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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this famous lodge took place on Wednesday evening last, the 28th inst. Among the visitors present were Bros. Whichcord, P.G.D.; Chevalier Habicht, P.G.S.; Russell, P.M. The lodge voted £10 10s. to the Boys' School, and £10 10s. to the St. Alban's Fund. The brethren, though few in number, owing, we suspect, to the Derby Day, adjourned to a very pleasant, social meeting, and separated at an early hour. Bros. Hope, D.M.; Woodford, I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Treas., and G. Treas.; Barron, P.M. and Sec.; Sampson Pierce, Erasmus Wilson, P.M.; and Greatham, J.W., were among those present.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 19th inst. Lodge was opened at 4 p.m., by the W.M., Bro. C. P. McKay, and there were present during the evening the following brethren, viz.:—Bros. W. R. Sheadd, S.W.; E. Mitchell, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M.; D. Trusler, P.M.; H. Payne, P.M.; Thos. Poore, P.M., and Sec.; M. Spiegel, S.D.; W. Gunner, J.D.; C. A. Blogg, Organist; G. Lambert, I.G.; G. Mulley, Steward; W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler; also Bros. Lilley, Syer, Smith, Plater, Whittaker, Richardson, Max Brenner, Anthony, Ash, Barton, Glenister, Mellhuiss, Hall, Laver, Treves, Kerr, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Sawyer, W.M. 1619; E. Kidman, P.M. 1586; G. Yaxley, W.M. 463; W. W. Prickett, 1327; J. Howes, P.M. 1623; J. J. Barrett, 619; W. Foulsham, P.M. 1790; and J. New, W.M. 1238. The installation of the S.W., Bro. Wm. Sheadd, as W.M., was undertaken by Bro. Poore, and was performed with the usual clearness and perfect ceremony for which this worthy brother is so greatly distinguished. Bro. James Stevens assisted him as D.C., and delivered the admirable address to the brethren in explanation of the "three lesser lights" which he, in conjunction with Bro. Poore, has recently introduced with great effect into the installation ceremony. The result was most satisfactory to members and visitors. After presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sheadd, W.M., appointed and invested his officers in the following order, viz.: Bros. E. Mitchell, S.W.; M. Spiegel, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec., and Treas.; W. Gunner, S.D.; G. Lambert, J.D.; F. C. Pascall, I.G.; G. Mulley, D.C.; C. A. Blogg, W.S. and Org.; C. Richardson, Steward; and W. Steedman, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers by ably initiating Mr. J. R. Blackmore into the Order. Great sympathy was felt for the W.M., who has been for many months suffering from the effects of a very serious accident, causing him to be entirely dependent on crutches for support, but whose pluck and determination on this occasion elicited the admiration of all present. He neglected no effort necessary to perform his duties throughout the entire evening, and the heartiest wishes of the brethren for his speedy restoration were freely expressed. Before the lodge was closed, a proposition was made to mark the sense of the lodge towards Bro. Poore, by the presentation of a handsome testimonial. At the excellent banquet which followed, Bro. McKay, the I.P.M., received at the hands of the W.M. a Past Master's jewel, and to the toast in his honour made effective response. The visitors found able representatives in the persons of Bros. Foulsham and Yaxley, whose replies were admirably delivered. The Senior P.M., Bro. Stevens, also responded on behalf of himself and other Past Masters, and especially directed the attention of some of the brethren to the necessity for aiding the W.M., under his present unfortunate state of health, by a stricter adherence to order and regularity than even they had hitherto evinced. The whole proceedings were throughout agreeable, and the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Agricultural Hall, on the 16th inst. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 4.30 by the retiring W.M., Bro. Coombs, supported by his officers, Bros. A. F. Rowley, S.W.; J. Weston, J.W.; John Greenfield, Treasurer; John Osborn, Secretary; W. F. Poulton, J.D.; R. G. Thomas, Org.; H. Field, I.G.; and Past Masters E. Somers and Edward G. Sim. The minutes of the ordinary and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer submitted the balance-sheet for the year 1878—1879, which showed that the lodge had surmounted all its financial difficulties, and commenced the year with a fair balance in hand. It was, therefore, unanimously adopted. The W.M. was now replaced in the chair by Bro. P.M. Sim, who proceeded to initiate Messrs. Percy John Stuart Taylor and George William Larker. Bro. T. C. Duncan having been examined in the usual manner, and found qualified to be passed, retired, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Duncan on being re-admitted was duly passed, the presiding W.M. performing the ceremony with exceptional ability. There being no other business before the lodge save the installation, it was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Coombs, as D.C., presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Rowley, to Bro. Sim, who kindly undertook to act as Installing Master. This he did in a manner that we have rarely seen equalled for unhesitating precision and solemnity. On being installed the W.M. elect appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: J. Weston, S.W.; J. Osborn, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; C. F. Parslow, Sec.; W. Norris, S.D.; W. F. Poulton, J.D.; H. Field, I.G.; R. G. Thomas, Organist; J. H. Oppenheim, D.C.; J. Rimell, W.S.; R. Allison, A.W.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed it was, on the motion of Bro. Poulton, seconded by Bro. Somers, unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the Grand Lodge of Brussels on account of the death of the Grand Master, Bro. Anspach. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the newly-elected W.M. presiding. Besides those whose names are already mentioned there were present Bros. J. Percy, W. Francis, R. J. Towne, H. Keil, J. Francis, G. Guyn, E. Peterkin, S. Hollidge, E. Payne, W. Payne, J. Crocker, J. Gibbs, P. S. Taylor, G. Tarrant, H. L. Godolphin, J. Alexander, E. Abrams, C. Preston, J. Kitchiner. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts; J. D. Langton, S.D. 1673; E. W. Braine, P.M. 1471; J. Kew, P.M. 179; F. Goode, P.M. 1288; W. B. Kidder, P.M. 12; H. Fisher, 1489; C. Hubbard, W.M. 820; W. Hirst, 15; W. Cook, 1774; G. Hicks, 813; D. Gulley, 1309; J. Field, 917; H. M. Levy, P.M. 188; E. Roberts, 1623; Goldstein, 917; and W. Riches, J.W. 946. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G. Master," "The M.W. Pro G.M.," "The D.G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," having been honoured, Bro. Coombs proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that from what the brethren had seen of Bro. Rowley in the past there could be little doubt that he would give ample satisfaction during his year of office. He felt sure that the W.M. might rely on all the sympathy and support, not only of the officers, but of all the brethren in the lodge. The W.M. having acknowledged the toast, next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. Sim, he observed, had a great claim to the gratitude of the brethren of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge for the unceasing interest which he always took in its welfare, and, as a working Mason, he was an example that they might all copy with profit. (Hear, hear.) As Installing Master that evening he had given them a proof of his ability, which it required no words of his to praise. If the brethren could only follow in the footsteps of Bro. Sim, they would have no reason to be afraid for the cause of Freemasonry. Bro. Sim, in responding, said that it had given him a great deal of pleasure to be connected with the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, and, in accepting whatever office he had held, he had conscientiously endeavoured to do his duty whatever might have been the result. If he had gained their approval for the way in which he conducted the ceremony of installation, all he could say was that he was well repaid for any time and attention it had cost him. The W.M. had kindly stated that he (the speaker) was an example that those who might succeed him would do well to follow. But he would assure them that every one who undertook a certain duty would find an amount of satisfaction in endeavouring to perform it perfectly which more than compensated for any additional trouble he might be put to. This fact brought to his mind the words which their Past Grand Chaplain quoted at the consecration of the lodge—

"Life is real, life is earnest,
 And the grave is not its goal;
 'Dust thou art, to dust returnest,'
 Was not spoken of the soul.
 'Let us then be up and doing,
 With a heart for any fate,
 Still achieving, still pursuing—
 Learn to labour and to wait."

"The Initiates" having been drunk and acknowledged, the W.M. next gave "The Visitors," in behalf of whom Bro. Kidder, P.M. 12, replied, and in doing so paid a well merited compliment to the officers of the lodge for their general efficiency. Bro. Coombs in replying to "The Health of the Past Masters" reminded the brethren that it was now just three years since the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge was consecrated, and he felt convinced that if they continued to go in the future as they had done in the past they would become a splendid lodge. They all saw how excellently appointed their lodge room was, and of course they knew that it could not be appointed without a good

deal of money, yet he had the greatest pleasure in announcing that they had not only paid all the expenses they had incurred, but they had contributed a fair amount to the Benevolent Funds of the Craft, and had a fair balance in hand. (Hear, hear). Bro. Coombs concluded by thanking the brethren for a beautiful Past Master's jewel with which he was presented, and assured them that it would always be worn by him with the greatest pleasure as a memento of his year of office. In responding for "The Charities," Bro. Terry acknowledged the efforts made by the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge to promote the interests of the Masonic Institutions. When he looked around that room he saw several brethren who had served as Stewards, and who had brought up sums of money which represented in the aggregate a large amount. He could only trust that in the future the lodge would continue to be a great benefactor to these institutions. After reminding the brethren of the obligation which every Freemason took upon himself at his initiation with respect to the poor of the brotherhood, Bro. Terry trusted that it was not a mere profession with them, but that it was deeply impressed upon their minds, and would be fulfilled so long as life was spared to them. The Charities were three in number. The Girls' School had just celebrated its ninety-first anniversary with a list of 200 children, who had been maintained, clothed, and educated by their bounty. The Boys' School was about to celebrate its eighty-first anniversary at Wood Green, having on its roll the large number of 210 boys, who had enjoyed the same blessings, and, in passing, he would take leave to state what was not generally known, that at the last Cambridge examination, out of fourteen boys belonging to this Institution, there being fifteen first-class honours only to be taken, their School took nine. (Cheers.) He ventured to think that out of fourteen boys sent up from any educational institution no greater distinction could have been attained. (Hear, hear.) They had also to congratulate the Girls' School for its efficiency. Of fifteen girls that went up for examination seven gained first class, and four gained second class honours, while other four received honourable mention. (Hear, hear.) Not one failure had been recorded among any of their children when they presented themselves for examination. The old people had, of course, no such test of merit to go through (laughter and cheers), and it was his misfortune as their representative that he could not refer to any such achievements. But he fancied he could do more than that, for he could refer to years and years of a well-spent life—to a life without a blemish or a stain, and he thought it was a great thing after all to boast of that a man should live four score years and nobody be able to point a finger of scorn or malice at him. After referring to the enormous development of Freemasonry, and its Charities, Bro. Terry went on to say that, although there had been a great depression of trade, and a consequent diminution of the income of the other great charities of the country, not only had the income of the Masonic Charities been kept up, but it had increased in a direct proportion to the increased numbers that had joined their ranks, from which he ventured to infer that there must be something very sound in the management of their Institutions, and the principles upon which they were established, otherwise the Craft would not have supported them as they had done. (Hear, hear.) A family of 700 was no small number to have under their care, but it would, perhaps, surprise them if he mentioned what a small sum would enable them not only to maintain these Institutions, but to do a great deal more. He begged to repeat that five shillings a year from every Mason to each charity would bring in a sufficient amount of money to enable them to do away with every festival, to do away with every election, and whenever the Committee considered any case to be deserving and eligible for any of the three Institutions to deal with it at the very earliest moment. Fifteen shillings a year was not a large amount. It only amounted to threepence a week. Now, he ventured to ask, was there a Mason living, enrolled under the Grand Lodge of England, that could say he could not pay threepence a week towards the support of these noble Institutions? He believed there was not; and, yet, how many thousands there were that never had given that amount. It was not the majority that supported their Institutions. It was the small minority, and what they wanted to know was how could they possibly reach the pockets and touch the affections of the great majority who had never given anything? He remembered well when the Marquis of Ripon, their late Grand Master, presided at the Boys' Festival, two or three months before he seceded from the Order, in looking through the list of subscribers to the Masonic Institutions, he remarked that he found there repeated time after time the same names. Now, what they wanted to see was the name of every Mason as a subscriber to each of the Institutions connected with the Craft. If that could be arrived at one of the grandest principles of Freemasonry would be carried out. "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" having been drunk and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening Master Manning, Master Payne, Bros. Steedman and Roberts contributed much to the enjoyment of the company by singing some excellent songs.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, 15th inst., at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel. Bro. G. S. Elliott, W.M., presided, and in a splendid manner raised Bro. E. Roberts and C. Corke, and initiated Mr. W. Rose. On behalf of the lodge he presented Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treasurer, with a vote of thanks done on vellum, and mounted in a gilt frame, which had been voted to him from the lodge funds for his services rendered to the lodge as its first Secretary, and one of the founders, ten pounds having been voted from the lodge funds for that purpose. Bro. F. Walters acknowledged

the gift. Some propositions were received for initiation. A vote of condolence was voted and ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Bro. John Johnson, J.W., he having died since the last meeting. The lodge was closed and adjourned to meet in July. There was not any banquet. There were present besides those named Bros. J. Howes, P.M., S.W.; G. S. Wintle, P.M., as J.W.; E. Mallett, P.M., Secretary; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D.; T. Butt, I.G.; H. J. Larder, D.C.; G. H. Stephens, W.S.; and several others. Visitor: Bros. T. Horton, 871.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).—The second anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Prince George, Parkholme-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Henry Muggerridge, acting W.M.; Edward F. Storr, S.W.; James Lorkin, J.W.; Henry John, S.D.; James H. Wilkin, J.D.; William F. Darnell, I.G.; J. Bagot Scriven, Treas.; and a number of brethren, including several visitors. The lodge was opened in due form, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Job. Sherriff Sandland was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Henry Muggerridge then installed Bro. Edward Francis Storr, W.M., for the ensuing year, who appointed Bros. James Lorkin, S.W.; Henry John, J.W.; James H. Wilkin, S.D.; Wm. F. Darnell, J.D.; Alfred Sack, I.G.; Edwin C. Dyer, D.C.; Henry S. Leah, Sec. J. Bagot Scriven was invested as Treasurer. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., Bro. Edward F. Storr, who stated his intention of serving as Steward to the three Masonic Charities during his year of office. In the course of the evening great regret was expressed for the death of the late Master of the lodge, Bro. Francis Fellows, and many of the brethren promised to do all they could to get two of his children elected into the Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys at the October elections, the widow and children being left unprovided for.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48). The regular monthly meeting of this old-established lodge was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened in due form shortly after seven o'clock p.m., by the W.M., Bro. Robert Whitfield, assisted by the officers, viz.: M. Corbitt, I.P.M.; John Wood, S.W.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; W. Brewis Elsdon, Treasurer; E. Liddell, Secretary; E. W. Middlemist, S.D.; G. A. Allan, acting J.D.; Jas. Boyatt, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. C. S. Liddell, S.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. There were also present the following members of the lodge: Bros. B. P. Ord, W.M. 1427, P.M.; F. P. Jonn, P.M.; David Sinclair, P.M.; J. E. Robson, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Baker, J. E. Wilkinson, Robert Tate, T. E. Brigham, Thos. Law, G. G. Davidson, J. T. Hedley, J. T. Anscumb, Robert Dixon. Amongst the visitors who honoured the W.M. were Bros. Jos. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W., Northumberland; W. Gladstone, W.M. 991; G. A. Allen P.M. 991, P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland; George Turnbull, J.D. 991; P. W. Thompson, J.S. 991; W. White, I.G. 991; R. W. Sisson, 406; R. A. Doids, 1624; J. B. Lowick, 1664; D. G. Anderson, Sec. 1664; A. Gray, P.M. 949; R. Willis, 949; P. O. Smith, P.M. 541; G. B. Barker, 24; E. A. Gibson, 424; W. F. Poad, Sec. 424; G. J. McKinley, 424. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Michael Jackson Wheatley, proposed at last regular meeting, when he was declared duly elected. Bro. Jacob Matthews was examined as to his proficiency for the Second Degree, received the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. J. Matthews was passed as a Fellow Craftsman by the W.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W.; after which the lodge was closed in the Second, and remained open in the First Degree, when Mr. M. J. Wheatley, being in attendance and properly prepared, was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by I.P.M. M. Corbitt. The working tools of this Degree were explained by the S.W. Bro. M. Corbitt, I.P.M., announced that the surplus funds of the charity box for the past two years (after all demands for relief had been properly attended to), amounting to £10 10s., had been invested for a vote in perpetuity for the Master's chair, in the Boys' Institution. The "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren were tendered to the W.M., after which the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. During the evening several glees and part songs were sung in an efficient manner by Bros. Sinclair, P.M.; J. G. Smith, J.W.; R. Ferry, Org.; B. P. Ord, and W. Willis, and were much appreciated by the brethren.

