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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. C. Dairy, W.M.; Rumball, S.W.; Morrison, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treasurer; Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Mallett, I.P.M.; Clark, I.G.; Titley, W.S.; Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middlesex, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. of Middlesex (Freemason). The visitors were Bros. A. H. Cameron, P.M. 180; W. Stephens, W.M. Unity; A. H. Coleman, W.M. St. John's, Wapping; J. Endicott, 147; C. E. Gobby, 1599; W. Vincent, S.W. 1624. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Bendall and Lloyd, passed Bro. Whadcoat, and initiated Mr. Henry Hart, the ceremonies being well performed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.M. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Mallett for the very handsome manner in which he had proposed his health. In alluding to the encomiums passed upon him by the I.P.M., he said that he had simply done his duty as W.M. of the Lodge of Faith, and if he had given them satisfaction he felt amply repaid. If any action of his, however, had given offence to any individual member, he felt sorry, because what he had done had been carried out for the good of the lodge. In conclusion he said that he hoped to be spared many years to come among them as a Past Master, and he thanked them all very heartily for the very many acts of kindness that he had received at their hands. "The Initiate" followed, and was modestly acknowledged by Bro. Hart. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. expressed his gratification at seeing so many distinguished Masons present, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way satisfactory to them. If there had been any shortcomings that evening in the "working" of the ceremonies, he trusted that their visiting brethren would kindly excuse them. Bro. Cameron, in reply, said he felt extremely gratified with his reception. He had been many years connected with their W.M., Bro. Dairy, and he congratulated him upon the great honour he had attained in being elected to fill the chair of so old and popular a lodge as 141 undoubtedly was. Bro. Stephens in the course of his response said that it was not the first time that he had had the pleasure of visiting the Lodge of Faith, and of giving his humble meed of praise in honour of its "working" and hospitality. He congratulated them upon possessing a W.M. who was thoroughly imbued with the true principles of Freemasonry. He, their W.M., had been a regular attendant at lodges of instruction, and had endeavoured in every way to render himself worthy of the great honour that had awaited him in his mother lodge. In conclusion he complimented the lodge upon the very handsome amount their W.M. had taken up to the recent festival in connection with the R.M.B.I. (Hear.) The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." In the intervals several brethren musically entertained the lodge. The proceedings, which were throughout thoroughly enjoyable, terminated at eleven with the Tyler's toast.

ROYAL KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1627). This prosperous lodge held its last meeting for the season on Friday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. W. E. Gordon Leith, W.M.; B. F. Cramer, S.W.; C. E. Sappet, I.P.M., as J.W.; Hyde Pullen, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; George Matthews, S.D.; J. B.

Stevens, J.D.; Jos. Steele, I.G.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; Eugène Delacoste, W. L. Harvey, G. W. Tustin, J. B. Ball, G. T. Robinson, Chas. Waters, and R. Potter, Tyler. Visitors: F. Curlier, 11; D. Nicols, 12; E. E. B. Kidder, 12; H. C. Barker, 29; John Welch, 3; and F. Damoiseau, 1017. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. Gustave Masson was balloted for, unanimously elected, and initiated into Masonry. The lodge voted £5 5s. (afterwards increased to £6 17s.) from the alms fund on account of the Secretary's list as Steward for the Boys' School Festival, and after the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed, and adjourned to an elegant banquet, served in Bro. Best's most superior manner.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—At the monthly meeting held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the lodge was opened at a quarter to eight by Bro. Braham, W.M., supported by the following officers: Bros. F. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.M., &c., S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Ashley, P.M., Treas.; T. Wilton, P.M., Dir. of Cir.; Radway, Sec.; Cater, S.D.; Mercer, J.D.; Holmes, I.G.; Ames and Peach, Stewards; Bigwood, Tyler. The Past Masters present were Bros. Rubie, Moutrie, and Brown, P.P.G.S.W. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer read his report, as audited by the Committee, which was passed. At this stage of the proceedings it was announced that the W.M. and some members of the Royal Sussex Lodge, as well as others, sought admission, when by request of the W.M. the Dir. of Ceremonies received them at the porch and conducted them to their seats. Among them were Bros. C. Collins, W.M. 53; Col. England, S.W. 53; Sumsion, 53; and P.M. 335; Geo. Doherty, P.P.G.S.W., and P.M. 53 and 906; W. Smith, P.M. 53; Timmins, 53; W. F. Collins, 53; G. Bush, Org. 53; Vowles, W.M. 446; Innes, W.M. 639. Bro. Charbury was examined, entrusted and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, after which the candidate was re-admitted and duly passed to the rank of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. Mercer explained the working tools, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins gave the charge and also the lecture on the Tracing Board. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. proposed that a very aged Mason, Bro. Marsh, who was initiated in this lodge in 1819, subsequently filled the chair of W.M., and has had an active Masonic career of 60 years, be elected an honorary member. This was seconded by the I.P.M. and carried. At the request of the W.M. the S.W. then read a paper which he had prepared, giving some curious statistics and details, suggested by perusal of an old Masonic book in his possession, specially in connection with Freemasonry in Bath, drawing comparisons on some points between the two periods, making several suggestions based on his own experience of more than 30 years, lamenting the present apathy in regard to Masonic literature in the city, and the limited use made of the library, for which he accounted to some extent by the want of a resident curator and a reading room. The S.W. also mentioned that he had prepared for publication a series of large Masonic charts, which had been photographed, and that he hoped to raise a considerable sum for the Charities by the sale thereof. These he had been kindly permitted to dedicate to the W.M. Pro. Grand Master, and to the R.W. Prov. Grand Masters of Warwickshire and Devonshire. A vote of thanks to the visitors terminated the proceedings, and the lodge was closed at 9.30.

MIDDLETON.—Imperial George Lodge (No. 78).—The regular monthly meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on Thursday, March 27th, at the Assheton Arms Hotel. There was a fair attendance of members. The W.M., Bro. F. Fothergill, presided, and there were also present Bros. Hatton, S.W.; P. Lawton, J.W.; J. Reed, Sec.; H. Heywood, P.M., Treas.; E. Dodd, S.D.; W. Clarke, J.D.; S. Hewitt, Org.; and J. Kent, Tyler. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary (Bro. Reid), and received confirmation. Mr. James John Dunbabin was proposed as a candidate, and the ballot being unanimous in his favour, he was accordingly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. F. Fothergill, who likewise presented the working tools, and delivered the address. The ceremony throughout was very impressive. Hearty good wishes were accorded by a visiting brother, and charity having been attended to, the lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The brethren adjourned to the festive board, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The Tyler's toast brought an agreeable evening to a close.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. R. Lever, W.M.; D. Donbavand, I.P.M.; Mark Vickers, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; J. Church, Secretary; J. Bladon, P.M., D.C.; R. Tomlins, S.D.; E. J. Cohen, I.G.; J. Wilson, Steward; S. Titmas, P.M.; H. Walmsley, L. Oppenheimer De Yongh, and R. R. Lesenden (Freemason). Visitors: R. Dottie, S.D. 1161; S. H. Ormerod, J.W. 1011; J. H. Greenwood, 163; W. Pettie, 581; and Matthew Owen, 163. The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, as well as the emergency meeting, held March 12th, and of which a report was given in these columns. Bro. John Whitfield Edwards being a candidate for raising was interrogated by the W.M., and having answered the questions in a very satisfactory manner, withdrew. On his re-admission he was raised to the

Sublime Degree of a W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. D. Donbavand, I.P.M., in a truly impressive and faultless manner. Bro. Donbavand also presented the working tools, and Bro. J. Dawson delivered the charge, after which the W.M. assumed the duties of the chair, and by authority declared the M.M. Lodge was closed, and left open in Second Degree, which was also closed, and left open in the First Degree. The W.M. then informed the brethren of some particulars concerning the grant of £20 made by the Board of Benevolence to a member of the lodge, who had for some time past been in very needy and unfortunate circumstances. It appeared that a petition was signed by members of the lodge praying the Board to grant a sum of money for this brother's relief. The petition was favourably answered, and the sum of £20 voted. Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, thereupon wrote to the W.M., informing him what had been done for their brother, and enclosed £5 for his immediate want, the remainder to follow. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards assembled at the refreshment board, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. "The Health of the newly-raised Bro. Edwards" was proposed and drank with enthusiasm, and acknowledged by him in a few well-chosen words. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said it was always a source of pride to him, and he was sure also to all the members of the Affability Lodge, to see visitors amongst them, and on this occasion he felt not only proud, but grateful to them for coming, on account of there being so few of their own members present. As he was well acquainted with the vocal and instrumental abilities of some of the visitors, he would ask them in place of the usual response to their healths to sing a song, and he would, therefore, call upon Bro. Ormerod to favour them. Bro. Ormerod, who was suffering from a cold, excused himself from singing, but gave a reading from Hans Breitman, in a very humorous manner, after which Bro. Dottie, who has gained great renown for his elocutionary power, recited a Lancashire story, which very much amused the brethren by the drollery of the incidents in it, and the comical utterances of the Lancashire dialect by Bro. Dottie. Bro. Pettie next sang the "Armourer," with great feeling, and was accompanied on the piano by Bro. J. H. Greenwood. This last gentleman gave, in masterly style, Sullivan's "From Rock to Rock," and accompanied himself, both singing and playing being effective. With a recitation by Bro. Donbavand, entitled "Little Jem," given in his usual masterly style, a most agreeable meeting was brought to a close.

MOTTRAM.—Loyalty Lodge (No. 320).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., the following officers being present: Bros. Wm. Hadfield, W.M.; Wm. Hanson, I.P.M.; Hugh Kinder, S.W.; Harrison, P.M., acting S.W., Treasurer; J. Ashton, P.M.; Rollinson, S.D.; Wardle, J.D.; Woodhouse, Sec.; Birch, I.G.; and Collier, P.M., Tyler. A goodly number of brethren were also in attendance, as were also several visiting brethren from Lodge Industry, 361. The lodge was opened in due form, with solemn prayer, at 6.30. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Smith, and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Smith was initiated by the W.M. in a very able and impressive manner. Bro. Saxon then showed his proficiency, and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Saxon was passed to the degree of a F.C. by the W.M. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The rest of the evening was spent in the usual Masonic manner at the festive board, and a most pleasant reunion was brought to a conclusion a little before 11 o'clock.

SYDENHAM.—Crystal Palace Lodge (No. 742).—At the meeting of this lodge, held at the Crystal Palace on the 3rd inst., Bro. C. D. Hume, W.M. presiding, the usual routine business was followed by the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, Bro. H. Speedy, being elected W.M.; Bro. Foxall, Treasurer; and Bro. Woodstock, Tyler. The Audit and Benevolent Fund Committees having been appointed, several propositions were received for the installation meeting in June next, and the lodge adjourned. The banquet which followed fully sustained the reputation of the caterers, Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, concluding with a hearty recognition of the arrangements made by them for the comfort of the lodge. Amongst those present were Bros. H. Speedy, S.W.; Dick Radcliffe, J.W.; T. Foxall, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Land, P.M., Sec.; Blundell, S.D.; Frederick Orme, J.D.; Eyre, I.G.; Lassam, W.S.; Cole, D.C.; Roberts, I.P.M.; Ayres, S. P. Acton, P.M.; Baxter, P.M.; Blott, Blunsom, H. Cox, P.M.; Graddon, Hazelmans, Pullen, F. Speedy, H. T. Thompson, P.M.; G. Weeks, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. R. B. Newsom, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; C. Eaton, 1692; H. W. Chappell, 1553; C. W. Fox, P.M. 1326; J. B. Walter, and others.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Middleton Hotel, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20, Sligo (I.C.), presided, and there were also present Bros. G. F. Jones, S.W.; G. Berry, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 160 and 1000, M.E.Z. 1000, P.P.G.D., Sec.; T. F. Barrett, S.D.; W. D. Merritt, J.D.; F. D. Grayson, I.G.; A. Martin, Tyler; A. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, P.Z. 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; E. E. Phillips, P.M. and P.Z. 379 and 1000, P.P.G.D.; H. Rowley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. R. Hemman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; S. McCall

Walker, F. Howell, W. Griffin, C. Pooley, W. Wallis, G. Glascock, H. Beecher, W. Popplewell, W. Waterhouse, G. R. Dawson. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Farr, 1536; E. Rowley, P.M. 879; and A. R. Foster, 1679. After the usual routine business, the ballot having proved unanimous in his favour, the W.M., in a very able manner, initiated Mr. N. Millar into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and afterwards delivered the charge and the Lecture on the Tracing Board. After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

CARLISLE.—Bective Lodge (No. 1532).—The installation festival of this lodge was held in their rooms, English-street, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. G. Noakes, 34th Regt., W.M., P.G.A.D.C.; G. Potter, P.M., P.G. Steward; G. Hetherington, Treas.; J. Cook, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Haswell, J.W., W.M. elect; F. Allen, J. Ewing, T. L. Thorpe, G. Oliver, J. Mason, W. Carrick, G. Thorpe, J. Relph, R. Atkinson, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Banning, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*), and others. The Installing Master was Bro. W. B. Gibson, and the addresses were delivered by Bro. Kenworthy. The following were invested officers for the year: Bros. F. Allen, S.W.; J. Ewing, J.W.; Rev. J. Tyson, Chaplain (re-appointed); G. Hetherington, Treas. (re-elected); J. Cook, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); T. L. Thorpe, S.D.; G. Oliver, J.D.; R. Atkinson, I.G. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, at 6.30 p.m., for banquet, which was served up in a most superb style. Bro. Haswell, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported by all the Past Masters present. A very pleasant evening was spent, and in the course of the proceedings Bro. Noakes, P.M., was presented with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, as a token of the very able manner in which he had performed the work of Bective Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Noakes, in reply, spoke of the many happy hours he had spent in Bective Lodge during the few years he had been stationed at the Carlisle garrison, and, though he was leaving the border city, he should make a point of visiting his old lodge now and again. Bro. Noakes, it may be mentioned, has been appointed Acting Conductor in the Commissariat and Transport Department of the War Office, and his new station is Glasgow.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The first regular meeting of the season was held at the Abercorn Hotel on the 2nd inst.; the W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, ably supported by his officers, and assisted by Bros. Helsdon, P.M.; Vincent, I.P.M.; Garrod, P.M., and several brethren. Visitors: Bros. Holah, G.M.L., 1; Denison, 1541; Cecil Austin, 811; Greenwood, 100. The lodge was opened by the W.M. in the First Degree at 3.40, and the minutes of last regular meeting, of October, 1878, were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Paten was examined and approved, prior to raising. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Paten was raised by the W.M. to the Sublime Degree of M.M. On resuming to the First Degree, the W.M. feelingly alluded to the first loss the lodge had sustained by the death of their respected brother, T. Peach, and a letter of condolence to the widow was voted unanimously. The ballot was then taken for Bro. John Welford, as a joining member, and found unanimous in his favour. Bro. John Clark tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret. The W.M. then announced his intention to represent the lodge as Steward for the Girls' School, and received the thanks of the lodge, with many promises of support. "Hearty Good Wishes" having been expressed by all the visiting brethren, and four candidates for initiation, and one joining member for next meeting in May, the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 5.40. The customary banquet followed, with the usual Masonic toasts ably given and received—the musical brethren were also equal to their duties; and the meeting closed satisfactorily at 9 p.m.

