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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

AMITY LODGE (No. 171).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. J. W. Clever, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Clever, Sec.; W. H. Mardon, S.D.; G. T. Goodinge, J.D.; Past Masters Batty, Whiteley, and Cooper; Bros. S. P. Smith, Fenn, J. R. Brown, Dodd, Toms, Buck, and J. Maddick. Visitors, Bros. Soliagni, 9, and Tickle, P.M. 1196. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. J. R. Brown to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. The ballot was then taken for Mr. F. L. Toms, which was unanimous in his favour. He being in attendance was thereupon initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. elect was then presented for the benefit of installation, to which ceremony a peculiar interest was attached, from the fact of the W.M. elect being the father of the Installing Master, he having performed the same ceremony for his son at the last installation meeting of the lodge. After having been duly saluted, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. E. Phillips, S.W.; W. H. Mardon, J.W.; G. T. Goodinge, S.D.; H. L. Buck, J.D.; F. C. O. Fenn, I.G.; and Smith, Tyler. The next business was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. W. Clever. The W.M. said: Brethren, you can readily understand my feelings upon this occasion much better than I can describe them. It would under ordinary circumstances be a great pleasure to me to present a jewel to my predecessor, but upon this occasion I cannot find words to express the gratification I feel in presenting the jewel to my son. Bro. Clever, I place this jewel upon your breast, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. grant you long life to wear it, and uphold the dignity and well being of the Amity Lodge. The I.P.M., in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, I feel deeply the honour you have conferred upon me in presenting me with this jewel; however many it may be my good fortune to wear, none will possess the same amount of interest that will attach to this one, it being the jewel of my mother lodge. After some formal business, the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer and adjourned. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and were warmly responded to. Bro. J. W. Clever, I.P.M. and Sec., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said: Seeing the gavel in my hand will be sufficient intimation of the toast I am about to propose, namely, that of "The Health of the W.M." Brethren, you will, I am sure, feel with me the position in which I am placed this evening, the subject of the toast being my own father. None of you, perhaps, know so well as myself the time and attention which he has given, and still gives, to Masonry in all its branches, and I feel sure that in performing the duties attached to his office, he will perform them as zealously as he did during his former Mastership. It is with very great pleasure that I give you "The Health of the W.M." The W.M., in replying, said: Bro. Clever and brethren, I cannot describe to you the pleasure it affords me to occupy the chair of this old lodge a second time. I shall during my Mastership endeavour to carry out the ritual of Masonry in its entirety, and I look to my officers to assist me in so doing. I shall at all times be happy to afford them any instruction which they may feel they require to fit them for the performance of the duties of their respective offices. Brethren, I beg to thank you for the kind manner in which you have received this toast. The next toast was that of "The Initiate, Bro. T. L. Toms," which was cordially responded to. The initiate's song was admirably rendered by Bro. Whitley, P.M. The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to in a very able manner by Bro. Tickle. He referred to the fact of having been present at the last installation meeting, and of witnessing

the unusual ceremony of the installation of a son by a father. The meeting this year was doubly interesting from the fact of the son installing the father, an occurrence which he had no hesitation in saying was a most unusual one. In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," the W.M. said: Brethren, I ought not, perhaps, to have included this toast in the list, but I feel that I must do so, and sink my paternal feeling. I little thought when I initiated him into Masonry five years ago to-night, that I should have the pleasure of installing him into the chair of this lodge, much less did I think that the duty of installing me into the chair a second time would devolve upon him, which duty, I feel sure you will agree with me, he has performed in such a manner as it has seldom been performed by so young a Mason. Brethren, it is with very great pleasure that I give you "The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. J. W. Clever, in reply, said: W.M. and brethren, it affords me very great pleasure to be able to respond to this toast. My ambition has always been to instal my successor, and I am very glad that that successor happened to be my father. I feel certain that you will not regret your selection; he will, without doubt, carry out the principles of Masonry to a letter, and I trust that we shall render him all the assistance in our power. Many other toasts were honoured, among them "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge," which were responded to by Bro. Whiteley, P.M., and Bro. Batty (acting as S.W.) respectively. The meeting here broke up, and it is needless to say it was a most enjoyable one.

ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).—The regular June meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar, there being present Bros. J. Dennis, W.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, S.W.; L. Potts, J.W.; W. C. Young, J.D.; T. Bates, I.G.; J. House, D.C.; J. Grout, Org.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., and other brethren, members of the lodge, also the following visitors: Bros. Chas. B. Bennett, P.M. 1382, who kindly acted as S.D.; R. Ould, S.D. 781; Chas. Brown, I.G. 1804; and B. Ayres Moore. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. W. G. Wilshaw, and proved unanimously in the affirmative. The work was then proceeded with by the W.M., Bros. Robinson and Day being raised, and Mr. Wilshaw initiated; the ceremonies were performed in the most impressive and thorough manner, the W.M. propounding the ritual in a manner that cannot be called other than perfect, and the officers emulating one another in the performances of their respective duties. The traditional history was given by the W.M. in the course of the Third Degree, proving alike a novelty and instructive, while, in the First Degree, Bro. House, D.C., recited the ancient charge and explanation of the Tracing Board, to the delight of all present, and those brethren who had never before heard this part of the ritual were more fully than ever impressed with the value and beauty of the tenets and principles of the Craft. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to an adjoining room to partake of light refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the visitors in responding to the toast in their favour, one and all expressed the pleasure they had received in witnessing the work in the lodge, pronouncing it perfect. Bro. J. K. Coleman, S.W., Steward for the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, passed his list round, and had the pleasure of seeing it very fairly supported.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—The installation meeting of the lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. W. H. Jackson, jun., W.M.; C. Jacques, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Ramsay, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Lardner, S.D.; M. Samuel, J.D.; Hart, Hon. Org.; Quilter, D.C., acting I.G.; J. Terry, P.G.J.W. Herts, and J. Clarke, P.P.G.D.C. Herts, Hon. P.M.'s; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.O. Middx., J.W. and Sec. pro tem. (Freemason); and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. A. Andrews, 382; R. Walker, 656; H. McDougall, 656; and B. White, 907. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., with the assistance of his officers, then raised Bro. A. Williams, and initiated Mr. Thomas Simpson, the ceremonies being well performed. The installation of the W.M. was then ably carried out by Bro. Jas. Terry, assisted by Bro. Clark as D.C. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. T. C. Walls, S.W.; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; Jackson, I.P.M. and Secretary; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; Samuel, S.D.; Quilter, J.D.; C. Potter, I.G.; Hart, Organist; Strugnell, D.C.; Parkinson, Tyler. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Terry and Clark for their services as Installing Officers. The report of the Audit Committee was received and approved, and a copy thereof was ordered to be printed and sent to each member. The subject of the final approval of the bye-laws was postponed until the next meeting in July. Previously to the lodge being closed the W.M. presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome jewel. The presentation was accompanied by a very able address by the W.M. The interesting ceremony of presenting each of the founders with a jewel, in recognition of their services in founding the lodge, having taken place, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very elegant banquet, which reflected great credit upon Bro. Acland, the manager of the hotel. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary Royal and Craft toasts were done full justice to.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).—The feast of St. John was observed in connection with this lodge, according to old custom, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street. The following members signed their names in the Tyler's book:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, W.M.; E. G. Mitchell,

S.W.; J. Elliot, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; T. Carey, I.P.M.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gardiner, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.G. Steward; A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. R. Banks, W.M. elect; W. Stoddart, Sec.; F. Armstrong, S.D.; T. Waite, I.G.; J. Smith, Org., P.P.G. Org.; R. Brown, Jos. Thompson, F. Harrison, J. Quay, P. Dodgson, G. W. Thompson, J. Kendall, J. B. Harrison, J. Wilson, J. Newton, J. H. Raven, J. J. Fletcher, T. Baylis, W. Skelton, P. Wedgwood, T. Moore, G. Brown, T. Weatherston, and J. Messenger, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. Dixon, P.M. 1400; W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327, P.G. Steward; J. Wood, P.M. 962; J. Milligan, S.W. and W.M. elect 119; J. W. Miles, Sec. 119; J. Casson, Steward 119; J. J. Coverdale, Sec. 962; W. Whitehead, I.G. 962; J. Rothery, J.W. 119; R. Thomas, 962; J. J. Little, 962; J. Harrison, St. Andrew's, 199, Cumbernauld, N.B.; and W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason). The lodge having been opened in form, the minutes were read and confirmed. Subsequently the chair was taken by Bro. Kenworthy, P.M., and Bro. J. R. Banks was regularly installed, saluted, and proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. J. W. Robinson, I.P.M.; F. Armstrong, S.W.; W. Stoddart, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., Treasurer, for the thirty-fourth time; T. Waite, Sec.; W. Armstrong, P.M., D.C.; R. Hetherington, S.D.; J. H. Raven, J.D.; J. Quay, I.G.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Newton and J. J. Fletcher, Stewards; J. Messenger, Tyler. The addresses to the M.W. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M., and to the brethren generally by the Installing Master. After votes of thanks to Bros. Kenworthy and Gibson, and hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in form. At six o'clock the brethren sat down to dinner, which was laid out in the hall. Bro. J. R. Banks, W.M., presided, faced by his Wardens, and supported right and left by the P.M.'s and Provincial Officers present. Very little of the post prandial proceedings were, however, participated in by the brethren from a distance, owing to the near approach of the last trains, and it is a pity the work of the day was not begun at least an hour earlier.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 764).—Bro. C. S. Lane having been reinstated as the W.M. of this lodge, the ceremony of installation took place on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in the presence of a distinguished assembly of brethren, Bro. E. Hudson, P.M., being the Installing Officer. The ceremony, which is a very elaborate one, and in the hands of Bro. Hudson peculiarly impressive, was followed by the investiture of officers. These were as follows:—Bros. G. Carter, S.W.; G. Young, J.W.; E. Hudson, D.C.; R. P. Harpley, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Mayson, S.D.; Baumann, I.D.; Quincey, Org.; J. Stonehouse, I.G.; Lamb and Sissling, Stewards; and Wm. Atkinson, Tyler. The banquet, which, like the installation, was influentially attended, was afterwards held at the Commercial Hotel (Bro. Hobson's). The company included Bros. Liddle, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., of the Williamson Lodge, Sunderland; Bro. R. Ventress, of the Tees Lodge, Stockton; and Bro. H. A. Bordie, of St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Lord Raglan, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 5th instant, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. T. D. Hayes. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors, and the proceedings throughout were of a most cordial and unanimous character. The following officers assisted the W.M.: Past Masters C. Coupland, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. Ellis-Fermor, J. McDougall, A. Penfold, W. T. Vincent, and H. Butter, I.P.M.; Bros. W. B. Lloyd, S.W.; J. Chapman, J.W.; E. Denton, P.M. and Sec.; R. Cook, S.D.; C. Cooke, Org.; H. Pryce, D.C.; Thos. Reid, W.S.; and R. Lister, Tyler. Bros. Sadler Long and Rees acted respectively as J.D. and I.G., in the absence of the officers holding those positions. Among the brethren and visitors present were Bros. A. Woodley, W.M. 700; F. J. Dawson, P.M. 700; T. Butt, P.M. 700; W. Weston, P.M. 1536; W. Ramsden, P.M. 1434; W. T. Palmer, P.M. 9; T. Hutton, S.W. 13; J. Warren, S.W. 700; J. Wilkins, S.W. 700; W. Holleyman, J.D. 1535; G. Beaver, I.G. 700; J. H. Roberts, D.C. 700; A. Fenn, 700; W. Harris, 700; J. Chapman, 942; E. Tappenden, 700; C. Beard, 700; E. W. Crews, 13; S. Hare, 706; W. Watkins, 1536; and C. Jolly (Freemason). The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for of Bro. A. Joskey, 1076, as a joining member, which proved unanimous. Bros. J. Gould and R. Taylor were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. A. Flagg and H. Towns were raised to the Sublime Degree. The ceremonies were most impressively rendered by the W.M., the third especially. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Lloyd, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office, and returned thanks. Bro. A. Jessup, who had been seriously ill for some time, was then, as unanimously, re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lester was re-elected I.G. Bro. Butter then, in a speech replete with eloquence and taste, referred to the successful and harmonious year that had just passed under the leadership of Bro. Hayes, and concluded by proposing that the usual jewel, of the value of ten guineas, should be presented to him as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and of their sense of the manner in which he had conducted the business of it during the past year. Bro. Lloyd seconded, and it was carried unanimously. The W.M. then drew attention to the long and arduous services of their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Denton, P.M., who had for eighteen years served the lodge as Secretary without fee or reward. He attributed the success of the lodge in every respect to that brother's valuable and unstinted

service, and proposed that a Secretary's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, be presented him in the name of the lodge. This was seconded, and supported by Bros. Fermor, Coughland, Penfold, and Chapman. Bro. Fermor said that it might be made to set gracefully upon their brother's breast if they added something to it from their own pockets, and started a subscription list with two guineas, for the purpose, as he suggested, of presenting Bro. Denton with one, two, or more Life Governor-hips in the Masonic Charities. A running fire of guineas and half-guineas followed, and a Committee was at once formed to carry out Bro. Fermor's suggestion. Bro. Denton thanked the brethren for their gift of a jewel, which, he said, would fully repay him for all his work for them, for it was truly a labour of love to him. He was already a Life Governor of the three Institutions, but would leave their intention entirely to the Committee. Bros. Day and C. Jolly were then appointed from among the ranks on the annual Audit Committee, and after "Hearty good wishes" had been wished by the representatives of the several lodges present, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren then adjourned to supper, and afterwards to the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and some excellent singing passed the time along merrily, until the Tyler's toast and "Old Lang Syne" brought the meeting to an end.

WESTERHAM.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—The members of this lodge met at the King's Arms Hotel, on Saturday, the 7th inst. There were present the following brethren: Bros. Wm. Coppard Banks, W.M.; C. J. Dodd, S.W.; R. Durtnell, P.M., Treasurer; J. H. Jewell, P.M., P.G.O. Kent, Secretary; Smalman Smith, S.D.; Thos. J. Baker, J.D.; S. Lavis, D.C.; Alfd. S. Owen, I.G.; H. L. Hall, W.S.; R. B. Newsome, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; E. J. Dodd, P.M.; P. M. Hadley, T. Cressell, J. Waller, and J. Morgan. Visitors: John G. Horsey, J.W. 1619; and Jas. W. Lambert, P.M. 142. The lodge was opened with prayer at half-past three o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Secretary then informed the brethren that the W.M. had placed in his hands a very handsome and useful pair of compasses as a present to and for the use of the lodge. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. There were four candidates on the summons for initiation, but only one attended; two having been approved at former meeting, the other two were now balloted for, viz., Messrs. Chas. E. Birch and Thos. Fishenden, and both unanimously approved. Bro. John Morgan, a candidate for passing, having replied to the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired, and the lodge being opened in the Second, he was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Mr. C. E. Birch was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A notice of motion was then given by Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M., for the removal of the lodge from its present place of meeting. We congratulate the W.M., Bro. W. C. Banks, on the able and impressive manner in which he gave the two ceremonies. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. Owing to many of the brethren having to return to London, the proceedings closed at about 8.30.