VALETTA.—St. John and St. Paul's Lodge (No. 349, E.C.)—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present, the W.M., Bro. Coffey, also R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Kingston; Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, 10, 357, 428, Grand Chaplain, &c., and a large number of brethren and visitors. In the absence of the S. and J. Wardens, these chairs were filled by Bro. Capt. F. W. Beechey, R.M.L.I., P.D.G.J.W., as S.W.; and Bro. Capt. C. J. Blake, R.A., as J.W. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, and the minutes confirmed, Capt. Arthur Thomas Chapman, Capt. Augustus Finch Noyes, and Staff Surgeon Matthew Trevan, were initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Surgeon Nicholas Leader, A.M.D., and Bro. Lieut. G. H. McLaughlin, R.A., who were initiated in this lodge on the 7th ult., were then called to the pedestal, and having passed a creditable examination in the First Degree, were entrusted, and retired to be prepared for the Second Degree. The lodge was passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, Bros. Leader and McLaughlin re-admitted, and passed to the noble degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and after some routine business had been transacted, was closed in due and

ancient form. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, where the usual loyal and other Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 27, Strada Stretta, Valetta. Present: Bro. Coffey, W.M., also R.W.D.G.M. Bro. Kingston, P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Rosenbusch, officers, and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened in the First Degree, a ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Steele, as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, which resulted unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having shown that they possessed a satisfactory knowledge of this Degree, were entrusted and retired. Lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Leader and McLaughlin having been re-admitted, they were, under dispensation from the D.G.L. of Malta, raised by the D.G.M., Bro. Kingston, to the Sublime Degree of M.M.'s, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all the brethren present. Lodge having been successively reduced to the Second and First Degrees, a vote of thanks was passed to the D.G.M. for working the Third Degree, after which lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where, after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M., Bro. Coffey, rose and proposed in the warmest terms, "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Kingston," whose admirable working of the Third Degree that evening had called forth from all present the highest encomiums. The W.M. referred to the approaching departure of the D.G.M. for England, where he will spend the summer, and said he felt sure that all the brethren present would unite with him in wishing him a happy time whilst absent, and a safe return to Malta in the autumn. This toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and feelingly replied to by the D.G.M.

LIVERPOOL.—Alliance Lodge (No. 667).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th instant, when the chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. Henry Firth, W.M., supported by a goodly gathering of officers, members, and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. J. Ellis, I.P.M.; J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; G. Willings, P.M.; J. Devaynes, P.M.; W. Balmer, P.M.; J. H. Gregory, S.W.; T. Peake, J.W.; A. Bucknall, S.D.; R. Foulds, J.D.; J. Bailey, I.G.; J. Lees, S.; R. Hudson, S.; P. Ball, Tyler; J. Barker, G. Harvey, W. Walker, H. Sefton, S. Williams, S. Crate, W. Creak, J. Beak, J. Luya, R. Stewart, Isaac Levy, W. Borks, J. Bowyer, J. Broadbent, D. Jones, T. Titterton, T. R. Williams, E. Griffiths, J. Cotton, B. Callow, R. Wright, J. Lomas, J. Jackson, Willings, W. Barry, and others. The visitors' list contained the names of Bros. J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. Phillipps, 1185 (London); J. T. Callow, P.G.T.; J. T. Alston, W.M. 203; T. Clark, P.M. 673; H. Burrows, 673; J. R. Granby, 823; D. H. Lyon, 594; J. Shaw (Canterbury, Kilwinning Lodge); J. Hughes, 1675; J. R. Jones, 1675; J. Fish, 1264; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; C. Costigan, 1356; W. Barnett, 1675, and others. Two candidates (Messrs. W. L. Cooper and H. M. Davies) were initiated by the W.M. in an excellent manner, and the lecture in the Second Degree was afterwards given by Bro. G. S. Willings, P.M., with masterly impressiveness. Bro. J. E. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S. of W., moved that the sum of £25 be given from the funds of the lodge towards the decorations of the Liverpool Masonic Hall, but an amendment by Bro. J. Ellis, I.P.M., that £12 10s. should only be given, was carried after considerable discussion. The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Bro. H. Firth, W.M., the proceedings closing at a seasonable hour.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Holmesdale Lodge (No. 874).—This old established lodge held their meeting at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when there was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. H. D. M. Williams, assisted by Bros. W. B. Bacon, I.P.M.; W. H. Hodgkin, W.M. 1678, S.W.; J. Burton, J.W.; J. F. Bates, Sec.; J. Dunkley, S.D.; R. W. Delves, D.C.; C. Graham, A.D.C.; Boorman, Org.; Cheale, I.G.; G. Strange, Tyler; Past Masters W. Delves, P.P.G.R.; Roper, J. Read, H. Sopwith, P.P.G.R., and B. S. Wilmot, P.G.S. Kent; A. Arnold, Buching, G. Farrer, C. W. Holt, T. B. Lansdell, Ranking, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. B. Lansdell being a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when he was admitted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, P.M. Sopwith giving the explanation of the tracing board in a faultless manner—in fact, all the officers performed their duties very efficiently, and the music interspersed throughout added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The lodge was closed to the First Degree, when Bros. Wroughton and Goodall were proposed as joining members, and the names of two candidates for Freemasonry were given in. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Hodgkin, "That our worthy Bro. Marsh should be elected an honorary member." The W.M. was elected Almoner. There being no other business on the agenda, the lodge was duly closed.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, 12th inst., in the lodge room, under St. Stephen's (Presbyterian) Church, Monkwearmouth. There was a large attendance of the lodge, and the other lodges in the town and from a distance. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. Nicholas Taylor, the retiring W.M., presiding. After two candidates had been initiated, the installation was then proceeded with by Bro. R. Shadforth, P.M. Bro.

John Eggleston, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. N. Taylor, and the ceremony was ably and efficiently performed by the Installing Master. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. N. Taylor, I.P.M.; A. T. Munro, S.W.; George Porteous, J.W.; Chas. Cobham, S.D.; B. Swain, J.D.; J. G. Kirtley, I.G.; R. Shadforth, P.M., Treasurer; John Barlow, Secretary; R. Willis, Organist; J. Thompson, Tyler; G. B. Hall, P.M., D. of C.; J. Coates and John Grubb, Stewards; Chas. Bell and George Denton, Auditors. The brethren afterwards dined at the Royal Hotel, Bro. Titman's, who in his usual and efficient way provided a most excellent dinner. The evening was spent in a pleasant and harmonious manner; the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and responded to by the brethren. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by singing some excellent songs.

STOCKPORT.—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—The annual festival of St. John in connection with this lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 19th inst., at the George Hotel, when Bro. Captain F. B. Staples (Chief Constable of the borough) was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the Craft. His Worship the Mayor (Bro. J. L. Vaughan), who is a Past Master of the Egerton Lodge, was present, together with many other members of the lodge, including Bros. G. A. Fernley, P.M., P.P.G.W. (Cheshire); J. A. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G.R. (East Lancashire); E. Hardon, P.M., P.P.G.D. (East Lancashire); W. H. Vaughan, W.M.; J. W. Abbott, P.M.; T. Meadows, P.M.; W. Bale, P.M.; A. E. Ferns, E. S. Newton, G. L. Vaughan, O. Wilkinson, A. Pemberton, S. Kershaw, G. H. Thorniley, W. Hope, G. Floyd, jun., J. B. Hammond, G. H. Norris, and others. The duties of Installing Master were very ably discharged by Bro. H. Finch, P.M., St. John's Lodge, 104, who also invested the officers appointed by the W.M., viz.: Bros. W. H. Vaughan, I.P.M.; A. E. Ferns, S.W.; G. L. Vaughan, J.W.; J. B. Hammond, Treas.; G. H. Norris, Sec.; O. Wilkinson, S.D.; A. Pemberton, J.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., D. of C.; W. Hope, Org.; S. Kershaw, I.G.; Jos. Meadows, Lodge 322, Tyler. At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren adjourned to banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, that of the Worshipful Master, proposed by Bro. Captain Howard, being received with great enthusiasm. The visitors present included Bros. E. B. Harding, P.M. 1496, P.P.G.D. (West Lancashire); W. H. Bibby, P.M. 993; C. H. Hinde, P.M. 1565, Prov. G.R. (Cheshire); H. Finch, P.M. 104; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C. (East Lancashire); W. Parker, W.M. 993; W. Brandon, W.M. 1219; H. Statham, P.M. 1253; T. Nash, 1253; W. Gouldthorpe, 999; J. C. Chetham, P.M. 322, P.P.G.S.B. (Cheshire); S. W. Wilkinson, P.M. 322, P.P.G.D. (Cheshire); and others. In the course of the lodge business Bro. Staples, on behalf of the lodge, presented the retiring W.M. (Bro. W. H. Vaughan) with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the lodge.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The season was commenced at the Red Lion Hotel, on Saturday, the 17th inst., after eight months' rest. Unfortunately the W.M., Bro. J. C. Woodrow, was too ill to be present. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.M. 1524, S.D., opened the lodge. The minutes of the meeting held in August were read and unanimously confirmed. Ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. H. J. Buckley, W. R. Smith, D. Brown, and J. Cavell. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, in splendid style, first raised Bro. J. S. Thompson, and afterwards Bro. A. J. Rogers. His manner was both most impressive and solemn. Bro. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., having arrived, and being a P.M. of the lodge, he took the chair. In his usual superior manner he initiated Messrs. Wickens, Henry James Buckley, William Robert Smith, David Brown, and James Cavell; as each candidate was introduced separately it made the ceremony all the more impressive. Bro. W. Stanton gave a notice of motion for lodge funds to be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Girls' School. Bro. Edwin Gilbert, P.M., with his usual liberality consented again to represent this lodge as its Steward for the Boys' School at the forthcoming festival. Two joining members were proposed, also several gentlemen for initiation. Business ended, the lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Saturday, June 21st, at half-past three o'clock. There were present Bros. J. Hammond, P.G. Steward Middx., P.M., J. W.; Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary; J. W. Baldwin, P.A.G.P. Middx., P.M., J.D.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, I.G.; D. Steinhauer, D.C.; J. Laurence, C.S.; H. Potter, W.S.; J. M. Jackson, J. Thompson, C. Lucey, F. Knight, S. Page, G. J. Whitcombe, R. R. Millington, R. Pooley, A. Allen, P. Brown, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. C. Davey, 1512, and H. C. Murphy, 1512. Banquet followed.

HALLIFORD.—Acacia Lodge (No. 1309).—The election meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, on the 27th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. G. C. Stahr, W.M., P.M. 871. In an admirable manner Bro. C. G. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M., raised Bro. Woods. The ballots were unanimous in favour of Bros. R. P. Tebb, S.W., as W.M.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas., as Treasurer. Auditors were elected. Bro. Taylor, P.M., 11, unanimously elected a joining member. The usual five guinea Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. C. G. C. Stahr, W.M., from the lodge funds. Bros. C. Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; J. G. George, P.M.; and many others present. Several visitors attended. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Percy Lodge (No. 1427).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., under the Mastership of W. Bro. M. B. P. Ord, P.G.O., and there were also present Bros. John C. Ord, P.G.O., P.P.G.S. Works, N.; W. S. Lishman, Mowbray, I.P.M., P.P.G.S. Works, N.; W. S. Lishman, S.W.; J. Braithwaite, J.W.; B. J. Thompson, Treas., P.G. Sec. Northumberland; C. A. Bushell, Sec.; G. E. Macarthy, Sec. Northumberland; J. D. 481; R. Ferry, Org.; Henry Dixon, S.D.; W. Magall, J.D.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; J. Maclarin, S.S.; A. Farma, I.G.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; J. Maclarin, S.S.; A. Farma, I.G.; J. S. Members: J. Wood, S.W. 48; J. E. Reid, W. G. Burnip, R. Braithwaite, H. Caspersen, J. J. Sayer, W. Coulson, J. T. Naylor, W. Gibson, R. L. Armstrong, P.M.; W. A. Stewart, W. Smith, W. Whyte, R. Armstrong, H. W. E. Burn. Visitors: Bros. E. D. Davies, P.M. Steele, P.G.D.C.; J. Cook, P.M. 481, P.P.G.S.W.; N. Mend, 685, P.G.D.C.; Geo. J. Dean, I.P.M. 541, P.G.A. D.C.; T. T. Stafford, J.S. 481; G. B. Barker, 24; E. W. Middemast, S.D. 48; J. Page, W.M. 406; R. Whitfield, W.M. 48; W. Cooper, W.M. 1342; R. Wightman, Sec. 541; E. Liddell, Sec. 48; J. Jensen, P.M. 48; R. G. Salmon, S.W. 406. Bro. W. Burrige was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. W. E. Burn raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. This being the night for the election of W.M., Bro. W. S. Lishman, S.W., was balloted for, and declared unanimously elected. Bro. B. J. Thompson was also unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. S. Sims Tyler for the ensuing year. The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment room, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, it being enlivened by some good songs and recitations. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see such a number of distinguished brethren amongst them, and he would call on the youngest W.M. in the room to respond, Bro. Page, W.M. 406. Bro. Page returned, for the visitors and himself, his sincere thanks for the very hospitable reception they had received, and spoke of the great pleasure they always derived in visiting the Percy Lodge. The W.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. S. Lishman," and of the great pleasure it gave him to see so worthy a brother unanimously elected W.M., and hoped he would have a happy and prosperous year. Bro. Lishman responded, and thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the toast, which was so heartily given and responded to; he should do all in his power to still keep the same love and harmony that had hitherto existed in the lodge. Several other toasts were given and responded to, when the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

HOUNSLOW.—Royal Hanover Lodge (No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois, P.P.S.G.D., P.M., P.Z., W.M.; H. Lovegrove, S.W.; G. Clark, jun., J.W.; W. Ramsay, Hon. I.P.M.; Horace Marshall (E.C.), Treasurer; H. Clark, S.D.; C. C. Cruikshanks, J.D.; F. J. Pecks, D.C.; G. J. Dunkley, Organist; J. Daly, Tyler; W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. W. G. Wood, and others; with visitors Bros. M. Larham, P.M.; E. W. Dubois, and George Dawson. After the reading of the minutes the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. W. S. Dunkley and W. Villars, having been examined, retired, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, they were admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree, the full ceremony being given. The lodge was then closed down, and Bros. Voice and Gritten were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken for Mr. C. A. White, R.N.M., and as the candidates balloted for at a previous meeting were not in attendance, Mr. White was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. H. Lovegrove, S.W., announced that the bye-laws had been approved by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and printed, the copies being ready for distribution. After the discussion of some routine business, several propositions were made, and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren partook of refreshment at the Red Lion Hotel, after which the usual toasts were honoured, and the party returned to town by an early train.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 28th inst. Present: Bros. J. Dignam, W.M.; McDowell, S.W.; A. R. Olley, J.W.; Maples, J.D.; W. Ferrar, I.G.; G. Ferrar, Treas.; W. Fieldwick, Prepr.; J. Williams, Sec.; and several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams being the candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. Olley seconded, that Bro. McDowell be W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday—carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

