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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—St. John's Lodge (No. 80).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Towana-road, on the 8th inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Newton. The minutes of last lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Jackson, of St. Helen's Lodge, Hartlepool, who was unanimously elected. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Smith was examined and rewarded with the test of merit; he then retired to prepare. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Smith was admitted and was made a M.M. The ceremony was gone through by the W.M. in a careful manner. The lodge was then closed, and then to the Second, and then to the First. No other business being before the lodge it was closed according to ancient custom.

GIBRALTAR.—Inhabitants Lodge (No. 153).—This lodge held their monthly meeting at Armstrong's Buildings on Monday, the 8th inst., which went off with that perfect calm so proverbial of this lodge. After the lodge business was over (which consisted of raising Bro. Rumbo, and some other minor matters) the brethren adjourned to their commodious refreshment rooms, when, after supper, the usual loyal toasts having been eloquently proposed, and heartily responded to, Bro. Johnson, the W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, in responding to the toast of his health and lodge in a characteristic speech, spoke in terse language of the bright features of Masonry, and its influence for good, pithily remarking that the name of his lodge, Friendship, was no stereotyped phrase, meaning nothing, but the name they were known by was simply a reflection of their inward feelings towards all their Masonic brethren. "The Health of their newly-raised Brother" was proposed by the W.M., who, while complimenting Bro. Rumbo on the marked attention he had paid to the ceremony, trusted the impression made on his mind that night would tend in some measure to enhance his temporal and spiritual welfare. Bro. Rumbo, who was powerfully affected, feelingly responded, intimating that Masonry possessed for him so many charms that he felt sure his infatuation would increase, and he only hoped that he might be enabled in the long future to add his quota to the edification of the "Holy Temple." After some minor toasts Bro. Armstrong proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a speech redolent of interest, and amidst the rapt attention of the lodge, attributing its present success mainly to his efforts, shewing how by his urbanity of manner, and Masonic zeal and ability, he had during the last three years assisted most materially Bros. Cunningham, Armstrong, White, and others in bringing the lodge almost to a "climax" of perfection, as amply testified by the crowded state of the rooms on all occasions. Bro. Bacon, in responding with characteristic modesty, disclaimed meriting the encomiums which Bro. Armstrong had showered upon him, attributing his success in a great measure to the ability of his officers, and promised that while the G.A.O.T.U. gave him health, his efforts would be unabated for the good of Masonry. After some excellent songs from that good friend of Masonry, Bro. W. T. Cottrell, and Bros. Lane, Williams, and Dr. Gago, the evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, an evening the solemnity of which we feel gave all an impression which will not easily be eradicated.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners Lodge (No. 249).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this popular, prosperous, and numerous lodge is invariably an attractive one, and that which took place in connection with the recent installation of Bro. William Corbett as the W.M. for the coming year was no exception to the general rule. The brethren were summoned to attend at

