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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).**—The November meeting of the above lodge was held on the 1st inst. The members present were Bro. Henry Legge, W.M.; Edward Jones, I.P.M.; Thomas Cohu, P.M.; Rickwood, J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Lucas, S.D.; Wm. Colter, Henry Morris, H. A. Carter, Thos. Fisher, R. J. Dait, C. E. Sparrow, Jno. Quy, J. Cook, Wm. Regan, Charles Arkell, H. A. Pratt, J. Fraser, Thomas Agutter, and George Borrer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Norris, Fraser, and Follett were passed to the Second Degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. S. Cobb, Mr. Geo. Cook, and Mr. Jas. E. Groves, and proved unanimous in their favour. Mr. Wm. Simms Cobb and Mr. George Peter Cook being present, were initiated in the First Degree. Notice of motion was given that five guineas be contributed from the lodge funds to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund, and three guineas to the Chambers Testimonial Fund.

**ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Wellington Club, Islington, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Cohen, W.M.; Gladwell, S.W.; Hunter, J.W.; Bigley, Sec.; Allison, Treas.; Buderus and Stevens, Deacons; and the rest of the officers. Visitors: Bros. A. W. Duret, W.M. of the Amherst Lodge, and Bro. Max. Sabel, of the Athenæum Lodge. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Wesley Marshall of the Lodge Commercial, Glasgow, No. 360, as a joining member, which proved unanimous, and the brother returned thanks to the lodge for the favourable election. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Charles Bogler was duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a cold collation in the adjoining room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The visitors, Bros. Duret and Sabel, expressing the pleasure it gave them to be present to witness the good working for which this lodge is celebrated.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—This lodge met at the Club House, Kennington Oval, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. H. Reeves, W.M.; T. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.W. (*Freemason*); Kohler, J.W.; H. Higgins, I.P.M.; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Honeywell, P.M. 889, Organist; Speedy, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Robinson, D.C.; Stokes, W.S.; Stranger, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; Everett, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Middlemas, W.M.; Crichton, Parsons, P.M. 749; and J. Wright, P.M. 1158, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. ably passed Bros. Baldock and Boyce, and initiated Messrs. Swainsbury and Silvester into Craft mysteries. The consent of the lodge was unanimously given to the W.M. and Wardens to sign a petition, which was presented by Bro. Wright, for a new local lodge, to be called "The Newington." A notice of motion having been given that the initiation fee should be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas, the lodge was formally closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary royal and Craft toasts were given from the chair, with commendable brevity, and duly honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that as he had already, on previous occasions, spoken of Bro. Reeves's good qualities, he was at a loss to invent something new. However, he would say, that the W.M., by his attention to his duties, had won the respect of them all. His office as I.P.M. had at present been almost a sinecure, for their W.M. was so well posted up in his work that he required no prompter. In conclusion, he said that as brevity was the order of the evening, he should not

further dilate upon the toast, but would only request them to receive and drink the W.M.'s health most cordially. "The Visitors" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Bros. Parsons, Wright, and Middlemas. The latter brother's speech, by the brilliancy of its point and the vivacity of its humour, was highly appreciated by the brethren. In proposing "The Initiates," the W.M. said he was greatly pleased that two out of their four candidates for initiation had put in an appearance. He was exceedingly gratified with the attention which their two newly-made brethren had paid to the "working" of the Degree, and he trusted that they would profit by its teaching. He hoped that the proposed increase of fees would not materially interfere with that steady influx of candidates which had for years past been an agreeable characteristic of the Kennington Lodge. In concluding his remarks, he expressed a hope that the quality of the members coming into the lodge would be as good as heretofore, and that number 1381 would continue to prosper and maintain its undoubted high state of Masonic excellence. The initiates having replied, the W.M. gave with great warmth "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." These toasts were heartily received by the brethren, and were briefly acknowledged by the representatives present of those important officials. The toasts were agreeably interspersed by the musical contributions of Bro. F. Honeywell and others.

**ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 1st November, to initiate Mr. Wyndhand Fitzherbert, Mr. Charles Waters, and Mr. William Harvey, which was done, in his usual impressive manner, by W. Bro. Hyde-Pullen, after which the installation of Bro. Gordon Leith, and appointment and investiture of his officers took place. A numerous and select party were invited to the banquet, including W. Bros. Farley Leith, Q.C., M.P.; Wigram, Philips, Philbrick, Q.C.; Hervey, Glanvil, Lawson, Monckton, Ramsden, Reeves, Hadley, Dalby, Col. Peters, Sir Charles Bright, E. B. Bright, and others. After the health of the W.M., Bro. Gordon Leith, had been given and responded to, W. Bro. Farley Leith, Q.C., M.P., and P.S.G.W. Bengal, proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, W. Bro. Hyde-Pullen," and, in very flattering terms, alluded to the admirable manner in which he performed that interesting ceremony, which he considered also to be a peculiar compliment to himself, if he might be so egotistical to say so, as it was his youngest son whom he had installed that evening; who, he was proud to think, had followed in the footsteps of his two brothers, who had both been Past Masters of the most distinguished lodges in Freemasonry—the University Lodge, and Lodge of Antiquity. "The Health of the Guests," and other usual toasts were drunk, and the brethren separated after passing a very harmonious evening.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The second lodge meeting of the session was held on Monday evening, November 11th, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate, the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., W.M., presiding, supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., I.P.M.; Chas. Hogg, M.D., S.W.; A. J. Altman, J.W.; George Kenning, Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; W. H. Froom, S.D.; H. Alder Smith, M.D., I.G.; S. White, W. S. Chapman, and Thomas Benskin, Stwds.; also, Bros. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; A. Brookman, Samuel Benton, M.D., W. Landell, John Jackson, and the following visitors: H. G. Picken, United Military, No. 1536; J. Mellish, Moria, No. 92; John Larkin, Fidelity, No. 3; C. E. Soppett, Royal Kensington, No. 1627; Joyce Murray, 1706; A. C. Protheroe, Neptune, No. 22; and J. C. Parkinson, Prince of Wales, P.G.D. After the lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. Henry Matthews, of Temple Lodge, No. 101, was unanimously elected a joining member. At the request of the W.M., the bye-laws of the lodge were read by the Secretary. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Hyde-Pullen delivered an explanation of the Second Tracing Board, with his accustomed ease and earnestness. The lodge being resumed in the First Degree, the brethren proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren eligible were Bros. Dr. Brette, J. D. Allcroft, Dr. Charles Hogg, S.W.; George Kenning, Treasurer; W. W. Landell, and A. J. Altman, J.W. Bro. Hogg having declined on account of ill health, Bro. A. J. Altman was elected to the chair of K.S. in the Aldersgate Lodge for the following year. Upon the motion of Bro. Hogg, seconded by Bro. Allcroft and Dr. Alder Smith, the lodge unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Brette, as a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of his services during his year of office. The lodge then proceeded to the election of Treasurer, when Bro. Kenning was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Steedman was also re-elected Tyler. Bro. Landell begged the lodge to accept a portion of the ancient Egyptian monolith known as Cleopatra's Needle (recently placed on the Thames Embankment), set in silver, as a mark of his affection for the present W.M., and attachment to the lodge, and also in commemoration of his entrance upon his fifty-eighth year in Masonry. The acceptance of such a unique gift was unanimously acknowledged. The lodge being closed in due form and with solemn prayer, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, under the care of the W.M. The banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Benskin, was followed by some effective speeches from the W.M., Bros. Allcroft, Parkinson, Hogg, Altman, and the visitors. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed, and received with more than ordinary enthusiasm. Bro. Brette throughout his connection with the lodge, and particularly during his office as W.M., has aimed at the continuance of the high tone and purpose with which the founders of the lodge were actuated in the preservation of brotherly regard, the growth in Masonic knowledge and the sacred

cause of charity. In proposing his health Bro. Allcroft challenged the brethren present (fifteen members and seven visitors) to shew their regard to the W.M. by giving him a substantial list of donations to carry to the festival in February next, when Bro. Brette will act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The response was one hundred guineas, fifty of which were given by Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., I.P.M., to qualify the lodge as Vice-President in honour of the present W.M., Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Ernest Brette. £1 13s. was also contributed to the charity box. The brethren separated at an early hour, to meet again in February next.

**SAINT LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).**—The first regular meeting of this new lodge was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 6th inst. Bros. L. Stan, W.M., presided; supported by G. T. Barr, S.W.; C. F. Barham, J.W.; C. Stevens, Treas.; J. Cox, Sec.; E. Benjamin, S.D.; J. A. Jones, J.D.; A. A. Clement, I.G.; H. J. F. Gale, D.C.; R. Marshall, S.; and Bro. Speight, Tyler. Besides the members of the lodge the following brethren were amongst the visitors: Bros. R. R. Harper, S.W. 813; Henman, 1243; H. Sarson, 76; Roberts and Smith, 193; and Mendy, 177. The lodge having been opened in ancient form, and the usual routine business transacted, the following gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft: Mr. James Funstan, the Rev. H. G. Henderson, Mr. H. Waynforth, Mr. D. King, Mr. F. Mathews. The following brethren were also unanimously elected as joining members: Bros. Dr. E. G. Pottle, 869; G. Plumber, 177; J. B. Burnard, 1662; W. Snellgrove, 907. It was then proposed by the W.M., and seconded by the S.W., that W. Bros. James Terry, P.G.J.W. for Herts; James Clarke, P.G.D.C. for Suffolk; and W. T. Howe, G.P.; who had taken the principal offices in the consecration of the lodge, should be elected honorary members. The resolution was carried with acclamation. Bro. W. Beasley was appointed to represent the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival in aid of the Benevolent Institution, to be held in February next. It was resolved that Bro. G. C. Young, 820, be elected an honorary member of the lodge, and W.M. thereupon appointed Bro. Young to the office of Organist. After several propositions for initiation and joining had been announced, the lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the newly initiated brethren were greeted with a hearty reception, the visiting brethren were cordially welcomed, and the W.M., in response to the toast of his health, said some good words on behalf of the Charities. The proceedings were of a very interesting character, and augured well for the future success of the St. Leonard Lodge.

**LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249)** held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, under the able Bro. Barnett, W.M., efficiently supported by his officers. The Three Degrees were worked; the W.M. giving them in a very impressive manner. After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to refreshment, and a very comfortable and agreeable evening was spent.

**BEDFORD.—Stuart Lodge (No. 540).**—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on Wednesday evening, Oct. 30th, and there were present Bros. Dr. Rhys Williams, W.M.; Capt. Colburn, S.W.; R. H. Coombs, J.W.; R. B. Stafford, acting S.D.; H. Thody, J.D.; Dr. Carter, I.G.; Col. Stuart, I.P.M.; Dr. Prior, P.M., Sec.; J. Sergeant, P.M., Treas.; Ald. J. R. Bull, P.M.; S. Cookson, P.M. acting Organist; Rev. C. Bereton, Chaplain; and the following were amongst the large number of brethren present: Green, P.M., Billson, Finlinson, G. P. Nash, R. Boughton Smith, Jessopp, Thompson, Ayres, Foster, Chibwall, Verey, Whittaker, Kilpin, Jarvis, Moore, H. Young, Glubb, Pick, and others. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for R. A. Bosanquet, Esq., of Dingston Court, Monmouthshire, and Mr. J. E. Page, of Bedford, both unanimously elected, and they were initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony in his usual able manner, being well supported by his officers. Bro. Alexander, who some five or six years back was initiated in the Stuart Lodge, and since then has been residing in Ceylon, was present this evening as a visitor, and was proposed as a joining member by Col. Stuart, who also (to the great delight of the members) proposed his eldest son for initiation in December. Bro. Capt. Green, P.M., proposed and Bro. Sergeant seconded, that a sum of £10 be voted out of the lodge funds to the mother of a brother of the lodge, who was seriously ill and quite unable to do anything towards the support of himself and mother, carried unanimously. This was the second sum voted to the same brother. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing took place at this meeting, and Bro. Colburn, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Sergeant was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and the old and respected Tyler, Bro. G. Reynolds, was re-elected unanimously. Some other items of business were then disposed of, and after a long evening spent in the lodge, 30 brethren sat down to an excellent supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., there being present: Bros. J. Black, W.M.; Capt. F. R. Sewell, S.W.; T. Bird, J.W.; R. Robinson, P.M. and Treas.; Dr. Digson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. and Org.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; R.W. Robinson, as S.D.; H. Peacock, I.G.; Jos. Hewson, Tyler; R. Harrison, J. Pearson, J. Fowler, W. Paisley, Jos. Nicholson, Isaac Evening, Jos. Borrowscale, and others. Bro. T. Weatherston, Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, was also present as a visitor. After the minutes of the last ordinary

and emergency meetings had been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. Paisley and Nicholson were regularly passed to the degree of F.C. After reducing to the First Degree, Bro. Borrowscale was presented with his Grand Lodge certificate. Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., gave notice of motion that Skiddaw Lodge hold a concert and ball in conjunction with Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, M.M.M., and Dyke's Conclave of Red Cross Knights, No. 36, in the month of February, and that a committee be appointed to carry out the arrangements. Bro. Black, W.M., also gave notice of motion, that no brother be considered eligible for the chair without he is able to work at least one of the Degrees, and deliver one of the charges. Bro. Capt. Sewell, S.W., intimated his intention to second the motion when it came before the lodge. Mr. Thomas Mason having been proposed as a candidate for admission into Masonry, the lodge was closed in form.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Clausentium Lodge (No. 1461).—At the last meeting of this lodge named after the Roman station near its quarters at Woolston, Southampton, Bro. G. W. Tilling the W.M. presiding after one brother had been passed, and another raised, presentations were made of a Secretary's jewel to Bro. Walter Bowyer, P.M., Secretary, and of a Treasurer's jewel to Bro. Capt. R. W. Evans, Treasurer, each bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of their past services to the lodge. There was a very full attendance of brethren and visitors, including the W.M., P.M.s. and officers of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, and representatives of the Southampton and New Forest lodges. This being the evening for the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, the present S.W., Bro. R. R. L. Rosoman, was unanimously elected to that position, and Bro. Andrews, J.W., to the office of Treasurer. During the proceedings considerable gratification was expressed that the position of the lodge, which has been established only six years, had enabled it to undertake the erection of a lodge-room, for which the W.M. elect has given an eligible site, the numbers of the brethren and the readiness with which they have undertaken this necessary work leading to the hope that it may be accomplished before the election of another Master.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous lodge took place on Monday, 11th inst., at the lodge room, Queen's Hotel, The W.M., Bro. T. B. Whythead, Prov. G.D.C., occupied the chair, the following officers of the lodge being present: Bros. T. Cooper, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; C. G. Padel, J.W.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; T. D. Smith, as S.D.; J. T. Seller, J.D.; M. Millington, I.G.; G. Simpson, M.C.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec. The room was quite filled with members and visitors. Bro. J. S. Cumberland (the W.M. elect) having been presented, was duly installed, according to ancient custom, by W. Bro. T. B. Whythead, the working tools being given by Bros. T. Cooper, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; and P. H. Rowland, P.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whythead, I.P.M.; T. Cooper, P.M., Lecture Master; Geo. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; C. G. Padel, S.W.; J. T. Seller, J.W.; Rev. R. P. T. Trueman, Chaplain; Jas. Kay, Sec.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; M. Millington, S.D.; T. D. Smith, J.D.; G. Simpson, M.C.; A. T. B. Turner, Asst. M.C.; G. H. Simpson, Org.; J. Blenkin, I.G.; P. Pearson, Tyler; W. Hill and G. H. Hebblethwaite, Stewards. The W.M. then presented to the lodge, on behalf of the J.W., a handsomely framed portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in Masonic regalia, and on behalf of the Organist, a volume of Masonic songs, set to music, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded for these valuable gifts. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whythead, seconded by Bro. T. Cooper, the W.M. (Bro. Cumberland) was elected to represent the lodge on the Benevolent Committee for the province. Bro. T. Cooper, P.M., announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February. After the closing of the lodge the brethren supped together, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. Amongst the Installed Masters present we noticed Bros. Sir James Meek, P.M. 236; J. Todd, P.M. 236; C. Norman, P.M. 123; J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200; R. W. Hollon, P.M. 236; W. Lawton, P.M. 236; H. Rymer, W.M. 1337; W. Paley, P.M. 837; W. Beanland, P.M. 302; W. Walton, P.M. 734; C. Foster, P.M. 1311; T. B. Shaw-Hellier, W.M. 295; W. H. Prince, P.M. 298; F. M. Herring, P.M., and others.