CAVEAC CHAPTER (No. 176).—The convocation of this chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, on Saturday, the 24th inst., Comps. W. M. Goss, M.E.Z.; C. Browne, H.; J. B. Stirell, P.Z., as J.; P. A. Nairne, P.Z.; C. T. Dorey, P.Z.; F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., P.Z., Treasurer, opened the chapter. The resignation of Comp. A. Williams, J. elect, C.R., was accepted with regret. Ballot for J. was declared to be for Comp. J. B. Sorrell, jun., S.E., who was duly installed by Comp. P. A. Nairne in a faultless style. Ballots were unanimous in favour of the admission of Bros. J. W. Leaske, 176, and Harry Leach, 176, as candidates for exaltation; Bro. Harry

Leach being present was duly advanced, the ceremony as usual, being exceedingly well done, the M.E.Z. in particular and all officers being perfect. The chapter was closed and adjourned to meet on Saturday, September 27th. Banquet was served. Present, Comps. A. Middlemass, S.N.; S. Pounceby, as P.S.; H. Boyson, 2nd A.S.; H. C. Soper, J. Soper, J. H. Dobson, W. W. W. W. Visitor, Comp. Buryard, 22.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—The first regular meeting after the consecration of the above chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday last. The three chief chairs were occupied by Ex. Comps. Walter Wellsman, M.E.Z.; H. A. Dalwood, H.; and J. H. Dodson, J. On the admission of the members, the chapter was opened with Comp. A. Tisley, E.; F. L. Knyvett, N.; and T. C. Walls, P. Soj. The ballot was then taken for Bros. William Henry Clemmow, Frederick Farrington, William Ebenezer Farrington, Robt. Henry Clemmow, John William Benningfield, John Bamber, Arthur Nixon Clemow, and Benjamin Humphry, which was unanimous in their favour, and those in attendance were duly exalted. Comps. William Lake, Henry Turner, William Bristo, and Thomas Richard Richnell were also unanimously elected as joining members. The ceremony of exaltation was very ably performed by the three Principals, assisted by Comp. Stacey and Knyvett, who gave the Symbolic and Mystical Lectures most expressively.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Chapter (No. 249).—The installation meeting of the members of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. The proceedings commenced at six o'clock in the evening. Comp. J. E. Jackson, Z., was in his position, with Comp. Alexander Cotter as J.; and there were also present Comps. Peter B. Gee, P.Z.; J. R. Goepel, P.Z.; Henry Firth, S.E.; John Ellis, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer; and Wm. H. Ball, Janitor. The members were Comps. A. C. Morrison, John Hayes, H. 594; Richard Edwards, C. J. Jones, T. J. Luya, Thomas Hunt, John Tickle, Joseph Croxton, James Bailey, J. S. Warden, A. Bucknall, Peter Robbi, James Ashworth. The visitors included Comps. Joseph Skeaf, P.Z. 216; Hugh Williams, P.Z. 580, 1094, and P.P.G.S.B.; H. Burrows, H. 673; Wm. Thomas May, P.Z. 673, 220; E. Fairbrother, Royal Burmah Chapter, 832, India; Thos. Clark, P.Z. 673, and others. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. When the companions retired Comp. Peter B. Gee proceeded to instal Comp. J. E. Jackson, as Z. (for the second year); Alexander Cotter, as H.; and John Ellis, as J. The following officers were afterwards invested: Comps. A. C. Morrison, as S.E. (for Comp. Thos. M. Creak); John Hayes, S.N.; Henry Firth, P.S.; Joseph Wood, Treasurer (for the ninth time); W. H. Ball was elected and invested Janitor. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and passed. Comp. J. R. Goepel, P.Z., proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Comp. Joseph Wood, Honorary Treasurer (Freemason), for the really admirable and satisfactory way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his important office during the long period of eight years. This motion was seconded and carried nem. con., and it was also resolved that the same should be recorded on the minutes. Comp. Wood in a few well-chosen and feeling words thanked the companions for their kind expressions of appreciation, and assured them that nothing would be wanting on his part to fulfil his duties efficiently, so as to merit their continued approbation. One brother was proposed for exaltation, and after some further formal business the business portion of the chapter proceedings closed. The company of companions then retired to banquet (provided by Bro. Chaplin, the House Steward, in capital style), under the presidency of the three Chiefs. A most harmonious and agreeable evening was spent, the companions separating at an early hour.

SOUTHEND.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Middleton Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. There were present Comps. J. A. Wardell, M.E.Z.; J. Willing, jun., H.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.; J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. 20 (I.C.), Scribe E.; W. Pissey, Scribe N.; S. J. Weston, Treas.; E. Judd, Prin. Soj.; J. R. Heinmann, 1st Asst. Soj.; A. Lucking, I.P.Z.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, P.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Terry, P.Z., P.G.D.C. Herts.; E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; H. Luken, G. Jones, Rev. — Heaton. Visitor: Comp. Hudson, Scribe E. 1507. There were three candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. C. Palmer, H. Beccher, and A. Martin, 1000, and being in attendance they were duly exalted by the M.E.Z., Comps. H. and J. giving the lectures of their respective chairs, and Comp. A. Lucking, P.Z., the mystical lecture. Comp. J. Terry then proceeded to the installation of the Principals for the ensuing year, viz., Comps. J. Willing, jun., Z.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, H.; W. Pissey, J. The other officers invested were Comps. J. C. Johnstone, P.Z. (re-invested for the fifth time), Scribe E.; E. Judd, Scribe N.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; J. R. Heinmann, Prin. Soj.; G. Jones, 1st Asst. Soj.; Rev. — Heaton, 2nd Asst. Soj.; A. Martin, Janitor. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., for his able services and his kindness in attending to instal the Principals, also Comp. Weston received a hearty vote of thanks for his services as Treasurer from the foundation of the chapter. The companions afterwards adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. in his well-known, able, and efficient manner. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. A. Wardell, I.P.Z., as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the companions. The Janitor's toast brought a most enjoyable evening's proceedings to a close.

HAMPTON.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A convocation of this provincial chapter was held at the Island Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among the officers present were Comps. Thielay, P.P.G.D.C. of Middlesex, M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.A.S. of Middlesex, acting H.; Baldwin, acting J.; T. C. Walls, P.G.O. of Middlesex, S.N.; Faulkner, P.S.; T. O. Ockenden, 2nd Asst. S.; Harrison, acting Janitor. Comp. Haslett, J. elect of the Prudent Brethren, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comp. Haslett, as a joining member, and declared to be unanimous. The election of officers then took place, with the following result:—Comps. F. Walters, M.E.Z.; W. Hammond, H.; Walls, J.; Thielay, Treas.; Baldwin, S.E.; Faulkner, S.N.; Ockenden, P.S.; Gilbert, Janitor. The chapter then unanimously voted the sum of five guineas towards the purchase of a Past Principal's jewel, for presentation to Comp. Thielay. The bye-laws having been read and discussed, a notice of motion was given by Comp. Walls, for consideration at the next meeting, that the chapter should meet in future four times a year, and also that, to suit the convenience of several of the companions, the meetings of the chapter should take place on the third Saturday in lieu of the second. The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of a collation. The only toasts given were "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry" and "The M.E.Z." The installation of Comp. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.A.S. of Middlesex, as M.E.Z., will take place on the second Saturday in July next.

Mark Masonry.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—The first regular meeting of this lodge since its consecration was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Among the officers present were Bros. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, P.M. 181, &c., W.M.; A. Tisley, Secretary 211, J.W.; Charles Horsley, P.M. 1, Treasurer and M.O.; Dodson, S.D. The minutes of the consecration and installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as an honorary member upon behalf of Bro. Collins, Private Secretary to Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and having been declared unanimous, the ballot was then taken for the advancement of Bro. F. H. Clemow, J.W., Savvy, which proving also to be unanimous, that brother was duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M., the ceremony being ably performed. The question of the alteration of the advancement fees having been discussed, was adjourned until the next meeting in June. The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the members partook of a collation.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 43, E.C.).—At the regular meeting, held at Armstrong's Buildings, South, on the 13th inst., the business was to advance Bros. G. Ogg and U. Padmore, 153, E.C., which was performed by the W.M., Bro. Cunningham, in an earnest manner; to ballot for Bro. J. C. Phillips, 653, as a joining member (this proved unanimous); to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. E. J. Barker, P.J.W. The ceremony was performed by the outgoing W.M. in a style which did not detract from his well known abilities in Masonry. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. E. Bacon, S.W.; J. King, J.W.; J. Button, M.O.; J. C. Phillips, S.O.; R. McGrath, J.O.; H. Clipson, R.M.; E. Bacon, Treas.; B. White, Sec.; H. Abrams, Org.; W. Allen, S.D.; P. Lyons, J.D.; W. Walton, I.G.; and M. Ghio, Tyler. The I.P.M. drew attention to the death of the late Bro. Olphert, who had, after a short and painful illness, been taken away by T.G.A.O.T.U., leaving a wife and six children to deplore his loss, and though not a member of this lodge, it was unanimously decided to transmit a letter of condolence to his widow and family, with a small sum of money. The S.W. proposed in a neat speech a vote of thanks to the I.P.M. for the able manner he had performed the installation ceremony; this was seconded by the M.O., and carried unanimously. In returning thanks, the I.P.M. said it had always afforded him great pleasure to work for Masonry, and this lodge in particular, especially when his efforts were backed up by his indefatigable Secretary. The S.D. did, in an eloquent speech, supplement the remarks of the S.W., attributing the great success of the year to the assiduity and energy of the late W.M., and so ably helped by the brilliant intellect and untiring abilities of his Secretary; he, therefore, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the late W.M. and his Secretary, seconded by the W.M., who said he could fully endorse every word spoken by the S.D. Carried nem. dis. The I.P.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Officers, Bros. Franceri, P.M., and Holliday, W.M. of 325, I.C., who had readily come forward now, and always showed a willingness to assist all in their power—seconded by the W.M., and carried nem. con. Bro. Franceri responded in a flowery speech, and said he could answer for Bro. Holliday and himself; they were only too pleased to come and assist at any time, more particularly an installation ceremony. The loving cup having traversed the lodge, the latter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a recherche supper had been laid out under the auspices of the W.M. Ample justice having been done thereto, the following toasts were given in speeches, which would occupy too much space to detail, but suffice it to say, were replete with attestations of good feeling and a thorough dependence upon the members to assist in the great and glorious undertaking:—"Queen and the Craft," "G.M. and G.L.," by the W.M.; "The Newly-Advanced Brethren," by the I.P.M.; "Visiting Brethren" and "Joining Brother," by the W.M.; "The W.M.," by the I.P.M.; "Incoming Officers," by the I.P.M.; "Outgoing Officers," by the W.M. No. 3 was responded

to by Bros. Ogg and Padmore; No. 4 by Bros. Holliday and Ross; No. 5 by Bro. Phillips; No. 6 by the W.M.; No. 7 by Bro. Bacon; No. 8 by the I.P.M. All replies were rendered in very felicitous and happy terms. The enjoyable evening was brought to a close at a late hour by the P.J.W. being called on for the Tyler's toast.

HAYWARD'S HEATH.—Southdown Lodge (No. 164).—This lodge commenced its summer meetings on Friday, the 23rd inst., at the Station Hotel, presided over by Bro. H. G. Martin, W.M., P.G.M.S.B.; Bro. J. Newman, S.W.; and Bro. C. Golding, J.W.; and there were also present Bros. Lord A. W. Hill, P.M., Prov. G.M.S.W., Prov. G.M. Devon; J. Pearson, P.M., &c.; W. Hudson, P.M., Past G.M.A.D. of C., &c.; W. T. Clarke, P.G.M. Sec., &c.; Rev. G. Rose Johnson, Chap., P.G.M. Chap. Hants; T. Chandler, M.O.; T. Cable, J.O.; W. Newsome, I.G. Visitors: Bros. T. J. Pulley, P.M., &c. (Reading); Bayliss, A. Burrows, R. Paige, and others. When the brethren were assembled, and the officers had taken their respective positions, Bro. Lord A. W. Hill, P.M., &c., in well-chosen remarks, presented to the lodge three handsomely carved oak chairs and pedestals, with beautiful silver mountings, for the three principal officers; this munificent gift was supplemented by the kindness of generous Bro. Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.M., P.P.G.M.S.W., &c., giving three handsome Overseer's pedestals. Bro. Braithwaite was, unfortunately, absent, in consequence of the death of an aunt, so his present was, in his name, presented by Bro. Lord A. W. Hill. The W.M. very suitably acknowledged the gifts, and moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Bro. Rev. G. Rose Johnson, to the generous donors. The lodge was opened, and after the reading of minutes, communications, &c., a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Saxby, Royal York, 315, and he was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Saxby, being in attendance, was duly advanced according to ancient usage. A ballot was next taken for W.M., and Bro. C. J. Smith, P.P.G.M.D. of C., P.M. 168, &c., was unanimously elected. A ballot was taken for Treasurer, resulting in Bro. F. Millard being unanimously re-elected. Bro. T. Hughes was also re-elected Tyler. A communication was introduced and read by the W.M. from the W.M. of the East Sussex Lodge, No. 166, suggesting certain proceedings as to the appointment of P.G.M.M., the province at the present time being in charge, by command of the M.W.G.M.M., of the G.M. Reg., and they were unanimously rejected. All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous spread, consisting chiefly of real Southdown, Bro. Golding catering in his usual faultless style.

TUNIS.—Kingston Lodge (No. 222).—Twelve months have now elapsed since the English Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons granted its warrant for the consecration of a Mark Master's lodge upon the site of ancient Carthage. The English Mark brethren have no cause to regret having thus extended their "protection" to Mark brethren on the far distant North African coast, for the Kingston Mark Lodge has already developed itself in a way which redounds alike to the credit of its most able and enthusiastic Master, Bro. A. M. Broadley (D. District Grand Master in the Craft), and of his equally efficient officers. No less than forty-three brethren, resident in Tunis, have been advanced to the Mark Degree during the past twelve months, and at the present moment the number of members is forty-eight. The foundation of this lodge is a subject of peculiar interest to Freemasons in every part of the world, for the site of the Kingston Mark Lodge is that upon which ancient Carthage stood, the mighty Carthage! said to have been founded B.C. 852, and which flourished during a period of almost uninterrupted prosperity, covering no less than seven hundred years. Carthage was founded by those ancient Phœnician builders, who were compatriots of our Grand Master, H.A., and hewn ashlar and keystones, sculptured with the chief builder's "mark," are constantly being discovered. As if to perpetuate the symbols of our Order, the "marks" and signs, with which the ancient builders distinguished their work were adopted and repeated by the Mahomedan conquerors, who have subsequently pillaged and devastated this once thickly populated and highly cultivated land. The modern Regency of Tunis (the Zeugitana of the Romans), indeed, offers a vast field for archaeological and Masonic research, and members of the Craft should take the first opportunity which may present itself for visiting the neighbourhood of Tunis. A Mark brother will be sure of a most fraternal welcome from his brethren in Tunis, and will find himself amongst associations and scenes which cannot but repay him for his visit. Fragmentary indeed are now the actual ruins which mark the site of the ancient city, for in very fact "Deleta est Carthago;" but the magnificent site (so well chosen), the beautiful bay, the cisterns, the foundations of the Temple of Æsculapius, the few vestiges which still remain of the Palace of Dido (from which the beautiful Queen is said to have watched the departure of Æneas), are all pregnant with surpassing interest. Pre-historic monuments abound; Phœnician, Punic, and Arabic inscriptions; fragments of triumphal arches; beautiful columns of marble, and of porphyry and granite, red and black, are often met with, upon which the Masons' marks are distinctly visible; whilst corner stones, cut with triangular lewis holes, and keystones, sculptured with figures in correct Masonic positions (more especially in the Second Degree), are not unfrequently found. Small stones have also been unearthed engraved with Masonic emblems. Bro. Broadley (Worshipful Mark Master) himself possesses a blood stone, now set in a ring, oval in shape, and about the size of a shilling, on which is engraved one of our most mystic words, repeated in every possible variety of combination; it is probably a relic of the Gnostic sect, and is, so far as its owner knows, unique. But to return to our report of the proceedings of the Kingston Mark Lodge.

