemasonry, Bro. Terry, presented to Bro. Hervey Bro. Louis A. Leins for installation. Bro. Hervey thereupon installed Bro. Leins as W.M., who afterwards invested as his officers, Bros. A. Baker, S.W.; F. Kearney, J.W.; J. L. Mather, Treas.; W. H. Mollindina, Sec.; E. Marlet, S.D.; J. B. D. Wall, J.D.; Sparrow, I.G.; C. Daniel, D.C.; Robinson, Asst. D.C.; Mellison, W.S.; and Reed, Asst. W.S.

Bro. Hervey afterwards delivered the addresses to the W.M., and Bro. James Terry the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Bro. Hervey, on behalf of himself, Bro. Woodford, Bro. Buss, and Bro. Terry, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his hearty wishes that the lodge might long remain on the roll and confer honour on the Craft.

The brethren immediately after closed lodge, and repaired to the dining room, where a choice banquet was provided for their entertainment. When this had been partaken of, grace ("Non Nobis") was sung by the musical brethren, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C., in reply said, you have done me, W. Sir, the honour to associate my name with the toast, and I feel it a great privilege, I assure you, to be permitted to rise on the present occasion to return thanks on behalf of the present and past Grand Officers. The Grand Officers of England next to the confidence of the Grand Master who selects from time to time brethren from the Order to take the highest places in Grand Lodge, always desire to earn the good opinion of the Craft; and I think I am justified in saying this, that under all circumstances, in lodge and out of lodge, the present and past Grand Officers of England have always deserved the esteem of their Grand Master, and the hearty consideration (cheers) and fraternal love of their brethren. It has struck me during the very interesting proceedings of to-day, and has often struck me before, what a remarkable thing Freemasonry is! Perhaps none of us in our various stations in life who have travelled through the world at large, have ever heard of or found such a useful and such an excellent society, or a sodality which has such claims on the affections of its members, or on the respect and goodwill of mankind. Here is a society composed of men of different creeds, different denominations, different professions, different walks of life, different nationalities, different colours, all uniting together in the one grand design of reverence for God and love for man. Whatever differences there may be amongst brethren in their every day life Freemasonry makes them one in heart and feeling. Within the lodge the voice of controversy is hushed, and the angry passions are still. And I venture to say—and I say it especially in the interest of our younger brethren—that go where you will, north, south, east or west, you cannot find a society which so commends itself in this present time to the love of the thoughtful and the respect of the intelligent. (Cheers.) Freemasonry has long been a beacon light in the world, and long may it be a rallying point for us all. (Cheers.) Long may it proclaim liberty of conscience, long may it proclaim the sacred right of every human being on this our earth to worship God in his own fashion. (Cheers.) You, Bro. Hervey, said in those admirable remarks, with which you opened the proceedings to-day that if the measures taken in other jurisdictions are to be followed out, Freemasonry may become a benefit order, it may become a friendly association, but it will cease to be Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I am quite sure, W. Sir, that in entire agreement with that statement will be found to be the feeling of the great body of English Freemasons. English Freemasonry has always been distinguished not only for its humanitarian, not only for its cosmopolitan, but also for its religious character. It not only opens its lodges with an expression of reverence for the G.A.O.T.U., but it shows that there is not a moment of its work, not a ceremony of its ritual, which is not better for being hallowed by Masonic prayer. If for one moment we stir from that position, we shall not only drift into a mere ephemeral benefit order, but we shall cease to maintain our prestige in the world, our usefulness and our value will have passed away. It is our duty as English Freemasons, then, while we consider it not to be our right to interfere with any man's creed, to welcome all good men into the lodge, and so long as he acknowledges a reverence for the G.A.O.T.U. we shall adhere to our present formulae. And, therefore, I beg to repeat that if we ever depart from that combined cosmopolitan and yet religious character which has made Freemasonry admired among the brotherhood and respected among men, we may be sure that we are departing altogether from that which constitutes the value of our mission and our true work in the world. (Cheers.) I might go on at a greater length to comment on the value of Freemasonry, but to you, Sir, who have often presided over a lodge, I know it is perfectly needless. I would merely say in conclusion, as I sit down, to use the language of the motto to be found in the great and mighty cathedral under whose shadow we are, in reference to its builder, who was a great Freemason, "Si monumentum queris, circumspice." If any man asks what is Freemasonry? and what Freemasonry does? I would simply say it clothes, cares for, and educates the orphan young, it assists the aged, it soothes the voice of anguish, and helps infirmity, and causes the widow's heart to sing for joy. It proclaims before man a firm adherence, an unchanging belief in the great God of heaven and earth, and we couple with that unchanging belief, hearty goodwill, tenderness, sympathy, and compassion for every brother, nay, for every mortal of the dust. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. Hervey, Grand Secretary, in proposing "The Health of the W.M. and Prosperity to the Lodge of Perseverance," said he trusted the brethren would tolerate him for a very few moments. It had been a very great gratification to him to be present that evening among the brethren. He had attended at the instance of the W.M. to consecrate the lodge, and although he felt that there were men in London who could have performed the ceremony better than he had, and notably, one brother on his right (Bro. Terry), yet he felt it a great compliment to be asked to perform the ceremony of consecrating the lodge of Perseverance. He felt it to be a great compliment because the W.M. put it to him in a way which he could not understand, and he would like him to instal him in the chair once more. It had happened to him to instal Bro. Leins before, and like all modest people he (Bro. Hervey) probably had a few deprecatory doubts as to undertaking the task; but finally Bro. Leins overcame his modesty, and hence his attendance. Now, his great gratification was based on the fact that he had placed at the head of the brethren a brother who would do them justice, and that he thought was the greatest tower of gratification a Consecrating Officer could have. He was convinced that the W.M. would do them justice, and placing such a brother over a new lodge gave an additional pleasure to adding one more link to the long chain of Masonic lodges. He was convinced that this new link would not soon rust away. They had descanted a good deal that night upon one phase and another of Freemasonry, and after the excellent speech which had just been delivered by Bro. Woodford, he felt he was out of order in addressing the brethren at length: but he felt that the feelings of the W.M. were so much his own on one or two points which he was going to mention, that he would not make any apology for dilating upon them. From what he understood from the W.M. and the Treasurer, it was the brethren's wish not to make the lodge a large lodge, but rather to make it one where the brethren might meet those whom they would wish to meet, and where they would find no sort of difference or disagreement, where they would enjoy a quiet evening, and then go away feeling that all those whom they had met were true and sincere friends, not only Masons in name, but brothers in reality. (Cheers.) This being the object of the W.M. and the brethren it was one to be highly commended. He advised brethren not to go for numbers, not to take into their lodge those whom they did not know, and did not feel would do them justice while they were in the lodge. Let them not take them for the sake of their fee, but for the sake of themselves. Look to their characters and enquire what they were in private life, and if they were good men and true in private life, if they were good fathers, husbands, brothers, or sons, then they might entrust them with the Masonic grip, and feel assured that those men would not do them injustice and would come in as the W.M. wished, as good men and true. (Cheers.)