LIVERPOOL.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).—Whit-Monday was the annual installation day of the above lodge, and the members of the "good and true" old lodge assembled in strong force on the afternoon of that day (notwithstanding the thousand and one attractions outside, enhanced by really splendid weather) at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, where business commenced about half-past three o'clock. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. J. Korn, W.M., and amongst others present were Bros. Joseph Healing, P.M.; H. Williams, P.M.; W. C. Webb, S.W.; A. C. Wylie, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Linaker, Sec.; T. H. Arden, S.D.; C. Fothergill, J.D.; A. Cotter, D.C.; J. S. Warden, I.G.; J. Tickle, S.; G. Crute, S.; and P. Ball, Tyler. The members on the list of attendance included Bros. R. S. Coyle, A. Williamson, A. Soldats, R. Edwards, W. Robson, S. Campbell, G. W. Dillre, J. C. Fish, H. Ravenscroft, J. W. Gaul, J. Shaw, W. Davies, J. Davies, J. A. Morton, W. Garner, D. Buchanan, W. Fish, and J. B. Barker. The numerous visitors present included Bros. J. Keet, Sec. 1356; E. George, S.D. 1356; J. N. Gotham, 823; J. L. Houghton, W.M. 594; H. Jones, J.D. 1675; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; T. Peake, J.W. 667; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; R. Crispe, 724; J. Bretherton, 241; T. Foulkes, 1325; J. H. Gregory, S.W. 667; S. P. Gore, 1356; T. Clark, P.M. 673; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; C. Wadsworth, S. 292; A. Child, 1505; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; J. Hocken, W.M. 1505, P.M. 673; H. Firth, W.M. 667; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W. 1609; Joseph Wood, (Freemason). After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Healing, P.M., who proceeded to install Bro. Alexandra Cotter as W.M. of the Neptune, an honour which he once before had conferred upon him. The ceremony was well performed by Bro. Healing, who has on previous occasions done similar service to the Neptune. The following were the officers invested for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Korn, I.P.M.; A. C. Wylie, S.W.; T. Arden, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the third time); C. Fothergill, Sec.; J. Healing, P.M., D.C.; J. S. Warden, S.D.; G. Crute, J.D.; J. Tickle, I.G.; J. Ashworth, S.S.; J. H. Linaker, J.S.; J. Shaw, Asst. S.; and Peter Ball, Tyler (re-elected). At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. P. M. Gee moved that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Healing, and recorded on the minutes, for the able and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties of the installation ceremony that afternoon. It required no words from him (Bro. Gee) to recommend that proposal to their hearty acceptance, as every

one had witnessed the excellent way in which on that and other occasions this ceremony had been performed by Bro. Healing. Bro. Korn, I.P.M., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the compliment was acknowledged by Bro. Healing, who remarked that his work that day had indeed been a labour of love to him, which he would be at all times happy to perform for the good of the Neptune Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were given from about a dozen representatives of other lodges, and the business was afterwards brought to a close. The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the after-dinner proceedings a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Joseph Korn, I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge during his year in the chair, as well as during the period he has occupied other offices.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday evening, the 26th ult., when there was a good attendance of members, the chief business of general interest being the election of W.M. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Bradshaw, W.M., and the officers present were Bros. F. Knight, P.M.; T. Foulkes, J.W.; J. W. Burgess, I.P.M., Treas.; R. B. Burgess, Secretary; N. Robertson, S.D.; A. Samuels, J.D.; John Holme and M. Campbell, Stewards; and M. Williamson, Tyler. The members present were Bros. Henry Mallenson, Samuel Gordon, William J. Bell, James Ashton, Peter Dickenson, John Davies, George Lewis, William J. Maxwell, John H. Ewing, John Corbett, Henry Braddak, George Argyle, Isaac Thompson, J. Threlfall, William Johnson, Isaac Beckett, W. H. Quayle, Peter S. Johnson, Thomas Rose, Richard B. Hughes, Thos. Gray, W. J. Constantine, M. Brown, Benjamin Littleton, and C. Cranwell. The visitors included Bros. David Jackson, W.M. 673; A. D. Hesketh, J.W. 1182; A. C. Forshaw, 1035; Joseph Barlow, 440, Montreal; James P. Bryan, 1035 and 203; Joseph Boyle, 823; Fredk. S. Halpin, 1086; Richard Washington, W.M. 1094; W. Kitchen, 1756; R. R. Forshaw, S.W. 1035; John McWean, P.M. 1035; Alfred Woolrich, S.W. 1356; J. Hodgson, 1350; and Joseph Wood, Treas. 1094 (Freemason). After the minutes had been confirmed, Mr. T. F. Powell was unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated into the mysteries of the Order, and Bros. Davis, Dickinson, and Beckitt were raised to the Degree of M.M., the work of both Degrees being effectively performed. Bro. Thomas Foulkes, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the coming year, and Bro. J. W. Burgess, I.P.M., was re-elected Treasurer nem. con. A letter was read by the Secretary from Bro. Winkskill, late S.W. of this lodge, thanking the brethren for the handsome testimonial with which they had presented him on his retirement, on account of his going to reside permanently in Kendal. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where an excellent supper was served by the House Steward. During the evening Bros. T. Foulkes, J. Hodgson, J. P. Bryan, and W. J. Bell contributed to the enjoyment of the company by singing several excellent songs. After a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

FELTHAM.—Elliot Lodge (No. 1567).—The ordinary meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there was a good muster of the brethren. The officers present were Bros. J. Nichols, W.M.; J. H. Pearson, S.W.; T. W. Clarke, J.W.; John Mason, P.M., P.G.S.D. Middx., Treas.; John Elliott, P.M., Sec.; F. Jacob, J.D.; J. Davie, Org.; W. H. Goodall, I.G.; and R. Potter, Tyler; and the following brethren: Bros. W. W. Elliott, R. Schmidt, R. Pearce, J. Fletcher, D. Wilkins, E. E. Crombie, R. J. Fennell, F. Wadson, R. C. Smith, G. R. Nichols, F. A. Pemberton, R. Wadsworth, A. Stevenson, J. Harris, R. Jones, J. Dixon, G. F. Lawrence, H. G. Sanders, and W. T. Price. The visitors were Bros. H. Leah, P.M. 193; T. W. Murby, S.W. 257; and W. Bradford, 862. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and after passing two of the brethren to the Fellow Craft Degree, he raised Bro. Wilkins to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and initiated Mr. Julius Hatry into the brotherhood. The lodge being closed in due form and with solemn prayer, a banquet was served in Bro. Harris's usual style; it is needless to add, full justice was done to the same, and general approval expressed thereof by the brethren. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. with commendable brevity, and well received by the brethren. The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was acknowledged by Bro. Mason. Bros. Leah and Murby responded for "The Visitors," and Bros. Clarke, Jacob, and Goodall for "The Officers of the Lodge." The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable evening.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The installation festival of this young and flourishing lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Frizington, on Wednesday afternoon, the 4th inst. Bro. W. Martin, the W.M., presided, assisted by his officers, and the following visitors were present:—Bros. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D., and Installing Master; E. Tyson, W.M. 119; J. Rothery, J.W. 119; C. Hodgson, 119; W. F. Cox, P.M. 1021, Barrow-in-Furness; Rowland Baxter, W.M. elect 1267; F. Whittle, 1267; W. Walker, St. John's, 157, B.ith, Scotland. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Clark, P.M. Kenlis Lodge, 1267, P.G.J.D., was formally placed in the chair, saluted, and proclaimed according to ancient custom, after which his officers were invested as follow:—Bros. W. Martin, I.P.M.; R. Wilson, S.W.; G. Dalrymple, J.W.; J. Moffatt, Treas.; J. Harris, Sec.; Dr. Luce, S.D.; W. Tremble, J.D.; D. Dixon, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler. The charges having been delivered in a most effective manner by the Installing Master, followed by "Hearty good wishes" from the various visiting bre-

thren, the lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren partook of supper, and two or three hours were harmoniously spent in toast and song, till about ten o'clock.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 1676).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Granges-street, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The lodge was opened at three p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. T. Taylor, P.G.A.P., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. T. Cochrane, I.P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. R. Faylor, S.W.; M. E. Catchyside, J.W.; J. Mockay, S.D.; F. Blencowe, Sec.; W. Cummings, J.D.; R. Ferry, Org.; J. Cook, D.M., P.M., P.P. G.S.W. Northumberland; E. Marsten, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler; R. Veitch, S.S.; J. B. Clark, J.S.; J. H. Tanner, R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P.; R. W. Cummins, R. Hempson, A. Ross, W. S. Armstrong, R. Muller, J. Beeby. Visitors: T. Walton, 1664; J. Probert, P.M. 424; B. P. Ord, P.G.O., W.M. 1427; T. Creuster, W.M. 636; W. M. Bell, W.M. 1557; R. C. Symonds, J.W. 1626; R. Eynon, W.M. 48, P.P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland; W. Walter, 681, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. North-east Riding of Yorkshire; G. S. Sims, 15. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was received, showing the lodge to be in a prosperous condition, with a good balance in hand. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Arthur R. Taylor, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P., by the W.M., to receive from him the benefit of installation. The W.M. elect having taken the obligation, the lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when all below the rank of W.M. or Installed Master withdrew, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Arthur Reed Taylor was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., Installing Master. The brethren were then re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. in the usual manner, the working tools in each degree being severally given by the Installing Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.P. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. J. T. Taylor, P.G.A.P., I.P.M.; M. E. Catchyside, S.W.; F. Blencowe, J.W.; R. W. Cummins, sen., Sec.; R. W. Cummins, jun., S.D.; E. Marsten, J.D.; J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., M.C.; R. Veitch, I.G.; J. Curry, Tyler; J. B. Clark, S.S.; R. Muller, J.S. The usual addresses were given by the Installing Master in a most able and impressive manner, and bode well for the success of Masonry in this province. The ceremony was closed by a round of applause from the brethren for the Installing Master, Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Douglass Hotel, where a most magnificent dinner was served in a manner seldom surpassed. After the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. The W.M. proposed "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland," responded to by Bro. R. Eynon, W.M. 481, P.P.A.D.C., who thanked the W.M. for the honour he had done him in coupling his name with this toast. He was quite sure he was unable to respond to the toast in the manner it merited, as he thought every one in the room was sufficiently acquainted with their P.G.M., Earl Percy, and the officers of P.G.L., to know that everything was done by them to keep Masonry in Northumberland in the position it merited, second to none in the provinces. The W.M. proposed "The P.G. Master of Durham," responded to by Bro. Probert, P.M. 424, who said: W.M., I only regret how feebly the toast will be responded to in comparison with his labours in Freemasonry. I am proud to say we have the oldest P.G.M. in England over us, and he is always ready with his advice and well known ability to help any brother as far as it is in his power, both in word or deed. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, Installing Master, proposed "The W.M." and said: Brethren, at the formation of this lodge two years since, from his zeal and ability he was appointed the first J.W., and he has worked steadily till he has arrived at the position of W.M. of this lodge; and I must say I am proud to stand this day as the Installing Master of so distinguished a brother as the W.M., and I sincerely hope he may have as prosperous a year as his predecessor. The W.M., in response, said: I thank you, Bro. P.M. Armstrong and brethren, for the kind manner you have proposed my health and success in Masonry, and to the brethren in the manner they have responded to it. I can only say I will do my best to keep up the prestige of this lodge, and it will be my greatest pleasure to hand it down to my successor in the same unsullied manner it has been handed to me this day, and I must ask of you to accord to my officers the same kindly feeling you have this day given to me, and that you will think of the saying, to be to our virtues kind, and to our faults generous. "The Health of the I.P.M." Bro. John A. Taylor, was proposed by Bro. Ord, P.G.O., P.M. 1427, in a feeling and appropriate manner, to which the I.P.M. responded in a most able manner. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of P.M. Armstrong, Installing Master, P.G.P.," and said: Brethren, you all know his kindness of manner, and the ability and zeal he displays in whatever he takes in hand in this province. He was one of the founders of this lodge, and from the manner he this day installed me into the chair of K.S. I can only think he has a brilliant career before him, and that he is only on the first round of the ladder that leads to fame and success, as whatever he takes in hand always prospers, and I wish him health and long life to enjoy the laurels I am sure he will win. Bro. R. L. Armstrong, in responding, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had proposed his health, and for the reception it had received from the brethren. There had been a great deal said about the part he took in the formation of the lodge, but I must say they were trivial in comparison with what my esteemed friend P.M. G. Thompson, whom we have so lately seen taken from amongst us, took in the formation of this lodge, as he took the chair at

the first meeting, and he suggested several most important ideas, which helped us with our labours in the formation of this lodge. W.M. and brethren, I thank you for the kind feeling you have expressed to me, and hope you may go on and prosper. The W.M. proposed "The P.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge," responded to by Bro. J. Cook, M.O., P.P.G.S.W. The W.M. proposed "The Past and Present Officers of St. Nicholas Lodge," responded to by Bro. Blencowe, J.W. The I.P.M. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. R. L. Armstrong. Installing Master, P.M., P.G.P. "The Visiting Brethren" was duly given by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M., responded to by Bro. Eynen, W.M. 481, P.P.G.A.D.C. Brcs. Ferry, Blencowe, Robinson, MacKay, Armstrong, Cummings, and several other brethren gave some capital songs and recitations, when the Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a close.

INSTRUCTION.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at Havlock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. A. R. Olley, W.M.; A. McMillan, S.W.; S. Dignam, J.W.; A. McDowall, S.D.; W. Ferras, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Preceptor; J. Williams, Sec., and also several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams, the candidate, having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Second Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. Dignam, seconded—"That Bro. McMillan be W.M. for the ensuing week." Carried unanimously. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The brethren of this lodge, with the assistance of those from other lodges, worked the Fifteen Sections on Monday, June the 11th, under the able direction of Bro. H. J. Lardner, J.W. 1745, W.M., who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623; Stuart, P.M. 141, J.W.; Jackson, 1475, S.D.; Whadcoat, 141, J.D.; Tremere, 1309, I.G.

1ST LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623.
- 2nd " " W. Pennefather, P.M., S.D. 1623.
- 3rd " " W. Tilling, S.D. 765.
- 4th " " J. Cox, P.M. 765.
- 5th " " D. Moss, 1275.
- 6th " " G. Rumbold, S.W. 141.
- 7th " " G. H. Stephens, W.S. 1623.

2ND LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. J. Jackson, P.W. 1475.
- 2nd " " W. Martin, 879.
- 3rd " " R. P. Tate, S.D. 862.
- 4th " " Davis, J.D. 879.
- 5th " " Davison, P.M. 299.

3RD LECTURE.

- 1st Section Bro. Brown, 862.
- 2nd " " W. Stuart, P.M. 141.
- 3rd " " Davis, 879.