An emergency meeting was held on the 1st of May, at which Bro. A. M. Broadley, W.M.M., and D.D.G.M. (Craft), presided. He was most ably supported by his S.W., Bro. G. Pentecost; his J.W., Bro. Dr. Perini; his Sec., Bro. Professor Souiller; his M.O., Bro. Dr. Cassanello; and by Bros. Palcologo, S.O.; J. H. Stevens (acting British Consul general), J.O.; M. Le Gallais, S.D.; Barsotti, J.D.; Enriquez, I.G.; and Eymon, Tyler. Four candidates presented themselves for advancement, viz., Bro. Jessel, of Lodge 1717; Bro. Henry Wilson, of the Minerva Lodge, 250, Hull; and Bros. Madonia and Ben Zaineb, of the Ancient Carthage Lodge, 1717, Tunis. The ceremony was most impressively performed, each part having been given by the learned Worshipful Master in the English, the Arabic, the French, and the Italian languages, for it so happened that the four candidates were of four different nationalities, and neither of the four understood any other language but his own mother tongue. After the ceremony a petition to the M.W.G.M.M., Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, was adopted, asking that Malta and Tunis may be constituted a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge. This petition was unanimously adopted, and a similar petition was read which had been previously adopted and unanimously signed by the members of the Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Malta, No. 107, on the roll of English Grand Mark Lodge. The Worshipful Mark Master, Bro. Broadley, afterwards explained for the information of his Mark brethren the educational scheme, and he urged them to contribute to its support. The lodge was then closed in solemn form, and adjourned until the regular meeting of the 10th of May. On the occasion of the regular lodge (10th of May) there was a large attendance of officers and members, and amongst the visitors was Bro. Henry Ecroyd, of the Britannia Mark Lodge, Sheffield (No. 53), a Past Master of the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 296. The minutes of the emergency lodge having been read and confirmed, the chief business of the evening was introduced, viz., the election of a Worshipful Mark Master for the ensuing year. Bro. George Pentecost, S.W., and Bro. Dr. Perini, J.W., were proposed by the Worshipful Master as eligible for election, but as neither had passed the chair of a Craft lodge, a special dispensation was requisite—he had pleasure in stating that such dispensation had already been granted by the English Grand Lodge in favour of Bro. George Pentecost, whom he, therefore, nominated for the chair. This was very warmly seconded by Bro. Dr. Perini, the J.W., and unanimously voted. Bro. Pentecost returned thanks for the honour which his Mark brethren had done him, and promised to use every endeavour to maintain the lodge in the very high state of efficiency into which their beloved Bro. Broadley had brought it. The business of the evening being ended, the Worshipful Master alluded to the pleasure he felt in welcoming amongst them so distinguished a brother Mason as Bro. Henry Ecroyd (P.M. in the Craft). He begged Bro. Ecroyd to convey to the Britannia Mark brethren in Sheffield the "Hearty good wishes" of the Kingston Lodge. Bro. Ecroyd, in returning thanks, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to visit the Tunis brethren, and witness the admirable working of their Worshipful Mark Master. He hoped to see the Kingston Lodge take a most prominent position upon the muster roll of Grand Mark Lodge, and further added that he was glad that the Mark brethren of Malta and Tunis had petitioned for the constitution of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, expressing a hope that it will be duly granted. There could not of course be any division of opinion, said Bro. Ecroyd, amongst those present as to who should be entrusted with the Provincial Grand Mark Mastership, for Bro. Broadley alone had earned such a distinction by his successful revival of Freemasonry in Tunis. He felt sure that the P.G.M.L., should it be granted, will prove as great a success as the other English Masonic bodies have already proved to be. A collection for the Charities having been made, the Mark lodge was closed in solemn form, the installation of Bro. Senior Warden Pentecost having been fixed for Saturday, the 31st of May.

READING.—Leopold Lodge (No. 235).—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Monday, the 26th inst. There were present Bros. E. Margrett, W.M.; T. J. Pulley, P.M. and Sec.; Chas. Stephens, S.W. and Treas.; A. Welch, J.W.; G. Westall, M.O.; H. Brett, as S.O.; W. Homann, as J.O.; Rev. C. R. Honey, Chap.; J. M. Dormor, S.D.; S. Bradley, J.D.; H. Ayres, I.G.; W. Hickie, Org.; W. Hemmings, Tyler; C. Park, Glasspool, Moffat, Hinckley, Long, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Ansell, 225 (W.M. designate of the newly-warranted Alfred Lodge, 247); and W. G. Bayliss, D.C. Royal Sussex, 75. The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read, confirmed, and signed, Bro. C. G. Butler, of the Craft Lodge of Union, 414, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M., the work being accomplished in the most able manner, the whole of the officers being particularly careful in rendering assistance to the W.M., full musical service lending additional interest to the ceremony. The bye-laws, as amended, were confirmed and passed. A ballot being taken for the advancement of a brother, and declared favourable, the W.M. rose, and proposed a resolution—"That it is desirable, in the interests of Mark Masonry, that a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge should be constituted for the counties of Berks and Oxon." This was seconded by the S.W., and carried with the utmost unanimity. The name of a Royal and distinguished brother being suggested as Provincial Grand Master, and hopes being expressed that H.R.H. would honour the province by accepting the office, a copy of the resolution was ordered to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary for the consideration of the M.W.G.M.M. It was announced that similar steps for the formation of the province are being taken by the other Mark lodges in the two counties. The sum of five guineas was then voted to the list of the W.M., who

will represent the lodge at the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Five pounds were also refunded to the founders of the lodge, and Bro. Moffat was invested as Steward. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, at the Ship Hotel.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall. The attendance was very limited, including Em. Sir Knights T. Mandie, M.P.S.; R. Bailey, V.E.; R. Robinson, P.S.; W. F. Lamonby, P.S. (Freemason); Sir Knights W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Org.; J. Gardiner, Rec.; J. Quay, as S.G.; T. Bird, as J.G.; H. Peacock, H.; and J. Hewson, Sentinel. The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.M. Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, P.P.G.D.C., and he was unanimously accepted. The candidate was then introduced, and regularly installed and proclaimed a Knight of the Order by the M.P.S., assisted by Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., and Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, P.S., as Prefect, who also delivered the historical oration. The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, when Em. Sir Knight R. Bailey, V.E., was unanimously voted to the throne of M.P.S.; and Sir Knight J. Gardiner, Rec., to the stall of V.E.; whilst Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite was, for the third time, unanimously elected Treasurer. On the proposition of Em. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonby, seconded by Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, the sum of two guineas was voted from the funds in aid of the orphan children of a P.S. of the conclave, who recently died under very distressing circumstances, after a long illness, his wife, also, having pre-deceased him only three days. Nothing further remaining to be done, the conclave was closed in F.U.Z., and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Rampant Bull refectory for refreshment.

Royal and Select Masters.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Master's Council of this Order was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. There were present among others Bros. T. C. Walls, R.J.D.M.; T. Poore, as P.C. of W.; D. M. Dewar, P.J.A.G.R., as C. of the C.; A. Williams, Dr. F. W. Hamsey, F. Hedges, Dr. C. T. Pearce, T. Cubitt, S. Rosenthal, R. Roy, George Kenning, E. B. Florence. The minutes of the previous Grand Master's Council having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. P. Spice and Bro. the Rev. C. A. Solbé, Chaplain of the Scots Guards, were duly admitted, and received into the degrees of M.E.R.S. and S.E.M., the ceremonies being performed and the histories delivered by Bro. Walls, ably assisted by Bros. Poore, Dewar, Rosenthal, and Cubitt. Some minor business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the Council was duly closed, and the members adjourned to the banquet, which was ably served at the Holborn Restaurant. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Bro. R. Portal, R.J.G.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Walls. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were given. "The Health of the R.J.G.M." was proposed, and most heartily received. The toast of "The Grand Council" followed, and was acknowledged in fitting terms by Bro. Binckes, Grand Recorder, in which he congratulated the members of the Order upon the rapid strides the degree had recently made, which augured well for its prosperity. He regretted the unavoidable circumstances that had prevented Bro. the Rev. R. Portal from being present at their first anniversary festival. As the first Grand Master of the Order in England and Wales, he (Bro. Portal) had taken a very active interest in its formation and subsequent progress in this country. He concluded by returning thanks upon behalf of the other Grand Officers. "The Health of the R.J.D.M." was proposed, in very flattering terms, by Bro. Rosenthal, and duly acknowledged. The toast of "The Newly-Admitted brethren" followed, and was ably responded to by Bros. Solbé and Spice, in the course of which they expressed themselves highly impressed with the ritual of the Order into which they had that evening been received and admitted. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

THE STEWARD'S LIST FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

There are now 200 Stewards for the festival of the Boys' School, June 25th, and of these 94 are Metropolitan, and 106 Provincial.

We regret much to observe that from No. 1700 only four lodges are so far represented, though No. 1805, much to its credit, has put in an appearance with an active Steward, Bro. R. J. Fennell. We trust that before the festival many more London lodges will be represented. Of the provinces Kent sends up nine Stewards; Berks and Bucks, six; Oxfordshire, five; and Gloucestershire, Lancashire East, Lancashire West, Derbyshire, and Middlesex, four each; West Yorkshire, generally foremost, only so far sends three, which we do not profess to understand; and many of the provinces may yet be, as we trust they will be, more fully represented.

There is yet nearly a month before the festival, and we trust to hear of a considerable augmentation of the list of Stewards.

Alderman Sir Francis And Lady Truscott gave their second dinner party of the season at their residence, at 5, Park-crescent, Portland-place, on Thursday.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creation, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present, among others Bros. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. Peters, W. Winn, S. Rawson, W. Paas, Peter de Lande Long, A. H. Tattershall, H. Hacker, John Constable, Louis Hirsh, J. W. Baldwin, A. J. Duff Filer, Thomas W. White, Walter Hopekirk, Geo. Bolton, Edw. Cox, E. Haigh, L. Ruf, Thos. Meggy, C. Hammerton, E. H. Letchworth, John A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, Capt. Platt, A. H. Diaper, A. D. Loewenstark, Capt. N. G. Phillips, J. G. Marsh, J. Tyerman, Thos. Cubitt, Hyde Pullen, J. A. Farnfield, M. S. Larham, A. E. Gladwell, S. Rosenthal, C. Turner, Ed. Hopwood, H. A. Dubois, Charles Horsley, G. Faulkner, Herbert Dicketts, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Griffiths Smith, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stuart, Frank Richardson, Col. Somerville Burney, J. Lewis Thomas, John G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, Thos. Kingston, Geo. Brown, H. V. Garman, R. W. H. Giddy, J. Johnason, John Chynoweth, J. Bellerby, C. Fish, W. Callaghan, A. I. Dussek, A. Holton, O. Hansard, Thos. Cubitt, H. Dearsley, R. T. Hill, T. M. Greenwood, W. T. Howe, S. L. Green, T. Bacon, R. Gooding, M.D., E. Johnson, J. Gibson, S. W. Hopwood, S. C. Dibdin, C. H. Driver, C. F. Hogard, H. Gutierrez, M. J. Besant, H. G. Buss, A. M. Hall, A. Great-Rex, E. J. Barron, W. Hope, T. Bull, James Kench, D. Haslett, G. Fulcher, E. Harding, E. J. Shears, John Elliott, T. H. Bolton, J. Cox, Thomas Bolton, Dr. J. E. Cox, B. A. Brancker, T. J. Creswick, E. Grabbam, A. J. Ireton, J. M. Klenk, J. Coutts, J. Cutbush, M. Gossat, C. J. Korser, F. C. Davis, W. A. Colls, G. Harcourt, A. Styan, W. Platt, S. Rosenthal, A. Macnamara, T. H. Thrupp, W. Weatherley, J. A. Perkins, P. Leith, J. M. Montagu, W. Dodd, A. Williams, W. F. Nettleship, J. B. Sorrell, C. A. Long, G. Read, H. Norman, H. Venn, R. Sears, C. O. Bell, Thomas White, B. Picking, L. G. Robins, G. Read, G. E. Wainwright, W. F. Smith, T. W. Marley, R. W. Witty, M. D. Loewenstark, T. R. Marshall, Thos. H. Tucker, John Messent, J. E. Middleton, J. Stohwasser, J. C. Parkinson, B. C. Marshall, H. M. Levy, F. A. Pritchard, W. H. Smith, J. Winter, E. Letchworth, W. Paas, G. R. Shervill, F. Shoffe, A. Walsb, Hugh H. Riach, A. A. Pendlebury, E. S. Snell, H. C. Levander, G. P. H. Lewis, Miss S. Loewenstark, S. Mullens, E. C. Mather, A. H. Lilley, B. H. Swallow, J. W. Warner, J. Moon, W. Ramsey, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Hedges read the list of brethren nominated for the House and Audit Committees as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Bro. Edward Cox, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Henry A. Dubois, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Chas. Hammerton, nominated by Bro. Henry Venn; Bro. William Hope, M.D., nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Edward Letchworth, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. P. de Lande Long, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. John Mason, nominated by Bro. James Terry; Bro. Edmund C. Mather, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Joshua Nunn, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Lieut.-Col. James Peters, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Frank Richardson, nominated by Bro. Herbert Dicketts; Bro. John A. Rucker, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Griffiths Smith, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. Alfred H. Tattershall, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer; Bro. R. Warner Wheeler, nominated by Bro. Herbert Dicketts; Bro. Thomas W. White, nominated by Bro. A. J. Duff Filer.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.—Bro. William Bailey, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. Robert Berridge, nominated by Bro. White; Bro. John G. Chancellor, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. James Cutbush, nominated by Bro. Kingston; Bro. Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, and Henry C. Levander, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. Hyam M. Levy, nominated by Bro. Rosenthal; Bro. William Roebuck, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie; Bro. Henry Venn, nominated by Bros. Dicketts and Moutrie; Bro. Robert B. Webster, nominated by Bros. Filer and Moutrie.

A scrutiny of the votes at the last election for the Girls' School having been demanded for the candidates Wain and Hicks, Scrutineers had since been appointed, and the following report was now handed in:—

"We do hereby certify that we have gone through the votes that were polled on the 12th April, for the election of children to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and find that No. 32 case, Wain, is entitled to twenty-nine votes more than were recorded; and that No. 39 case, Hicks, is entitled to sixty-six votes more than were recorded. No. 3 case, Sampson, was credited with thirty-nine votes more than entitled to. No. 2 case, Garnett, was credited with sixty-six votes more than entitled to."

(Signed) Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.
" JOHN CONSTABLE.
" L. T. TYERMAN.
" G. BOLTON.
" GEORGE BROWN.
" ED. HOPWOOD.

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Bro. L. Hirsch, asked whether this mistake made any difference in the result of the election.

The Chairman said it did not, but that the correct number of votes would be credited to the candidates who should have had them at last election.

Bro. Louis Hirsch called attention to the circumstance of a mistake having occurred, and thought that more care should be taken with regard to the scrutiny at the election. He thought that the Scrutineers should be elected by the

meeting, and not those brethren accepted who put themselves forward to act as Scrutineers.

Bro. J. Winter supported Bro. Hirsch. Bro. Edward Cox observed that some alteration might be made with respect to the elections. The scrutiny was now a gigantic business, and it was inconvenient to have the poll declared the same day as the election. At present the poll was closed at three o'clock, and the brethren and the friends of the candidates were kept waiting about an hour and a half before the result was known. He thought the poll should not be declared the day of the election, but the friends of the candidates should be informed the next day.

Bro. Thomas Meggy expressed an opinion against the present mode of declaring the poll the same day as the election, and gave notice of motion for altering the present rule.

Bro. Walter Hopekirk was of the same opinion as Bro. Edward Cox, and thought the poll should be made known the next day.

Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, with reference to the remarks as to the scrutineers, said that those brethren performed a very arduous duty, and did it well. The scrutiny was now a very heavy business, but it was executed with great care and caution. Occasionally mistakes would occur, but they occurred very seldom, and if they affected the result of the election the House Committee had power to admit a child who having been declared unsuccessful was found to have been successful. The scrutineers, from his experience, deserved the best thanks of the brethren. (Hear, hear.)

