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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—Strangeways Lodge (No. 1219).—Saturday last was a gala day, with a number of the members of this lodge, and their wives and sweethearts, on the occasion of the picnic, which was originated, carried out, and brought to a successful termination through the excellent arrangements of Bro. Brandon, W.M., and Bro. Past Master Schofield, assisted by Bro. Leech, S.W. The party left the Empire Hotel, Strangeways, shortly after ten o'clock by buss, drawn by four splendid bays, to Knutsford. The first halting place was Cheadle, ten minutes being allowed, and before leaving the whole of the party were photographed by a local artist. The bugle sounding the advance, the party again started on the journey, passing some very delightful scenery. After driving a few miles, Bro. Brandon, ever thoughtful for the comfort of the party, ordered a halt, and improvised an al fresco luncheon by the roadside, in which he was most ably assisted by his estimable wife. This part of the day's proceedings appeared to be enjoyed by all, coming, as it did, so unexpectedly. Time being up, the party continued the journey through Withenshaw and Bowden for Knutsford, arriving there about two o'clock. Dinner was shortly announced, the ladies and gentlemen setting down to a most recherche repast, the tables being profusely laid with all the delicacies of the season. On the removal of the cloth, the toast of "The Queen," and "The Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were received most loyally. Bro. Schofield, P.M., then desired the company to "charge," and in a neat and complimentary manner gave the toast of "The W.M. of Strangeways Lodge," the reception of which was such as to convince the W.M. of the high estimation he is held by the members. In responding, Bro. Brandon thanked all present for the expression of good will towards him, and hoped ere long he should have the pleasure of meeting the company at a similar gathering. Bro. Needham, I.P.M., in proposing the next toast, spoke of the pleasure it was that on occasions like the present, they could have the company of the ladies, and called on the brethren to drink their health in a bumper. The name of Bro. Leech, S.W., was coupled with this toast, who responded in a witty speech, paying the most graceful tributes to the endearing influence of the fair sex. Tatton Park was then visited, and a short ramble there passed away the time until the departure for Hoo Green, which was ultimately reached after an exceedingly pleasant drive. Here the host and hostess of the "Hilton" had prepared a substantial tea, which the visitors thoroughly enjoyed. Tea being concluded, some of the party commenced to trip it on the "light fantastic toe," others joined in a game of bowls, and others indulged in the fragrant weed. Punctually at eight o'clock the word "homeward bound" was given, and proceeding through Bowdon, Altrincham and Sale, safely returned to the Empire at 10.30. The day's proceedings were enlivened with strains from popular airs on the cornet by Mr. Dodd, who as a solo player and artist stands high in his profession, and every one expressed themselves in the highest degree delighted with a most enjoyable day's pleasure.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this well-established lodge was held on Saturday, July 20th, at the Red Lion Hotel. Bro. C. W. Fox, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the audit committee received, adopted, and entered on the lodge minute book. By desire Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. and Secretary took the chair. He installed Bro. J. C. Woodrow, W.M., who appointed as his officers

C. W. Fox, I.P.M.; Captain R. W. Williams, P.P.G. Reg. Middx., P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M. 1275, S.W.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. Middx., P.M. 201, W.M. 1512, J.W.; S. Wickens, P.M., Treas.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M. 73, Secretary (reappointed for eighth time); J. B. Shackleton, P.A.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1423, J.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G.; T. W. Stone, Organist; D. Steinhauer, M.C.; H. Potter, P.M. 11, W.S.; J. Laurence, C.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler Middx., Tyler. The customary addresses were given by Bro. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., J.D. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, on behalf of the lodge presented Bro. C. W. Fox with a massive ten-guinea Past Master's jewel. Bro. F. Walters, Sec., on behalf of himself and a few friends, gave Bro. C. W. Fox a Past Master's collar and silver jewel. Bro. C. W. Fox acknowledged the presents in a suitable speech. Two gentlemen's names were given in as candidates for initiation. There were present also Bros. H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec., P.G. Treas. Middx., P.M.; H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec., P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G. Reg., Middx., P.M. The visitors were Bros. W. A. Barrett, P.P.G. Org. Oxon., W.M. 1706; W. A. Simmons, C. G. Rushworth, P.G.R. Middx., P.M. 1309, Hon. Sec. 1309; J. Hutchings, S.D. 147, 1531; W. Goldsmith, Sec. 1351; and others. Business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned to meet on Saturday, August 17th at 3.30 p.m. Banquet followed.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday, the 20th ult., at the Angel and Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. Fred Keily, Past G. Treas. Middlesex, W.M.; E. Amphlett, S.W.; Sindall, J.W.; A. S. Paterson, Secretary; Kentish, S.D.; Gillard, J.D.; Bing, I.G.; Fane, Tyler; also Bros. Wilson, G. Phythian, W.M. 22; William Cock, Fred G. Hubbard, and others. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Wm. Cock was examined and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. William Cock was passed to the degree of F.C. The Secretary was requested to convey the regrets of the lodge to Mrs. Little, the widow of Robert Wentworth Little (an hon. member) and D.P. G.M. of this province. The Secretary read several notices received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, also letters of apology for non-attendance on the part of several members. The lodge then voted a sum of money towards a testimonial to be presented to the R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Francis Burdett. This being all the business before the lodge, it was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, under the presidency of the W.M., and at an early hour returned to town.

MAIDENHEAD.—Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—On the 25th ult., this lodge held its summer festival at Maidenhead, at Lewis's Hotel. Early in the day the brethren left London, well knowing that if the weather did but favour them it would be their own fault if they did not have what our American friends call "a good time," in such lovely scenery as is to be found in that picturesque neighbourhood. It will be remembered, however, that the weather in London was decidedly wet in the earlier part of the day, and that fact no doubt kept many away who would otherwise have taken train to Taplow for Maidenhead Bridge. The energetic W.M., Bro. Willing, however, nothing daunted, convoyed a party of ladies and a brother or two to the rendezvous, starting at eleven o'clock in the thick of the rain; but it would take very heavy rain to quench Bro. Willing. However, he was not very severely tried on the present occasion, as the rain gave over, and when the rest of the party arrived at Maidenhead, in the early afternoon, there was Bro. Willing to receive them in the midst of sunshine. Of course it is of no use to go to Maidenhead if you don't go on the water, so boats were prepared, and parties made, and away went the company to enjoy the beauties of the river before dinner. And they did enjoy the river scenery and the fresh air, and the sight of wild flowers and water lilies, and the making acquaintance with each other, to say nothing of merry talk and bad jokes, and snatches of song and a slight shower to whet their appetites, and then they returned and sat down to dinner at a little after five. Well, there is nothing much to say about a dinner, but as to this one we may say that it was eaten in a booth on the lawn of Lewis's Hotel. At the conclusion of the dinner Bro. Willing, who presided, rose and said that as a short list of toasts had been printed, it was necessary for him to say a few words, and his idea was that it would be a great mistake, on an occasion like the present, for them to spend their time in that place in making and listening to speeches. After the usual loyal toast, "The Queen and the Craft," he should combine all the remainder in one big toast which they could drink in a bumper. This programme was carried out, and the brethren and ladies again separated into small parties, some chartering carriages for a drive, others going on the water again, while a few preferred strolling in the riverside garden of the hotel; and at the appointed hour all met again at the railway station and returned to London, by the same train, after a very enjoyable day.

SUNBURY ON THAMES.—Sunbury Lodge (No. 1733).—The third regular meeting of this new lodge, which bids fair to be a great success, was held at the Maepie Hotel on the 27th ult. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. W. H. Stevens, W.M.; A. Leigh, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; J. L. Jones, Treas.; W. Clifton Crick, Sec.; H. Whaley, S.D.; Dr. Thomas, J.D.; J. N. Ward, I.G.; Penniston Dunn, Steward; W. F. Wood, F. Freeman. The lodge was opened in the three degrees and Bro. W. F. Wood and F. Freeman were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served up in a style which

reflected great credit on Bro. F. Freeman. Some of the brethren having to return to town, the party broke up at an early hour, after a very pleasant evening. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the fourth Saturday in September next.

INSTRUCTION.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The Fifteen Sections were worked in the above lodge on the 22nd ult., by the following brethren. Bro. Pennefather, P.M., in the chair, Bro. Stephens, S.W., Bro. Lardner, J.W.

Table with 2 columns: Section number and Brother's name. 1st Section ... Bro. Moss, 1275; 2nd ... Walker, 429; 3rd ... McButt, 1623; 4th ... Musto, P.M. 933; 5th ... Lardner, 1623; 6th ... Stuart, P.M. 141; 7th ... Stephens, 1623; 8th ... Delefonds, 1623; 9th ... Hewlett, 141; 10th ... Howes, J.W. 1623; 11th ... Rumbold, J.W. 141; 12th ... Dairy, S.W. 141; 13th ... Hewlett, 141; 14th ... Lardner, 1623; 15th ... Stuart, P.M. 141.

Many other brethren were present, amongst whom were noticed Bros. P. M. Loewenstark, sen., Butt, sen., S.D. 907; E. Mallett, W.M. 141, acting Secretary in the absence of Bro. F. Walters, P.M. 73, P.G.P. of Middlesex. A vote of thanks having been passed to Bro. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor, for presiding, and hon. membership on Bro. Stephens, for presiding as S.W., also vote of thanks to visitors, to be duly entered on the minutes, the W.M., after usual observance, closed the lodge in due form, after receiving the congratulations of all the brethren present. It may be well to mention that the lodge has only been in existence eighteen months, and numbers over one hundred members, with good muster every Monday night.

Royal Arch.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Com passes Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street. Owing to various occurrences in the town, the principal of which was a flower show, there was a smaller attendance of the Whitehaven companions than usual, but those from a distance mustered well. Meeting at half-past three, the following were present: Comps. W. Sandwith, M.E.Z.; J. Barr, P.Z., P.G. Treas., as H. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Dr. Henry); W. F. Lamonby, P.G. Std. Br., J. (Freemason); W. B. Gibson, P.Z., P.G.J.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; E. Tyson, Scribe E.; J. Braithwaite, Steward, as Scribe N.; J. Rothery, P.S.; W. F. Hunter, 1st Asst. S.; E. Hodgson, Steward; J. Spittal, J. Bell, W. Armstrong, J. J. Atkinson, J. R. Banks, T. Dixon, J. W. Young, J. R. Smith, G. Sparrow, J. W. Miles, J. T. Ray, Dr. Ablitt, and G. Fitzgerald, Janitor. After the minutes of the April convocation were read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bros. Dr. Dodgson, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.J.D.; Capt. S-well, S.W. 1002; and J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.G.J.D., ex-High Sheriff of the County; all of whom were unanimously accepted for exaltation. Comp. J. Mills, of Furness Chapter, 995, was also balloted for as a joining member, and accepted. Afterwards Bros. Burns-Lindow, 1267; W. Jackson, 119; and G. Brash, 1002 (the two latter of whom had been previously balloted for), were admitted and duly exalted to the Sublime Degree. The historical symbolical, and mystical lectures were delivered by Comps. Lamonby, Sandwith, and Barr. The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was next on the agenda paper, and the Scribe E. having read over those qualified for Z; there was no opposition to Comp. Dr. Henry, H., who was accordingly declared elected. For H. there were two qualified candidates, in addition to the Past Principals, and the contest lay between these two, viz., Comps. J. R. Tickle, P.J., and W. F. Lamonby, J. On a ballot being taken, Comp. Lamonby was elected by a large majority to the Second Principal's chair. There were at least half-a-dozen candidates in the field for the position of J., but, to use a sporting phrase, none of them "were in it" with Comp. E. Tyson, who for two years has filled the onerous duties of Scribe E. with infinite credit both to himself and the chapter, and this new recognition of his merits is a fitting corollary to his recent elevation to the chair of W.M. of Lodge 119. There were numerous candidates for the minor offices, the balloting for which resulted as follows: Comps. J. Rothery, Scribe E.; T. Dixon, Scribe N.; and T. Atkinson, P.S. Finally, Comp. J. McKelvie was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the tenth time, as was also Comp. Fitzgerald, Janitor, for we do not remember how many times. This being the whole of the business, on the proclamations being put, Bros. E. Clarke, P.M. 1267, P.G. Stwd.; J. Casson, 119; and J. Holloway, 872, were proposed as candidates for exaltation, after which the chapter was closed in ancient form. The annual convocation for the installation of Principals and investiture of officers will be held in October.

PLYMOUTH.—Concord Chapter (No. 223).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 9th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Union-street. The Ex. Comp. the Principal elect was installed as the presiding officer for the ensuing year; Comps. J. W. Cornish as Z.; E. Patten, H.; J. Treeby, J. Ex. Comp. R. M. Andrews, P.P.G.D.C., the retiring Z., conducted the installations, sup-

ported by the following Board of P.Z.'s: Ex. Comps. J. P. Phillips, P.P.G.P.S.; J. B. Gover, P.P.G.P.S.; S. Jew, P.P.G. Treas.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Coath, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Godtschalk, P.P.G. Std. B.; H. Miller, P.P.G. Std. B.; W. K. Mitchell, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Browning, P.P.G.O.; A. Wolf, J. Smith, 223; and W. D. Thomas, 159. At the close of the installations the following officers were invested: Ex. Comps. R. Andrews, I.P.Z.; J. M. Hifly, S.E.; Comps. R. Blight, S.N.; T. C. Lewarn, P.S.; Jno. Lavers, 1st A.S.; Nicholas Wakeham, 2nd A.S.; Ex. Comp. W. Browning, Treas.; Comps. J. Moyses, Reg.; Thomas Knuckey, M.C.; Peter Hamley, A.M.C.; Archelaus Trout, 1st S.; W. Hannaford, 2nd S.; Jas. Bartlett, Janitor.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—The installation meeting of this excellent chapter was held on Friday evening, the 11th inst, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The chapter was opened at seven o'clock, and amongst those present as visitors were Comps. R. Wylie, P.Z.; J. T. Callow, P.Z. 673; J. W. Baker, P.Z. 241; and J. Pemberton, P.Z., each of whom also holds distinguished provincial rank. The Hamer representatives who put in an appearance were Comps. R. H. Evans, Z.; H. Jackson, H.; T. Sammons, Treas.; W. C. Erwin, S.E.; R. Large, R. Reader, John Houlding, Callaghan, Pilling, and others. Comp. R. Wylie took the installing Principal's chair, and most effectively installed Comps. Henry Jackson as M.E.Z.; J. Houlding as H. (by special dispensation, as he had not previously passed through the third chair); and Thomas Sammons as J. The following were invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. H. Evans, P.Z., Treas.; W. C. Erwin, S.E.; Callaghan, S.N.; R. Read, P.S.; W. Pilling, Asst. Soj.; and M. Williamson, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Wylie for the very efficient manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of installing Chief, and he acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. The balance sheet, which was passed, showed the chapter was progressing satisfactorily, and was monetarily in a healthy state. The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, over which the M.E.Z. presided.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held on Saturday, July 13th, at the Island Hotel, Hampton. The chapter was duly opened by the Principals and Past Principals, who were present. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. Apologies were received from Comps. T. J. Sabine, P.P.G.S. Middlesex, M.E.Z., and T. J. Hooper Wilkins, excusing and regretting their non-attendance, caused by circumstances entirely beyond their own control. By the invitation of the Installed Principals, Comp. Frederick Walters, P.P.G. 1st. A.S. Middlesex, P.Z. 73, in an able and efficient manner installed Comp. E. H. Thiellay as the M.E.Z., who, in return, installed Comp. F. Walters, as H. The J. elect, Comp. John Mason, was too ill to be present, so his installation had to be deferred. The other officers who were present were invested and appointed to their several offices. Comp. E. H. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, M.E.Z., gave great proofs of his proficiency by the able manner in which he exalted Bro. John Beresford Ryley, 1423, into Royal Arch Freemasonry. The candidate expressed himself well pleased with the interesting ceremony. The report of the Audit Committee shewed the funds to be in a good state. The I.P.Z., although absent, was not forgotten, for a ten-guinea jewel (P.Z.'s) was voted to him unanimously from the chapter funds. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Comp. H. A. Dubois, P.Z., &c., for his services rendered to the chapter as its first Treasurer. Business ended, the chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, September 14th, at three o'clock p.m. Banquet followed.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN FREEMASONS.

On Wednesday evening a dinner was given by Bro. Kenning, the proprietor of the *Freemason*, to some distinguished Freemasons from America, who are on a visit at the present time to Europe.

The dinner took place in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern, at eight o'clock in the evening, before which time the company were received by Bro. Kenning, Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, the first of whom was to take the W.M. chair, the second the S.W. chair, and the third the chair of J.W. at the banquet. The reception took place in the drawing room, where the company assembled shortly after half-past seven, but before entering every brother signed his name and rank, and on doing so was presented by Bro. Kenning with a riband favour, on which were the American and English flags crossed, with the words "July 31st, 1878." When the company were all assembled, they were conducted to the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. At the Chairman's end of the hall were the English and American flags, and over the entrance the arms of Grand Lodge, the Knights Templar and Red Cross arms, all these banners having been sent down from the manufactory in Little Britain. The hall was very tastefully decorated, and the tables were handsomely arranged with a beautiful display of flowers and fruit.

The brethren walked into the hall in procession, Bro. Kenning conducting Bro. Meyer, who took his seat on the immediate right of Bro. Kenning, who occupied the position of Chairman. The rest of the American brethren were seated on the right-hand side of the table. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, took the chair of S.W., and Bro. W. J. Hughan that of J.W.

The American brethren present were, Bros. Charles E.