Preceptor, W. Pennefather, P.M.; Hon Secretary, E. Mallett, P.M. The Sections being ended the lodge was then resumed, and the W.M. rose to make the usual enquiries, when the following brethren expressed a desire to become members of the lodge, were proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected, viz., Bros. R. H. Hallam, S.W. 1349; T. Tremere, 1309; Davis, J.D. 879; Dickinson, P.M. 1298; W. E. Whadcoat, 141; J. Cox, P.M. 765; W. Martin, 879. They thanked the brethren of the lodge for their unanimous election, and expressed themselves in terms of admiration at the very able manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties as Lecture Master, asserting that the lodge could not fail support with such brethren amongst them. Bro. G. H. Stephens, 1623, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, the 16th inst. He thanked the brethren, and appointed his officers as usual. A vote of thanks was passed and recorded on the minutes to the brethren who had rendered assistance in the various Sections. It was then unanimously resolved, on the motion of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather, P.M., that a vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bro. Lardner, for the very able manner he had discharged the arduous duties of W.M. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their acknowledgement in his efforts to discharge his duties. He felt more than at the present moment he was able to express, and went on to say that from the day he was initiated he had given his love to Freemasonry, and as he progressed from stage to stage, his love became greater, until nothing but the Fifteen Sections would appease him; and having thus far fairly accomplished his undertaking, he felt gratified at the reception recorded him. Before resuming his seat he would like to say a few words upon a subject that appeared to him an important question, viz., the constant practice as a necessity for the uniformity of working the visiting more often of each other's lodges of instruction, for nothing had confused him more than trying to do what he had been taught, to visit a lodge and told he was wrong; he hoped the brethren present, many of whom were P.M.'s, would not think he reflected upon any particular system; such was not the case; he thought there must be a right way, and thought that way might be arrived at by more constant communication with each other. Again thanking the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and trusting to meet each other again before long, he would ask them to assist him to close the lodge according to ancient custom, which

he accomplished, and the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening, the attendance being very large.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The first regular meeting of this chapter was held at Andertons Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present Comps. W. H. Lee, M.E.Z.; Neville Green, H.; T. C. Chapman, J.; W. H. Brand, S.E.; R. A. Steel, S.N.; E. Somers, P.S.; W. Stephens, P.Z.; Marsb, Janitor. The chapter having been formally opened and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed, ballot was taken for seven candidates for exaltation, which proved unanimous in their favour, and Bros. Frederick Brasted, John L. Payne, William Beasley, and Robert George, all of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, being in attendance, were duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. After some other business had been disposed of the companions adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The visitors were Comps. T. Green, H. 975; and F. Brown, N. 538.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS. — Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—The regular convocation of this prosperous chapter was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Pump Room, Comp. W. Stephens, M.E.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. B. S. Wilmot, P.Z.; W. B. Bacon, J.; R. W. Delves, S.E.; H. D. M. Williams, S.N.; Chas. Graham, P.S.; W. B. Bates, 1st A.S.; A. Arnold Goodhall, I. G. Whitehead, and Wrighton. The chapter was visited by Comp. G. Buss. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Comps. W. T. Wrighton, Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 23, and H. S. Goodall, of the Wellington Chapter, No. 874, as joining members, also for Bro. Albert Arnold, M.M. No. 874, which proved unanimous. The last named, being in attendance, was duly exalted into the mysteries of the Royal Arch, the ceremony, as is usual in the chapter, being given in an admirable manner. Comp. Wilmot, P.Z., proposed—"That the day of installation be in future the first Monday in December," which was carried. This concluded the business before the chapter, which was closed in ancient form, and the companions adjourned to the Mount Ephraim Hotel, when an excellent banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given from the chair very briefly, and they were duly honoured. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the Treasurer of the chapter, Comp. Wilmot, P.Z. The M.E.Z., in thanking the companions for the toast, congratulated them on their prosperity, and said it was a great pleasure to him to preside over them, and he would do all in his power to promote the interest of the Holmesdale Chapter. "The Health of the Newly-Exalted Companion" followed, and was duly acknowledged by Comp. Arnold. "The Health of the Visitor" was proposed, in an eulogistic speech, by the M.E.Z. Comp. Buss thanked the M.E.Z. for proposing the toast, and the companions for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. The intervals between the toasts were pleasantly enlivened with some excellent songs by Comps. W. T. Wrighton and Bates. The proceedings terminated with the Janitor's toast. Our esteemed Comp. Wrighton, the author of "Her bright smile haunts me still," has located himself at Tunbridge Wells, and would be delighted to see any old friends at his house, the Mount Ephraim Hotel—

"For you may travel around
Where hotels are found,
At Dover, Hastings, or Brighton,
But there's one you should seek
On Mount Ephraim's peak,
Which is kept by a regular Right 'un."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. Roebuck in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rosenthal, Henry W. Hunt, Joyce Murray, R. B. Webster, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff Filer, W. F. C. Moutrie, Rev. Rich. Morris (Head Master of the School), Don. M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, G. J. Palmer, Geo. Gillard, W. Paas, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The Chairman gave notice of motion for next meeting to increase the salary of the Head Master £50 a year, and in giving the notice stated that the brethren all knew the result of the last examinations, when such a success was achieved as he believed had never before been attained by any Institution. When Dr. Morris first came to the school there were 110 boys in it, there were now 220. There were also additional masters, and the labours of Dr. Morris were very much increased. It was on these grounds he (the Chairman) gave the notice of motion.

All the brethren agreed that the success of the Institution under Dr. Morris had been extraordinary.

Five candidates were placed on the list for the October election, and the members of the House and Audit Committees were declared re-elected, no nominations for new members having been made.

Two outfits were granted to former pupils of the Institution, and the Committee adjourned after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

It will be seen from the advertisement on our front page that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on the 28th inst., not on the 21st, as at first proposed.

CONSECRATION OF THE SIR THOMAS WHITE LODGE, No. 1820.

This new lodge, founded by brethren who were educated at Merchant Taylors' School, to scholars of which only membership will be confined, was consecrated on the 6th inst., at the London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street. The founders of the lodge were Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Dr. W. Rhys Williams, P.A.G.D.C.; Dr. Trollope, P.M. 40, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; the Rev. R. F. Hosken, F. J. Vialls, H. Bué, J. M. Hare, Joseph J. Forrester, Alfred Cooper, P.M.; and W. Brown.

It is an interesting fact that the Merchant Taylors' Company, under whose auspices the school in Charterhouse-square flourishes, have been more intimately associated with Freemasonry than is perhaps generally known. The Duke of Buccleugh was installed as Grand Master of Freemasons in the Merchant Taylors' Hall, and he first proposed the scheme of raising a general fund for distressed Masons, and in the year following his successor, the Duke of Richmond, appointed twelve Masters of contributing Lodges, together with the Grand Officers, to form a committee, which has since been modified, and which now forms our Lodge of Benevolence. On the 29th January, 1730, the Duke of Norfolk was duly invested and installed as Grand Master in Merchant Taylors' Hall, and amongst other gifts to Grand Lodge he presented "a sword of State for the Grand Master, being the old trusty sword of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden." This is the sword now used in Grand Lodge. In 1732 Lord Viscount Montagu was installed in the ancient Hall, and on the 27th April, 1767, the Duke of Beaufort was also installed in the same place, shortly after which Masonry was enabled to found a hall of its own.

The consecration ceremony was performed by Bro. John Hervey, G.S., himself an old Merchant Taylors' scholar; the S.W. chair was occupied by Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; the J.W. chair by Bro. Francis Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. J. M. Hare was Secretary; and Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Oxford, acted as I.G.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably performed under the direction of Bro. Faulkner Leigh, P.G. Org. Herts, by that brother and Bros. Henry Parker, P.P. Org. Middlesex, J. Hodges, and W. Bolton.

The full list of the brethren who attended was as follows:—Bros. John Hervey, G.S.; Dr. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; P. De L. Long, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Robinson, P.A.G.D.C.; Sir Charles Bright, D.P.G.M. Middlesex; F. W. Forrester, W.M. 222; J. W. Ellis, Grand Steward. G. Parbury, A. Rickards, and F. G. Faithfull, 1615, Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Company; Gordon Brown, P.M. 1; F. Richardson, P.M. 14; Charles Tyler, P.M. 19; W. Hollingworth, P.M. 63; J. Houle, P.M. 92; J. Forrester, P.M. 222; W. J. Starkey, P.M. 222; R. H. Thrupp, P.M. 255; J. Bué, P.M. 357; H. Massey, P. M. 619; G. Drysdale, F. Hayer, Faulkner Leigh, Walter Bolton, Henry Parker, John Hodges, G. Roper, J. W. Sewell, R. G. Hall, J. C. Walker, G. H. Haydon, G. H. Savage, G. Petilleau, Alfred Gilbert, and D. Allen Duke, and H. Massey (Freemason). After the lodge had been opened,

Bro. John Hervey said: Brethren, the ceremony of the consecration of a lodge is not now so unusual as it used to be in times gone by. Lodges are daily accumulating in our midst, the Craft is extending its branches far and wide, not only in England, but in the Colonies and Dependencies of this country, and I trust that it is extending its influence not only in numbers but for good. In London naturally we have had a great many class lodges established. When I say "class lodges," I mean lodges which emanate from some particular number of gentlemen who associate themselves together because they have derived their business from one source, or, that from circumstances, they are disposed to congregate together as a lodge when not meeting in the ordinary social way as men and gentlemen. Now, of late years we have had a great many of that class, and this Sir Thomas White Lodge is, perhaps, the youngest of those which may be considered class lodges, as it emanates from that great school which has turned out many eminent men, among whom we can count great scholars and most eminent persons, both in the Church and in the State. I am sure that it must be a gratifying thing to the members of this new lodge to originate a lodge which is founded upon such principles, and we may hope, I think, in future years to find that the Sir Thomas White Lodge—although probably the founders might have taken a more immediate name, and called it "The Merchant Taylors' School Lodge"—will show its influence in the Craft and prove to the members of it that the lodge has not originated in vain. Now, we have many lodges which take their names from something which is to distinguish them as belonging to a particular calling, and I see among the first which may be ranked as a class lodge, one that is called the Asaph, a lodge which is a musical lodge, where the members meet in the middle of the day that their Masonic duties may not interfere with their professional engagements. They do their work in the lodge, and early in the afternoon they separate, and they have only one banquet a year to celebrate their hospitality among themselves. The next which I find on a short list which I have made here is called the Covent Garden Lodge, and that, brethren, originated with salesmen, highly respectable men, all of them, I believe, fruiterers and salesmen in Covent Garden Market. I find the Crichton Lodge which meets down at Camberwell, and is principally composed of schoolmasters and men who make education their particular aim. Next comes the Evening Star Lodge, which, I think, a very good name for it, inasmuch as it is principally composed, and I might say almost entirely composed, of men who are connected with gas factories, and who turn night into day. We then come to a

lodge called the Northern Bar Lodge. I think, perhaps, our Bro. Inner Guard perhaps might be better able to tell you about that than I can. (Bro. Cooper Smith: No, Worshipful Master, I have no acquaintance with it.) I thought perhaps you had visited it; but it originated then in the fact that when the alteration took place in the different circuits, the baristers who were members of the Northern Bar originated the lodge in order that they might meet together socially, although they did not meet professionally on circuit. It is a very jovial lodge, as I can testify, and it is composed certainly of some of the most eminent men who are connected with the bar of this country. Then comes another musical lodge, called Orpheus Lodge, a parochial lodge, called St. Clement Danes Lodge, of which our Rev. Bro. R. J. Simpson was in a great measure the originator. We have then another parochial lodge, called the St. Dunstan's Lodge, and all of these are connected with a particular class. There is another, called the St. Leonard Lodge, Shoreditch, which is again a parochial lodge. The University Lodge we all know emanated from the fact that the Westminster and Keystone Lodge was a very large lodge, composed chiefly of Oxford men, and the Cambridge men thought they would like to have a finger in the pie as well as the Oxford men, and, therefore, they originated the lodge as a sort of outlying element in associating the members of the University of Cambridge. And the last, brethren, and I may say not the least, which I shall trouble you with is a lodge which was established by the non-commissioned officers of London. They complained that they had no lodge in which they could associate; the lodges generally speaking were too expensive for their men, and they, therefore, wished to have a lodge where they might all meet together, on the same level, as men and brethren, I will not say out of uniform, but at any rate out of the pale of the military control. The Wanderers' Lodge is now, I believe, considerably above 100 strong, and it has not confined its labours to the non-commissioned officers, or those who are associated with them, because a great number of the officers of the army hearing of this lodge have joined with their subalterns, and become members of the Wanderers' Lodge. Bro. Fenn just now reminds me that a short time ago I had the pleasure of consecrating a lodge at the Alexandra Palace, and of installing our Bro. Cooper Smith (who is kindly acting as our Inner Guard to-day) as first Master of that lodge; and that lodge also bears a close resemblance to this, inasmuch as it emanated from a school called the Cholmondeley, which has, I think, its head-quarters at Ilhgate, and therefore I was wrong in saying this was the first of these lodges which have appeared in a scholastic form. Brethren, I am sure from the number we see round this room, that you wish this lodge good speed, and I trust that when the labours of the day are finished we shall hand over the warrant and the government of the lodge to those who will well guard them. I naturally take an interest in this lodge, being an old scholar of the Merchant Taylors, and I shall be glad to see it flourish and prosper. I will not trouble you any further, I have perhaps said a great deal too much about these things; but at any rate you will forgive me on such an occasion as this, when the Installing Master is expected to make some observations on the work he is engaged in. (Hear, hear.)

After the usual formalities following the opening address, Bro. Hervey called on Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox to deliver the oration.

Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, then said: Brethren, I am called upon, somewhat unprepared, to address you on this occasion, and I must throw myself upon your consideration and fraternal good will, if I should fall short in the duty imposed upon me, as I fear in all probability will be the case. Nevertheless, I will endeavour to do my best to promote the interests of the lodge, and to show how much I love and admire the great principles and tenets of our Order. My first duty will be to direct you to the highest and noblest of principles enunciated in the whole tenets of the Craft—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." Masonry, so long as it has flourished in its pure and palmy condition, has never lost sight of the first great duty of paying adoration and ascribing glory and honour to The Great Architect of the Universe, Masonry in itself having promoted through the length and breadth of the world that "brotherly love, relief, and truth" which are combined in those words of sublime expression, "peace on earth, goodwill towards men." I have a strong conviction for my own part, that Masonry is derived from the very earliest times. I have on several occasions been somewhat ridiculed for maintaining this position, but the more I have studied Masonry, and the longer I have enjoyed taking part in its ceremonies, the more am I persuaded that it has been handed down from a period which is little thought of, I fear, by many of those who have been initiated into the Order. My own firm conviction is, that it first of all sprang into notice at the Great Dispersion, when language was confounded, and my belief is that though the brethren, the then Masons, the Craftsmen of that period (for we know the Dispersion took place on account of their attempting to build a tower that should reach to Heaven, so that it should save future generations from the waters of a Flood)—carried away with them, as they could never speak the same language hereafter, certain substituted "signs and symbols," by which they should be known one to another wherever they might plant their foot, or inhabit far distant countries. I take this for granted in a great measure from circumstances, of which you are probably aware, that wherever you travel over the face of the earth and water, whether it be to far distant or unexplored islands of the sea, or whether it be among those poor unhappy men now contending and fighting against our power in South Africa, there you will find that there are signs and symbols of our Order, and even there those signs are given, accepted and received as proofs of fraternity existing amongst them. Of the power of Masonry in other parts of the world I may de-