The W.M. in reply said that Bro. Hervey had represented himself as under an obligation to him for asking him to perform the ceremony of the evening but the obligation was really the other way. He had applied to Bro. Hervey to consecrate the lodge and moreover to do him the high honour of installing him as W.M., very likely for the last time. He (the W.M.) had gained his point, getting into the chair of W.M., and all brethren should try to gain that point before going to the Grand Lodge above. He (the W.M.) most heartily thanked Bro. Hervey for having done him the honour to install him, and he could assure Bro. Hervey that it would never be effaced from his memory. He trusted that God would spare Bro. Hervey for many more years and that the brethren might have the pleasure and honour of seeing him on many future occasions.

The W.M. having given the toast of "The Consecrating officer."

Bro. Hervey made a very short reply on the ground that the brethren had heard him a great many times that evening.

The W.M. then gave "The Assistant Consecrating Officers," and informed Bro. Edgar Bowyer that though he was not elected an honorary member that evening it was an oversight which would be remedied, and he hoped Bro. Bowyer would not feel himself slighted. The W.M. then thanked all the brethren who assisted in the consecration, and assured Bro. Woodford that if he would take a quiet hint and act as Chaplain at the lodge meetings it would be exceedingly gratifying to all the brethren.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in reply said if the Grand Secretary had proclaimed himself a trespasser he was afraid the brethren must by this time be sick of hearing his voice. He hoped none of the brethren were in the position of a wicked old married man, who when a friend said "your wife is in a state of coma: had not you better run for a doctor?" said "No, I don't often get the chance." He hoped the brethren would not, to use a common phrase, having heard him so often during the day, tell the Past Grand Chaplain to "shut up." He had said so much that evening that though he had said it with all sincerity he did not think it became him to trespass any longer on the brethren's time. He should be very happy, whenever numerous other employments permitted him to come to the lodge and act as Chaplain, as requested by the W.M.

Bro. Woodford then referred in most complimentary terms to Bros. Buss, Terry, and Bro. Bowyer, and left the further reply to the toasts in their hands.

Bro. Buss, Assist. G. Secretary, who was also called on for a reply, in the course of doing so, said, he knew the brethren so well who were connected with the lodge, that he felt it had in it the ingredients which would make it an honour to the order. Many observations had been made during the evening, and for some time past with regard to the action taken by the Grand Orient of France, and these observations must have convinced the brethren that Masonry was entertaining, and bringing to bear those grand questions which must bring their institutions to support the

integrity of the system on which it had been conducted for many years past.

Bro. James Terry, who was also requested to respond, said, it was with unfeigned pleasure he attended to see Bro. Leins installed for the fourth time in the chair of a lodge. He had known Bro. Leins sufficiently long to be assured that he would not have been asked to take that position unless the other brethren who signed the petition entertained for him the same regard as he (Bro. Terry) did. He was sure that during Bro. Leins's tenure of office the government of the lodge would be in the best of hands. The brethren had made a very wise selection for his kindness of heart, his courtesy of manner, and his generosity of disposition. If there was anything to be achieved in Freemasonry, if there was anything worth working for or aspiring to, Bro. Leins would aspire to, work for, and endeavour to achieve. He would conduct the lodge in a manner that would be commended by the brethren. As he (Bro. Terry) had had the honour conferred on him of being elected as honorary member he should do himself the pleasure of attending to witness the growth of the lodge and to congratulate the brethren on their success. He trusted the time was not far distant when the Lodge of Perseverance would make its mark among the charities of England. He knew he was treading on dangerous ground and on forbidden ground, as the brethren must know who read the leading articles in the Masonic organ. Articles came out in that paper every week to the effect that the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions had no right to go about and plead the cause of their Institutions, but that it would be much better for them to stay at home and allow the members of lodges to supplement the efforts of the Masters to bring contributions to the charities. He (Bro. Terry) was one of those unhappy individuals who had to go about to lodges, 290 nights out of the 313, and he could say he only wished he could find more time to spend at home. With all due respect to the observations of those brethren who entertained the opinions he had referred to he could only say that if they did spend the time mentioned at home it would entail a loss of from £3000 to £4000 a year to the Institutions whose Secretaries now went out. The brethren might take what he had said just as a simple idle rumour, or they might take it as an answer to what he had told them about articles that had appeared. If the brethren did not think those articles had appeared, let them lay out their two-pence a week and have the paper, that they might see for themselves. Putting, however, this matter aside he wished to thank the lodge very much for having elected him an honorary member, and wishing every prosperity to it, he hoped he might have the proud satisfaction for years and years to come, of seeing it in a bright position in the Craft.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, in giving his reply said, that the W.M. and himself were initiated into Freemasonry within a month of each other.

Bro. Brown, W.M. 65; Frederick Crockford (Zetland, Malta), and Gotto, having replied to the toast of "The Visitors," a call was given for Bro. Court from Massachusetts, in obedience to which call,

Bro. Court said it was an unexpected pleasure that he enjoyed that night in witnessing the consecration of a new lodge. This was the first lodge he had visited in England, and it had given him great pleasure to be present under such auspicious circumstances. He should be happy to convey to America when he went back to his own lodge, and his friends and brethren of the Order, the good will and wishes of the brethren of this country. He believed there was nothing that was tending more to dissipate the prejudice which had prevailed on both sides of the Atlantic against those two portions of the Anglo-Saxon people than the principles and practice of Freemasonry. They had learned to know and to respect each other as brethren, and any circumstances which would keep them apart had been overcome by Freemasonry. He might mention that for instance the prejudice that had existed against the Prince of Wales in America had been dissipated by his becoming Grand Master of Freemasons of England, and the greatest kindness, respect, and esteem were now entertained for him. He was very glad to assure the brethren that the sentiments uttered by the Grand Secretary, the Past Grand Chaplain, and others, both round the table and in the consecrating hall, in regard to the cardinal principles of the Order were shared by the brethren in America almost unanimously. The brethren in America were at one with those in England on the point that it was essential to the practice of Masonry to acknowledge the Supreme Great Architect of the Universe, through whose kindness and grace they hoped to be saved. They believed that this was the only true basis of Freemasonry; and that one feeling animating them, though they were divided by the ocean, they were one, and it would be so while this feeling lasted; in the words of the Scotch poet, who was also a Mason—"When man to man the world o'er, shall brothers be, and a' that." That solidarity would not rest on words of universal liberty, equality, and fraternity. It had been founded on those good principles of our Order, a belief in the existence of a Great Architect, of the hopes of an immortality beyond this transient scene. He therefore said that the English and Americans were one in all these principles, and not only these countries, but Ireland and Scotland. (Cheers.) Ireland and Scotland had already taken the same step as England with respect to the Grand Orient, and he supposed it was only a question of time, or it was only a question of expediency, how soon the Order in America would make a similar announcement. A report with that recommendation would be adopted by the District Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as he knew the District Grand Master when he visited the lodge proclaimed such sentiments as had been expressed so strongly by the brethren to-day. He would again thank the brethren for allowing him the extreme pleasure of being present, and he trusted he had not trespassed on their time and patience,