STAINES.—Musgrave Lodge (No. 1597).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Angel and Crown Hotel, on Saturday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. J. Wilson, E. Amphlett, F. H. Edmunds, A. S. Paterson, G. P. Gillard, H. F. Bing, Alex. Paterson, W. Cock, F. G. Hubbard, R. L. Sindall, R. G. Jewell, Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M., and several visiting brethren. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Keily, P.G.T. Middx., the W.M., Bro. J. Wilson, took the chair, and installed the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Amphlett, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Amphlett, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the Secretary convey to Bro. Keily the thanks of the brethren for the way he presided over them for the past year, and that a bar be presented to him to be added to the jewel that was voted to him on the completion of his first year as W.M. of this lodge. A vote of thanks having been given to Bro. Wilson for the admirable way in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent dinner provided by Bro. Jewell, and returned to town at an early hour.

ALFORD.—Hamilton Lodge (No. 1600).—The installation of the W.M. and festival of St. John was celebrated on the 31st ult. The hour of opening the lodge was fixed at half-past three in the afternoon, in order to accommodate brethren and visitors travelling by railway. Lodge was opened in due form, all the officers being in their places. The minutes of the previous lodge were read

and received unanimous confirmation. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province (Lincolnshire), W. Bro. E. Looock, and several Provincial Grand Officers being announced, were received with the usual honours. Bros. W. Budibent, C. Robinson, T. Needham, and F. Needham signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Cartwright Johnson, S.W., was now presented by the two first W.M.'s of the Hamilton Lodge (Bros. C. Smyth and R. Garfit) for installation, and the W.M., Bro. F. Higgins, passed him through the first stages of the ceremony. Upon the opening of the Board of Installed Masters, Bro. C. Smyth continued the ceremony, and installed Bro. Johnson into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The beautiful ceremony of installation was completed by Bro. Smyth in a manner which subsequently earned for him a hearty vote of thanks. Bro. R. Garfit acted as D.C., Bro. F. Higgins was invested I.P.M.; and the following officers were appointed and duly invested, viz: Bros. the Rev. B. A. Galland, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon, P.M. 1067, S.W.; E. A. Young, J.W.; F. Higgins, P.M., Treasurer; Chas. Smyth, P.P.G. Purst., P.M., Secretary; R. Garfit, P.P.G. St., P.M., D.C.; Dr. F. A. Handsley, S.D.; Dr. G. Bosson, J.D.; J. E. Mason, I.G.; W. N. Mason and C. Mason, Stwds.; R. P. Hodgson, Tyler. The visiting brethren were W. Bro. E. Looock, D.P.G.M.; F. D. Marsden, P.M. 712, P.G. Secretary; the Rev. G. Lowe, W.M. 272, P.G. Chap.; James Robinson, P.M. 792, P.P.G.D.; A. Bates, P.M. 792, P.P.G.D.; John Mawer, W.M. 712; Wm. Griffin, P.M. 712, P.P.G.D.C. Letters expressing regret at not being able to be present had been received from W. Bro. W. H. Smyth, Grand Master of Lincolnshire (a member of this lodge), and other distinguished brethren. A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring W.M., Bro. F. Higgins, for the zealous and assiduous discharge of the duties of the office of W.M. during the past year, in which he has been punctually and effectively assisted by all the officers and brethren. Hearty congratulations were offered to the newly installed W.M. from the Provincial Grand Lodges of Oxfordshire and Lincolnshire, and from Lodges Apollo, 357 (Oxford); Harmony, 272 (Boston); Hundred of Elloe, 469 (Spalding); Lindsey, 712 (Louth); Pelham Pillar, 792 (Grimsby); St. Albans, 1294 (Grimsby). The honour of a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master was referred to by Bro. C. Smyth, much regretting their honoured chief the Provincial Grand Master was away from home and not able to be with them. The W.M. in a few well chosen sentences conveyed the thanks of the lodge to Bro. Looock, who in reply stated he was exceedingly gratified with the hearty welcome accorded him; it was a pleasure to visit lodges of the calibre and standing of the Hamilton, and the skilful manner in which the work had that day been done, reflected infinite credit upon the lodge. The lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the White Horse Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Mr. Hibbitt. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Royal Arch.

DOMATIC CHAPTER (No. 177).—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. Weaver, M.E.Z.; Hill, H.; Adams, P.Z., acting J.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Buss, P.Z., Treas.; Lawrence, S.N.; Briggs, 1st Asst. S.; Cubitt, P.Z.; Foulger, P.Z.; Bolton, P.Z.; G. Everett, M.E.Z. 1381, H. elect. The visitors were Comps. Lockhart, Union; J. Michael, 829; T. C. Walls, J. elect 185 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. Noton, Acacia, was ably exalted to the R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., with the assistance of his very efficient staff of officers. The ceremony of installing the Principals was then proceeded with, the "work" being carried out by the veteran Comp. T. Adams. The officers invested were as follows: Comps. Everett, H.; Lawrence, J.; Buss, Treas.; Cottebrune, S.E.; Briggs, P.S.; Maclean and Jones, Assistants. The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary and preliminary Royal Arch toasts were quickly given and duly responded to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.Z., and having been received with excellent "fire," the M.E.Z. responded in fitting terms. "The Exalte" came next in order, and, having been duly drunk, Comp. Noton briefly replied. In giving "The Past Principals," the M.E.Z. dwelt at length upon the merits of each. In concluding his remarks, he touched upon the services and abilities of the I.P.Z., and presented him with the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him at the last convocation. Comp. Weaver, in reply, ably expressed his gratification for the kind manner in which the M.E.Z. had proposed his health, and in the course of his speech he said he should prize the jewel which they had awarded him most highly. In conclusion, he said he particularly desired to impress upon the minds of the young officers of the chapter, who were advancing to the high and honourable position which he had just quitted, the urgent necessity of being punctual in their attendance and zealous in the discharge of their duties. "The Second and Third Principals" followed. In pre-facing this toast, the M.E.Z. spoke highly of the qualities of Comps. Everett and Lawrence, who had been inducted to those responsible positions that evening. He felt confident that he should receive their hearty support and co-operation during his year of office, and, as the Third Principal had been compelled to leave early in the evening, he should call upon Comp. Everett to respond for himself and colleague. The Second Principal, in reply, having kindly and favourably reviewed the services of Comp. Lawrence to the Domatic Chapter, briefly said,

upon his own behalf, that, owing to very fortuitous circumstances, and over which he had no control, he found himself occupying the proud position of Second Principal of their old and deservedly popular chapter. As he held the positions of P.M. and Treasurer of the mother lodge, it was a very gratifying thing indeed to be on the road to the First Principal's chair in the chapter. As one of the oldest members of the former, he looked back with pride to the twenty-one years of his Masonic association with No. 177. In concluding his remarks, he said that, although at the risk of being thought egotistical, he would say that whatever position in Freemasonry he had held he had striven hard to conscientiously perform its responsibilities, and he believed that he had succeeded in pleasing those who had elected or appointed him to office. The companions of the chapter, therefore, might depend upon him to further their interests in every possible way. "The Treasurer and S.E." followed, and having been enthusiastically received, Comps. Buss and Cottebrune duly responded. "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Comps. Lockhart, Michael, and Walls. "The Officers" and "The Janitors" terminated the proceedings.

HONITON.—Fortescue Chapter (No. 847).—The annual installation festival of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 19th ult., when there was a good attendance of the companions and visitors from the neighbouring chapters. Amongst others present were V. Ex. Comps. Keyworth, P.P.G.J.; Stone, Bruyn, Prov. G.P.S.; Maynard, P.P.G.D.C.; Woodgates, P.P.G.R.; Bishop, P.P.G.S.B.; and Haynes, Prov. G.A.S. The ceremony of installing Ex. Comp. J. Albert Orchard, as Z., and Ex. Comp. Barker, as H., was most beautifully performed by V. Ex. Comp. Keyworth. Comp. Read's absence, through ill-health, prevented the performance of the ceremony of installing him as J. The following companions were invested as officers of the chapter for the ensuing year:—Comps. Swann, S.E.; Thornton, S.H.; Ackland, P.S.; Ward, 1st Asst. S.; Gray, 2nd Asst. S.; Sutton, Treas.; Burrows, Reg.; Wilton, Standard Bearer; V. Ex. Comp. Woodgates, P.P.G.R., Org.; Comp. Galesworthy, Janitor. After the installation an exaltation took place, when V. Ex. Comps. Bruyn and Maynard rendered various portions of the ceremony in an able and impressive manner.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 37).—On Thursday, 3rd ult., the annual installation ceremonies of this conclave were held. In the absence of the M.P.S., Sir Knt. Thos. Cooper, who is labouring under severe illness, the ceremonies were performed by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whythead, P.S., Int. Gen. unattached. The following is the list of officers for the year: Sir Knts. Earl of Zetland, Grand Viceroy of England, M.P.S.; J. S. Cumberland, V.E.; C. G. Padel, S.G.; G. Simpson, J.G.; L. Murphy, H.P.; A. T. Turner, R.; M. Millington, Prefect; T. Humphries, S.B.; W. P. Husband, Herald; H. Jackson, Sentinel.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—The quarterly convocation of this college was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Fraters Stanton Jones, T. W. White, Cubitt, Weaver, Dewar, Foulger, Thiellay, Levander, Massa, Peck, Rosenthal, Dr. Woodman, George Kenning, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Henry Reed, P.M. 733, was admitted to the grade of Zelator.

Royal and Select Masters.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Master, was held at 2, Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. T. C. Walls, very ably filled the chair of Dep. M., assisted by Bros. Poore, Cooper Smith, and Donald M. Dewar. There was a good attendance, and, after the usual business, the following candidates were duly admitted: Bros. W. Klingenstein, Mark Lodge, No. 2; George Kenning, St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1; W. Hickman, St. Andrew's Mark Lodge, No. 63; Fentham Hedges Weir, University Mark Lodge, No. 55, and other brethren.

We understand it is contemplated to establish a Masonic Club of the highest class in the neighbourhood of Pall Mall. Many distinguished Masons have already signified their approval of the scheme, and we look forward to the head of the Craft giving it his valuable support. Brethren desirous of obtaining further information should apply to Bro. Stephens, 8, Carlton Chambers, Waterloo-place, S.W.

The Earl of Hardwicke has met with another serious accident in the hunting field. He was with the Royal Buckhounds, and was thrown heavily while his horse was leaping a stile. No bones were broken, but it is feared his spine is injured. He was removed by special train to London.

The Consecration of Trinity College Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 244, will take place at Trinity College, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 4.30 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Col. F. Burdett, 32, assisted by Bro. W. G. Brighten, and other Grand Officers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

Under the banner of the Lodge of Harmony, 275, the annual meeting of West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 2nd inst. in the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master (Sir Henry Edwards), assisted by Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. Tew, and a large array of Prov. Grand Officers. Only six lodges out of sixty-six in the province were unrepresented, the attendance numbering about 250.

The customary salutations having been tendered to the Prov. Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. Tew, the following brethren were appointed as officers:—

- Bro. R. I. Critchley, 208 Prov. S. G. W.
- " B. Broughton, 302 Prov. J. G. W.
- " Rev. B. Towns Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. J. Room Prov. G. Chap.
- " C. L. Mason, 304 Prov. G. Treas.
- " D. Allison Shaw, 827 Prov. G. Reg.
- " H. Smith, 387 Prov. G. Sec.
- " John Fawcett, 904 Prov. S. G. D.
- " G. F. Crowe, 1211 Prov. J. G. D.
- " Pratt, 1034 Prov. G. S. of W.
- " J. Beedle, 1042 Prov. G. D. of C.
- " J. Edwards, 296 Prov. G. D. of C.
- " W. W. MacVay, 154 Prov. G. Swd. B.
- " S. Suckley Prov. G. Org.
- " P. Parker, 264 Prov. G. Purst.
- " Thos. Knowles, 368 Prov. G. A. Purst.
- Bros. Dr. Paley, 837; S. Slack, 910; J. Menzies, 61; J. Sykes, 1514; C. E. Freeman, 275; and W. Harrop, 290 } Prov. G. Stewards.

- Bro. J. Lee, 290 Prov. G. Tyler.
- " J. Sheard, 208 Prov. G. A. Tyler.

Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, said—Brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire, it gives me much pleasure to greet you here to-day, for I feel that the progress of your Masonic Institutions has been one of success, and especially since this lodge was first opened in 1789, and of prosperity since its warrant was renewed in 1839. We cannot, therefore, but feel gratified that the Craft has been once more invited by the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, to hold the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge under its banner in Huddersfield, a lodge in which the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Bentley Shaw, exerted his benign influence for very many years in the cause of Freemasonry. When last I occupied this chair in this hall, it was for a few brief moments, on the occasion of the assembly of the brethren to render a tribute of respect to the memory of a virtuous brother and excellent Mason, and to pay our last homage to departed worth. No one who looks around this hall can fail to be struck with the portraits of many administrators in the Craft in this province, and how well you have invoked the painter's skill to adorn your walls with the likenesses of the rulers and governors of our Order. Let us imitate their virtues, and follow in their footsteps, and practise the lofty principles of these builders and founders of our Institutions, whose resemblances you have been pleased to perpetuate with such fidelity. Moreover, when I examine the roll of this lodge, I find the names of a large number of Past Masters, the majority of whom have been thought worthy at various times to hold different offices in this Provincial Grand Lodge. No brother who reads the names of those who form your list of Past Masters, no one who noted the record of their services, can doubt that the Masonic work they have accomplished has been done for this lodge under the most able guidance, and has been of a thoroughly solid and satisfactory character. Your present Worshipful Master, Bro. W. C. Keighley, can look back upon a brilliant set of Masonic occupants of the chair which he himself, I am well assured, fills in an accomplished manner; and his warm heart, which at Barnsley prompted this invitation, will, I am sure, reflect with genial influence beneficially over every action of this lodge, whose charity, harmony, and prosperity will always be deeply interesting to me and to the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge. The latest illustration of your principles is the generous contribution of nearly £90 to the "Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund Prosecution," and £50 to the "Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Annuity Fund;" and further, the Worshipful Master has set a good example by making himself a Steward at the annual festival of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, accompanied by a donation to each of these Masonic schools. This Lodge of Harmony is, as it were, the centre of a Masonic system. Where we meet to-day we are surrounded by other lodges of planetary brilliancy. There is a lodge, No. 290, with ninety-four members; No. 521, with 100 members; No. 1514, with seventeen members; No. 652, with twenty members; No. 140, with thirty-five members; No. 1783, with fourteen members; and this centre lodge itself, No. 275, with ninety-seven subscribing members. Thus we see with what success Freemasonry has ramified and increased until this part of West Yorkshire is covered with Masonic institutions, after the same pattern as our central institution, the Grand Lodge of England; and the importance which is represented by the brethren and friends I see gathered around me; and by the lists of the lodges, which testify to the number of novitiates who, under your auspices, are entering Freemasonry and the world of geometric science and of moral culture. Since we met under the Friendly Lodge, I and my Deputy, Bro. Tew, attended the festival on the 12th February of the Aged Freemasons and Widows, in the Freemasons' Hall. We supported our gallant friend and neighbour the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, when the largest sum collected within those walls was announced; and, in consequence, at the meeting of the Committee of this Institution the following

day, it gave my Deputy and our Secretary, who were present, the satisfaction to acquaint me that the number of vacancies for widows was increased from six to sixteen. (Applause.) As the Chairman of our charity will shortly inform us, this province has one widow and two aged men candidates for our sympathies. This augmentation of admission will give our voting power and our efforts a far higher prospect of success for these worthy but unfortunate claimants on our benevolence. Our Chairman and Vice-Chairman have laboured earnestly for us, and will do their best at the elections. We hope their efforts will be rewarded with success. When we last assembled at Barnsley we offered our sympathies to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the death of her daughter Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. To day it is our duty to express our felicitations towards the same Royal lady on her acquisition of a Royal daughter-in-law. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who, on the day of the installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, was described by our Royal Grand Master as the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Craft, has been united in marriage to the Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia. We offer the congratulations of the Craft in this province, not only to Her Majesty, the Patroness of our Order, but also to the newly-wedded Royal couple. May this bride and bridegroom realise the heartfelt aspirations of the Craft that there will be a most ample fulfilment of the promise ratified in the ancient chapel of St. George, at Windsor, of a happy and contented married life. (Applause.) Our Poet Laureate has said of his typical English Margaret—

"From the westward-winding flood,
From the evening-lighted wood,
From all things you have won,
A tearful grace as though you stood
Between the rainbow and the sun."

The new English Margaret has indeed a tearful grace, and on Thursday, the 13th March, in St. George's Chapel, this Royal lady stood indeed "between the rainbow and the sun." (Applause.) The time has again come round when I must part officially with those of the acting Provincial Grand Lodge officers, and select other to fill their chairs for the coming year. The demands upon the services of these retiring brethren have been indeed during the year just closing excessive. I thank all the outgoing officers for their zeal, and the ready performance of their, at times, difficult duties; and, perhaps, more particularly the Registrar, on whose time, patience, and legal knowledge this province has largely drawn. But in the annual constitutional change of officers comes the most difficult, onerous, and disagreeable of my duties—so many worthy brethren on whom I should like to confer Provincial Grand Lodge recognition, and so few official favours to bestow, I always approach this duty with difficulty, anxiety, and delicacy—viz., out of a long list, yearly increasing in number, to select names for the ensuing year of the most energetic, able, and zealous Past Masters. Those brethren, therefore, who shortly will receive from me the appointment of office must, under the difficult circumstances by which I am surrounded, accept even the lowest office it is in my power to offer them as the equivalent of the highest position in the Craft. It is not by placing you in a chair that I can best confer recognition on your Masonic labours. I want you to feel your work in the Craft is far more precious than that which lodge rank confers. It is because your labours and generosity cause your names to be respected in every lodge, it is because you give to your Masonic work something which to my mind is far more precious and rare than the mere merit of the apron of Provincial Grand Lodge—intelligence, and the single-hearted devotion of a well-spent Masonic life. I thank you all, and honour these Past Masters because they have helped the lodges within and the brethren without, and because they have touched the chords which have evoked the impulses of benevolence and charity towards others who could not without assistance help themselves, either within or outside the walls of the lodge. It is for their mental and administrative endowments I appreciate and recognise and thank them most; for their examples of fortitude, prudence, and justice. The best of endowments and the most enduring reward they can possess is the memory they leave in their lodges, which impels those who come after them to strenuous efforts and exalted aims. I accept the invitation of the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, to meet at Batley, in October, the place of the next Provincial Grand Lodge gathering. In consequence of the depression of trade, and other matters which I named at Barnsley at the last quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I deem it inexpedient this year to hold an intermediate quarterly meeting in July. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Tew, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, also addressed the brethren, joining in expressions of gratitude to the retiring officers, especially paying a high compliment to the zealous, genial, and able manner in which Bro. Malcolm had discharged the duties of Prov. Grand Registrar, an office which had largely trespassed on his time during the past year.

In the course of the day the Prov. Grand Master, in the name of the Prov. Grand Lodge, presented Bro. Malcolm with a handsome jewel as some slight but permanent recognition of his services, and expressed the pleasure he felt in pinning it on his breast.

Bro. Malcolm briefly acknowledged the gift, but felt he had done no more than his duty as a Mason.

[We are indebted to the *Yorkshire Post* for the above report, and regret we did not receive it direct, in time for our last issue.]

The Premier has sent £150 from the Royal Bounty Fund to Lord Houghton for Mrs. Llanos, the sister of Keats.—*Athenaeum*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Chapter was held in the Town Hall, Blackburn, on the 3rd inst., a numerous assemblage of companions from all parts of the province testifying to the interest taken in Royal Arch Masonry in this district. Amongst those present were Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent; Comps. R. H. Hutchinson, as Prov. G. H.; Dr. Royle, as Prov. G. J.; J. B. Carr, P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; W. O. Walker, P. Prov. G. Scribe N.; Wm. Roberts, P. Prov. G.P.S.; Chas. Davis, Ralph Landless, Thos. Hargreaves, P. Prov. G. 2nd Assistant Sojourners; G. P. Brockbank, T. J. Hooper, P. Prov. G. Treasurers; T. S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Registrar; E. Heywood, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Ellis Jones, Benj. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearers; E. Steigh, P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer; J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; R. Whitaker, P. Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; Jas. Varley, Prov. G. Org.; T. R. Peel, J. W. P. Salmon, W. Nicholl, Prov. G. Stwds.; Thos. Mitchell, Prov. G. Janitor; and representatives from all the chapters in the province, with only one exception.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened at 1.45 p.m., and after the roll of chapters had been called over and letters of apology from absent Provincial Grand Officers had been read, the M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent called attention to the fact that the absence of the 2nd Prov. G. Principal, Comp. J. L. Hine, was occasioned by a painful bereavement, namely, the loss of his beloved wife. The Provincial G. Superintendent in fitting terms then proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Hine. The motion was duly seconded and carried, with universal expressions of sympathy with Comp. Hine in his deep affliction.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as were also the accounts of Provincial Grand Chapter for the past year.

Comp. Edmund Heywood was unanimously elected Prov. G. Treasurer.

The M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following companions as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, and they were severally invested with their jewels of office, and saluted accordingly, viz:—

- Comp. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds Prov. G. 2nd P.
- " Franklin Thomas Prov. G. 3rd P.
- " John Tunnah Prov. G. Scribe E.
- " James Newton Prov. G. Scribe N.
- " Geo. Higgins Prov. G.P.S.
- " Denis Towers Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " R. Timperley Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " Edmund Haywood Prov. G. Treas.
- " John E. Anderton Prov. G. Reg.
- " John Smethurst Prov. G. Swd. B.
- " Julius Arensberg Prov. G. Std. B.
- " John W. P. Salmon Prov. G. D. of C.
- " Edwin Halliwell Prov. G. Org.

Comps. Saml. Haworth, N. Jones, } Prov. G. Stewards.
R. Gornall }

Comp. T. Mitchell Prov. G. Janitor.

Comps. John E. Lees and Thos. Grime were appointed Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter accounts.

A Committee was appointed for the purpose of framing a code of bye-laws for the government of the Prov. G. Chapter.

It was determined that the Scribe E. of each chapter in the province be desired to send a copy of the circulars, convening meetings of chapters, to each of the three Prov. G. Principals.

A grant of £10 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed at 2.45 p.m., and the companions adjourned to banquet at the Old Bull Hotel.

SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

This promising branch of philosophical Masonry is still putting forth fresh leaves of the eternal acacia. Although its progress has been comparatively slow, its vitality is evinced by many satisfactory tokens, no doubt to be followed by many more. The strong, calm good sense and energy of the Lancashire and Cheshire men has done much to promote the success of the Primitive and Original Rite of Freemasonry, which illustrates in so remarkable and pleasing a way the purity and eternity of Craft Masonry. Those acquainted with its excellent principles earnestly advocate its extension, and labour unceasingly to water the branch so successfully planted by the original founders about three years since. And among these labourers there are none more deserving of honourable mention and reward than our brethren, the members of the Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple, No. 9, of Liverpool, the meeting of which occurred on Thursday last, under the presidency of W. Bro. W. T. May, supported by W. Bro. Thomas Clark, P.M. of the lodge and Temple. The Royal Oscar Lodge was actually founded by Bro. Thomas Clark, and the Supreme Council of the Rite have recognised his eminent services by promotion to a high office in Supreme Grand Lodge. It would be perhaps invidious to mention the names until officially given, and hence we do not give them now, but they will doubtless be announced in our next issue. They have had two severe losses this year in the persons of Bros. Captain Charles Scott and H. F. T. Irwin, whose several devotion in their special positions will ever remain engraven on the pillars. The meeting of the Royal Oscar was interesting, as several brethren were admitted, advanced, and elevated on the occasion.

Bro. R. N. Field, has removed from No. 28, to No. 77, Cheapside.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

A special meeting was held at the Bidge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 24th ult. At 4.30 the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge, No. 5, was opened by Bro. C. H. Rogers Harrison, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., after which the chair was taken by Bro. W. G. Brighten, P.M., Grand Supt. of Works, and Prov. G.M. Sec. of Middlesex and Surrey, who proceeded to the installation of Bro. A. W. Hume, as W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the W.M. advanced Bro. Turner to the degree of M.M.M. The Mallet and Chisel Lodge was closed at 6 p.m., when the P.G. Lodge was opened, when there were present Bros. the Right Worshipful Prov. G.M.M., Col. Francis Burdett; the V.W. F. Davison, D.P.G.M.M.; Major C. H. Harding, P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Prov. G. Chap.; C. Hammerton Prov. G. Treas.; R. Davies, Prov. G. Reg.; W. G. Brighten, P.G. Sec.; F. Draege, P.G.J.O.; R. P. Spice, P.G.S.D.; S. W. Lambert, P.G.J.D.; J. B. Shackleton, P.G.D. of Ceremonies; J. B. Batten, Sword Bearer; A. W. Hume, Standard Bearer; H. Court, jun., Org.; F. Passawer, I.G.; C. Palmer, W. L. Nicholls, and R. W. Brown, Stewards; W. Taylor, P.P.S.W.; D. M. Dewar, P.G.O.; R. H. Thrupp, G.J.O.; E. S. Bakie, P.M.O.; J. Stevens, P.P.M.O.; and J. K. Pitt, W.M.

There were likewise present the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Henry Lovegrove, jun., 234; H. J. Stark, 5; H. J. Sparks, J. Horton, W.M. 176; E. J. Hoare, Org.; H. C. Jepps, E. W. Lotz, B. Haynes, S.O. 211; M. Ramsey, P.M. 13, W.M. 7; E. Hopwood, S.O. 181; and C. H. Rogers Harrison, P.M.M.

The first business of the evening was to confirm the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held at the Greyhound, Croydon, on 29th June, 1878, and these having been duly confirmed, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Brighten, then proceeded to call over the roll of lodges, twenty-one in number, and reported on the great progress made by the province during the past year, the lodges therein having increased in number, and each in number of members.

The following Mark lodges were represented:—Keystone, 3; Mallet and Chisel, 5; Carnarvon, 7; Hiram, 13; Macdonald, 104; Percy, 114; Panmure, 139; Grosvenor, 144; Era, 176; Francis Burdett, 181; Croydon, 195; Duke of Connaught, 199; Hammettsmith, 211; West Smithfield, 223; Menatschen, 224; Brixton, 234.

The following were unrepresented:—Studdholme, 187; Clapton, 236.

The P.G. Sec. further reported that warrants had already been granted for three new lodges in the province, and that they would be consecrated during the ensuing month, namely, Prince Leopold, 238; Royal Naval, 239; and Trinity College, 244.

The proposed new bye-laws were then read, and it was moved by the V.W. Bro. Davison that such bye-laws be adopted by this province, and that the Prov. Grand Sec. do forthwith have a prof thereof prepared and submitted to Grand Mark Lodge for the purpose of taking its opinion thereon, and, if possible, obtain such opinion and consent of Grand Mark Lodge prior to the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in June next, when these minutes would come on for confirmation.

This motion was seconded by Bro. James Stevens, P.G. J.O., and carried unanimously.

Several letters of regret for enforced absence were read, and Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

FREEMASONRY IN EUROPE.

An American with American ideas of Masonry can form no conception of the difference between Masonry here and in Europe, particularly on the Continent. Here the rule is to find Masons everywhere; there it is the exception. The peculiarity of European society may in part account for this; again, it may be due to the difference in the price of labour between the United States and Europe.

In this country the doors of Masonry are open to every man of good moral character who has a friend to propose him who desires to become a Freemason, and has the small amount of initiation fee required. In Europe this is all different. Many men are members of the Order there, entirely unknown to any but the brethren; much more secrecy is practised; emblems of Masonry are seldom or never worn. The members of the lodges, as a general thing, are much older than here, mostly, even in the middle-class lodges, heads of families, or principals of some factory, business, or store, or perhaps government officers. A journeyman or clerk a Mason is hardly ever seen; and, it is safe to assert, a private soldier, or even a non-commissioned officer, never. Very few Masons in Germany ever advance beyond the E.A. degree; all business is transacted in E.A. lodges. Much decorum, and a generally-worn and uniform black dress, with neat white gloves and aprons, are observable in the lodges.—*New York Masonic Newspaper.*

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—Nearing completion in Fleet-street, at the corner of Poppin's-court, is a handsome new building, which it is intended shall in some measure form a memorial of the ancient history of the site. It was here that the town house of the abbots of Cirencester stood, and many years afterwards a celebrated inn called the Poppinjay. The new building is in the Italian style, in red brick and stone, with enrichments of Sicilian marble and majolica.—*Citizen.*

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL
FUND.