tain you with an anecdote concerning a dear boy of mine now gone to his rest, an old Merchant Taylor, a schoolfellow of one or more members of this lodge, whom I have the pleasure of addressing. At the age of eighteen he went out to India at the fag end of the Mutiny. As soon as he was brought into active service he had to lead a detachment in order to capture the great rebel, Tania Topee. Five minutes before his arrival the rebel had escaped, and so his detachment was unable to catch him. He had however a fight, with thirty men under his command, with a body of the mutineers. This mere stripling of eighteen was about to be struck down by a stalwart Hindoo; but he remembered the last piece of advice I gave him on the ship's deck as he was leaving Southampton—"If ever you find yourself in difficulty or danger, never forget the sign of grief and lamentation"—for, I may say I myself initiated him into Masonry, passed, and raised him before he left this country, by dispensation, he being a lewis. The moment he was about to be cut down he gave that sign, the man dropped his sword and not only saved his life, but led him to his lines. That is an evidence of what is effected through the instrumentality of Masonry, and is among my evidences of its being connected with the Dispersion. As time went on the Egyptian mysteries sprang into notice. We know that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and I have a firm conviction that he took away with him from Egypt the secrets of the Order which were afterwards developed in still wider extent, as time shows, by the rearing of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. The great features of Masonry culminated in the building of King Solomon's Temple, and from that time to the present it has gone on increasing in force and vigour, declining at some periods of the world's history, reviving again in majesty and pride, but ever promoting the great principles upon which it is founded, "glory to God in the highest, and planted on earth, peace, goodwill towards men." We cannot look at our cathedrals, those ancient fanes, throughout the length and breadth of our country as elsewhere in the world, without bearing testimony to the fact that they are the products of Masons who were operative, of the guilds of Masonry that existed not only in this land but every land in the world, not even excepting India—buildings which are still the marvels of our age brought to perfection by the skill of the Craftsmen. I need not remind you, who are well informed concerning the progress of Masonry in our own land, how it has developed within the last few years. I hope and trust it will develop more and more, and that we may have quality amongst us rather than quantity, that the true principles of Masonry may be looked to before receiving a brother within our portals, and that none but worthy, and worthy men alone, shall find admission within the precincts of our lodges. I do most earnestly hope and trust still further that we may find many of the ceremonies revived which I remember being carried out in my young days, and which, at the age of five years, induced me to say if I lived to be old enough I would be a Mason—a determination which I never forgot. Whenever such events occur I believe they make a great impression, and will continue to do so continually; but I regret to say that of late years the laying of the foundation stones of noble and stately edifices has been greatly neglected. I did hope and trust, and I made every effort to get it carried out, that when that pile of buildings in the Strand, the Law Courts, were about to be commenced, the first stone might have been laid in Masonic form and of order. When His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex was Grand Master of the Order, he would not, on any consideration whatever, have permitted any building of importance to be reared without the Grand Lodge being present, and he himself, or his Deputy, laying the chief corner stone; and I do hope if stately buildings are to rise still more and more among us, His Royal Highness, our worthy, esteemed, and noble Grand Master, may be induced himself to take the line which his grand-uncle always took, and that we may have Masonry recognised before the world as it is recognised among ourselves, as being of immense utility in promoting the noblest actions combined with the grandest matters that can possibly be conceived. I throw these remarks out with diffidence, and in bringing this imperfect and unprepared oration to a close, I wish this lodge every prosperity that can possibly befall it, and that I may live to see it improving in its work, and promoting the welfare of the Craft, individually and collectively, to the advancement of the "Glory of God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill towards men." (Applause.)

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with and completed, and at its close Bro. Hervey installed Bro. Robert Grey, Past Grand Deacon, as Master of the lodge, on the presentation of Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D. Bro. W. Rhys Williams, P.A.G.D.C., was invested as S.W., and Bro. Thomas Trollope, P.M. as J.W. Bro. Joseph J. Forrester was unanimously elected Treasurer, and invested with the collar and jewel of his office. Bro. J. M. Hare was invested as Secretary; Bro. F. Vialls, S.D.; Bro. Rev. R. F. Hosken, J.D.; Bro. H. Bué, I.G.; and Bro. J. Daly was elected and invested as Tyler. Votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officers were passed, and those brethren were elected honorary members of the lodge. A long list of names of intending initiates and joining members was given in, and the brethren then closed lodge, and adjourned to a choice banquet. The usual toasts followed in due course.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said he proposed to set an example that he hoped would be followed in this lodge, that of making short speeches. The sincerity of the brethren's thoughts and wishes were none the less for brevity, and he was perfectly certain the brethren would appreciate it the more. The first toast that naturally sprang to their lips was one

that they as Masons, doubly so as those Masons were old Merchant Taylors' boys, gave with that loyalty and enthusiasm which he hoped and trusted it was impossible to surpass—"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," the mother of their Grand Master, who by her high qualities had so endeared herself to her subjects by the true principles of morality and virtue which had ever distinguished her thoughts and actions.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," said the toast was always given and received by Freemasons in the way that it deserved, with true loyalty and affection; but it was not on every occasion that they could return their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to their G.M. as they could that day, for having placed in their possession a warrant which they meant to uphold and honour. The G.M.'s qualities were known so well to every Englishman, so well to every Mason, that it would be superfluous for him (the W.M.) in any way to illustrate them on this occasion, and he would merely ask the brethren to drink "Health, Happiness, and Long Life to our well beloved Most Worshipful Grand Master."

The W.M. then said he now passed on to a toast, sincere as their feelings and their sentiments were in the first two, which possibly appealed more nearly to the brethren from the fact that they were about to drink the health of some brethren who were present; and he had first of all to ask them to do honour to that worthy, able Pro Grand Master, who so admirably seconded their illustrious leader. He asked them also to recognise with the meed of praise that was due to him, Lord Skelmersdale, a most thorough Mason, a most thorough English gentleman. He asked them also to do honour—although he was one himself—to the body of Grand Officers, present and past; and he might here say that he recollected on a recent occasion, when having made the mistake of saying "past and present," he was told by a Grand Officer—a present Grand Officer in both senses of the word (and long might he continue to be in that position)—that a living jackass was better than a dead lion. He (the W.M.) felt the force of the observation, but he also felt how much better was the living lion than the dead jackass. He felt as he always did feel when that brother was present, that they had a real lion in their presence—their much beloved and respected Bro. John Hervey. (Cheers.) They had to-night to do honour to the lodge such an assemblage of Grand Officers, present and past, as was seldom seen at the consecration of any lodge. Several Grand Officers had written the kindest letters to him expressing their inability to be present. Some had even so far strained their engagements as to be present to assist in consecrating the lodge, but had not been able to remain to partake of the hospitality of the banquet; but he was sure the lodge heartily thanked them for their attendance, and heartily thanked the Grand Officers who had on this occasion come to witness the birth of this lodge. He could only hope that they might in future days over and over again visit the lodge to watch its growth and progress, and give the advice and assistance which they were ever willing to render to any and every lodge in the Craft. He would couple with the toast the name of the Rev. Dr. Cox, who had so ably delivered the oration and performed all the duties of Chaplain that evening.

The Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C., in reply said: W.M. and Brethren, as the Senior Grand Officer of Grand Lodge here present, and in virtue of the rank which I have the honour to hold in Grand Lodge, the W.M. has been pleased to couple my name with this toast, and I rise on behalf of my brethren and myself to acknowledge with the utmost gratitude the kind and fraternal manner in which we have been received here, and also for the admirable manner in which the health of our respected chiefs, the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, have been received. I have had great pleasure in assisting at the consecration of this lodge to-day, and if I have in any way whatever contributed to your happiness, and to the benefit of the lodge by being present and taking part in the work, I am abundantly rewarded. When I had the honour of receiving the invitation, so fraternally and kindly offered to me, I at once hastened to accept it; for although I am not an old Merchant Taylors' boy myself, yet there is no Company within the City of London in which I am more interested than in that grand old guild, for are they not the patrons of the preferment I have the honour to hold under their care and their consideration, which consideration and care are always manifested with the utmost kindness, and with every mark and token of friendship and regard, day by day more and more endearing me to that society with which I have the gratification, though late in life, to be in a certain sense connected? But it is not merely in recognition of that appointment which I hold and under which, as I say, I receive every mark of kind consideration and courtesy that I have the pleasure of being here to assist in the conversation and working of the lodge, and to address you as at present, but I have had two sons educated in that school, one of whom I have mentioned to you to-day, the only one who was a Mason. The elder is still living, and is serving his Master, I hope to the best of his power and ability, in a large sphere of usefulness in Liverpool; but if he were aware of our meeting here to-night, and of the establishment of this lodge, though he is no Mason, and has always shrunk from becoming one (and I have never attempted to induce him to join the Craft, for I hold that we have no right to ask or desire any one that he should do so unless he does it of his own free will and accord), yet I am satisfied his heart would leap towards his old school-fellows, many of whom have surrounded me this day, and congratulated me concerning himself, no less than that I am still able to continue among you to show that my interest in the Craft has never ceased, that my desire for its progress has never wavered, that my anxiety has never in the slightest degree diminished in order that I

might see it go forward and flourish, carrying out its great principles through the length and breadth, not only of our own land, but through every portion of the world. Pardon me, brethren, if my feelings somewhat carry me away on an occasion of this kind. There is deep solemnity in the services of that profession to which I have the honour to belong; but I can safely say, and I am sure you will bear with me in saying it, that deeply as I feel the importance and the reverence of those services in which I have to minister, I can yet add that I do feel as deeply, as sincerely, and as conscientiously in whatever I can do for the cause and the progress of Freemasonry, each with regard to ministration having the same duties to fulfil, the same rites to perform, the same occupation to carry forward to the utmost of one's power and ability, to promote that holy principle to which I have already adverted this day, of proclaiming and striving to produce "peace on earth, goodwill towards men." For myself, and brother Grand Officers here present, who do me the honour to permit me to be their spokesman on such an occasion, I return you my sincere thanks, assuring you that this day will remain in my recollection so long as I live, as I am sure it will be in theirs—to be one "that must ever be marked with red chalk." (Applause.)

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," said that it was no small thing when he told the brethren that of all the Consecrating Officers he would have wished to hold the office and to be present at the time he was installed he could not have selected five officers for whom he felt a deeper respect. There were no officers to whom he owed more in Masonry than he did to the five officers who had that day assisted in the consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge. Bro. Hervey was so well known to the brethren and wherever Masonry was held under the English Constitution, or, he might say, under any other Constitution Bro. Hervey's name was known, and where it was known it was needless to say, respected to the utmost. He (the W.M.) deeply felt the kindness Bro. Hervey had shown to him since the time that he (the W.M.) was a newly-raised M.M. Bro. Hervey had assisted and taken an interest in lodges he (the W.M.) had belonged to, and had shown to him personally the most unvaried kindness. Bro. Dr. Cox he (the W.M.) owed in some measure an apology to, but at the same time he did not propose to render it; as, although by some accident, he (Bro. Cox) was not aware that he would have to deliver an oration, he (the W.M.) could not but think that it was somewhat of a happy mistake, as, had Bro. Cox studied what he had to say ever since the time he received his invitation, he could not have chosen more apt, fit, or impressive words than he had delivered. The brethren all appreciated what he did say, and they all thanked him from the bottom of their hearts. He (the W.M.) would then pass on to his father in Masonry, Bro. Murton, who had so kindly filled the office of S.W. Every Mason who loved Masonry for Masonry's working liked Bro. Murton; they knew how indefatigable he had been and was at the only school of Masonry—the Lodge of Emulation—that school in which they had all worked in their time (if they had not, the sooner they began the better). Bro. Robinson, the J.W. at the consecration, whom he (the W.M.) had known so many years, was the highly esteemed and respected Treasurer of the Prince of Wales's Lodge. Bro. Robinson was so well known to all the brethren of the Craft that he (the W.M.) could only sincerely thank him; not a word which he (the W.M.) might say could in any way possibly add to his well known character as a Mason. He then passed to one who was not present at the table—to whom Masonry, indeed, owed much—Bro. Thomas Fenn—who, from the time he took office in Grand Lodge, had been an indefatigable worker. He (the W.M.) felt certain that if Sir Albert Woods was present he would say how much he appreciated Bro. Fenn's assistance, and acknowledge how much he owed to his assistance. Bro. Fenn, although having another engagement, had, at great personal inconvenience to himself, attended at the consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge. The kindness he had shown him (the W.M.) invariably from the commencement of his Masonic career had only been followed in this instance. What did they, as a lodge, not owe to the Consecrating Officers? Those brethren had attended on this most impressive and solemn occasion to launch forth into life a new lodge with prospects of no one knew what before it. They had entrusted to the keeping of the founders the warrant that had been granted by the Grand Master. The founders felt as deeply as Masons could feel the depth of the gratitude they owed the Consecrating Officers; that they had done services that day to the lodge which he trusted would never be forgotten.

Bro. John Hervey, G.S., in reply, said the feelings of the other Consecrating Officers, like his own, were that, in coming that day to assist in the consecration of the Sir Thomas White Lodge, they were simply performing a duty which ought to be undertaken by every man who was competent enough to undertake it, and that they ought not at any time to shirk the responsibility which devolved upon them in their various situations. The other brethren who had assisted him felt with himself highly honoured by the compliment paid to them by electing them honorary members of the lodge, and he thought he might also say on their part as well as his own that they would look forward to coming to the lodge again to see how it was progressing, to see how its duties were performed, and to ascertain from personal inspection how the work was carried on. To pass from that which was personal to himself to something else, he would now do that which was much more congenial to his feelings than talking of himself even, although he was associated with several members respected in the Craft and had done good service that evening. He wished now to propose for the brethren's acceptance the toast of "Success to the Sir Thomas White Lodge." He

thought that success was already assured, because when one looked how the lodge had been started, when one knew that in the Master's chair they had one who had already fulfilled the office in two other lodges, one of the most leading lodges of the day being one of them, the Prince of Wales's, and one of the most comfortable lodges in the Craft, the St. Andrew's, he thought he might say that the future of the lodge was secured under such management. Passing on then to the S.W., they had their Bro. Rhys Williams, who had already passed the chair of the Old Union, and who in that capacity fulfilled his duties in a manner to secure the happiness of the brethren and the well being of the lodge. The J.W., Bro. Trollope, was a Past Provincial Grand Warden of Sussex, and of course he would not have attained that position without having worked hard for the Craft. Offering this toast to the brethren's notice, he (Bro. Hervey) was only performing the duties which devolved upon him as Consecrating Officer. In coupling the W.M.'s name with the toast he might add that what he had already said would show that Bro. Grey was no new man, that he was not a man who had not been trusted, but he was a man to whom the Sir Thomas White Lodge might look forward with confidence as one who would conduct their barque through all the shoals and difficulties to which a newly launched vessel was exposed, and who would do his best to insure every success and prosperity to the Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, and he might say that the brethren would drink it in 1820 port that had been presented to the lodge by the W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, Bro. Forrester, to insure the success of the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, said: Brethren, I have now to return thanks for the toast that has just been proposed by Bro. Hervey, with which he couples my name. The toast was "Prosperity to Sir Thomas White Lodge." How is that prosperity to be assured but by each and every one of us in our respective offices both doing our own duties to the utmost of our power, and attempting to the utmost of our ability to leave a good example to our successors. We hope and believe that many unborn Masons awaiting at the present moment to enter our fraternity will join our lodge. We know that in bringing Merchant Taylors into the Craft we are making no mistake; we know that we are bringing in those who have been good and true boys, those that we doubt not will in due course turn out true and good Masons. I know I am speaking for my brother officers, as well as for myself, when I say we intend, by God's help, to do the very best we can for the prosperity of the lodge and for the prosperity of the Craft; we have its interests at heart, and we mean to avail ourselves of the possession of the knowledge. Brethren, you were kind enough to couple my name, as the Master of the lodge, with this toast. It is no small position for a Mason to hold that of the first Mastership of a lodge. I feel deeply the importance of the trust placed in me. I feel how utterly inadequate I am to express to this meeting the feelings and the words that should come from this chair on such an important occasion as that on which we have this evening met, but whoever might fill this chair, nobody could more sincerely express the feelings that I now possess, the hope that this lodge may be a prosperous one. I hope and trust that it will be a credit and an honour to our great fraternity. Bro. Hervey, in the name of our lodge, and in the name of myself, I heartily thank you for your kind expressions.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said although it is undoubtedly a great privilege, at the same time it is a very heavy responsibility to be called upon to speak on behalf of so distinguished, so brilliant, and on the whole so representative an assemblage as I now see before me. What can I possibly say on their behalf? Only that they, with myself, have entered most thoughtfully and sympathetically into your feelings this evening, that we have shared with you your appreciation of the ceremony upstairs, that we have noticed with you that despite infirmity of years, and occasional ill health, our Bro. Hervey is so vigorous, so strong, so fully capable of rendering in its entirety the beauty of the Masonic ritual. Were I to seek to gauge the hearts of the brethren whom I represent, I would venture for the moment to say that behind their enjoyment is a feeling of resentment against fate, that they too are not Merchant Taylors; this has seemed an exceedingly hard thing to me this evening. Seeing and appreciating as I have done that result of all clique feeling, I should say the one that dates from school boy days is the best, and it seems hard to me that I could not unite my deep love of Masonry with some reminiscence of schoolboy days, and that I do not, as members of this lodge do, belong to a lodge which recalls those happy, pleasant feelings of boys; but we are not like that gentleman who remained unmoved when the affecting charity sermon was preached, when every eye in the church was wet, and who when he was asked how it was he maintained his unrivalled and unequalled composure, answered, with unbroken calmness, "I do not belong to this parish," for we, thanks to the universality of Masonry, are able to sympathise and enjoy with you, to share your pleasures, we can appreciate and look forward to the triumphs I am sure this lodge is destined to achieve. Speaking in the City, brethren, you are so young as a lodge, and Freemasonry is so old, that I may perhaps be permitted if I quote from a speech I once heard delivered at an ancient company by a very eloquent prelate, the late Bishop of Winchester, who in returning thanks for the House of Lords said that it represented the past and the present, that it maintained its freshness by absorbing into its ranks the foremost men of each generation, and so kept its vigour unimpaired. As he said, it combines that reverence for the past without which the present is a bubble, and it maintains that hold on the present without which the past is a ruin-like the bloom upon the cheek of the comely matron it speaks at once of the pictures of her youth and the

dominion of her age. It had seemed to me this evening, through it may be a curious reflection, that I have shared in the pleasant pangs of parturition in taking part in the birth of a new lodge.