Meyer, P.M. Melita Lodge, 295, Pa.; Daniel Sutter, P.M. Phoenix Lodge, 130, Pa.; George T. Conrade, Lodge 295, Pa.; Charles Matthews, jun., P.M. 481, Pa.; John Borden, Lodge 441, Pa.; Thomas A. Harris, P.M. No. 431, Pa.; H. Edward Wendel, Lodge 393, Pa.; Chas. W. Packer, P.M. Lodge 72, Pa.; Charles W. Seary, Lodge 211, Pa.; Jackson Heiss, Lodge 52, Pa.; William McCarter, Lodge 295, Pa.; F. Gutekunst, Lodge 295, Pa.; Mark Richards Mucklé, Lodge 125, Pa.; John Dornan, J.W. 400, Pa.; William J. Norris, W.M. 19, Pa.; Christopher Johnson, J.D. 250, New York; John A. Bickel, Lodge 481, Pa.; John S. McKinlay, Lodge 482, Pa.; Daniel Alfred Davidson, Lodge 1, Conn.; Edward White, Lodge 527, Pa.; Lewis C. Drake, Lodge 153, Pa.; Thomas Kesh, Lodge 419, Pa.; W. E. Franklin, P.M. 48, &c., P.P.G.D. Durham (Conductor); Jacob V. Gotwalts, Lodge 75, Pa.

The English brethren present were Bros. Col. Creaton, P.G.D.; J. B. Monckton, Pres. Board Gen. Pur.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D.; Sir John Bennett, Grand Masters' Lodge; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., American Vice Consul; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; George Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., P.G.S.W. Canada; W. James Hughan, P.G.D.; T. B. Whytehead, W.M. 1611, &c.; S. B. Ellis, P.M. 1239; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; John Boyd, P.G.P., P.G.H. Middx.; R. F. Gould, P.M. 92; S. Poynter, P.M. and Treas. 902, P.M. 1491; W. T. Howe, Grand Pursuivant; Thos. White, P. Grand Pursuivant; Rev. W. Tebbs, P.M., P.G.C. Somst.; shire; Rev. P.M. Holden, P.M., P.G.C. Middx.; Dr. Ramsay, P.M., P.J.G.W. Middx.; T. J. Sabine, P.G.S.B. Middx.; F. Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Jas. Terry, J.G.W. Herts, Sec. R.M. Benevolent Institution; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I. for Girls; D. W. Pearce, P. Grand Registrar Middx.; F. Keily, P. Grand Treasurer Middx.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., Prov. G.S.D. Middx.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.D. Middx.; Frederick Walters, P.M. 73, P.G.D. Middx.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M. 145, 1423, Z. 1423, P.G.S.B. Middx.; David R. Still, W.M. 1671, P.G.D.C. Middx.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.Z., P.G.W. Surrey; F. Adlard, P.M. 7, P.A.D.C. Essex; S. Rosenthal, P.M., &c.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Essex; Walter E. Gompertz, P.M. 869, P.G.P. Herts; Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.G.S.W. Warwick; F. D. Rees Copstick, P.M. 869, P.Z. 192, P.G.S.B. Herts.; Geo. E. Baker, 192; Joseph Wood, P.M. 1094, &c.; John Lloyd, P.M. 249, 18°; Henry Muggidge, P.M. 192, &c.; Geo. Newman, P.M. 192, 766; John H. Southwood, W.M. 1260; Alfred Tisley, Sec. 1589; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. Middx., 18°; W. Smallpeice, P.M. 1395, Z. 21; A. G. Driver, 1491; Geo. Tidcombe, jun., W.M. 1549; W. E. Newton, I.P.M. 766; N. B. Headon, P.M. 1426; 1669; Wm. Worrell, P.M., P.Z.; Henry Birdseye, P.M. 715; Jas. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, P.Z. 720, 771; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; C. J. Harmsworth, P.M. 056; 1729; P. Saillard, 22; Chas. E. Soppet, W.M. 1627; C. L. Marsh, 1464; A. J. Altman, 1657; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (Freemason).

The following brethren sent letters or telegrams expressing regret at their inability to attend: Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; Lord Skelmersdale, R.W. D.G.M.; John Havers, P.G.W.; Sir Albert W. Woods, P.G.W. G.D. of C.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Reg.; John Hervey, G. Sec.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, Col. Shadwell Clarke, J. C. Parkinson, Col. Francis Burdett, General J. S. Brownrigg, Rev. C. J. Martyn, F. Bennock, John Derby Allicot, M.P.; Charles Hutton Gregory, John A. Rucker, James H. Neilson, George R. Harriott, James Lewis Thomas, E. M. Hubback, D. Murray Lyon, W. Roebuck, Rev. H. A. Pickard, Thomas Fenn, H. Browne, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, James Glaisher, Rev. Dr. Brette, H. G. Buss, A.G.S.; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Angela J. Lewis, Edward Cox, W. H. Lucia, Wm. Tinkler, W. S. Gover, Wm. Officer (Edinburgh); Raymond H. Thrupp, Emra Holmes, Alderman S. C. Hadley, J. Daniel Moore, J. Kellert Smith, J. R. Goepel, Robt. Wylie, H. S. Alpass, J. J. Taylor, S.W. 121; G. Ward Verry, George Lambert, and others.

The banquet, which was of a most recherché character, was admirably served, Bro. Best personally superintending the service. After dinner, grace was sung by the musical brethren, and the toasts of the evening were proposed.

In giving the first toast, Bro. Kenning said: Brethren, I have to introduce to your notice the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft." I feel sure that I need not recommend this toast to your hearty acceptance, as I know that it will be most warmly received by all present. We will drink to the health of a daughter of a Mason, and the Queen of these Realms. In the United States as in England the virtues of the woman have enhanced the brilliancy of the diadem of the Queen. Brethren, I give you "The Queen and the Craft."

This toast having been heartily drunk and followed by the singing of the National Anthem,

Bro. Kenning again rose and said: Brethren, I give you "The Health of the President of the United States," (applause), the freely elected Supreme Officer of a free and great people. (Cheers.)

This toast was followed by the singing of "Hail Columbia."

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I have to propose to you "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of English Freemasonry. His genial qualities, his kindly presence, his personal interest in our Order, over which he happily presides, have endeared him to us all alike. As well abroad as at home, he has won golden opinions for the zealous discharge of his duties and his kindly consideration for all. We will all gladly unite in wishing long life and happiness to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Song: "Come let us join the Roundelay."

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I have to ask you to drink

"The Health of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of the various States in the American Republic. They will receive, as they deserve, our grateful recognition and our hearty good wishes. (Cheers)

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I ask your attention to one of our American brethren, who will propose the next toast, Bro. Gotwalts.

Bro. Gotwalts, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, who was received with hearty applause, then rose and said: My brethren, I can assure you it affords me great pleasure, and I, indeed, consider it a high compliment to have the honour of proposing the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England." We, as American brethren, composed of about twenty-five good, loyal, true Masons, under another Grand Lodge, most of us from the State of Pennsylvania, of the great United States of America, and having left our country, and leaving behind it a great regard and respect for other high officers in authority there, it affords me, I say again, great pleasure after having arrived on this side of the great Atlantic amongst our brethren here to be called upon to propose this toast. We, as Americans, have been accustomed, old man as I am, and as all members of the subordinate, and subordinate lodges themselves are to the supreme authority, to respect it, and we consider it an honour to yield to it, and to bow to its authority. The same as you and me are loyal to our government, so we, as Masons, are loyal to the supreme authority by which we are governed. And by way of parenthesis, I say that we have met after having arrived in this great, and glorious country, as soon as we stood upon the shore, we were met with a good loyal hand of friendship from Masons, and found from the time we landed until this day that we have had grand receptions and ovations on our journey, but I must say and confess that this is the climax of them all. (Hear, hear.) I now have the honour, having made the brief remarks that I have, of proposing the toast of "Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England," from whom we as Americans on the other side of the Atlantic acknowledge that we have received the authority which we exercise, and we all bow to the authority which they have given to the Grand Lodges in America. I, therefore, propose "The Health of Lord Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy G.M., and the Present and Past Grand Officers of England," and may they live long and prosper.

Bro. J. B. Monckton, P.G.D., and President of the Board of General Purposes, said, Worshipful Sir and Bro., I do not know that I have ever felt so thoroughly in the jaws of a dilemma as I do this evening. On the one hand I am naturally oppressed with the necessity of being as brief as I possibly can at this early stage of the toast list in the remarks which I have to make, and on the other I am anxious that there should be as much point as possible in those remarks. I speak not only on behalf of the Grand Officers, my worthy and respected colleagues on my left who are here to night, but for the Provincial Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters and the great array of Grand Officers which we are proud to think comprises not only the noblest, but what is equal, and in fact of more importance, the ablest and best in the land. Worshipful Sir, what shall I say in the name of those Grand Officers? I will say this: no one knows better than we do how thoroughly Masonry is carried out, is beloved and honoured on the other side of the Atlantic, and I am quite confident that no class of Masons in this country more than the Grand Officers can, so far as we are concerned, and will so far as our absent are concerned, appreciate the public spirit that has induced you to illustrate the universality of Masonry in the splendid manner which you have done to night. (Cheers.) Our excellent and eloquent American brother who spoke just now said very kind, and very good, and very appreciative things, but it was some gratification to me, Bro. Kenning, to know that we, the Grand Officers, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the hospitable international banquet which you have given us this evening. (Cheers.) In the name, Sir, of the Grand Officers, I hold out the right hand of fellowship to our American brethren from the other side of the Atlantic. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. Kenning: Brethren, I ask your attention for Bro. Joshua Nunn, who will propose the next toast.

Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., (American Vice-Consul General) Brethren: Our worthy host has chosen me as a humble representative of the United States in this country to give you the next toast. I cannot say that it is quite so easy a toast to give as the last, where only one Grand Lodge was represented, one set of Grand Officers, and as we say, one Prov. and one Deputy Grand Master. I have now to call your attention to at least 37 Grand Lodges, and I think I may say, something like 20,000 Past and Present Grand Officers, and am quite sure that this meeting will hold out the right hand of fellowship to all those Grand Lodges and to all those Past and Present Grand Officers. It gives a great deal of pleasure this evening to have the opportunity of meeting so many American Masons. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing the Grand Lodges of that country, as you have heard them spoken of by my worthy brother by my side, as feeling as if they came from us in the first instance. I am sure you will recognise the kindly feelings which prompted him to say so, and in holding out the right hand of fellowship to him it is with cordiality which every Mason should give to another in every part of the world. The Grand Lodges of America are separated, as of necessity they must be in consequence of the enormous territories in every state, and I think I may say, in some of its territories, as well as its States. Consequently there is a vast number of them, and they represent half a million of Masons. Freemasonry there is very flourishing, I am very glad to say it is so, and I am sure, the more Masonry flourishes throughout

the world, the better the world must become. I can only, therefore, ask you to join with me cordially in drinking "The Health of Grand Lodges of America, and the Present and Past Grand Officers."

Bro. Meyer: Worshipful Sir and brother, I regret very much that a more suitable person has not been chosen from amongst the American brethren to respond to this toast. As Bro. Gotwals has already said, the Grand Lodges of America derive their existence from the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of which I am a member, and of which many of the brethren here are members, received its Masonic life in 1730 from the Grand Lodge of England. In 1732 Benjamin Franklin, whom you all know, was the Provincial Grand Master. From 1730 up to 1830, a period of hundred years, Masonry slowly but surely progressed, but in 1830 a great Masonic excitement commenced, when Masons, or, at least, a great many brethren deserted, but by the few who remained firm and steady to the institutions of the Fraternity the Society was perpetuated, and Masonry from about 1834 progressed. At that time there were in the entire United States about 10,000 Masons. At the present time we have forty-five Grand Lodges, with a membership in the entire United States of very nearly 800,000 members. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has 350 lodges and 40,000 Masons. The Grand Lodge of New York over 500 lodges and very nearly 80,000 Freemasons. I may state that each of these forty-five Grand Lodges is sovereign and supreme in its own jurisdiction. Each one is the peer of the other, each one recognises the rights, (territorial and jurisdictional), of the other, and the entire forty-five stand side by side with the Grand Lodge of England in maintaining the landmarks of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) At this time nearly every Grand Lodge (I think I may say every Grand Lodge) has severed its connection with, and refused communication with the Grand Orient of France, and with Masons under its jurisdiction. (Hear, hear.) I thank you on behalf of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of America for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which you have received the toast. (Cheers.)

Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.: Worshipful Sir, and brethren, the observations that you have just heard from our Bro. Meyer form a most admirable introduction to the few words I am going to address to you. I am quite aware of the value and importance of brevity, as our Bro. Monckton has so well and ably expressed just now; but the importance of this toast can scarcely be overrated, and perhaps you will allow me three or four minutes' extra time in order, not to dilate upon it, but to give expression to those feelings which rise for utterance to my lips. By the doctrine of natural selection I presume our excellent, worthy and hospitable host has chosen me to be the representative of the larger assembly to propose to you "The Health of our American Visiting Brethren." I happen—by chance, I suppose—to be the representative in our Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama, of Illinois, of Missouri, of Oregon and Tennessee, besides two Grand Lodges of the Dominion; and, therefore, I should suppose I should have more acquaintance with our American brethren from my official position than any of the brethren; but if there is any possible occasion on which we ought to cordially welcome from the other side of the Atlantic brethren coming here to visit us, as they do, under the hospitable roof of our Bro. Kenning, it ought to be on this occasion. I suppose such a thing has never happened before, where one hundred English brethren have met to welcome a corps of American brethren and extend the right hand of fellowship, to tell them, as the emblems on our banquet hall show, that the stars and stripes and the Union Jack shall be indissolubly bound together, and that the motto of "E pluribus unum," and "Dieu et mon Droit," shall be the guide of our Masonic existence. If we require any other incentive it would be in the knowledge that our brethren come mostly, and almost without exception, from Pennsylvania and Philadelphia—the city of brotherly love—that brotherly love, Philadelphian affection, I may say that we ought properly to extend, and we do extend to brethren in Masonry, we surely should extend to the Philadelphians, who are brethren in Masonry and not merely in name. Let us remember the lines we have just heard.

"Firm, united let us be,
Rallying round our liberty,
As a band of brothers joined,
Peace and safety we shall find."

I cannot better introduce this toast than by citing the characteristics of our two nations well-known in a familiar expression of each of our countries. We Englishmen are known by "All right," and Americans by "Go ahead." With those phrases "All right" and "Go ahead" we are sure to prosper. I will not detain you any longer except to ask you to do justice to the entertainment, the rich, the sumptuous entertainment, that our Bro. Kenning has spread before us to-day, by giving a hearty welcome to our Philadelphian brethren; and, as our Bro. Gotwals said just now, may they live long and prosper. We have heard that before on this dais. As long as we have those sentiments so long will Masonry flourish. As long as Masonry maintains its course as it does at present so long shall we extend the right hand of fellowship to our brethren. The toast is "Welcome to our American Guests from the other side of the Atlantic."

The toast having been most warmly received, Bro. Sutter, in reply said: You have heard a great deal about Masonry, and I am now going to tell you much about it on this occasion; what I am going to do is to tell you who we are, where we come from, a little story, and to thank you. We come from the State of Pennsylvania (I suppose every Englishman in this room will know was settled by Wm. Penn, the Quaker). We are not here to-night in our broad brims, having left them at home, but we are here with full hearts. From the time that we left home we have received nothing but kindness. We started

from Philadelphia, came to New York, stayed there one night, had a reception and a God speed, and next morning, on our sailing, a large steamer accompanied us five miles out to sea, and the people on board gave us "Good bye, and God speed," and the cordial welcome which we have received here to-night will for ever be impressed on the hearts of our little party. The blessing of heaven seems to have rested upon us ever since we left home. We were rocked on the gentle bosom of the deep, but we came over here safely, and the right hand of brotherhood was extended to us before we stepped on British soil. We have received nothing but kindness wherever we have been, in England, Ireland, and Scotland. Now I will tell you a little story. Bro. Meyer and I were in the Tower to-day, and it was brought to my recollection that there was a legend in the town in which I was born, that an old blacksmith, living in Iron Work Hall, made with his own hands a cannon out of hoops, that he took the cannon into battle, that it was captured by the troops of the mother government, and that it was to be seen in the Tower of London. I asked the old guard to let me see the cannon, and he said to me, "My dear Sir, we have nothing in this Tower captured from America; we do not want anything, and we do not expect to get anything." Now, that made me feel very good. (Cheers and laughter.) In travelling through your country I have seen many relics of the past, in the shape of the abbeys and the chapels, and for the first time in my life I have seen the marks of our ancient Masters. We have seen the rough and smooth ashlar with the mark of the maker on it in St. Mary's Chapel, York, and at Westminster Abbey. I see around me worthy descendants of those ancestors, and I have heard their remarks with very great pleasure. Our visit to Europe has done us great good. I will tell you a great secret, there is seated at the table amongst you an historian well-known to all of you, Bro. Hughan, and very near him are Bro. Whitehead and Bro. Ellis; they have all met together for the first time to-night at the genial board of Bro. Kenning, well-known to all of us for a long time. (Cheers.) For this mark of his appreciation of our visit we are going to remember him until the Masonic candle goes out.

Bro. Meyer proposed "The Host, Bro. Kenning." In doing so he said: Brethren, I have to give you, on behalf of the American brethren, the toast of the evening. As Bro. Sutter has said, from the time we set foot on the shores of Ireland we have received one continuous ovation, till to-night, in the greatest city in the world, it has reached its acme. It can go no higher than it has to-night. I would state to the American brethren, and to the English brethren, that Bro. Kenning is well known to us on the other side of the Atlantic as the publisher and proprietor of the *Freemason*, which he established in the year 1869; and I can say truly that it is appreciated and valued abroad, as much as it is at home here with you, as the exponent of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of England. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Kenning is the cause, perhaps, directly and indirectly of this present meeting to-night—both. It was first through the columns of the *Freemason*, published by Bro. Kenning, that we, on the other side of the Atlantic, came to know, to honour, and to respect, what we consider the great lights in Masonry, the historians, Bros. Hughan, Woodford, Whitehead, Ellis, Lyon, and a host of other good men and true. He has also brought before the profane, anti-Masonic world, the Masonic charities of England, of which he has been an exponent for this country and all over the world. Bro. Kenning has not it, not only by himself, but by those employed under him, only the respect of the Craft but also of the many hundreds of his employes, to whom he has always shown the great characteristics of a gentleman and a Freemason. (Hear, hear.) Brethren, I give you the toast of the evening, on the American side, and also, I think, on the English side, "Our Brother Kenning."