The petition of twelve candidates for the October election as then read, and ten were placed on the list, two only deferred.

At the declaration of the poll for the election of the House and Audit Committees the following was found to be the result:

| HOUSE COMMITTEE. | | | |
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| No. | Name | ... | Votes. |
| 1 | Bro. Peter de Lande Long | ... | 125 |
| 2 | " Edward Letchworth | ... | 123 |
| 3 | " John A. Rucker | ... | 118 |
| 4 | " Joshua Nunn | ... | 117 |
| 5 | " Lieut.-Col. James Peters | ... | 115 |
| 6 | " Griffiths Smith | ... | 111 |
| 7 | " Edmund C. Mather | ... | 107 |
| 8 | " Thomas W. White | ... | 103 |
| 9 | " William Hope, M.D. | ... | 95 |
| 10 | " Henry A. Dubois | ... | 94 |
| 11 | " Alfred H. Tattershall | ... | 91 |
| 12 | " Frank Richardson | ... | 84 |
| 13 | " Charles Hammerton | ... | 78 |
| 14 | " Edward Cox | ... | 76 |
| 15 | " John Mason | ... | 18 |
| 16 | " R. Warner Wheeler | ... | 18 |

The first twelve were declared duly elected.

| AUDIT COMMITTEE. | | | |
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| No. | Name | ... | Votes. |
| 1 | Bro. Herbert Dicketts | ... | 137 |
| 2 | " Henry C. Levander | ... | 127 |
| 3 | " Robert B. Webster | ... | 122 |
| 4 | " William Roebuck | ... | 119 |
| 5 | " John G. Chancellor | ... | 116 |
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The first nine were declared duly elected.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 4th June, 1879.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 30th April for confirmation.
3. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants viz. :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|
| A brother of the Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| The widow of a brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Lewises' Lodge, No. 1209, Ramsgate | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, Southwark | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Camden Lodge, No. 704, London | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London | 50 | 0 | 0 |

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret to make known to Grand Lodge that Bro. Charles Bryant Payne, who had for twenty-two years past filled, with credit to himself and

satisfaction to the Craft, the office of Grand Tyler, died at Freemasons' Hall on the 6th inst.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 20th May, 1879.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed, on all occasions, by Bro. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(Signed) HENRY C. LEVANDER, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of May instant, shewing a balance in the Bank of England of £5065 2s.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servants' wages, £96 15s.

8. REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD. To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Colonial Board beg to report that at their meeting on Tuesday, the 6th inst., after the President had quitted the chair,

It was unanimously resolved—

That the thanks of the Colonial Board be hereby presented to its President, the W. Bro. John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D., for his able management of, and assiduous attention to, the business of the Board during the long period he has filled the office of President.

(Signed) GRIFFITHS SMITH, Vice-President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, 6th May, 1879.

9. The annual report of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, dated the 16th of May, 1879, will be laid before Grand Lodge.

10. Proposed motions. (1) By W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creation, Grand Treasurer:—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months."

(2) By W. Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D.:— "That, considering the large amount which has been accumulated from the surplus income of the Fund of Benevolence, it is not expedient to continue the accumulation of the whole of that surplus."

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

| No. | Lodge | Location |
|------|-------------------------|--|
| 1810 | Lodge Coromandel | Cocanada, Madras. |
| 1811 | Somerset Lodge | Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand. |
| 1812 | Heretaunga Lodge | Hastings, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, New Zealand. |
| 1813 | Abercorn Lodge | Waipawa, Wellington, New Zealand. |
| 1814 | Worsley Lodge | Worsley, Lancashire. |
| 1815 | Penge Lodge | Anerley, Surrey. |
| 1816 | Victoria Park Lodge | Hackney. |
| 1817 | St. Andrew's Lodge | Shoeburyness, Essex. |
| 1818 | Clapham Lodge | Clapham Common. |
| 1819 | Grosvenor Jervois Lodge | Port Pirie, South Australia. |
| 1820 | Sir Thomas White Lodge | Queen Victoria-street. |
| 1821 | Atlingworth Lodge | Brighton, Sussex. |
| 1822 | St. Quintus Lodge | Cowbridge, Glamorganshire, South Wales. |
| 1823 | Royal Clarence Lodge | Clare, Suffolk. |
| 1824 | Buffalo Lodge | East London, South Africa. |
| 1825 | Peak Downs Lodge | Copperfield, Queensland, Australia. |
| 1826 | Parthenon Lodge | Egham, Surrey. |

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---------|----|----|
| Amounts previously announced | 11,874 | 6 | 6 |
| Lists since sent in:— | | | |
| London, John Nidd Smith (Lodge 14) | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| West Lancs., Thomas Buxton (Lodge 1345) | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| " Sylvester Mattison (Lodge 1609) | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| N. Wales and Salop., Thomas Coxhead (Lodge 1674) | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Additions to various lists | 53 | 1 | 6 |
| | £12,000 | 3 | 0 |

The St. Ethelbert Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 243, was consecrated on Thursday, the 28th inst., at Hereford. The ceremony was performed by R.W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, assisted by V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., G. Asst. Sec., and other Grand Officers. W. Bro. J. Grigg was installed W.M.; Bro. Theophilus Lane, S.W.; and Bro. William Williams, J.W.

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R. W.—Yes! the W.M. is certainly right in his ruling. BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Touchstone," "Alliance News," "Folkestone News," "Essex Independent," "Hebrew Leader," "Masonic Token," "Le Monde Maçonnique," "Voice of Masonry," "The Truth on Albania and the Albanians," "Der Triangel," "The Freemason's Monthly," "Weekly Courant."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DUKE.—On the 24th inst., at 9, Cornwall-road, Westbourne-park, the wife of Mr. G. Amos Duke, M.R.C.S.E., of a son.

MARTINDALE.—On the 25th inst., at 21, Kensington-gardens-square, the wife of Mr. Arthur H. T. Martindale, M.C.S., of a son.

STEPHENS.—On the 26th inst., at 10, Thornhill-square, Baysbury, N., the wife of Mr. Charles J. Stephens, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

MITCHELL—WILD.—On the 22nd inst., at St. James's Church, Paddington, by the Rev. G. C. Whalley, Frank William Drew, of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General's, son of Mr. John Mitchell, M.P.A., of Lisjillon, Tasmania, to Emily, daughter of Mr. Henry Wild, of Acton, Middlesex.

DEATHS.

BEY.—On the 18th inst., at Redcar, Yorkshire, Emma, wife of Mr. Charles Carey, late of the 3rd Buffs and 80th Regiments.

FORD.—On the 24th inst., at The Shrubbery, Tottenham, Middlesex, Mr. James Ford, in his 103rd year.

MURRAY.—On the 24th inst., at Bath, Stephen Digby Murray, son of the late Admiral Robert Murray, R.N., in his 82nd year.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1879

THE APPROACHING ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

On the 25th of June the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at the Alexandra Palace, under the distinguished presidency of the Earl of Rosslyn, K.T., P.G.M. of Scotland. There are up to the present 200 Stewards, but we trust that by the time when the Festival takes place this number will have largely increased, and we recommend all brethren wishful to assist this needed and useful Institution to forward their names at once to Bro. Binckes. There are many reasons why the Boys' School seems to have a pressing claim on the sympathy and support of our Order. It has emerged successfully from financial difficulties and overwhelming expenses, rendered necessary by the attempt, wise and reasonable, in our humble opinion, to make the School, architecturally and structurally, a success and an ornament, and to provide all the newest systems of scholastic arrangement, for the health, the comfort, the well being of the orphan sons of Freemasons. At the present moment the School is pursuing the "even tenour" of its educational course, in a state of thorough efficiency and good all round work, which are alike a credit to the Managing Committee and Bro. Dr. Morris. Probably never in its history was its moral tone better, its scholastic prestige higher, the health, the happiness, the advancement of the boys more attended to than at the present hour, when, with the favouring support of a warm-hearted fraternity, it possesses in itself every condition of well being, every guarantee of success. We, therefore, urge upon our brethren, up and down the land, and we also ask our genial brethren in the "Land o' Cakes," to testify their interest in this most valuable and much needed School, by rallying round that distinguished nobleman, who has so kindly consented to preside on June 25th, and we trust, that we shall have to record in these truthful pages another striking proof of the large-heartedness of our always benevolent Craft, and to announce, in congratulatory terms, another signal success for Bro. Binckes.

ROMAN CATHOLIC OPPOSITION TO FREEMASONRY.

We sometimes ask ourselves the question, perhaps uselessly, what is the reason of this persistent opposition on the part of the Roman Catholics to Freemasonry? And for our own part we should like much that some candid and courteous Roman Catholic would condescend to give us the "why and the wherefore" on the subject, to enlighten our dark minds, to satisfy our doubting deprecation. To us it is simply inexplicable and indefensible, unmeaning and unreasonable in the highest degree. The Freemasons of Essex are going to hold a most peaceful and praiseworthy assembly, in order to instal Lord Tenterden, U.S. of State for Foreign Affairs, and P.G.W., as Prov. G.M., under the distinguished presidency of Lord Carnarvon, and straightway some agitated Roman Catholic, as we hear, opposes the loan of a county building for this most innocent gathering of his fellow citizens and of a benevolent Order, because, forsooth, oh, great crime! they are actually "Freemasons." We are happy to be informed that after "hearing Mr. Croome, barrister, in support of the renewed application for the use of the Shire Hall, at Chelmsford, the Court of Quarter Sessions at once acceded to it. "We said we were happy in making this announcement, in hearing this statement, but, in truth, we feel profoundly humiliated when we remember, that in the year of grace 1879, such an application should be needed, when we realize that such cold-blooded prejudices and rampant bigotry should exist in our very midst, for it is added, as if by way of commentary on these proceedings, that the "refusal" of the Chelmsford magis-

trates in the first instance is "attributed to the influence of a Roman Catholic magistrate." And, therefore, it is that we ask again, what is the reason of this Roman Catholic opposition to Freemasonry, alike, in our humble opinion, senseless and sad, uncharitable and unjustifiable? Of course we shall be told "that the Freemasons are condemned by the Pope." Be it so, but what if such condemnation can be proved to be altogether puerile and preposterous? Why, we ask, should sensible and rational Roman Catholics pay any attention to them any longer? The first ground of condemnation taken up by an infallible Pope in 1738, the first Bull, let us note, was on the ground of Freemasonry being a meeting place, "horrible dictu" for Roman Catholics and Protestants. That, we need hardly point out, was a most un-Christian proceeding, per se! So great was the crime in the eyes of the meek and forgiving Clement, that he ordered all Freemasons to be handed over to the Inquisition, and the "secular arm" to be burnt in fact, their property to be confiscated, and the very houses to be pulled down in which lodges were held. Oh, most just judge! Subsequent Popes have taken different grounds. Leo indeed confirmed the condemnation of Clement with the same charitable intent. Pius VII. mixed up the Carbonari with Freemasonry, and condemned both equally. Pius IX. "lumped" the Fenians and Freemasons together, and Cardinal Cullen was evidently of opinion that the Freemasons in Ireland and elsewhere were "booked for something uncomfortable," and to many charitable and friendly Roman Catholics Freemasonry is still a "bugbear," a "spectre," and a "bête noire." Tell them it is a magnificent Order, they shrug their shoulders; assure them it is a religiously-minded fraternity, they contemptuously smile; point out to them that it is a loyal sodality, emphatically loyal, "à toute épreuve," with the Prince of Wales at its head, they significantly shake their heads; for on all these points the Roman Catholic authorities know better than anyone else. And vainly do you sum up its acts of benevolence, or recount the success of the charitable appeals of Freemasonry, the prestige and prosperity of its educational establishments, its goodly annuity funds, its genial toleration, and its enlightened aspirations; Roman Catholics will "have none of it." Alas, it is a sad chapter in the history of the human race, that record of "Fetish," which seems to damp enthusiasm, to deaden charity, dwarf faith, degrade truth, and banish common sense, until the worst passions of heathen malignity seem to have obscured and overpowered alike the dictates of morality, the tenderness of religion, and the benign and eternal consolations of the Gospel of faith, hope, and charity, of the religion of the Most High in this world of ours.

NEW MEMBERS.

We have always understood that it was a cardinal principle of Freemasonry not to ask any one to join our Fraternity. We had, until quite lately, supposed that such continued to be both the theory and the practice of our English Order. From one or two facts which have lately come to our knowledge, we are inclined to think that both among Masons and non-Masons a very great laxity indeed prevails on this head. The curiosity of the latter seems only to be equalled by the vulgar eagerness of the former. New lodges are formed, and "Poppleton," a young and rising Mason, thinks it well to increase his mother lodge, and so he discourses on Masonry "gushingly" before non-Masons, until a succession of eager youths, induced by his eloquent description, and emphatic assurances, and savoury promises, enter into Freemasonry without much, if any, consideration, of whom a proportion is always disappointed, when the real and actual are found not to correspond with the ideal and the ecstatic. We regret to hear, for instance, always deeply such a speech as this, "I was induced to enter Freemasonry by what Poppleton said to me," &c., &c., inasmuch as such a confession militates entirely with every ancient profession, every wise practice of our generally cautious confraternity. And, therefore, for fear of increased or increasing laxity in this respect, so prejudicial

to the best interests of our Order, we think it well to say a few words to-day. Caution is incumbent on all Freemasons in respect of those they recommend as candidates for Freemasonry. It is not every one who professes to wish to become a Mason who is therefore at once to be admitted. We should always carefully consider if he be, to use well-known expressions just now, of a "good sort," in "good form," of the "stuff" likely to make a good Mason. The "Drones" are very many in our great Masonic hive, will he be a "Bee?" The dullards are numerous, will he be a "bright Mason?" The adepts in the mysteries of the high grade of the "Knife and Fork" are abounding, will he be among those to whom Freemasonry is something better, higher, truer, more enduring, than a convivial gathering, a benefit order, a goose club? Should we like to introduce the new member to our friends and families? or would we freely consort with him out of the lodge? Unless we can safely answer these questions in the affirmative we have no right, it seems to us, to introduce or to admit a new member into our little fraternal circle, the lodge. The time has passed, happily, when the old view can any longer prevail, that "as long as a man could pay the fees and his subscription" that was all that we need "enquire about." Much of the present weakness of Freemasonry, such as it is, prevails from want of caution in admitting new members, and the forgetfulness of many of our good brethren of their responsibility in this respect. All elements in a lodge which are neither congruous nor compatible with our system or our teaching must lead to demoralization and discord, and we know of no more uncomfortable or unhappy state of things, than when a lodge is composed of heterogeneous materials, for it is sure to break up either into sections and factions, or to degenerate into a debating club or a "caucus." We speak these words in all kindness and fraternal good will, and with some little experience, and trust they will be well taken by all those whom they may in any way concern.

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.]

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Through the kindness of a valued American friend and brother I have perused the last published Proceedings of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S. of America, at Boston, and I find it there declared "that it is a settled principle of the law of the rite that in a dependency, colony, or province of a country, in which there is a Supreme Council, no foreign power can create or authorise the creation of a Supreme Council, and a body so created as a Supreme Council has no legal existence."

We are not told when, or by what authority, such a principle of law was settled, and I respectfully dispute both the accuracy and soundness of the statement.

No such principle is embraced in the Constitutions of the Order. Indeed, it is absolutely antagonistic to the objects and principles for the propagation of which the Order was instituted, and which the Constitutions nobly sub-sum by shortly declaring to be everywhere, "in fine, to do the works of peace and mercy."

The Constitutions, too, declare in their very first article that the Thirty-third Degree invests those Masons possessing it "with the character, title, privileges, and authority of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Order," and among these is enumerated the power to form Supreme Councils in places where the degree may be established.