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

Bros. Faulkner Leigh, J. Hodges, Walter Bolton, and Henry Parker entertained the brethren in the intervals between the toasts with some charming solo and part singing.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. The other brethren present were Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; Richard Hervé Giraud, P.G.D.; James Percy Leith, P.G.D.; C. G. Dilley, Thomas Goode, J. A. Farnfield, V.P., Chas. James Perceval, V.P., A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; Louis Stean, John G. Stevens, V.P., James Kench, Assistant G.P.; J. Newton, Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.P.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. G. Somerville Burney, J. H. Leggott, V.P., S. Rawson, P. Dist. G.M. China; W. Hilton, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, and James Terry (Secretary).

The Secretary reported the deaths of Bro. William Watson, of Sudbury, Bro. J. Willis, of London, and Mrs. M. Jenkins, of Devonport. He also reported the names of the successful candidates at the election of 16th of May last.

The Chairman was then authorised to sign the necessary cheques, and the Committee adjourned.

BOROUGH OF PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY, LIMITED.

This company, incorporated on the 17th April last, promises to be the most successful undertaking in which the Freemasons of Portsmouth have ever embarked. The nominal capital is £3000, in six hundred shares of £5 each, £2 a share is paid on allotment, and the remainder is to be paid in calls of £1 each, at intervals of not less than one month. This capital, with judicious management, should be sufficient to carry out the main object of the undertaking, i.e., in providing suitable accommodation for the several Masonic lodges in Portsmouth, at a fair rental, so as to make the company commercially successful by paying a moderate dividend to the shareholders. The lodge rooms will be available for the accommodation of lodges in April next; and from the large and increasing support given to the company by the Craft in the borough, irrespective of the lodges to which they belong, will cause it to prove a lucrative investment, and strengthen the fraternal feeling already existing between the several lodges in this locality. Some years since a joint Committee was appointed to consider a scheme for building a hall in which the several lodges could meet, but it was considered impracticable, and the idea was abandoned. Had a company been formed at that time in the same manner as the present venture, we doubt not, but that a considerable sum of money would have been saved by the lodges, and the Masonic Charitable Institutions correspondingly benefited.

The premises to be built at No. 79, Commercial-road, Landport, for the accommodation of the Masonic Club about to be formed, will be a handsome building, and in keeping with the magnificent offices of the Gas Company at the corner of the block of buildings. Accommodation will also be provided in this building for the Borough of Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and an entrance formed to lead to the lodge room in the rear. The foundation stone of this building will be laid in the course of a few weeks by His Worship the Mayor. The desirability of forming a Masonic Club for the Freemasons of the borough has been long apparent, and we doubt not but that it will prove the most successful part of the undertaking.

Considerable credit is due to the directorate for the admirable, judicious, and economical manner this company has been promoted, especially to the Chairman, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman William David King, J.P., &c., and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Councillor George Thomas Cunningham, who have been indefatigable in their exertions to make the company a success. Some 400 shares have been taken in the short space of six weeks, and the remaining 200 will doubtless be quickly disposed of.

Those Freemasons who wish to identify themselves with the company should apply at an early date to the Secretary, Mr. E. S. Main, St. Clair-terrace, Buckland, for the remaining shares.

Obituary.

BRO. CAPT. GEO. WATTSON.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Capt. Geo. Wattson, which occurred suddenly on the 8th inst., at his residence, "Eastbourne Villa," Rochester. He was a most energetic and devoted Freemason, as the following will show:—He ranked as P.M. 1050, P.P.G.R. Kent, P.Z. Chap. 20, P.M.M. 69, G.M.J.D., and at the time of death was W.M.M. of 237, of which lodge he was the founder about four months since.

A warrant has been granted for a new lodge at Shoreham, to be called the Burrell Lodge, No. 1829.

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Answers to Correspondents.

By an oversight of the "Reader" several Latin words last week are misspelt, much to our annoyance and that of the writer's. Thus "ipse" is put for "ipse"; "Ducta dibitantium" for "Ductor dibitantium"; and "eligantium" for "elegantium."

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Songs of the Focsle," "Hebrew Leader," "Austrian Freemason," "Der Triangel," "Alliance," "Broad Arrow," "Proceedings of Grand Lodge of New Mexico," "Otago Daily Times," "Freemasons' Repository," "Masonic Newspaper," "Keystone," "Eminent Radicals in Parliament," "The Conqueror's Dream, and other Poems," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "St. Christopher Advertiser."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

COURTENAY.—On the 8th inst., at 19, Westbourne-terrace-road, W., the wife of Mr. George Courtenay, of a daughter.

WAUDBY.—On the 8th inst., at Stoke Albany Rectory, Market Harbro' the wife of Major Waudby, Bombay Staff Corps, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WOOD—MAYHEW.—On the 7th inst., at St. Paul's, Herne Hill, by the Rev. W. Powell, Henry Augustus Wood, of Mithim, Surrey, to Elizabeth Martha (Lizzie), daughter of the late Mr. W. T. Mayhew, of Herne Hill.

DEATHS.

GILCHRIST.—On the 9th inst., at West-villa, Ball's Pond, Bro. William Gilchrist, aged 56 years.

PULLEN.—On the 8th inst., at Edmonton, Arthur Edward, son of the late Mr. James Thomas Pullen, Solicitor, aged 30 years.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1879.

OUR FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Our Fund of Benevolence has now reached it seems £50,000, no doubt a considerable sum, and sundry proposals have from time to time been made in respect of its application and use. Our esteemed and distinguished Bro. J. M. Clabon, whose opinion we all value, and whose services we all recognize, has propounded, if we understand him rightly, a scheme, or rather has drawn indistinctly the outline of a scheme, for the appropriation of the accumulation by devoting a portion of it annually to "exhibitions" or "scholarships" for the Girls' and Boys' Schools, for those who shall pass, of course, a specific examination from our two great metropolitan Institutions. Another suggestion has been made, namely, the making of increased grants to our Masonic Charities. And thus the matter seems to come before us, the more so as Bro. Clabon's withdrawing his motion at the last Grand Lodge on a point of order, proposes to reintroduce it on a subsequent occasion, in a way too which will necessitate certain changes in the Book of Constitutions. We fear somewhat that our esteemed Bro. Clabon has a little underrated, in his honest desire to do good, the difficulties of the case. The Fund of Benevolence, according to our Book of Constitutions, must be "solely devoted to charity." Scholarships and exhibitions may come under the practice of charity, but we doubt if they are consistent with the theory of the Book of Constitutions. Annuities are clearly charity in its widest sense, but could we give annuities from the Fund of Benevolence under the present Book of Constitutions? We think there can be but one answer to the question. And as we, in common with all Masons, honour Bro. Clabon's motives and intentions, we feel sure that he will forgive us, if we point out to him that many difficulties and grave questions must arise in any such appropriation of the Fund of Benevolence. The original intention of that fund is general Masonic charity. We now propose to divert a portion of it to the limited area of two Schools, no doubt most excellent institutions in themselves, and most Masonic. How will such an appropriation affect our provincial brethren? and how will it deal with provincial educational organizations? How does it bear on the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution? Will Grand Lodge consent to give to the Schools large annual grants without distinct control over the expenditure? Or is Grand Lodge likely to part with its funds without some guarantee that they will be devoted to the purpose for which they are professedly asked? Now these are questions to which our brethren will certainly want an answer. Let us suppose for a moment that Bro. Clabon carries his motion—what must be the result? One of two things; either a Grand Lodge Committee will have to be formed for the arrangement and management of these exhibitions or a joint Committee of the Educational Institutions and Grand Lodge must be constituted to work out the details, because certain contingencies and consequences are inevitable. If we are to grant exhibitions we must have examinations, a Board of Examiners, a Board of Managers. For to suppose that Grand Lodge will blindly grant a lump-sum to the Schools is, we feel sure, a chimera, which will have to be abandoned when once ventilated before the common sense of Grand Lodge itself. We ourselves do not deny that it would be both feasible and possible to constitute a central Board of Management, which would appoint examiners, but then *all* Masons' sons and daughters, alike in province and metropolis, must be permitted to compete for the scholarships. There could, no doubt, following the arrangements of the Oxford and Cambridge Middle Class Examinations, be "local centres" for examinations for those unable to come to London. But all this requires a vast amount of thoughtful organization and an expensive machinery to work out. But we venture to

doubt whether the Grand Lodge or the Craft is prepared or wishful for so great a change, and we are still more inclined to disbelieve that a majority would welcome this arrangement of the matter. We are afraid, as we said at the outset, that the grave and essential difficulties of any such plan are hardly yet realized even by our distinguished Bro. J. M. Clabon. Any proposal of his will, however, always receive from the Order the respectful attention and consideration which his high position and Masonic services demand, and when his motion comes before us again in tangible form and with practical bearing, we shall be most happy to receive it, and discuss it in that tone and temper which best become Freemasons. But we think it well to sound a note of caution, as a good deal can necessarily be said on both sides of the question.

WIRE PULLING.

The conversation which arose in the last Grand Lodge was both seasonable and noteworthy. We all of us, at least a good many of us, saw or received a certain mysterious list, on whitey-brown paper, before the Quarterly Communication, which was undoubtedly issued by some "Masonic wire puller." Authority knew it not, and the President of the Board of Purposes, "more suo," most eloquently and emphatically repudiated any such proceeding on the part of any supposititious authority. Bro. Monckton stated the fact correctly, when he pointed out, that lists had been issued from time to time at Quarterly Communication, and to such a bona fide representation of the liberty of Masonic choice and voting we, ourselves, make no objection. But we do most strongly object, on every principle of legitimate and manly exercise of the voting power, that any brother or brethren, more or less distinguished as the case may be, should circulate surreptitiously and industriously before the meeting of Grand Lodge, and among a "select circle," thus packing Grand Lodge, this distinct appeal to party organization. It is one thing—and very often useful—to circulate lists in the Grand Lodge itself of those whom the brethren are invited in a fraternal spirit to vote for, because then all such lists stand or fall by their own merits, but it is quite another thing to constitute practically a private canvass of members of Grand Lodge some days before its assembly, in order to carry a list recommended by certain brethren. This, in our opinion, is a proceeding alike undignified and undesirable, and more "honoured (Masonically) in the breach than the observance." Because one of two consequences must ensue, either we are dictated to by a "clique"—a "caucus," or we accept the nomination of one or two active and enterprising brethren, who, to use a common saying, put in "two words" for others and "half-a-dozen" for themselves. Strictly speaking, it would be better if we were all content with the official list distributed in Grand Lodge, and did not require to be told how to vote, or whom to vote for. But the lists circulated in Grand Lodge, as we said before, are one thing, the lists circulated before Grand Lodge meets are quite a different thing. There is one consolation, however, in the matter. No "clique" or "caucus," no reign of individualism, can long flourish in English Freemasonry. Were these proceedings to be perpetuated and grow into a nuisance, threatening alike the independence and prestige of Grand Lodge itself, the good sense and united action of independent Masons would speedily sweep away the organization of "wire pullers," and render our elections a dignified representation of the fair play and accurate selection of the brethren of our amiable and excellent Craft, of those whom they deemed the best qualified for the Board of General Purposes.

A DISAGREEABLE SUBJECT.