The first annual meeting of the donors and subscribers to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held recently at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. Among those present were R.W. Bro. L. P. Metham, D.P.G.M., who presided; Bros. the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, H. Horton, the Rev. W. Whitley, S. Hyne, S. Jew, L. D. Westcott, V. Bird, J. B. Gover, E. Aitken-Davies, D. Box, R. Lose, F. B. Westlake, John Lynn, G. R. Barrett, R. Pengelly, G. J. Firks, J. R. Lord, R. Cawsey, and Bircham.

Bro. Whitley raised the question whether the bye-laws prepared by the Committee ought not to be confirmed by that general meeting before other business was proceeded with, but the Chairman ruled that the agenda paper should first be gone through.

The following officers were elected:—Bros. Lord Ebrington, L. P. Metham, J. Tanner-Davy, the Hon. W. Hylton-Jolliffe, W. Moore, W. Derry, W. Vicary, Jas. Murray, and F. B. Westlake, the number being limited to nine; G. R. Barrett, and S. Jew, Auditors; V. Bird, Treas.; J. B. Gover, Sec.; H. Horton, R. Lose, and S. Hyne, Finance Committee; the Rev. W. Whitley, S. Jew, D. Cross, R. Lose, Stonehouse; W. Vicary, Newton; S. Jones, Exeter; A. A. Carter, Exmouth; T. Perry, Torquay; W. Brodie, Okehampton; S. Loram, Dawlish; J. Tanner-Davy and the Rev. Mr. Russell, Southmolton, the Educational and General Purposes Committee, with the Chairman of the annual meeting, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Honorary Solicitor, as ex-officio members.

The number of candidates to be elected at the coming election was then discussed. It was thought the average cost of each would be £15 per annum, and at present the Treasurer had received about £125, of which £101 10s. was from Life Governors, Vice-Presidents, &c., and the remainder (over £20) from eighty annual subscribers of 5s. and 10s. each. It was urged that the money subscribed by the life voters should be invested and capitalised, and not used as present annual income, but it was decided to leave that question open for the next general meeting. The present amount received by the Treasurer was considered to be no criterion of what the income would be, and as large sums were known to be lying in various lodges, and not yet sent in owing to the lodges not having made up their accounts, it was ultimately agreed that the election of candidates should commence with the election of four, the present prospects of the fund admitting of this expenditure. Some difficulty had occurred in arranging with the Prov. G. Secretary to grant the certificates of periods of subscribing membership of the fathers of candidates, and it was arranged that the matter should be left to depend on the reports made by the lodges to which the fathers belonged. It was decided that deceased members' families who had removed out of the province should be entitled to furnish candidates, and that a special general meeting of donors and subscribers to elect to the four vacancies should be held in June; all applications of candidates to be sent in by May 13th.

The question of confirming the bye-laws was next considered, and it was resolved that it was a mistake to consider them finally adopted by the resolution of the committee meeting of March 19th, and that they must be put to the general meeting. They were so put, and carried, and adopted.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE AT
WHITBY.

On Friday evening, the 28th ult., an elegant and attractive conversazione and musical and miscellaneous entertainment took place in the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, under the auspices of the W.M., Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Lion Lodge, No. 312. It is not often that the uninitiated have a chance of entering the Masonic Hall, perhaps the most commodious and well proportioned assembly-room in the borough, and since the last gathering of a semi-public nature was held there the interior has been beautified and embellished, in excellent taste and in a superior style of artistic treatment. The W.M., Bro. John Stevenson, is now presiding over the Lion Lodge for the fourth time, and his third year of office, 1878, was distinguished by the improvements alluded to in the lofty and spacious hall, towards the consummation of which his own liberality and resources contributed very materially. The present was therefore an appropriate and well chosen time for such an assemblage as the one under notice. It is perhaps unnecessary to inform those who had not the privilege of being present that there was nothing in the order of procedure or in the externals that met the eye to reveal any of the secrets or mysteries peculiar to the Craft. Nevertheless, the brethren who attended were easily distinguishable from the non-elect, as they moved about in the gay and lively throng, by their Masonic clothing—Craft and Royal Arch—which in the eyes of many was pleasing from its novelty, if for nothing else. Each member of the lodge had liberty from the W.M. to introduce two friends, and as the gathering numbered about 150 altogether, it was evident that the opportunity had been duly improved. The attendance included the W.M., many of the Past Masters, the officers and brethren, and a numerous body of both lady and gentlemen visiting friends. The large hall had a brilliant appearance; and in addition to the musical attractions and social pleasures, there was an extensive collection of valuable pictures, which were exhibited in an effective manner. The owners of these fine works of art kindly lent them to enhance the gratification of all interested in the success of this event, and as the collection included the productions of most of our well-known local artists, it will be readily believed that it was one of the choicest which has been brought to-

gether for many years. There was also an exhibition of curiosities, telephone, and other scientific instruments, the aggregate forming an instructive and highly interesting variety of objects. The arrangements were excellently contrived and carried out by Bros. Moss, P.M., Stonehouse, P.M., Waller, and others. The first part of the evening's entertainment consisted of a programme of select music, in which Bros. Hallgate, P.M., Armfield, and Padel (J.W. Eber Lodge, York) performed some first-class instrumental music in an admirable style. Bro. Armfield favoured the company with a song. Bro. Padel executed a sonata in exquisite style, and Bro. Hallgate was applauded in his masterly solo on the violin. Miss E. Marwood was encored in her song, "My Laddie, far away." The solo and chorus, "God bless the Prince of Wales," concluded the first part. The second part was miscellaneous, and was composed of suitable readings by Bros. Bottomley, P.M., and Wolsey, S.D., a recitation by Bro. Stonehouse, P.M., and songs by Bros. Hallgate, P.M. (Organist to the lodge), Godfrey Hirst, P.M., Crowther, J.W., Farrow, J.D., Trueman, S.S. (who was enthusiastically encored), and others. Bro. Padel was pianist. There was an ample and varied supply of superior refreshments, which were served during the evening; and the Stewards, Bros. T. H. Trueman and T. Harland, were very attentive and active in ministering to the wants of their brethren and visiting friends in this important department. The proceedings from beginning to end were animated and agreeable, and were kept going with unceasing and unflagging zest until a late hour of the evening; the W.M., the Past Masters, officers, and brethren co-operating with great harmony to make the occasion one of unmixed enjoyment.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF
NORTHERN CHINA.

The regular meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, 7th of January, 1879. Present: R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, D.G.M.; W. Bros. James Hart, D.G.J.W., acting D.D.G.M.; J. I. Miller, D.G.R., acting D.G.S.W.; T. W. Kingsmill, P.D.B.G.P., acting D.G.J.W.; the Very Rev. Dear Butcher, D.D., acting D.G.C.; Peter Orme, D.G.S.; Robert Fergusson, D.G.S.D.; H. Evans, D.G.I.D.; F. J. Marshall, D.G.S. of W.; H. S. Morris, D.G.D. of C.; Lewis Moore, D.G.S.B.; G. B. Fentum, D.G.O.; J. Brown, D.C.P.; H. D. Camajec, W. H. Anderson, Bro. B. Palamoutain, and W. Bro. R. G. Goldspink, D.G. Stewards; Bro. T. Hore, D.G. Tyler; W. Bro. W. H. Short, W.M. 1027; Bro. Wm. Miller, S.W. 1027; A. Robinson, S.W. 570. Visitors: Bros. E. P. Lalcaea, S.C. 501; J. Inokay, M.M. 501; W. Bros. A. Weiller, P.D.G.W. of District Grand Lodge of Japan; D. Hay, D.G.T. of District Grand Lodge of Japan; Bro. T. W. Harrocks, Member of the District Grand Lodge of Japan; W. Bro. W. Birt, P.M. 428, S.C.; Bros. J. Petersen, 428, S.C.; R. Anderson, 428; W. Bro. W. L. Koch, jun., P.M. Lodge Germania; Bros. G. Baffy, D.M., T. Huchings, and Chas. Schmidt, Lodge Germania; W. Bro. M. H. Cook, P.M., Bros. A. Bruse, G. L. Skinner, W. Graham, Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Con.; J. Sharples, 477; and others.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at five p.m. with solemn prayer.

The circulars calling the meeting were read, and the minutes of the last regular communication were read and confirmed.

The President of the Board of General Purposes was then called upon to present the report of the meeting of the Board.

The report was received and ordered to be inserted in the minutes of the District Grand Lodge.

The next business before the District Grand Lodge being the election of a District Grand Treasurer for the year, W. Bro. Miller, D.G.S.W., asked if any one had consented to act, and the R.W. the District Grand Master stated he was happy to say that W. Bro. Orme had done so. W. Bro. Morris, D.G. Dir. of Cer., enquired if it was allowable to take the vote by acclamation, and the R.W.D.G.M. said he had looked at the bye-laws and found it must be by ballot. This having been taken, it was found on opening the ballot box that W. Bro. Orme, D.G. Secretary and P.D.G.J.W. of China, had been elected unanimously. Whereupon the W. Bro. addressed a few words to the brethren, thanking them for the honour they had conferred on him.

The R.W.D.G.M. said that it was not customary in District Grand Lodges to re-appoint officers from among those who had already held office, but as this was a small district, he was enabled to advance brethren who had served and had worked well during the past year, and had also been regular in attendance, without debarring any worthy brother from a position in D.G. Lodge. He then proceeded to appoint the following officers:

W. Bro. J. Hart, P.M. 525	...	Dep. D.G.M.
" J. I. Miller, P.M. 1027	...	D.G.S.W.
" T. W. Kingsmill, P.M. 570	...	D.G.J.W.
" P. Orme, P.M. 1027	...	D.G. Treas.
" H. Evans, P.M. 501	...	D.G. Reg.
" R. Fergusson, P.M. 570	...	Pres. D.B. of G.P.
" W. H. Anderson, W.M. 570	...	D.G. Sec.
" A. B. Menzies, P.M. 1433	...	D.G.S.D.
" H. S. Morris, P.M. 570	...	D.G.J.D.
" F. J. Marshall, P.M. 238	...	D.G. Supt. of W.
" L. Moore, P.M. 1027	...	D.G. Dir. of Cer.
" J. Brown, P.M. 501	...	D.G. Swd. B.
" G. B. Fentum, P.M. 525	...	D.G. Org.
" W. H. Short, W.M. 1027	...	D.G. Purst.
Bros. A. Johnsford, W.M. elect 501;	}	D.G. Stewards.
E. P. Lalcaea, acting Sec. 501;		
W. Miller, S.W. 1027; D. A.		
Emery, W.M. elect 1433	...	
Bro. T. Hore	...	D.G. Tyler.

In accordance with bye-law No. 10, the brethren then proceeded to ballot for three members to serve on the District Board of General Purposes, and on the same being closed, the following were declared elected:—W. Bro. Moore, P.M. Tuscan Lodge, 1027, D.G. Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Snort, W.M. Tuscan Lodge, 1027, D.G. Pursuivant; and Bro. Johnsford, S.W. and W.M. elect Royal Sussex Lodge, 501, D.G. Steward. In the case of the latter it was explained that although not at present eligible to serve, he would be so before being called on to act, as he was the W.M. elect of the Royal Sussex Lodge, 501.

W. Bro. Moore, acting D.C. Treasurer, now presented the accounts for 1878, which shewed a balance of Taels 136.02, and on the motion of the R.W. the District Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. Kingsmill, D.G. Junior Warden, these were received and passed unanimously.

The R.W.D.G. Master then said a well-known brother had spoken to him in lodge a few meetings back, saying that he failed to see what beneficial effect Masonry had produced. He did not dispute the excellence of its foundation, but he observed that it did not apparently regulate the conduct of many who had been admitted to its privileges. This, brethren, the R.W.D.G.M. observed, is a matter for our very serious consideration. It behoves us not simply to study our own lives and actions, but also teaches us to be careful not to introduce any into the Craft who will not conscientiously fulfil the promises they make previous to their admission. Should any one desire to join our lodges, he ought to be told that the institution being founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, those who enter it are bound to act up to these principles. After the candidate has acknowledged his belief in the G.A.O.T.U. he is urged to practise every virtue; the address delivered to him on conclusion of the initiatory ceremony points out more fully the line of conduct expected from him. Perhaps brethren, if we look fully into our own conduct, we may find much in it which requires amendment: many of us now present are Installed Masters, and we ought not to forget that when we received the benefit of installation we were especially warned to impress upon our brethren the dignity and high importance of Masonry—we were seriously to admonish them never to disgrace it—we were to teach them to practise out of the lodge those duties they were taught within it, so that by amiable, virtuous, and discreet conduct they might prove to the world at large the beneficial effects of our institution. If every Master would act up to these precepts, I am perfectly sure we should have an improvement amongst the members of the Craft generally, so that remarks similar to those of the brother alluded to could not be made with justice. I would earnestly ask the co-operation of all present to the end that we may elevate the name of Mason to something beyond an empty title. In closing our lodges in the Second Degree, we always call upon the brethren to remember that the eye of God is upon them, wherever they are or whatever they do, and if, brethren, we carry this feeling with us out of lodge, it will regulate our lives in such a manner as to make members of our fraternity respected by the world at large. Be especially careful whom you introduce into Masonry, lest you cause a slur to be cast upon our institution. Before proposing a candidate for initiation, you should ascertain whether he has seriously considered what Masonry really is, and what it demands of its professors, and if you find him to be sound on these points, then by all means propose him, but do not propose any one until you have fully explained to him some of our principles; we should thus raise our Masonic standard, and instead of, as at present, giving the outside world a chance to sneer at our institution, we shall gain the esteem of all right-minded men. Brethren, I trust you will duly think over these remarks, which I commend to your earnest consideration.

The R.W. District Grand Master then congratulated the brethren of the District Grand Lodge on having among them as visitors members of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, and of lodges working under Scotch, American, and German Constitutions, but more especially the former, as there were a Past District Grand Warden, and the District Grand Treasurer present. W. Bro. Weiller, Past D.G. Warden of District Grand Lodge of Japan, replied, returning thanks for the reception he and his brother visitors had received.

W. Bro. Evans, D.G. Registrar, asked a few questions regarding the knocks given in the various degrees, to which the R.W. District Grand Master replied.

There being no further business, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and with prayer, at 6.20 p.m., the brethren separating in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

LODGE SUPPERS.