but he could not help saying that the more the brethren in America became acquainted with the brethren in England, the more the brethren in England became acquainted with the brethren of America the more would they love and respect each other, and the more would be the links and ties that would bind the daughter nation to the mother nation, the more would they become one in sentiment, in liberty, equality, and fraternity all over the world. The lodges in America were prospering. They exercised a considerable amount of discretion in selecting the rough ashlar with which to add to the structure. They looked to see if there were any flaws in the stone, and whether it was likely to crumble, and if it was they rejected that stone. They were very careful in enquiring where a candidate came from, for in the selection, the proposing and balloting for candidates for admission to the Order, it was necessary that it should be so, seeing that there were many ravening wolves that had gone among them. As there were sham orders, so there were many enemies that had been against the Order from a mistaken idea that it came into collision with religion. In this way their very enemies had done them good. (Cheers.) It had been said by the American proverb that our enemy is our friend when he points out our fault. Their enemies had shown that Masonry was worthy of the whole community and worthy of the appreciation of every lover of humanity, and of every sincere believer in God, that would take the trouble to make himself acquainted with the proper way of entering into the lodges of the order. The order was in one sense a secret order, but in another sense, it was not. It was a secret order, inasmuch as it was kept from the profane world without, but it was not a secret order, inasmuch as any one who is a worthy and a good man could enter it. There was no government and no church that need fear the Masonic Order, which was within the reach of all those who wished to make themselves acquainted with its principles and practices in the proper way in the lodge, in which they would enjoy the light that radiated from the Master's chair in the East. Bro. Court, again thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of him, and said he should carry with him to America a lively recollection of a very pleasant evening. (Cheers.)

The remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated.

A beautiful selection of music was given during the evening by Bros. T. W. Simons, F. H. Cozens, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of Bro. T. W. Simons.

Telegraphing on Sunday night his daily letter to the *Liverpool Courier*, the London correspondent of our contemporary says:—

"The consecration of the Freemasons' Lodge of Perseverance, yesterday evening, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, was a very brilliant affair. The Grand Secretary of England, who was the central figure, stamped the proceedings as a success, by initiating them with an excellent extempore address, in which he referred to the much-reprobated action of the Grand Orient of France in obliterating from their Freemasonry the fundamental Masonic principle—belief in God. The Grand Secretary was followed by a Past Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, who delivered an eloquent oration the detailed principles of Masonry, not perhaps in a new light, but in new language, the freshness of which riveted the attention of the brethren. There was a large attendance of brethren from various localities, and among them was an American Mason, Mr. Robert Court, of the Ancient York Lodge, Massachusetts. Mr. Louis A. Leins was installed as Master of the Lodge, which afterwards extended its hospitality to its visitors by entertaining them at an elegant banquet. Two remarkably fine speeches were delivered in the course of the evening, in reply to the toasts, one by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and the other by the American brother. The vocal music was of the highest order."

A notice of the consecration of the Perseverance Lodge also appeared in the *Standard*, *Daily News*, *Daily Chronicle*, and *Morning Advertiser* of Monday, in the *City Press* of Wednesday, and the *Era* of to-day.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

[We have the pleasure to print the following communication from the Grand Lodge of Peru.]

Muy Querido Hermano:

Me es grato poner en vuestro conocimiento que la Secretaría General del Supremo Concejo gr. 33 para la República del Perú, bajo cuya jurisdicción trabajan todas las Logias Simbólicas y Altares Superiores Regulares del Rito Escocés Antiguo y Aceptado, se ha trasladado a la Calle de Lima, No. 3 (antes Zorreo), Altos, Lima; con cuya dirección deben venir, sea por vía de Inglaterra, Panamá ó Estrecho de Magallanes, todas las comunicaciones é impresos que tengais á bien remitir bajo el rótulo que os adjunto.

La Secretaría, que se dice existe en la Calle del Rastro de San Francisco No. 53, es ilegal y espúrea, por corresponder á un cuerpo titulado Gran Oriente del Perú, que no es ni puede ser reconocido por ninguna potencia Masónica regular; ni tampoco deben continuar dirigiendo comunicaciones Masónicas ó impresos á la Calle de Carabaya, No. 24, (antes Bodegones), como indican algunos Calendarios y Boletines Masónicos, publicados en Europa, en los Estados Unidos y en la América del Sur.

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GRAND MASONIC FETE IN DUBLIN.

We extract the following account from the *Dublin Evening Mail*:—

On Monday, 20th inst., in the Exhibition Palace the Masonic body, which is conspicuous for its good works, held the annual festival for the distribution of prizes to the children of deceased brethren distinguished for their answering at the recent examination in the Masonic Schools. The occasion is always one for the display of Masonic strength and influence, as it is of Masonic charity. At no other demonstration in the annual round of Dublin gatherings is there such a representative assemblage of Irish society. Men eminent in the learned professions and in mercantile pursuits, representative men of all classes that consolidate society, ensure the stability of good order, and the promotion of social virtue, appear in Masonic panoply. Then there is in addition an array of Irish beauty outnumbering the "brethren of the mystic tie," though the sex is denied admission to the Craft. The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., presided. As the Institution for Girls was the first founded, the demonstration is still in name associated with it, while prizes are, at the same time, distributed to the boys. At present there are forty girls in the school, and there not being accommodation for a greater number, the committee are in treaty for a site on the Earl of Pembroke's estate at Donnybrook. The new school will be constructed to accommodate at least sixty. In the report an encouraging account is given.

At half-past eight o'clock a procession of officers and members of the Order was formed in the transept, and proceeded along the platform to the orchestra. Those who composed this procession were attired in full Masonic costume, with the appropriate insignia of the several degrees of Blue, Red, and Black Masonry:—

As they reached the orchestra the brethren filed off according to their lodges, and took the places pointed out to them by the platform stewards.

During the progress of the procession to the orchestra the strains of the "Victory" march, composed by Mr. Joseph Robinson, pealed from the organ.

The following officers of Grand Lodge were present:—Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master; Robert Warren, D.L., Grand Treasurer; the Rev. John James MacSorley; Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P., Senior Grand Deacon; Theophilus E. St. George, Junior Grand Deacon; George A. Stephens, J.P., Grand Superintendent of Works; George Meyers, LL.D. J.P., Grand Director of Ceremonies; Humphrey Minchin, M.B., Grand Sword Bearer; Charles Ogilvie Grandison, Grand Organist; Jas. Creed Meredith, LL.D., Grand Inner Guard; Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer; Archibald St. George, Assistant Secretary.