**WEST DRAYTON.**—Unity Lodge (No. 1637).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the De Burg Hotel, West Drayton. The lodge was opened by Bro. Varley, W.M., and a ballot taken for Bro. George Penn, W.M. 1642; as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Wm. Stephens, P.M. 1365 and 1489. The W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S. by his particular friend Bro. Penn (Bro. Varley most kindly allowing him that privilege), which was rendered in a most impressive manner, although the first time he, Bro. Penn, had attempted that duty. The W.M. received the usual congratulations, and was duly saluted by the brethren when he invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Varley, I.P.M.; Davis, P.M. 382, S.W.; W. Grist, J.W.; E. C. Woodward, Treas.; W. Coombes, P.P.G.S.B., Secretary; the Bros. Cooper, Deacons; Atkins, I.G.; Slyman, D.C.; Penn, Steward; and Dutton, Tyler. Before closing the lodge, the W.M. intimated his intention of representing the Unity Lodge, as Steward, at the forthcoming Festival for Aged Masons. At the banquet the W.M. presided, and proposed the usual loyal and Craft toasts. Letters were read from the Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett, and other Grand

Officers. Bro. Murlis responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Penn for "The Charities;" all the officers seem to be well up in their duties, and no doubt a most prosperous year will follow.

**HAMPTON WICK.**—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This lodge met, for the first time since the recess, at the White Hart Hotel, on Monday, the 4th inst. The officers present were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middx., W.M.; Baldwin, P.P.G.P. of Middx., acting S.W.; Bond, P.P.C.P. of Surrey, J.W.; the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny, P.P.G.C. of Middx., Chap.; J. Hammond, P.G.S. of Middx., Hon. I.P.M.; Nuthall, Treas.; Ockenden, J.W. 1512, Sec.; Honeywell, P.M. 889, Hon. Org.; Hurst, P.M. 1512, J.O.; Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middx., I.G. (*Freemason*); Scott, W.S. The visitors were Bros. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of Middx.; Argyle, J.W. 946; Bugler, 975; and Hone, 1628. The minutes of the last regular and two emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken for four candidates for initiation, and having been declared unanimous, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, initiated the only one in attendance, namely, Mr. R. Drummond. Bros. Emms, Handel, and Bonell were passed to the degree of F.C., and Bro. Abbert was raised to the degree of M.M. The work was performed with the W.M.'s usual ability. Great praise was due to Bro. Honeywell for his artistic and effective organ interludes, which greatly increased the effectiveness of the ceremonials. Bro. B. Sharp, W.M. elect, was to have been installed, but in consequence of his serious illness he was prevented from attending. The W.M. having mentioned this, appointed and invested Bro. Bond as S.W., and Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny as J.W. The other officers were re-appointed for the remainder of the year. Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a collation. Upon the cloth being withdrawn, the W.M. gave the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts, and they were duly honoured. "The R.W.P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," having been warmly proposed, was received with excellent "fire," and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Walls. "The Health of the W.M.," in the absence of the Hon. I.P.M., was given by Bro. Honeywell in a few well chosen sentences. In his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon the great progress it had made, and also complimented the members upon their good fortune in possessing so able and experienced a Master as Bro. Hammond, whose zeal and energy in all the cause of Masonry was not to be surpassed by any brother in the province. The W.M., in reply, said that Bro. Honeywell had proposed his health in so flattering and kind a manner that he scarcely knew how to find language sufficiently adequate to express his thanks. It had given him a great amount of gratification as a founder and first Master to watch the steady progress which the Wolsey had made in the short space of time that had elapsed since its consecration. He was acting as Master for the second year, but, as they knew, it was not of his own seeking. He was truly sorry that illness should have been the means of preventing Bro. Sharp, W.M. elect, from attending to be installed in March last, and he still further regretted that that illness had continued with but little intermission to the present time. However, had the W.M. elect even been sufficiently well to put in an appearance that day, he believed that it would have been quite out of his (Bro. Sharp's) power in consequence of his chronic malady ever to have presided over them. In conclusion, he hoped that their absent brother would at some future time be spared to come amongst them in improved health, and if he did he would find that the brethren had not forgotten the services he had rendered at the formation of the lodge. The remaining toasts were "The Initiate," "The Visitors," and "The Officers."

#### INSTRUCTION.

**UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).**—The 18th ult. was a gala day among the Masons at Woolwich, it being the day announced for the working of the Fifteen Sections. The lodge of instruction usually meets at the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, but when it was known that the Preceptor, Bro. G. Macdonald, P.M. 1158, who had been absent from the lodge for some months through severe indisposition, would preside, the Committee expecting a larger attendance of members than the room would accommodate, engaged the Masonic Hall in William-street. Their expectations were verified, for upwards of eighty brethren assembled to listen to and take part in this long but beautiful ceremony. Bro. Macdonald opened the lodge shortly after seven, and for upwards of three hours the brethren paid a rapt attention to the eloquent and able work which was apportioned amongst the following brethren, viz. Bros. Shaw, E. Stevens, Davies and Andrews, P.M.s. Bros. Milburn, Rowlee, Belfrage, Masters, Deeves, Hassell, Brown. These names are a sufficient guarantee of the excellency of the working, and when each individual worker was up to the highest standard of merit it would be invidious to award extra praise to any particular one. A vote of thanks to Bro. Macdonald and the other workers was carried with acclamation, and duly responded to by him on their and his own behalf, and the lodge was closed at 10.30.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst. Bro. W. J. Huntley being the W.M., with Bros. J. Frost, S.W., and J. Featherstone, J.W. There were also present:—Bros. H. R. Jones, W. F. Wardroper, J. J. Holland, J. G. Carter, and others. The Three Degrees were rehearsed, Bro. Wardroper going through the First and Second, and Bro. A. A. Denham through the Third. Bro. J. Frost was voted as the W.M. for the ensuing meeting. This lodge of instruction is looked upon as a great boon to the Masonic brethren in the district, there not being one nearer than that held at the Prince's Head, Battersea.

**FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Wednesday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. Dickinson, P.M., Preceptor; Press, W.M.; Oldis, S.W.; Campbell, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M., S.D.; Edmunds, J.D.; S. Goode, I.G.; H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary. The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. J. H. Bastable was a candidate for initiation, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Dickinson, P.M., worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Oldis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. Bro. J. H. Bastable, of No. 1695, was elected joining member. Bro. Dickinson, P.M., re-elected Preceptor; Bro. Pigot, P.M., Treas.; and Bro. H. B. D. Dunn, Secretary, for the ensuing year, and the lodge was closed. There were present Bros. Past Masters Eldridge, Dickinson, and Wright, also Bros. Press, Oldis, Campbell, Edmunds, S. Goode, Bastable, Fenner, Pelikan, and Dunn.

#### Mark Masonry.

**ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present:—Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.M., Worshipful Master; Chas. Horsley, P.M., acting as I.P.M.; Thos. Cubitt, P.M., as S.W.; J. G. Marsh, P.M., as J.W.; W. Stephens, S.O.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J.O.; H. C. Levander, P.M., G.R., Treasurer; E. H. Thielley, I.P.M., Secretary; Major W. E. Williams, J.D.; Herbert Sauter, I.G.; Harrison, Tyler; J. B. Lamb. The business before the lodge was very limited, the W.M. presented Bro. Chas. Horsley, P.M., with a Past Master's jewel for his valuable services as W.M. during his term of office, 1876-77, which presentation was eloquently acknowledged by our learned brother. Letters of apology were read from absent members, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren dined together, presided over by the W.M., under Bro. Best's palatial roof.

**LIVERPOOL.**—West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).—The members of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on the 6th inst., at 6.30 p.m., to witness and assist at the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers present were:—Bros. John Hayes, W.M.; H. S. Alpass, P.M.; Henry Jackson, P.M.; J. R. Goepel, P.M., Treasurer; R. H. Evans, J.W.; W. H. Cooper, Hon. Sec.; A. C. Wylie, M.C.; R. Reader, S.C.; W. P. Jennings, S.D.; H. W. Parry, P.M.; Walter Erwin, S.S.; Peter Ball, Tyler. Members:—Bros. Jenaway, Corbett, Blott, Pryde, Roberts, Poyser, Howarth, T. F. Cooper, Jas. C. Fish. Visitors:—Bros. W. Roberts, No. 11; Jas. Pemberton, P.P.G.J.D., W.M. No. 11; Geo. Morgan, P.M. No. 11; S. Mathieson, P.M. No. 11; and G. E. Hamer, Pro. G.S.D., No. 161. The lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the last meeting were read and declared carried. Bro. John Hayes, W.M., then proceeded to install his successor Bro. R. H. Evans, who had been unanimously elected at the last meeting, into the chair of W.M., in such a most creditable and impressive manner as to meet with the hearty approbation of the brethren. Bro. R. H. Evans, W.M., then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Cooper, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; J. R. Goepel, Treasurer, (thirteenth time); H. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; R. Reader, Sec.; Thompson, M.O., by proxy; W. P. Jenning, S.O.; H. W. Parry, J.O.; W. C. Erwi, S.D.; T. F. Cooper, J.D.; W. Corbett, Reg. M.; J. Jenaway, I.G.; W. O. Blott, S.S.; J. Pryde, J.S.; M. Howarth, A.S. Bro. Goepel, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Hayes, installing Master, for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office, and said he had never before seen or heard the ceremony so impressively given. Bro. Jackson in seconding the proposition, said it was the first time he had witnessed the ceremony given in such a full and perfect manner, and it would be a long time before he forgot it. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously. Bro. Hayes responded in a few appropriate words. On the motion of Bro. Jackson, P.M., seconded by Bro. Cooper, S.W., a vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to Bro. Goepel, P.M., Treas., for which Bro. Goepel returned thanks. The lodge was soon afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet which had been provided by Bro. Chaplin, House Steward. On the removal of the cloth the usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some capital songs, and a happy evening was then spent in peace and harmony.

#### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**YORK.**—Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—A meeting at this chapter was held on Friday, 1st inst. Present:—Bros. Thos. Cooper, M.W.S.; W. H. Marwood, P.S., 31, as Prelate; T. B. Whythead, 1st Gen.; S. Middleton, 2nd Gen.; J. S. Cumberland, G. Marshall; M. Millington, Raphael; A. T. B. Turner, Herald; P. H. Rowland, Org.; G. Simpson, D.C.; Rev. W. C. Lukis, Capt. Hanly, and others. Visitor: Bro. S. B. Ellis (2nd Gen. Chapter, Sheffield). Several letters of apology were read from brethren unable to be present. Bros. A. Gerald Duncombe, of the Falcon Lodge, Thirsk, and Alderman Terry, of the Eboracum Lodge, York, were duly perfected, and after the closing of the chapter, the members spent a social and harmonious evening.

Punctually at twelve o'clock on Wednesday night, as arranged, her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne left St. Pancras Station by special train for Liverpool, whence they embark for Canada.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire was held yesterday week at the Town Hall, Swindon, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Methuen, R.W. Prov. Grand Master. Previous to the meeting of the lodge, the receiving lodge, Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, met under the Mastership of Bro. J. Campbell Maclean, M.B.

Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when the following brethren were present:—Bros. Rt. Hon. the Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wilts; Gabriel Goldney, M.P., V.W.D. P.G.M. Wilts; Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; Rt. Hon. Lord H. T. Thynne, M.P., P.G. Supt. Wilts; Case, P.G.D. Eng.; Col. Basevi, Gloucester; W. H. Poynder, Walter Long, W.M. 632; Fred H. Goldney, Past G. Steward Eng., P.G. Treas. Wilts; Henry C. Tombs, P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Sec. Wilts; E. Trinder, P.G. Sec. Gloucester; Gen. H. Doherty, 33°, P.P. S.G.W. Somerset, P.P.S.G.D. Wilts; Henry Calley, W.M. 1533; Henry Kinnair, P.P.S.G.W.; John Chandler, P.P. S.G.W., and P.G. Dir. Cer. Wilts; G. L. Lopes, P.G. Steward Eng.; J. Campbell Maclean, W.M. No. 355, Receiving Lodge; R. N. Fowler, P.G. Purs. Wilts; A. L. Goddard, 355; Col. Everett, 1478; Thos. Graham, P.P.J. G.W.; Richard Bradford, P.P.S.G.W.; Rob. Stokes, P.P.S. G.W.; W. F. Gooch, P.P.S.G.W.; T. H. Chandler, P.S. G.W.; John Toomer, P.P.J.G.W.; Arthur Law, P.G. Chap.; W. Nott, P.P.J.G.W., Charity Organisation Secretary; J. H. Calley, E. J. Sewell, Cotswold Lodge; R. de M. Lawson, P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Whatley, P.P.J.G.D.; T. Young, Past G. Steward, Eng.; Wm. Affleck, P.M. 355; F. H. Phillips, W.M. 626; Geo. Pike, W.M. 1478; F. Gardner, W.M. 335; E. T. Payne, P.G.D. Eng., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; Balfwin, Bromley, Feavour, and Fudge, of No. 335; Armstrong, Braid, Bryant, Colbron, Cornwall, Deacon, Edmonds, Goodwin, Green, Liddiard, Plummer, Pocock, Skuray, Wentworth, Whitehead, of No. 355; Bartlett, Buttifant, Calkin, Cross, Fatcher, Harman, Harwood, Norwood, Rumbold, Tucker, and Wiltshire, of 586; Bailey, Daly, Eyres, Hearne, Headley, Holbrow, Lapham, Milson, and Sudlow, of No. 626; Bishop, Foley, C. Gauntlett, S. Gauntlett, Lavington, Mann, and Norris, of 632; Badham, Burman, Burt, Gibbs, Tuckey, Rawlins, Raymond, and Sterne, of No. 663; Barker, E. Brown, Dean, Durnford, Howse, Kent, Ludgate, Powell, Reece, Turner, Tyrrell, and White, of No. 1295; Chisman, Crockett, Cross, George, Toone, and Vincent, of No. 1478; Carter, Drury, Lewis, and Lucy, of No. 1533.

After lodge had been opened, Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G.D., Prov. G.S., read the minutes, which were put to the meeting and approved. He also read the following letters: Darmstadt. 27th October, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

H.R.H. Prince Leopold desires me to express the regret he feels at not being able to be present at the forthcoming Prov. Grand Lodge at Swindon. It would have been especially gratifying to H.R.H. to be present, when your P.G. Master, an old and trusted friend of our Royal Family, receives the honourable recognition that he has so well earned from the brethren.

Perhaps you will kindly be an interpreter to the P.G.M. of his Royal Highness's feelings.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

R. H. COLLINS.

Henry C. Tombs, Esq.

Erlestoke Park, Devizes, 23rd October, 1878.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry that I shall be unable to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge on the 8th of November next, when the testimonial will be presented to our Prov. Grand Master, Lord Methuen. It will, however, be a pleasure to me to contribute in some degree to the festivity on that occasion, and I hope that a couple of haunches of havier venison will be acceptable for the banquet. If so, please to let me know where and to whom they should be addressed. I purpose to have the havier shot on Monday next, the 28th October, so that the venison may be in good order for the table by the 8th November. The haunches shall be sent off on any day you may suggest after Tuesday, the 29th inst. I have filled up the card sent me, stating that I am unable to attend the banquet, and I beg to enclose it as you probably file the cards.

I am, dear Sir and brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed)

S. WATSON TAYLOR.

Bro. H. C. Tombs, P.G.D., &c., &c.

Bro. Tombs also read a letter from Bro. John Hervey regretting his inability to attend on account of his health not having been very good of late. The letter also stated that he more regretted his inability to attend because he was present at Lord Methuen's installation 25 years ago, and he desired Bro. Tombs to convey his congratulations to his lordship on his silver wedding.

Bro. F. Goldney, Prov. G. Treasurer, presented the report and accounts of the province which was very satisfactory, showing a large balance in hand. There was also a balance of £57 12s. 6d. to the credit of the Charity Fund.

Bro. H. C. Tombs said that as a Charity Committee's report which would be presently submitted to the meeting showed that there was a balance of £57 12s. 6d. available, the Committee had come to the conclusion that it was desirable that the province should vote fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to endow the chair of the Provincial Grand Master with a Vice-Presidentship of that Institution. Bro. Nott, the Secretary of the Organisation had expressed his willingness to take the Stewardship of the province for the next festival of the Institution next February, and the sum would be placed on his list.