Bro. Kenning in reply, said: Brethren, I am extremely flattered by the kind way in which Bro. Meyer has proposed my health this evening. I am still more flattered by the kindly manner in which it has been received. I am glad to see assembled around this board this evening distinguished members of the two countries, which I hope will ever live in peace and amity. As proprietor of the *Freemason* it has always been my earnest endeavour to advocate the cause of Masonic brotherhood, and to spread peace and goodwill among men. Brethren, I thank you very much for the honour you have done me. (Cheers.)

Bro. Kenning then called on Bro. Muckley to propose a toast, but calling him "Mackley" at first, was corrected.

Bro. Muckley, in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Press all over the world," said, Bro. Chairman and brethren, I thank you very much for correcting my name. At the same time I remember distinctly a line or two of Shakespeare in which he says, "A rose by any other name smells just as sweet." Now, I don't pretend to say I have the odour of rose about me, but whether Muckley or Mackley it is just the same to Mrs. Muckley. Now, brethren for the toast allotted to me, "The Masonic Press all over the World," and I know no special reason why it should be confided to such poor hands as mine, except that I have spent 36 years of my life in the newspaper business; but not a Masonic press business; and when I remember as far back as 30 years in Masonry that a great many publications that should have been made in those days a strong use of their great work were kept back or kept away from the printers' hands with as much care as if they were surreptitious matter, they made a mistake. To-day there is nothing which does the Order so much good as publishing to the world the good that we do; and I think if a man does good he should not hide his light under a bushel. I see to-night in the chair a gentleman and a brother whose name and fame as a publisher in Freemasonry is known all over the globe. (Hear, hear.) We know him in Philadelphia, and in fact in the United States, just as well as the brethren who meet with him once a week or once a month, at least I have felt so towards him, and I feel I am

asserting that which every American Mason feels. If we have good Masonic news, good and true, spread it to the world; let our deeds be known by the only charities which are under your charge. In the City of London the sums of money you give to the education of children, both those who are orphans and those who are not, are very large. So do you in Masonry, and it is that which the profane cannot understand, but we do. We have the pulsation, the electrical pulsation in our hearts which binds us to the widows and the orphans. Then again, brethren, would we to night have been gathered together in this good, social, Masonic style if it had not been for a Masonic journal? (Hear, hear.) We are all Masons, but I can assure you, brethren, that some of us have not had lighter hearts than the others. Why it is I know not, for it is no use grumbling against the Almighty. If He makes a large body, He makes a large heart; if He makes a small body, He makes a small heart, therefore, when I look at an English nobleman, as I call your chairman, in form, and manly form, and see how much bigger he is than I am, I come to the conclusion that he has a heart twice as large as I have. If he has not got that, I trust he may have a purse a thousand times larger, good luck, good fortune, long life, and good health. I trust that all of these may attend Bro. Kenning, and all of those who surround this board to-night to do him honour. This is my toast, "The Masonic Press all over the World."

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in reply said, Bro. Chairman and brethren, before I commence the few remarks it is my great privilege to make to you to-night, I have been requested by a most distinguished brother of our Order, whose name is a "household word" among us—I allude to our esteemed Bro. John Havers (cheers)—to state that through ill health, and being with his family at Matlock, he is unable to be present, as he says, to-night, to thank Bro. Kenning for his patriotic and Masonic assembly, and to offer his hearty good wishes to his American brethren. (Applause.) Brethren, the toast to which I have been called upon to reply is one of no little difficulty. We all of us in this room to-night are agreed with regard to the advantages of a well-regulated press. As the guardian of our liberties, as the upholder of civilisation, as the preacher of toleration, as the advocate of justice,—I do not think there is a brother around this table who is insensible to the advantages of a properly regulated press. Those of us who have studied the history of mankind will do justice to the principles of the press, proclaimed thoroughly in consonance with our Masonic teaching, namely the advocacy of the sacred principles of justice and liberty, of toleration and truth. But when we come to the Masonic press the way is not so clear. Masonry is a peculiar system, and many of us have some hesitation in agreeing at once to a general and indiscriminate publication of all Masonic proceedings. But I venture, Sir, to say to-night that so long as the Masonic press continues, as our eloquent brother from America says, to advocate its own unchanging principles, to support our great Charitable Institutions, to vindicate alike legitimate authority and the rights of the Craft, and yet to proclaim universal goodwill and brotherly love, hatred of persecution, and liberty of conscience, the Masonic press is equally a blessing both to our Order and to the world. (Cheers.) I know of an admirable Masonic paper of America, for instance—a credit to Freemasonry and to its country—I allude to the *Keystone*, conducted by my esteemed brother and friend Clifford McCalla, which equally with the *Freemason* advocates the true and lasting principles of universal Freemasonry. I therefore venture to advocate on every ground the value and utility of the Masonic press. Brethren, it has struck me to night that one of the advantages of the Masonic Press, as some of us have already said, has been to bring together by our hospitable host this goodly gathering. Here we are, English brethren and American brethren, met together in fraternal goodwill and amity; and be it remembered that in that great struggle which has been thrown upon us on the Continent by the unwise proceedings of the Grand Orient of France the whole of the American Masons are standing with the English Masons side by side and shoulder to shoulder, advocating those noble principles which as our Pro Grand Master puts it are not only the distinguishing characteristic, but the eternal heritage of Freemasonry. (Cheers.) I remember a story which I think is a very good one, and which illustrates our position as English and American Freemasons, and which some of us may call to mind, appeared in the pages of Blackwood, some years ago, in a most graphic account by the late Admiral Sherard Osborn. It was at the time our fleet attacked the ports in the Peiho River, under a very gallant officer, Admiral Hope. The shells were flying, and some of our gun boats were in flames, and though the American sailors were told to remain perfectly neutral, yet they were to be seen leaving the vessel to help the English blue jackets to put out the fire. (Cheers.) But as the American Commodore said, "Blood is thicker than water." (Cheering.) That, Sir, I believe to be the principle you wish to inculcate to-night, that "blood is thicker than water." The American Masons are bound together by pleasant ties of amity, affection, and goodwill with us. Yes, Sir, I believe that in the kindly and glorious principles of Freemasonry we have found a bond of union which shall cement our two great countries more and more. A poet said in very beautiful words, which I take the liberty of adapting to the present occasion, and which I think we shall all heartily agree to,

Their sons and ours have walked abreast as kinsfolk and as friends,
As men who seek the same high goal and choose the same high ends;
Their sons and ours have sought to teach the world to keep in awe
The cloudless face of liberty, the level gauge of law.

I venture, Sir, as a Freemason, and as deeply interested in the spread and maintenance of the prestige and character of "the Masonic Press all over the World," to express a fervent hope that this auspicious gathering may be a symbol of that peace and friendship and goodwill that will ever bind England and America together; that our rivalry henceforward will only be, which country shall most try to advance the welfare of the people, the dignity of the law, and the preservation of good order and society on the great principles of toleration, justice and truth—which of us shall best succeed with united energies in promoting the civilization and the pacification of mankind. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., proposed "Anglo-Saxon Masonry." He said, Sir and Brethren: At this hour of the evening, and after the very eloquent remarks that you have just listened to, it would ill-become me to detain you long in proposing the toast that has been assigned to me. "Anglo-Saxon Masonry," is one which needs nothing in an assemblage of Masons to commend itself. Our very presence here to-night is a testimony that Masonry among the great English speaking nations of the world is not the mere curious theories, nor the mere secret assembly that some would suppose; it is not the mere "dead letter," of an obsolete ritual; but it is a living haven in the hearts of men. And if I may borrow from the eloquent words that fell from one of the American officers, the progress, the grand progress, that Masonry has made in the great countries on the other side of the Atlantic, which though severed from us we are proud in the old country to feel sprang from our loins, I cannot but feel that Masonry in its highest and its best sense is an institution that flourishes best in a land of freedom among a people enlightened and free, who having won and achieved liberty of conscience and action and thought, know and respect those great guarantees for the exercise and the perpetuation of their liberties, of which Masonry is one of the greatest, if not the chief. We hear much in this side of the world, of not merely Masonry that is practiced within these isles, but the difficulties of those who adhere to our order in foreign countries are subjected to; but I think you will agree in the truth of this remark that wherever there exists the truest freedom there Masonry best takes its root, there it spreads its branches widest, there its fruit is the fairest. A gathering like this must make us all who participate in it not only feel grateful to him who has given us the opportunity for thus assembling and testifying our regard, not only of thanking him for the splendid hospitality which has graced his entertainment, but also for the opportunity of holding out the hand of friendship to our American brethren, and of assuring them that while we in England of course are loyal and true to the governing power of the Grand Lodge to which we owe allegiance, yet we feel that those who have sprung from us, and who, so gracefully recognise, as has been done this evening, the parent authority which first created the Grand Lodges in America, that they are true and worthy descendants of those who first carried from the old country into plantations, as they were called in the olden time, those germs of Masonry which hand in hand with the hearts and freedom of Englishmen had contributed to found the great and glorious Empire, which I will not prophesy what destiny has in store for it, but at this moment is one of the greatest powers on the face of the globe, not merely in extent, not merely in numbers, but one of the great powers for good, preserving all the principles of freedom, asserting in the face of mankind that indomitable love of liberty, that freedom of speech, and which distinguish, and I trust ever may distinguish the Anglo-Saxon race, of which the Anglo-Saxon Masonry is the worthy exponent. With this toast I beg to associate the name of a brother who sits at the other end of the room, who has contributed largely to Masonic history, and is one of the great ornaments of the Order—I mean our Bro. Hughan.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., in reply said: Worshipful Bro. Kenning, I think every brother present this evening will recognise the fact that in my following our eloquent Brother Philbrick, Q.C., I have a very difficult task to perform. The nature of the toast makes it still more difficult, for that of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is one which must make all our hearts burn while we respond. It is a toast so great in itself that I am afraid in responding to it I can scarcely do more than express the fact that I agree with every word that has been uttered by Bro. Philbrick, and to note that from early times in this country, and the early times in the new country we have up to the present a magnificent illustration of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry. Leaving out of the question the antiquity of Freemasonry in England, I would ask you one minute to go with me to that of the United States, and remember that from Daniel Coxe's Grand Lodge of 1730 down to the Grand Lodge of yesterday, or alphabetically from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, down to that of Wyoming Territory, not forgetting the Grand Lodges of British North America, there have sprung something like the million and a half of Freemasons of to-day. I say without any hesitation, and I am sure every brother here will agree with me that Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is symbolically a continuous and permanent Atlantic cable, which unites the old world with the new, and in fact connects the north pole with the south, warmed from the east and fed from the west. May we indeed all see, that it is only by our remembering the landmarks of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry that we remain true to our colours. With your permission I will at once construct an Anglo-Saxon Masonic apron. We have in the four pre-requisites of Freemasonry the four points of the Parallelogram, viz. (1) men, (2) just, (3) upright, and (4) free, ending in the promotion of Faith, Hope, and Charity, composing the Triangle, all pointing to the Great Architect of the Universe, whom we should all love and obey. I have great pleasure in responding this evening to so great a toast as that "Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry,"

for I am persuaded the more it is studied and understood, the more it will be valued, and in proportion as we follow its principles shall we be true to our professions.

Bro. Col. Creton, P.G., in proposing "Our English Masonic Charities and Distressed Masons all over the World," said Bro. Chairman and brethren, the toast which has been placed in my hands requires few words of comment or recommendation in such an assembly as this. The three great Masonic Charities of England seem to mark out for us a line of Masonic duty and of Masonic sympathy. They grant annuities to aged and decayed Masons and widows of Masons, and they provide a good sound and valuable education for 200 girls and 211 boys. Thus the English Craft taxes itself to the amount of £30,000 annually to maintain these excellent charities. I am quite confident that the American brethren will join us in wishing "Success and continued Prosperity to our English Masonic Charities." I am requested by our Chairman to couple with that toast the name of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School.

After Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden had recited "Sheridan's Ride,"

Bro. Binckes said, if Bro. Hughan asks indulgence for himself after following the eloquent speeches which preceded his address, how much more ought I to ask indulgence for myself after the eloquent recitation of Bro. Holden? I feel that after such a stirring delivery everything that falls from me must be "stale, flat, and unprofitable." But at all events on an occasion so interesting, under circumstances so fortunate and so peculiarly acceptable as those which had brought us here this evening, I have only one dissentient voice to the proposition I start with that the toast proposed by Col. Creton of "Success to our great Masonic Institutions," is one that will carry the sympathies of every one around this table who has the interests of our great Order at heart. The observations which fell from Col. Creton in proposing the toast render it unnecessary for me to weary our friends from the other side of the Atlantic, or those who are here who are conversant with all that is done by our Institutions; but I think it must be a matter of congratulation to us all, hailing from whatever jurisdiction we may, that we in this little island of England are able to produce in this year something like £30,000 for our three institutions, and so to support altogether 800 individuals, aged people and children of both sexes; and of late years we cannot only find means for the sustenance of those institutions, but our income, as a rule, exceeds our expenditure. The words first used by our illustrious brother from the other side of the Atlantic would just lead to say one word as to my ignorance of what organisations they have for charitable purposes in the United States of America, but this much I fortunately know, that I and others who are in the same position, have received over and over again, the most gratifying testimony and assurance of the delight that they experience in the success that we enjoy; and I have no doubt that our friends here this evening will be the first to follow, and co-operate in the work of the great Masonic charities under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. It is very difficult in speaking at a late hour in the evening, in responding to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," to avoid repeating somewhat of what has fallen from previous speakers, I do not wish to weary our friends from the other side of the water, or our English friends, with any statistics. I would only repeat what has been said over and over again, and direct their attention, not so much yours as theirs, to the two great watchwords of our Order, announced by the Prince of Wales at his installation in the Albert Hall, "Loyalty and Charity;" and in doing so I wish to express an earnest hope that while, as in days gone by, we looked on that great expanse of water that separates the mother country from its promising child, the great improvements that have been made of late years in navigation and in the means of communication may, perhaps, quoting the words of a cabinet minister of the present day, lead us to understand that whether the billows of that great ocean be lashed into fury, they shall no longer be regarded by us as an obstacle that separates, but rather look upon them as a link that unites the two great English speaking people of the world, whose high and earnest hope will be used in inculcating lasting happiness, the principle of loyalty to our regularly constituted governments, to practising the universal spirit of charity, and in maintaining in all its integrity that unity of speech, heart, and action, which is the birthright and distinguishing characteristic of both. (Applause.)

Bro. James Terry (for whom there were loud calls) said: Bro. Kenning, Brethren of America and of England, after the exhaustive speech, and the very eloquent, I would also say, of my friend and colleague, Bro. Binckes, very little more is left for me to give utterance to in response to the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," remembered in this great assembly—one so kindly collected together by the unbounded hospitality of our host this evening, than to thank him and many good friends we see around this room for all they have done in days gone by in support of the interest of the whole three of our Masonic Institutions; and I may be, perhaps, permitted to say that the amount of our contributions have been rather under than over-stated by our good friend who proposed the toast, and also by my colleague, who responded, inasmuch as during the last two years we have not only had the sum of £30,000 each year, but we have totalled over £42,000 a-year during those two years that represents, in American currency, something like 210,000 dollars, brought in at three meetings in the course of one year. Now, Sir, if that is the fact, in respect of our Masonic Institutions, how much must we be indebted to the Craft, for all that they have done, and to the Masonic Press, for every effort they have given us in endeavoring to make known the claims

of those three Institutions, and personally speaking, on behalf of myself, I may say the Order is very much indebted to the press for all they have done. We may, perhaps, differ as to the way it should be done, but we know after all that we have one heart, one soul, one spirit to work in; we do all we possibly can to promote the good and the prosperity of them all. I thank you very much indeed, and you also, Mr. Chairman, for having given me the opportunity of responding to the toast, and congratulating our American brethren to this great hall of ours in England, and I hope and trust they may carry back to their country the kind consideration of all London Masons, and the earnest wishes for their health, wealth, and prosperity, and the goodwill of all our Masonic brethren.

Bro. Kenning called upon Sir John Bennett "to propose the last toast."

Bro. Sir John Bennett, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," said: Last, indeed, unduly last; but, nevertheless, I am deeply indebted to the grace and favour of our munificent host for having the pleasure of attending here this evening, and though it is my good fortune from time to time to address important assemblies elsewhere, I look with peculiar interest and satisfaction on the remarkable meeting that I have attended this very night graced as it is by men representing almost every branch of human interests, graced too with the presence, the august presence I would almost say, of the leading spirits of our great corporation of London, "the guide, philosopher and friend" of the Common Council in its most profound deliberations. I feel that this is no ordinary assembly, and we are quite in a position to night to greet the Craft from the other side of the Atlantic, and it would not be befitting that we should part to night, having toasted brethren of our Craft without remembering the sisters of our Craft, because whatever the brethren might be, whether of the States, abroad in Europe, or at home, the chief contributor to the "United States" or the old and the new world in woman. Yes, whether young or old—and I happen to be in the somewhat fortunate position of being a somewhat young man, and therefore can dilate with heartiness on the subject of the toast—whether in the spring of life, as I suppose Byron was when he said—

"In the days of our youth, when the heart is in its spring,

The affections will never take wing;

I have lived, and who has not, and what heart will declare

That pleasure was absent while woman was there?"