A most brilliant and distinguished company assembled, whose names would fill a column of the *Freemason*.

The Right Worshipful R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, having taken the chair,

A salute to the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, was called for and given according to ancient usage.

A portion of the 100th Psalm having been sung,

The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., said he had been requested by the Grand Master to express his deep regret that he was unable to preside over them that night. He was unfortunately obliged to remain abroad a considerable time, in consequence of the illness of his wife, and since his return to England he had been obliged to remain in London in consequence of important Parliamentary duties. He had stated to him (Bro. Shekleton) that his wishes were to be present with them that night, as he was not able to be with them on the last occasion. He was sure they would all accept his excuse. Perhaps some of the visitors there might not be aware of the objects of their institution and what they were; and as the acting head at present in Ireland, they would excuse him if he gave them in a few words the meaning of these charities. They were supported by the voluntary contributions of the brethren—they were managed by boards of governors, and as the Girls' School was the oldest established, and he confessed, the one in which he took the greatest interest, he would give it the place of honour. It was managed as he had told them, by a Board of Governors, who delegated their duties to certain committees. Amongst others they had a ladies' committee, who endeavoured, as far as they could, to look after the maternal wants of the institution. Ex-officio, he was the chairman of all the committees, but he need not say that, as he did not understand the difference in articles of ladies dress, or what the difference was between poult de soie and tulle illusion, which he saw sometimes mentioned in the newspapers, he did not know what it was all about (laughter), so he would confess he did not know much about the proceedings of the ladies' committee; but he did know something about the proceedings of the education committee. If they wanted proofs of their work they had them in the education of the girls. Of course, coming, as the girls did, from the better classes, they were never allowed to look for any menial occupation. They tried to develop among them the means of self-support. They excluded altogether from their ideas the fact that the schools were charities. (Hear, hear.) They looked upon them as Masonic duties devolving on them as members of the Masonic body. (Hear, hear.) They tried to discover amongst the girls their capabilities for different branches of study. They were trained to support themselves as soon as possible, but in no instance did they allow any child to go out of the institution unless they were thoroughly satisfied that the place she was going to was in every way fitting for her. (Hear.) They then had the Financial Committee, which looked after the resources of the Institution, and, as the report showed, they had discharged their duties faithfully and well. (Hear,

hear.) They had also an Apprentice Committee whose duty it was to inquire into the character and fitness of any person desiring to have one of the pupils as an apprentice. With regard to the Boys' School it was managed in a similar way. They did not allow any of the boys either to go into a menial position, as they sprang, as he had told them, from a better class. These few details, he thought might be interesting to some of the visitors, who might not be aware of how the Institutions were carried on. (Applause.)

Bro. Chaworth Ferguson then read the report as follows: "The receipts for the year (exclusive of balance from last year), amounted to £3318 8s. 1d., showing an increase of £601 5s. 8d., includes three items which may be considered as exceptional, viz., Nagle Memorial Prize Fund, £100; bequests, £300; interest accumulated on Browne's bequest of £200, £88. The increase in the ordinary revenue of the institution for the year may therefore be stated as £113 5s. 8d., and arises mainly under the head of "Permanent Official Governorships." The expenses of the establishment for the year amounted to £2600 17s. 2d.; a sum of £2075 15s. 3d. has been invested in the purchase of £2000 India 4 per cent Stock; and £145 has been laid out on building a new front wall on the plot adjoining the school, which was purchased last year. The cash balance to credit at 31st December, 1877, was £65 17s. 8d., and the Stock balances amounts to £11,241 13s. 7d. During the year thirteen girls have left the school; of these three have been sent to schools on the Continent, and two to schools in England to complete their education, with a view to better fitting them to become governesses; three have obtained situations in business establishments; one accepted a situation as housekeeper in a school, and the other four have returned to their friends. Eight new pupils have been elected during the year. The total number of girls in the school, including the pupil teacher, is forty. The health of the pupils during the year has been good. Anything to the contrary has arisen from ordinary colds or constitutional delicacy; there has been no epidemic. Negotiations are in progress for a suitable site whereon to build a school for the accommodation of a larger number of girls than we have hitherto been able to receive. Plans for the building are in course of preparation by your architect. A very considerable expenditure must necessarily be incurred, as well for such building and its furniture, as the annual support of our enlarged establishment. It is therefore earnestly urged upon our brethren (particularly in the country, whence the majority of our girls have hitherto, and probably will hereafter, come), to make increased exertions, not only by subscribing to the building fund, but by adding to the number of our Annual Governors, thereby securing the prospect of a permanently enlarged annual income for the support of our new school, which we feel assured will be made, through the invariable generosity of the brethren, a fitting memorial of the Masonic Order in Ireland."

Bro. James Spaight, of Limerick, said it was his pleasing duty to propose a formal vote of thanks to those officers who had, by their zeal and energy, contributed so much to the success of the schools, in which all present seemed to take so deep an interest. The resolution spoke for itself. It was:—

"That the report now read be approved, and that the thanks of this meeting are due to the members of the several committees of the institution, and also to the medical officers of the school for the zealous and efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving on them, and the deep interest they manifest in everything conducing to the prosperity and progress of the Masonic Female Orphan Schools." These statements were in themselves so full and so complete that it hardly needed any words from him to commend the resolution to the audience to ensure their cordial and favourable reception of it. It was somewhat unaccountable to him, and he had no doubt it also appeared a little unaccountable to many of them, that he, an unknown stranger, from a remote province, should be placed in so prominent a position there that night, while there were many around him far better qualified to discharge the duty imposed on him, and who were more worthy of the great distinction that had been conferred on him. He could only attribute it to a desire on their part to show that ubiquity was one of the characteristics of their Order, and obedience of its rules. In a word, he came from the province of Munster, which he had the honour to represent, and he might there state, and if necessary prove, that the principle of Freemasonry lived, aye, flourished nearly as vigorously in the wilds of the West as they did in the cultivated civilization of the metropolis. The first question that naturally would present itself to any one looking from that platform on the grand imposing spectacle before him, was to ask what had brought such a vast concourse of the rank and wealth of the great city together; It was not curiosity, but it could not be a vain desire to penetrate forlorn secrets. They could not hold out to them eloquent appeals, or the gay scenes and inducements which had often filled these large halls. He believed the force that brought that vast concourse together was moved by motives that were as high and as noble as any that could actuate the human breast. He believed it was the homage paid by philanthropy and virtue to active and practical benevolence. It was there they could offer a triumphant answer to the scoffer or the sceptic, who would ask what was the object of Freemasonry? Here they could point to it in the objects of their fraternal love; here they could point to a noble duty bringing hope and relief to places where all had been dark despair. Count the many happy faces of those children before them, and they would know the number of desolated homes that had been brightened by Masonic love. Amongst them they would find many who had acknowledged, and acknowledged with gratitude, the sympathy and comfort the Order had afforded them. It was their Masonic duty; it had smoothed the pillow of many a

dying brother, and brought comfort and happiness to the afflicted widow and orphan. The evidence given by the people of this great city that night was most cheering to those who undertook the duty and responsibility of conducting these schools. He believed those who would follow him would adduce to them many reasons which he had not had time to state, or, probably, which they would not listen to, why they continued to take such a deep interest in that favoured institution. There was but one dark spot, which he would venture to point out to them, in the bright future presented to them. He thought it was not consistent with the position which their order had assumed, and the great strides which it had recently made, that an order which embraced in its fraternal links the prince, and peer, and peasant, should close the doors of its sanctuary against any worthy applicant. He trusted, and he hoped and believed from what he saw there that night, that the day was not far distant when the sanctuary would be opened wide to the destitute children of their worthy brethren who came to seek its shelter, and that they would not be obliged, as they were now, to turn poor applicants away from the door to buffet the cruel blows of a cold unsympathising world.