Three times a day the world is happy—at breakfast, dinner, and supper—the only exceptions being in the cases of those persons who have nothing to eat. It may not consist with our idea of the intellectual and spiritual dignity of man to derive his most frequent and pronounced happiness from the gratification of his appetite, but it consists with facts as they exist, and have always existed. Eating and drinking, somehow or other, fill a man with happiness, with good humour, and also, not unfrequently, with good sense. After breakfast he is ready for business, after dinner for business or pleasure, and after supper for pleasure, and sleep. Freemasonry, with its sagacious practical character, takes a man as it finds him, and finding him to be in a large sense a feeling animal, it provides for filling him with good things material, as well as good things moral and intellectual—in other words, in accordance with the traditions and usages of the Craft, the banquet or supper has ever been considered an integral

part of Masonry. The wisdom of this provision is apparent, for it grows out of the nature of man. There is nothing merely fanciful or theoretical in Masonry—its purposes are all practical. It aims to mould its members into a true brotherhood, and to supply to each the means to gratify his moral, intellectual, and physical wants. The Holy Bible is the fountain-head of its morality, the sciences and arts the sources of its intellectual teachings, and the banquet-table the seat of its pleasures, physical and mental. And Freemasonry has never been conspicuously prosperous, gathering together the large body of its membership at regular meetings, except when labour and refreshment were steadily combined.

It is a great mistake to omit the supper or collation from the regular proceedings of a lodge; it does not pay to omit it. Neither work, nor a lecture, nor even a Grand Visitation, will attract like a banquet. It may be humiliating in some respects to make the statement, but it is true. Men love to eat and drink, and to chat over it, and enjoy good fellowship, and make new acquaintances. While in the lodge they are required to be distressingly orderly, but in the banquet-hall they may talk at will, laugh until they grow fat, sing a song or make a speech, and all in the intervals of tickling their palates with toothsome solids and inspiring liquids. If the reader has not discovered it before we inform him now, that we are pronouncedly in favour of the supper or banquet in Masonry, and for the same reason that we are in favour of supper at home in the circle of the family—it attracts all “around the mahogany,” and unites all into a loving throng.

We do not know whether King David, when he made the declaration, “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,” had in his mind's eye a host of brethren whose minds and hearts formed, as it were, one great unit, and the contents of whose stomachs were precisely the same, because they had filled them from the same bounteous table; but we do know that disagreement at a lodge table is impossible. When the stomach is full of good things the head is empty of all bickerings, and especially when sentiment, jest, and general good-fellowship accompany and follow the liquids and solids. If a serious difference of opinion should ever arise in a lodge, let it be ordered to lie on the table—the supper table—for sure are we that it will never be taken up from there. At a banquet no one wishes to taste of that dish. While there, every brother realises that grand saying of our traditional Grand Master, King Solomon: “He brought me to the banqueting-house, and his banner over me was love.” When the brethren are enjoying a lodge supper they are in the Craft's banqueting house, the very atmosphere of which is an atmosphere of love. We breathe it with every breath, and it fills us with good thoughts, good feelings, and good humour.

One of the widest known traditions of antiquity, handed down to us in mythology, is the story of a certain banquet of the gods in Olympia. There was a Royal marriage in heaven, and all the deities were invited to the nuptials except Discordia. Enraged at this sight, she who was the friend of Mars, the god of war, and the sister of Death, and who had been dismissed by Jupiter from heaven because of her continually fomenting quarrels in the supernal household—this Discordia, at the banquet of the gods consequent upon the marriage, threw a golden apple among the guests, bearing the inscription, “to be given up to the fairest.” Thereupon Juno, Venus, and Minerva each claimed the apple for herself. Jupiter ordered the three goddesses to Mount Ida, to submit their claims to the judgment of Paris—who decided in favour of Venus. The Trojan war followed, in the human world, when Venus naturally took the side of Paris, and her rivals, Juno and Minerva, that of his opponents, and thus did gods on both sides fight with men, and hence the ruin of Troy, and the infinite misfortunes of the Greeks. But all this occurred in an imaginary world, among the imaginary beings. In the real world, with which we have to do, no apple of discord ever appears at our banquets.

Another of the legends of Olympia tells of a feature of the banquet of the gods that is no less unknown upon earth, and especially in Freemasonry. It horribly relates, that Tantalus, preparing to feast the gods, had boiled the mangled body of his son. The frightful banquet had begun, when the crime was detected, and the Goddess of Fate drew from the cauldron the revived body of Pelops. One shoulder only was missing—Ceres had unfortunately swallowed it! but the place of the absent limb was ingeniously supplied by an artificial one of ivory. And Tantalus was hurled to his merited doom in Tartarus. Now, Freemasons do not prey upon each other in any manner—we have heard of “roast missionary,” but never of roast Freemason. Backbiting is forbidden in Masonry!

Brethren, let us rightly estimate and wisely use the banquet, for it belongs to Masonry as truly as our daily meals do to the regime of our families. There are in it the elements of sociability, conviviality, and fraternity, and in its absence there is nothing else that can take its place. There is no better antidote to non-affiliation, no surer source of attraction to the entire membership of a lodge, and no greater pacifier and harmoniser in the Masonic world than a lodge supper.—*Philadelphia Key-stone.*

We are glad to hear that Bro. Thomas, who is as celebrated for his poetry as his hats, has taken extensive premises at 167, Fleet-street, where we hope he will be as successful as he is energetic.

Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., has accepted the presidency of the Birmingham Society of Artists for the ensuing year.

The Brussels Gothic Museum have purchased for £8000 the picture of the Holy Family, by Quentin Matsys, from the clergy of St. Pierre at Louvain.

Notes on Art, &c.

At the ordinary meeting of the Royal Society on Thursday week last, the Right Hon. R. A. Cross was elected a Fellow, and the following were elected as foreign members:—Arthur Auwers, Berlin; Luigi Cremona, Roma; J. L. A. de Quatrefages, Paris; Georg Hermann Quincke, Heidelberg; Theodor Schwann, Liège; Jean Servais Stas, Brussels.

The next concert of the Royal Albert Hall Amateur Orchestral Society will be given on Saturday evening, April 19th, in aid of the funds of the Royal Seamen and Marines Orphan School at Portsmouth, under the patronage of the Duchess of Edinburgh, who has signified her intention to be present.

THE TURKISH LANGUAGE.—The Turkish Commission on the alphabet propose, we learn, to go even further than we lately stated. Besides applying the Arabic alphabet phonetically to maps, they are prepared to recommend for staff military maps that, while Turkish orthography is preserved, the Roman alphabet shall be used. This is supported by the plea that the Arabic alphabet does not allow so many names to be put on a map in the same space as the Roman. This, of course, is a step by Mudif Effendi towards Romanising the Turkish language and increasing the Romanised area in Europe.—*Athenæum.*

The artist Couture has died in France at the age of sixty-four. His most celebrated painting, “Les Romains de la Décadence,” hangs in the Paris Luxembourg, and his “Baptism of the Prince Imperial” is also well-known, while his works in general were remarkable for the immense amount of labour and finish bestowed upon them.

SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS.—Dr. Jules Crevaux has brought his second journey through Guiana and across the Tumac Rumatic range into Brazil to a successful termination, having reached Para in the middle of January. He has paid special attention to the geology of the region traversed, and is bringing home with him numerous observations taken on the rivers Oyapock and Paru. We hear that Dr. Otto Finckh will shortly start on his expedition among the islands of the North Pacific, but Captain H. Singslake will be unable to accompany him, as he has undertaken to lead an expedition for the relief of Professor Nordenskiöld. Dr. Bastian, who started on a scientific expedition in Persia, India, and the Eastern Archipelago in the early part of last summer, has written from Calcutta to the Berlin Geographical Society stating that he is about to leave that place with the view of pursuing his ethnological studies in Assam and Java.—*Academy.*

The Ober-Ammergau Passion-Play has been performed recently at San Francisco, where a storm of indignation has been aroused by its representation. The manager, however, refuses to withdraw the play, and points to the extreme decorum and reverence which has prevailed amongst the audience as a proof of the propriety of the production. The acting is highly spoken of, and Bach's *Passion Music* accompanies the play.

Sir Joshua Reynolds's chair, in which so many of his sitters were painted, will probably be presented to the Royal Academy by Sir Frederick Leighton. The chair was last in possession of Sir Francis Grant, and at the sale of the remaining works of the late President it was bought for 73 guineas by Sir F. Leighton, who at the same time acquired a sketch by Sir Joshua for a picture of Edmund Burke and Lord Rockingham, in which the chair appears.

The statue of Harvey, to be erected in commemoration of the discoverer's tercentenary, is to be executed by Mr. Bruce Joy, who is the artist of Model B in the exhibition of the competitive designs at South Kensington. Mr. Joy's design shows Harvey in his doctor's gown, standing upright, with head erect and his right hand placed on his breast to feel the pulsations of the heart, while in his left hand is the heart of some creature. The features—as in the other designs—are copied from the portrait by Jansens in the Royal College of Physicians. The statue will be of bronze on a granite pedestal.

It is announced in the *London Gazette* of last week that the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the First Class on Captain Peter Sharp and John McIntosh, A.B., of the Annabella Clark, of Ardrossan. The following is an account of the services in respect of which these decorations have been conferred:—On the 20th November, 1878, at about 5.45 p.m., a fire suddenly broke out on board the French ship *Melanie*, which was lying in the River Adour, at Boucan, near Bayonne, loaded with 500 barrels of petroleum, of which 40 were on deck. A mass of flame shot up from the main hatch, and the ship quivered all over from the explosion of some of the barrels. The ship's seams opened at once, and the petroleum pouring through spread a belt of flame around the ship. The master and a seaman then jumped overboard, but the mate remained to try to save his son, who was lying helpless under some heavy objects which had fallen on him. Captain Peter Sharp, master of the Annabella Clark, of Ardrossan (which was lying close by in the river), accompanied by a seaman named John McIntosh, came at once to his assistance. They rowed their boat through the flames, picked up the seaman who had jumped overboard, and took the mate from the blazing vessel. Captain Sharp and McIntosh both sustained severe injuries. It was feared at first that Captain Sharp would lose the sight of one eye and John McIntosh the use of his hands.

Mr. Alfred P. Newton has been elected a member of the Society of Painters in Water Colours; and Mrs. Helen Coleman Angell and Mr. Herbert M. Marshall have been elected associate exhibitors.

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BIRTHS.

HOPKINS.—On the 6th inst., at 3, Upper Berkeley-street, Portman-square, Mrs. Edward M. Hopkins, of a son.

MIRAMS.—On the 4th inst., at 29, Pemberton-gardens, St. John's-park, N., the wife of Mr. Augustus Mirams, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

NASH—MATTHEWS.—On the 5th inst., at the Parish Church, St. Marylebone, by the Rev. Dan Grotorex, B.D., cousin to the bride, Arthur J. Nash, to Emmi, youngest daughter of Stephen H. Matthews, Esq., of Park House, Hanwell.

DEATHS.

HINE.—At Manchester, on the 3rd inst., in her fifty-third year, Harriett Hardwick, wife of Bro. Joseph Lancaster Hine, P.P.G.S.W. of East Lancashire.

PHILIPS.—On the 6th inst., at 28, Belgrave-road, S.W., Caroline, wife of Captain N. G. Philips.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1879.

WHAT FREEMASONRY DOES NOT DO.

Though it is sometimes difficult, as they say, to prove a negative, yet there is no difficulty, as it seems to us, in laying down categorically, alike for the information of friend or foe, what Freemasonry does not seek to do, and *does not* do, under any circumstances here, despite the assertions of the malevolent, the cynical, or the intolerant. There is a great deal of pseudo-Freemasonry going on in the world just now, which, though it apes the form and assumes the name of our excellent Order, is not really and truly, and cannot be ever Freemasonry proper, in that it is as different from it as light is from darkness, as truth is from falsehood. For instance, Freemasonry knows nothing whatever, even in the slightest measure, of political questions; it entirely and happily ignores altogether theological controversies. Those burning debates in the great arena of political struggle which so divide and agitate persons and communities in this combative and combant world of ours, do not intrude their "shibboleths" of party within the peacefully closed recesses of our lodges. Those endless subtleties and sophistries, those logomachies of worthy but wordy disputants, which often so distress the religious mind, and so divide the religious world, are not permitted, luckily, to harass the consciences of Freemasons, or impede the peaceful progress of Freemasonry. If, then, in any jurisdiction we note to-day political partisans rampant, or hear of ill-concealed or ill-omened cries of seditious sympathy; if on colourable pretences, or upon no pretences at all, the religious, but not sectarian, the universal, but not sectional character of Freemasonry is made to yield to a resolute faction, or a turbulent clique, much as we may deplore the fact, we may fairly exclude that special portion of the Masonic family from our consideration, "pour le moment." It never can be too often repeated that Freemasonry positively ignores and repudiates all political questions, and, in our opinion, none have any moral, much less a legal, right to discuss, "in secret," be it noted, public measures at all, and not even these "social questions," which are always best regulated whether by the municipal or legislative bodies of the country. Indeed, the idea which in some jurisdictions its members appear to take of Freemasonry is this, that it is a sort of secret debating society, in which the most abstruse social questions and the most absurd and visionary theories may be safely and profitably brought before the lodge. We have in this the secret of intense weakness of much of foreign Masonry. The authorities of any country have clearly a right to object to a secret Order discussing matters of government and even social questions, and it is this tendency to render our lodges political and social debating clubs which has too often brought down upon Freemasons abroad the disapproval and interference of the general or police authorities. There is another custom in some jurisdictions abroad, which cannot be too much reprobated. Each Mason is armed, and the consequence is, that the authorities look upon Freemasons in lodges as an armed body of secret conspirators. Freemasons are by their principles, which never change, peaceful citizens and loyal subjects, hostile to anarchy and revolution, friendly to tranquil progress and loyal improvement, and we have felt that in these two special particulars some foreign jurisdictions gravely err, and raise up "stumbling blocks" where otherwise, probably, none might be found to exist. True Freemasonry does none of these things, but holding aloof from political complications and disavowing the "odium theologicum," above all, it seeks to maintain "peace with all men," and to advance and develop a spirit of good will and geniality among all classes and all conditions of mankind. One other mark of true Freemasonry is its comprehensiveness. It seeks to exclude none who honestly accept and avow the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." It imposes

no tests, it asks for no submissions; it desires to lay down no limitation of thought or membership, except what is rational and of immemorial usage. To proclaim Freemasonry to be a society without a God, without a moral law which comes from God and is of God, must ever be fatal to any such body of men, for such a theory outrages the innate sympathies and convictions of us all alike. On the specious and hypocritical pretence of liberty of conscience, to take away from countless believers the right of acknowledging T.G.A.O.T.U. at all is one of the greatest proofs of perverted views and tyrannical irreligion which it has been our lot, in this generation, at any rate, to realize. Thus, then, true Freemasonry never seeks to renounce the universal and immemorial acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. as the foundation truth, the vital teaching of Freemasonry. Neither does it, on the other hand, seek to exclude any who, accepting this ancient and simple "formula," agree to assist each other in humanitarian efforts and "labours of love." From this reality of things arise the breadth and height and width of Freemasonry, perhaps at first sight somewhat of a "paradox," per se, but yet that distinguishing characteristic which renders it the admiration of its friends and the astonishment of its enemies. We find that some considerations flow out of these remarks, which we will deal with in our next number.