I never knew a good thing in this world but a woman was at the bottom of it. I say in spring she does—in our infancy—her duty to mankind; ay, in the heyday of manhood what a joyous and blessed companion; in our autumn she ministers to our joys, and when we have none elevates our sorrows; and at last when it comes to it, she is the very hand and support of the winter of old age. We toast them with all reverence, with all honour. We toast woman, whether on the other side of the Atlantic or here at home with us. I know how much every man is, a public man especially, indebted to his better, his purer, and very frequently his lesser half. People who wonder among ourselves where some of us get our original thoughts from do not know we have talked them over with our wives over the breakfast table in the morning, and our original thoughts come from that quarter. In the "light fantastic toe," as we term it, we engage her, and in the song we have had here to-night I miss her. In nature also I may observe that the creator did not fancy the world complete unless he gave us the soprano and alto, and, therefore, in song I regret we did not have female voices. We have not had woman to give grace to this entertainment; but in whatever phase of life, in whatever character she appears, we, good Masons, from the old and from the new world, are prepared to drink this toast with all respect, affection, and reverence, and so in that spirit I speak to you, in that spirit I give it, and in that spirit, I am quite sure, Worshipful President, the Craft will be so good as to drink it.

Bro. Altman said in reply: After the eloquent words that have fallen from the young man who had just spoken, I am almost ashamed to think that this is the last toast of the evening, although as he has justly observed it is not the least. For my own part I would rather it had been the first toast, because from what I hear of Masonry, if it was not for the ladies many of the brethren who are now around the festive board would not be able to be present. They are the heartstrings of Masons. I, for my part, regret that the ladies are not present to give our American friends the hearty welcome that they will give to all Masons not only here but coming from the other side of the Atlantic. After the eloquent speeches of the brethren right and left of us, the only thing I can say is this, that although the ladies could not be present to-night I am sure they feel very grateful to this toast. The ladies are very useful in Freemasonry. Look through the books of subscriptions that are published and you will see that the ladies become Life Governors and Life Patrons of our Institutions. Therefore, as they are such a help to us it is our duty to drink their health. I thank you on their behalf for the very kind way in which you have done so.

This closed the proceedings in the dining hall, and the brethren then took tea and coffee together in the drawing room. The whole evening was of a most enjoyable character, and all the brethren expressed the greatest gratification at what they had witnessed. The English brethren were much amused and delighted at the special American "fire," which was given by the American visitors. This fire is called "the rocket fire," and is only given on exceptionally grand occasions. The musical artistes who contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening were Bros. T. W. Simons, G. T. Cairns, F. H. Cozens, Theodore Distin, and Thomas Lawler.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

Notices of motion to be discussed at the Quarterly Communication on 5th August, 1878:—

1. Moved by Bro. William H. Bickerton, R.W.M. No. 442, seconded by Bro. John Morgan, R.W.M. No. 210:—
 1. "That after the word 'Master,' in Section 1 of Chapter i. of Grand Lodge Laws, and 'all Past Masters' be introduced."
2. "That all that follows after the word 'Chair,' in Section 4 of Chapter iii. be deleted."
3. "That the following sentence be introduced into the chapter on Grand Secretary's duties, viz.:—'He shall furnish a printed copy of minutes to each lodge and member of Grand Lodge quarterly, showing in detail all the sums which have been received on behalf of the Grand Lodge during the quarter.'"
4. "That the Grand Cashier shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office."
5. "That after 'Craft' in Section 9 of Chapter ix., add 'who are not members of Grand Committee.'"
6. "That the second sentence of Section 16 of Chapter xx. read thus—'The Bye-laws of lodges out of the Edinburgh province shall in the first place be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and in districts where there are no Provincial Grand Lodges, to the Grand Lodge or Grand Committee.'"
7. "After 'regularly' in Section 1 of Chapter xxv., add 'and correctly;' and add to end of said Section, 'whose duty it shall be to see that all sums of money received on behalf of Grand Lodge have been duly credited in said cash book, and that the balance as then shown is correct and accounted for.'"
8. "That the Grand Master shall have power to appoint the Deputy and Substitute Grand Masters."
- II. Moved by Bro. Colonel Montgomerie Neilson, Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow, seconded by Bro. William H. Bickerton, R.W.M. No. 442:—
 1. "That an Accountant in Glasgow be appointed to act in conjunction with an accountant in Edinburgh, in Auditing Grand Lodge Accounts."
2. "That the Finance Committee be composed of Three Members of Grand Committee, one of whom to be chosen from brethren resident in Edinburgh, and two from other parts of the country."
- III. Moved by Bro. Robert Nisbet, P.M. No. 349, seconded by Bro. George Fisher, R.W.M. No. 129:—
 1. "That Section 8 of Chapter iii. of Grand Lodge Laws be deleted, and the following be substituted, viz.:—'That no Grand Office Bearer (the Grand Secretary, Grand Cashier, and Tylers excepted) shall hold office longer than two years consecutively, or be eligible for re-election until he be one year out of office.'"
2. "That 'Masters of Lodges or Proxy Masters' be deleted from Section 1 of Chapter ix., and 'Members of Grand Lodge' be substituted."
3. "That the word 'Immediate,' be deleted from Section 2 of Chapter xii."
- IV. Moved by Bro. Robert Bryce, R.W.M. No. 392, seconded by Bro. William Niven, R.W.M. No. 97.
 "That the lodges within the Metropolitan District be formed into a Provincial Grand Lodge."
 [The Alterations on Grand Lodge Laws, recommended by the Grand Committee on 9th April last, and appearing in the printed Minutes of that date, also fall to be disposed of at the Quarterly Communication on 5th August next.]

Issued in terms of enactment of Grand Lodge, May 4, 1874:— "That copies of all Notices of Motion given in Grand Lodge be sent at once to Provincial Grand Lodges, and that they be requested to circulate them in their provinces."

D. MURRAY LYON,
Secretary to the Grand Lodge.

CONSECRATION OF THE WEST SMITHFIELD MARK LODGE.

This interesting ceremony took place on Friday, the 26th ult., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, under distinguished patronage. The officer appointed by the W.M. to consecrate this new addition to the ranks of this rapidly increasing and powerful Order was Bro. F. Binckes, the G.S., who was supported by Bros. Davison, D.P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey; Brighten, P.G.S. of Middlesex and Surrey; D. Dewar, Asst. G.S. Amongst the other Grand Officers and members of the Order present were Bros. J. Stevens, Wilkins, Levander, Pope, Barry, Shackleton, F. Walters, Dibdin, C. Horsley, 32°; Baldwin, T. C. Walls (*Freemason*), Gilbert, Adams, and L. Beck.

The Consecrating Officer having appointed Bros. Stevens, as S.W.; Dibdin, as J.W.; Dewar, as Secretary; Wilkins, as D.C.; and Shackleton, as I.G., proceeded to carry out the beautiful and impressive ceremony, and at its conclusion duly installed the W.M. designate, Bro. Gilbert, into the chair. Both ceremonies were most ably performed by Bro. Binckes.

The W.M. then appointed and invested his principal officers.

Upon the motion of Bro. F. Walters, Bros. Binckes, Davison, Stevens, Dibdin, Brighten, and Dewar were elected honorary members.

Several propositions for advancement having been handed in, the lodge was duly closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent collation, well catered for by Bro. Butt. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Grand Mark toasts were done full justice to. Bros. Davison and Levander responded at length to the latter.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Binckes

took occasion to give an exhaustive and most able dissertation upon the Mark Degree. He particularly alluded to the gigantic strides it had made of late years, and to the success that had attended its charitable institutions. In alluding to the event that had brought them there that day, he said he believed that the Order by the advent of the West Smithfield would gain a most valuable addition to its ranks. Bro. Gilbert, who had been installed that day as first Master, had proved by his services to the great and good charitable institutions of Freemasonry that his heart was in the right place, and in other respects he was thoroughly conversant with the vital principles of this ancient Order. From the fact of the West Smithfield Lodge being connected with the Craft lodge bearing the same name and held under the same roof, he augured for it a most prosperous and happy career. In conclusion, he charged the brethren to drink most heartily "The Health of Bro. Gilbert, the W.M., and Success to the West Smithfield Lodge."

This toast having been duly honoured, the W.M. made a modest response in acknowledgment of the compliment paid to him and the rest of the founders.

"The Visitors" toast was responded to at length by Bros. Stevens, Pope, Wilkins, and others.

"The Consecrating Officers," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening instrumental and vocal contributions were given by Bros. Beck, Walls, Dibdin, and others.

CONSECRATION OF THE EQUALITY CHAPTER, No. 1145.

The consecration of the above chapter took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, on Saturday, the 20th ult., the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent, Col. Le Gender N. Starkie, performing the ceremony, supported by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Comps. J. L. Hine, Prov. G. 2nd Principal; Peter Royle, M.D., P.P.G.S., 3rd Principal; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Scribe E.; Thomas Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.; E. Linck, Prov. G. Assist. S.; P. S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.D.C.; and E. Heywood, Prov. G.S.B., and numerous companions.

Comp. Sillitoe, Prov. G.D.C., acting by command of the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent, installed Comps. E. Heywood, Prov. G.S.B., 1st Principal; Thomas Hindle, 2nd Principal; and John Tennant, 3rd Principal.

Comp. E. Linck, Prov. G. Assist. S., invested the following officers: Comps. Richard Rushton, Scribe E.; John Royton, Scribe N.; Benj. Thos. Gossling, Principal S.; J. H. Bury, 1st Assist. S.; C. Furness, 2nd Assist. S.; John Halstead, Treasurer.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably presided over by Comp. T. Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.

The thanks of the members of the chapter were tendered to the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, and duly responded to by the M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent.

A banquet followed, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

"Brief abstract and chronicles of the time."—Hamlet."

STRAND (ROYAL).—At this house Mr. Walter Joyce has brought his company with Gilbert's clever comedy "Engaged." This piece, though extremely clever, and possessing all the elements of success, did not succeed, from a monetary point of view, at the Haymarket, where it was first produced. At the Strand, however, which is about half the size of the Haymarket, I have to record the pleasant fact that "Engaged" is doing well—hot weather notwithstanding. Mr. Honey's acting as Cheviot Hill is positively fascinating in its irresistible comicality.

FOLLY AND GLOBE.—The latter opens in a month, when "Les Cloches de Corneville" will be the chief attraction. A two-act drama, by J. Mackey, will, it is said, be the opening piece, but looking at the fact that "Les Cloches de Corneville" now plays three hours, and is to be produced at the Globe on a more elongated scale, I fail to see how a two-act drama can precede it. Miss Lydia Thompson and company will again occupy the Folly.

THEATRE ROYAL YARMOUTH.—This elegant little theatre, re-opened on Monday last, under the direction of Mr. Terry Hurst. The company is a good one, comprising among other artistes Messrs. Bentley Middleton, Arthur Williams, Harrington Bailey, and Miss Nellie Atherley. The piece selected for performance this week was Lord Lytton's famous comedy "Money," and it only remains to be recorded, that it was produced in a manner reflecting credit on all concerned. Playgoers visiting Yarmouth are to be congratulated on the fact that its theatre is in such excellent hands.

MARBLE RINK, CLAPHAM.—The Marble Rink Club gave another of their highly successful promenade concerts on Tuesday last. The attendance was not only very good with respect to numbers, but very select with respect to persons. Madame Rose Hersee and Mr. Barton McGuckin were among the artists engaged, and gave great satisfaction, the orchestra too, conducted by Mr. F. Taylor, fully deserved the warm appreciation awarded. The next concert at "The Rink" is fixed for the 13th August, and after that date, we are pleased to note, these concerts will take place every Tuesday evening throughout the season.

NOTES ON ART, &c.

A considerable portion of the basement of the cloister of Old St. Paul's has been laid bare, very near the surface of the present ground, together with the basement part of two of the buttresses of the Chapter-house. At the south-eastern angle a strip of basement wall, showing the mouldings and the bases of the shafts of the arches, and of an exterior corner buttress, and equal to the space occupied by three of these arches. From the south-eastern angle to a gateway into the cloister, is exhibited in wonderful preservation. The cutting of the Caen stone is much of it fresh and sharp, and there are fragments of the Purbeck marble shafts of the beautiful fourteenth century work. At the south-western angle, besides the remains of the mouldings and shaft bases, there is a portion of the old pavement of the cloister, squares arranged diamond wise, still undisturbed. Within the line of the cloister the moulded bases of the south-eastern and south-western buttresses of the octagonal Chapter-house, with the bases of interior shafts, are to be seen; and the south-eastern angle of the old outer boundary wall has been found. The position of the cloister and Chapter-house can now be accurately fixed. It appears, in Mr. Penrose's opinion, that they were larger than they are drawn in Ho'lar's plan, and also that the axial line of the old church, which must have been parallel with the north and south walls of the cloister, must, at least in the western part of the church, have had a considerable divergence northwards from the axis of the present building.

The National Health Society, Berners-street, is taking steps to obtain park shelters for the public parks, and this week communicated with the Commissioner of Works on the subject, submitting at the same time a plan of a park shelter of a picturesque form, such as is about to be introduced as a forest shelter at Epping Forest. The same society is also endeavouring to induce some of the London vestries to erect seats for weary pedestrians in suitable thoroughfares and public places in the London streets.—*British Medical Journal*.

At a meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of Ireland on the 25th inst., Major Borrows called attention to a new turnip-crop pest—a species of small green worm or caterpillar, which within the previous 48 hours had covered a space of 12 acres of turnips on his estate in the county Kildare. Such a thing has not occurred there for 25 years. The worm speedily ravaged all the leaves except the centre one, and showed wonderful powers of getting over the ground.

A second Arctic Expedition is about to be fitted out by Mr. James Gordon Bennett, the energetic proprietor of the *New York Herald*. The yacht "Dauntless" will attempt to reach the Pole via Spitzbergen, while the "Pandora," or, rather, as she is now named, the "Jeanette," will proceed through Behring's Straits.

The beautiful Stadtheater at Frankfort on the Maine has been burnt to the ground. A similar catastrophe has visited the Théâtre Guignol at Lyons.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have consented to the experimental execution of designs for the decoration of the dome of the cathedral. The late Mr. Stevens left a model of a portion of the dome on which he had wrought out an elaborate plan of mosaic decoration, and the sub-committee propose that the decoration should be proceeded with in substantial accordance with Mr. Stevens' designs. Before proceeding, however, with the permanent execution of the plan in the costly and indestructible material of mosaic, the sub-committee recommend that Messrs. Leighton and Poynter should be employed to furnish designs of cartoons for a specified portion of the decoration, and that these designs should be reproduced in full size on canvas by Mr. Stannus, a former pupil of Mr. Stevens. The experimental cartoons thus prepared are to be fixed in the place ultimately to be occupied by the permanent mosaics, in order that there may be some opportunity of judging of the effect of the proposed decorations. This experimental process is estimated to cost a sum of about £4,000, and to occupy a year in execution. If the designs are approved, the sub-committee propose that Messrs. Leighton and Poynter should be commissioned to furnish the remaining designs, and that the whole should be executed in mosaic at a cost of from £45,000 to £50,000. The Dean and Chapter have given their sanction to the preliminary expenditure, but reserve their discretion on all other questions raised by the sub-committee.

With a view to mitigate to some extent the loss of life which at this period of the year occurs with such distressing frequency, especially when the temperature is so high as it has been recently, Mr. Lambton Young, the secretary of the Royal Humane Society, has opportunely issued and circulated the following advice to bathers:— "Avoid bathing within two hours after a meal, or when exhausted by fatigue or from any other cause or when the body is cooling after perspiration. Avoid bathing altogether in the open air if, after having been short time in the water, there is a sense of chilliness with numbness of the hands and feet; but bathe when the body is warm, provided no time is lost in getting into the water. Avoid chilling the body by sitting or standing undressed on the banks or in boats after having been in the water, or remaining too long in the water, but leave the water immediately there is the slightest feeling of chilliness. The vigorous and strong may bathe early in the morning on an empty stomach. The young and those who are weak had better bathe two or three hours after a meal; the best time for such is from two to three hours after breakfast. Those who are subject to giddiness or faintness, or suffer from palpitation and other sense of discomfort at the heart, should not bathe without first consulting their medical adviser."

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Broadley, A. M., Tunis... ..	0	6	3
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Darlington, W. F., Canada	0	10	6
Daw, W. P., Buenos Ayres	1	12	6
Edwards, G. H., Africa	1	6	0
Freemantle Masonic Club	12	0	0
Gordon, W., California... ..	1	6	0
Hill, W. H., San Francisco	0	12	0
Hubert, Paris	0	7	6
Jackson, F., Japan	0	13	0
March, J. H., Paris	0	12	0
Mason, T. G., Canada	0	12	0
Maynard, Jas., Constantinople... ..	0	15	0
Partridge, F. E., New York	0	12	0
Platt, B. A., India	1	4	0
Ross, Jno. and Co., Egypt	0	3	3
Smith, G. W., New York	0	12	0
Stringfellow, J., Queensland	2	0	0
Vaughan, H. A., Texas	0	12	0

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Die New Yorker Bundes Presse;" "Der Triangel;" "Keystone;" Hebrew Leader;" "La Chaine d' Union;" "Brief;" "Medical Examiner;" "Sewing Machine Chronicle and Ladies' Gazette;" "Advocate;" "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa;" "Pantiles Papers;" "Broad Arrow;" "West London Express;" "Bangalore Examiner;" "Die Bauhütte;" "Corner Stone;" "Caslon's Circular;" "Newport and Cardiff as Shipping Ports" by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, J.P.; "Morning Light;" "Wine Growers' and Wine-Coopers' Manual;" "New York Dispatch;" "Terre Haute Evening Gazette;" "Hajnal;" "Masonic Token;" "Yorkshire Gazette."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ALEXANDER.—On the 26th inst., at Selhurst-road, South Norwood, the wife of Mr. Arthur Lyon Alexander, of a son.

STILWELL.—On the 30th inst., at Holmsdale, Surbiton, the wife of Edward W. Stillwell, of a daughter.