The Constitutions do not restrict the action of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the formation of Supreme Grand Councils, either by his own nationality or by that of the Council from which he derived his patent. His power, like the objects and principles of the Order, is cosmopolitan, and to carry them out it is essential that his powers should be so, for, as already stated, those objects and principles are "everywhere," irrespective of locality, to do "works of peace and mercy," for which in every country there is, alas, too vast a field.

But has the Supreme Council of Boston, which propounds this proposition, been in its own actions regulated by it? It has not, for although a Supreme Council existed in both Ireland and Scotland, prior to the formation of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, the Supreme Council of Boston, a foreign power, created, or authorised the creation, of the Supreme Council of England; and it still recognises it as a lawful body, in direct violation of the principles it now lays down.

If the principle of the Boston Supreme Council be settled law, it follows that the Councils both of England and Scotland are unlawful; and that Boston has acted unlawfully in creating the Supreme Council of England, and still

acts an illegal part in recognising both it and the Supreme Council of Scotland.

We also find on the part of the Supreme Council of France a similar disregard of the principle in question, for, according to the representations of the Supreme Council of Scotland, that body was formed under the authority of the Supreme Council of that country, although at the time a Supreme Council was in active existence in Ireland. There are other similar cases.

The principle of law laid down as settled by the Supreme Council of Boston, tested by its own actions, by those of other Supreme Councils, and by the Constitutions of the Order is thus manifestly unsound in principle, and incorrect in fact.

Yours fraternally,

A 33rd.

THE VALUE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Annexed I beg to hand you an extract of a letter from a personal friend, a Colonel in the army, in reply to inviting him to my lodge; it records an interesting fact—probably a valuable suggestion—and it occurs to me that you might consider it sufficiently so to reproduce it in the columns of your paper.

I remain dear Sir, yours faithfully,

P.M. G.M.L., No. 1, P.G.D.

22nd May, 1879.

(EXTRACT.)

"I have always considered Freemasonry the most valuable fraternity in existence, and to a soldier and traveller about the world a most useful institution. As an instance of it, Colonel ——— tells me that when he was in Cabul (in the first Afghan war) he found the Afghans full of hatred and dislike to our presence; but one day passing through the bazaar he saw two Afghan chiefs make the Masonic sign to each other. Colonel ———, who was a Mason, did the same to them. They all three spoke Persian, and ——— asked them if there was a lodge in Cabul. 'Oh, yes,' they said, 'a very large one, and if you like we will introduce you there.' He accordingly went. They were very civil to him. He soon became friendly with them, and wherever he desired to go about the country they detailed a party to accompany him and protect him. With their aid he visited the ruined cities of Alexander the Great, and collected Greek coins there. Marching away with General Sale, they saw him safely off; and, in my opinion, the Masons in the army in the present campaign would do well to look up the lodges in Afghanistan, and make friends with the chiefs through their lodges."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Most of the lodges (Masonic) in and around London instal the W.M. about this time of year, and I have been honoured by very kind invitations to a great many more than I have been able to attend, but at almost all those that I have attended the W.M. has been generally rewarded for his conduct in the chair by an unanimous vote to the brother of a P.M. jewel of the value of five or ten guineas, according to the state of the lodge funds. If a brother does his duty in the chair, and has given the different degrees and lectures in a creditable manner, I think that some recognition of his services should be awarded him, but in some instances I have seen the W.M. already in possession of a Past Master's jewel; therefore: it is not be of the same value to him as it would be to a brother passing the chair for the first time. It has lately struck me that the guineas awarded for jewels would be much better spent on our Charities, and instead of voting five guineas for a jewel it might be given to one of the Charities in the name of the P.M., thereby giving him a vote for life and being of considerable benefit to the Charities, which should be recorded on the minutes. I think it very probable that in many instances if a brother were asked on his leaving the chair, he would prefer a life subscribership in one of the Charities to a jewel, and I think many would choose the life subscribership, whereas a jewel is a pretty decoration, but of very little benefit to any one but the jeweller. However, when the money is voted a brother who has just passed the chair might have his choice.

Yours Fraternally,

FRAS. BURDETT, P.S.G.W.,
P.G.M. Middx., Rep. of G.L. Ireland.

MASONIC GRAMMAR, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, signing himself "Lindley Murray," describes himself as a stickler for the purity of our English tongue. He is no doubt aware of the fact that the term stickler is derived from the practice of prize-fighters, who are in the habit of placing seconds with sticks to interpose as occasion may require in seeing that all proceedings between the parties are conducted fairly; but it is to be regretted that your correspondent has, in this instance, interfered unnecessarily; and that, after a well-meant effort on his part, the purity of the English language, for which he is so ready to stand up, should owe him nothing.

Let me say, in the first place, that many will fail to see the propriety of quoting Dr. Johnson as an authority in this matter. It must be admitted that modern usage is a great authority in deciding the meaning to be attached to particular words. Johnson lived a hundred years ago, and it is quite natural that after the lapse of a century many words should come to be used in different senses to those in which they were used by the great lexicographer. Your correspondent himself admits that usage in the particular

case to which he refers warrants the use which he condemns of the word *exceptionable*.

I observe in the next place that your correspondent is quite in error in supposing, as he does, that exceptional and exceptionable are synonymous words. As a stickler he ought to have been more discriminating. The word exceptional is applied to such things as form or make an exception; whereas the term exceptionable implies that things are liable to objection. There is a clear distinction here which it is remarkable that a correspondent having such a *nom de plume* should have failed to discover. Accepting this as the correct interpretation of these words, exceptional might have been used in preference to exceptionable; and, indeed, except for the proximity of the word except, in preference to special or peculiar.

In conclusion let me point out that in your correspondent's letter there is little to show that he is qualified for assuming the office of a censor in this matter. In the first sentence of his letter he has misplaced the adverb *hardly*. He says he *hardly* thinks, whereas he immediately proceeds to show how strongly indeed he thinks. The word *hardly* in his letter is evidently intended to have more to do with the correctness than with his thinking, and he ought to have written "which I think is *hardly* correct." It is further to be noticed that at the close of his letter he uses the past tense of the potential mood *would be* where he might more correctly have used the pluperfect *would have been*, since, of course, there is now no likelihood of the words of the report being altered to suit his erroneous idea of what is correct. It is also very doubtful whether he could not have used a better word than *apply* in the connection in which it occurs.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. M. IRON, J.W. 417.

MASONIC WORKS IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the article on Masonic Books in the British Museum in the *Freemason* of last week, mention is made as to the probable date of the publication of Robison's "Proofs of a Conspiracy, &c." Upon referring to the Preliminary Discourse to the third volume of Barruel's *Memoirs* (mine is Clifford's translation, 2nd edit., 1798), I find the author there speaks of Robison's work appearing just as his third volume was going to press. Barruel's attention was called to this work by his translator, and therefore if the Preliminary Discourse is in the first edition of translation, it will give the date of publication of Robison's work. In the *Memoirs* the name is spelled Robison.

Yours fraternally,

May 29th, 1879.

G. ELLIS.

Reviews.

THE FOUR OLD LODGES. By Bro. R. T. GOULD, Barrister at Law, Spencer, London.

It is impossible in the limited space of our review column to do justice to this interesting and important work, which deserves all the notice we can afford, and much more in truth than we can possibly afford to its consideration and analysis. To Bro. Gould all Masonic students owe a deep debt of gratitude in that, following in the footsteps of Bro. Hughan and others, he has devoted no little time, patience, and acumen to the elucidation of that often "vexata questio," the numeration and identification of English Lodges. Indeed it is but fair to say that to Bro. Gould's persevering researches and lucid statements we are indebted for much that is for the first time clearly brought before Masonic students and archaeologists. Some brethren are apt hastily to say that such enquiries are "lost labour, industry, and energy expended in vain; for what does it matter, 'cui bono' to any one?" But in this view we entirely disagree with them, and think them, moreover, entirely wrong. However trifling, however tedious, however minute, however meaningless, seemingly such enquiries may appear to them to be, and to some other superficial talkers, they are very important in themselves, in that they serve to illustrate and uphold the true history of our Order, in that they pave the way for archaeological enquiries and discoveries, and in that, above all, they serve to point out clearly to all, how curious and how complicated are these lodge annals of ours, which we too often coldly neglect or contemptuously under-value. Bro. Gould has wisely seen and seasonably demonstrated, and in this we heartily go with him, that not only is the true history of English Freemasonry to be yet written, but that if you wish for an accurate representation of it in general, you must base it upon a correct application of lodge life and history in particular. We therefore beg to call attention to this very valuable work, which we have read with great pleasure, and trust sincerely that it may receive both the support and circulation which it so truly merits. We hope that a much fuller review of it will appear in the pages of the *June Masonic Magazine*.

LE BULLETIN DES TRAVAUX DU SUPREME CONSEIL DE BELGIQUE. Bruxelles: Julien Buctsoeu, 1879.

We have perused this report—kindly sent us by Bro. Riche—with interest and approval. So far, happily, the "Grand Conseil" of the Belgian Ancient and Accepted Rite is standing by the ancient landmarks and "formula," and we, therefore, are glad to recognize this agreeable fact. We fear, however, that untoward influences are at work with all foreign Freemasonry just now, whether under Grand Orients or Grand Councils, which, unless checked, must tend to undermine and bring down all Freemasonry, whether High Grade or Craft. For instance, the Ancient and Accepted Rite abroad has, we believe, no "prayers,

and simply acknowledges, as a compromise, a "principe Createur," a "force Superieure," utterly unreal, unhistorical, and unsatisfactory as such expressions are. We fear that such is the consequence of un-Masonic principles at work, whether in French or Belgian Masonry. Admitting, as we must do all who know Belgium, that, owing to Ultramontane bigotry, the position of Freemasonry in that country is a very difficult one, nothing, in our opinion, can excuse the folly of those Belgian Masons in the Grand Orient of Belgium, who have been imitating and even surpassing alike in fatuity of resolutions and violence of words, the excesses of the Grand Orient of France, and which must, we fear, rest on the Grand Conseil of Belgium, however, professedly, desirous to remain "dans la voie droite." For, as we have often said, and experience proves how true it is in general and particular, no more sinister or perverse proceeding has ever taken place in the annals of Freemasonry than that undignified and intolerant course which the "movement party" have compelled the Grand Orient of France, "nolens volens," to pursue. For the nonce French Freemasonry lies prostrate before an extreme party, alike in politics and irreligion, and we can only again repeat our distinct opinion, that if Bro. Caubet and others had worked to play into the hands of the Ultramontane and Jesuit party, they could not have acted more determinedly or more significantly to that end, by what they have said and by what they have done. But why in the name of all that is sacred, reverent, and Masonic is the Belgian Grand Orient to follow in the same suicidal path? to parody even the most offensive perversities of the Grand Orient of France? The Belgians are a very religiously-minded people, and anything more foolish, more senseless, or more un-Masonic than the violent words of Belgian Freemasons, and the hopeless resolutions of Belgian lodges we have never read and realized. We feel deeply interested in the history of Belgian Freemasonry, because, like the French, it was originally English in origin, tone, and teaching, and now we see it drifting helplessly down that fatal path which identifies Freemasonry with the watchwords of revolution and party politics, which rejoices in avowals of positive irreligion and unbelief, which shocks the reverent, and keep honest folks away. Thus it is that Belgian Freemasonry, even in Belgium itself, lies "under a cloud," which we can only sincerely hope that wiser counsels and a more Masonic course will help to dissipate and dispel. We wish the Grand Conseil of Belgium success in its endeavours to keep entirely aloof, as it most properly professes to do, from political and religious discussions, and to adhere as a Masonic body to the ancient and universal tenets of our Order.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

I have been asked whether "prayer" is used in all the "High Grades." I feel in some difficulty as to answering the query distinctly. In some of the Foreign High Grades there are "prayers," but in some there are certainly not any. Curiously enough, I fear too, their use is rapidly decreasing. There are prayers in the Knights Templar Encampments, and in the ceremonies of the Knights of St. John, and in the Rose Croix, but not in the Mediterranean Pass in this country. Prayers are used in Mark Masonry and the Red Cross of Constantine. In some of the Foreign Grades undoubtedly no prayers are now to be found, or were apparently ever to be found. I apprehend, however, such is not the normal state of English High Grade Masonry. Bro. Hughan can probably throw a little light on the subject. In the Thirtieth Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for instance, prayer is undoubtedly used. I think it is safe to say that in English High Grade Masonry prayer is undoubtedly used.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE EARLIEST USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

I have been most agreeably surprised on reading the interesting communication of "P.M. No. 1 (S.C.)," never having heard of such a reference to Freemasonry and the Presbytery before. The record is all the more important because of its retrospective character, and we are indebted—as Masonic Students—to Bro. the Rev. J. T. Grant, P.G.C., for the fortunate discovery. Bro. Woodford considers the earliest use of the word "Freemason" is in 1435—at least so far as traced—when a "Freemason" contracts with Richard Duke of York to build Fotheringay Chapel (note *Kenning's Cyclopaedia*). It is also noted in Act of Parliament A.D. 1548, and in Masonic MSS., as we already know. These references however are operative in character, hence the value of the discovery of Bro. Grant's, made known by our Bro. P.M. No. 1 (S.C.) Bro. Ashmole's initiation is of course also most important, being a record of that celebrated antiquary in his journal of 1646. The reference to Freemason noted by Bro. D. Murray Lyon in his Grand History of No. 1 (S.C.) had regard to those "Friemasones of Edwr." as an operative body.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Our indefatigable Bro. Lamonby has evidently obtained for "An Old Song" the first edition of Robison's "Proofs of a Conspiracy," which was issued in 1797, pp. 496. The second edition was published in the same year, the following year witnessing the advent of other editions. The work has not the financial value of a "Good Old Song," being still plentiful, and often to be met with for a few shillings, neither has it much within its pages of interest to Masonic students, save as proof of the credulity of the author, who was a Professor of Natural Philosophy and Secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., in *Bro. Kenning's Cyclopaedia* says "his work is now practically forgotten."

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China.