A SAD CASE OF PERSECUTION.

We can hardly realize that we are living in the year of light 1879, when we read of the persecution of Bro. Simonsen, a Norwegian clergyman, simply because positively he is a Freemason. It seems that Bro. Simonsen was originally located in Norway, and became, unfortunately for him, an initiate in the Masonic Order at Christiana, and he subsequently went to America, and settled in Wisconsin, U.S., as a minister to Norwegian congregations. The Synod, adopting the views of the Missouri Synod, seems to have desired to censure him in the annual assembly, and in this attempt and "trap" Bro. Simonsen appears to have defeated his opponents utterly. The Norwegian congregations clung to their "Pastor" for three and-a-half years, despite every sort of attack and slander, and even personal violence, when Bro. Simonsen thought it better for the sake of prudence, peace, and safety to return to Norway. Here, however, the same opposition was revived, and a special attack was made by a Rev. Mr. Preuss on Bro. Simonsen as a Freemason, and so angry was the feeling that the Bishop said he could "not see how a minister could remain a Mason." By these proceedings he was practically silenced, and had to withdraw from the ministry. He has come to England, we understand, to seek some assistance for himself, and his wife, and his young family from the brotherhood, and, as we understand, also to enable him to bring his case before the "Storthing;" the brethren at Christiana are, in the meantime, taking care of his wife and children. Our worthy Bro. Bent, P.G.C., a high authority on Swedish matters, has lent his well-known name in support of Bro. Simonsen's appeal, and we confess that we have every confidence that his story is true, and that he deserves the sympathy and support of the Craft. He has published a pamphlet, or rather the translation of his address to his own people, which seems to us a very clear and straightforward document. If his statements are true, and we have no reason to doubt their literal exactness, on the contrary, we think that his is an "over true tale," alas! for the liberality and toleration of 1879. Some of our worthy brethren may interest themselves in the case, and we should suggest a conference, at which Bro. Simonsen might be asked to attend, and state his own position fully and freely. To any such arrangement we would give our hearty support. In the meantime Bro. Lake, at 198, Fleet-street, will give any information to brethren who may wish for it. It does seem a "strong order" and "hard lines" indeed, that in 1879 a Norwegian minister, simply because he is a Freemason, should be driven from his post, and left to starve with his wife and children. But does anything surprise our readers in this queer world of ours? Certainly nothing surprises us.

THE BUDGET.

Though it be a trite remark that Freemasons are not politicians, and know nothing of party, most properly, like other fellow citizens, they are keenly alive to that very serious fact, the "incidence of taxation," and the amiable calls of the untiring tax collector, with which the contemporaneous history of our great people is so intimately and closely bound up. Some of us may remember an olden skit, which declared and demonstrated that Britons were "taxed for everything" in this nether world, yes, "everything," and though since that time fiscal reforms and happy alleviations have lightened the burden of our Anglican "Issachar," yet, quite enough remains to prove that with us taxation is still a reality, a necessity, and a luxury combined. It will be a great relief to many honest Masonic bread-winners to be told, on the "best authority," that, except a slight additional duty on cigars, pace our young men, (a very proper tax indeed), there is to be no increased taxation in the current year. This will be very good news to many up and down the land who read the *Freemason* carefully week by week, and, like them, we ourselves feel to be in a very grateful and contented mood of mind, when studying the formidable array of figures and the bristling army of facts, which constitute the new Budget of her Majesty's Chancellor of the Exchequer. We are glad also to note some faint gleams of reviving trade and of returning prosperity, and we trust sincerely, as despite hasty vaticinations and profound calculations, that most important and able official has so well brought out his own figures in the twelve months that are sped, so in the year to come his auguries may be realized, and his satisfactory arrangements made still more satisfactory to a confiding and taxpaying people. We shall all of us probably, independently of mere politics, as Masonic philosophers, if you like, take rosy or despondent views of the "situation," as the case may be. But, perhaps, after all the best and safest mode of treating all such subjects is to adopt the good advice and better example offered to us by the facetious and friendly poet. So pray attend and practise his directions, kindly readers all—

"Some public principles he had,
But was no flatterer nor fretter,
He rapped his box when things were bad,
And said, 'I cannot make them better.'
And much he loathed the patriot's snort,
And much he scorned the placeman's snuffle,
And cut the fiercest quarrels short
With 'Patience, gentlemen, and shuffle.'"

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 BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
You will perhaps permit me to add in this week's impression, that any of my brethren who may kindly retain votes for me will find me (D.V.) in Freemasons' Hall on Saturday and Monday next, and I shall be most grateful for every vote.

Yours very fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I much regret, for one, the tone and temper displayed by "Memphis" in your last issue, in his letter on this subject. The most serious objections may fairly be made, even by the most neutral, much more by the partizan, to the whole style and verbiage of his diatribe. I am not a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite myself, and, therefore, write quite calmly on the subject, but I doubt much the good of such letters as that in your last, and almost wonder at your allowing it to appear at all, without tremendous pruning, at any rate. For, to say the truth, the whole animus is as un-Masonic, and ungenerous, and ungenial as can possibly be conceived. And knowing how many excellent men and Masons form part of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, I think, for one, "Memphis" had better amend his taste, his similes, and his vocabulary, before he ventures to write again on the subject.
Even as an outsider his letter strikes me as "mighty offensive." I know the difficulties editors have, who wish to be fair, in pruning or excluding correspondence, and probably the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this country will say, "What does it all signify, this 'leather and prunella,' it amuses 'Memphis' and don't hurt us?" Seriously speaking, "Memphis" cannot fairly adduce any arguments from the Constitutions of 1786, which are either real, historical, or valid.

That the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite have a right to have a central authority in England is to me clear as day. If "Memphis" wishes, keeping clear of personalities, attacks, and inuendos, I shall be happy to discuss the matter with him in the pages of the *Freemason*.

But I much fear that the letter from the last paragraph is only another attempt to "puff" that ridiculous rite of "Memphis."

I am, yours fraternally,

AN OUTSIDER.

THE RITE ECOSSAIS, ANCIEN ET ACCEPTE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been drawn to the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar and Diary for the present year, and as the advertisement on the title page sets forth its being "A comprehensive Masonic book of reference, with full particulars of every Grand Masonic body throughout the globe," I am at loss to know how its compiler or editor could possibly have fallen into so grave an error as that which I find at page 211, where, under the heading of "Grand Orient of France, Supreme Council Thirty-Third Degree," the honoured name of Adolphe Crémieux is given as Sovereign Grand Commander of that body.

The Supreme Council of France, Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepé, acknowledges as its T.P.S. Grand Commander, Grand Maître, the V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, Senator, and not the Grand Orient. As your Calendar circulates extensively throughout these countries and abroad, it is but right this error should be corrected, as it cannot fail to be prejudicial to the interests of the Supreme Council to attribute its Gr. Commander, Gr. Master, to the Grand Orient, which latter body has completely suppressed the Grand Mastership. I am desired by the Grand Treasurer, the V. Ill. Bro. Maurice Schwab, 33°, to request a correction in the columns of your journal, in the name of the Supreme Council, and as the Council is too important a body to be thus completely ignored, I append a list of its officers and members.

As I am well aware that the position of the Supreme Council and Central Grand Lodge of France with reference to the Grand Orient is not generally understood by the majority of the English brethren, and that too frequently the lodges under its obedience have been confounded with those of the Grand Orient, I will simply state that the lodge summonses bear a heading which translates thus, "To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe," and the better to explain the position, I send you certain short articles on "Freemasonry in France." Perhaps one of the most important occurrences in the history of Freemasonry during this century took place on the 24th October last year—I allude to the Grand Masonic Fête, held under the auspices of the Supreme Council of France, in honour of the foreign brethren prior to the close of the International Exhibition. I cannot soon forget the magnificent picture which the interior of the palace of the Trocadero presented upon that important occasion, nor the brilliant addresses delivered by the V. Ill. Gr. Commander Crémieux, and the Gr. Orator, the V. Ill. Bro. Emmanuel Arago. In the words of the Grand Chancellor, the V. Ill. Bro. George Guiffrey, 33°, reviewing this important circumstance: "On the occasion of the International Exhibition we celebrated a Masonic fête, at which Masons from all quarters of the globe were gathered together; the most distant Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges responded to our call, and we have seen hastening to this rendezvous, held in honour of peace and labour, the followers of Hiram spread over the entire face of the globe. Even in the outer world, France herself exercises an influence upon the entire destinies of humanity, and in this circumstance we have proved that Freemasonry of the 'Rite Ecossais' has been called upon in France to perform an important rôle in concert with the Freemasons of the entire world. We fully recognise the proofs of sympathy and regard which have been evidenced to us upon this occasion in assuring to foreign Supreme Councils our spirit of concord and devotion; in unison with them we will onward march in the progressive path of civilisation, since it is universal Masonry which should assure to us the definite triumph of the great principles of fraternity and justice."

Needless to say this memorable fête was presided over by the V. Ill. Bro. Adolphe Crémieux, and that amongst the visitors and representatives from foreign Grand Bodies were the M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale; the Grand Chancellor, J. M. Pulteney Montagu, D.L. (whose able reply on behalf of the foreign brethren was admirably given in the French language); the Grand Secretary-General, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, and others; many of the Supreme Councils and Grand Lodges of Europe and America having been also represented. Yet, in the words of the Orator of the Central Grand Lodge of France, the V. Ill. Bro. Fabien, 33°, "Who will guarantee but that within a century it will not be said that the grand Masonic fête of the Trocadero was presided over by Ad. Crémieux as Grand Master of the Grand Orient?"

I shall conclude this communication with a passage translated from a letter of the V. Ill. Bro. Fabien, 33°, addressed to the V. Ill. Bro. Delongray (Grand Capt. of Guards and member of the Administrative Executive Commission of the Supreme Council)—"Strangers contest the regularity of our lodges; we should make ourselves recognised, but to do this we must show ourselves, act, speak, proclaim our principles, since our very existence, even, is ignored in London."

I am, Sir and Bro.,
Very faithfully and fraternally yours,
J. H. LLOYD, LL.D., M.R.I.A., 32°, FRANCE.
7, Lower Gardiner-street, Dublin,
April 7th, 1879.

SUPREME COUNCIL FOR FRANCE AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, RITE ECOSSAIS ANCIEN ET ACCEPTE.

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- M. Ill. Lieutenant Grand Commander—V. Ill. Bro. Baron Taylor.
- Grand Secretary General, Grand Chancellor, and Keeper of the Seal—V. Ill. Bro. George Guiffrey.
- Grand Treasurer General—V. Ill. Bro. Maurice Schwab.
- Grand Orator—V. Ill. Bro. Emmanuel Arago.
- Grand Master of Ceremonics—V. Ill. Bro. Sapin.
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- President of the First Section—V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.
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- President of the Third Section—V. Ill. Bro. Meige.
- Members of the Administrative and Executive Commission of the Supreme Council—
The V. Ill. Bros. Proal, Meige, and Sapin.
President of the Financial Commission—
V. Ill. Bro. Granvigne.
- Offices of the Supreme Council, 46, Rue de la Victoire, Paris.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Having of late years left correspondence in your columns very much to younger men, it may appear unseemly to interfere on a question purely local, concerning a province not now my own. My Masonic life has been spent in four provinces, each respectively for 10, 9, 8, and 5 years, and, having been active in all, I naturally still feel an interest in their doings, more especially as an honorary member of lodges in all. I see that the venerable and beloved P.G.M. for Devon has at last resigned his high position, which he has so long filled with credit to himself and advantage to the Craft. His love for it has induced him to retain the office for many years, during which most men would have sought repose; yet no one who saw him, as I did, at the last provincial meeting could charge him with deficiency in mental vigour during a very lively discussion, for though courtesy and kindness have been marked characteristics of his character, he could and did act with decision and firmness when necessary. When I was first under his rule we several times differed materially on important points, yet he was open to conviction, and there was no departure on either side from kindly personal feelings. My experience in Devon convinced me of the desirability of dividing the province into two portions, and this was greatly strengthened by what occurred at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Okehampton last autumn, so much so that I sent you a letter on the subject, which appeared in your columns on Sept. 7th. I am glad to find that the course I then advocated commends itself to many brethren in Devon, and that steps are being taken to bring the matter before the M.W.G.M. The following appear to be the chief points in its favour:

1. The great extent of the province, about seventy by sixty-five miles.
2. The large number of lodges, nearly fifty, and more than half that number of chapters.
3. The scattered position of the lodges, and the difficulty the brethren have in attending meetings at so great a distance.
4. The impossibility of Provincial Grand Lodge holding meetings, except at very long intervals, at all the lodges, where a hearty welcome would be given.
5. The fact that there are two great centres, Exeter and Plymouth, widely apart, the one in the south, the other in the north, each somewhat jealous of the other in regard to appointments in the Prov. Grand Lodge.
6. There are now upwards of 400 P.M.'s, and the number necessarily increases at the rate of more than thirty annually, who stand no chance of the purple, though many of them have proved themselves highly worthy of such distinction.
7. The inequality between so large a province and many small ones, with less than a fifth of the number of lodges, where Provincial honours are conferred upon brethren who have never passed the chair.
8. The difficulty in selection which the Prov. G.M. encounters, and hence the risk of his popularity among those who are passed over.
9. The present seems a most favourable opportunity for making so desirable a change, which may not occur again for many years.

Commending the matter to the careful consideration of those in whose hands the power is vested, and trusting that the examples of Yorkshire and Lancashire in this respect will be deemed ample precedents for the course proposed,

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,
H. H.,
P.P.G.S.W., P.M., P.Z., &c.