WIGRAM.—On the 22nd inst., at Monkton, Somersetshire, the wife of Mr. Henry J. Wigram, of a daughter.

WILSON.—On the 26th inst., at Rugby, the wife of Mr. S. M. Wilson, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HAY.—On the 25th inst., at New Hampton, Amy Beatrice, daughter of late Mr. Charles G. Liddell Hay, aged 19.

MONCKTON.—On the 24th inst., at Finchshade Abbey, Northamptonshire, E. H. C. Monckton, Esq., late of H.E.I.C. C.S., aged 66.

MANN.—On the 26th inst., at 27, Grove-road, Brixton, Mr. Samuel Loveys Mann, in his 60th year.

MARTIN.—On the 26th inst., at Hampton-court, George Durham Martin, son of Mr. George Martin, aged 3 years.

WHITE.—On the 26th inst., at 20, De Beauvoir-square, Catherine Agnes, wife of Mr. Henry Hewlett White, aged 52.

WILSON.—On the 26th inst., at Rugby, Anne Elizabeth, wife of Mr. S. M. Wilson.

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OUR AMERICAN GUESTS.

The proprietor of the *Freemason* in a pleasant meeting, carefully recorded elsewhere, sought, and not in vain, to maintain the character of English and Masonic hospitality. He wished, as the sole owner of the most successful modern Masonic paper, to ensure to his brethren from the other side of the Atlantic all those courtesies which their own high character, and the great link of Masonic sympathy, might fairly claim from him. He also was most anxious to convey to many hundred thousand brethren in the United States the fraternal and kindly feelings by which American and English Freemasons are ever bound. The times of alienation, of suspicion, of opposition, of hostility, have long since passed away, and England and the United States form a close and happy alliance, in which are most truly symbolized both the great principles of toleration, loyalty, and charity, as well as the peaceful progress and the ultimate civilization of mankind. By our report elsewhere, it will be at once seen what a great success attended in every way, the patriotic and hospitable idea of Bro. Kenning, who enhanced the genial character of host, by the admirable manner in which he discharged the duties of Chairman. No more enjoyable meeting ever took place, or under more auspicious circumstances, and from first to last, this festival of International Masonry was a "white day" to all who took part in it, and will be long remembered by that goodly phalanx of American and English Masons, who hailed with delight every warm expression of Masonic sympathy and fraternal goodwill. It would not have been in good taste at such a meeting, composed of the elite of two great bodies, to speak in terms of praise of the *Freemason*, but the proprietor feels, that to-day, he may look with pride, on what the *Freemason* has done, and the position it has achieved, solely on its own merits, and in the fair open market of Masonic criticism and general appreciation. The *Freemason* is now confessedly the great representative of English Masonry, as well abroad as at home, and is largely read and widely known in the United States as in England, and its proprietor rejoices to think that he has sought only to make the good old axiom true, "Palman qui meruit ferat." The *Freemason* aided to inaugurate years ago that historical and archaeological study of the antiquities of Masonry, which in the hands of Hughan and D. Murray Lyon and others in England, and of Mackey and Fort, and others in America, has culminated in such striking results. One of its most distinguishing features has been its avoidance of personality, and its unceasing hostility to that sort of scandalous garbage which finds a ready sale, alas, in some sections of the press to day. The *Freemason* has sought to limit the area and elevate the tone of Masonic discussion, and while it manfully supports authority, to be alike independent and unpartizan, encouraging discussion, within proper limits, and upholding the rights and privileges of Freemasons of all ranks and classes amongst us. Hence its legitimate authority, its large circulation, and its increasing popularity. The gathering of Wednesday was, to its proprietor, alike an agreeable interchange of personal courtesies with his amiable and distinguished party of American brethren, and it was a reminder of gallant efforts and high prestige as a Masonic journal fairly won, while at the same time it was a flattering, and we venture to believe a most truthful omen of future and still greater success. And one great good result will have been achieved, if answering his earliest anxieties, the *Freemason* aids to promote lasting peace and heartfelt goodwill between those two great countries, Great Britain and the United States of America.

A CORRECTION.

We have been requested to point out, that in our leader last week respecting the present posi-

tion and future prospects of our great Charities' we put wrong words by a "lapsus calami" into our gallant Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton's mouth, as he used the words "Vice-Patrons," not "Vice-Presidents." We apologize for the mistake.

GERMANIC LOYALTY.

We are happy to be able to record the continued progress of our venerable and illustrious brother the Emperor of Germany to complete convalescence, and to note the abounding proofs of the loyalty of the German people. It would be strange if it were otherwise. The Germans are a most warm-hearted, intellectual, sympathetic, home-loving people, and the designs of traitors and the violence of fanatics find with them no support or approval. As for the present socialistic craze, it is a craze, and that is all you can say; utterly scouted by the great and overwhelming majority of a cultivated and reasoning population. We take from a letter of one of the correspondents of the *Times*, the following description of the many kinds of German loyalty, which are alike pleasant to realise and proper to commemorate: "An exhibition of the written addresses presented to the German Emperor after the recent attempts on his life has been opened at the Old Palace at Berlin. Besides thousands of telegrams, there are more than 200 addresses, the number of signatures to each address varying between ten and 10,000. Many of the addresses are perfect works of art, calligraphically executed and adorned with pen and ink drawings, water-colour paintings, and photographs. Most of the bindings are in blue velvet, the favourite colour of the Emperor, with gold or silver clasps, and alto-relievas in the same metals. To the addresses of all the principal political, municipal, and learned corporations in Germany are added those from the German residents in Vienna, Pesth, Dublin, Brussels, Antwerp, Revel, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Switzerland, &c. Nearly all the addresses are in German, but there are several in Latin, Italian, Hebrew, and other languages. The contents of these loyal addresses speak for themselves; as to the getting up, it has probably never been surpassed for taste, costliness, and art." This is as it should be; and as loyal Freemasons, disavowing socialism and abhorring treason, we are glad once more to express our heartfelt sympathy with our venerable and illustrious brother and his loyal people.

A LIFE SERVICE.

We recall from week to week in the *Freemason* the deaths of those who have done the State, the public, and Freemasonry good service in their time and generation, whose lives have been very useful, whose deaths are losses to the community, as well as to their families and friends. Bro. Foster White, P.G.D., whose death we recorded last week, was one of that numerous class of valuable citizens who devote their intellects, their energies, and often their whole existence, to the interests of one or other of those most valuable charities, (great in every sense), which abound in our metropolis. At a time when our charities are so ruthlessly attacked, their administration impugned, and their value questioned, it seems to be good for us to bear in mind, how much of invaluable assistance is given to them by some of the most honoured, and able, and high-minded of our fellow citizens. With no sordid motives, no unfitting aims, no longings after "self" or "self," many whom we know ourselves, and associate with day by day, and who are fitted to adorn any station in society, concentrate the zealous efforts often of a whole life to the promotion of the interests, and the maintenance of the efficiency, of some one of those countless eleemosynary institutions of which as Englishmen we may well be proud. It is not too much to say, that in no country in the world do the "great unpaid," in almost every department of social life, render such signal services to society as in Great Britain. And as the tendency of the day is to centralize everything, to bring everything under an elaborate bureaucracy even, it is now proposed to place our charities under practically centralized and irresponsible committees. It may be true that what has been called the

"laissez faire" system has great evils, and has led to many anomalies and more complaints. But why then rush into the very opposite extreme, and fall, as the old English proverb has it, "out of the frying pan into the fire?" We choose to forget daily in public matters especially that the abuse never "takes away the use of a thing," and that, admitted a first principle is sound and healthy per se, its practical application is quite another thing. It is to this forgetfulness of such obvious and primary truths that we owe almost all of the unreality, the "high falutin," the fallacious argument, the unreasoning sentimentalism of the hour. Before we then join a senseless crusade against our admirable charities, let us remember what signal good they have done, alike for honest poverty and for suffering humanity, and let us gratefully recall the services of fellow citizens and brother Masons like Foster White, who gave up to the noblest of all duties the power of their intellect, and the energies of their lives.

BATHING PLACES.

As Freemasons we take an interest in all social questions which affect the peaceful progress of the world, or the comfort and welfare of the various layers of society which comprise the pyramid of our English monarchy. We always remember Prince Albert's golden axiom, that "the happiness of the most widely contrasted classes is identical," and therefore we always feel that the social improvement and well-being of the people is alike the highest and truest aim of the philanthropist and the statesman. We then are always averse to petty restrictions, the interference of "Red Tape" in whatever form, which seem to diminish in any way or to antagonise social freedom or elasticity of social arrangements, and that which tends to enhance our public or individual privileges as a free and contented people. With such feelings we agree heartily with the remarks of our contemporary the *Graphic* on bathing places, which are as follows: "Bearing in mind as we do how the poor suffer from heat during the hot weather in their small rooms, which often lie under the roof, we feel indignant to read of small batches of boys being fined for the shocking offence of trying to cool their bodies by bathing in the Regent's Canal or elsewhere. Surely such an injustice as this might be avoided by the expenditure of a little trouble and common sense. Why should not the police be empowered to permit bathing at certain spots, on the condition that all bathers should wear drawers, constables being on duty at the places in question to prevent disorder? The worst of it is that our period of heat is so brief that the bathing enthusiasm of our populace speedily abates, and so the scandal is repeated year after year. On the one hand, respectable peoples' sense of decency is outraged; on the other hand, poor lads are punished for doing that which is in itself a natural and creditable action. And yet we prate about encouraging people to learn to swim!" No doubt certain rules are requisite and must be enforced, but, surely, as our contemporary well puts it, to the police may be fairly be left much common sense and needful arrangements.

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.]

THE RITE OF SWEDENBORG.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
With reference to Bro. "Craftsman's" letter in your issue of the 27th ult., I have to say that the question of whether Swedenborg was himself a Mason scarcely enters into the general problem. It is true that Bro. Beswick argues this point with considerable ingenuity, but that in no way touches the Rite itself. It is wrong to class the Rite among the Apocalyptic systems, for the ceremonies in no way refer to the Apocalypse, nor do the reveries or writings of Martin at all allude to the Rite. That Benedict Chastanier had to do with it is not at all improbable, but it has nothing to do with the Masonic Illuminati, by which I neither mean the Avignon body or the Weishaupt Illuminati. Except that Swedenborg's name has been, rightly or wrongly, associated with it, I do not perceive any indication of Swedenborgian influence, unless

certain passages of his works, particularly his doctrine of correspondential colours, may be thus regarded.

In any case, however, the Rite is worthy of the attention of Masons for the very reason that, in no fantastic manner, and without any far-fetched analogies, it completes the curriculum of the Craft Mason, and assigns proper meanings to the ceremonies of the Mark Degree, the Ark, Link, and Wrestle, and also the Royal Arch. Of course, my obligation prevents my saying any more in your columns. Sooner or later, I am convinced the interest of my brethren will be permanently and increasingly excited in this valuable Rite.

There is evidence in existence to prove that Swedenborg belonged, after his theological illumination, to some secret society, probably the society of the Sons of Mercy, of which Pernetty, the author of the Hermetic Dictionary, was a leading member.

But of mysticism the Rite of Swedenborg, as at present practised, presents no traces—it is not theosophical nor anthropomorphic. Any Freemason familiar with the esoteric meaning of Craft Masonry on being made acquainted with the Rite will perceive its enormous value in obscure points.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE,
Supreme Grand Secretary, Swedenborgian Rite.
Hounslow, 27th July, 1878.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to present you herewith printed copies of prospectus of contents of pamphlet, in two parts, to be published at one shilling, in the course of the year, entitled "Original Research," containing about 120 pages MS., with two ancient pictures, in illustration, one Egyptian, on the cover, the other solstitial, at the commencement of second part. I also beg to thank you for assenting to receive the names and addresses of subscribers to the pamphlet.

You will perceive that the contents embrace fifty-two subjects, relating to, and interpreted by the re-discovered science of speculative astronomy, on which the ancient, pure, and simple Masonic faith in God, the Grand Architect of the Universe, was founded.

At this critical epoch, when men's minds are agitated by wars and rumours of wars, as well as by religious distrust, scepticism, and infidelity, the science appears as a Divine messenger, not only to ratify and confirm that faith, but the superscriptions on the Royal Arch jewel, or celestial keys of the Order, that exhort brethren, as citizens of the world, to cultivate God, for He alone reigns, while wisdom, strength, and beauty are visible in all His glorious works of creation; also to cultivate truth, peace, and concord, fraternity, honour, fidelity, and benevolence.

Then the science not only disperses all religious mysticism, but virtually unites all men, of all creeds, within one fold and under one Divine Shepherd, however visionary that unity may previously have appeared.

If not trespassing too much on your space, I would suggest that the contents referred to be subjoined to this letter, for the perusal of your readers. Meanwhile I remain yours faithfully and fraternally,

Orchard Hill, Guernsey. W. N. CRAWFORD.

Mulum in Parbo; or Masonic Notes and Queries.

ENGLISH TEMPLAR CEREMONY.

I can confirm most of the statements of our excellent Bro. Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore as to some of the Templar ceremonies of the last century.

I know of a curious ritual, at least of the year 1780, which partakes of the character noticed by Bro. Moore, and which has so excited the interest of "Masonic Student." Knowing well the labours of the latter on behalf of our Craft, I can promise him full information as to its contents after he has become a Sir Knight "Masonic Student;" meanwhile we may state that mention is made of a Knight Templar being admitted "a member of the Holy Fraternity of the Lillie Crucians, out of the ashes of the R.C. Phoenix in seculo spiritus sanctis."

Many titles are recorded quite different to the present nomenclature, and several of the preliminaries agree with those peculiar to the present Rosicrucian Society of England, as also with the Royal Order of Scotland.

The obscurity of the language at times is such that I have failed adequately to master the meaning intended, and, in fact, the degree is as different to "modern" Knights Templar, as I anticipate the reception of an Entered Apprentice in our lodges now differs from that peculiar to "the olden tyme."

My opinion, however, is, that the ritual in question was not generally worked, as one I have seen about 1790 is quite of another character. Both I take it were unknown before the middle of last century.

WM. JAMES HUGHAN.

A correspondent of the *Times* notices that if extremely cold weather is prejudicial to the health of the aged, excessively hot weather has the same effect on them, as the deaths of eight persons were recorded in Friday's paper, four of each sex, whose united ages amount to 674 years, giving an average of 84 years and 3 months to each. The oldest was a gentleman who had reached the great age of 92 years, the youngest of the same sex being 80. Of the ladies the oldest was 85 and the youngest 81 years of age. There were the same number of septuagenarians also, whose ages ranged from 71 to 78, four of each sex, and averaged rather more than 74 years and a month each.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HERTFORD.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the province of Herts was held at the Freemasons' Hall at Watford, on Friday, the 26th ult., the Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presiding. He was supported by Bros. Lambert, acting Deputy P.G.M.; John Livingston, P.G.S.W.; Rev. H. F. H. Brunkhill Herne, P.G. Chaplain; Rev. G. Finch, P. Assist. G. Chaplain; A. Copland, P.G. Treas.; H. J. C. Finch, P.G. Reg.; Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, Prov. G. Secretary; G. Askew, P.G.S.D.; E. Bowyer, P.G.J.D.; J. Terry, P.G.D.C.; Venables, P.G. Pursuivant; W. Webb, Assist. Prov. Grand Pursuivant; John Parrott, J. Britten, E. Berrard, Thos. Thomas, and Thos. Wright, P. Grand Stewards. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Wilson, 504; W. Bywater, P.M. 19 and 504; H. Hollis, 504; W. C. Maddever, 504; J. Gray, 504; E. Baxter, 504; T. S. Carter, 403; J. C. Dick, 403; A. Wiley, 404; G. E. Wade, 404; Faulkner Leigh, 404; F. Levick, 404; J. Knight, 134; G. F. Cook, 1480; H. Cox, 1480; T. J. Hellier, 1480; F. D. Rees Copstick, 869; C. J. Hogard, 453; W. W. Hay, 1480; W. H. Etherington, 869; A. Malcolm, 327; W. Cook, 1480; T. J. Hyland, 1480; P. Stern, 1377; G. C. Plank, 404; J. Lee, 404; T. Kent, 1479; W. O. Thompson, 1759; J. Lowther, 1385; H. Mallard, 404; F. Webster, 1479; E. Palin, 404; G. Tidcombe, jun., 1549; C. W. Reynolds, 1477; W. Wells, 1479; G. D. Groom, 449; W. Stedman, 754; W. Bauser, 1580; J. Johnson, 504; C. E. Keyser, 404; W. J. Green, 404; H. Crutch, 1278; J. Benkin, 404; J. Middleton, 864; J. E. Cussans, 403, and P.M. 1366; H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, Bro. Dr. Iles read the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were duly confirmed; after which Bro. Copland was re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The next business was the appointment and investiture of the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year, of which the following is the list:

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| Sedgwick, 404 | ... | ... | D. Prov. G.M. |
| Copland, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| Jno. E. Dawson, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| James Ferry, P.M. 1327, 1580 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| G. Finch, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chaplain. |
| Oswald Thompson, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Chap. |
| J. E. Lake, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Registrar. |
| Dr. F. H. Wilson Iles, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| G. D. Groom, 449 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| T. Kent, 1479 | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| J. E. Morris, 407 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| J. L. Mather, 1580 | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| W. H. Etherington, 869 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G.D.C. |
| H. Hollis, 504 | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.B. |
| Faulkner Leigh, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| A. Malcolm, 327 | ... | ... | Prov. G. Purst. |
| F. Levick, 404 | ... | ... | Prov. A.G. Purst. |
| A. O. Wiley, W. J. Green, W. Cook, | ... | ... | Flint, Hare, and Bedall... |
| | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stewards. |

Bros. T. Thomas, 404, and J. Wright, 403, were re-appointed Prov. Grand Tylers.