Bro. Hugh Holmes, G.C., in seconding the resolution, said he need hardly say that he had the greatest pleasure in doing so. He said he could not help feeling a little diffidence and hesitation in rising to speak on a Masonic subject in presence of many who bore, and had borne the highest offices, and who had received the highest honours which it was in the power of the Order to bestow. As far as the resolution was concerned it was not necessary for either the proposer or the seconder to say much. He believed there was not a person in the audience who did not know something of the Masonic Schools. He thought he might venture to say that there was not a person there who had ever heard anything said against them. One charge, and one charge alone was made, and that was that there is not placed in the hands of the committee a sufficiency of funds to enable them year by year to increase the number of pupils; but a complaint of this kind, so far from being actuated by hostility, was prompted by a friendly spirit, and should act as an incentive to all to increase the usefulness of the schools. But it might not be amiss to say a few words about Masonry itself on that occasion, when there were many present who were not Freemasons, and very many who were never likely to have the slightest chance of being Freemasons. Freemasonry resembled Operative Masonry in this—that up to the present time it was confined to the rougher and less graceful sex; and, although in an age like this they could not tell what change might occur, it was scarcely likely that within any reasonable time there would be such a revolution in the state of the Order that they should receive within their ranks the fairer portion of their audience. In addressing an audience like that on Freemasonry there was some difficulty, for one was in danger of saying either too little or too much. One might say a word to remove certain misconceptions that prevailed against the Order. He did not refer alone to actual honest misconceptions, but he was afraid he must add to wilful misrepresentations they sometimes heard of the Order. It had been said even in this country, and in no very doubtful terms, that there was something in the principles of Freemasonry that was wrong and vicious—that it was inconsistent with the due performance of the duties of a pious Christian and a loyal citizen, and that any man with a proper respect for his virtue and honesty ought to separate himself from such a body. He would say to any man who entertained that opinion honestly, let him form his opinion of them of what they were in their lodges, by what they found them in the open world, let them judge of their secret convalescence by their public acts. Did they find that because a man was a Mason he was less charitable, less truthful, less honourable, less loyal, less obedient to the law? Was it possible that men who had attained the highest position in the State—men belonging to families in which virtue and honour had been a heritage, would associate themselves with a society of the kind represented. He did not claim for the Masonic body exceptional virtues; but he would say boldly and fearlessly on their behalf, that they were not stained by exceptional vices. And if it was demoralising, as it was sometimes represented to be, he could not understand how it was that they had been so wonderfully successful in concealing from the world the fruits that would naturally follow. (Hear, hear.) He would also say a word about misconception of a different character. There were some people perhaps in the audience who would say they had no objection to Masons or to Freemasonry, and who would say there was nothing wrong in it, but at the same time there was not much good in it; that the Masons met together at stated times for no very earnest purpose; that they wore jewels and insignia, and indulged in certain harmless forms and ceremonies, but there was nothing real or earnest in the body. Now, he would ask the man who had such an idea this question—Was it not true that, without referring to the traditions of the Order, Freemasons had existed for centuries, and were to be found in every country and every clime; that at the present moment they were to be found in every part of the globe—was it in accordance with history or experience that such a society had nothing in it, and was merely a ceremonial uninformed by any active or earnest vitality? It would be contrary to experience, and he especially denied it in connection with Freemasons. It would, perhaps, be difficult for an audience like that to understand what Freemasonry is, but he could tell them this, that Masons, being bound together by the common tie of humanity, would teach, and would learn, as far as each was himself concerned, that the union that exists amongst them should be not merely nominal but real, and they should join with each other in sympathy and mutual help, and that, in short, in the word "brotherhood" they had the key of all Freemasonry. The period in which they

now lived happened to be a prosperous one for the Order. They had first, him who would by-and-bye be their sovereign; they had the noblest in rank in the Order; and, what was, perhaps, still better, the principles of Freemasonry were extending amongst the toiling classes, who by their honest and daily labour had done so much to make and keep the country great. That, of course, was a subject of pleasure to every true Mason, but they should remember that while they should rejoice at their prosperity, it entailed on them a great responsibility—they would endeavour to see that Masonry was not to be a form or name—that while they attended to the ceremonial of the institution in a dignified and becoming manner, they were also bound to make its principles a real earnestness and life. If they did this it would soon be realised that in the extension and increase of a body which teaches those principles—to be mutually forbearing, to be noble in thought, to be honourable in conduct, to be loyal to the Government, to be obedient to the law, to be lovers and cultivators of the art of peace, and yet not shrink from those warlike undertakings by which real peace alone can be secured, it would soon be recognised that in the extension and progress of a body of this kind there was the surest guarantee for the strength and safety of the State.

Bro. Captain King Harman, M.P., said the resolution which had been put into his hands was one most suitable to the occasion. It was this:—

"That while acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and friendliness with which the institution has hitherto been favoured, the governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren in order to still further extend its usefulness."

He would not detain the meeting long in commending that resolution to their acceptance, for it embraced in a few words as much, perhaps, as he would be able to convey in half-an-hour. He would add one word to the resolution, and that was to ask the ladies in the hall and the ladies of Dublin, and the ladies of this charitable island of Ireland, to come forward and help them in the maintenance of the orphans of their Masonic brethren. What could touch their hearts and stir their feelings, and keep them as closely together in the bonds of humanity and Christianity, as the sight of the orphans of their fellow countrymen. They did not ask them for charity, they asked for sympathy and help, and to give their contributions, and encourage their husbands, their sons, brothers, and friends to come to the assistance of the orphan. Standing there he had one regret, and that was that the children he saw around him were so few. Could it be said in this great country of this great brotherhood that they would not look after their own orphans? It was only a little they asked for, and that little given promptly might save suffering in future years.