The Treasurer's accounts of general lodge funds showed

a balance in favour of the Provincial Grand Lodge of £31 8s. as against £14 for last year. Some of the lodges, however, had not sent in their accounts or paid their Prov. Grand Lodge dues. The balance standing to the credit of the charity account was £57 18s. Donations to the Charities are made from this account every year so as nearly to exhaust it. The balance of £57 18s. this year was reduced by a vote of fifty guineas being made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. William Nott then read the following report of the Provincial Charity Organization Committee presented to the R.W. the P.G.M., Officers, and brethren, in P.G. Lodge assembled at Swindon, on Friday, the 8th Nov., 1878.

"The Secretary of the Provincial Charity Organization Committee begs leave on its behalf to present a short statement of its work during the past year.

"The case of the widow (Mrs. Elizabeth Gundry Burt) adopted by the Committee as mentioned in last year's report, received the full support of the province at the election in May, when she was placed fourth on the list of successful candidates, with 998 votes. To attain this highly satisfactory result, however, a very considerable number of votes was borrowed from other provinces in the full belief of being able to repay them at the next election in May.

Your Committee has had no local case for the Boys' School brought before it, but it has adopted as a candidate for the Girls' School the case of Ada Mary Cook, daughter of the late Bro. Henry Cook, of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355, Swindon. There were only four vacancies at the October Girls' School election, and consequently a very large number of votes was required to secure the election of a candidate. Your Committee, feeling it impossible to attain to anything like this number, lent the greater part of the votes at its disposal to three other provinces, with which this province is in friendly union, and in each case the candidate for whom our votes were lent was successful. The repayment to us in April of the votes so lent will give a very good chance of our candidate's success at that election if your Committee is as well supported as it has been this year, and if there is an average number of vacancies in the school to be filled.

"The votes from the lodges in the province and from their members and friends handed over to the Committee during the past two years have been as follows:—

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|                                                                      | 1877 | 1878 |
| Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ... ..                            | 395  | 376  |
| Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ... ..                           | 209  | 341  |
| Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons ... ..                 | 250  | 187  |
| Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons ... .. | 140  | 228  |
|                                                                      | 994  | 1132 |

being an increase of 138 votes—or nearly 14 per cent.—in the past year.

"This indicates a steady, progressive increase in the support given by the Masons of Wiltshire to the great Masonic Charities, which your Committee trusts will go on from year to year without diminution, and, if possible, keep pace with the greater need of funds in which those Charities are placed by the rapidly increasing demands upon them.

"WILLIAM NOTT,

"Hon. Sec. to the Committee."

On the motion of Bro. Gabriel Goldney, D. Prov. G.M., seconded by Lord H. Thynne, this report was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Bro. Gabriel Goldney, Dep. Prov. G.M.; then rose and said, the brethren were about to perform a duty that he was quite satisfied would meet with the approbation of all present. They were there with closed windows and borrowed lights, with all the mysteries of their Craft, and the insignia of their institution; but they were about to perform an act which he was sure would be in sympathy and harmony with the feelings of the outside world, who, he believed, if they had it in their power would appreciate the object in view and the means taken to carry it out quite as much as the brethren there assembled. The brethren were about to shew their lasting testimony of feelings of esteem, regard, admiration and gratitude for the services which had been rendered to them by their Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. He would ask Bro. Tombs to request the Committee and the Grand Deacons to introduce into Grand Lodge a testimonial which they would heartily respectfully, and with every feeling of kindness and love, wish to offer to the Provincial Grand Master.

The brethren named then retired and returned in a few minutes, bearing two massive silver candelabra of the value of 600 guineas, and a handsome address in illuminated writing on vellum, framed and glazed, and placed them on the table in the centre of the lodge.

Bro. Gabriel Goldney, then addressing the Provincial Grand Master,—all the brethren standing at the time—said, that he was deputed on behalf of the lodge, and on behalf of the Freemasons of the Province of Wiltshire, to offer to his lordship the testimonial now before him in recognition of the feelings which they entertained with respect to the good his lordship had done, not only for Masonry in the Province of Wiltshire, but for Masonry in general, by having accepted and acted as the Provincial Grand Master for the last five and twenty years. He knew of nothing which they could give that would adequately represent the brethren's feelings for his lordship's kindness, but as Masons they could offer their respectful thanks to him for what he had done. The testimonial, however, which they now presented would show to others who came after them, the value the brethren set on his lordship's presidency over them. The candelabra and address, now in lodge, the brethren asked his lordship's acceptance of. There were some people who professed not to wish for praise and renown, but praise and renown, were frequently not the only reward that persons had. Philosophers professed not to wish for praise or renown,

and yet they wrote their names on the papers or books which they wrote, that they might be handed down to posterity. He was sure that no man ever earned feelings of respect and kindly sentiments towards him from those amongst whom he lived, as well as among Masons, than his lordship had in his position of a country gentleman and as Provincial Grand Master. His kindly friendships, his liberality of feeling, as well as his liberality of means in general, were acknowledged by every person who came in contact with him. He trusted that his lordship's life might be long spared, and that they might for many years have the advantage of seeing his lordship preside in that chair, and the brethren knew perfectly well that while he did so Masonry would flourish in the province. The brethren had already heard from the Treasurer's report the great increase which had taken place in the Freemasonry of the province; now, in the year before last, the number of brethren had increased from 300 to 350, and in last year from 350 to 450, and he doubted not that in future years a similar state of progress would be witnessed. The charitable funds of the province had likewise increased, and they had been able to dispense those funds in a praiseworthy manner. He believed that the increase in the number of Freemasons of the province, and the increase in the charitable funds was mainly due to the interest which his lordship always took in these matters, to his own personal dignity, to his well-known character, and to the kindness, firmness, and forbearance ever displayed by him to the brethren, more especially in the chair of Provincial Grand Lodge. Masonry had now attained to such an elevated position as to encourage people in the principles it professed. His lordship had assisted in raising it to its high position in the lodges of this county, and he trusted, as he had said before, that Masonry in that province would long have the advantage of his presidency over it.

Lord Methuen, in reply, said, brethren, I rise, I assure you, with very great difficulty to express to you but a very small amount of that deep gratitude I feel to you all for the very kind appreciation you have shown of my humble efforts in favour of Masonry which you have shown towards me this day. I am one of those who never, until I rise, think of what I am going to say, and, therefore, if I but inadequately express my feelings you must not attribute it to a want of gratitude on my part, but to a want of power to express myself as I would wish to all of you this day. When I behold those magnificent candelabra, and consider not only their pecuniary value, but their artistic quality, when I see that magnificent testimonial which you have presented to me, I cannot help saying to myself, what is it that I have done to render myself worthy of so much kindness on the part of the Freemasons of Wiltshire? I am sorry to say that although I may to some little extent have benefited the Craft during the time that I have had the honour to preside over this province, I am sure that the amount of generosity and kindly feeling that has been evinced towards me this day is as multiplied by it ten or even a hundredfold. It is more than anything I had to expect of you. For many generations I trust those splendid specimens of your generosity and kindness will go down to those who I hope and trust will have the same feelings towards the Masons of this province that I have myself, which is, and always has been, one of the kindest and most heartfelt sympathies for all of you. It would not do for me to detain you longer by any further observations on what is to me the happiest and, I can assure you, the very proudest moment of my connection with Masonry, not only because this testimonial comes from the brethren belonging to the province over which I have the honour to preside, but also because those brethren belong to that county in which so many of those of my family who have gone before me, though they have not been Masons, have lived. It is, I assure you, a double gratification to me to know that that splendid testimonial is one which sprung from the hearts of Masons. It will ill become me, with a vivid memory of what occurred twenty-five years ago, if I omitted to mention the great encouragement to Masonry, and the great kindness to me by one who, I am sure, we are all delighted to see among us here this evening. The Masons of Wiltshire may take my word for it, that the seed was sown by the present Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks—that he laid the foundation stone of that edifice which was placed in my hands, and directed me how to carry out the whole work of Masonry. But for him, I feel convinced, that the Masons of Wiltshire would not at this moment have been doing that honour to me, for which I hardly know how to thank them sufficiently. As I said before, it would ill become me to sit down without assuring the Masons of Wiltshire that but for Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch I should never have been in the proud position that I am in now. I tender you all by best and sincerest thanks for the great honour that you have done me, and for the liberality, generosity, and kindly feelings you have evinced for me. I trust that for many years I may continue to have the pleasure of presiding over the interests of Masonry in this province.

Bro. H. C. Tombs, Provincial Grand Secretary, then read the address from the illuminated vellum.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, afterwards said that he had prepared a history of Freemasonry in the Province of Wiltshire. To save time he would not read it, but he begged to present it to Lord Methuen, and he would afterwards have it printed for distribution. The history had been some little trouble to get up, as the records of Freemasonry in the province were few, and scattered before the time that his lordship undertook the government of the province. Bro. Goldney then presented the manuscript to Lord Methuen.

Lord Methuen said, the thanks of the brethren were due to Bro. Goldney for his attention to the interests of Masonry by devoting so much time to the compilation of the work just placed in his hands, and he had no doubt that there would be few Masons in the province who would not

be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity of possessing such a valuable work.

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch said, that if it would be any assistance to Bro. Goldney he had a few particulars of Freemasonry which came into his hand when he was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and they were quite at the service of Bro. Goldney.

The Prov. Grand Registrar, Bro. A. J. Braid, P.M. 355, read his report, showing a brief analysis of the various lodges' positions.

Lord Methuen then declared all the offices in Provincial Grand Lodge vacant, and appointed the following brethren Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

- John Toomer, 355 ... .. Prov. S.G.W.
- General H. E. Doherty, 335... .. Prov. J.G.W.
- H. Crockett, 1478 ... .. Prov. G. Chap.
- Fred. H. Goldney, 626 ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- W. Nott, 663... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- H. C. Tombs, 355 ... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- J. Campbell Maclean, 355 ... .. Prov. S.G.D.
- Walter Long, 632 ... .. Prov. J.G.D.
- W. J. Mann, 632 ... .. Prov. G.S. of W.
- John Chandler, 355 ... .. Prov. G.D. of C.
- F. H. Phillips... .. Prov. G.A.D. of C.
- T. E. Liddiard, 355 ... .. Prov. G. Swd. B.
- G. Whitehead, 355 ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- F. Baldwin, 355 ... .. Prov. G. Purst.
- W. Affleck, 355 ... .. Prov. G.A. Purst.
- W. Fitcher, 386 ... .. Prov. G. Std. B.
- John Savory, 355 ... .. Prov. G. Tyler.

Lord Methuen afterwards said that from the numerous reports received from the lodges in the province, the position of Wiltshire Freemasonry was very satisfactory. It appeared that the members of the Craft had increased in number and that there was an increase in the subscriptions to the different Charities of the Order. All this was a matter of gratification to him. The Treasurer's report showed that there was a considerable amount of money in hand, and this was highly satisfactory to the Provincial Grand Lodge. He was glad to hear from the Provincial Grand Secretary that some steps were about to be taken relative to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, so as to prevent the election of several children belonging to the same family, when there were so many children equally deserving thereby prevented from gaining admission. He had made some remarks already, which he would not repeat, as to lodges sending up their dues, but he had no doubt that the Secretaries would see that the dues should be sent up in ample time to give the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary an opportunity of completing their accounts before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. He must mention another subject. When they met last year there was a fear that the country might be involved in war. He was happy to say we had escaped that calamity and he hoped by the blessing of God we might long be spared that most dreadful alternative of arms. He had to thank all the officers and brethren of the province who had attended to do him honour on this occasion. He had no doubt that the interests of Masonry would be considerably furthered and increased by the interchange of those little courtesies which passed between the lodges of this province and the lodges of other provinces. He thought it was his duty especially to thank a brother who was not present—Bro. S. Watson Taylor—for the very liberal supply of venison he had sent to the Grand Lodge, and for the very kind letter which accompanied the present. All the brethren tendered their best thanks to Bro. Frederick Golding, for preparing and presenting a History of Freemasonry in the Province. After again thanking the brethren for their kindness, and begging them to excuse any deficiency he had exhibited in the performance of his duties, his lordship resumed his seat.

It was suggested that Bro. Goldney's pamphlet should be printed at the expense of the province, after which, on the motion of Lord Methuen, seconded by Lord Henry Thynne, this suggestion was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. F. H. Goldney, observed that it had been his intention to print the pamphlet at his own expense, and present it to the brethren.

Lord Methuen said he thought it quite right that the pamphlet should be printed at the expense of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet in the Corn Exchange, under the banner of the R.W. Grand Master. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured.

The above report of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire would be imperfect if we omitted to mention that the arrangements of the day were very satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Tombs, and all the brethren engaged with him, in the arduous task of making the brethren comfortable and happy.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.**

The above Provincial Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-Street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, October 30th, at 4 o'clock p.m., under the banner of Chapters Paradise, 139, and Loyalty, 296. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Supt. E. Lancashire, presided as Prov. Grand Superintendent, and was well supported by the officers and companions of the province.

The Prov. G. Chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., Prov. G. Supt. East Lancashire, and the officers of Prov. G. Chapter. The roll of Prov. G. Chapters was called. The roll of Present and Past Prov. G. Officers was called. The minutes of Prov. G. Chapter held at Huddersfield on Wednesday, November 7th, 1877, were presented for confirmation.

Moved by Comp. John Wordsworth, P.Z., 154, seconded

by Comp. W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275, and resolved: "that the minutes be taken as read."

Moved by Comp. W. B. Alderson, Z. 154, seconded by Comp. Robert Arnison, P.Z. 296, and resolved:—"That the minutes be confirmed."

M.E. Comp. S.N. announced that M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., P.Z. 61, was at the door asking to be admitted for the purpose of being installed.

M.E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Starkie directed that the Prov. G. Superintendent should send in his patent.

The patent being examined and found in order, he directed the following deputation to retire and introduce the Prov. G. Superintendent, viz:—Four Stewards, D. of C., Std. B., and seven P.Z.s.

The Prov. G. Superintendent having entered was placed in the West, his patent was read by the Prov. G.S.E., having expressed his willingness to discharge the duties of the office, he was duly installed and placed on the throne.

The Prov. G. Superintendent then appointed E. Comps. Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, 296, H., and Isaac Booth, P.Z. 61, J., who were accordingly installed and addressed by E. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Starkie.

The Prov. G. Superintendent also appointed and invested the following officers:—

- Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 495 ... .. Prov. G.S.E.
- C. Mandall Hartley, P.Z. 242 ... .. Prov. G.S.N.
- Alfred M. Matthews, P.Z. 302 ... .. Prov. G. Prin. Soj.
- Jno. Turner Rhodes, P.Z. 290 ... .. Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- Thomas Pickles, P.Z. 258 ... .. Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- John Fisher, P.Z. 61 (elected) ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- Charles L. Mason, P.Z. 304... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- R. E. Collinson, P.Z. 837 ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- Wm. Banland, P.Z. 302 ... .. Prov. G.S.B.
- Wm. F. Smithson, P.Z. 289... .. Prov. G.D. of C.
- Edwin John Crow, M.B., P.Z. 837... .. Prov. G. Org.
- Adolphe E. Powolny, P.Z. 304; Wm. Boddewig, P.Z. 296; John F. Moss, P.Z. 296; Edwin Woodhouse, P.Z. 521, 275 ... .. Prov. G. Stewards.
- Joshua Lee, P.Z. 290... .. Prov. G. Janitor.

Moved by E. Comp. W. W. Widdop, P.Z. 275; seconded by E. Comp. Thomas Perkinson, P.Z. 61, and resolved unanimously, "That E. Comp. John Fisher be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that the best thanks of the Prov. G. Chapter be accorded to him for past services."