SHANGHAI.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 501, E.C.)—The annual installation of W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge took place on the 28th January, 1879. There were about 67 brethren present. The lodge was opened at 9.15 o'clock p.m. by W. Bro. Evans. Shortly afterwards the R.W.D.G.M. of Northern China and his officers were announced, and received in the lodge with Masonic honours. The W.M. thereupon rose and said: R.W.D.G. Master, on my own behalf and that of the Royal Sussex Lodge permit me to offer you and the officers of the D.G. Lodge the right hand of fellowship, and cordially welcome you amongst us. Knowing, as we all do, R.W. Sir, the great interest you take in all that tends to the benefit and advancement of Freemasonry, we cannot but feel highly gratified at your presence here this evening, it being a further proof, if any were needed, of the great anxiety you feel for the welfare and prosperity of the Craft. On such an occasion as the present, that of the installation of our W.M., we feel especially pleased and grateful to you, and for your kindness in consenting to perform the ceremony of installation; and particularly would we thank you for the sympathy you have constantly and invariably shewn the Royal Sussex Lodge, in its adversity as well as in its prosperity. R.W. Sir, in now surrendering into your hands this gavel, which has been the symbol of my authority for the past two years, I do so expressing a sincere wish and a fervent hope that in the future our lodge may become more prosperous than it has been in the immediate past. The R.W.D.G.M., in replying, said—Worshipful Bro. Evans, although I never visit your lodge without being received with every mark of fraternal regard, I was quite unprepared for the very flattering reception which has been so spontaneously accorded to me by you and the brethren assembled. I have always taken great interest in everything pertaining to the Craft, feeling assured that when our principles are faithfully disseminated much good must result therefrom, and this lodge has materially assisted in promulgating those principles. The Royal Sussex Lodge, though not the first established in Shanghai, is the oldest in China. It was removed to this port under the auspices of the R.W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past Provincial Grand Master in China, one of its former Masters, who was ever foremost in promoting the welfare of his brethren when with us, and who continues in the good work now that he resides in his native country. We rarely take up a Masonic newspaper without finding his name mentioned therein, associated with work calculated to prove beneficial to the Craft. The first Master of this lodge in Shanghai was R.W. Bro. H. G. Murray, the Immediate Past District Grand Master for China, who will be remembered by most of you for his zeal in Freemasonry, and whose name is cherished with regard. Many worthy brethren have filled the chair since then, and you, W. Sir, have so gained the affection of the members, that on three occasions have you been elected to the high position, and the brethren have again testified their approval of your services by their endeavour to retain you as their head for another year, but which, by the rules of our Constitution, they are unable to do. I must not detain the lodge by further remarks now, but I will request you to retain the gavel until the commencement of the installation ceremony, when I shall have pleasure in receiving it from your hands, and of installing our W. Bro. Johnsford into the position which he has been elected to occupy. After the lodge had been opened in the Second Degree, the R.W.D.G.M. took the chair, and officiated as Installing Master. Bro. Johnsford was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed, after which the following officers were also invested:—Bros. E. P. Lalcaea, S.W.; S. Ballard, J.W. and Treas.; U. W. Harris, Sec.; T. Ford, S.D.; J. Howell, J.D.; C. T. P. Hudson, I.G.; J. B. Browne, Org.; T. W. Harrocks and T. Roberts, Stewards; T. Hore, Tyler. W. Bro. Evans, P.M., then rose and said: R.W.D.G. Master, Officers of the D.G. Lodge, and visiting brethren, to you, R.W. Sir, and the Officers of the D.G. Lodge, on my own behalf and that of the Royal Sussex Lodge, I return my sincere thanks for your presence, and for the great assistance you have rendered us throughout the ceremony of installation. More especially, R.W. Sir, to you are our thanks due for the very eloquent and impressive manner in which you have conducted this ceremony. It affords me intense gratification, and I am sure it does the members of our lodge, to see so large a gathering of the brethren here tonight, and as we have on this, our first meeting in the new year, so many present, I think it augurs well for the future, and I sincerely hope that a period of revival in Freemasonry is about to set in. The R.W.D.G.M. replied: Worshipful Sirs, I am sure I am only expressing the feelings of the District Grand Officers when I say that they have derived pleasure and instruction from visiting your lodge this evening. In performing the ceremony of installation, in this, as well as in other lodges, it has been my earnest endeavour to impress upon the Worshipful Master, his officers, and the brethren generally, the necessity of acting up to the professions they make from time to time, and I am sure if we will so act, the blessing of T.G.A.O.T.U. will rest upon us, and the good wishes you have so forcibly expressed, that Masonry may flourish, and that a bright future will be in store for the Craft in Shanghai, will be fully realised. On behalf of myself and officers I return you many thanks for your kind expressions towards us, and we hope that the year on which we have now entered may prove one of prosperity to the Royal Sussex Lodge and its members. The various ceremonies having concluded, Worshipful Bro. Evans rose and said: Brethren, I scarcely know how to address you, or thank you sufficiently for the great honour you have conferred upon us this evening. It is indeed a source of great pleasure to see so many of you and

to welcome you all here with the right hand of fellowship. Brethren, there can be, I think, but one opinion as to the value of our D.G. Lodge lately established amongst us. It is, I think, the nucleus or germ from whence a revival in Masonry will come, and be assured that while the baton of D.G.M. remains in the able hands that now wield it, Masonry must flourish, and a bright future for the Craft in Shanghai is in store. Brethren, in again thanking you all for your attendance here, before I sit down permit me one word more, and that is simply to say it is very evident to my mind from this large meeting that "love of the Craft" in Shanghai is not so dormant as some would have us believe. We have proof to-night that "where there is a will there always is a way." Such being the case, I would urge upon the brethren to be more regular in their attendance at our stated meetings, such attendance being at all times most grateful to the rulers in the Craft. Remember, brethren, it will take "a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together," to make Masonry as flourishing in Shanghai as it once was. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and see if we can accomplish it. The newly-installed Master then invited the brethren to join him and his officers at a banquet provided in the adjoining room, and the lodge was thereupon closed in due and ancient form. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, Bro. Johnsford, the W.M., rose and proposed the first toast, namely, "The Queen and the Craft," remarking that it required no words from him to ensure for it a hearty reception. After the National Anthem had been sung, the W.M. said the next toast was also one which all Masons delighted to honour—it was that of "The Health of the most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and Past Grand Masters of the Lodge." The W.M. said a pleasing duty now devolved upon him, and it was to propose "The Health of the R.W.D.G.M., and the Officers of the D.G.L. in Northern China." The brethren of the Royal Sussex were all proud of the presence of the R.W.D.G.M. and his officers, and he, on their behalf, begged to thank the R.W.D.G.M. for the able and impressive manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. All Masons working under the English Constitution, as well as those working under the American, German, and Scottish Constitutions, knew the value of the work the District Grand Lodge was doing, and they were proud of the untiring zeal and ability of their Right Worshipful D.G. Master, who, aided by his officers, was always ready to render assistance for the good of the Craft. It was unnecessary for him to detain them longer; and he would now ask them to honour the toast as it deserved to be honoured. The R.W.D.G. Master, in returning thanks, said: Worshipful Sir, this is the third time I have addressed the brethren during the evening, but I feel constrained on behalf of the Officers of the D.G. Lodge, as well as on my own behalf, to again return our united thanks for the kind hospitality extended towards us. We are trying to emulate our worthy predecessors who were so intimately connected with this lodge. On the wall of this banqueting room we see suspended the portraits of those well-known and highly esteemed brethren to whom I have previously alluded, viz., our R.W. Bro. Samuel Rawson, P.P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. Henry Murray, P.D.G.M. for China, and who set an example worthy to be followed by all who are desirous of increasing the influence of Masonry, or to benefit their fellow creatures. We have observed how well our newly-installed W.M. has wielded the gavel this evening, and I hope and trust we may augur from this that a year of prosperity is in store for the lodge over which he has been elected to preside. We know that he will have not only the sympathy and assistance of the brethren working under the English Constitution, but also that of the brethren working under other Constitutions, as we have many proofs that the right hand of fellowship is warmly given by those rejoicing in the tie of brotherhood, no matter from what country they may hail; and this, W. Sir, reminds me that you have permitted me the privilege of proposing the next toast, and I, therefore, hasten to do so. It is one always warmly received by the Shanghai brethren, amongst whom so much harmony exists. We have present many brethren owing allegiance to other Constitutions, and I ask you to join me in wishing "Prosperity to the Sister Grand Lodges." You, brethren, are acquainted with the kindly interest that is always exhibited to us by the brethren working under the D.G. Lodge of Scotland, the D.G. Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Three Globes of Berlin. Their virtues have been so frequently brought before you, that I am sure I need not detain you by referring to them, but ask you, without delay, to join me in the toast of prosperity to the Sister Grand Lodges. R.W. Past Master Bro. W. Birt, 30°, thanked the members of the Royal Sussex Lodge for the very kind and cordial reception they had given to the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges, proposed so ably by the R.W.D.G. Master. He (Bro. Birt) felt a double pleasure in being present at their installation that evening, first as a representative of the Scottish Craft working in China, and, secondly, as he was paying dutiful homage to his mother lodge, inasmuch as it was within the Royal Sussex Lodge, some sixteen years ago, that the first rays of Masonic light beamed upon his vision. He congratulated the Royal Sussex Lodge upon the large attendance, and particularly upon the numbers of Past Masters and other exalted members of the Craft who were present, testifying plainly their unabated interest in China in an old Masonic lodge, and their esteem for the newly-installed Master, Wardens, and officers. The duty now devolved upon him to propose "The Health of the Newly-installed Master, Wardens, and Officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge." Bro. Johnsford's Masonic career was known to all of them. For many years past he had been a most industrious worker in Ma-

sonry, having held the offices of Inner Guard, Deacon, Junior and Senior Wardens, and this evening his brethren had further expressed their confidence in him by selecting him as their Master. He, therefore, begged the brethren present to drink to "The Health and Prosperity of the Master, Wardens, and Officers of the Royal Sussex Lodge." The R.W.D.G.M. also rose and said—Brethren, it is a very important duty and pleasure that now devolves upon us all. It is to wish our W.M. health and prosperity during his year of office. I hope, brethren, you will duly consider how much rests with yourselves in rendering his office one of usefulness and pleasure. We are aware, from what we know of him, that nothing will be required on his part to uphold the dignity of his lodge. He has selected officers—tried and good brethren—who may also be depended on for the faithful discharge of their duties, so that "with a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether," so ably suggested by our Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. Evans, we may look for great success during the coming year. Brethren, I ask you for a hearty response to the toast of "The Health of our W.M., Bro. Johnsford, and his Officers," so ably proposed by R.W. Past Master Bro. Birt. The W.M., in felicitous terms, briefly acknowledged the toast. W. Bro. Hart said the next toast had been placed in his hands to propose, and it was pleasing to think that irrespective of any remarks from him he was sure it would meet with an enthusiastic reception. The toast he had to bring to their notice was "The Health of the Past Masters of the Royal Sussex Lodge." The Royal Sussex Lodge seemed to have been particularly fortunate in obtaining good men to occupy the chair in the lodge, and two of them had occupied most distinguished positions in Masonry in China, and he was happy to say that they were still useful in promoting the welfare of the Craft at home. He believed the first D.G.M. of China, or, as he was called, the P.P.G.M., was a P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge. He need hardly say he referred to W. Bro. Rawson; and then there was also W. Bro. Murray, who was also P.D.G.M., and a P.M. of the lodge. These two brethren he needly hardly say commanded the respect of all Masons in China, and were much respected in England. W. Bros. Brown and Camajee had also worthily filled the chair of the lodge, and W. Bro. Evans, who had vacated it this evening after two years of good service, had, during his (the speaker's) residence in China, always been an active promoter of the Craft, and he had proved his ability by the many useful methods he had adopted to make Masonry more generally useful. The brethren were well acquainted with the very distinguished manner in which the Past Masters had conducted the affairs of the lodge while under their control, and, therefore, he would not trespass further upon their time, but ask them to drink to the health and prosperity of the P.M.'s of the Royal Sussex Lodge, coupling with the toast the name of W. Bro. Evans. P.M. W. Bro. Evans, in responding, said: In calling upon me to respond for the Past Masters of the R.S. Lodge, I think you have made a mistake, as I scarcely know what to say, but I do think that you are doing injustice to me, to P.M. Bro. Brown, and to our visitors. First, to me, because I have already twice addressed you this evening; to our visitors because I think they would like to hear some other brother's voice, and to P.M. Bro. Brown, because I think this duty should have devolved upon him, and looking at the other end of the table I can see that he is impatient to unburthen himself of the eloquence he feels pent up within him. I will, W.M., with your permission, call on P.M. Bro. Brown to respond to the toast of the Past Masters of the R. S. Lodge. P.M. Bro. Brown said: Having been unexpectedly called upon to reply to the toast of the Past Masters, I feel unprepared to do justice to my eminent predecessors. A great deal has been said about the Past Masters of this lodge, but I notice that the names of one or two of the most useful and best men have been omitted. I refer to Wor. Bros. Parker and Stent. I had the pleasure to be initiated in this lodge by the former, and in the presence of Right Wor. Bro. Murray, D.G. Master of China, and have pleasant reminiscences of the manner in which the ceremony was performed, and I have pleasant recollections of having served in various offices under the Mastership of Bro. Stent. On their behalf, and that of the Past Masters present, I therefore tender my hearty thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which you have received this toast. Before resuming my seat I avail myself of the opportunity to propose "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the name of Wor. Bro. Weiller. W. Bro. Weiller, D.G. Sup. of Works of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, in a very humorous speech responded. The Tyler's toast was next drunk, and shortly afterwards the company separated.

IRISH MASONIC ORPHAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Tuesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, at 4 o'clock p.m., Bro. John H. Edge, Vice-Patron, in the chair.

The result of the recent ballot for the election of four pupils from the list of candidates for admission to the Institution was announced, whereupon S. M. Gilbert, H. Skipton, C. S. Oswald, and C. Topham, having the greatest number of votes, were declared duly elected pupils of the School.

The report of the Education Committee, who have been engaged for some time past in the consideration of applications of candidates for the appointments of head master, matron or lady superintendent, and assistant master of the School, was presented to the Board. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. A. L. Sparkes, A.B., and B. Sc. London, was appointed head master of the School, and Mrs. Sparkes, his wife, was appointed matron or lady superintendent. The Committee have not

yet presented their report respecting the appointment of an assistant master.

In compliance with the request of Bro. Thomas Valentine, of Belfast, it was resolved that a deputation from the Board should proceed to Belfast to confer with the Governors of the School residing in that neighbourhood as to the condition and future prospects of the School; and that the deputation consists of Bro. Edge, P.M. 728; and a Vice-Patron of the School, and Bro. R. O'Brien Furlong, Hon., Sec., who have kindly consented to bear their own expenses.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, on Tuesday, 10th June, 1879, at 4 o'clock p.m.

CONSECRATION OF THE OLD ENGLAND LODGE, NO. 1790.

This new lodge, the warrant for which was recently granted by the M.W.G.M., was consecrated on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the new Masonic Hall, which has lately been built for this lodge at New Thornton Heath, near Croydon, Surrey. The building is admirably adapted for that purpose, and the arrangements of the rooms are all that can be desired. The building has been raised by the exertions of the founders of the lodge who were anxious to have a place of meeting for themselves unconnected with any tavern.

The proceedings commenced at half-past three, when the brethren met in the ante-room, and marched in order to the lodge-room, when the ceremony of consecration commenced.

The officer appointed for the purpose was Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.W. Herts, who appointed as his officers pro. tem. Bros. Dr. H. J. Strong, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey, as S.W. W. Bausor, W.M. 1580, as J.W.; Thos. W. C. Bush, W.M. 1728, as I.G.; and J. L. Mather, P.G.D.C. Herts, as D.C.; and H. Sadler, as I.G.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and after the usual preliminaries had been gone through, Bro. Terry delivered an impressive and eloquent address on the merits of Freemasonry and the duties of its members.

The ceremony of consecration was then performed in a solemn and impressive manner, the musical part of it being heartily joined in by the brethren.

The Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. designate, Bro. Foulsham, P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, was presented to the Installing Officer, and was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient form.

On re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the various degrees, and at once proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. B. Buckworth, S.W.; H. Harland, J.W.; T. C. Pascall, S.D.; E. Whittaker, J.D.; J. Taylor, I.G.; J. Buckworth, Sec.; and Buffin, Tyler.

Several propositions for initiation and joining having been received, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then proceeded to an adjoining room, where they partook of a very enjoyable banquet. At its termination the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Terry, in a few well-chosen sentences, in which he heartily wished the lodge every success, to ensure which he impressed upon them the necessity of exercising great caution in preventing the admission of unworthy persons, and to take care that the candidates should be of such a character as to add lustre thereto. He was certain that, under the supervision of their W.M., the lodge would prosper.

The W.M. suitably replied, and proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," dwelling with great emphasis upon the splendid rendering of the ritual by Bro. Terry. The W.M. apologised for an omission in lodge. The brethren of the lodge had fully intended conferring the honorary membership of the lodge on Bros. Terry, Strong, Mather, Bausor, and Bush for their kind assistance, but it had by accident been omitted. This, however, would be remedied at the first regular meeting of the lodge, on June 5th.

Bros. Terry and Strong replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, and suitably replied to by Bro. Bush.

The remaining toasts were duly honoured and replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a close.

The arrangements for the banquet were very creditably carried out, and everything possible was done for the comfort of the visitors.

A very handsome Bible was presented to the lodge by Mrs. Buckworth, the wife of the esteemed Senior Warden, to whose untiring exertions the completion of the arrangements was, in a great measure, due.

In addition to the above-named brethren we noticed Bros. Rev. J. H. Roberts, P.M. 1143; V. Keen, P.M. 203; J. Browning, Granite, 1328; C. A. Blogg, and others.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, MOSSLEY.