THE "FREEMASON" IN SOUTH AFRICA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Public attention is now largely directed to Her Majesty's colonies in the various districts forming South Africa. Far-seeing commercial men regard the whole as a magnificent field of a very immediate future for the display of energy and enterprise. The temporary settlement of 10,000 British soldiers, and the arrangement of many disputes other than those involved in the Zulu war, will tend to the further development of the material interests of the different colonies forming a South African dominion. The readers of the *Freemason* will be glad to know that our Craft exists there in strength, numbers, and prosperity. A hearty welcome will, therefore, be in readiness for such of our brethren as may be proceeding to the Cape

on loyalty, business, or pleasure bent. The Freemasons of South Africa share "labour and refreshment" under two Constitutions, the Dutch and the English. The Masonic lodges under the Dutch Constitution are 21 in number, under the English 25, the Royal Arch numbering 8. The numerical strength of the fraternity is considerable. Hitherto the brethren there have been without representative literature. The readers of the *Freemason* will be glad to know that a spirited effort is about to be made by the proprietor of the *Freemason* to promote a further union of the lodges of the colonies and the mother country by establishing a local agency for your valued journal, and the other three Masonic publications issued from the Fleet-street depot. On Friday, April 4th, Bro. A. F. Baxter, recently initiated in the Lion and Lamb, sailed in the "Warwick Castle," with his young bride, to settle as a mercantile agent in South Africa, and to act as special representative for Bro. George Kenning's publications. The object of this letter, Mr. Editor, is threefold: 1. To draw the attention of the brethren at home to the strength and importance of the fraternity in South Africa, and to ask them to regard their progress with continued affectionate interest. 2. To acquaint our South African brethren that the four Masonic publications can henceforth be supplied regularly by R. W. Baxter & Co., Cape Town, and forwarded to subscribers in all parts of the colonies. 3. To bespeak a kindly welcome from veterans in South Africa to a young initiate and settler, who comes to them with the best and most fraternal good wishes of the "Lion and Lamb."

Apologising for thus intruding upon your valuable space,

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

THOMAS JONES, 1657.

Australian Avenue, E.C.

FREEMASONRY IN ASIA MINOR.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In Captain Burnaby's very interesting work, "On Horseback through Asia Minor," chapter lxxv, I find the following: "I have been a great deal in the mountains, and know the Kurds well. There are Freemasons amongst them. Their Freemasonry dates back from the time of the ancient Assyrians." The speaker, with whom Captain Burnaby was conversing, was a Turkish colonel of artillery, who had been educated at Woolwich, and spoke English remarkably well.

If Captain Burnaby is a member of the Masonic fraternity himself he might be able to give some more particulars respecting these Kurdish Freemasons than are embraced in the above extract. It would be very interesting to know upon what grounds the Turkish colonel believed that the Kurds derived their Freemasonry from the ancient Assyrians. Perhaps Captain Burnaby would not object to give fuller details through the columns of the *Freemason*, should the subject be brought under his notice.

Yours fraternally,

G. C. L.

Ontario, Canada, 22nd March.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is there good reason to suppose that a lady was once made a member of the Craft; and if so, what was her name and lodge?

Yours fraternally,

SECRETARY.

[Yes; the Honourable Elizabeth St. Leger, afterwards the Honourable Mrs. Aldworth. See *Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.]

Reviews.

MAY'S BRITISH AND IRISH PRESS GUIDE FOR 1879. 159, Piccadilly, London.

It seems, from this most useful and needful work, a *vide necum* for all connected with the Press, in its sixth annual issue, that there are now 1924 newspapers in the United Kingdom, and that of these 505 are published in the metropolis alone, 1015 in the provinces of England, 174 in Scotland, 148 in Ireland, 62 in Wales, and 20 in the British Isles.

Of these 1924 newspapers, 693 are published on the Saturday, 440 on the Friday, 129 on the Thursday, 120 on the Monday, 113 monthly, 112 on the Wednesday, 87 daily in the morning, 65 on the Tuesday, 59 daily in the evening, 27 three times a week, 16 fortnightly, 14 five times a week, 9 on Sunday, though we are glad only one of these—the *Observer*—is actually published on a Sunday, and which we regret as a fact. Sunday publication is, in our opinion, a wrong to all concerned. 7 seem to be numbered among the "irregular and miscellaneous," and one paper is published quarterly. Of these 1924 papers, as the fact may interest our readers, we repeat what Mr. May tells us, in his clear tabular statement, that 567 are of professedly Liberal principles, 329 of Conservative, 70 of Liberal Conservative, and 958 independent or neutral. Of this little army of the press, 1016 are penny papers—what a wonderful fact in itself—261 are at twopence, 108 a halfpenny, 105 threepence, 97 sixpence, 91 three halfpence, 61 fourpence, and the rest vary from threepence-halfpenny to two shillings, while 11 are published gratuitously. These are facts and figures which deserve attention and consideration. If we turn to the periodicals (including magazines and reviews), it seems that there are 800 published in the United Kingdom. Of these 580 are monthly, 105 are quarterly, 96 are weekly, 49 are irregular and various, and the remaining 24 vary from "twice a week" to "half-yearly." Of these publications—equally remarkable fact—283 are issued at 1d., 108 at 6d., and the remainder vary

from a halfpenny to six shillings, 19 being published gratuitously. We may observe, that in addition there are periodicals varying from 2½ to 5 guineas per annum, though this note we confess we do not quite understand unless, as it appears this list includes about 70 of the 800. Of this 800, 360 have a religious tendency, 305 are illustrated periodicals, and of these 25 contain coloured plates and six are illustrated by photography. 83 periodicals are devoted to the juvenile portion of the community, 111 are trade journals, 12 represent the labour question, and 58 are set forth of "temperance principles," 7 seek to advance the interests of women, and 28 are given up to "fashions." Several periodicals are issued in the Welsh and French languages, one in Arabic and Hindostani, and others are partly printed in the Gaelic and Lancashire dialect. Two magazines contain literary compositions by patients of asylums for the insane. Are not these "facts" indeed worth noting and which if they would have startled our forefathers, must have even some effect on our apathetic and unimpressed age.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME HOSPITALS' ASSOCIATION FOR PAYING PATIENTS. Harrison and Son, 11, St. Martin's-lane, Printers to the Queen.

We have read this report with much interest, as a tentative effort to what many deem a much needed reform. We confess ourselves, however, to be somewhat in a haze and doubt on the subject, inasmuch as the movement, however well intended, seems to us to antagonise the great and beneficent idea of the "hospital," per se. It may be right, it may be a necessity of our times, but, none the less, it does at first sight appear to run counter to the genial and philanthropic principles of gratuitous hospital aid to the poor and suffering. So many kind-hearted and worthy persons have taken up, however, the theory, that we feel it deserves honest consideration and respectful treatment. The report so far is only preliminary. Something like £5000 have been received, of which £1185 have been paid as a deposit on the purchase of leasehold property, Berkeley House, Manchester-square, where the hospital work is to be carried on. We confess we do not exactly see why the block of St. Thomas's Hospital was not leased as an experiment. No doubt the Committee had good and sufficient reasons for their decision, but we venture to think the experiment would have started as well there as in or near Manchester-square. When "doctors differ who shall agree?" is an old adage, and we shall await, with no little interest, the second report of this new hospital. But we think it right to add that a good deal of nonsense, in our opinion, has been talked on the subject, and by those who ought to have known better too.

THE ROSICRUCIAN for January, 1879.

This number shews proof of able editing, and is full of articles of interest and pleasurable reading. For those who affect the mysteries of the "Rosea Crucis," to all who care for abstruse disquisitions and Hermetic researches, we recommend this well-printed and well-edited magazine.

THE MONDE MACONNIQUE for March. Edited by Bro. Caubet.

This well-known French magazine, ably edited as it always is, though we do not always profess to agree with it, has its usual articles, all, no doubt, full of information for French brethren, but possessing, for various reasons, little interest for English readers. It is, alas! only too marked, alike in tone and temper, the change which seems to have come over French Freemasonry.

LA CHAINE D'UNION for March.

Bro. Hubert continues the even and useful tenour of his way, and we always read his magazine with pleasure. Of course we do not always agree with the sentiments of the speakers, as French Freemasons too often wander, in our opinion, into devious paths, and un-Masonic regions, but no one can be insensible to the vigorous and enlightened editorship of Bro. Hubert, just as no one can doubt his honesty of purpose and Masonic singleness of aim.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE LODGE OF ANTIQUITY, NO. 2.

It seems, though it is a fact which, as far as I know, has escaped even the attention of Bros. Hughan and Gould, and Masonic Student so far, that in 1794, the Lodge of Harodim, 467, was discontinued on being united to No. 1, the then Lodge of Antiquity. If I am in error on the point of this being a new statement I shall be glad to be corrected.

See *Freemasons' Calendar* for the year 1811, page 34.

ANTIQUITY.

ANDERSON'S LIST OF LODGES.

I should like to draw the attention of Masonic students to "Anderson's List of Lodges for 1738," in the *Masonic Magazine* for April, especially to the valuable explanatory notes. There is no name to the article, but I fancy the writer is well known to me as an earnest and able Masonic student.

I have been trying to place the present numbers to those lodges which bear the *, and think that consecutively they run as follows: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 16, 14, 12, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, and 33. Old 68 (London in list) has a *, and also 69*. The latter is evidently 35, now held at Isle of Wight. Have not yet placed 68*. Then follow 45, 55, and 56 (now at Arundel). For country lodges we have now 39 (Axeth); 37 (Bolton); 41 (Bath); 42 (Bury); 43 (Birmingham). After this it is not easy to follow the stars. Newcastle-on-Tyne, of 1735, has a star. Should it not be 48 (Gateshead)? 51 (Colchester); 52 (Norwich); 61 (Halifax), then come regularly.

W. J. HUGHAN.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

I quite agree with our Bro. R. F. G. in his estimate of the value of the catalogue, commenced in the April number of the *Masonic Magazine*, of Masonic works in the "British Museum." I find, however, many names absent of modern English Masonic works, viz., several of Dr. Oliver's, and of my own works only one is mentioned out of five, for which I hold the regular receipts of the British Museum. It certainly does seem strange that well known and useful works like the *Cyclopaedias* published by Bro. John Hogg, and the one published by Bro. Kenning, cannot be obtained by readers in the British Museum. Why is this? Surely both Bros. Hogg and Kenning have sent the copies, as required, for the use of that Institution and the Universities, &c.

Works which allude to Freemasonry, though not strictly Masonic, should also be catalogued, just as Dr. Kloss has ably done to the year 1844.

W. J. HUGHAN.

FUNERAL OF BRO. JOHN JOHNSON.

The funeral of Bro. John Johnson took place on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at Abney Park Cemetery. On behalf of West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, as their representatives, were Bros. E. Mallett, P.M. 141, Secretary; H. J. Lardner, G. H. Stephens, J. J. Howes, who were in the grounds, and followed his remains to the church. They proceeded to the head of the grave, accompanied by Bro. Summers, P.M., who had provided himself with a sprig of acacia, which he placed in the hands of Bro. T. W. Adams, I.P.M. 1623, who (on the arrival of the deceased brother's remains, and prior to the reading of our beautiful funeral service) put that sprig on the head of the coffin as a token of Masonic respect.

There were at the funeral a numerous assemblage of the employees of the Gas, Coke, and Light Company, apparently from the highest to the humblest of the firm, where he was held in the greatest respect, as he had devoted a lifetime of energy and talent in the best interests for the firm. Upwards of twenty carriages followed in the procession, and amongst the occupants we noticed Bros. J. H. Pearson, Church, Fraser, Crombie, and many other eminent Masons. Universal sorrow and regret was expressed at his loss; great sympathy and condolence was felt for his sorrowing widow and his three children, the eldest of whom is but thirteen years old.

The last public act of our worthy brother was his representing West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, when on his list he collected seventy-five guineas for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. His end was peace. He lived respected and died regretted.

Apologies were received from the Secretaries of his lodges, from a large number of the members who regretted their absence, caused by unforeseen circumstances, amongst whom were Bros. F. Walters, T. M. Butt, W. Butt, F. Howes, Egbert Roberts, and others.

THE DISASTER AT SZEGEDIN.

We have been requested to publish the following, which we gladly do:—

St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, Budapest. To the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. To all W. and W. lodges and to all brethren of the globe.

Or. Budapest, 14th March, 1879.

W. and Bel. Brethren,—

Szegedin, one of the most prosperous Hungarian cities, was inundated on the 12th March by the floods of the Theiss river, and was almost completely destroyed.

Thousands of inhabitants of that unfortunate city found their death, parents lost their children, and children their protectors and supporters.

Seventy thousand persons are exposed to the greatest misery and privation, and are left to wander about without shelter. Even the hope of gaining a livelihood is taken away from those unfortunate sufferers by the fact of hundred thousands of acres of fertile ground around being completely flooded.

In that city, once so industrious and now crushed by misfortune, for which it cannot be made responsible, exists one of our most active lodges, the Arpad Lodge. Its members have always shown themselves very assiduous in the services of the Royal Art, and have often proved their Masonic spirit by acts of charity. To-day they are themselves in need of help, for their property is destroyed, and the results of years of toil have become a prey to elementary force.

The different lodges working under the authority of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary have immediately been called upon to render all possible assistance, but, in spite of their readiness to do so, their power to carry efficient help to the numerous brethren in Szegedin must be pronounced totally inadequate to the magnitude of the calamity. In consideration of this sad fact the Grand Lodge of Hungary herewith addresses itself to all warranted and worshipful lodges, as well as to all brethren of the globe, with the urgent request to remember the unfortunate sufferers of Szegedin, and to assist them in finding the means for a new existence.

We are convinced that you will take part in such an act of humanity, and ask you kindly to direct your contributions to the office of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in Budapest, Josephsplatz 11. The sums received shall be acknowledged in its official paper, *Orient*, and the Grand Lodge shall cause their distribution to be conducted by the brethren of the Arpad Lodge working under its authority in the Orient of Szegedin.

We greet you with brotherly love.

For the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary,
FRANCIS PULSZKY, The Grand Master.
ALEX. UNT, The Grand Secretary.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

The sixteenth annual installation of W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge took place on Monday, the 30th December, 1878, on which occasion the various officers were also invested.

W. Bro. J. C. Haghès, the W.M. for 1878, being unfortunately absent from Shanghai, the lodge was opened at nine o'clock p.m. by W. Bro. Lewis Moore, I.P.M., the hall being well thronged with brethren, among the more distinguished of whom were the following:—W. Bros. Weiller, D.G. Supt. of Works, and Drummond Hay, D.G. Treasurer, of the D.G. Lodge of Japan; Thos. Pemberton, W.M. Lodge Cosmopolitan, 428, S.C.; M. H. Cook, P.M., and D. C. Jansen, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution; W. L. Koch, jun., W.M. Lodge Germania, and many others.

Shortly afterwards the R.W.D. Grand Master, Bro. C. Thorne, entered the lodge, accompanied by the following District Grand Officers:—W. Bros. T. W. Kingsmill, President Board of General Purposes; P. Orme, D.G. Sec.; H. Evans, D.G. J.D.; H. S. Morris, D.G. Dir. of Cer.; G. B. Fentum, D.G. Org., who presided at the organ; J. Brown, D.G. Purst.; W. H. Anderson and Bro. B. Palamontain, D.G. Stewards, and others, and they were received with the customary honours.