In reply to the salute of the companions, Sir Henry Edwards said: Companions, no one could stand in the position I at the present moment occupy, as Provincial Grand Superintendent of this province, without feeling some emotion. It is now approaching four years since I was installed Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire by Lieutenant-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and today I have been placed by him at the head of this chapter, in the position so lately occupied by our departed Comp. Bentley Shaw. Deeply do we all regret that the space of four years should have witnessed the retirement of one distinguished Provincial Grand Superintendent and the death of another, and the necessity for the installation of myself in their room. To fill both these high offices does indeed create no little sentiment of emotion, feeling the double responsibility of high duties to perform, viz., to sustain the dignity of this Grand Chapter as well as Provincial Grand Lodge, to maintain the honour of Freemasonry, to preserve the ancient landmarks of our Order, and to enforce mildly, yet courageously, the discipline of the Books of Constitution. To us it is a real pleasure to leave outside the doors of this chapter all those differences which create dissensions, more or less, with persons engaged with politics, or with religious opinion, or the business occupations of the world, and to meet Royal Arch Masons, all of one mind, all of one voice, and all of one heart, in the performance of a solemn ceremony as that which the Prov. Grand Superintendent of East Lancashire has now so perfectly and eloquently performed. No sooner had I felt the necessity of complying with the commands of the Prince of Wales than I applied to my gallant brother and companion to undertake this ceremony of installation. You have greeted him most warmly with the honour due to his rank, and on behalf of myself and this Grand Chapter we thank him heartily and sincerely for the admirable manner he has performed the ceremony, and the exhortation he has given us. His name will never be forgotten by the Freemasons of East Lancashire, and I am quite sure the Masonic work which he undertakes in that large province will bear good fruit—and amongst the fruits of that work is a course of public usefulness outside the lodge as well as in it, and which East Lancashire warmly appreciates. The ostensible object of Royal Arch Masonry, the end and aim of this branch of our symbolic system, the study of its history—revealed and traditional, is to bring us into more intimate connection with certain canonical books of the Holy Scriptures. Numberless authorities well known have amply explained this order in Freemasonry. It inspires its members with most exalted ideas, and leads to the exercise of the purest reverence for the eternal Ruler of the universe, the elemental spring and primordial source of religious principles, the very fountain of the virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity. It is an Order of which every Master Mason ought to become a supporter, to the best of his time and means. This was an earnest desire of my lamented predecessor in this chair, expressed at Huddersfield, the last time he officially appeared amongst us, and he added, "We meet for no unholy purpose, but for wise and judicious action in a good cause." The number of chapters situated about this province afford ample opportunities for effecting the consummation of Comp. Shaw's last wishes, and now my own. I hope the chapters in this province will be carefully worked, and that they will co-operate as well with me, their new chief, as they did with the old, for peace, unity, and love. And now, brethren, I thank you once again for your cordial re-

ception of me to-day, I thank you for having come long distances to be present at my installation as Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of West Yorkshire. I assure you I shall never forget to-day, any more than I shall forget my installation as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and, lastly, my acknowledgements are due to the two chapters in Sheffield, under whose banners this ceremony has been conducted, for the excellency of their arrangements, and for their hospitality to the chapter of this province. I wish the whole of the chapters in this province every prosperity.

E. Comp. Sir Henry Edwards, Prov. G. Sup., proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Starkie for his eminent services as Installing Z.

E. Comp. Ensor Drury seconded the motion, and it was carried with acclamation.

E. Comp. T. W. Tew, P.Z. 495, P.P.G.H., proposed "That the sum of one hundred pounds be given from the funds of Prov. G. Chapter to the Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund."

E. Comp. John Fisher, P.Z. 61, Prov. G. Treasurer, supported the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

E. Comp. Dr. Blackburn, P.Z. 337, renewed his invitation for Prov. G. Chapter to meet at Uppermill in May, 1879.

M.E. Comp. Superintendent promised to give in his consideration, and fix the meeting at an early date.

The chapter was then closed in due form shortly after 6 p.m.

Thé a la fourchette was served in the banquet hall, at 6.30, and upwards of 130 companions partook of it, provision being on a most liberal scale.

The Prov. G. Superintendent presided, Royal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and addresses given, varied by songs and instrumental music.

We are happy in being able to state that the subscription for the Bentley Shaw Scholarship, Girls' School now reaches the handsome sum in the whole of £380.

**THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.**

ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, K.G., AND PRINCE LEOPOLD, K.G., TO THE 33°.

A special meeting of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, was held at the headquarters of the Order, 33, Golden-square, London, on Wednesday, the 6th November, for the purpose of advancing to the Thirty-Third Degree, and last Degree of Freemasonry, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Leopold, when the following members of the Supreme Council were present:—The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, Sovereign Grand Commander; Captain N. G. Philips, Lieutenant-Grand Commander; Major-General Henry Clerk, Treas. General; J. M. P. Montague, Grand Chancellor; Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, Grand Secretary, F.C.; Colonel A. W. Adair, S.G.I.G.; General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., S.G.I.G.; Colonel George Vernon, Past L.G. Com., as well as the following members of the Thirty-Third Degree.

C. J. Bannister, D.I.G. N. District; S. Rawson, D.I.G. S.E. District; Gen. H. E. Doherty, C.B., D.I.G. S.W. District; C. Fendelov, D.I.G. W.C. District; J. Percy Leith, D.I.G. East Indies; R. W. H. Giddy, D.I.G. South Africa; Raphael Costa, Charles Gooldeen, Lt.-Col. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G.; W. Hyde-Pullen, Ass. Sec. to Supreme Council.

Letters of regret at their unavoidable absence were received from the Earl of Carnarvon, 33°, Past Sov. G. Com.; the Earl of Limerick, 33°; Sir Michael Costa, 33°; Dr. Robert Hamilton, 33°, owing to absence from England and also from H. C. Vernon, 33°, Past L.G. Com.; and Albert H. Roys, 33°, owing to ill health.

At 4 o'clock H.R.H. The Prince of Wales 33°, Grand Patron of the Order, arrived from Marlborough House, accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and were received by Lord Skelmersdale and the other members of the Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree, and conducted to the Council Chamber, where the Thirty-First and Thirty-Second Degrees were conferred; after which the Supreme Council adjourned to the hall, where their Royal Highnesses were introduced by Col. Shadwell Clerke, 33°, and General Studholme Brownrigg, 33°, and were advanced to the Thirty-Third and last Degree in due and solemn form. The Ceremony being most impressively performed by the Sovereign Grand Commander Lord Skelmersdale, H.R.H. the Grand Patron, investing his Royal brothers personally.

Their Royal Highnesses were then duly proclaimed by their style and titles, as "Sovereign Grand Inspectors-Generals of the Thirty-third and last Degree of Masonry, and honorary members ad vitam of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown," and were saluted accordingly, and after some congratulatory remarks from the Sovereign Grand Commander, Lord Skelmersdale, which were suitably acknowledged by their Royal Highnesses, the Supreme Council was closed.

It is worthy of remark, that this is the only occasion on which our three Royal Illustrious brothers have met together in Masonry, H.R.H. Prince Leopold having been absent from ill-health on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Albert Hall, in April, 1875.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, it may be remembered, has recently served the office of M.W.S. of the Oxford University Chapter, Rose Croix, while H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught is at the present moment M.W.S. of the Studholme Chapter, Rose Croix, and has presided in person at two of the three meetings held this year.

## LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

A special general meeting of this Association was held on Thursday week, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. J. Perceval, Treasurer; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and A. Tisley, Secretaries; J. H. Southwood, Arthur E. Glanville, Charles Atkins, E. Mallett, Thomas Smith, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

An alteration was made in the bye-laws to the effect that when the funds in the hands of the Treasurer amounted to £50, a donation should be given to one of the three Institutions, the votes for which were to be in the name of the Association. Another alteration was made as to the day of annual meeting. The annual subscriptions to be payable on the 1st of May. Another alteration was made, giving members of the Association power to make suggestions.

The Chairman then said, that after careful consideration he had felt compelled to tender his resignation as Chairman of the Association, and the reason he had come to this conclusion was that being a trustee of all the Masonic Charities it involved his taking the chair usually, or, at all events, frequently, at their large meetings. He thought, therefore, that being Chairman of this Association was incompatible with his position as Chairman of those meetings. That was the principal reason that induced him to ask the brethren to relieve him of his Chairmanship when they were electing officers to-day. Another reason he had was that his Masonic engagements in connection with the Charities were very numerous. When he told them that it usually happened that four or five days a week he had something to do in connection with the Charities they might imagine that he did not want to increase the number of his attendances. He had every good opinion of this Association, and he was quite sure that it was a proper thing to do, and he had very little doubt it would grow up to be successful. If it was not for such an Association he was quite sure that the London candidates would stand very little chance of success. He had to thank the brethren for the honour they did him by electing him as their Chairman, and it was only for the reason he had mentioned that he asked them to relieve him of the office of Chairman.

Bro. Woodford said he thought all the brethren would be struck with the reasons which had led Col. Creaton to offer his resignation, and they would all feel, no doubt, that it was perfectly true that acting so often as Chairman at all the elections to the satisfaction of the Craft some brethren might make invidious remarks as to his being Chairman of an Association formed for the aid of London candidates. All in that room would scout such an idea, knowing Bro. Creaton perfectly well; but there were ill-natured people in the world who might make those remarks, and they respected the feelings of Bro. Creaton so much that they would not like him to be subjected to any such remarks on any occasion. As Col. Creaton had prepared them at a former Committee meeting for the announcement he had made, he (Bro. Woodford) would now move "That this Association while quite appreciating Bro. Creaton's motives for tendering his resignation, accepts it with sincere regret, returning to him its best thanks for the most efficient services he has rendered to it as its first Chairman.

Bro. Southwood seconded the motion.

Bro. Perceval said Col. Creaton had said he did not intend to sever himself from the Association, and though he resigned its chairmanship he should still be a member of it. As Col. Creaton had said, unless this Association was formed, there would be a very poor, poor chance for a London candidate being returned. He begged to call attention once more to the two last cases, which earnestly called for help and assistance, and he should go to some little expense in advertising them, week after week, in one of the Masonic papers. The two cases were those of Frost and Giles, one with three votes and the other with ten. The last London case to come in had 1000 votes. This next election the Association would have three candidates, and he thought they might try and get them all in.

Bro. Woodford said if ever there was a case which showed the necessity of an Association like this, it was the case of Watkin, who had been up six times. His father was a very worthy man and a working Mason. The mother had nine children, and she was utterly penniless. She had been unsuccessful in obtaining influence to secure the election of a girl to the Girl's School, and was unsuccessful at the last Boys' election through one of those little accidents that would occur at every election. That was the poor boy's last chance, and the result would be that he would have to be, in all probability, sent to a district pauper school if he was to be educated.

The election of officers and committee then took place, the result of which we recorded last week.

The vote of thanks to the Chairman on his resignation was then put and carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, said he was very much obliged to the brethren, and he was sure it was a great deal more than he deserved; but he knew the vote was passed in the most friendly and kind spirit, and in that spirit he accepted it with thanks.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the proceedings.

Bucolics are the same all the world over, and *rusticus expectat dum defluat annis* was not quite an absurdity. Here is the last story of Hodge—a German Hodge, by the way. A hurricane blew down his wall, whereupon he appealed to his landlord to build it up again. "Certainly," replied the landlord, "if you will pay the expense of it." "Expense!" echoed the rustic; "why, I thought you could do it for nothing. You're a free mason, are you not?"—*Whitchall Review*.

## Reviews.

GESCHICHTE DER FREIMAUEREREI. By J. G. FINDEL. Leipzig, 1878.

We have received this goodly cooking and well printed work, with its emblematically appropriate cover, (to use a Germanism), and we rejoice to note that it has reached a fourth edition. In it Bro. Findel brings the history of Freemasonry down to our own epoch. We have been always amongst those who hailed the appearance and recognized the value of Bro. Findel's meritorious and exhaustive labours. We are not going to claim perfection for Bro. Findel's work, (for that we could not conscientiously do); we are not about to assert that he is infallible, (for that would, of course, be a great absurdity), but we ask ourselves this question, "who else has done more to advance that great desideratum—a critical and consistent history of Freemasonry, than Bro. Findel?" and, therefore, we are bound to be most lenient as regards slight errors, and unavoidable shortcomings. We believe this fourth edition is a just tribute, at any rate, in Germany, to most important and careful labours, to a work which must place Bro. Findel in the foremost rank of Masonic historians. But having said this, we are bound, as honest reviewers, to point out a few blemishes, in an otherwise most praiseworthy publication, and one to which "natheless," to use an old English expression, we wish heartily and fraternally every possible success.

1. We do not think that Bro. Findel has for some reason kept himself quite "posted up" in the progress of Masonic archaeology in England. He is not correct as to the age of the MS. Constitutions; for it is now pretty clear, on the high authority of Mr. Bond, that supposing you can reduce the age of the Masonic Poem to the early part of the 15th century (though a good deal may still be said for its late 14th character), the age of Cooke's MS. is not late 15th, but early 15th. The argument about Caxton's printed Polychronicon is now found to be of no importance in the discussion, as the transcriber of Matthew Cooke's MS. evidently took his reference from a MS. Polychronicon; there is the fact moreover that the "Meistre d'Histoire" the "Master of History" (Cremator) is alluded to by the same transcriber which would render the earlier date of Matthew Cooke's MS. certain.

2. We are somewhat astonished that Bro. Findel does not realize the real history of Molash's Register, though he gives a note, which says little. The more so, as to Mr. Walbran's sagacity was owing the discovery of the MS. which contains a list of the "Loyge Latamorum" attached to Christ Church, Canterbury.

3. We are also struck with the omission of any reference to Bro. Fort's remarkable work, or Steimbrenner's useful little volume.

4. Bro. Findel seems to have departed from his usual habit of fairness as regards the *Freemason*, owing, we fear, to some difference of opinion on a subject of open discussion. He is now doing what all true German criticism repudiates, namely, laying down what is "subjective" as "objective" using his own subjective opinions, to impress upon others, his assertion of what he deems to be Masonic objective truth. He is eminently unfair to the *Freemason*. Perhaps if Bro. Findel saw as much of contemporary literature as we do, he might be more contented than he seems to be with Bro. Kenning's useful paper. We fear, that from his point of view, the *Freemason* is not likely to improve, inasmuch as the *Freemason* represents the opinions of the English Order most fairly, and the *Freemason* is acting in accordance with the true principles of English Freemasonry. We, ourselves, do not expect to agree with Bro. Findel, but we venture to think, without any unfair or invidious comparison, if any impartial critic put the *Freemason* and *Bauhütte* side by side, while it would declare of the former that its end was definite, its teaching simple and distinct, its reviews readable, and its criticism most impartial and Masonic, that the *Bauhütte*, as the French writer puts it, with every allowance "aboutit au rien." We venture to assert on the contrary that in the history of Masonic literature, no more carefully conducted paper is to be found, or one which gives the Craft a more readable journal, or is better posted up in all the literature and needful criticism of the day than the *Freemason*. But we part from Bro. Findel as good friends, and we wish his fourth edition all success.

## ROME'S RECRUITS.

*Whitchall Review*, York Street, W.

It is impossible in the *Freemason* to say much on a point or publication like this, which impinges on that great Masonic truth absolute "Liberty of Conscience." The array of those who have joined the Church of Rome and "burat their boats" is a very long one, and to all of us probably very startling, but still, despite our natural inclination to say a good deal, we will adhere to our old Masonic toleration, (how unlike some good folks we know), and, as the immortal bard says, "Mum's the word."

XVI CHARTERS OF ROCKE ABBEY. By SIDNEY OLDALL ADDY. Sheffield.

We are indebted to a zealous fellow-student for the knowledge of this useful and valuable little pamphlet. The publication of such Charters, though apparently dry reading, is very important, inasmuch as we find in them, as the Editor truly observes, much, very much, to interest the archaeologist, historian, and student, Masonic or non-Masonic. We have read them with great pleasure in the Latin, and only wish that, as for many they are a "sealed book," Bro. Addy had given us a paginal English translation.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, S.G.W.; will preside at the festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement on the 29th.

## NOTES ON ART, &amp;c.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY.—At a general assembly of Royal Academicians held at Burlington-house, Mr. Frederick Lighton, R.A., was elected President.

A Revolution in Dancing Circles is promised in Paris this winter. Quadrilles and cotillions are to disappear, and to be replaced by stately ballets, such as were danced in the times of the three last Louises, and which will be regularly organised and rehearsed by the guests. Indeed, dancing altogether is to be far more central than usual, and short dresses will be worn for balls as well as in the street. Talking of Paris fashions the latest novelty in feminine foot-gear consists of high boots of white Russia leather, encircled at the top by a band of dark fur. Such dainty bottines would scarcely bear half-an-hour's experience of London mud.

The *Standard* says the Admiralty has decided upon the use of steel in construction of five new gunboats, to be built at Pembroke Dockyard. Two will be of 250 tons and 168-horse power, mounting one heavy gun. These will be called the Bouncer and Insolent. The remaining three will be of 455 tons and 360-horse power, and will carry four guns. They will be named Bullfrog, Cockchafer, and Espoir.

Dramatic Composition in Germany is far from flourishing, for the triennial Schiller-prize for the best drama is again not to be awarded, none of the prizes sent up for competition being worthy of the prize.