Bro. T. S. Carter, P.P.S.G.D., moved that the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was seconded by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Terry, P.J.G.W., proposed that the sum of ten pounds be voted to the Watford Lodge towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Provincial Grand Lodge, which was seconded by Bro. Livingston, and carried nem. con.

Bro. Copland, P.G. Treas., proposed "That the sum of £10 be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the three unmarried daughters of the late Bro. F. Westcott, a member of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, who has lately died, leaving them unprovided for." He said that, as the brethren would see from the agenda paper, this resolution was to have been proposed by the Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bro. John Sedgwick, but unfortunately Bro. Sedgwick was unavoidably absent, being detained at home by illness. He said that Bro. Sedgwick would have been able to do greater justice to the subject than himself, having known the late Bro. Westcott better than he had. Bro. Westcott he believed had been a subscribing member of the Watford Lodge fifteen years, and a member of the Watford Chapter. He was an artist of considerable note, though he believed not a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy, but it appeared when death overtook him that he had not been able to provide for his family. Three of the efforts of his talents were before the brethren on the walls, he having painted the portraits of two of the Past Grand Officers, besides that of the present Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Copland spoke very ably in support of his motion, showing clearly that the case was worthy of the liberal consideration of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Iles in seconding the motion said that this was one of the sad cases which too often occurred of daughters left unprovided for who had not received such training as would fit them for any special career. Whatever Prov. Grand Lodge might do for these ladies would enable them to tide over present difficulties. They hoped in a little time to be able to establish themselves in some suitable business, but in the meantime the object of the present motion was to assist them with a trifle just to help them on their way.

The Right. W. P.G.M., Bro. Halsey, expressed his entire approval of the object of the motion, which he then put, and it was carried unanimously.

Bro. C. E. Keyser said the next motion on the paper was "That the Provincial Grand Lodge do invite the Masons of England to contribute towards the erection of a

stained glass window in the west of the nave of St. Alban's Cathedral, in memory of St. Alban, the first Mason of England, the cost of such window not to exceed £2000." Bro. Keyser said that he did not come forward prepared with any particular scheme. He believed the matter had been brought forward by lodges before, and he had had some talk with some of the Committee appointed in connection with the scheme for restoring the abbey, but without much result. He believed Capt. Dick's idea was to get subscriptions from the provincial lodges for general repairs, but that his (the speaker's) idea was for the Freemasons to confine their efforts to the restoration of some particular portion of the building—he thought one or more of the western porches. He said it was generally supposed that there were two of these porches, but in reality there had been three; that they had been cut in half, forming the present west front of the building, but on examination inside might be seen two other porches equally beautiful, and he considered among the best examples of early English architecture. He thought it would be best to confine their attention to the restoration of this part of the building, and that if this resolution was carried the restoration should be of as conservative a character as possible. He estimated the cost for the porches at about £6500; that was, two porches at £2000 each, and the other at £2500, besides which for repairing the gables another £2500 would be required.

Bro. Lambert objected that Bro. Keyser was out of order, as the motion on the paper was for the erection of a window.

The R.W.P.G.M. said he thought it was competent for Prov. Grand Lodge to waive the objection, because the main question was a subscription for restorations, and Bro. Keyser was only substituting a porch for a window.

Bro. Keyser then proposed the motion, substituting "the restoration of one of the western porches," for the words "erection of a stained glass window."

In this form the motion, having been seconded, was put and carried.

R.W.P.G.M.—Before going further in this matter I should like to know whether there was any result from the last resolution of Prov. Grand Lodge on this subject.

The P.G. Secretary said that the last resolution was that the brethren of the province be invited to subscribe as a body to the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey, and that he had communicated with the lodges of the province on the subject, but that the majority of them did not reply, and of those that did one objected to it, and two did not see their way. It appeared, however, that the Hertford Lodge had voted £25 towards the object, which they were prepared to contribute.

The Grand Treasurer said that the members of the various lodges appeared to think that it was too general an object to be dealt with by the lodges of a single province, and one that ought to be taken up by the whole Craft.

The P.G.M. reminded the brethren that there was a great deal of trouble and labour attached to such a matter, and enquired whether there was any brother prepared to undertake such a work.

The Grand Secretary proposed that a committee be appointed, and after some conversation it was resolved to appoint a committee consisting of Bros. Keyser, Captain Dick, Edwards, and Kemp (with power to add to their number) to consider the subject, and to take such steps as they considered necessary for the collection of a fund, provided always that no expense be incurred by Prov. Grand Lodge in so doing.

The Prov. Grand Secretary reported that the cost of the Provincial Calendar for the present year was £10 4s. 6d., as compared with £21 19s. 6d. for the previous year, that £7 17s. 6d. had been received for the sale of copies, and that therefore only £2 7s. had to be made up by Prov. Grand Lodge; therefore he thought he might congratulate Grand Lodge. For his part he was very desirous that the publication of the calendar should be continued, as it was a very useful work; only two out of the provincial lodges had not taken any copies, but if all the lodges would take them he thought there would be nothing in future for Prov. Grand Lodge to pay. He therefore proposed that its publication be continued, and that the committee be re-appointed to carry out the object.

The motion having been seconded was put, and carried unanimously.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the corn market, where the banquet had been prepared. This spacious room or hall was very tastefully decorated with trophies of banners round the walls, while the ends and sides were enlivened with palms, ferns and other ornamental plants, arranged with great variety and taste, the tables being enlivened with an abundance of the most beautiful summer flowers, while two huge pyramids of ice in the centre tended to keep the atmosphere at a pleasant temperature. The banquet was sumptuous and admirably served. When the substantial part of the banquet was disposed of and the company turned their attention to the dessert, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lambert, F.S.A., P.P.J.G.W., acting Deputy G.M., said:

Brethren, I might begin with that most happy phrase that this is the proudest moment of my life; but that the pride of this moment is somewhat overcast because I fill this position by reason of the illness of the Deputy Grand Master of the province, whose friendly acquaintance I have been honoured with for a space of about twenty years. I miss his kindly presence, and regret that his illness is the cause of my occupying this position to day. I have the honour to introduce the toast of "The most excellent and Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." (Applause.) There is no doubt that it is difficult to fulfil the duties of that exalted position, and there can likewise be no doubt of the ability with which they are fulfilled by our R.W.P.

Grand Master. In his presence I will say no more because it might sound like fulsome adulation. I give you "The Health of our Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Halsey."

Bro. Halsey.—Brethren I thank you most heartily for the kind reception you have given me on this occasion, a reception which appears to me to grow in warmth every year that I come among you, which I think is more than I deserve, but while I don't merit at your hands the reception which I have always had when I have come among you I think that I may fairly congratulate you upon the state of Masonry in this province. During the four years I have had the honour to preside over you there have been two new lodges working under dispensation that will shortly be consecrated. I think that the province over which I have to preside should be considered in a prosperous condition, because of course we cannot compare with such provinces as Lancashire and Yorkshire, and some of the great manufacturing districts, but I think that in a county having no very large towns it is very creditable that in every place approaching the name of a town we have a Masonic lodge, I think that is a condition of things some larger provinces might be unable to boast. We are really a large fraternal union, and I trust that this brotherly feeling will long continue. I have only to say in conclusion I hope that we may go on as well as we have done hitherto. But it must be remembered that though our numbers may increase, the number of Grand Offices does not increase, and it is not in my power to grant every brother grand honours. I believe it was at one time the case that all the brethren in the province were either present or past Grand Officers, but of course that cannot be the case at present, because of the numbers, but it will always be my endeavour to distribute grand honours as impartially as I can. In making my selection it must not be taken for granted that the selection will always fall on the W.M. of a lodge, because there may be some P.M. or other brother who has more claim to grand honours than the W.M. I shall always, however, endeavour to make my distribution so as to serve the best interests of the Craft. Perhaps, before I sit down it will be well to mention that it is the desire of many brethren that I should hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge under the banner of the Berkshire Lodge. I beg to thank you for the very kind manner in which you have received this toast. "The Health of the Very Worshipful the Deputy P.G. Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, present and past," was then proposed from the chair, which was responded to by Bro. Lambert and Copland, the latter of whom took the opportunity to thank the brethren for their hearty response to a kindly suggestion made by Bro. Lambert in reference to the benevolent object which had occupied the attention of Prov. Grand Lodge, and he was happy to say that their liberality had placed him in possession of an additional sum of over £12 for the benefit of those three poor women who had been left unprovided for.

"Success to the Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. Jas. Terry, P.J.W. and Sec. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, after which "The Visitors" was duly honoured, and then the chairman proposed "The Lodges of the Province" coupled with the name of the W.M. of the Watford Lodge, who returned thanks.

A final toast before separating, the Tyler's, was proposed by the assistant Grand Chaplain, by permission of the P.G.M., a toast that was received with great applause. "The Health of Bro. Dr. Hles, P.G. Sec." who in replying said that he was rather taken aback by this unexpected toast; he felt very deeply the honour conferred upon him. For four years he had endeavoured to perform the duties of P.G. Sec.; during which time Masonry had made rapid strides in the province. He had endeavoured to perform his duties without fear or favour, and by the kind manner in which he was received that evening he was sufficiently rewarded.

The enjoyment of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the vocal performances of Miss Annie Sinclair, Mr. Walter Bolton and Mr. Faulkner Leigh, Bro. H. T. Parker, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided at the pianoforte.

THE AMERICAN MASONIC PILGRIMS.

The party of American Freemasons, whose intended coming we announced in our last issue, arrived in York via Leeds on Wednesday evening week, and on Thursday were formally received and welcomed by their brethren of this city. Ever since their landing in Ireland on the 15th ult. this "Pilgrims' Progress" has been of an almost triumphal character, the Masons everywhere greeting them in such a marked manner as to show the true fraternal spirit which animates the minds of the brethren of the mystic tie. At Londonderry they were welcomed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal, under the presidency of Sir Wm. Miller, and were entertained at supper. A number of ladies were present, who presented each guest with a bouquet of flowers, to which was attached a card bearing the Derry arms and the words "cead mille failthe." Belfast and Dublin accorded equally hearty welcomes, and when Scotland was reached the brethren of Glasgow and Edinburgh held out the right hand of fellowship in a similar manner. In Freemasons' Hall, at Edinburgh, on the 23rd ult., they were received by the Deputy Grand Master and a number of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, including the Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Col. Robison, U.S. Consul, and many others. A number of Masters and Past Masters of lodges were also present. The American visitors were warmly welcomed, the D. Grand Master individually greeting each brother. After the closing of the lodge, refreshments were served. The toast of the evening, given from the chair, was "The Mary Commandery of Knights Templar," of which body most of the

Pilgrims are members. Bro. C. E. Meyer, P.E.C., Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, in responding, said it was the first time, to his knowledge, that a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons had recognised a Commandery of Knights Templar, comprised altogether of Freemasons though it was. The party left Edinburgh for Abbotsford the following morning, and arrived in Leeds on Wednesday afternoon, where they were met by a party of York brethren, and after dinner at the Queen's Hotel, the whole party resumed the journey to York in saloon carriages, which had been specially despatched for their use by Bro. Welburn, of York. On Thursday the principal objects of interest in York were visited, including the Walls, the Museum Gardens, and the Minster, where by direction of Bro. Dr. Monk they listened to an organ recital by Mr. M. Monk, with which they were much gratified. At the Freemasons' Hall the party were received by Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, W.M. of the York Lodge, 236, who had caused to be laid out for inspection the many interesting ancient Masonic MSS., minute books, &c., of which this lodge is the fortunate possessor. Bro. J. Todd, P.M. 236, was present and exhibited the various curiosities. From the Minster carriages were taken to the Merchants' Hall, which was at one period the meeting place of Freemasons, and thence the party were driven through Walmgate Bar, past the Castle and to the Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, where they were received by the W.M. and brethren of the Eboracum Lodge, 1611. The lodge was opened in the First Degree for the purpose of giving a masonic welcome to the Transatlantic Masons, and the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, expressed in a few words the great pleasure it gave the Masons of York to see amongst them the guests of the day. Bro. Meyer responded briefly, and the ceremonies being brought to a close the whole party sat down to a champagne luncheon. Amongst the specially invited guests were Bro. Wm. Valentine, W.M. 236; Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.M. Scarbro; and Bro. S. B. Ellis, P.M. Sheffield. Here was exhibited the old black letter Bible and Loving Cup, formerly the property of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, and a very curious and gigantic old Masonic flagon. After luncheon the lady visitors of the American party were escorted to the Minster service, whilst the members of the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar proceeded to Freemasons' Hall, where the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar, of which body Bro. W. Valentine is the present Preceptor, held a meeting for the special purpose of greeting the American Knights. There was a large muster, and the visitors appeared in full American Templar costume. The ceremonies of the order were worked by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., assisted by Bros. J. W. Woodall, P.E.P., W. Lawton, P.E.P., Thos. Cooper, P.E.P.; T. B. Prissick, J. S. Cumberland, G. Simpson, P. H. Rowland, J. G. Croft, G. H. Simpson, and other members of the order; and at the conclusion Bro. Sutter, P.E.P. of the Mary Commandery, presented, in the name of Bro. John Dornan, to the Ancient Ebor Preceptory a very beautiful and valuable sword, formerly the property of one of the earliest of American Knights Templar. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the whole party returned to the New Station Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in the large dining-room, under the banners of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Priory of Malta, the members of these bodies then entertaining the whole of the American knights and their ladies. The room had been tastefully decorated by Bro. Hartley, the English and American flags appearing in close conjunction, whilst the banners of the Preceptory and Priory and those of the knights, together with emblems and mottoes of the Order, and a trophy of Templars' swords, adorned the walls and mirrors. The dinner was of a most excellent character, supplied by Bro. Duret, manager of the hotel. As the procession moved in to dinner the band of the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, who were present by kind permission of Bro. Major T. B. Shaw-Hellier, played a Grand March, founded on "Hail Columbia," and arranged by the bandmaster, Bro. W. S. Smith, and during dinner performed a beautiful selection of music. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, P.E.P., and the vice-chairs by Bros. Major Prissick and J. S. Cumberland, Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., acting as Director of Ceremonies. The toasts of "The Queen, the Patroness of English Masonry," and "The Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Temple," having been gracefully given from the chair and warmly received, Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Constable of N. and E. Yorkshire, gave "The Great Prior of England, Lord Skelmersdale, the Sub-Prior, and the Great Officers and Officers," which was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whythead, G. Captain of Guard, England. Bro. T. B. Prissick, Constable of the Ancient Ebor, then gave "The Provincial Prior, Lord Lonsborough, the Sub-Prior, and the P.G. Officers and Officers," which, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. F. Holden, Sub-Prior, was responded to by Bro. J. W. Woodall. Bro. T. B. Whythead then gave the toast of the evening, "The members of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia, and the rest of the American Visitors," a toast which was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and replied to by Bro. C. E. Meyer, P.E.C., who in return proposed "The Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York." As instancing the extent and strength of the Order in the United States, Bro. Meyer mentioned that in Philadelphia there were seven Commanderies, and that the one he represented numbered over 450 members. He at the same time, in the name of the Mary Commandery, presented the Ancient Ebor Preceptory with a magnificent silk banner, richly embroidered with gold, and exquisitely finished. This toast was suitably replied to by Bro. W. Valentine, P.E.P., and Bro. P. W. Rowland then gave "The English Visitors," who were very numerous, and Bro. Ellis, P.E.P. of the D. Furnival Preceptory, Sheffield, replied, "Prosperity to the City of York" was given by Bro. D. Sutter, P.E.C., and responded to by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of York, Bro. Wm. Vairey, who in return proposed "Prosperity to the City of

Philadelphia," a toast which was received with great cheering. Bro. M. R. Muckle, P.E.C., Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, responded very happily, alluding to the cordial relations between the countries, and especially as exemplified in the noble reception they had met with that day. "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Ald. Terry, and responded to by Bro. C. D. Barstow, and after the toast of "Prosperity to Masonry throughout the World," given by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Marshal of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, Bro. J. Ward gave "The Equerry's Toast," and the formal proceedings were brought to a close. Bro. C. G. Padel president at the piano, and between the toasts songs were given by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, G. C. Lee, and others. Amongst those present, in addition to those already named, were Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.M. 236; Bro. J. Wilkinson (Town Clerk); Bro. Richie, R.A.; Bro. C. Jackson, E.P. St. Cuthbert's Preceptory, Darlington; Bro. C. Palliser, P.M., Northallerton; Bro. E. T. Clark, W.M. St. Oswald's Lodge, Pontefract; Bro. Captain E. T. Lowe; Bro. Captain Murphy, Bro. S. Middleton, Scarbro'; Bro. W. Beanland, P.E.P. Bradford; Bro. F. Valentine, R.N.; Bro. G. Bilmford, P.M.; Bro. C. G. Padel, Bro. F. M. Belringer, Bro. T. J. Wilkinson, Thirsk; Bro. C. Foster, W.M. Leeds; and a number of York brethren, the whole party numbering 126. The most noticeable feature in the proceedings was the presence of the Lady Mayoress and numerous ladies, who for the first time in York were entertained at a Masonic gathering. The Lord Mayor attended the banquet in State, with his sword and macebearers; and the "Bubbles," together with the ancient Cap of Maintenance were objects of interest to the visitors. Many letters of apology for non-attendance were received, and at the last moment several brethren who had accepted invitations were unable to be present, Bro. B. Wormald, P.E.P. 101, York being prevented by severe illness.

On the 26th ult., the American brethren left York for Sheffield, where they were escorted to the chief manufacturing works, and in the evening were entertained by the three Craft lodges in the town.—*The Yorkshire Gazette.*

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda for Wednesday, 7th of August.

The minutes of the last quarterly convocation to be read for confirmation.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England:—The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th April to the 16th July, 1878, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	...	£204 13 10
" " Unappropriated Account	...	219 15 11
" Subsequent Receipts	...	475 16 0
		£850 5 9
By Disbursements during the Quarter	...	194 19 0
" Balance	...	452 1 4
" " in Unappropriated Account	...	203 5 5
		£850 5 9

of which balances there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s. 4d., and in the London and Westminster Bank £266 9s. 5d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comp. Southwell George Theobald Bourke, as Z.; Henry William Townsend, as H.; John Lind, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the United Service Lodge, No. 1428, Portsmouth, to be called the United Service Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, in the county of Hants.