Bro. M'Mullen, of Cork, seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

A selection of music was performed by the pupils, the National Anthem was then sung, after which the procession was reformed and moved from the concert-room to a dais in the Glass Building, where the pupils were presented with their prizes and certificates as follows:—

The Fennell Prize, value £3, for the best answer in Scripture and English, founded by a donation from lodge No. 248, Roscommon, in memory of Bro. John Fennell, Past Master of that lodge—Frances Smith. Gertrude Gill having obtained the highest number of marks in the examination receives a certificate, but having won the prize last year is disqualified to receive it again.

The Astley Prizes, founded in memory of the late Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works, consist of two divisions, two prizes being given in each division—1st division, English (spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic)—1st prize (£2), Gertrude Gill; 2nd prize (£1), Frances Smith. 2nd division, French—1st prize (£1 15s), Francis Smith; 2nd prize (15s), Gertrude Gill.

The Nagle Prizes, founded by the brethren of Lodge No. 242, Boyle, in memory of the late Bro. James Roche Nagle, M.D., to be awarded to the girls in the first and second classes who in the result of the examinations show the highest general proficiency—1. Class (value £3), Gertrude Gill; 2. Class (value £2), Sophia Fenton.

Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary, awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves—Silver Medal, Jane Crymble; Bronze Medal, Henrietta Richards. The general prizes are:—Class I.—Grace Harte, 1st in history, 2nd in grammar, geography, and drawing; special prize in needlework; 2nd in practice of music. Gertrude Gill, 2nd in history; 1st in grammar, geography, arithmetic, and English; 2nd in French, scripture, and needlework; 1st in theory and practice of music. Francis Smith, 2nd in arithmetic; 1st in French, scripture, drawing, and (II. Cl.) theory of music; 2nd in (II. Cl.) practice of music. Emma Hendley, 2nd in theory of music, and English. Helen Perry—1st (III. Cl.) in practice of music and (II. Cl.) French. Henrietta Richards, 2nd in writing; 1st in conduct. Jane Crymble, 1st in writing; drawing—an additional prize; 1st in needlework.

Class II.—Sophia Fenton, 1st in geography, and arithmetic; 2nd in English; 1st in scripture, and drawing. Christina Orr, 2nd in grammar, geography, and French; 1st in needlework; 2nd in theory of music. Gertrude Malone, 1st in grammar and practice of music. Catherine Sayers, 2nd in history; 1st in English. Edith Anketell 1st in writing; 2nd in drawing. Emily Wigmore, 2nd in arithmetic, writing, and needlework. Anne Christian, 2nd in (III. Cl.) Drawing. Maria Rountree, 2nd in scripture; 1st in conduct. Henrietta McNally, 1st in English history.

Class III.—Emily Little, 1st in English history; 2nd in grammar, arithmetic, and geography. Florence Hendley, 1st in grammar; 2nd in English; 1st in writing, drawing, and conduct. Susan Greene, 2nd in English history and grammar; 1st in geography, and needlework. Eleanor

Butler, 1st in English. Luara Bradburne, 2nd in writing; 1st in scripture. Florence Anketell, 2nd in scripture. Catherine Johnson, 1st in arithmetic, Mabel Barnwell, 2nd in needlework.

A promenade then took place throughout the building, and more especially the gallery containing the splendid collection of pictures known as the Murrel, the leading items of which are so deserving of study. We cannot better conclude our account of the proceedings than by suggesting that a Masonic ball should be held during the meeting of the British Association in Dublin next August. Former Masonic balls in Dublin have been splendid successes, and there is every reason to anticipate that one at the time indicated would rival the best. It would also afford an admirable opportunity for augmenting the building fund for the new schools.

PUBLIC HALLS AT ROTHESAY.

The memorial stone of the new Public Halls in course of erection in East Princes-street, by ex-Provost Charles Duncan, was laid on Saturday, 15th inst., with Masonic ceremony, by Bro. Charles Dalrymple, Esq., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Argyle and the Isles. The weather was wet, which had a somewhat depressing effect on the proceedings. Notwithstanding the weather, a very large number of visitors thronged the town, and the procession was both imposing and attractive.

Ex-Provost Charles Duncan received at the Town Clerk's Office, County Buildings, the magistrates and councillors of the burgh, and others invited joined in the procession, at 1.30 o'clock p.m. The gentlemen in procession, who wore their official robes and uniforms, proceeded to the front walk at the west end of the Victoria Street Esplanade, when the Provincial Grand Marshal, Alexander Duncan, Esq., arranged the procession, viz.:

The following lodges were represented by deputation or individual members: St. John, St. John's, Newfoundland, 579; Gael, Glasgow, 609; The Calender, Falkirk, 588; Dramatic, Glasgow, 571; St. Vincent, Glasgow, 553; Kildalton, Islay, 552; St. Andrew, Coatbridge, 544; St. Munn, Ardenadam, 496; Kilburne, Cumbrae, 459; St. John, Busby, 458; Govan Dale, Govan, 437; Neptune, Glasgow, 419; Clyde, Glasgow, 408; Royal Bue, Kilburnie, 399; Renfrew County Kilwinning, 370; St. Clair, Glasgow, 362; St. John, Rutherglen, 347; Argyle, Dunoon; St. George, Glasgow, 333; Royal Arch, West Kilbride, 314; St. John, Rothsay, 292; Shamrock and Thistle, Glasgow, 275; Star, Glasgow, 219; Commercial, Oban, 180; St. John, Largs, 173; Leven, St. John, Renton, 170; St. Barchan, Kilbarchan, 150; St. Mirren, Paisley, 129; St. Mary Partick, 117; Fortrose, Stornoway, 108; Union and Crown, Glasgow, 103; Thistle and Rose, Glasgow, 73; Doric Kilwinning, Port-Glasgow, 68; Loudoun Kilwinning, Newmills, 51; St. John, Inveraray, 50; St. Mungo, Glasgow, 27; St. John Kilwinning, Dumbarton, 18; Greenock Kilwinning, Greenock, 12; St. John, Glasgow, 32, Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyle and the Isles.

On arriving at the platform the Architect was the first of the Masonic procession who walked up to it on the East; 2ndly, the Provincial Grand Chaplain; 3rdly, the Provincial Grand Jeweller, Provincial Grand Deacons, Provincial Grand Secretary, Provincial Grand Treasurer, Provincial Grand Wardens and Substitute; the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, followed by the brethren attendant. All gave way to the Provincial Grand Master when on the platform, and the Substitute took the right of the Provincial Grand Master. The Grand Jewels, &c., were laid on the Provincial Grand Master's table.

A handsome silver trowel was presented to the Provincial Grand Master by ex-Provost C. Duncan.

After the performance of the ceremonies customary on such occasions, the Prov. Grand Master addressed the assemblage. Three cheers were given for the Prov. Grand Master for the efficient way in which he had discharged his duties.