There are a good many subjects in this queer world of ours about which it is better not to write at all. It is always wiser, in our opinion, to "wash our own dirty linen at home," and it seems very injudicious to communicate to a curious public what properly belongs alone to the domain of private sentiment and personal settle-

ment. But the Editor of a paper like the *Freemason* is not always his own master in this respect. He has public duties to perform in the way of warning or protest as the case may be, which, though they often militate with personal feelings, and seem often to antagonize private sensibility, are, nevertheless, needful courageously to make and to assert in the cause of Masonic progress and the maintenance of Masonic prestige. With this little "caveat" we call attention to a matter which has forced itself disagreeably on our notice, and is a growing scandal and a nuisance to Masonry. We mean the habit of some brethren of making themselves Stewards of our Charitable Anniversaries, and forgetting, despite frequent appeals from the Secretaries, to pay either their Steward's fees or even for the tickets supplied to them and used by them "notâ bene." Were this only an occasional and exceptional case, we should have preferred to have passed over these "spots" on our "feasts" of Charity" in silence, but the evil is increasing and is assuming very serious proportions. For not only is this the case in one charity, but Stewards who have forgotten to pay their fees for this charity become Stewards to another festival, leaving the old score still unpaid, and we are not exaggerating when we say that there are Steward's fees in all the Charities, we believe, two and three years in arrear, while those who have not settled with the Secretary of this good charity, despite his earnest appeals, are acting as Stewards for another charity, and probably will repeat the old story. Certain Stewards put down their names, and their fees unpaid have to be cancelled as "leakage," considered as "bad debts." Can anything be a greater discredit to Freemasonry or to charity? Such proceedings are very hard on the Secretaries, very inconsiderate to the Boards of Stewards, and thoroughly derogatory to the honourable name of Masons and the sound cause of Masonic benevolence. We trust we have said enough to remedy an evil and to close a "running sore." We have not wished to exaggerate or sensationalize, we are only desirous for the sake of that charity which we all profess to admire, and those institutions we all desire to uphold, to touch upon, with no unfriendly voice and no heavy hand, a very melancholy forgetfulness by some brethren of ours of those principles they themselves declare, before the Craft and the world, they admire and seek to maintain both in theory and practice. May our words be well taken and result in good.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE COST OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
As I fancied, the comparison which appears in the *Echo*, on professed Masonic authority, in respect of the expenses of the Girls' School, turns out to be a "mare's nest."
The statement in the *Echo* is as follows:
London Orphan Asylum, ... 540 inmates £17,093
Fatherless Children 282 " 8,076
Royal Albert Asylum 198 " 5,521
Saint Anne's 335 " 12,707
R.M. Institution for Girls ... 195 " 15,317
This statement is said not to speak "favourably for the Girls' School."
In the first place, before this sapient critic can make good his allegation, he has to show: 1. That the other four Institutions are of a similar calibre with the Girls' School, not educating altogether, on a lower level, as well may be; and 2. What is the proportion actually expended on the building, &c., which is passing, and the children, &c., which is permanent expenditure.
It seems from the following analysis of the Girls' School expenditure for 1878, that the whole amount received was £20,202 17s. 1d., the whole amount expended was £20,202 17s. 1d., minus a balance of £885 9s., so that the actual expenditure was £19,317 8s. Of this amount, the purchase of new land essential to the School cost £2,316; the new buildings cost £2943 1s. 5d.; furniture, £583 19s. 7d.; and laying out the grounds, &c., £826 17s. 6d. £4,000 were repaid to Willis and Co.; £1,556 2s. 8d. were expended on special and abnormal items; while the ordinary expenses of the School amounted to £7085 6s. 11d. This amount is made up as follows: Provisions for 195 girls and 24 adults, 210 persons, £2186 14s. 3d.; clothing and boots, £1196 18s. 4d.; Salaries and wages, School, £1053 19s., office, £663 6s. 8d.; coals, gas, and water, £380; medical attendance, £60; gardener, £84 3s. 11d.; school stationery and

books, £77 1s.; printing, £314 9s. 5d.; house utensils and turnery, £203 13s. 3d.; furniture and house linen, £266 0s. 6d.; painting and general repairs, £204 12s. 7d.; tithes and taxes, £203 10s. Some smaller items bring up the amount of the normal expenditure, as I said before, to £7085 6s. 11d. This makes for 195 girls the average of £36 6s. 8d. in round numbers, and of 200 £35 2s. 6d., exclusive altogether, be it noted, of the twenty-four adults. And thus, even supposing you could fairly add the special items, amounting to £1556 2s. 8d., to the regular expenditure, which you cannot do, because many do not occur two years running, and are clearly "abnormal" in every sense, you might slightly raise the average cost per girl, which, considering the education given and the house care afforded, is certainly most moderate and very well expended.

I think we may dismiss at once, then, these idle comparisons—which are often made and always fail—neither true in theory nor of any value in practice, and believe firmly—as we may safely do—that our Girls' School is most economically and efficiently conducted, entirely subserving the great end of its institution, and is a credit to all concerned in its management and direction, and can challenge comparison with any similar existing institution in England or elsewhere.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A FRIEND TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE PRESTONIAN LECTURE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book," amongst the "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," I find the following: "Brother William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the 'Illustrations of Masonry,' bequeathed, amongst other Masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture, 1819." Now, as this lecture has not been delivered for many years, may I be permitted to ask "the reason why," whether any one is to blame, and if so, whom? In former years Bro. Stephen Jones, a Past Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, delivered annually this lecture, the duty having been entrusted to him by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, then Grand Master, and Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and subsequently by Bro. Laurence Thompson, the last surviving pupil of Preston, and its delivery always attracted a great assemblage of members and visitors. I believe that the last time this lecture was delivered the duty devolved upon Bro. Henry George Warren, the former proprietor of the *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror*, and I know from being present that it was most interesting and highly explanatory, and I should really like to know why this important Masonic legacy is never heard of at the present day, and to what purpose, if any, the accruing dividends on the £300 Consols are applied.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, your fraternally,
P.M. 177 and 1158.
June 9th, 1879.

MASONIC GRAMMAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the hope that you may be more charitable than "Lindley Murray" in your estimate of my criticisms, and at the risk of appearing to make too much of a matter which, indeed, scarcely admits of discussion at all, I beg to write a few words in reply to your correspondent.
He originally found fault with the phrase "except in exceptional cases." Now, exceptional is not the word which I should myself have used in the connection in which it occurred; and it is an expression on the defence of which, as used in that connection, I am not now about to enter, neither did I defend it in what I wrote. Your correspondent in his first letter, to which he will, perhaps, refer, clearly stated, or, by what he wrote, undoubtedly implied, that according to Johnson exceptional and exceptional were synonymous words; and although he now informs your readers, and apparently is himself greatly pleased to find, that exceptional is not to be found in Johnson at all, it was this asserted synonymy which, in the first instance, induced me to write. As I have already pointed out, it is a fact that the words are not synonymous; but it is a fact that, if they were synonymous, as "Lindley Murray" made out, he had not the shadow of a ground for finding fault with the use which was made, in the report, of the word exceptional.

"Lindley Murray" is unwilling to admit that exceptional is a legitimate word at all. He says the expression is only to be found in "slipshod writing and common conversation." I leave to your readers, many of whom are, doubtless, more able to judge of the accuracy of such an assertion than I may be, and, perhaps, than even "Lindley Murray" is; and I hope for the credit of the *Freemason* that, if that should be so, it is a word which it, in particular, has always carefully eschewed. But will "Lindley Murray" deny that many English words have become legitimate simply because they were used in "common conversation?" Common conversation becomes an authority in such a matter. Few expressions, for example, are more forcible than "mob" and "sham," yet it is a fact that at the time of the Revolution these words were considered slang; and, from all that I can see, grave writers, however they have managed hitherto, will ere long be under the necessity of employing another word which is as old as Bonnell Thornton, and which is also very expressive. I mean the word humbug. It is quite amusing to see how determinedly your correspondent sets his face against the adoption of the word exceptional. Certain authorities, whom he quotes, do not recognise it. Nor will he. He does not share the belief of Horace—

"Licuit, semperque licebit
Signatum præserte rota procedere nomen."

And such I hold to be the character of the word exceptional. At the same time, I maintain that this word has already, by the sanction and use of many classical writers, been admitted as an expression with which it is useless, not to say presumptuous, to find fault. One has not the time, and, if one had, it were unnecessary, to hunt for evidence in support of a statement which none but "Lindley Murray" will impugn.

I have not consulted the authorities whom your correspondent quotes, and will therefore not dispute his statement that in none of them is the word exceptional found. Were I at all doubtful about the matter, however, I should not dream of looking in some places where he has been agreeably disappointed. Flügel and Velasquez, whatever they may have done for their own languages, can scarcely be regarded as authorities whose opinions would be likely to decide such a question as this; nor can their evidence have the weight of that of the editor of the *Imperial Dictionary*. It is surprising that this work—I may say the standard work on such questions—should not have been quoted; and, had not your correspondent been a brother Mason, I should have supposed it was because the word is to be found there. He will also find it, however, in the *Student's English Dictionary*, published by Blackie and Son, where it is said to have the meaning which I gave it, "forming or making an exception." I did not therefore lay this down on what has been called my "ipse dixit."

I am in no doubt as to the word which ought to have been used. I should have written "unless in exceptional cases" in preference to "except in exceptional cases;" but beyond all question the latter phrase is correct. Your correspondent says exceptional and exceptional are synonymous, and therefore I say beyond all question it ought to have appeared to him that he had no business to find fault.

I have seldom come across any one who delighted to be so particular as your correspondent. It may therefore interest him to know that neither he nor myself was strictly accurate in accounting for the origin of the word stickler. A stickler originally was "an officer who cut wood for the Priory of Ederose within the King's parks of Clarendon." Without enquiring now into the age of the word, or the accuracy of what "Lindley Murray" says, I decline to accept his account of this matter—firstly, because it is unsupported by any evidence; secondly, because the *Imperial Dictionary* distinctly gives the origin of the meaning of the word as I gave it; and lastly, because common sense would lead us to imagine that the seconds in a pugilistic encounter, being armed with sticks, might be in a position to interfere, whereas it would be impossible for them, being so armed, to interrupt swordsmen.

Let me say, in conclusion, that, whatever my letter was, it was not intended to give offence personally to your correspondent, who is unknown to me except as a brother Mason writing under an assumed name. But he must be an inconsistent brother, otherwise he could not have charged me with being personal, and then commit the same fault himself in a worse degree. He would appear, too, to be a busybody, a crotchety, disputatious, dogmatical brother, whose time, it is more than likely, lies heavily on his hands. Let me urge him to make a better use of it in the future, and to be especially careful never to forget the proverb: "Ne sutor ultra crepidam." This last advice is not meant to be personally offensive, for although "Lindley Murray" may happen to be a literal "sutor," I employ the word in its metaphorical, and therefore more harmless sense.

Yours fraternally,
T. M. DRON, J.W. 417.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The letters on Masonic Grammar which have appeared in the *Freemason* can only raise a smile, and provoke a wish that your space were better used. I do not know who may have assumed the style and title of "Lindley Murray," but it is enough to make that old worthy stir in his grave to read such a sentence as that which closes his modern representative's last letter.

Read it, and say, any who remembers his own early school days, whether a third-form school boy would not treat the English language better:—

"Wil Bro. Dron permit me to doubt his right, and certainly his capacity, to set up as either an 'arbiter elegantiarum' or a 'doctor dubitantium' much less a 'master of the school.' Having read his verbal criticisms, their proper destination appears to me, in all deference to him be it said, the waste paper basket."

For such a writer to talk about capacity, and "waste paper baskets," shows that there is no lack of self-esteem in his composition, whatever there may be of grammar and logic. Such criticism in private would be ludicrous, in public it is mischievous.

Fraternally yours,
June 7th. W. S. M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I was not previously aware that Freemasons in any way differed in the construction of the English language to others. Bro. "Lindley Murray" is good enough to call the question "a little question." I think, with all respect to my brother, that the preservation of the English, or any other language "pure and undefiled," is a very great question. It is probable that the languages of Teutonic origin, viz., English and its correlate, German—glorified by Martin Luther—will eventually replace all the southern forms of expression. Tongues spoken below a certain latitude appear to soften and lose much of their expressive forms and force, and hence it is that vituperation and great energy are required to convey meanings which our own language carries with it in a few dignified

phrases. It is not necessary in English, I mean, to use violent gesticulation in order to give emphasis. This is an important point in the Masonic delivery of lectures.

The advice of Hamlet is most apposite in this connection, "Speak the speech," he says, "I pray you, as I pronounced it to you, trippingly on the tongue: but if you mouth it, as many of your players do, I had as lief the town crier had spoke my lines."

Bro. "Lindley Murray" can no doubt pursue the remainder of the passage. He appeals to many dictionaries about "exceptional," "exceptionable," and "stickler." He does not, however, mention a work which I fraternally commend to his notice. Dr. Peter Mark Roget, unhappily passed from among us, wrote a work without which no lover of the English language ought to be, the "Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases." In this book Bros. Dron and "Lindley Murray" will find all that can settle their amicable controversy about "exceptional," "exceptionable," and "stickler."

It seems difficult to me to realise (here you have an Anglo-American word) how brethren can fall out, and refer their several letters to the waste paper basket, when with a little forethought (a Saxon word) they might have agreeably met and referred to John Horne Tooke's "Epea Pteroenta," commonly known as the Divisions of Purley.

The two books I have named are "reliable" (Anglo-American) and "trustworthy" (Anglo-Saxon) authorities.

Our greatest writers, such as Shakespeare, Massinger, Ford, Dekker, Spencer, and others, maintained the indissolubility of the English tongue. Milton, whose influence has been great and enduring, perpetuated the traditional love for pure speech; and the "noblest Roman of them all," whose chaste and charming diction is a monument of English philology, was Walter Savage Landor, every one of whose works would by any appreciative prince, if he had tolerated them, have been written in letters of gold.

By referring to Roget, my Bro. "Lindley Murray" will find that this is an "exceptional," not an "exceptionable" letter.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours sincerely and fraternally,

KENNETH R. H. MACKENZIE, IX.
Hounslow, 7th June, 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
With reference to a letter in last week's Freemason, signed "Lindley Murray," I find the word "exceptional" in the large edition of Webster (1859). It is also in Dr. Ogilvie's Imperial Dictionary, and in the more recent Dictionary by Dr. Latham.

The definition in the latter is "constituting an exception to a rule," and illustrations of its use are given from Erskine May's "Constitutional History of England," and Herbert Spencer's "Inductions of Biology."

The word is in very common use.
Yours fraternally,

THOS. FENN.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am pleased to see that the Alexandra Palace has been again chosen for the Festival of the Boys' School, and I have no doubt that this time Bro. Binckes with his characteristic forethought has arranged that his visitors shall not be mulcted in the additional shilling entrance fee. As they do not go there to see the palace I see no reason why the dinner ticket should not include the entrance fee.

Yours fraternally,
P.M.

OLD MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In your paper of the 17th May, I see there is a letter from Bro. John Coombe upon the ages of Masons, and names Bro. Norris as the oldest Mason.

I now hold in my hand a certificate of baptism of Bro. R. Knight, born Aug. 8th, 1790, Dover. I have also before me his certificate of Masonry of the Lodge of St. John, No. 15, in Dublin, dated the 11th January, 1811. Bro. Knight was many years Tyler of lodge here, 119, Peace and Harmony, the lodge in which I am a member.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
C. BEECHING.

A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Will you kindly give space to the following for the information of charitable brethren.

A man, giving the name of J. E. Wharton, was relieved on Whit-Monday by St. David's, 384. He stated that he was a member of St. Matthew, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber, and that his certificate was in custody of a Jew in London along with a life policy, in consideration of which he had £5 more on the policy; that he was a landscape painter on his way to Aberystwyth. He was a man of about 35 years of age, and 5ft. 9in., and appeared as if he had been in training by the red's or the invisible greens.

He was very shabbily dressed—a small-brimmed round hat, short coat, trousers with a large patch on. (Should he see this paragraph I hope he will amend his ways and consider his l—c—, as much as he did the part of his trousers.)

I wrote for information to one of the officers of St. Matthew, No. 1447, giving a description of the man, and received the following reply:—* * * * "There is no person of the name of Wharton, a member of our lodge, or any person answering the description of the "Landscape

Painter," whom you have relieved, neither has there ever been a person of that name a member. He is evidently an impostor, and the sooner he is treated as a common vagrant the better."

There was a caution sent to us from a neighbouring lodge about nine days previous of a "cadging Mason giving the name of S—x—n, dressed superior sailor fashion; had been abroad."

Our old friend Watson, from Perth, made an appearance in his usual vagabondish style with that prominent part of the face being patched up with diachylum. He was this time minus his illuminated parchment.

It seems that there are many who don't deserve the name of brethren "abroad" just now.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
ONE THAT RELIEVED.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I venture to correct an error in your impression of last week with regard to the music performed at the Grand Mark Lodge banquet. The four choirister boys are members of Bro. Stedman's choir, and not of Westminster Abbey.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,
EDWIN M. LOTT, Grand Organist.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CAGLIOSTRO.