Mr. J. J. Mechi, of Tiptree Hall, says that the Dantzic sewage lands have this year produced crops of all kinds exceeding those on the good lands; potatoes, 16½ tons per acre; white carrots, 14½ tons per acre. Our Metropolitan Board of Works, some seven years ago, granted the whole of the sewage of London north of the Thames for fifty years to a company under an Act of Parliament. Mr. Mechi hears that a committee of the board are now inquiring why that contract has remained for seven years a dead letter.

The Queen has directed that the old tapestries of Holyrood Palace, which are in a very dilapidated condition, should be restored at the Royal tapestry works, Old Windsor.

The Abbé Liszt is writing a "dramatic Oration."—*St. Stanislas*.

The Cutlers' Company have made the following reply, under date November 8, to the letter of the joint honorary secretaries of the Committee of Livery Companies of London on Technical Education:—"I am directed by the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Executive Committee of Livery Companies of London on Technical Education, and to express the hope of the Cutlers' Company that the scheme proposed by the committee for the extension and improvement of technical education may prove successful. I am at the same time desired to state that my company is not prepared to join in the combined action suggested by the committee. Their doing so would, in the opinion of the Cutlers' Company, tend to the promotion of a vast general scheme of education, rather than one suited for cutlers in the various branches of the trade, and would be somewhat calculated to interfere with perfect freedom of action on the part of the Cutlers' Company. The company is fully impressed with the importance of promoting, so far as possible, technical education in all branches of trade and manufacture represented by the various City Guilds, and I am requested to state that a special committee is now engaged in working out the details necessary to enable the company to take independent action in the matter, with a view to the encouragement of the production and manufacture of superior articles in cutlery in its various branches, and to the promotion of the interests of the cutlery trade in general.—I am, dear Sirs, yours faithfully, W. C. Beaumont, Clerk."

Shakespeare is greatly relished by the Chinese in California, and Othello has lately been played at a Mongolian theatre in San Francisco. Some slight innovations, however, were introduced to suit local tastes, for instance, the plot of the tragedy was made to turn entirely upon the identification of Desdemona's handkerchief, which is recognised to slow music in the last act by a four-bittee laundryman.

The Bishop of Manchester in preaching at Oswestry, read a letter from a young lady giving him the following account of her day, and asking him where there was any time in it for religious work:—"We breakfast about ten. Breakfast occupies the best part of an hour, during which we read our letters, and pick up the latest news in the papers. After that we have to go and answer our letters, and my mother expects me to write her notes of invitation, or to reply to such. Then I have to go into the conservatory and feed the canaries and parrots, and cut off the dead leaves and faded flowers from the plants. Then it is time to dress for lunch, and at two o'clock we lunch. At three my mother likes me to go with her when she makes her calls, and we then come home to a five o'clock tea, when some friends drop in. After that we get ready to take our drive in the park, and then we go home to dinner, and after dinner we go to the theatre or the opera and then when we get home I am so dreadfully tired that I don't know what to do."

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## Answers to Correspondents.

P.M. Yes, our late Bro. Frederick Peppy's Cockerell was W.M., of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, but in 1868, not 1860.

P.G.S.E.—The date of the warrant appointing Col. Duff, M.P., R.W.P.G. Supt. of Norfolk, is July 16th of the present year.

## BOOKS &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"New York Dispatch;" "Sunday Times;" "Secret of Success; or how to get on in the World;" "Poets' Magazine;" "Keystone;" "La Chaine D'Union;" "Freemason's Repository;" "Paris Exhibition for 1878;" "Hebrew Leader;" "Masonic Advocate;" "Masonic Token;" "Bjorn and Bera; a Norse Legend;" "Hull Packet;" "London Express;" "Scottish Freemason;" "Broad Arrow;" "Touchstone;" "Risorgimento;" "Corner Stone;" "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; its Early History and Constitutions; its Minutes and Proceedings;" "Philadelphia Chronicle;" "Herald;" "Night and Day;" "Canadian Craftsman;" "City Press;" "Citizen."

The following reports stand over:—Lodges 41, 913, 1158, 1593, 1621; Chapter 1507; Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

## BIRTHS.

GLADSTONE.—On the 9th inst., at Westbourne-place, Eaton-square, the wife of R. S. Gladstone, of a daughter.

RAIKES.—On the 10th inst., at Westbourne Park-villas, the wife of R. T. Raikes, of a son.

THOMAS.—On the 10th inst., at Grove Park, Lee, Kent, Mrs. L. W. Thomas, of a son.

## DEATHS.

BEECHING.—On the 8th inst., at his residence, Percy House, Tunbridge-wells, Stephen Beeching, Esq., in his 79th year. Deeply regretted.

FELLOWS.—On the 11th inst., at Montague-read, Dalston, Bro. Francis Fellows, of consumption.

JONES.—On the 10th inst., at Baynada, Dolgelly, John Jones, aged 70.

## THE FREEMASON,

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1878.

## ENGLISH AND FOREIGN FREEMASONRY.

In the discussions and considerations to which this passing question has given rise to, it seems to us well to remind our readers how purely non-political and non-sectarian English Masonry really is, and how it stands on that one goodly platform, which proclaims to men and the Masonic world the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. We do not propose today to enter into any of the considerations which relate to the past history of English Freemasonry, to earlier teaching or distinct proclivities. We take the Union of 1813 as a "stand-point," (to use a Germanism), and there it is we find a rallying centre, for all loyal Cosmopolitan Masons. For acceptance of belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man necessitates a good deal more than acquiescence in Deistic formularies or nihilistic subtleties. Theism, remember, is not Deism, inasmuch as the former pre-supposes a personal God, the latter a mere "anima mundi." Thus it will be seen at once how definite, and yet how tolerant is the foundation truth of English Freemasonry. We accept all brethren, even of differing creeds, who, like us, can reverently acknowledge "our Father which is in Heaven," who can be fellow-workers with us in all those deeds of humanitarian beneficence and charity, which the Sacred Word enjoins, or even "humanitarianism" applauds. But beyond that we cannot and do not go. To some minds we go too far, to some we do not go far enough; but Freemasonry like truth rejoices in a "via media," and rejects none who can conscientiously say we believe in, accept, trust in, worship T.G. A.O.T.U., the common Master, Sovereign, and Providential Arbiter of mankind. Now we know that it is exactly this question which has been assailed by the positivists, the nihilists, the materialists, as well as the Ultramontanans of the day, for extremes always meet. In the Grand Orient of France, unfortunately, the views of a thoroughly destructive party have got the upper hand, and it is much to be feared that when the question arises in the "Rite Ecosais" "can Atheists be admitted?" owing to their having already tampered with the strictness of their own tolerant and enlightened profession of faith, they will have no logical course open, but to still further explain away their moderate avowal even of a "Principe Createur." Neither to positivism, nor nihilism, nor materialism, much less to Ultramontanism, will such an avowal be satisfactory, and it will be seen that nothing will suit the movement party, but to make a "tabula rasa" of all declarations, which avow not only belief in a personal God, but belief in God at all, unless indeed we are contented with the subterfuge of a "Principe Createur," a "Force Superieure," which may mean anything or nothing, and is only a Jesuitic evasion of a grave difficulty. We hope that our forebodings may not be fulfilled, but we have great fears for the future, we confess. Knowing what has been for some time going on better than most people, we cannot but feel the outlook to be dreary and disheartening in the extreme. But we have this one consolation, the great family of Anglo-Saxon Masonry remains true to the ancient principles and the "good old ways." It moves on, heedless of censure or criticism, of doubt or disavowal, of the dilemmas of positivism, of the violence of unbelief, and adheres faithfully and firmly to the Rock of Ages, upholding as before the world its unchanged and unchanging belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

## THE PROGRESS OF MASONIC LITERATURE.

We have often alluded to this subject before, and we recur to it now with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain. If on the one hand it be true that we see before us many valuable works issuing

from the Cosmopolitan Masonic Press, day by day, we cannot also but feel how much labour is thrown away, how many sacrifices are made in vain, when we realize the paucity of Masonic readers, the unproductiveness of Masonic literature. It is somewhat humiliating to us as an Order, is it not? the undoubted fact, that almost all Masonic literature is carried on unremuneratively, and that owing either to the apathy or indolence of Freemasons admirable serials and papers "go down" constantly, because simply "starved to death" for want of sympathy and support. Neither do the greater works fare better than the "lighter array," nor are the standing works of reference more eagerly sought after than the ephemeral pamphlets of the hour. Why is this? How can this "paradox" almost, be accounted for, that an intelligent fraternity disregards its own literature, nay, and deprecates its "own honest wares of literary ability and effort, which otherwise in the wide open market might find purchasers and readers. We cannot explain it, we never could explain it, except on this one supposition,—that Freemasons are too busy to read Masonic literature, and that the "sociability" of Freemasonry has the principal attraction for the large majority of its members. We are not, however, going to make a complaint against "Masonic sociability," inasmuch as it is a good thing in its way, but we think it right to mention the fact, the non-popularity of Masonic literature, and leave it simply to the appreciation of the intelligent, and the consideration of the educated in our esteemed Order. We are glad to-day to mention, with feelings of just pride, Bro. Fort's "Antiquities of Freemasonry," a very remarkable book, Bro. D. Murray Lyon's "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh," Bro. Findel's "History of Freemasonry," as modern Masonic works of great merit. When it is boldly stated, as it sometimes is, by the ignorant, and accepted as a fact by the credulous, that Freemasonry has no literature, we can boldly call the attention of the "Maligner" to works like these, which would reflect credit on any association, simply as literary works of high excellence, but which, owing to the difficulties attendant on all Masonic history, criticism, and "Belles Lettres" are not sufficiently appreciated, though they are worthy of all gratitude and commendation. We trust sincerely that we too ere long shall boast of "reading Masons" amongst us, and that that mighty wave of intellectual study and advance which is sweeping before it the "dry withered leaves" of often too easily contented days, may bear us Freemasons on its "crest" to share in the student labours of our enquiring epoch, and to develop the benefits and importance of Masonic literature.

## THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

We have thought it well to add a few words of explanation in our pages, which the necessary condensed report in last *Freemason* did not permit, and to call attention to a fuller report in our columns this week. It will be seen that our esteemed and gallant Bro. Col. Creaton who was the first chairman of the Association, has felt that a question had arisen, which he could only truly answer, by ceasing to take an official and active part in the administration of an association of which he perfectly saw the need, and is prepared to uphold the value. He is, as our brethren and readers are aware, very often Chairman of the Quarterly Courts, and especially of the Courts for Elections, and it had, we believe, been remarked, that there was something a little incompatible in any one brother filling two such positions at the same time. We probably should laugh at any such idea, but our gallant brother felt that as chairman of a meeting pledged to absolute impartiality, and as the rules of the institution properly preclude any of the officials taking any part in elections, he should in this, as he was sure to do, set a good example, and so, though very reluctantly, he resigned the chairmanship of the London Masonic Charity Association. We shall all commend his clear sense of what is due to Masonic impartiality and his abstract and concrete realization of duty. We may add,

that the London Masonic Charity Association continues its unpretending and useful course despite many party and foolish prepossessions and objections assiduously made, though practically equally unreal and illogical, and will seek at the next election, as it did at the last, to assist the most friendless candidates with good effect, as it cannot understand on what Masonic principle, Masonic orphans, because they have few friends, are to be left out in the cold.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even 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.]

#### THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason"

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should not have sought to intervene in this discussion, which, like all Masonic discussions, seems only to generate personalities, did I not feel that silence might be construed as indicative both of weakness of a cause and absence of facts of history. I am not concerned with Bro. Bedolfe's line of argument, it is his own and not mine, and I am only responsible for what I say myself.

But I cannot concur with Bro. Lamony historically, in any sense whatever. There is no analogy in the least, in my humble opinion, as between the antiquity of the Craft, or even of the Royal Arch, and the present system of Mark Masonry. For while "indicia" abound of the antiquity of Craft Masonry, the Mark Degree, as at present constituted and worked, is most purely modern.

That a Mark ceremonial existed towards the end of the last century I freely concede, but it is doubtful even, if that is in any sense the present system. The Mark system does not take its name from "Mason Marks," but from "St. Mark," to whom Mark lodges were originally dedicated, something like the St. Lawrence Association and others. It is no doubt true that the old operative Masons used Marks, but I have never been able to trace, (much as I have tried to do so), any connexion between the present Mark system and the old operative Marks. At the same time, the old "St. Mark lodges" may have been an affiliated Masonic guild, who preserved a system of "Mark Masonry," properly so called. In the Scottish lodges all "Fallows of Craft" seem to have had a "Mark," and I do not think it worth while to doubt that the Mark system may perpetuate the memory of the old usage, though it may be a fair question how far Mark Masonry, as it is called, really uphold's the old teaching. It is a point, however, in the discussion, not to be lost sight of, that many of the old Mark lodges may be traced back to the end of last century.

Bro. Lamony's views as to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry might easily be proved to be erroneous historically, if time and space permitted, but I do not fancy he is very much in earnest about them, and only uses them as "side issues," and on the "tu quoque," and "ad hominem" principles. Historically, as I feel sure our Bro. Hughan will agree with me, the present system of Mark Masonry must be pronounced absolutely modern.

I am, yours fraternally,

MASONIC STUDENT.

#### THE MARK DEGREE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If Bro. Bedolfe will persist in gratifying his "Cacoethes Scribendi" and dilate upon subjects foreign to his understanding, wherein he does not hesitate to ascribe to those whose opinions differ from his own, "a want of common sense and truth," he must be prepared to find that there are those who—although they may not be blessed with truth and common sense to the sublime extent as himself (?)—are yet "truthful and honest" in their convictions.

I regret that any remark of mine should for one moment have disturbed the placid disposition of my worthy brother, but I fear that his own personalities must be held in a great measure responsible for anything which to him may bear that appearance.

Bro. Bedolfe questions my "right to mingle in a discussion unless I seriously enter into the same." It would be well he should bear in mind that the Press like Masonry is "free" and is open not only to discussion (which by the bye should be wholesome and void of acerbity) but also to the criticism of a discussion, and this Bro. Bedolfe must be prepared to meet, particularly when endeavouring to raise a discussion he resorts to hunting up ancient matter, and then stoops to charge the expressions of an honest brother with "want of truth, common sense and bad grammar;" but Bro. Bedolfe appears to think the "world of Freemasonry his own," and that his opinions, upon a matter of which he pleads entire ignorance, alone should prevail, and most erroneous and presumptuous indeed are those who differ from him. I should be very sorry to argue the point which Bro. Bedolfe seems desirous to raise with a person of so little equanimity of temper, yet I feel it a duty when I see Bro. Bedolfe sneeringly ridicule a Masonic Degree of which I feel proud to be a member; to throw back those sneers and ridicule, and ask him how it is that as he would not be such a "traitor" to the Craft in joining the Mark Degree, he yet has the gross indiscretion (I was about to say effrontery) of disobeying the commands of our M.W. Grand Master, by fraternizing with the Grand Orient of France. Such conduct appears to me to be very questionable, to say the least of it, and, again, as to the word "traitor," applied, of course, not only to myself, but to thousands of honest

Craft Masons, I urge it is meet that Bro. Bedolfe should modify that expression, as I consider by using it even as an inuendo, it is both unmasonic and unmanly, but as I feel it scarcely likely Bro. Bedolfe will eschew his respectful expression, I will be the first to give him the hand of fellowship in remitting to you, dear sir, a cheque for ten guineas for one of the Masonic Institutions, on the behalf of the "Mark Degree," if Bro. Bedolfe will do the same on the part of the Craft. I deem this much more sensible than impassioned arguments upon unknown matters, and I am sure there appears room in the Subscriber's List, for the names of those which would add lustre to the roll; rank and title is, no doubt, great, but true Masonic charity is greater.

Bro. Bedolfe's explanation of the Second Degree is as meagre and wanting as the Degree itself, and to his appeal to brethren to "study its simplicity" I, as one of his brethren, and who takes, perhaps, as equal an interest in Craft Masonry and its ancient landmarks as himself, beg to say that I fail to find a "basis for a study." Simplicity requires little study.

I will leave it to Grand Lodge to decide as to whether by joining the Mark Degree I am a traitor to the Craft, to whom Bro. Bedolfe should appeal for my expulsion, and as a concluding remark, I will simply add, that I hope never to be such a traitor to English Craft Masonry as to so far forget myself in visiting and prying into the lodges of the Grand Orient in direct disobedience of the M.W.G.M.'s commands, and against my own conscience in particular.

I am, dear Sir, yours in faith and fraternally,

ECCE SIGNUM.