2nd. From Comps. George Benjamin Wolseley, as Z.; Daniel Charles Grose, as H.; James Gibbon Smyth, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Rock of Gwalior Lodge, No. 1066, Morar, Bengal, to be called the Star of Gwalior Chapter, and to meet at Morar, Bengal, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Comps. Thomas Blakeman Brown, as Z.; Henry Williams as H.; James Long as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, Woodstock, to be called the Marlborough Chapter, and to meet at the lodge room, Woodstock, in the county of Surrey.

4th. From Comp. Charles William Gray, as Z.; Henry Robert Jones, as H.; George Phythian, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044, Wandsworth, to be called the Mid-Surrey Chapter, and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, in the county of Surrey.

5th. From Comps. Robert George Clutton, as Z.; William Alexander Barrett, as H.; Herbert Thomas Steward, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Peter Westminster Lodge, No. 1537, to be called "The St. Peter Westminster Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

6th. From Comps. Henry Charles Levander, as Z.; George Arthur Rooks, as H.; James William Lambert as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Thomas's Lodge, No. 142, London, to be called "The St. Thomas's Chapter," and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, President.

Freemason's Hall, London, W.C.
17th July, 1878.

GRAND LODGE OF GREECE.

On the 22nd of July a numerous and distinguished meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Freemasons of Greece was held in the Throne Room of the Hall, at Athens, to witness the installation of Colonel H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocanakis, of Scio, as M.W. Grand Master for the years 1878-81.

His Imperial Highness the Grand Master, who on rising, was received by the brilliant assembly with enthusiastic and prolonged cheering, said that he was glad to have that opportunity of personally expressing to the members of the Masonic order of Greece his warmest thanks for having so unanimously elected him again their Grand Master. He congratulated them for the annexation to their native land of new territory, in the principal towns of which lodges were already in the course of formation; he dwelt on the progress which Freemasonry made in all parts of the kingdom, and of the cordial relations which existed between the various Grand Lodges throughout the world and that of Greece. He viewed with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in removing from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, and by which all the Freemasonry of the World is bound together. He declared that no candidate can or shall be admitted amongst Greek Freemasons who did not profess to put his trust in God, and he concluded his remarkable speech by tracing the history of Freemasonry, and by urging the necessity of establishing in Athens Masonic Institutions for boys and girls, in imitation of those existing in Great Britain.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.I.H. the Prince Rhodocanakis, then appointed as Grand Officer for the years 1878-1881 the following brethren, and invested them with the insignia of their office:

Professor N. Damascino, LL.D.	...	Pro G.M.
Col. S. G. Karaiskaces, K.S.	...	Dep. G.M.
Professor C. Kosti, LL.D.	...	S.G.W.
Spiridon Bravantino, LL.D.	...	J.G.W.
Nicholas Rhado, D.D.	...	G. Chap.
Athanasius Duruti, K.S.	...	G. Treas.
Andras Kilyvas, Ph. D.	...	G. Sec. and Reg.
Professor E. Galluri, Ph. D.	...	S.G.D.
Chev. Michael Rhodocanakis, K.S.	...	J.G.D.
Maximilian de Rothschild	...	G. S. of W.
John Mindler	...	G. D. of W.
George St. Galletti	...	Grand Steward.
Thomas Scassi, M.D.	...	G. Swd. Br.
Constantine Katsiko, M.P.	...	G. Org.
Aristides von Eslen	...	G. Inner Gd.
Charalambos Nikolaidis	...	G. Tyler.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was followed by a grand ball, honoured by the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen; and of his Imperial Highness the Prince Rhodocanakis, and attended by the whole court and the élite of the Athenian aristocracy.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The summer entertainment which since the able Secretaryship of Bro. James Terry commenced has been annually given to the annuitants, male and female, at Croydon, took place on the 18th ult. The weather was all that could be desired, and well calculated to promote the thorough enjoyment by the visitors of the pretty grounds of the Institution. A special saloon carriage was attached to the 2.17 train from Cannon-street, of the South Eastern Railway, by the courtesy of Bro. Abbott, and the party arrived at Croydon in excellent time for a good day's amusement. Among the company present were Bros. T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; C. J. Perceval, V.P. and Mrs. Perceval, Bro. H. J. Strong, the Honorary Surgeon to the Institution; Bro. Hicks and Mrs. Hicks, Bro. Shiller and Mrs. Shiller, Mrs. H. Massey, Mr. J. H. Harris, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Mr. J. E. Terry, Bro. J. G. Stevens and his two sons, Bro. T. J. Barnes, Bro. Newton and Mrs. Newton, Bro. Hickman and Mrs. Hickman, Bro. Stock and Mrs. Stock, Bro. Goode, Bro. C. H. Webb, Mrs. and Miss Constable, Bro. Buckworth, Bro. Porter, Bro. Wm. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Michael, Bro. G. T. Carter and Mrs. Carter, Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Wieve and Mrs. Wieve, Bro. R. V. Davies and Mrs. Davies, Bro. Terry, Bro. Knill, and Bro. Recknell.

In addition to these were the celebrated Mohawk Minstrels, who had kindly arranged to give gratuitously some portions of their admirable entertainment. Shortly after the visitors had arrived they paid their customary friendly calls on the old brethren and ladies resident in the Institution, and spent a short time in kindly greetings before the programme for the day was entered upon. The entertainment by the Mohawk Minstrels, many of whom are members of the Order, was the first performance. All the pieces in the programme were thoroughly enjoyed by the annuitants and visitors. As the Mohawk Minstrels had to leave early to fulfil their engagements at the Agricultural Hall, Bro. Terry at the conclusion of the performance proposed a vote of thanks to the artists for their kindness and liberality in giving the entertainment, and Bro. R. G. Thomas, the manager of the company, having returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it gave him and his condutors to assist the cause of benevolence, more especially when it was Masonic benevolence, the minstrels took their departure. Tea was then partaken of in a pretty and commodious marquee pitched in the grounds, and after this was disposed of the company and annuitants reassembled in the Board Room, where a delightful concert was given, in which Miss Terry, Miss Constable, Miss Owen, Bro. G. T. Carter, Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Wieve, Bro. W. Clarke, Mr. F. Stevens, and Mr. E. Stevens took part. Refreshments were served during the

evening, and the gift of the Supreme Council, consisting of tea and tobacco, was distributed amongst the residents, by whom it was gratefully and thankfully received.

A vote of thanks with three times three was passed to Bro. Terry for arranging the entertainment, with which every one present expressed the greatest satisfaction, and after Bro. Terry had acknowledged the well-deserved compliment, the visitors bade good-bye individually to the residents of the Asylum, and returned to town, after having spent one of the pleasantest days on record.

MASONIC HALL AT BANGALORE.

Nothing tends more to secure on a solid and firm basis—or has a more powerful influence in furthering the progress and advancement of any order or society of men than the erection of stately, ornamental, or convenient edifices, wherein the members of such order or society can always find a permanent home or place of assembly. And in no country in the world more than in India, where the numerous splendid temples, gorgeous ruins, and mighty and marvellously ornamental caves, thickly strewn over the land, have left an indelible mark on the very impressionable native mind—does the rising of modern buildings of a high architectural character, influence and guide the opinion and sentiments of the vast and teeming population, who see in these edifices but too convincing a proof of the skill, energy, power, and progress of the dominant race. So thoroughly is this understood by the Roman Catholics, that for years past highly instructed and clever craftsmen have been arriving in India, and the handiwork of these artists is now assuming no insignificant position in the general view of our large cities of India, from the far north-west to the sunny south. From Peshawar to Cape Cormorin more skilled workmen are unceasingly employed, and notably in the Madras Presidency, in Diudigal, Trichinopoly, and Bangalore, cathedrals, of much artistic beauty, and worthy of all admiration, stand tangible proofs of the solid basis on which Catholicism and its mission rest in Hindostan. We do not for a moment venture to compare ourselves with, or to put ourselves on a footing of equality, with the Roman Catholic body. Nevertheless, it gives us the very greatest pleasure to hear that the Fraternity at Bangalore, who hitherto have been compelled to hold their meetings in a hired bungalow, painfully inadequate to their requirements, have at last united and determined upon the erection of an elegant and suitable Masonic Hall. A plan has been very carefully designed, a convenient and prominent locality selected, and steps have been taken to secure the necessary funds and to obtain the sanction of government. This excellent move is due to the zeal and energy of the I.P.M. of the Bangalore Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, warmly assisted by P.M.'s Bros. Nepean Smith and J. W. Hayes, sen., both of whom are able lawyers, and thoroughly acquainted with the place and people, and as they have thrown themselves most energetically into the work, their local and legal knowledge will be invaluable. The Bangalore Lodge has long maintained a vigorous existence, and in point of members it is by a long way the most flourishing lodge in Southern India. It has always been distinguished for the careful and strict manner of its working, and the late D.G.M., V.W. Bro. John Miller, at the annual communications of D.G.L. invariably complimented the lodge on its excellent management. The lodge is at present ruled by the Senior Warden, Bro. A. Hayes, the W.M., W. Bro. Captain McCleverty, having gone to England with his regiment soon after his installation, but the I.P.M. is invariably at his post at every meeting, and the working of the lodge proceeds with the utmost order, peace, and harmony. In all probability, before many years have elapsed, Bangalore will assume a far higher and far more important position in the Madras Presidency than it does now. Common sense has long pointed it out as the proper city for the seat of government, and political reasons alone have prevented the consummation of this idea. It is almost a certainty now that these political reasons will disappear, or be greatly modified, in the course of two or, at the most, three years. Joyful indeed will be the day when officials will no longer be compelled to work out their existence in that fearful hot and sandy desert, Madras, but be removed to the comparatively cold and bracing atmosphere of Bangalore. By that time, and we hope long before, the Fraternity will have a Masonic Hall worthy of comparison with the many other public buildings that adorn this Cheltenham of the East.

MASONIC BALL AT BANGALORE.

The two St. John's-day balls given annually by the Freemasons of Bangalore have come to be looked upon by local society as institutions of the city. The 24th day of June and the 27th December are indeed looked forward to by lovers of the light fantastic, eligible "spins," and match-making nannies, with feelings of the greatest expectancy. The ball given by the brethren on Monday night at the Cabbon Rooms was pronounced on all hands to be a perfect success, and the dance of the season, which in fact the Masonic ho's invariably prove. Brown's splendid rooms were very tastefully got up for the occasion. The floral decorations were exquisite, and were set off to advantage by the mystical-looking Masonic banners and emblems which were hung about the walls, and which puzzled the head of many a pretty dunsel. The band of the 67th (Royal Tigers) Regiment performed the excellently arranged programme, and it would be superfluous to say that the music was of the best. The attendance was very large, there being some three hundred guests present, and the attention, activity, and tact exercised by the worthy and Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, and the Past Masters, Wor. Bros. J. W. Hayes

and Pratt, provided every one, except the inveterate "wall flowers," with partners, and preserved the greatest harmony and good humour throughout the night. At the witching time of night when the spirits (not the champagne cup, mark you) were getting exhausted, the welcome "Roast Beef of Old England" was struck up by the band, and the supper which was laid out for the hungry guests was such a one as only the proprietor of the "Cubbon" can provide. After replenishing the inner man dancing was "resumed with much spirit," as the penny-a-liners say, till 3 a.m., when "God save the Queen" reminded the guests that the cock would soon begin to crow, and that it was time for business men to think of snatching forty-winks or so to clear away the cobwebs before turning up at office in the morning. We cannot too much approve of this wholesome plan of early closing of balls, and those who with a "beery" vaunt declare with the poet that

"The cock may crow, the day may daw,

But aye we'll taste the barley bree,"

will experience curious sensations after day-break, which we certainly would not covet.

BRO. GEORGE KENNING'S ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The annual treat given by Bro. George Kenning to his employes took place last Saturday, when 200 male and female assistants in the gold lace embroidery and Masonic regalia departments left the manufactory in Little Britain, at 9 o'clock in the morning. Several private omnibuses were engaged, and a very gay and attractive procession was exhibited when the party got under weigh for a trip to Buckhurst Hill. The weather was highly favourable for a country outing, although the change of the previous few days had caused some anxiety amongst those who were to join the happy throng. The party, it may be presumed, was in the best of spirits, and even if there had been any individuals among them of a lachrymose or despondent state of mind, any remnants of such a disposition which might lurk under a resolve to make the day agreeable must have been rapidly dispersed by the strains of a most efficient band, for which Bro. Kenning had commissioned Mr. Stuart Dudley.

Shortly after the appointed time, the vehicles were successfully drawn up in front of the Little Britain establishment, and all being comfortably seated, a start was made, leaving crowds of admiring of less fortunate individuals giving a parting salute to the happy throng. Passing through Aldersgate-street, heads peering from every window, and neighbouring tradesmen and their assistants sparing a moment from their busy avocations, gazed from shop door and window till out of sight and sound. As three-quarters of an hour were sufficient to leave the rattle of the London stones behind, at the end of that time the party had got fairly into the Lea Bridge-road, where they began to sniff some of those pleasant breezes which a south-easterly wind brings off the mouth of the Thames, across the marshes, and the pretty scenery of Wanstead and Woodford. The roads on to the forest afford excellent travelling, and, mounted on the tops of the conveyances, the pleasure-seekers, while enjoying the scenery to the right and left and in front of them, were not inconvenienced by such inequalities of the way as London streets abound with. The metropolitan holiday maker is too well-known to require a description of the thorough manner in which he devotes himself to his enjoyment, and it is therefore only necessary to say that Bro. George Kenning's party as faithfully represented the genuine species of partakers of happiness as any photograph could have given. "Music, and joy, and mirth" were heard and seen, and there was the same absence of cloud from the minds of the company as there was from the sky above. Everything combined to make the day pleasant, and everybody seemed determined to back up the endeavours of Bro. Kenning to please them by hearty individual co-operation. The rendezvous chosen was the "Bald Faced Stag," a house than which no better could have been found, and reflects great credit on the discrimination of Bro. F. A. Kelly, to whom had been assigned the duty of selecting the best place of entertainment. The proprietor of that hostelry had made ample provision for the material enjoyment of the visitors, and the grounds attached to his house afforded every means for engaging in sports and pastimes. Even if the ambit of the premises themselves had not been sufficiently extensive, the forest was all before them where to choose their place of exercise, and there is a wildness about Epping Forest which makes one shake off for the time all knowledge that there is such a circumscribed area as London. The party having alighted at this admirable hotel immediately availed themselves of all its advantages, and lost no time in beginning their sports, for although the programme was so arranged as that a long day was provided, amusement makes time fly very fast, and enjoyment would seem only to have just commenced when the dinner hour arrived. "Dinner hour!" Welcome sound that dinner bell; and it would have been still more welcome if the company had known beforehand what a store of good things the host had provided. The dinner hour was one o'clock, and punctual to his time the landlord had everything on the table that was to be partaken of for the first course. The little girl in Dickens' "Christmas Carol," who said there was "everything, and more," would have been justified in her comprehensive description if she had witnessed the repast set out for the Little Britain establishment. There was everything there which was in season and which was substantial, and what was substantial was necessary, as appetites by that time had acquired immense keenness. The party set to at this delightful meal, and did as much justice to the meal as the host had done to them. The usual sports followed the dinner; the band had its full work to do; and the charms

of music kept the party very lively. Bro. Kenning, with a party of gentlemen, all of whom had their business avocations to follow in the morning, left Little Britain by one of Wragg's four-horse stage coaches at two o'clock, and on their arrival were serenaded by the band, who had selected as an air appropriate to the founder of the feast, "The Fine Old English Gentleman." At the sound of the strains of the band the party, who were aware what the latest arrival was, turned out in a body and greeted their employer with hearty rounds of applause. The new arrivals then entered into the amusements of the day, and afterwards sat down to a bountiful dinner, over which Bro. Kenning presided, Bro. J. A. Reeves taking the vice-chair. This party had also a good appetite for a good meal; and good meal it was, for the landlord had been as attentive to this smaller banquet as he had been to the larger. The comfort of a dinner without speeches to succeed it, being at all Bro. Kenning's annual excursions a part of the arrangements, no speeches were contemplated, but Bro. Reeves could not allow the visitors to rise from the table without acknowledging the Chairman's hospitality. In a few sentences he described the growth of the Little Britain business, commencing with his own recollection of its being conducted in one house, No. 4, Little Britain. He next described its extension right and left, its further branches in Fleet-street, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow, and concluded by observing that this extension was due to the enterprise of Bro. Kenning, his business habits, and the favour in which he stood among all whom he employed. If the business extended as it had extended, he thought that not only Little Britain but Great Britain would not be large enough for Bro. Kenning's establishments. Bro. Kenning made a brief reply, and carried his recollection back before the time when No. 4, Little Britain, was established, and when No. 18, Little Britain, was the scene of his labours. Thanking Bro. Reeves for his reference to the energy and enterprise with which he (Bro. Kenning) had conducted his business, he added that it was not by his own exertions alone that he had succeeded in establishing such a large extension of the business—unaided he could not have done so; his exertions were admirably assisted by those who did the work, the assistants at the establishments of which he was the head. To those assistants his thanks were largely due, and he was happy to say those assistants most cheerfully performed their work. To see them also enjoy such a day's pleasure as he was able annually to give them was no small part of his own enjoyment. By this time the tea, provided for the whole party, was disposed of, and dancing was then again engaged in, and kept up with unflagging spirit till eight o'clock, when the return journey was made. The excellent band played all the popular tunes on the road to town, and on the arrival at Little Britain, at half-past nine, as a finale played "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "God save the Queen." The day's pleasure was thoroughly enjoyed, and the company before parting bade a hearty good night to Bro. Kenning. Among the ladies and gentlemen present during the day were Bros. J. A. Reeves, sen., J. A. Reeves, jun., W. H. Froom, D. W. Pearce, G. E. Baker, B. Wright and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Martin, H. Cox and Mrs. Cox, H. Massey and Mrs. Massey, J. H. Gaball and Mrs. Gaball, Master George Kenning, Mr. G. K. Baker, Mr. Wm. Baker, Miss Sutterfield, Miss Kemp, Mr. George Adley, Bros. Wm. Toye and F. A. Kelly.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

The annual installation ceremony of the Duke of Sussex Lodge was held on Monday evening, April 8th, in the Freemasons' hall, Lonsdale-street, East Melbourne. The attendance was large, as on these occasions the brothers of the Craft usually muster in force to do honour to the W.M. elect. The Grand Lodges of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions were represented by Bro. P.M. Chapman, Bro. P.M. Duross, and Bro. Cederberg, Bro. P. Gosling, the W.M., after opening and raising the lodge, resigned his position in favour of Bro. W. H. Parkyn, the W.M. elect, whom he duly installed for the ensuing twelve months by the retiring P.M. Bro. W.M. Parkyn having selected his officers, at his request. Bro. P. Gosling, P.M. also performed the ceremony of their installation, which was rendered by him in a very impressive manner. The following are the officers:—Bros. Simmons, S.W.; Rev. M. Saunders, J. W.; Bowling, S.D.; Kauffmann, J.D.; Tibbets, I.G.; Clark, Tyler. Stewards: Bros. Burrough and Gardner. P. M. Crew was re-appointed Secretary, and Bro. Fergie, Treasurer; these brothers have held their offices for a number of years; the latter brother was presented with a Masonic jewel, emblematic of his office, as a token of esteem from the brothers of the lodge. The general working of this lodge is highly satisfactory, and it is fortunate in having two distinguished lecture masters among its members, Bros. P.M. Crew and P.M. Gosling, which enabled them to dispense with the usual custom of appointing an Installing Master for the occasion; and when practical the installing of the newly elected W.M. and his officers by the retiring W.M. reflects the highest credit upon his general working, and finishes his term in a truly Masonic manner. The business of the evening concluded, at the invitation of Bro. Parkyn, W.M., the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The banquet was provided in excellent style by Bro. Paul, who has succeeded in establishing his claim as caterer to most of the lodges who meet at the hall.