In a book of the well-known Bonneville, published in French, at London, in 1788, called "Mémète," &c., at page 94, appears the following advertisement by Cagliostro, which Bonneville professes to have taken in its "ipsissima verba," from the *Morning Herald*, for Tuesday, November the 2nd, 1786:—

"To all true Masons in the name of
9. 5. 8. 14. 20. 1. 8. 9. 5. 18. 20. 18.
J. E. H. O. V. A. H. J. E. S. U. S.
The time is at hand when the building of the new temple, or new Jerusalem

3. 8. 20. 17. 8.
C. H. U. R. H.

must begin; this is to invite all true Masons in London to join in the name of

9. 5. 18. 20. 18.
J. E. S. U. S.

the only one in whom is a divine
19. 17. 9. 13. 9. 19 23.
T. R. I. N. I. T. Y.

to meet to-morrow evening, the 3rd instant, 1786, or 1590, at nine o'clock, at Reilly's, Great Queen-street, to lay a place for the laying of the first stone of the true

3. 18. 20. 17. 8.
C. H. U. R. H.

in this visible world, being the national representative temple of the spiritual

9. 5. 17. 20. 18. 1. 11. 5. 12.
J. E. R. U. S. A. L. E. M.

A Mason and member of the new
3. 8. 30. 17. 1.
C. H. U. R. H."

I wish to know whether any other brother has met with this cypher, and can corroborate this decyphering, and also can explain this apparent connection of Cagliostro with Swedenborgianism.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534, (London.)
No. 534 was warranted on 28th August, 1846 (then 778), with permission from the M.W.G.M. for its members to wear the Polish White Eagle at all Masonic meetings, and for the Master and the Immediate P.M. to be distinguished by the "Commanders' white Eagle."

"The jewel of the snow white Eagle, with wings spread heavenward, represents the national bird of Poland, which is understood to be "The token of honour and of steady resistance unto death to oppressors of liberty;" its wings symbolically reminding the brethren of the undying spirit of freedom and of love and charity to all men, irrespective of their nationality or creed. The Eagle as the kingly-bird, while it is a symbol of power, is intended to incite all who wear the decoration to soar superior to low passions or selfish motives.

The distinctive ribbon is of blue and black; the "Commander's white Eagle" being a similar jewel, only worn attached to a neck ribbon by a "Royal Crown" of gold.

The Master on his installation is invested with one of the latter decorations, on which are engraved the names of the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, D.G.M., in appreciation of the favours conferred on the lodge by the former, who granted the warrant, and the latter, who presided at its consecration.—From W. J. HUGHAN'S *Masonic Register*.

JUBILEE MEDALS (1868-78).

The medal for No. 356 was issued in 1868 to the Harmonic Lodge, St. Thomas' Island, Jamaica, it having been warranted in 1818 as No. 708. In 1832 the number was altered to 458, and from 1863 it has been 356.

The second jubilee medal was granted in 1878 to the Australian Lodge, No. 390, and held at Sydney, New South Wales, the lodge having been chartered in 1828, and was known as No. 820, until in 1832 it was changed to 548, and in 1863 to its present number.

These are the only two of the kind, and so far such jubilee commemorations have been confined to lodges assembling abroad.—From W. J. HUGHAN'S *Masonic Register*.

LODGE JEWELS OF GOLD.

There are but two lodges permitted to have gold (or silver gilt) jewels of office, viz., the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, alluded to at page 42, and the British Lodge, No. 8, Freemasons' Hall, London. The latter was chartered 19th January, 1721-2, and was changed from 6 to 5 in 1740, to 4 in 1756, and to 8 after the union of December, 1813, its present number. We are not aware why such a distinction was conferred upon the lodge, and though dating from so early a period it does not appear to have any other special privileges; it being absent from any of the foregoing lists, and is not represented in the roll of twenty-six special centenary jewel warrants granted from 1861 to 1866.—From W. J. HUGHAN'S *Masonic Register*.

PRESTON, WILLIAM.—Was born 1742, and died in 1818. He was originally a printer. When he was initiated is not clear; it has been said, at a lodge which met at the White Hart, in the Strand, in 1760, under an Athol warrant. He seems to have belonged to several lodges under the moderns, and at last joined the famous Antiquity Lodge. He was Deputy Grand Secretary under Bro. Heseltine, and is said to have prepared the "History of Remarkable Occurrences." He resigned this office probably in 1779, when an unfortunate dispute arose between Grand Lodge and the Antiquity Lodge. During the next ten years he remained out of the Grand Lodge, and applied to the Grand Lodge of York for a warrant to form a Grand Lodge south of the Trent. Such a warrant was granted, though, of course, "extra vires," and officers were appointed. In 1787, however, a reconciliation was happily made, and Wm. Preston, who had been expelled from Grand Lodge, hastily and unjustly, as we think now, was restored to his former honours, and the Grand Lodge south of the Trent came to an end. In 1787 he founded the Order of Harodim—a somewhat doubtful proceeding. His famous "Illustrations of Masonry" were first published in a modest volume in 1772. The second edition was issued in 1775; and before his death he had seen no less than nine editions, and some say twelve. Several editions of his famous work have been published in America and Germany. He may be fairly called the father of Masonic history, and his work will always be a standard work for Masons. He was a painstaking and accurate writer; and though we have access to MSS. which he never saw, yet on the whole his original view of Masonic history remains correct. It is, in fact, essentially the guild theory of Anderson. He died in 1818, as we said before, and is buried in St. Paul's. The name of Wm. Preston will always be greatly honoured among Freemasons.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, and General Communication of the Freemasons of that province, was held on the 10th inst., at Fowey. The attendance of brethren was very numerous. Among the officers present were R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M.; W. Bros. Colonel Peard, P.P.G.S.W., D.P.G.M., pro tem.; J. F. Penrose, P.G.S.W.; Sir Charles B. G. Sawle, Bart., P.P.G.S.W., P.G.J.W., pro tem.; the Rev. F. J. Wintle, rector of Beer Ferris, and the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, rector of Lamorran, P.G. Chaps.; W. Tweedy, P.G. Treas.; T. B. Williams, P.G. Reg.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; John Crang, P.G.S.D.; E. M. Cock, P.G.J.D.; W. Tonkin, P.G.S. Works; J. Hugill, P.G.D.C.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.G.A.D.C.; R. R. Rodd, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Chirgwin, P.P.G.S.W.; J. C. Stephens, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Geach, P.P.G.J.W.; E. D. Anderson, P.P.G.J.W.; Geo. Kerswill, P.P.G.J.W.; A. A. Davis, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, rector of Mawgan, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. E. J. Treffry, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. A. H. Ferris, vicar of Charlestown, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, vicar of St. Stephens-by-Launceston; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; J. P. Smith, P.P.G.S.D.; W. F. Newman, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Bickford, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Cardew, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Levin, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Bale, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aiken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks. (Devon); R. A. Courtney, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Guy, P.P.G.D.C.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Cooper, P.P.G.A.D.C. Devon; J. W. Chegwidde, P.P.G.D.C.; J. B. Kerswill, P.P.G.D.S.B.; W. E. Michell, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; R. H. Heath, P.P.G.O.; A. J. White, P.P.G.O.; George Barnes, P.P.G. Purs.; W. Rooks, P.G.A. Purs.; T. Hawken, P.G. St.; John Stephens, P.P.G. St.; W. N. Abbott, P.P.G. St.; R. Coath, P.G. St.; John Dennis, P.P.G. St.; P. Giles, P.P.G. St.; J. Q. James, P.G. St.; W. Lean, P.P.G. Tyler; C. Thore, P.M. 1151; W. Loye, P.M. 496; H. S. Hill, W.M. 223; J. Jeffery, P.M. 318; W. Rowe, I.P.M. 330; T. Heath, W.M. 1136; J. W. Collins, P.M. 1136; George Darke, P.M. 1136; J. H. Sampson, W.M. 131; J. Beaglehole, I.P.M. 510; W. Nettle, W.M. 510; E. S. Angove, P.M. 580; H. Tilly, P.M. 75; J. R. Bishop, P.M. 970; F. Parkyn, P.M. 856; T. Hicks, P.M. 1529; J. Creber, P.M. 1164; J. Crossman, P.M. 970; I. Dawe, P.M. 970; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 159; E. Scantlebury, P.M. 856; J. Burt, P.M. 856; T. Michell, P.M. 1006; J. Hooper, P.M. 699; N. H. Laneb, P.M. 977; C. Parsons, W.M. 789; W. Mason, P.M. 496; J. Oliver, P.M. 1138; C. Stevens, W.M. 1138; W. Harris, P.M. 1138; W. H. L. Clark, W.M. 1071; W. F. Sharp, P.M. 331; R. Adams, W.M. 330; A. C. Sandoe, P.M. 330; W. H. Kinsman, I.P.M. 121; W. Giles, P.M. 496; A. B. Cheves, W.M. 803; W. Cawse, P.M. 803; J. Tregaskis, W.M. 1151; W. Bartlett, P.M. 856; W. J. Harris, P.M. 803; J. T. Brooking, P.M. 1071; F. S. Hawke, W.M. 1164; J. H. Ferris, W.M. 331; A. F. McMath, P.M. 352, Ireland; A. Percy Davis, W.M. 917; W. F. Creber, P.M. 1164; R. H. Shapcott, P.M. 970; H. De Legh, M. 856; J. G. Henwood, W.M. 970;

W. P. Smith, I.P.M. 856; H. H. Trevithick, W.M. 450; A. J. White, P.M. 856; W. H. Collins, P.M. 856; J. Polkinghorne, P.M. 1151; P. B. Clemens, P.M. 954; S. Sara, W.M. 967; John Richards, W.M. 557; T. J. Smith, P.M. 496; T. H. Lukes, P.M. 496; E. Edwards, P.M. 131; J. T. Williams, I.P.M. 557; Bros. G. Cassell, S.W. 1136; G. W. Spear, J.W. 1136; W. Stevens, S.D. 1136; O. Colmer, J.W. 510; J. W. Millyard, S.W. 1544; W. Bailey, J.W. 1544; C. Farrell, P.S.W. 496; J. Pryor, J.W. 1006; R. Rodda, J.W. 589; J. Estlick, S.D. 699; W. Andrew, S.D. 789; R. Martyn, S.W. 1528; H. Martin, S.W. 1138; R. Vercoe, J.W. 330; J. G. Vincent, S.W. 330; A. Luke, J.W. 977; A. B. Hutchings, S.W. 893; J. S. Rundle, S.W. 1151; J. Harris, S.W. 510; J. Lovell, jun., J.W. 121; A. O. Michell, S.W. 121; R. Pearce, S.W. 1071; J. Pearce, J.W. 1071; J. Gatty, I.G. 330; R. Q. Betty, I.G. 1164; F. John, S.W. 1164; R. Steer, S.D. 1164; G. Bray, I.G. 1529; W. Quick, P.S.D. 450; Jno. Parkyn, I.G. 1151; Jno. Best, Sec. 1529; T. Crapp, J.D. 1529; C. Kemp, S.D. 1151; J. Bassett, J.W. 116; R. E. Pearce, Sec. 1151; F. Smelling, S.D. 1329; W. Stephens, J.D. 1136; R. Parker, S.W. 557; W. C. Cuddeford, 156; S. R. Hayes, 105.

The Grand Lodge first assembled at Lostwithiel, where a Masonic lodge, the St. Matthew's, was established in 1861. In unison with the general body of the Masonic lodges in England, the St. Matthew's has entertained a desire to possess its own private lodge rooms, and that wish has at length been gratified by obtaining permission to convert part of the old Duchy Palace, recently occupied as Duchy offices, which are now removed elsewhere, into the requisite suite of rooms. The Duchy Palace is a venerable edifice, full of interest to the archaeologist. It is supposed to have been erected about the middle of the thirteenth century as a residence for the earls and dukes of Cornwall, who, for the convenience offered by the river Fowey, then spelt Foy-hud, moved there from Restormel Castle, which had been their previous abode, another interesting ruin, still standing on an adjacent hill. The walls of the part of the palace appropriated have been thoroughly repaired. In places where they were built with earth-mortar the work has been pulled down and rebuilt in blue lias lime. The rest of the exterior has been repointed, and the buttresses, which were much disfigured, repaired, and, in some cases, rebuilt. A porch has been built on the east elevation for the entrance to the rooms. A fine pointed arch of Pentewan stone and its door, that stood on the south end of the palace, have been removed to form part of the entrance porch. A new staircase has been built where the original stone steps stood; but the width of the stairs has been reduced to allow of a candidates' room being built on the north side. The principal apartment obtained by the conversion being a lodge-room of dimensions in excess of the wants of the lodge, it has been divided into two rooms by a moveable partition. The outer apartment thus obtained has been appropriated to the use of country brethren for the writing of letters, &c. Beneath the rooms are large vaults in the basement. The strength of the old building is shewn by the footings, which are in courses nine feet wide, and the ground floor is laid on an arch five feet thick at the springing and three feet thick at the corner. In order to get more light one of the old windows, which had been long since blocked up, has been re-opened and glazed with coloured glass in Masonic designs. New principals have been put to the roof. A fine piece of carving, on the north elevation, of the ancient arms of Cornwall in Pentewan stone, has also gone under a process of restoration. The architect of the restorations has been W. Bro. W. P. Smith, P.M. of the St. Matthew's Lodge, who has been ably supported by an efficient Building Committee of the brethren. The dedication of this converted part of the palace to the purposes of Masonry was the cause of the brethren first assembling at Lostwithiel. After a breakfast at the Talbot Hotel, of which over 100 of the brethren partook, the Provincial Grand Lodge walked in procession to the Duchy Palace, where the dedication was very impressively performed by the R.W. Bro. the P.G.M., supported by his officers. The musical portion of the service was rendered by a choir of Bros. Hocking, Kistler, Sims, and Rodda, under the direction of Bro. R. H. Heath, P.P.G.O.

The Secretary of the lodge, in explaining to the P.G.M. the manner in which the lodge had at length obtained the present building the R.W. brother was called upon to dedicate, stated that the minutes of the lodge showed that from the very first meeting of the lodge after its consecration an arrangement with the Duchy had been attempted to be carried out to rent the Duchy Palace. The negotiations had, however, failed until now, when with the generous offer of assistance made by the P.G.M., his earnest appeals at provincial meetings, coupled with the energy and perseverance of the I.P.M., Bro. Smith, the object had been obtained. The gross value of the work was about £600, towards which sixty mortgage debentures of £5 each had been issued; about £260 had been raised by voluntary contributions from the brethren and a few friends, and with a grant from the lodge funds a debt on the building of about £40 had been left. In obtaining that ancient and interesting building the lodge had not practically increased its expenses. The sixty debentures had been taken by the brethren at the low rate of 3 per cent, per annum, and with rent received for the commodious vaults underneath the rooms, the lodge was in about the same position financially as when at the hotel, whilst the fact of having such a noble lodge was inducing many to join the Order who would not have done so had the lodge continued to meet at the hotel. The ultimate trust of the building after the debt was removed was vested in his lordship as P.G.M. for the province.

At the close of the dedication the brethren proceeded in procession to the railway station, and were conveyed by a special train to Fowey.

There the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W. the P.G.M. at the Working Men's Institute, a handsome and convenient building, recently erected by the townsfolk on the Town Quay, much to the credit of Fowey.

The arrangements for the reception of the Grand Lodge were carried out by the local lodge of that port, the Fowey Lodge, No. 977.

The P.G.M. said he felt sure of the sympathy and great regret felt by the brethren with him at the sad loss of their D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, and he suggested that a vote of condolence should be conveyed to Lady Williams at the sad event.

A unanimous expression of the heartfelt approval of the brethren of his lordship's suggestion was exhibited.

The P.G.M. also stated that the portrait of their late P.G.M., Bro. Augustus Smith, presented by them to Mr. Dorrien-Smith as a memorial of the respect in which his uncle had been held by the brethren of the province, had reached that gentleman, and he read two letters from Mr. Dorrien-Smith, acknowledging the kindness and expressing his gratification at the kind remembrance in which the memory of his uncle was held by the brethren.