#### THE SCOTTISH RITE IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am in the habit of attending the meetings of a French lodge belonging to the Scottish Rite, will you kindly inform me if its members would be admitted in English lodges? Since the necessary rupture between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France, I naturally asked the members of the lodge I attend whether they held themselves in obedience to the Grand Orient. Their reply was, that they had nothing at all to do with it. But as I know that the lodge admits and initiates Free-thinkers, &c., and also allows "la liberté absolue de conscience," I cannot see any difference between them and the Grand Orient, i.e., in principles.

It will be a great pleasure to me if, through you or any of your readers, I may be able to state on official authority that true Masonry requires a belief in God, that the words "Great Architect of the Universe" signify God only, and not any "être suprême" that each candidate here forms according to his own ideas. It is continually asserted here that Masonry is universal, and that, therefore, it is unreasonable to admit only those who believe in God. I stand almost alone regarding these matters and I seek good authority to affirm what I, as an English Mason, have so often asserted to be the vital principles of Freemasonry.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

B. DE M. DOWSON,

Late Member of the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10. Cannes, S. France.

#### AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me once again to call your attention to a few facts on behalf of the London candidates for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, whom the London Masonic Charity Association are endeavouring to rescue from being periodically left out in the cold. I venture to call upon our London brethren in particular, and Masonic brethren in general, to assist the efforts of our much needed organisation. I may state our Association is collected fortuitously from the different lodges scattered over the metropolis; in many cases perfect strangers to one another, until banded together, on recognising the urgent necessity of preventing our elections becoming mere matters of personal friendship and individual interest. To these brethren thus diversely met, at the expenditure of considerable time, trouble, and money, whose only hope of reward is the knowledge of endeavouring, if not succeeding, to help the poor and needy, the fatherless and widow, to this body, I say, let the votes of the London brethren be intrusted, rather than to any individual, however good and excellent, for, in the former case, there should be something of "wisdom in a multitude of councillors," whereas, in the latter case, one of our opponents' great objections to us, the loss of individuality, is doubled by being swallowed up in another individual. If these few words, the essence of the thoughts of one whose sole aim and object is to act on the square to one and all without distinction, shall have brought any brother to carefully consider the privilege he has obtained for himself; and the right way, even if he does not join our Association, of using the power which that privilege obtains, I shall be well repaid for any trouble I may have taken in the matter. I would earnestly recall to the minds of your readers the distressing cases of the boys Watkins and Green at the October election, with their last chance of succeeding, who were unsuccessful, and left out to starve in the cold; the former is certainly the most distressing case—one of nine left on a penniless mother for support—has now no resource but a parochial school, and may be pronounced literally friendless. The other case of Green, though only one of five children, there is in this family a paralyzed father, utterly unable to work for his living, now existing on the last two or three hundred pounds of his capital. Yet such distressing cases as these are allowed, for the want of a little thought or care, to go to the wall for the sake of others on the first, out of several possible applications; and others, again, who are really not the objects for which these Institutions

were intended. If this is to continue to be the case, the provinces and individuals, for the mere sake of the glory of saying "I never take up a case but what I am sure to succeed, if not the first the second time;" or, "I never have to apply a second time," I would ask, in all fraternal feeling, whether it is fair, Masonic, or equitable, to sacrifice even one candidate on the altar of their self-esteem when both candidates could be equally benefited by a right use of the voter's power. I once more call the attention of the London brethren to the next April election, and to the fact that there will be three London Candidates "in periculo mortis," at their last gasp, and that if they wish London not to be disgraced in her own eyes, as well as those of the provinces, they will save these from perishing, not necessarily at the head of the poll, but within the limited number. The names are Frost with ten votes, Giles with three, and Nicholls with 1013 votes, to bring forward. Brethren, let it not be said, as at the last election, that London, with three candidates on their last legs, was only able to save one.

I trust that I have said nothing offensive to any one; it has not been the intention of

Yours fraternally,

C. J. PERCEVAL.

Treasurer L.M.C.A.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE KIRKDALE LODGE, No. 1756.

There was an exceedingly large gathering of the Masonic fraternity at the Skelmersdale Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool, on Friday week, the 8th inst., when the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, was duly and solemnly consecrated, according to the impressive rites of our Order.

Considerable disappointment was felt by the brethren at the inability of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, Dep. G.M. of England, and P.G.M. of West Lancashire, to be present and perform the consecrating ceremony, but a severe cold caught in the course of his journey to London for Masonic purposes on the previous day rendered it impossible for his lordship to leave Lathom House. A telegram of apology for non-attendance was received by Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Secretary, who, at very short notice, took the place of Consecrating Officer, and performed his important duties in a manner which elicited universal admiration.

The proceedings were announced to begin at two o'clock, and shortly after that hour there were about 100 brethren present, these including Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., acting as Consecrating Officer; the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, P.G. Chaplain, acting as P.M.; H. R. Robertson, P.G. J.W., as S.W.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treasurer, as J.W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., acting as P.G. Secretary; S. E. Ibbes, P.P.G.S.B., as I.G.; J. Wells, P.G.D.C. as M.C.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C., as Assistant M.C.; E. B. Harding, P.P.G.S.D.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. (N.W. and Salop); H. Williams, P.G.S.; J. Hayes, P.G.S.; J. Wainwright, P.G.A.D.C.; J. E. Jackson, P.G.S. of W.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Peters, P.P.G.S.W. (N.W. and Salop); D. W. Finney, P.G.S.; J. P. McArthur, P.M. 1086; G. J. Townsend, W.M. 1086; J. R. Ross, S.D. 1289; S. Johnson, 249; J. R. Japha, S.D. 203; R. E. Mitton, 1356; James Ellis, P.M. 1086; J. Bromley, P.M. 203; G. Sculthorpe, P.M. 1035; T. J. Mortleman, S.D. 1473; C. Birch, J.W. 203; T. W. Rudd, Org. 1299; J. Jones, P.M. 216; T. Hatton, J.D. 203; W. Whittaker, 203; E. H. Knowles, 613; E. Johnston (W.M. designate of the new lodge), P.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, 1035; A. Morrison, W.M. 1570; J. Ashley, 1356, and 1609; A. McDougall, 203; D. Saunders, 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; J. S. Beauford, S.W. 32; W. H. Ball, P.G.A. Tyler; W. Sephton, P.M. 1086; Thomas Evans, P.M. 1570 and 1356; S. Bushell, 667; H. Gribbon, 1356; R. P. Gill, S.W. 216; J. Blake, C. 216; John Latta, J.D. 241; T. Clark, P.M. and Treasurer 673; A. Woolrich, S.W. 1356; Dr. D. Costine, J.W. 216; J. Queen, 667; P. Armstrong 724; E. McCabe, Sec. 203; G. E. Hanmer, P.M. 1086; J. T. Alston, S.W. 203; G. S. Willings, P.M. 667; T. W. Serjeant, P.M. 203; T. Armstrong, P.M. 203; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; J. Keet, Sec. 1356; S. Wylde, P.M. 1403; J. Baxendale, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. W. Williams, W.M. 1356; L. Ashmore, W.M. 823; P. Neill, P.M. 203; B. W. Rawson, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. James, P.M. 203; J. Winsor, 241; Dr. T. Young, 1473; and others.

After the lodge had been opened in the Three established Degrees, Bro. Alpass, the Presiding Officer, gave an admirable and thoroughly practical address to the brethren of the new lodge, strongly urging them to work in harmony with the other lodges which meet in the building; gave them sound advice as to the admission of joining members, and strongly insisted upon the necessity and desirability of exercising that virtue which must be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart—charity, both towards those benevolent institutions of the fraternity which existed in London, as well as nearer our own doors.

The P.G.C. having offered solemn prayer, the acting P.G. Sec. read the petition and warrant of the new lodge, which is to meet on the fourth Wednesday in each month.

The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. J. Jenkins), then delivered the following oration:—

Brethren, we are assembled here to-day for the very important work of establishing and consecrating a new centre, whence will be disseminated more widely in this district those principles of love and charity, which form at once the foundation and keystone of the Masonic structure, and this duty being about to be intrusted, to some extent, to new hands, guided by brethren of experience in the Craft, it were not amiss, I think, if we briefly examined the first principles of our Order, and if I were to offer some few words of counsel as to those moral duties, for the discharge

of which we, as Freemasons, are all responsible. We are instructed in the work of the First Degree that Freemasonry is founded upon the purest principles of piety and virtue, civil, social, religious, and moral. We are led to understand by this that the good Mason must be a true and loyal subject, paying due obedience to all lawfully constituted authorities, and supporting them on every occasion when properly discharging their official duties; that nothing shall be powerful enough to weaken our family affections, or draw us away from the proper discharge of those domestic duties which render British homes the national pride of our people. That not only must we be not revilers of religion, but, whatever the faith we hold, lovers of our brethren, and faithful servants and worshippers of the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe, who must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. And although no true religion can impose on us absolute withdrawal from the world, and from the many good and beautiful things that the Most High has given us for our use, yet all true religion and, therefore, Freemasonry, and even nature herself, teach us to be temperate and discreet in the use of those pleasures which are so enticing to us in our present state, and which when used to excess tend to lead us into practices which would place us outside the pale of those who may be called moral; but by a prudent and well regulated course of discipline to preserve our mental and corporeal faculties in their fullest vigour, that we may be able to utilise to the fullest possible extent, to the honour and glory of our God, and the best welfare of our fellow creatures. Thus the very first principles of our Order are calculated to fix upon our minds, by continual repetition, the high duties which are laid upon us as children of the Most High, as citizens of the world, as heads of our respective families, and as individuals, and are intended to strengthen us in our purpose of discharging those duties with the most unremitting care and attention. Thus it is that we should bear ourselves in our conduct with the world, lest we bring discredit upon this most honourable fraternity, and bring a stain upon this heritage which has been handed down to us pure and unsullied. We should also be similarly careful as to our conduct within the lodge. There are those essential rules laid down for our guidance in the Ancient Charges of the First Degree, to which we should always pay the strictest attention and obedience; but there is one consideration which I must, in conclusion, bring under your notice, it is nowhere referred to in the charges I have spoken of, nor could we expect that it should be, because they pre-suppose that state of mind which although seldom found ought always to exist in each one of us. We all confess to the beauty of the various charges and addresses which are used in conferring the several degrees, but their truest beauty is not realized nor their highest object attained unless we think continually of the various lessons they inculcate, there is always a dangerous tendency from continually hearing the same things expressed in the same words, to overlook the deep importance of the things spoken, and the frequently hearing them from various persons induces us to criticise the manner in which they are delivered rather than cull the high maxims taught for our guidance and edification. The most successful Master is not the one who initiates the greatest number into the Craft, nor the one who displays the greatest powers of rhetoric, but he who by the modesty of his demeanour, and by the example of his own conduct convinces all that his words and actions are living illustrations of those high and noble sentiments and precepts which it is his duty to utter; without this appreciation of moral beauty both on the part of those who speak and of those who hear our ceremonies are empty and worthless forms, they are as the sounding brass and tinkling cymbal of Holy Writ, but with the fullness of living reality in them, as I have already described, illustrated by exemplary actions they will have their proper influence on the lives of all and so bear their proper part to fit and prepare us for that solemn time when entering the dark deep valley of the shadow of death, we shall need to be sustained by a reasonable hope that on rising from the tomb of transgression we may shine like the stars in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

The remainder of the ceremony was of the usual impressive character, and the musical portion was most efficiently given by Bros. D. Saunders, 1609; H. Ashmore, W.M. 823; J. Busfield, 216; J. Queen, 667; J. P. Bryan, 203; and Gillfillan, Bro. J. Skeaf, P.G.O., presiding at the harmonium.

Bro. Robertson, P.G.J.W., afterwards most efficiently installed Bro. E. Johnston as the first W.M. of the Kirkdale Lodge, and the officers invested were Bros. W. Gick, S.W.; H. Ferguson, J.W.; R. E. Mitton, Treasurer; and J. Grierson, Secretary.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet, most satisfactorily provided by Bro. Casey, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE KING HENRY VIII. LODGE, No. 1757.

This new lodge for the Province of Herts was consecrated on Monday afternoon, at the Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead, by the Right Worshipful Bro. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire. The following brethren were present, those who are Provincial Grand Officers occupying their respective positions in the lodge:—Bros. W. Oswell Thompson, C. Haddock, H. Baldwin, G. P. Bernard, G. Finch, Thomas Woodman, Geo. Young, T. Thomas, Tyler; J. Middleton, Tyler; H. D. Martin, Acacia, 1314; Lawler, Moria; F. T. Elgington, 1321; R. B. Bateman, J.D. 591; W. H. Borne, P.M. 198 and 504; D. C. Foster, P.M. 504; G. Hisley, 1479; W. H. Hobson, 504; G. Young, S.W. 979; W. Norris,

840; T. F. Knight Smith, J.W. 1441; W. Bonsor, W.M. 1580; W. Smith, H.D., M.A., J.D. 1538; W. D. Colivestark, P.M. 1668; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; T. Kent, P.G.J.D., and W.M. 1479; J. Terry, P.G.J.W., 1580; J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C., 1580; T. J. Carter, P.G.S.D., 493; A. E. Ohney, P.M. 504; H. Hallis, P.M. 167; H. Massey, P.M. 619 (*Freemason*).

The following brethren performed the musical portion of the ceremony:—Bros. Knight Smith, T. Lawler, Martin, George Young, George Young, jun., Dr. Smith, and Walter Norris. Bro. James Terry, Prov. G.J.W., delivered the oration.

After Bro. Halsey had consecrated the lodge he installed Bro. the Rev. W. Oswell Thompson, Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, P.M., and Provincial Grand Chaplain, as Worshipful Master of the lodge. The brethren appointed to office were Bros. Samuel Haddock, S.W.; Henry Balderson, J.W.; Dr. Bernard, Treasurer (pro tem.) and Secretary; Rev. George Finch, P.M., P. Prov. G. Chaplain, S.D.; Thomas Woodman, J.D.; and George Young, I.G.

Bro. Halsey performed the whole of the ceremonies in admirable style, and with a fluency which displayed perfect mastery of the noble art. Before resuming his seat on the right of the W.M., he said he hoped the lodge would have a long career of usefulness. Propositions for joining were then given in, and the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Hertfordshire, for so readily, kindly, and efficiently conducting the important duties of Consecrating Master. He also hoped that the Prov. G.M. would allow his name to be enrolled as an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Haddock, S.W., seconded the motion, which was then passed and carried unanimously.

Bro. Halsey, in acknowledging the compliment, said he had to thank the brethren heartily for the kind manner in which they had received his humble services. It had afforded him great pleasure to assist in the consecration of the lodge in that, the last important town in the province. He had long regretted that there was no lodge in the town with which he was so closely connected, in which he had spent the greater part of his days, and where he was likely to live the remainder of his life. He hoped the lodge would be a success. There was every reason why there should be a lodge in the town. It gave him double pleasure in installing the present W.M. as the first Master of the lodge, having been a contemporary of the W.M. in Masonry at Oxford, and having kept up a close Masonic connection with him through a London lodge since the days of their youth. He knew the W.M.'s efficiency in the Craft, and that he was likely to start the lodge with great credit.

The Prov. Grand Master was then elected an honorary member of the lodge, which he said he was most happy to accept.

The lodge was soon after closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

In giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., &c.," the W.M. said that when they come to this toast they seemed to be getting very near home, and could realize the toast themselves more than the previous toasts. They had a brother amongst them who was a Grand Officer, and who was in a special degree connected with Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Wilson, who had taken a very active part in the Masonry of Hertfordshire, was a Grand Pursuivant of England, and he was a brother well known to all of them, and was highly esteemed. The Earl of Carnarvon was a good Oxford Mason, and a member of the same lodge there as he (the W.M.) had the honour himself to belong to. Belonging to the same lodge he (the W.M.) knew him to be a good Mason in every way. He was most diligent in his attendance at Grand Lodge, as all the brethren knew, and performed the duties of the M.W.G.M. in His Royal Highness' absence.