The procession then returned in inverted order by Bishop-street and Castle-street to the place from which it set out, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

After the ceremony a select company sat down to a cake and wine banquet purveyed in the well-known excellent style of Mr. Wilson. Ex-Provost Charles Duncan occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by Charles Dalrymple, Esq., M.P., Rev. H. H. Richardson, Millport, and John T. Wilson, town clerk; and on the left by Thomas Russell, Esq., of Ascog, Rev. J. F. Macpherson, and Captain Heron. Provost Orkney discharged the duties of croupier, and he was supported by A. B. Stewart, Esq., Sherriff Orr, Bailie McEwen, and John Eaton Reid, Millport. The company included all the leading inhabitants and representatives of the different bodies in town and country.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly proposed by the Chairman, and responded to.

Bro. Gavin Park entertained a number of the brethren to dinner in the Queen's Hotel.

THE SAILING BARGE MATCH AND THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

At the sailing barge match on Tuesday last, the steamer "Queen of the Orwell" was chartered to "accompany the race." Among the charterers were a large number of Masons, and it was resolved to devote the surplus from the sale of tickets over the expenses for the benefit of the Masonic Institutions. We are informed that about forty guineas is the amount available for the purpose.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The marriage of Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., P.G.S.W. Devon, second son of John, fourth Marquis of Waterford and brother of the present peer, with Miss Mina Gardner, eldest daughter of Mrs. Gardner and the late Mr. Richard Gardner, was celebrated on Tuesday last at St. Peter's Church, Exon-square. The Prince of Wales, attended by Colonel Ellis, and the Prince Imperial, attended by the Marquis de Bassano, were present at the ceremony. The bride was accompanied to the altar by six bridesmaids—namely, the Hon. Evelyn and Miss Violet Paget, Miss Margaret Cadogan, Miss Wemyss, Miss Leslie and Miss Whit. His Grace the Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, officiated. After the ceremony the wedding party and friends breakfasted, at the invitation of the Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford, in Charles-street St. James's. Early in the afternoon the newly married pair left for Down-place, Windsor. The bridal presents include gifts from the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Captain and officers of her Majesty's ship Thunderer, of which his Lordship is the Commander.

The Approaching Marriage of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W.—Prince Frederick Charles and the Princess Louise Margaret arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday afternoon. Accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, their Imperial Highnesses crossed the Channel in the Maid of Kent steamer, belonging to the London, Chatham, and Dover Company, landed at the Lord Warden Hotel, and proceeded to Windsor over the Chatham and Dover and South Western lines, arriving at 4.20. Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Beatrice met the distinguished party at the Royal waiting rooms at Windsor. In the evening their Imperial Highnesses dined with the Queen and Royal family at the Palace, and slept at the Castle, where they will remain for a short time as the guests of Her Majesty.

A Grand Masonic Concert was given at the Corn Exchange Oxford on Tuesday, at which nearly 500 ladies and gentlemen were present.

Bro. W. G. Lemon (P.M. 165, P.Z. 414, Prov. G. Reg. (Royal Arch) Berks and Bucks, Treasurer 1601, 18°), of New-square, Lincoln's Inn, is a candidate for the office of City Remembrancer.

HIGHGATE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1366.—The ceremony of installation will be worked in the above lodge, Bull and Gate Tavern, Kenish Town-road, on Thursday next, July 4th, at eight o'clock. Bro. H. C. Soper, W.M. 704, will be the Installing Master.

A meeting of Mark Master Masons was held at Cokermonth on Friday, the 21st inst., when it was resolved to petition Grand Lodge for a warrant to open a Mark Lodge. The title fixed upon was the Faithful, in memory of a late Cokermonth brother, and the respective W.M., S.W., and J.W., will be Bros. W. F. Lamsonby (Freemason), R. Robinson, and W. H. Lewthwaite, all Past Masters of the Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge, 1002.

The installation of Bro. James Winsor, P.M. 203, as the W.M. of the Merchants Lodge, No. 241, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, last Tuesday morning, and the brethren afterwards journeyed to Southampton, where a sumptuous banquet was served at the Prince of Wales Hotel. A report of the installation proceedings of the premier lodge of West Lancashire will appear in our next issue. The brethren of the Downshire Lodge also gathered at the same place on Thursday morning for the purpose of installing Bro. Houghton, as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and we will next week give a résumé of the proceedings.

A contemporary is asked to state that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has desired the secretary to withdraw her name from the Ladies' Sanitary Association.

At the Royal Counties Agricultural Show, which was opened on Tuesday at Southampton, the Queen, who sent both from the Osborne and Windsor farms, took the first prize for Herefords.

Masonic Libraries of considerable size now exist in London, Leicester, Sheffield and Hull. That in London of the Supreme Council, is one of the finest in the World.—*Keystone* (Philadelphia).

It has been decided to continue the ceremonial opening of the Castle Art Museum, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Nottingham, on July 3rd, as arranged by the late Mayor.

We are asked to state for the information of our readers that the meetings of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, will in future be held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield, under the banner of the Wentworth Lodge, No. 1239, on Wednesday, July 24th.

From April 1 to the 22nd inst. the Exchequer receipts amounted to £17,479,041, as compared with £17,729,006 in the corresponding period of last year. The expenditure has been £17,315,673.

On Tuesday evening the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, according to annual custom, gave a ball at the Mansion House in honour of the Mayors and Mayoresses of the United Kingdom.

MASONIC SONGS.—A Selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. Philpots, 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.—*Adv.*

A report of the installation of Bro. H. Gloster as W.M. of the Chislehurst Lodge No. 1531, will appear in our next.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale will on Wednesday next, July 10th, undertake the ceremony of launching the "Albert Edward" Lifeboat, at Clacton-on-Sea. This boat is one of the two presented by Grand Lodge, to commemorate the safe return of the M.W.G.M. from India. It is expected that a large number of brethren will be present. Extra trains will run. A special excursion by the steam yacht "Queen of the Thames," is announced. Full particulars as to time of starting, &c., will be found in our advertisement column.

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

At a meeting of the board of delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, the following officers were elected for the current year: Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., President; Mr. Hamilton N. Hoare, Treas.; Mr. John Hughes, C.C., Chairman of Council; Messrs. C. Bray and A. Comrie, Vice-Chairmen of Council; Messrs. J. Barlow, Robert Frewer, A. W. Mackenzie, and J. Minot, Hon. Secs.

Bro. Morris Abrahams, of the Pavilion and East London Theatres, has been presented with a handsome testimonial, consisting in all of 700 ounces of silver, as a mark of esteem for the manner in which he has promoted labour among the working classes of the East-end and for the good he has done to the local and other charities.