On Saturday last the town of Mossley was en fête. Early in the afternoon the trains from Ashton, Staley-bridge, and neighbourhood conveyed hundreds of holiday makers to join with the inhabitants of this thriving place in their festivities. Triumphant arches spanned the streets, flags and banners were suspended from the windows of hotels, shops, and private houses, giving to the grey stone walls a more lively appearance than they had ever been known to possess before, and adding much to the picturesque scenery which opened out at every corner of the steep streets, looking over the valley to the hilly slopes on the opposite side.

About two o'clock a procession was formed in the market-place, consisting of Oddfellows, Foresters, Druids, Orangemen, Shepherds, school teachers and children, numbering over 2000, headed by a company of the 4th West York Rifle Volunteers, accompanied by four bands of music, and marched through the principal streets.

At the same time a Masonic lodge was opened in the Mechanics' Institution, by the W.M. and officers of the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 1218, and at 2.30, the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire (Bro. George Mellor, Grand Senior Deacon) entered the lodge, attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: Bros. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Lees, P.P.G.S.W.; C. Beswicke N. Royds, P.P.G.S.W.; George Higgins, P.G.J.W.; John Chadwick, P.G. Secretary; Benjamin Taylor, P.G. Treasurer; J. L. Anderton, P.G. Reg.; J. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg.; Edwin Brookes, P.G.S.D.; J. F. Hoffgaard, P.G.J.D.; C. L. Brunn, Grand Lodge of Denmark; Henry Hayes, Asst. P.G. Director of Cers.; John Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. Caldwell, P.G. Sword Bearer; J. Kenyon, P.P. G. Supt. of Works; Julius Aronsberg, P.G. Purs.; Edwin Radcliffe, Asst. P.G. Purs.; H. T. Robberds, P.G. Org.; and several others. The lodge was adjourned and formed in procession, according to their respective columns (the brethren altogether numbering about 200).

The monster procession of friendly societies on reaching the site of the new building formed two deep on each side of the way, completely lining the route from the churchyard to within a few yards of the Institution. The Masonic procession passed through this living avenue, and took up their position immediately around the stone; the other societies being placed in an outer circle, the school teachers and children occupying the ground intended for the nave of the church.

In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, Senior Warden of the Prince Alfred Lodge, commenced the proceedings by offering up prayer, after which the children and the large assemblage chanted a psalm, and sang an appropriate hymn, accompanied by one of the bands; the thousands of voices producing a grand effect.

Bro. Mellor then addressed the large congregation as follows:—Ladies and Gentlemen, and Brethren—Having been requested by the brethren of the Prince Alfred Lodge to lay the north-east stone of this church, I have very great pleasure in acceding to their request, for we, as Masons, at all times consider it to be our duty to come forward and give what sanction we can by our own peculiar rites and ceremonies to the erection of temples of religion. (Hear, hear.) And what higher or noble service can we perform than in assisting to raise another structure to the honour and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, for the spiritual welfare of all those who think proper to worship their Creator in the beauty of holiness within its walls, and from whence we sincerely trust that pure and undefiled religion may ever emanate? I hoped we may be all spared to witness the completion of this church, that no casualties or strikes will occur during its erection, and that goodwill and harmony will exist and prevail amongst all those who are interested in the building. (Hear, hear.) I hope and trust also that the clouds of adversity which have for so long a period obscured the commercial horizon will ere long be dispelled, and the sun of prosperity once more shine upon our manufacturing industry—(hear, hear)—and that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for many generations. I beg to thank all those ladies and gentlemen, and the friendly societies in particular, who have shown by their presence an interest in this day's proceedings, and my Masonic brethren especially for their attendance and support. I may add, in conclusion, that whilst Masonry knows nothing of political parties, yet, in all countries and times, the Order has taught its disciples the fundamental doctrines of liberty, equality, and fraternity, and these principles Masonry taught long before modern Republics had existence. Liberty regulated by law, obedience to established authority, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and tolerance of private religious and political opinions are the very essence of Freemasonry, and, brethren, let us ever bear in mind that so long as we recognise the supreme authority of the Great Architect of the Universe, so long as we take the volume of the Sacred Law for our guide, direct our actions by the square and compasses, and guide our conduct by the dictates of prudence, wisdom, temperance, and virtue, discarding all those barriers which bigotry or intolerance would set up, we need not be ashamed of our Order, but proud of our position as Masons. Brethren, we will now commence the work allotted to us. (Applause.)

Bro. Roberts (acting Prov. Grand Chap.) again offered up prayer.

The stone was slowly lowered about twelve inches, during which the Masonic choir sang the first verse of "When the Temple's first stone was slowly descending."

The Prov. Grand Treasurer placed the bottle, containing coins, documents, &c., in the cavity, and the Prov. Grand Secretary read a copy of a scroll placed in the bottle.

The stone was again slowly lowered, the choir singing the second verse of the Anthem.

Bro. James Buckley, W.M. of the Prince Alfred Lodge, presented the trowel with some very appropriate remarks. Bro. Mellor having replied, spread the cement.

The stone was, with a third drop, lowered to its bed, the choir singing a "Masonic Gloria."

The Lewis was removed from the stone by an Entered Apprentice, who was requested to place it in the archives of the lodge as a memento of that day's proceedings.

Bro. Mellor directed the P.G.J.W. to apply the plumb rule; having done so, he reported that he found the stone "perfect and trustworthy."

Bro. Mellor then directed the P.G.S.W. to apply the level; having done so, he reported the stone to be "well founded."

Bro. Mellor then requested the acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. J. L. Hine) to apply the square, which he did, and declared the stone to be "properly formed and adjusted."

Bro. J. Hayes, P.M., then addressed Bro. Mellor, and said:—"Very Worshipful Sir,—The stone being now at rest, we pray you assume the setting maul and test its stability in the name of the four cardinal virtues."

Bro. Mellor taking the maul, struck the stone on the four corners, saying "With temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice let our work be founded, and may the Almighty Architect of the Universe look down with benignity upon our present undertaking, and crown the edifice of which we have now laid the foundation stone with every success."

The Prov. G. Supt. of Works then presented the plans, which Bro. Mellor examined and returned.

The acting D.P.G.M. then presented the vessel containing corn, the emblem of plenty.

Bro. Mellor scattered corn on the stone, saying, "May the all bounteous Creator of the Universe shower down his choicest blessings on the inhabitants of this town, and grant them a full supply of the corn of refreshment."

Prov. G. Chaplain read Psalm 72, verse 16.

The P.G.S.W. presented wine, the emblem of joy and gladness.

Bro. Mellor poured wine on the stone, saying, "May He whose name is love grant that we may be all of one heart and one mind, and may we ever dwell together as brethren in unity."

The P.G. Chaplain read Numbers, chapter 15, verse 7.

The P.G.J.W. presented oil, the emblem of charity.

Bro. Mellor poured oil on the stone, saying, "May God give us grateful hearts, and may we be ever ready cheerfully to relieve the wants of others."

The P.G. Chaplain read Exodus, chapter 30, verses 25 and 26, and afterwards delivered an impressive oration.

The whole assembly then joined in singing "The Church's one foundation," accompanied by the bands, during which a collection was made.

The P.G. Chaplain (Bro. Roberts) then pronounced the Benediction, and the procession reformed, and returned to the Mechanics' Institution. The Masonic choir consisted of Bros. Mark Stafford, W. Dumville, N. Dumville, H. Lister, John Salmon, and H. T. Robberds.

The Masonic ceremony was arranged and conducted by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Too much praise cannot be given to the W.M., officers, and P.M.'s of the Prince Alfred Lodge, for the admirable arrangements they had made for the comfort and convenience of such an immense gathering. Only one opinion was expressed, and that was "that the arrangements were perfection."

During the ceremony of laying the stone about 400 members of the 4th West York Rifle Volunteers arrived on the ground, and at the conclusion fired a *feu-de-joie* in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

A banquet afterwards followed in the Institution, presided over by Bro. George Mellor, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

FUNERAL OF BRO. E. MARTEL.

In the Masonic Craft, Bro. Martel—whose body was taken to the Temple, Jersey, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst.—stood high in the estimation of his brother Masons, and in the various duties which he from time to time discharged, his aptitude was everywhere manifestly apparent, and in his manner of conducting the business of a lodge he had but few, if any, equals. He was a Past Master of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and also of St. Aubin's Lodge. He was also a P.M.P.S. of the Concord Conclave, in connection with the Red Cross Knights of Constantine, and likewise enjoyed the titles of P.Z. and P.G.J.W., the latter being the last honour conferred on him. He had been the recipient of several valuable gifts for services rendered to the Craft of which he was so exemplary and honourable a member. He was one of the delegates from Jersey who were present at the installation in London of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Masonic Craft, and received a gold medal in commemoration of the event; therefore, under these worthy circumstances, it need be no matter for surprise that a dispensation was readily granted by V.W.B. Dr. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., for a Masonic funeral such as that which has been witnessed by thousands of the community, and the like of which has not been seen for years in the town of St. Helier. The profession, which left the Temple about three o'clock, comprised representatives from the following lodges, with their banners and regalia: Royal Alfred, 877; La Césarée, 590; Mechanics, 245; Yarborough, 244; Royal Sussex, 491; St. Aubin's, 958.

The hearse was an open one, drawn by six horses. Following the above came a large number of the members of the Ancient Order of Foresters, wearing the new funeral neck ribbon, and next in order were the Oddfellows, wearing cobourg hatbands, the whole forming a most imposing, yet sad, spectacle, the strains of the "Dead March in *Soul*," and "Adeste, Fideles," played alternately by Mr. W. McKee's band, falling upon the ear with solemn effect as the mournful cortege, in which the Cæsarean Dramatic and Literary Society was represented, traversed Stopford-road, David-place, Bath-street, Beresford-street, Halkett-place, Morler-lane, and the Royal Square, to the Town Church, where the Masons opened out, and the coffin was borne on shoulders within the sacred edifice. After the first portion of the burial service had been read by Bro. Rev. Jordayne Cave-Browne-Cave (St. James's), the procession re-formed in Bond-street, and proceeded by way of Broad-street, Charing Cross, York-street, the Parade, Cheapside, and St. John's-road, to the Paolichal Cemetery, where the Masons opened out, and the body was borne to the grave prepared for its reception, and

where the last sad rites were performed with all the due solemnity befitting the occasion, and which had called together such a large number of the Masonic Craft. Bro. O. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., delivered the funeral oration at the grave with much sympathetic feeling, the custom of breaking the wands and of throwing sprigs of acacia upon the coffin terminating the sad and long to be remembered spectacle. Many present were visibly affected, the closing proceedings being of a most touching character, and the like of which is seldom witnessed in this island. After the procession had re-formed, it returned by way of St. John's-road, Rouge Bouillon, Midvale-road, David-place, and Stopford-road, to the Temple, where the lodge was duly closed, the Foresters and Oddfellows proceeding to the Prince of Wales Room and the Minden Hall, respectively, and shortly afterwards separating for their various homes, not soon however to forget the solemn mission in which they had been engaged but a short time previously. Bro. Edward Martel is the third Mason of note who has died in less than a twelvemonth, Bro. Albert Schmitt having passed away in June, 1878, and Bro. Philip W. Benham in January of the present year. There was just eleven months, day to day, between the deaths of Bros. Schmitt and Martel.

We ought to add that from the summit of the Temple the Royal Standard and Union Jack floated half-mast as a mark of respect to the deceased brother, whose death is alike regretted by the Masons, Foresters, and Oddfellows, and although he may be most missed by the Masonic Craft, still the members of the other societies, and more especially the members of the Court of Foresters with which he had been so long and so intimately associated, will not forget his worth, and a tribute to perpetuate his memory would indeed be only a just due to one who served his court so faithful and well, and whose deeds will live to recall a name both revered and respected by all in the Order of Foresters who had the pleasure and the honour of his acquaintance. We sympathise with his family in the hour of their affliction, and hope that their loss is his eternal gain.

THE LATE PRINCE CONSORT AND FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Samuel Poynter sends the following extract from Theodore Martin's "Life of the Prince Consort." Vol. IV., page 402:—

"... I will get Alice to read to me the article about Freemasons. It is not likely to contain the whole secret. The circumstance which provokes you only into finding fault with the Order, viz., that husbands dare not communicate the secret of it to their wives, is just one of its best features. If to be able to be silent is one of the chief virtues of the husband, then the test, which puts him in opposition to that being towards whom he constantly shows the greatest weakness, is the hardest of all, and, therefore, the most compendious of virtues, and the wife should not only rejoice to see him capable of withstanding such a test, but should take occasion out of it to vie with him in virtue by taming the inborn curiosity which she inherits from her mother Eve. If the subject of the secret, moreover, be nothing more important than an apron, then every chance is given to virtue on both sides, without disturbing the confidence of marriage, which ought to be complete.—Letter of the Prince Consort to the Princess Royal, 16th March, 1859."

Masonic and General Tidings.

The consecration of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, No. 1524, takes place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, to-day (Friday). A full report will appear in our next.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is to have a busy day on Tuesday, the 10th prox. The Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, has arranged to dedicate the new Masonic Hall of the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 856, Lostwithiel, at 9.30 a.m. Then to proceed, in a special train provided for the members, to Fowey, and open the Prov. Grand Lodge, at 11.50 a.m. At 12.30 there is to be a procession to church, the sermon to be preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen. The business programme is a heavy one this time, but, fortunately, the Prov. G.M. is a most able chairman, and, therefore, it is likely the whole arrangements will be duly carried out to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

We are informed that, through the untiring energy and perseverance of Bro. W. T. Clarke, a new lodge, to be named the Burrell Lodge, is about to be started at Shoreham. A petition, influentially signed, and fully recommended by the Prov. G.M. Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., W.M., &c., also by the officers of the Royal York and Southdown Lodges, has been sent to Grand Lodge. Bro. Lord A. W. Hill, P.G.M.C. Devon, to be first W.M.; Bro. Capt. C. R. Burrell, first S.W.; and Bro. Wm. Tunstall Clarke, first J.W. Some of our readers, no doubt, will remember that a lodge, named the Lodge of Harmony, was formerly held at the noted old town of Shoreham, which died out, and was struck off the roll of lodges. We heartily wish our Shoreham brethren success.

The great flower show of the season at the Crystal Palace, was held on Saturday last, with entire success. The exhibits comprised a choice collection from some of the most celebrated florists, and from private sources, the azaleas and roses forming the chief attractions. During the afternoon a concert was given in the Centre Transept by the Crystal Palace Choir, the bands of the Scots Guards, and the Crystal Palace Orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. Manns.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to consent to lay the first stone of the new wing of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West-hill, Putney-heath, on Monday, July 7th.

An effort is being made to obtain admission to the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society for a daughter of the late Mr. Duckett, a reporter on the staff of the *Standard*, who died suddenly from sunstroke last summer. The case is strongly recommended by Sir E. Watkin, M.P., Mr. Alderman Cotton, M.P., Mr. D. Cronin, Mr. W. H. Mudford, Mr. George Kenning (of the *Freemason*), Mr. G. R. Bengough, C.C., Mr. J. Faulkner, C.C., Mr. W. Walford, C.C., and other gentlemen.

The Mayor of Leicester, Bro. Clement Stretton, P.G.S.W. of Leicestershire and Rutland, on Monday last turned the first sod of the new public park near the Abbey ruins, Leicester, in the presence of the members of the corporation and a large concourse of people. The corporation bought the land, which extends about forty acres, and the cost of laying it out will be £10,000.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 6, 1879.

SATURDAY, MAY 31.

House Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 1686, Paxton, Crystal Palace.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 2.

Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
Chap. 58, Felicity, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
Red Cross Con. Premier, Regent M.H., 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, London Wall, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

Colonial Beard, at 4.
Grand Mark Lodge.
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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 Edgcumbe, 19, Jermy-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, JUNE 4.

Quarterly Grand Lodge, at 6 for 7 p.m.

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., Stones-End, E.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
La Tolérance, 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, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Ancher, 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, 7.3
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.