Bro. Wilson, Assistant G.P., replied, and said that it was most important that the Craft should be represented by Grand Officers in whom they had confidence, and on whom they could rely for their government. For Lord Carnarvon he could say that all the brethren knew that no one was more competent than he to discharge the duties of Pro Grand Master. Every brother who had the honour and privilege of attending Grand Lodge knew that Lord Carnarvon attended there as presiding officer very frequently, and that he presided over Grand Lodge and ruled it in the spirit of Masonry. They knew he had Masonry at heart and that he was desirous of furthering its objects and making it honoured. Lord Skelmersdale also had his heart in Masonry, and was always ready to do all he could to promote its interests. The other Grand Officers did the same, and had worked diligently, faithfully and zealously, or they would not have attained their high positions. On his own behalf, as one of those Grand Officers, he thanked the W.M. heartily for having coupled his name with the toast. He was pleased to visit this lodge and receive the brethren's hospitality. The ceremonies had been performed by the Prov. G.M. in most admirable style, and he had been much pleased with the opportunity of witnessing them. Every brother must have been delighted with the way in which both the consecration and the installation had been performed, and they were all deeply indebted to the Prov. G. Master, as well as to those brethren who had assisted him. Bro. Terry had given them a splendid oration, and had delivered it most eloquently. The treat they had all had was highly valued by all the brethren, and for the reception which he himself had received he had to thank the brethren sincerely.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," and said that this lodge having been consecrated that evening was the junior lodge of the province, and, therefore, a very special obligation was thrown upon it of behaving itself, as, indeed, there was upon all who had the eyes of the world upon them. Young people who appeared in the world

always had the eyes of the world upon them. In public life the last person who appeared on the scene grew in publicity in a special degree; and he could not but think that what occurred in the world with it was the case within the hallowed world of Masonry. Therefore, the new King Henry VIII. Lodge, No. 1757, most especially at that moment, was drawing the eyes of publicity upon it. When it had been consecrated and dedicated, as it had been that afternoon, by the Right W. the Prov. G.M. himself, he thought they must all be filled with that zeal for Masonry in recognition of the efficient way in which the ceremonies had been performed, that they should drink the toast he now proposed with the greatest enthusiasm. It was a most acceptable toast. All the brethren of the lodge were well tried and earnest Masons, and he trusted that great results would accrue from the establishment of the lodge. He was sure that the R.W. Prov. G.M. would not have cause to look upon the King Henry VIII. Lodge as the least of the lodges he had to rule over. Therefore, in full hope of the future usefulness of the lodge and its future advantage to the Craft, as well as of future honour to themselves, he asked them to drink "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master," especially remembering that he was the Consecrating Officer of the day.

Bro. Halsey, in reply, said, it was with very great diffidence that he rose to return thanks for the honour which had been done him in drinking his health. He could only say with regard to what the W.M. had been kind enough to say as to the part he (the Prov. G.M.) had taken in the performance of the duties of the day that his duties had been very light, and they had been doubly light, if he might use the expression, by the efficiency of the other brethren who had also borne a most important part in the ceremonies. He could not omit to mention a brother who was a most important officer on these occasions, and that was the Director of Ceremonies. Also there were the musical brethren, because a good deal of the ceremony was musical; and if at the consecration of a lodge they were not provided with good and efficient brethren to manage that part of the ceremony the proceedings must fall somewhat flat. However, he ventured to think that at any rate, the proceedings that day had gone off very satisfactorily, and so as to warrant them in believing that the lodge would in due course fill an important place in the town. He was confident there was scope for its operation in the neighbourhood and in the province of Hertfordshire. He could repeat what he said in the lodge room that it had given him great pleasure to find a lodge launched in a town with which he was so closely connected for various reasons, and in which he had spent the greater part of his life, and expected to spend the remainder. He had often thought there was scope for a lodge there, and raw material out of which to hew Masons, plenty of the rough ashlar out of which to mould a perfect stone; and he did not see why this lodge should not enjoy a lengthened career of usefulness. He certainly must express his gratitude to the brethren of this province generally who had supported him in encouraging the progress of Freemasonry in the province during the four years he had had the honour of presiding over it. Of course it never could be a very large province, or one that could vie with either of the divisions of Lancashire or Yorkshire. It was a rural province. Considering that this was the third lodge that had been consecrated during his Prov. Grand Mastership he thought it showed a progress of which no province need be ashamed. He was reminded by the Senior Grand Warden that this was the eleventh lodge in the province, it was consecrated on the 11th of November, and November was the 11th month in the year. It was a peculiar coincidence. He thought the lodge entered the world under the most favourable auspices and most prosperous omens, and he trusted it would go on and meet there for a long time to come, with increased numbers on the anniversary of that day. He tendered the brethren his most cordial thanks for the honour they had done him, and he wished the W.M. health and strength to carry out the business of the lodge.

Bro. Dr. Wilson lies, Prov. G. Sec. proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. G.M. and the Prov. G. Officers," to which Bro. Dawson, Prov. G.S.W. responded.

Bro. Halsey proposed "The Health of the W.M." It was through his instrumentality that the success of the day had been achieved, and by which the lodge would during the ensuing year realise the hopes which were entertained of it. From what they had seen of the energy and talent of the W.M. in getting up the lodge with the assistance of other brethren, and the manner it had been carried out, they were entitled to predict a glorious future for the lodge. He might speak with confidence of the knowledge of the W.M. of Freemasonry, and of his Masonic acquirements, because, as he had already mentioned, for many years he had been in close connection with the W.M. in Freemasonry. He felt sure that during the ensuing year the lodge would attain a position which it ought to take among the lodges of England, and he trusted the W.M. would receive support from the brethren.

The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that there was no part of his duties which he performed that day with more uncomfortableness than he did in replying to this toast. If there was anything he hated it was having his health drunk. When it was proposed as the Prov. G.M. had just proposed it, coupled with a wish for the success of himself and of Lodge 1757, he could not but feel he ought to be ashamed of himself if he did not try to respond to it most heartily. He could not but think that the Prov. G.M. and brethren had done him too great honour in calling him to preside over this the youngest lodge in the province. Being already a Past Master in the Craft he did not in any way seek the honour of presiding over this lodge; but when he found it was a wish and desire that a lodge should be formed in Hemel Hempstead, and when he found in answer to full enquiries that it was with the full concur-



sence of the Master of the province himself, he thought he should be erring in his duty to Masonry generally if he refused to accept the honour imposed on him. It was therefore with the strongest desire to fulfil his duty that he entered on the Mastership of the lodge. No Mason ought to say he did not want to perform a duty which ought to be performed. If a Mason did he ought to be turned out as a coward at once. He (the W.M.) could not flinch from the duty he was asked to assume, and he trusted he should be able during his year of office to perform his duty not only with success to Masonry in general but also with advantage to the lodge. The lodge was deeply indebted to those who were concerned in the formation of it. The brethren connected with the neighbourhood deserved more than he did, and if he could in any way further their wishes Masonically he would wish to do so. Therefore, anything he could do to promote the success of the gathering that day he had been very glad to be able to do so. He thought that Masonry always flourished where it was advanced by those who had no other feeling in their hearts for it but a desire to do it good. Sometimes it was the duty of his calling, he might say its privilege, and he should be very much ashamed of himself if he did not say it was his pleasure, to say things which were not always so tasteful to people as they desired, and, therefore, at the present time he said that Masons themselves often failed in realising the full importance of the Order to which they had attached themselves, and the principles of which they were pledged to advance. He did not, however, think that those who were associated with him in this lodge would fail in their appreciation of the high duties of Masonry which might occasionally be observed in the Masonic world. He did not mean to say that there was a failure of duty anywhere, but they all knew that those who joined the Masonic Craft had not always the interests of Masonry at heart. At some times Masons were taunted with the charge that they met for good dinners, and good company, and so forth, and, therefore, it gave them some pain if they could not say, no, no Mason would ever so disgrace his professions or ignore the principles to which he was pledged. In the province, so well presided over by so thoroughly good a Mason as Bro. Halsey, who had his heart in Masonry, they had an example set them of what Masons ought to be, and in the starting a new lodge there, they had every possible augury for a successful future. He ventured to hope that those who had already joined the baby lodge of the province, and all those in the neighbourhood who wished them good will and a happy future would in every possible way work with them, as he was quite sure they would, to advance the principles of Masonry in the province, whether connected with this, the youngest, or with the oldest lodge in the province.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge."

Dr. Wilson then proposed "The Charities," and after the Tyler's toast had been honoured, the brethren separated.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE BRIXTON MARK LODGE, No. 234.

The consecration of the Brixton Mark Lodge, No. 234, was performed on Saturday last by Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.J.W., G.S., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. There were present on the occasion Bros. Col. Burdett, Prov. G.M. for Middlesex and Surrey; Thos. Poore, Charles Palmer McKay, Henry Lovegrove, George Clark, Charles T. Pearce, George Clark, jun., James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; J. K. Pitt, P.P.A.D.C., W.M. 193; Don. M. Dewar, G. Assist. Secretary; Fred H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; Charles Palmer, P.G. Steward, P. Prov. G.J.O.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., W.M. No. 1; M. S. Larham, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; Henry Baldwin, D.C. 139; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Pulman, J. B. Shackleton, W. G. Brighton, James Curtis, James Pinder, W.M. 205; Potter, Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 22 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been consecrated Bro. James Stevens advanced Bro. G. Clarke, jun., to the Mark Degree, and Bro. Thomas Poore was then installed by Bro. Binckes as W.M. of the lodge, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year:—Charles Palmer McKay, J.W. 139, S.W.; Henry Lovegrove, J.W.; George Clark, jun., M.O.; James Curtis, S.O.; Barker, J.O.; H. Baldwin, Secretary; Dr. Pearce, J.D.; and Bro. Potter, Tyler.

When all the work had been completed, the Consecrating Officers received a vote of thanks, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge, along with Col. Burdett, to whom a vote of thanks was also passed for his kindness in attending at the consecration.

Propositions for advancement and joining were subsequently given in, and after the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in due course.

Bro. H. C. Levander, G. Reg., in responding for the Grand Master, said it was the earnest desire of Lord Skelmersdale and all the Grand Officers who were associated with him, to do all they possibly could for the advancement of this Order. The brethren had had the pleasure that day of witnessing the consecration of a new lodge. Speaking for himself, it gave him a great deal of satisfaction to see Bro. Poore, whom he had known a long time, installed in the chair of a new Mark lodge. They trusted that this would be a most successful lodge. It was the first in that neighbourhood, and it had been commenced under good auspices. No doubt with such an energetic W.M., assisted by such well-known officers, the lodge would be a marked success, and with the wish that it would be, he begged to conclude his observations.

The W.M. in proposing "The Provincial Grand Master," said all the brethren were desirous to do all honour to Col. Burdett, a brother whose genial manner rendered him a great favourite with all of them. Col. Burdett always

seemed to enjoy himself among the brethren, and he was always ready to come among them.

Col. Burdett, in reply, said it always gave him pleasure to come among the lodges he ruled over. When he came among Mark lodges he found himself received in the most kind and pleasant manner. It was because the brethren were so kind and gracious that whenever the opportunity was offered he took advantage of it to come among them. The province had become a very large and efficient one, and had acquired great influence in the Order. They had been assisted by the Grand Master and Grand Officers generally. The province was increasing month by month. He believed this new lodge would become a very influential one, and hold a position in the province of considerable importance. The province for a long time had to strive against difficulties, but they had been nearly overcome.

Bro. Dewar, replying for the Deputy Grand Master, said, in his position as Assistant Grand Secretary it gave him great pleasure to see a new lodge so well started as the Brixton Lodge had been. It had been much wanted, and any assistance he could give to it or any other Mark lodge he should be most happy to render.

Bro. Shackleton said he had been lately at the Consecration of the St. Leonard Craft Lodge, as well as at the present Mark lodge. In both a most experienced Past Master was placed in the chair. It was the best criticism of the esteem in which Masonry was held when a number of brethren were found ready to serve under the gavel of an experienced P.M. He thought that if Past Masters would take the chair and become first Masters of new lodges it would be the best thing that could possibly happen for a lodge, because the P.M.s. were brethren of experience and could give the other brethren instruction in the business of the lodge, which would lay a good foundation for the lodge to work upon. They had an instance of this in the lodge just consecrated, and he believed if they came there that day twelvemonth they would see great progress in Mark Masonry.

Bro. James Stevens proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, by his long experience in Mark Masonry, had become a shining light in Mark Masonry, and a brother to whom they all looked not only for a full and proper explanation of the ceremonies, but for instruction in the Mark Degree. The repute in which he was held both in Craft and Mark Masonry would induce the brethren to give him that support which might probably lay the foundation of a most successful lodge in this district, which was now quite virgin ground. There was no Mark lodge in this district, and he was quite certain that Bro. Poore would not leave a stone unturned towards making the district famous for Mark Masonry.

The W.M., in reply, said he would do everything he possibly could during his year of office to promote the interests of Mark Masonry. He had had the pleasure and satisfaction of receiving a vast amount of Mark instruction from Bro. Binckes. He had the pleasure of being installed by him in the Panmure Lodge, and that made a great impression on him. He had seen the beauties of Mark Masonry, and it verified in some cases, and explained in others, what he heard when he was installed as Master of the Panmure Lodge. No pains should be spared on his part to make the Brixton Lodge a success. He agreed with Bro. Shackleton that a P.M. should be the first Master of a lodge, whether in the Craft or in the Mark. It gave the brethren an opportunity of performing their duties carefully. When he handed over the Brixton Lodge to his successor he hoped it would be a strong one which had made its mark in the province.

The W.M. next proposed "The Consecrating Master, Bro. F. Binckes," to whom he was indebted for all his Mark information. He believed it to be Bro. Binckes' greatest delight to further the interests of Mark Masonry.

Bro. Binckes, in reply, said Bro. Poore did him no more than justice when he said he had at heart, very nearly and dearly, the interests of Mark Masonry. It would be impossible for him, in the position he occupied, and had occupied for twenty years, to be indifferent to the progress of this Degree. When he first came into it it was in a very different position to what it was at the present time. He did not claim to have done much towards furthering that progress, but he did not hesitate to say he had watched it with interest and anxiety, and its present position was the best reward he had for any pains he had taken with it. It was now out of the reign of criticism; it was an established fact, a body that could boast of a very good organisation. It had the surest of all good bases of prosperity, good funded property, and it could give the best evidence that could be given, not hostages to fortune, but invested funds which they would not only take care of and increase, but which they would devote to good objects. With reference to observations of the previous speakers he was pleased to say that opinions he enunciated some years ago, not then so popular as they were now, with regard to Masters of lodges, were being adopted. It had always been his opinion that the first Master of a lodge should be an experienced Past Master, not only for the security it gave in the first year of a lodge's existence that its interests would be preserved, but a P.M. was one on whom they might rely and who would watch over the interests of a lodge as long as he was spared. It was all very well for young brethren to complain that they had to toil for a number of wearisome years to make themselves acquainted with the various details of office. In some it was called a legitimate ambition to leap into the chair. For himself he liked a good training. He went through that training himself, and he would advise all brethren not to be too eager for office, because he was satisfied that the experience which time alone could give—he did not care how gifted a man might be—whatever office he was called upon to fill he would fill with more satisfaction to himself and more advantage to those with whom he was associated if he brought to the discharge of his duties great experience.

He installed Bro. Poore as Master of a new lodge. After some years he again had installed him, and he could bear his testimony that Bro. Poore had discharged all his duties efficiently. Some time ago he (Bro. Binckes) undertook to discharge the duties of Installing Master in the country, when he was really unable to go through a sudden emergency. The only brother he could fall back upon was Bro. Poore, and Bro. Poore went down to Bury St. Edmund's and achieved such popularity there, that whatever popularity he (Bro. Binckes) before possessed he sacrificed it. The brethren there said that Bro. Binckes sent a representative, but the representative exceeded the original. This reminded him of the old lines.—

To teach his grandson draughts then

His leisure he'd employ,

Until at last the old man

Was beaten by the boy.

He was rejoiced to see the prosperity of the Order. Lodges were springing up in all directions and the brethren were taking great interest in the Degree and there were many who could do the work very well. It was only a few years ago that only two or three brethren could be depended on to work the ceremonies; but now there were a large number of accomplished Mark Masters ready to perform the duty, and whom he was glad to reckon in the foremost ranks. He thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and he again expressed the pleasure it had given him to install the W.M., as it had given him an opportunity of making some fresh additions to the many acquaintances he had formed during the last five and twenty years. He loved Masonry, and he loved Mark Masonry because it was a part of pure and ancient Freemasonry. He also loved it because outside it showed itself on all occasions not only desirous and determined, but willing and prepared to give practical effect to its professions by assisting the Masonic Charities with which he hoped his name would always be associated.

The toasts of "The Advanced Brother," "The Press," and "The Officers," were also given and responded to.

The W.M. proposed "The Charities," and said he did not see what so young a lodge could do for them, but he hoped before long it would do something, and that they might send up a list for the Boys' Festival.