The P.G. Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £104 10s. 6d., about the same sum as was in hand at the close of the previous year. The Secretary's report stated the number of lodges in the province to be 28. During the past year the number of initiations has been 110, joining members 33, members from previous year 1497, total 1640; against for 1878—number of initiations 149, joining members 47, members 1480, total 1676; decrease during the year 36. During the past year the returns of the attendance of P.M.'s of the various lodges eligible for office had come in much better than heretofore, but three lodges had omitted to fulfil that duty, the performance of which was essential in order to allow the merits of any brethren of the lodges to come before the P.G.M.

Both reports were received and adopted.

The brethren then proceeded in procession, with bands playing and banners displayed, to Fowey Church to attend Divine service. That noble edifice, a fine specimen of the decorated gothic, rebuilt in 1466, and recently restored at an expense of £5000, was crowded. W. Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen preached from John, chap. 13, v. 35. The discourse was an eloquent dissertation on brotherly love. At the close of the service there was a collection of £13 2s. 4d. From the church the brethren returned in procession to the institute, where business was resumed.

The report of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund showed donations and subscriptions for 1879 £149 17s., against £164 4s. 6d. for 1878, a decrease of £14 7s. 6d., which principally arose from the decease of the late D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, who was a liberal contributor. Balance in hand, up to December, 31st, 1878, £165 10s. 9d., receipts from interest on stock and bonds £58 14s. 7d., total £374 5s. 4d.; outlay £208 1s. 3d.; balance in hand £166 4s. 1d. During the past year there had been four annuitants, each receiving £20 a year, and two children in receipt of educational grants of £15 a year each. One of the latter now ceased to be paid, the time for which the payment was voted having expired. Petitions for relief had been received from a brother of the Phoenix Lodge, Truro, and a brother of the Cornubia Lodge, Hayle. Also a petition for an educational grant to a child of Bro. Thomas Barrett, deceased, formerly of the St. Anne Lodge, Looe. The voting on each of those petitions took place that day. Since the last annual meeting the capital account had increased £96 18s. 1d. By the lamented death of the R.W. Bro. Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., the number of trustees was reduced to three, and under Rule 6 of the lodge bye-laws it was necessary to appoint additional trustees at that meeting.

The report was received and adopted, and W. Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., was elected a trustee of the fund.

The annual report from Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. and P.P.G. Sec., respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the province, was read. (Bro. Hughan was unable to attend.) The failure in obtaining the election of the candidate from Fowey to the Girls' School, it stated, had arisen from the boys' votes not being exchangeable on the day of election, an unusual circumstance. It was, however, hoped that the province would be successful in October. It recommended votes of twenty guineas each to the Girls' School, and Aged Freemasons' Institution. Bro. Hughan concluded by submitting the resignation of his office of managing the votes. After services of ten years, he said, he should esteem it a favour to be relieved.

The report was received and adopted. The resignation of Bro. Hughan was unanimously disapproved of, and the matter was left with the P.G.M. to endeavour to reconcile the brother to a further service.

The voting on the proposed grants resulted in a vote of £15 per annum for five years to the son of Bro. Barrett, and £10 to the brother of No. 331.

W. Bro. Emra Holmes brought forward his proposition to appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions towards the erection of the proposed Truro Cathedral; Devon to be invited to assist, and the money to be expended in some feature of the cathedral to be a lasting memorial of the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall. He shewed that similar steps had been carried out by the Freemasons in several other provinces.

W. Bro. John Thomas rose to propose an amendment, and there appearing to be sufficient opposition to the measure to lead to a long discussion, at the recommendation of the P.G.M. the matter was for the present postponed.

Bro. Holmes gave notice that he should revive the proposition at the next annual meeting, and hoped, for the

credit of the province, that it would be continued to be urged until it was carried.

On the proposition of Bro. T. Geach, £50 was voted to the assistance of a worthy brother, a P.P.S.G.W., now nearly eighty years of age, who had been reduced to straitened circumstances. Twenty guineas each were voted to the Masonic Girls' School and to the Aged Freemasons' Institution. Twenty-five guineas were voted to the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund," and the following officers appointed to the management of the fund for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. W. Tweedy, Treas.; T. Chirgwin, Sec.; J. C. R. Crewes, Asst. Sec.; Wilson L. Fox, No. 75, and G. S. Bray, 599, Auditors.

W. Bro. W. Tweedy was unanimously re-elected as the Prov. G. Treas. The P.G.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—R.W. Bro. Col. J. W. Peard, D.P.G.M.; W. Bros. T. Hawken, 330, S.W.; A. Elford, 977, J.W.; the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, 699, and the Rev. E. S. T. Daunt, Chaps.; W. Tweedy, 331, Treas.; H. Tilly, 75, Reg.; E. T. Carlyon, 331, Sec.; R. A. Courtney, 510, S.D.; John Dennis, 330, J.D.; W. P. Smith, 856, S. Wks.; W. Rowe, 330, D.C.; J. Jeffery, jun., 318, A.D.C.; T. B. Williams, 977, S.B.; James Lovell, 121, O.; H. Trembath, 318, G. Purs.; W. Rooks, 131, A. Purs.; Stewards: J. Bishop, 970; H. H. Kidd, 856; W. Cawse, 893; E. S. Angove, 129; E. Edwards, 131; and J. Hooper, 699. Bro. Beale, P.G. Tyler. W. Bros. J. F. Childs, T. Chirgwin, W. Tweedy, E. T. Carlyon, and F. Harvey, were appointed the Committee of Relief. The collection at church was distributed, one-fifth to vicar's charities, two-fifths to the Local Cottage Hospital, and two-fifths to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund.

A resolution was unanimously carried that "The P.G.L. of Cornwall, at this their first meeting after the death of their respected D.P.G.M., Sir F. M. Williams, Bart., desire to express their deep regret inspired by that event and their sincere sympathy with Lady Williams in her sad bereavement. The P.G.L. also express a hope that a copy of the resolution may be communicated to her ladyship."

In the evening a large number of the brethren dined together at the Town Hall. The P.G.M. presided.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY. (MEMPHIS AND MIZRAIM.)

We have been requested to publish the following:

Illustrious Brethren.—As considerable delay has taken place in the arrangements of the Order, it may be necessary to explain it as arising from the illness of the Treasurer General, (Illustrious Bro. Leather, 33°), and two Principal Officers of the Rite. The Order has to lament the death on the 8th January last, of the worthy and Illustrious Bro. Captain Charles Scott, R.N., J.P., of Strathroy, 33°, Supreme Grand Inspector General, also on the day following, Illustrious Bro. Herbert Irwin, of Bristol, 32°.

Due to these, and other untoward events, the Order has not added very considerably to its members, but has been proceeding slowly in its organisation. With the dues which the Sovereign Sanctuary have obtained, it has printed four volumes of its own, and paid the costs of certificates and similar items; hence the Illustrious Brethren will see that in the hands of our Treasurer General, the Order's Funds have been carefully used. These printed books are:—1, Constitutions—2, Public Ceremonials—3, History, (5s. 6d.) 4, Ritual of Senate (part 2), 5s. Also Chapter, Senate, Council and Mystic Temple Bye-Laws, (6d. each.) Translations have been made of several of the works of the Illustrious Bro. Jacques Et. Marconnis, 33-96°, late Grand Master of the Order; the pressing needs of the Rite are the printing of the remaining rituals in six to eight books, which will be proceeded with as the Sovereign Sanctuary is in possession of funds from the reception of candidates and other sources. The library has also acquired several most valuable additions.

The S.G.M. and Sov. Sanc. have sanctioned the conferment of the corresponding grades of the Rite of Mizraim upon our brothers, and the ritual will form a separate book.

The Mystic Temple, 32°, of Canada, has elected as Sovereign Grand Master, Illustrious Bro. George Canning Longley, 33°, with whom we are in fraternal relations. The opposition which was at one time offered to our Rite by similar associations has been withdrawn by a leading magnate of such opposing Masonic bodies, and notably by Bro. General Albert Pike, who may be considered the leading authority of all the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

On behalf of the Supreme Grand Officers, we avail ourselves of this opportunity of offering our fraternal salutations, and to request that you will furnish us with any information which may aid in the spread of the salutary principles of the Rite and its Degrees, and to beg that you will use your influence on its behalf by the organisation of working bodies, and the introduction of worthy neophytes in conformity with our Constitutions.

Fraternally yours,

BEEBY BOWMAN LABREY, 33-95°,
Grand Chancellor General, Sublime
Dai, and Grand Master of Light for
the Province of Lancashire.

P.S.—If you have any candidates to propose for the Degrees of Rose Croix (11-18°), Knight Grand Inspector (20-33), or Sub-Master of the G.W. (30-90), please forward their name, address, and Masonic rank as above, or to the immediate presiding officer of your chapter, senate, or council.

The Ascot Gold Cup was won on Thursday by Isonomy, Insulaire being second, and Touchet third.

New Zealand.

COROMANDEL LODGE (No. 456) I.C.—The annual installation of officers took place on 16th January. The Installing Master this (as last) year was Bro. Grand Secretary, W. J. Rees, P.M. 454, I.C., who came from Auckland on the occasion. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The new W.M., Bro. Andrew King, then invested his officers as follows: J. H. Harrison, I.P.M.; J. B. Hannah, S.W.; F. Woodward, J.W.; A. J. Cadman, Sec. and Treas.; W. White, S.D.; J. B. Gatland, J.D.; R. Nazer, I.G.; Charles Coghlan, Tyler. The W.M. thanked the brethren for electing such efficient officers to aid him in the government of the lodge, and sketched a plan to make the monthly meetings attractive to members. As there was, and was likely to be, a lack of new business during the year, he proposed, after the routine business on each regular meeting night was over, to resolve the lodge into a lodge of instruction, and work I. P. and R. lectures on T.B., or to have a reading from some of the numerous Masonic works in their valuable library. After receiving the congratulations of visiting brethren, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in a splendid style. After the usual Masonic toasts, Major Keddell, P.M., in responding to the toast of "The Past Masters" gave a review of the history of the lodge since the commencement, at which he was one of the founders, and had no doubt when the depression that hung over the district was removed, the prosperity of the lodge would return. A very agreeable evening was spent and enlivened by vocal and instrumental music. Bro. F. Woodward, J.W., ably presided at the piano.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Marquis of Dalhousie Chapter will be consecrated on Thursday next, at 33, Golden-square. The ceremony will be performed by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.P.S., who will be assisted by Comps. H. D. Sandeman, P.G. Superintendent Bengal, as H.; the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.A.S., as J.; and R. W. H. Giddy, P.Z., as D.C. The Principals nominate are Comps. H. Trueman Wood, M.E.Z.; Charles Cheston, H.; and Peter Lund Simmonds, J. The ceremony will commence at half-past four p.m.

Bro. Albert G. Goodall, on May 20th, delivered a lecture before Holland Lodge, of New York city, which was at once interesting, instructive, and ornate. The subject was, "Bro. Goodall's experience of Masonry in the Orient, and his researches in connection with the Eleusinian mysteries of Ancient Greece."

Miss Marion Beard announces a harp concert to take place on the 23rd inst., at 108, Lancaster-gate (the residence of Bro. J. D. Allcroft, M.P., and Mrs. Allcroft). The principal performers, in addition to herself, will be Mrs. Osgood, Mme. Liebhart, Miss Alice Fairman, Signor Urlo, Signor Vergara, Herr Ludwig, M. Albert, and Herr Oberthur.

Mr. G. R. Sims (son of Bro. G. Sims, C.C.) has just issued the first number of *One and All*, a journal of fiction and general literature. Mr. Sims has risen rapidly to his present rank in journalism, and we wish the new venture with which he is associated every success.

Bro. John Sartain, of this city, on April 8th ult., read a curious paper on "The Four Elements" before the Philadelphia College of the Rosicrucian Society, a handsomely printed copy of which paper has been laid upon our table. Ability and originality are apparent throughout this essay, which proposes not a few novel, not to say startling, doctrines; but then we suppose a Rosicrucian is nothing if not a philosopher.—*Keystone*, Philadelphia.

We are glad to announce that Sir Bartle Frere has ordered a cross to be erected in memory of Bros. Melville and Coghill on the spot where the bodies of those brave young officers were found about a week after the Isandhlwana disaster. The monument is in the form of a cross, and bears the following inscription:—In memory of Lieutenant and Adjutant Teignmouth Melville and Lieutenant Nevill J. A. Coghill, 1st Battalion 24th Regiment, who died on this spot, 22nd January, 1879, to save the Queen's colours of their regiment. On the obverse are the words: "For Queen and Country. Jesu Mercy."—*The Whitehall Review*.

On Friday evening, the 30th ult., Miss Helen Hopekirk, niece of Bro. Walter Hopekirk, who recently made her successful debut at the Crystal Palace, gave a pianoforte recital in the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Upper Norwood, in the presence of the pupils and several ladies and gentlemen. The programme comprised a "Nocturne, in A flat (Chopin)," "March from Carnival" (Schumann), "Humoresken" (Grieg), "Gavotte" (Niemann), "Kriesleriana" (Schumann), "Gavotte" (Reinecke), "Finale" (Schumann), "Nocturne in D flat (Chopin)," "Rhapsodie Hongroise" (Liszt), and "Three Mazurkas" (Chopin). Miss Hopekirk used one of Broadwood's fine grand instruments, which was in excellent tone. Her style of playing is that of a modern school, being exquisitely faultless and full of grace, the forte passages being given with considerable force, although without any apparent exertion on the part of the soloist. The beautiful "Rhapsodie," a work of no mean execution, gave a splendid opportunity for the talented artiste to display her fine abilities; and the rich composition was given in such a manner as could only result from years of study. Miss Hopekirk has certainly but few equals, and there is no doubt that during the coming summer she will meet with every possible success as a soloist.—*South London Press*.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, will take place next Wednesday afternoon, at the School House, at Wood Green. Lord Henniker, P.G.S.W. will preside.

At the last meeting of the Mariners Lodge, No. 249 at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. W. Corbett was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G Registrar, was re-elected Treasurer. The installation ceremony will be performed by Bro. Barnett the retiring W.M., at the next meeting of the Lodge.

The final meeting of the Committee of the Burdett Testimonial Fund is to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday next, at 5 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Sir Charles Bight, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, June 20, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Tav., Battersea.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bldg.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.

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 16.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
" 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

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 17.

Board of Gen. Purposes, F.M.H., at 4.
Lodge 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
" 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav.
Chap. 11, Enceh, F.M.H.
" 186, Industry, F.M.H.
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1348, Ebury, Morpeth Arms, Ponsonby-st., S.W.
Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge, 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 Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe Road.
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge of Ben evolence, at 6,
" 700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
" 1382, Corinthian, Gerge Hot., Millwall Docks.
Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.
Red Cross Constantine 15, St. Andrew's, 68, Regent-st.

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 Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
Peckham, Maimore 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 Anchor, Crowndale-rd, N.W.
Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tavern, at 8.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex.
" 1320, Blackheath, Crown Hot., Blackheath.
Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
K. T. 128, Ox. and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 20.

House Com. Boys' School, F.M.H., at 4.
Lodge 975, Rose of Denmark, White Hart Hot., Barnes
" 1118, University, F.M.H.
Chap. 92, Moira, Mansion House Restaurant.
Mark Lodge 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav., Aldersgate-st.
K. T. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND
CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 21, 1879.

MONDAY, JUNE 16.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
Eveton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
" 1570, Prince Arthur, 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms, Liscard.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
" 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
" 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
" 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
" 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
" 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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