Referring to the approaching marriage of the Earl of Lonsdale with Lady Gladys Herbert, which is, we believe, definitely fixed for the 6th prox.; we understand that Mr. Henry Lewis, the artistic jeweller, of 7, New Bond-street, has received instructions from his lordship for the design and manufacture of the entire bridal ornaments, viz., those which are to constitute no small portion of the Earl's wedding gift to his future countess, and those to be worn by the bridesmaids. This is not surprising when it is known that at many of the fashionable marriages which have taken place this season, most of the jewelled presents were the production of Mr. Lewis, who has acquired a very high reputation for the excellence and general beauty of his designs. Mr. Lewis, with a wise and discreet combination of good taste and originality, has introduced some charming novelties in the shape of brooches, sprays for the hair, and other ornaments, which are intended to vary the locket, which it has long been the custom with bridegrooms to present to the bridesmaids in commemoration of the happy event at which they lent their graceful presence and genial smiles.

Bro. Faithfull, M.A., who is well known as Clerk to the Merchant Tailors' Company (an office which he has held during the last eight years), was previously engaged in the War Office, during which time he was successively Assistant Private Secretary to Sir John Pakington (Lord Hampton), when Secretary of State for War, Private Secretary to Lord Northbrook when under Secretary of State. Bro. Faithfull is a member of the Biyard Lodge, No. 1615.

Mr. J. H. Steward informs us (*Globe*) that the heat on Wednesday reached the extraordinary height of 91 degrees in the shade—doubtless the highest on record.

The grand fete given by the Apollo University Lodge on Wednesday, in the gardens of St. John's College, Oxford, was attended by a numerous and fashionable company. The enjoyment was, however, considerably marred by a very heavy thunderstorm.

Owing to the death of Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, Her Majesty's concert, fixed for July 5th, will not take place.

Reports of Lodges 667, 1662, and Instruction 724 stand over.

Among the various candidates for the office of City Remembrancer is Bro. Macrae Moir, P.M. of the Grenadiers' Lodge, No. 66. Bro. Moir was called to the Bar in 1864, and has practiced his profession in the superior courts and at Guildhall regularly since. He has frequently had the honour of sitting as Deputy Judge in the Lord Mayor's Court, on the nomination of the late Recorder, Mr. Russell Gurney.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Surrey will be held on Tuesday the 16th July, at the Public Hall, Dorking, at one o'clock punctually.

A bronze statue of Captain Cook, the navigator, has been placed on a temporary pedestal in Waterloo-place, opposite the Athenaeum Club. It has been executed for the New South Wales Government, and is to remain in its present position for two months.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.—On Monday, being St. John the Baptist's Day, the Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem held their annual meeting at the Chapter House, St. John's Gate. A service had been previously held at the Chapel Royal Savoy, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Beck, rector of Rotherhithe. The Duke of Manchester presided at the meeting, amongst those present being the Earl of Glasgow, Lord Leigh, Sir E. Lechmere, M.P., Colonel Bourne, M.P., Sir Brook Kay, Sir J. St. George, Sir H. C. D'Aubiney, General Lowry, Colonel Weston, &c. Major F. Duncan, R.A., LL.D., brought up an elaborate report on the Ambulance Department of the Order, stating that by means of the instruction gratuitously afforded by that body at least 1100 men and women had become skilled in the treatment of injured persons. In case of a war in which England might be engaged they had also 192 men and women who had registered their names with the Order as prepared to go abroad at any moment in the capacity of skilled nurses.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creation, V.P. and Trustee, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, S. Rawson, John Boyd, Thos. W. White, Benjamin Head, John A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, E. Cox, Arthur E. Gladwell, George Bolton, Thos. Massa, F. Binckes, Peter de Lande Long, John H. Southwood, Walter Wellsman, Chas. F. Hogard, H. Browne, H. Potter, David Roberts, J. G. Marsh, E. Letchworth, F. R. W. Hedges, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, The Chairman mentioned to the brethren that at the forthcoming election for Secretary he thought the poll might be opened at one o'clock instead of two, for the convenience of electors.

Several brethren having spoken on the subject, it was resolved that as the announcement had been already made that the poll would be opened at two o'clock it would be better to keep it as originally fixed.

The Chairman said that there would be no examination of votes at that election till after the poll was closed.

The following report of the House Committee on the subject of the election was then read by Bro. Hedges:—

Report of House Committee on application and testimonials for Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls under Law 45.

Pursuant to resolution of the General Committee of May 30, the House Committee met on Thursday, June 13, to receive applications and examine testimonials of candidates for vacant secretaryship, when, in response to advertisement, 15 applications were received. The meeting then adjourned until Thursday, the 20th June, for the production of certain certificates, and the Committee now beg to report the following nine brethren as eligible candidates, viz.:—

- Bro. W. Clifton Crick.
- " Thomas Cull.
- " T. Rogers Eames.
- " Francis R. W. Hedges.
- " W. Smallpeice.
- " Paul Storr.
- " William Worrell.
- " C. Fitzgerald Matier, (subject to approval by the General Committee of the declaration of age made by his mother, he being unable to obtain a certificate of his birth.)

The following are reported ineligible, viz.:

- Bro. Robert J. Collins, over age.
- " G. C. Barker "
- " S. W. Wallace "
- " E. M. Davey, not present nor otherwise

complied with the requirements of advertisement.

Bro. W. Poor, not present nor otherwise complied with requirements of advertisement.

Bro. Norman, who is otherwise eligible has withdrawn his candidature.

H. A. DuBois,

Chairman of House Committee.

After the examination of petitions for the October election, 28 candidates were declared, and only three vacancies for the October election.

Bro. Southwood referring to the question whether according to the laws of the Institution, ladies and "Lewises" being minors could vote at the election of Secretary, which had been mooted in the *Freemason*, asked whether it was the fact that such subscribers could vote.

The Chairman said he had been asked the question before, and had enquired of Bro. Clabon, who had promised to look into the matter and advise him.

Bro. Joshua Nunn replied that there was no doubt that they could vote.

After a long discussion, in which it was shown that the laws of the Institution were in a very confused and contradictory state, the subject was referred to Bro. MacIntyre, Q.C.

Bro. Edward Cox having called attention to the last election of the House Committee of the Girls' school,

The Chairman said that every precaution would be taken against irregularities in voting at the election of Secretary on the 11th July.

The meeting was then adjourned to July 11 at two o'clock.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, July 5, 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 29.

Lodge 1706, Orpheus, F.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.
Lodge 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.
K.T. D, Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

MONDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, JULY 2.

Colonial Board, at 3.

Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

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 Bds., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
Encamp. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.
P.G.C. and Lodge R.O. of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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, JULY 4.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Hot., Dalston.
Encamp. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-road.
Ubury, 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, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-road, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, JULY 5.

Little Memorial Committee, F.M.H., at 6 p.m.

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, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E.
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., Goulborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, July 6, 1878.

MONDAY, JULY 1.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Preston.
" 1045, Stamford, T.H., Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 2.

Lodge 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3.

Lodge 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool.
Mark Lodge, 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 4.

Lodge 249, Mariner's, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Alpass Encampment, M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 5.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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" G. Boncey, "Portland" Hotel, Greenwich.
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" Captain Kirov, "Queen of the Thames."
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