Bro. Binckes, replying, said he did not know why he should be selected to respond to this toast, because there was hardly a brother round the table who did not deserve to be associated with it. The W.M. had said he did not see what so young a lodge could do for the Charities. He would tell them. Let them at once see if they could not make up a guinea as a nucleus. As the toast had been proposed, do not let it be an idle sentiment or an empty proposition.

This advice was acted on, and the guinea was at once subscribed, and voted to the Boys' School. The charity box was then started, and the amount collected directed to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. Binckes then explained that at the next meeting of Grand Mark Lodge, a scheme would be submitted for the education of the Mark Masters' sons. £1000 having been invested, it was now proposed to devote half of the annual subscriptions in future to this fund to assisting Mark Masters to educate their sons in their own neighbourhood. It was not designed for indigent or necessitous Mark Masons only or primarily, but for those men who were Mark Masons, who though able to educate their families were not sufficiently well to do to take advantage of the superior education which many grammar and foundation schools in their localities offered.

"The Visitors" toast was then given, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creton in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. R. H. Giraud, C. Cottibrance, James Brett, W. L. Clarke, S. Ranson, J. M. Case, A. H. Tattershall, Wm. Hale, J. Newton, Wm. Stephens, W. Hilton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, C. G. Dilly, William F. Nettleship, Thomas Cubitt, Raynham W. Stewart, James Terry, Secretary; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. James Terry read a letter from Bro. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire, stating that he would have much pleasure in presiding at the next festival of the Institution, on the 12th of February, 1879. Bro. Terry also stated that a Committee had been formed in East Lancashire for the purpose of promoting the success of the festival, and that he had already been invited to attend a meeting in East Lancashire with respect to it. He had already twenty-six Stewards from that province, and he believed that the list which would be sent up from East Lancashire would be the largest of any province at the next festival. Bro. Terry afterwards informed the brethren that the lady who was an annuitant of the Institution in the West of England, and who, at the last meeting of the Committee, resigned her annuity, because she had succeeded to some property by the death of a relative, had, in reply to a letter which he had sent her announcing the expression of the feeling of the brethren on the step she had taken, written back to him, enclosing £5 for himself. He had, however, of course, declined to accept it, but had told her that it might be applied to the Institution. To his letter she had sent a reply, expressing her pleasure that the money should be so applied, and enclosing a further sum of £5 to be added to it for the benefit of the Institution.

The Committee, thereupon made up the ten shillings requisite to give the lady her qualification votes, and directed the Secretary to inform her that the sum would be

credited to her, and that she would have her votes for her liberal donation.

Bro. Terry read a letter from Miss Norris, Matron of the Institution, thanking the brethren in her own and in her father's name for increasing her salary.

One petitioner was placed on the list. There was but one petitioner, and Bro. Terry said that on that day twelve-month previously there were twenty.

A letter was read from Bro. E. J. Barrow, in reference to the Institution proving against the separate estate of the late Bro. Samuel Tomkins, after which the Committee adjourned.

#### H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AND THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

By special dispensation granted by the Great Prior of England (the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale), an emergency meeting of the *Cœur de Lion* Preceptory, of the Province of Oxford, was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at 33, Golden-sq., London, for the purpose of installing H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., into the Commander's chair of this distinguished preceptory. At a few minutes after 4 o'clock His Royal Highness, accompanied by the Eminent Commander, the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, Grand Prelate of the Order, was received by the Sir Knights assembled under the Arch of Steel.

The Eminent Commander, having Sir Kt. Hyde-Pullen, P.G. Supt. of Works, as Constable; Sir Kts. F. Richardson, as Marshal; the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Almoner and Chaplain, as Chaplain; Colonel Somerville Burney, Past Grand Commander of Essex, as Captain of Guards; then proceeded to open the preceptory in *due form*.

The special dispensation issued by the Great Prior of England for holding an emergency meeting of the *Cœur de Lion* Preceptory for the installation of His Royal Highness in London, instead of at Oxford, was then handed by the Great Sub-Prior to the E.C., and by him handed to the Grand Chancellor of the Order, by whom it was read in full. It having been announced that the Very High and Eminent the Great Prior of Ireland, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., was without awaiting admittance, a deputation of the Great Officers of the Order was appointed to conduct His Royal Highness into the Preceptory, where he was received with all honours under an Arch of Steel, and took his seat at the immediate right of the Eminent Commander, who had the Great Sub-Prior of England, Sir Knight Colonel Shadwell Clerke on his left. H.R.H. the Great Prior of Ireland having been saluted in due form, the ceremony of installation was immediately proceeded with. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., the E.C. elect, was presented to the E.C. by the Very Eminent Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge (Captain N. G. Phillips), the Senior Provincial Prior present.

The ceremony of installation was then performed in a very able manner by the Eminent Commander Sir Knight the Rev. Thos. Cochrane.

His Royal Highness after having been duly proclaimed and saluted, briefly expressed his acknowledgements to the members of the *Cœur de Lion* Preceptory, for the honour they had done him in placing him in that high and responsible situation, which he would endeavour to fulfil in as able a manner as it had been by his predecessor.

His Royal Highness then appointed the following companions as his officers:—

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| The Rev. T. Cochrane             | ... | Pro C.           |
| Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville | ... |                  |
| West                             | ... | Constable.       |
| Reginald Bird (D.P.G.M. Oxford)  | ... | Marshal.         |
| Walter Thompson, P.C.            | ... | Treasurer.       |
| The Rev. G. M. Brock-Arnold      | ... | Chaplain.        |
| J. E. C. Bodley                  | ... | Registrar.       |
| Fentham Hedges                   | ... | Sub-Marshal.     |
| J. Sanders                       | ... | Chamb.           |
| John Potts                       | ... | Dir. of Cer.     |
| Joseph Reade                     | ... | Capt. of Guards. |
| E. S. Lucas                      | ... | Almoner.         |
| R. Usher                         | ... | Standard Bearer. |
| W. W. Harrison, P.C.             | ... | Organist.        |
| James Cavaw                      | ... | Aide de C.       |
| Tomlin                           | ... | 1st Herald.      |
| Horatio Symonds                  | ... | 2nd Herald.      |
| W. Stephens, G. Norwood          | ... | Equerries.       |

His Royal Highness then received congratulations from H.R.H. the Great Prior of Ireland, and the Very Eminent Priors present, and it is worthy of note that "Hearty Good Wishes" came from South Africa, British Burmah, Bengal, Suffolk and Cambridge, Essex, Dorset, Kent, Sussex, &c., &c.

Amongst the distinguished Sir Knights present we noticed the following Very Eminent Priors:—Captain N. G. Phillips, Suffolk and Cambridge; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Sussex; J. M. P. Montagu, Dorsetshire; R. W. Hoskins Giddy, South Africa; and the following Very Eminent Past Provincial Priors:—Colonel Somerville Burney, Essex; Major-General H. Clerk, Kent; H. D. Sandeman, Bengal; Colonel Duncan, British Burmah; and the following Past and Present National and Great Officers of the Order:—Sir Knights A. Stavelly Hill, Q.C., M.P., Grand Chancellor; C. Goolden, K.C.T., Grand Treasurer; Raymond Thrupp, Grand Registrar; the Rev. John Robbins, D.D., Grand Almoner and Chaplain; Hyde-Pullen, Past Grand Superintendent of Works; Col. Francis Burdett, P.P. England and Ireland; the Rev. F. K. Harford (Canon of Westminster), P.P.; Frank Richardson, P.P.; John Potts, Joseph Reade, Lott, Organist; and others.

All business being ended, the preceptory was closed in ample form by the Illustrious and Eminent Commander, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, accompanied by the Great Officers of the Order, then retired under the Arch of Steel.

Great praise is due to the Great Sub-Prior, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, and the other "authorities" at 33, Golden-square, for the admirable manner in which all the arrangements were carried out, which tended so materially to the perfect success of the meeting, and to the comfort of all those Sir Knights who were privileged to be present on this, which will long be remembered by them in general, and the members of the *Cœur de Lion* Preceptory in particular, as a red-letter day in the annals of Knights Templar.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. J. RIDLEY, 823.

The remains of Bro. Joseph Ridley, late of Penrith, who died at his residence, 7, Great Homer-street, Liverpool, were on Tuesday, the 5th inst., interred in Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool, in the presence of about 600 friends and acquaintances. The burial service was read in a very solemn and impressive manner by the Rev. F. B. Tyrer, Vicar of All Saints, Great Nelson-street, and at the close a number of Sunday School children sang the hymn "The home over there." Among those who were present to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased were Bros. H. Ashmore, W.M., 823; J. Houlding, I.P.M.; J. S. Cuthbert, S.W.; J. Beesley, J.D.; R. Brough, O.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Ellis, and many members of the Everton Lodge, 823, to which the deceased had belonged for some years.

##### BRO. FRANCIS FELLOWS.

We are sorry to announce the death of Bro. Francis Fellows, W.M. of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge, No. 1679, and S.E. of the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, of consumption, which melancholy event took place on Monday 11th inst., at his residence, Montague Road, Dalston, leaving a widow and three children to lament his loss. We hope to give a fuller account next week.

##### BRO. F. PEPYS COCKERELL, G.S. OF WORKS.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Bro. Frederick Pepys Cockerell, for several years and at the time of his death Grand Superintendent of Works. Bro. Cockerell was the architect of Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. *The World* says of our lamented brother, "Many will note with regret the death of Mr. Frederick Pepys Cockerell, which took place suddenly last week in Paris. The son of the late Professor Cockerell, R.A., the well-known architect, Mr. Cockerell followed in his father's footsteps, and both professionally and personally was highly esteemed."

#### ST. MARY COMMANDERY'S PILGRIMAGE.

We publish with much gratification the following extract from the *Philadelphia Chronicle*, of October 30th, just received.

The international reception given the "Anglo-Saxon Masons" by Bro. Kenning, of the *Freemason*, will never be forgotten. We were the recipients of his good feelings towards the American Freemasons. Around his private board, spread in the magnificent dining-hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, were assembled the leading Masons of Great Britain. Those celebrated in the annals of the Craft, the historians, the editors, the financiers, the legislators, the ministerial, the legal, the brightest members of the Grand Lodge of England, the first Grand Lodge of the world, were here met at the invitation of that accomplished gentleman and Freemason, the proprietor of the leading Masonic newspaper of the world, to do honour to a company of American Masons, representatives of the Mary Commandery.

Bro. Kenning will be known as the publisher and proprietor of the most successful Masonic publications, "The London *Freemason*," "The Masonic Magazine," "The Scottish *Freemason*," "The Rosicrucian," and the American brethren cannot speak too highly of the able manner in which the entire reception was conducted, and in which he was aided by Bros. Woodford and Hughan.

Late at night, or early in the morning, we left for our hotel, thus bringing to a close, in a most happy manner, the Masonic Pilgrimage of Mary Commandery, No. 36, K.T., to Great Britain and Ireland in 1878.

The Committee desire to say that much of the success of the pilgrimage is due to the great assistance rendered by W. Bro. James H. Neilson, Sirs Wm. J. Hughan, T. B. Whythead, S. B. Ellis, R. S. Brown, O. Ternan, and others.

At the suggestion and recommendation of the Committee, votes of thanks were tendered to a number of brethren for attentions shown the pilgrims, and a number of foreign brethren elected honorary members, among whom were mentioned Bros. George Kenning, Wm. J. Hughan, T. B. Whythead, S. B. Ellis, O. Ternan, D. Murray Lyon, R. S. Brown, and others.

The Installation Meeting of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, was held on Tuesday last, Bro. Captain Valentine F. Johnson was installed in the chair of K.S. A report will appear in our next.

Lieut. J. J. F. Hume, 2nd Middlesex Militia, eldest son of Colonel J. J. Hume, Bengal Staff Corps, has passed his examination for the line. Lieut. Hume was prepared for his examination by Bro. A. W. Hume, P.M., Allison Tower, Dulwich-common.

Miss Emily Mott announces her sixth annual concert to take place on Thursday next, at St. George's Hall, the principal singers, in addition to herself, being Madame Blanche Cole, Mrs. Osgood, Madame Patey, Mr. Shakespeare and Mr. Maybrick.

#### Masonic and General Tidings.

The ninth Anniversary Banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, will be held at the Mitre Restaurant, London-street, Greenwich, on Thursday Dec. the 5th.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday evening, the 29th inst.

In the province of Dumbarton the oldest Freemason in Scotland is to be found. The brother is Alexander Cameron, tailor, doing business at the Cross of the village of Renton. That gentleman has reached the patriarchal age of 96 years—indecid, he attained that age in April last. He joined the Freemasons when he reached his majority—21 years of age—and has been an ardent and enthusiastic member from that till this—a period of 75 years.

A review of Bro. Montgomery Rankin's new poem "Bjorn and Bera" will appear next week.

The Consecration of the Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 235, will take place on Monday week, the 25th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Reading, at one o'clock p.m., precisely. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be performed by Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W.

At the meeting of the Great Priory of Knights Templar for Canada, on the 11th ult., Bro. Emra Holmes, K.C.T., Past Grand Provost of England, was proposed by Col. McLeod Moore, G.C.T. Great Prior of Canada, and elected by Great Priory, as representative near the Great Priory of England, of the Great Priory of Canada, in the room, we believe, of the late Bro. Woof, F.S.A. Bro. Holmes, was also elected, in conjunction with Col. Shadwell Clerke, Great Sub Prior of England, and Bro. Whythead P.E.C., of York, a member of the Grand Master's Council.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., a large company of magistrates, aldermen, town councillors and officials of Falmouth, met at the Royal Hotel for the purpose of, making a presentation to the Mayor, Bro. Thomas Webber a well known Mason and member of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall. The presentation took the form of a silver tea and coffee service, accompanied by an elaborate address brilliantly illuminated on vellum by Messrs. Lake and Lake of Truro. The address was presented in token of the great esteem in which Bro. Webber was held whilst filling the office of Mayor for five different years.

Heavy falls of snow took place on Monday night in the North and North-Western counties. At Leeds the snow-fall is described as the heaviest known for years, and it was accompanied by a tempest of thunder and lightning.

The *Morning Post* states that at the next half-yearly communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, which will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 31st of December, under the presidency of the Grand Master of the Degree, Lord Skelmersdale, a scheme will be proposed for the purpose of educating the sons of Mark Masons. Without going into the details of the scheme, which of course will require deliberation, we may mention that its broad basis is that half of the annual subscriptions to the fund of benevolence shall be applicable towards aiding Mark Masters in educating their sons in their own neighbourhoods. The scheme is not meant for indigent or necessitous Mark Masons only or primarily, but is designed as well for those Mark brethren who, though able to educate their families, are not sufficiently well to do to secure for them the superior education that is offered by many of the old grammar and foundation schools in their particular provinces.

To prevent disappointment the publisher will be glad to receive early orders for the Christmas number of "The Masonic Magazine" containing Anthony Trollope's new and original story. Price, post free, one shilling and two pence. Office, 198, Fleet-street, London.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, on Friday week, the 29th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Brethren desirous of taking part in working the sections should address the Secretary, Bro. Watts, 13, Bramah-road, Brixton.

CHARITY AT THE MANSION-HOUSE.—Mr. William J. Soulsby, private secretary to the Lord Mayor, who has acted as secretary to all the various funds, gives us the following accurate particulars of the sums forwarded to the Mansion-house for charitable purposes during the last three years:—In Mr. Alderman Cotton's mayoralty £45,636 was subscribed—namely, to the Inundations Relief Fund, £18,700; the Goliath, £1,502; the Warspite, £6,446; the Eastern War Sufferers, £17,250; and the Thunderer, £1,738. In Sir Thomas White's year £542,523 was collected—viz., for the Indian Famine Fund £515,200; the St. John (New Brunswick) Fire Relief Fund, £7,062; the Welsh Miners' Fund, £4,674; the North Sea Fishing Disasters, £7,491; and the Inundations Fund, £8,094. In Sir Thomas Owden's mayoralty £75,629 was received—namely, the Eurydice Fund, £57,112; the Princess Alice, £37,788; the Haydock, £1,128; and the Abercarne, £31,000. In the three years, £663,788 was thus subscribed. This is entirely exclusive of the Hospital Sunday Fund, which is also received and disbursed at the Mansion-house; but adding the amount of this latter fund, £78,680, the three years' aggregate is increased to £742,468.

The Prince of Wales has concluded arrangements for renting Maeslinch Castle, Radnorshire, the residence of the late Mr. Walter de Winton, and his Royal Highness will occupy the mansion the early part of next year. When the Prince resides at Maeslinch he will be the first member of Royalty who has visited Radnorshire since the days of King Charles II.