Between the various toasts songs were sung by P.M. Bro. Evans, Hughes, Bowling, and others. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

In reply to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. W. H. Parkyn said: Officers and brethren, I rise to respond to the toast of my health with mingled feelings of

pride, gratitude, and humility. Pride to think that you in your wisdom and goodness have seen fit to appoint me to be your Worshipful Master, to occupy for a time the Throne of King Solomon, which is, or ought to be, the goal of every Mason's ambition. To think that you should have appointed me to rule over this worthy and worshipful lodge of brethren and fellows, most of the members of which are not only my seniors in Masonry, but are my superiors, both in social position and in intellectual abilities. Believe me, brethren, I feel deeply grateful for the high honour you have thus conferred upon me, I say this not as a figure of speech, a mere empty sound, but as fully appreciating that it is a high honour. I also fully appreciate that the exalted position to which you have elevated me is not altogether a bed of roses, it is a proud position, but it has onerous duties and responsibilities, these I shall endeavour to discharge to the utmost of my power and ability. I shall always endeavour to act for the best interests of the lodge, and shall always gladly listen to any suggestion which may have for its object the good of Freemasonry, or the comfort and prosperity of any brother in it. But the feeling of pride, which my exalted position induces, is subdued and controlled by feelings of humility, when I reflect upon my position. You are aware brethren, that I have attained this position under somewhat peculiar circumstances. I am not only a very young Mason, but I have a Lecture Master for my predecessor. It is not every newly installed W.M. who has a Lecture Master at his elbow; I am in that peculiar and somewhat embarrassing position. I say embarrassing, because after fully admitting that in all ordinary cases a Lecture Master would be of immense benefit to his successor in prompting, guiding, and keeping him in the straight paths of Masonry, still the fact remains, that in my case, thanks to his unwearied instructions, for which I here publicly tender him my sincere thanks, I should be able by this time, if not to run, at least to walk alone, and standing as I shall in the full blaze of the light of his perfections, I feel painfully that any imperfections of mine will not only be clearly revealed, but will be doubly magnified. Notwithstanding the careful training I have had the privilege of receiving at the hands of P.M. Gosling and P.M. Crew I shall no doubt occasionally make a slip or a blunder; in such cases, if not too often repeated, I trust the brethren will exercise towards me that virtue which is justly denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, I mean charity, and will credit me with good intentions, even when actions fail. But, on the other hand, I would particularly request of brethren and visitors, that should unfortunately my performances on any occasion not deserve commendation, they will not award undeserved praise, but on such occasions, that they will exercise that excellent virtue of the Craft, which is silence. Although I have but faint hopes of being able to equal my predecessor, I shall still take Excelsior (onward and upward) as my motto, and shall use every endeavour to excel him, by as much as he excels the ordinary W.M. Although but a young Mason, it has seemed to me that in some lodges there is a tendency rather to increase numbers than to introduce only men who are at heart Masons, we are already strong in number, and unless only those whom we have strong grounds to believe will ultimately reflect honour on our choice are introduced, I think it would be better if the introductions were fewer. Officers and brethren, I thank you sincerely for the very kind, enthusiastic, and flattering manner in which you have drunk my health, and hope that when my term of office has expired I shall not find that I occupy a less exalted position in your friendship, favour, and esteem than I do at this present moment.

After the toasts of "The P.M. and Visitors" had been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," saying that he did so with much pleasure, as he believed he possessed a set of officers of which any W.M. might be justly proud, most W.M.'s possessed more or less of good and valuable officers, but he believed his were all so, and not to be excelled. A watch, he said, was a beautiful piece of mechanism, harmonious in its action, regular in its movements, a something to be relied upon, beautiful to behold, and a treasure in possessing, but in order that a watch may be all this it must be furnished with a mainspring, which must not only be of good steel, but it must be perfect in its proportions, and of an even and proper temper, nor could we stop here, as even should we possess the best mainspring the world ever saw, we had not a watch until that mainspring was attached to and connected with a series of wheels and pinions, spindles and bearings, to which, if all were in harmony, it gave life and motion, but should any part of that watch be untrue in itself, or out of harmony with the rest, the whole mechanism was deranged, and no matter how perfect the other parts might be, their action was paralyzed, and their perfection could not appear. In many respects a Mason's lodge might be likened to a watch. The W.M. was the mainspring, the officers were the works, and if all were in unison, working smoothly, harmoniously, and perfectly, they formed a whole which afforded a source of pleasure to visitors to behold, and of pride to the brethren of the lodge to which they belonged. He therefore earnestly hoped that his officers as well as himself would during their term of office endeavour to keep up to their work, and cultivate such a feeling of unity and brotherly love as would render their work smooth and harmonious, without which the full effect of our really beautiful ritual could not be properly developed, or fully exhibited, and assured them if this were done it would not only reflect credit upon themselves, but would afford pleasure to the visitors, pride to the brethren, and would cause it be generally remarked, (which would be better than vain gloriously boasting themselves) that the Duke of Sussex was the best worked lodge in Victoria, or at least second to none. The toast having been duly responded to, "The toast of the Poor and Distressed" was given, and the brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

MARK MASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

On Friday, April 26th, the most important ceremony of opening the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Victoria took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, when Bro. Henry Wallace Lowry was installed as the first R.W. Grand Master.

An emergency meeting of the Victoria Mark Lodge, No. 47 (the principal one in the Australian Colonies), was called for the purpose of the installation. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from various Mark lodges under the different constitutions.

The W.M., Bro. S. G. Martin, having vacated the chair, it was taken by Bro. Thomas Russell, the senior P.M. (excepting Bro. A. W. Lowry) of the lodge.

The patent received from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, dated 19th November, 1877, and issued by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Limerick, was read, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with by Bro. Russell. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. W. Lowry, having been installed, declared the Prov. Grand Lodge duly opened, and appointed and invested the following brethren as the first Prov. Grand Officers:

Thomas Russell, P.M.	Prov. G.S.W.
A. W. Rodd, P.M.	Prov. G.J.W.
C. R. Martin	Prov. G. Treas.
Thos. Ashley, P.M.	Prov. G.M.O.
W. Dodds	Prov. G.S.O.
J. Cahill	Prov. G.J.O.
C. Allport	Prov. G. Reg.
G. T. Martin	Prov. G. Sec.
Joseph Storer	Prov. G.S.D.
W. Marshall	Prov. G.J.D.
T. Ford	Prov. G. Org.
J. D. Drew	Prov. G. I. of W.
P. Donald	Prov. G. D. of C.
J. P. Cederberg	Prov. G. A.D. of C.
Y. Bramwell	Prov. G.S.B.
Thos. Main	Prov. G. Std. Br.
T. E. Bolston	Prov. G.I.G.
Terry, Raffle, and Dunderdin	Prov. G. Stwds.
A. J. Clark	Prov. G. Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to the large refreshment hall, where a sumptuous banquet was laid out in Bro. Paul's best manner.

After the usual loyal toasts had been acknowledged, "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master" was proposed by Bro. Russell, P.M., who in a few appropriate remarks testified to the excellent qualifications of Bro. Lowry to fill the high and honourable office to which he had that evening been installed, an opinion, he believed, all Masons in Australia would unanimously endorse. He hoped that Bro. Lowry would continue in good health and live long to fill the office. (Applause.)

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master expressed his gratification at the honour paid him by the brethren, in having selected him as the first R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in Australia. He believed that before long Mark Masonry would take a marked position in Victoria. During the past two or three years it had made very rapid strides. For some time previously the lodges were merely existing. They were now not only able to walk alone but run away. Now that a Prov. Grand Lodge had been established he believed that Mark Masonry would soon occupy a prominent position in the colony. (Applause.)

A number of other toasts having been given, interspersed with harmony, a very pleasant and eventful evening for Freemasonry in Australia terminated at a late hour.

We learn from the *Daily Chronicle* that at an ordinary meeting of the Richmond Select Vestry the vicar of the parish (the Rev. T. C. Proctor) moved the following resolution: "That this vestry presents to Mr. Edward Hertslet, C.B., of the Foreign Office, and Bellevue House, Richmond, being a member of the Vestry, their sincere congratulations that Her Majesty has intimated her intention to confer on him the honour of knighthood, in proof of Her Majesty's satisfaction with his labours at the late Congress at Berlin." Admiral Stopford seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and it was further resolved to invite Mr. Hertslet to a complimentary banquet to be given in his honour at some future date, a committee being appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

The Earl of Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury, at the request of numerous Conservative associations throughout the country who are desirous of presenting addresses to them personally by deputation on their return from Berlin, have consented to receive such addresses at the Foreign Office on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at half-past three.

At a special general meeting of the United Kingdom Railway Officers' and Servants' Association, held on Wednesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. Alderman Hadley presiding, five candidates for pensions of £20 each were elected, and it was resolved to increase the pensions granted at the elections of August, 1877, and February, 1878, from £15 to £20. Testimony was borne to the steady progress which the Association is making in the estimation of the public.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism or Neuralgic Affections.—No disease is more frequent, painful, or difficult to cure than these. From their attack no tissue of the human body is exempt, no age, sex, or calling secure. It is a blessing, however, to know that all these sufferings may be completely and expeditiously subdued by Holloway's remedies. The pills must assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism and similar painful disorders, whilst the ointment cures the local ailments, the pills remove the constitutional disturbance and regulate the impaired function of every organ throughout the human body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfect has been the purification performed by these searching preparations.—ADVT.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire will be held on the 2nd October next, at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M., P.G.M. W.L., and the banquet will be held at the new Eberle Restaurant.

At the quarterly general meeting of the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee, held on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., in the chair, a letter was read from Bro. Peter Ball, P.G. Tyler, resigning his position as House Steward of the Masonic Hall. The resignation was accepted, and it was resolved to advertise for a successor.

R. W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett will probably be away from home for six weeks.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, has appointed Friday, September 13th, for the annual festival, which will be held at Millom, under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390.

Lord Skelmersdale, M.W. Grand Mark Master of England, has granted a warrant to work a lodge of Mark Master Masons, at Cockermouth, under the title of the Faithful, No. 229, named after a late distinguished P.M. of Skiddaw (Craft) Lodge, in that town, who himself was a member of the Cumberland Lodge, No. 60, of Mark Masons, at Carlisle. The consecration and dedication of the new lodge will take place shortly.

The Midland Railway Company have given notice of their intention to supply travellers on their system with iced water gratis. The passengers by Midland line have merely to make a request for iced water at any of the company's own refreshment rooms, and a glass of the cool refreshing beverage is immediately supplied.

Hastings, in common with other seaside resorts, is suffering from a dearth of visitors, and, to make matters worse, subscriptions for the Hastings Regatta, in August, and St. Leonards Regatta, in September, are coming in very slowly. At a meeting, however, of the Hastings Committee, it was stated that Bro. Sir John Bennett had again promised a silver watch as a prize, and that Mr. H. Brassey, M.P., had forwarded a contribution of £5.

The Marquis of Lorne has accepted the Governor-Generalship of Canada. The Princess Louise will accompany him when he proceeds to Canada.

The State Apartments of Windsor Castle are now open to the public on the usual days.

The Royal Academy Exhibition will remain open on Bank Holiday until 10.30 p.m.

Bro. Edward Hertslet, C.B., (librarian and keeper of the papers at the Foreign Office) was on Monday last introduced to Her Majesty's presence and received the honour of Knighthood.

A Router's telegram, dated Vienna, July 23, says:—"Professor Charles Rokitsansky, the eminent German physician, and author of several well-known medical treatises, died to-day."

The guardians of Plympton Union have refused, by a majority of eleven to seven, the gift of an harmonium for use in the workhouse chapel.

The *Masonic Magazine* for August is now ready. Price, post free, 7d. from the office, 198, Fleet-street, London.—ADVT.

SADLERS WELLS THEATRE.—This establishment was offered for sale at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, on Tuesday, but as no higher sum than £2,000 was bid, the building was declared not sold.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL.—This institution has just received the munificent sum of £525 as a donation from the Mercer's Company, who have always been most liberal to the London Hospital. The Saddlers' Company have also voted £26 5s., being the second grant of that amount during this year.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will take place by the command of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master, on Tuesday next, at two o'clock p.m., at the Philharmonic Hall, Southampton.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on the 24th ult. Sir Henry Edwards presided, and was supported by a numerous assemblage of brethren. A full report of the proceedings, owing to the pressure on our columns, is deferred till our next.

Whilst steaming into Portsmouth Harbour, her Majesty's troopship "Assistance," collided with Bro. T. Brassey's yacht "Sunbeam," lying at Gun Wharf buoy. Several stanchions and bulwarks were carried away in addition to slight damage on the starboard bow.

ERRATUM.—In our report last week of the Whitwell Mark Lodge, in the last line but one "officiating," was printed in error for "affiliating."

The Directors of the Bank of England have advanced their rate of discount from 3½ to 4 per cent.

Bro. Sir Gilbert Greenall, M.P., has announced his intention of again contesting Warrington in the Conservative interest at the general election.

Several lodge reports unavoidably stand over till next week.

MAILS FOR CYPRUS.—The Postmaster General having made arrangements with Bell's Asia Minor Company for the conveyance of a mail to and from Cyprus weekly, in connection at Alexandria with the Overland India mails via Brindisi, a mail for Cyprus will be made up in London on the evening of Friday next, the 2nd August, and thenceforward on every Friday evening. Mails by the same route will be brought to London with the Overland India mails via Brindisi. The following rates of postage will be chargeable:—Letters, 2½d. per half-ounce; post cards, 1½d. each; newspapers, 1d. each (not exceeding four ounces); books and patterns, two to four ounces, 2d.; every additional two ounces, 1d.; registration fee, 2d.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.

For the Week ending Friday, August 9, 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, AUGUST 3, 1878.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, St. George's Club, Victoria Station.
Percy, 113, Southgate-road, N.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5.

Lodge 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.

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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Colonial Board.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Chap. 507, United Pilgrims, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Grand Chapter, F.M.H.
Lodge 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.

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, AUGUST 8.

K.T. 45, Temple Cressing, Horns Tav., Kennington.

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.
Lbury, 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, AUGUST 9.
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. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
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Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
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St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyn Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up, George-st., Edgware-rd.
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Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, August 10, 1878.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., 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, AUGUST 6.

Lodge 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverston.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Mark Lodge 16, Walton, A.R., St. Anne-st., Liverpool.
Skelmersdale Red Cross Con. Ave, M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
" 758, Ellsmere, M.H., Runcorn.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 786, Croxteth, United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
" 1032, Townley Parker, Howards' Arms, Whittle.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkham.
" 1070, Stalkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
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"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
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I trust that you will give space for the following letter, in aid of a girl named "Meta Bell Brasier," whose case is so unique and exceptional that no words from me would be needed to draw attention to it, as any body thoroughly reading the details cannot fail to understand and appreciate; but as a rule, the circulars are only carelessly glanced at and then thrown into the fire or waste paper basket; I wish to attract the notice of your readers to a case whose claims only require to be known to receive the support of those whose votes are disengaged. Indeed, so great is the claim, that in my opinion, other claims which have one or more chances, might fairly lay in abeyance to secure her election. I know, or rather feel, that as a rule, you might reasonably decline a letter for any particular case, but I do believe that you could afford to insert this on behalf of a candidate whose position stands almost if not quite alone. I beg to state that I was, and am, unacquainted with any of the family, but when the case was pointed out to me by one who had known the father and family well and for many years, I at once saw the great need of every exertion, as there are only three vacancies at the ensuing election, so I temporarily gave up a case which could better afford to wait.

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