W. Bro. Moore thanked the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers for the honour of their company, to which the R.W.D.G.M. replied, that from the time of its foundation he had always taken the greatest interest in the Tuscan Lodge, and, as an honorary member of it, he felt an additional pleasure in the exercise of his right as D.G.M. to assist at these ceremonies.

W. Bro. Moore then requested W. Bro. Thos. W. Kingsmill, President of the Board of General Purposes, to conduct the installation, and W. Bro. Kingsmill having accepted the gavel, took the chair, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, W. Bro. W. H. Short, who, after the observance of the ancient customs, then invested his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. Wm. Miller, S.W.; H. J. Fisher, J.W.; C. H. King, Treas.; John Morris, Sec.; Cecil W. Holliday, S.D.; J. W. L. M. Williamson, J.D.; R. Markwick, D.C.; G. E. York, Steward; J. A. Sullivan, I.G.; T. Hore, Tyler.

The W.M. thanked W. Bro. Kingsmill for his kindness in undertaking the installation, and expressed his admiration of the able manner in which it had been conducted at his hands.

W. Bro. Kingsmill, in reply, paid some very high compliments to the working of the Tuscan Lodge, which he had enjoyed many opportunities of witnessing, and concluded by wishing the lodge continued prosperity.

The W.M. then thanked the numerous visitors for their presence, and invited them to partake of a supper which had been provided.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, which had given Bro. Hore, the Tyler, an opportunity of displaying the decorative art in a very effective manner, seasonable evergreens being happily blended with Masonic devices.

After the refreshments, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast of the evening, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," and said—Our Queen shows her interest in Masonry by the generous support she gives to the Charities, and although the ladies are not represented at our Masonic meetings, Her Majesty has ever shown her kindly feelings towards the Craft. The present time, however, is one of sorrow to the Queen, and I am sure I express the sentiments of the Craft at large, when I say how heartily we sympathise with her in her bereavement by the lamented death of the beloved Princess Alice. The feelings of love and loyalty to Her Majesty extend, indeed, to the very ends of the earth, and I need, therefore, do no more than call upon you to honour the toast, "The Queen and the Craft."

The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. said—The next toast it is customary to divide, but, as time is short, I am sure it will not be considered disrespectful if I unite with our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, his Deputy Grand Master, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales looks personally into all details connected with his office, and causes much enthusiasm amongst the Grand Officers by his own example. Indeed, no matter what duties he undertakes, he throws so much goodwill and work into them as to gain the affections of those around him. The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master also are ever to the front when needed in any Masonic capacity, while the Grand Officers well support their endeavours to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. I now ask you to drink "To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England."

W. Bro. Orme, P.M., then rose to propose a toast which he felt would meet with cordial acceptance from the brethren. Much of the success which had attended Freemasonry in China was owing, he said, to the mutual understanding and general good fellowship which had at all times existed between sister lodges working under various Constitutions. In a place so distant from our homes, and where the community was so purely cosmopolitan as in China, such friendly feelings could not be too warmly appreciated, and it gave him great pleasure, as he was sure it did to all the members of the Tuscan Lodge, to see so many illustrious brethren hailing from sister lodges among them that night. This was not the first time it had been the privilege of the Tuscan Lodge to meet brethren from sister lodges at the festive board, and he hoped it would not be the last. The example set by the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, and so successfully followed by other lodges in Shanghai, was a good one. He believed that such meetings did a great deal towards cementing union among Masons of different nationalities; it

enabled them to become acquainted with each other, and assisted in finding out the amiable qualities of each. He greeted with pleasure the representatives of the Lodge Germania, working under the Three Globes, Berlin, many of whose members were initiated into Freemasonry in the Tuscan Lodge, and he should always feel a warm interest in their welfare and prosperity. There were also members present from the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, all of whom he heartily welcomed. Much had already been said on Masonic subjects during the evening, and as there were several speakers to follow him, he would, without further preface, ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the Grand Masters and Officers of Sister Grand Lodges."

W. Bro. M. H. Cook, P.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, responded on behalf of the Lodge of Massachusetts. Masonry, he was proud to say, had established a firm footing in America, and the Grand Lodge which he represented was one of the oldest offshoots of the Craft in the New Continent. He was happy to meet on common ground with brethren hailing from other Constitutions, and the Ancient Landmark Lodge felt itself honoured by the kind hospitality which had that evening been extended to its members.

The W.M. then said the toast he had now the pleasure to propose was "The District Grand Master and Officers of the D.G.L. of Northern China." All Masons working under the English Constitution must feel very proud of the rare abilities of R.W. Bro. Thorne. W. Bro. Kingsmill, too, had that evening conducted the installing ceremonies in a most highly efficient manner, whilst W. Bro. Moore had had the bulk of the lodge work to direct during the past year, owing to the unexpected departure of W. Bro. Hughes, who held the chair. The W.M. concluded by proposing the toast of which he had given notice.

The toast was acknowledged by W. Bro. Thorne, R.W.D.G.M., who said—W.M., Bros. Wardens and brethren, in returning you thanks on behalf of the officers of the D.G. Lodge for the kind response you have made to the toast proposed in such eloquent terms by the W.M., I can assure you it is a pleasure at all times for us to take part in your ceremonies. The admirable manner in which the installation has been performed by our W. Bro. Kingsmill will, I hope, make its proper impression upon you, so that you may carry out the principles inculcated thereby. Masonry is doing good service in Shanghai, and I am sure if we all strive to promulgate its true principles, we shall find much benefit accrue to others who are not within our pale. The D.G. Officers are ever ready to lend their aid in assisting the working of the various lodges, and I trust the junior members of the Craft will emulate their example. To shew what may be achieved in this way, I may instance the career of our W. Bro. Henry Aeneas Sidford, who was largely instrumental in establishing the Tuscan Lodge, in connection wherewith he overcame a multitude of difficulties. We all know his services to the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang, and we now hear of his visiting Amoy to install the W.M. of the new Ionic Lodge there, the D.G.M. of Hong Kong having recognised Bro. Sidford's long and able services by appointing him his District Grand Senior Warden. Before I resume my seat I have to ask you to join me in drinking "The Health of the W.M." our W. Bro. Short, who by the manner in which he handles the gavel gives promise of proving himself a worthy successor of former incumbents of the Tuscan chair, and may our best wishes help him on the way.

The W.M. said he had already addressed the brethren on several occasions, and need scarcely say there was no more gratifying one than the present, but as he had no wish to monopolise the conversation, he would simply ask their acceptance of his heartfelt thanks and wish prosperity to every one present.

Bro. Wm. Miller, S.W., said the next toast was one which would be received with much satisfaction. Unlike the one they had last honoured, this was not a personal but a collective toast, yet it gave him (Bro. Miller) an opportunity of mentioning by name several of their senior brethren, who not only had benefitted Freemasonry generally, but had given himself great assistance, and allowed him to profit by their more extended experience. He alluded more particularly to W. Bros. J. C. Hughes, Louis Moore, J. I. Miller, P. Orme, R. S. Gundry, and last but not least to W. Bro. C. Thorne, our present R.W.D.G.M., who had been associated with the Tuscan Lodge from its very foundation, and although he had never filled the chair of that particular lodge, had always favoured us with his attendance on all possible occasions. Bro. Miller concluded by proposing "The Health of the Past Masters of the Tuscan Lodge" coupled with the name of W. Bro. Orme.

In replying to the toast, W. P. M. Orme, P.D.G.J.W. for China, alluded to the pleasure it always afforded Past Masters in the Craft to view the progress and improvement of Freemasonry. It was of course very gratifying to the Past Masters of the Tuscan Lodge particularly to mark the strides it had made during the past few years. One of its founders was present here that night, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, and to him many thanks were due, not only for work formerly done in the lodge, but for the instruction and guidance afforded to its rulers, since he had been appointed by the Prince of Wales to the high office he at present occupied; and it must be very gratifying to him to see the very creditable institution that had been erected on the foundation of the Tuscan Lodge. Bro. Miller had made very flattering allusion to the works of W. Bros. Gundry, J. I. Moore, L. Moore, and himself (W. Bro. Orme), and doubtless all the Past Masters would agree with him in feeling that their labours were rewarded by the high position the Tuscan Lodge now held. He noticed the improved working in Shanghai lodges generally, and recommended the junior brethren to attend regularly the Lodge of Assiduity which had so largely led to this result, and with a tribute of praise to the W.M. and officers lately

elect, he closed his remarks by thanking the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast of the P.M.'s.

W. Bro. Kingsmill said a pleasing duty devolved on him in the toast he now had to propose. They had heard of the present officers of the Tuscan Lodge, and they had seen how worthy they were of the promotion which had fallen to their lot, but what of those of the past, without whose exertions the lodge could never have attained its present position? He had for many years noted the zealous discharge of their duties by the Masters who year after year had been elected to fill the chair, and under whose bountiful care the lodge had always been conducted in a manner which reflected credit on Masonry in Shanghai. He was sorry to miss from amongst them W. Bro. Hughes, their I.P.M., who had been summoned from Shanghai during his year of office, but all, or nearly all, the past officers of the year were then around him, and in proposing their health he would couple it with the name of one of the most distinguished of their number, a well-known and honoured Mason, W. Bro. Lewis Moore.

W. Bro. Moore, in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, I regret W. Bro. Hughes, the I.P.M., is not present here this evening, as he could have replied to the toast in a far more able manner than I can. However, on his behalf, I beg to thank you. I am sure you all regret that he was obliged to leave before his term of office had expired, as he had the working of the lodge at heart. On behalf of the officers I also beg to return their sincere thanks. They have all done their best to enable the working of the lodge to go on smoothly, and I am glad their endeavours have been so much appreciated. The praise poured on me by the W.M. I am afraid I am not entitled to, because I have only done my duty as a Mason ought to do, and further I shall at all times be ready to assist the lodge as far as lies in my power, when called upon. I trust the Tuscan Lodge will continue to work as heretofore, and that it will shortly be, if it is not already, second to none in Shanghai.

W. Bro. Moore again rose and said: W.M. and brethren, I am glad that the proposal of the next toast has been entrusted to me. You have heard W. Bro. Orme dilate upon the Sister Grand Lodges, and incidentally refer to the lodges in Shanghai working under their rule. It is "Prosperity to these Lodges and Health to their Members" that I ask you to respond to, and I am certain it requires no commendation from me to ensure an enthusiastic reception to this toast. We have present with us to-night members of the Lodges Ancient Landmark, Cosmopolitan, and Germania. Lately, many of us assisted at the installation ceremonies of the two former, and afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of their members. I regret to say that, through the ignorance of many of our own members of the German language, we are not enabled to join in the ceremonies of the latter lodge as we would like to do, but we can at all times bear testimony to the fraternal feeling that exists between the members and ourselves, which is fully borne out by the ready and kind manner in which they attend our meetings, and cheer us by their genial cordiality. They also unite with us in aiding the relief of suffering amongst the brethren, when, unfortunately, it is necessary to enlist their sympathies. Brethren, I was going to say a great deal more, but I have just been reminded time is short. I will not, therefore, detain you further, but at once ask you to unite in wishing prosperity to our sister lodges, and continued health and strength to their members.

W. Bro. Jansen, W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, in a humorous speech, acknowledged the toast on behalf of his own and the other lodges, and favourably contrasted the warmth of his reception with the severity of the weather, the thermometer being at the time somewhere in the neighbourhood of zero. He was glad, however, to see that W. Bro. Kingsmill kept up a generous flow from the capacious punch-bowl before him, and which he fancied the coldness of the night would render more attractive than his speaking. W. Bro. Moore had claimed for the officers of the Tuscan Lodge that they had done their best in Masonry. He (Bro. Jansen) did not doubt they had also done their best to warm the room, and he could have wished that greater success had rewarded their labours in that direction. For his own part, however, he had been very glad to partake of their hospitable entertainment, and would conclude by asking the brethren to drink to "The Health of the Officers of the Tuscan Lodge." (Cheers.)

Bro. H. J. Fisher, J.W., acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his brother officers.

W. Bro. Orme, in a few appropriate words, then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was acknowledged by W. Bro. Weiller, of the D.G. Lodge of Japan.

The Tyler's toast brought the formal part of the programme to an end, but the punch-bowl yet retained some hidden secrets which the more mysterious of the brethren were resolved to conceal.

The Provincial Grand Chapter Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland will hold a meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 15th May, at 4 o'clock. Names of candidates (who must be members of the Royal Arch and 18°), should be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary at the above address as soon as possible.

The half-yearly convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310, the Earl of Bective, M.P., M.E.P.G. Supt., presiding.

Bro. Sawyer, whose name was so well known to the frequenters of the Crystal Palace as the refreshment contractor, has entered on the management of the Station Restaurant (henceforth to be called Sawyer's), Railway-place, Fenchurch-street. We trust he will be quite successful in his new venture.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 18, 1879.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12.

Quart. Gen. Ct. & Election, Girls' School at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Cavac, Alpine Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton-court.
" 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
" 1607, Royalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.
Manchester, 77, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Percy, 113, Southgate-rd., N.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 7.30.

MONDAY, APRIL 14.

Quart. Gen. Ct. & Election, Boys' School at 12. See Advt.
Lodge 5, St. George and Corner Stone, F.M.H.
" 29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 90, St. John's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 222, St. Andrew's, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.
Red Cross Con. 2, Plantagenet, 68, Regent-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
Loughborough, Warrior Hot., Brixton.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
Lodge 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
" 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
" 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H. Camberwell.
" 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea old Bridge.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

Gen. Com. Grand Chap. at 3.
Lodge of Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
" 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 190, Oak, F.M.H.
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
" 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
" 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
" 1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town.
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Rose Croix 44, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stone-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd, Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd, Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Dalston, E.
Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, South-pl., Kenningtn. at 8.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
" 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
" 63, St. Mary's, F.M.H.
" 169, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
" 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 181, Universal, F.M.H.
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
" 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex.
" 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
" 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H.
" 1613, Cripple-gate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq.
Mark " 7, Carnarvon, Café Royal, 68, Regent-st., W.
K. T. E. Observance, 14, Bedford-row.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

House Com. Boys' School, 4.
Lodge 143, Middlesex, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 201, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes.
" 1704, Anchor, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
Chap. 92, Meira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
R. Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.
Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., 6 to 8 p.m.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.
Unions Emulation (for 'M.M.'s), F.M.H.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot. London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

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MONDAY, APRIL 14.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Rooms, Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermer Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Red Cross Instruction Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15.

Lodge 666, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Roolle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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