the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, at half-past two o'clock, and shortly after the appointed time the lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Frederick Barnett, the retiring W.M., supported officially by Bros. John C. Robinson, I.P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., M.C., P.G.S.; the Rev. Philip Pennington, P.M.; Peter Maddox, P.M.; W. Corbett, S.W.; J. Kellett Smith, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G. Reg.; Robert Collings, Sec.; John Whalley, S.D.; H. Wynne Parry, J.D.; Wm. H. Vernon, I.G.; Alfred D. Ewart, Org.; J. J. naway, Steward; Morris Davies, Steward; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Wilson, B. J. Parry, John Harries, John Smith, J. Messenger, J. P. Jones, H. Hyman, James Travis, Thos. Hawkins, R. Bradley, J. Whittall, A. Barnard, N. Cohen, M. Thornton, Jas. Chisnall, John Williams, Henry J. Pye, Joseph Wood, J. Crebbin, A. Draper, M. Howarth, G. C. Beecham, T. Grindall, D. Cangle, J. Nicholas, J. N. Pendleton, R. Thompson, Phillip Stern, J. Baines, Samuel Johnson, Wm. Hazell, Thomas Joseph, Rd. Fitzgerald, J. Sykes, John Molloy, Peter Ball, T. Poyzer, D. Oliphant, J. H. Walker, Wm. Pye, James Roberts, Alfred Samuel, W. Smith, M. Goldstone, W. Sambrook, Robt. Thomas, J. Hyams, Walter Lethian, and Thos. Haliburton. The visitors included Bros. Thos. Wigham, 1400; John Pemberton, P.G. Supt. of Wks., P.M. 1264; Edward Griffiths, 1473; J. Fredk. Keeley, P.M. 1054 and 1161; Archd. Gilfillan, 1393; J. R. Bottomley, W.M. 1675; H. S. Alpess, Prov. G. Sec.; J. T. Callow, Prov. G. Treas., P.M. 673 and 1505; S. Schonstadt, W.M. 1502; J. Busfield, 1299 and 216; John Hill, 1609; J. Archdeacon, 667; and John G. Gough, 1609. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Corbett was presented by Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., Treasurer, P.P.G. Registrar, and Bro. John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S., the ceremony of installation being most impressively performed by Bro. F. Barnett. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and M.M.'s were re-admitted. The lodge was afterwards closed down to the Second and then to the First Degrees, and Bro. Corbett was duly saluted and proclaimed in each. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers for 1879-80 as follows:—Bros. F. Barnett, I.P.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M., D.C.; J. Whalley, S.W.; H. W. Parry, J.W.; Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M. and Treasurer (re-elected); R. Collings, Secretary; W. H. Vernon, S.D.; J. Jennaway, J.D.; Morris Davies, I.G.; A. B. Ewart, Organist; T. Joseph, D. W. Caughey, and Mark Howarth, Stewards; W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. A beautiful P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M., who in a few hearty words expressed the good feeling of the lodge towards him. After several propositions for initiation had been made, and "Hearty good wishes" from the various representatives of sister lodges, the brethren dined in the banqueting-room, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the music being efficiently rendered by Bros. Busfield (216), Hill (1609), and Gilfillan, under the able direction of Bro. Ewart. The banquet was provided by Bro. Vines, P.P.G. D.C., in his well-known excellent manner. After the cloth was removed the first toast of the evening, "The Health of the Queen," was given by Bro. Corbett, W.M., who said that this was a toast always most loyally and enthusiastically received by Masons who met together at the festive board. This enthusiasm and loyalty were only right, for it was well known to all that the Queen was a lover of the Craft; she was also the daughter of a Mason, and her claim to their love was enhanced by the fact that she had three sons Masons. The toast was received with musical honours. The toasts of "The M.W.G.M." and "The Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire and his Officers," were also cordially honoured. Bro. H. S. Alpess, P.G. Sec., in responding to the latter toast, said he was glad to see that the funds of the Mariners Lodge were of a satisfactory kind, as there was a very handsome balance remaining after the year's working in the hands of the Treasurer. He thought that the brethren had good ground for congratulating themselves on the continued prosperity of the lodge. The toast of "The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Barnett, I.P.M., who said that he had no doubt Bro. Corbett would make a good W.M. if he attended to his Masonic duties in the future as well as he had done in the past; and each brother knew that he (the W.M.) had filled every office he had held, from Steward upwards, with credit to the lodge and honour to himself. The toast was received most enthusiastically. Bro. Corbett, W.M., in responding, said: Bro. P.M. Barnett, Past Masters, and brethren, I beg to return you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast of my health has been given and received. The majority of the brethren present know that I am a joining member of the Mariners Lodge, the lodge in which I was initiated being the Beaufort Lodge, 103, Bristol. I, therefore, esteem it a greater honour to be the Master of this lodge than I would have done had I been initiated under its banner. I came to Liverpool in October, 1873, and one of the first objects I had in view was to affiliate myself to a Masonic lodge here. But as I did not wish to become a member of a lodge which I might afterwards find to be uncongenial to my taste, I decided to visit a few lodges. Having done so, I made up my mind to cast in my lot with the Mariners if the brethren would accept me. Having become acquainted with Bro. Wood, of the *Freemason*, he suggested that I should see our worthy and esteemed Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., and it was he who proposed my name as a joining member of this lodge. I was admitted in January, 1874, and from day to this, now upwards of five years, I must bear testimony to the fact that I have met with nothing but kindness and cordiality from all the brethren. The W.M. then went on to say that he had served the offices of Steward, Deacon, and last year S.W., and now that he had been elected to the chair of W.M. he felt the great responsibilities of the honour conferred upon him. There were Past Masters present who had deservedly been good and worthy Worshipful Masters, who had conferred

honour on themselves, and given credit to the lodge—Bros. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; Rev. P. Pennington, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., P.G.S.; J. C. Robinson, P.M.; and Bro. Barnett, I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith's zeal for Freemasonry was so well known as to require no remarks from him, and he hoped that he, the W.M., would be able to follow in the footsteps of the other P.M.'s. He felt certain that although he might not be as able as his predecessors, the brethren would know that he would do his best for Masonry in general, and this lodge in particular. In conclusion he said that his best energies would be devoted as far as in him lay to make the brethren happy, so that his year of office might be harmonious and successful; and he requested the brethren to assist him in his efforts, as he felt confident they would. The toast of "The Health of the Installing Master" was given by Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., who said that he was very much pleased to have to give this toast, as until recently he might have called himself the perpetual Installing Master of the Mariners Lodge. Bro. Hayes, P.M., four years ago was able to give it, and had assisted him, and given the ceremony himself. Now they had Bro. Barnett, who had just vacated the W.M.'s chair—he, in the best manner that he had seen for the first time of giving it, had given his successor the benefit of the installation ceremony. That was as it should be. He thought every W.M. ought to be qualified to give that ceremony to his successor, and he was therefore pleased to see Bro. Barnett, I.P.M., give it that day with such credit to himself. As the W.M. had justly said, if he should be as successful a W.M. as the Installing Master had been he might be thankful. Bro. Barnett responded in suitable terms, and after the proposition of several other toasts the pleasant proceedings came to a close.

SANDGATE.—Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. A. Keeler, W.M.; T. J. Pulley, S.W.; J. Caudell, J.W.; R. B. Jenner, P.M., Treas.; C. Gosby, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; B. Simmonds, as S.D.; H. Brett, as J.W.; A. Petts, I.G.; G. Butcher, Tyler; and Bros. R. White, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Slack, P.M.; Pugh, Hitching, Duncan, Steward, Jordan, Shackleton, Bray, Woods, Kenneth, Crumplin, Patterson, and others. There were also present a large assemblage of visiting brethren, amongst whom we observed the following viz.: Bros. R. Woods, P.M. 51, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; R. Eve, P.M. 395, 650, 723, P.P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; A. Cooley, P.M. 20, 972, 1449, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; H. Hacker, P.M. 723, 1714, P.P.G.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; T. Benham, P.M. 723, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. W. Homann, D.C. 59; T. J. Rubie, W.M. 125; Amos, 125; G. Rendall, 160; Elms, 199; J. Dolbear, 240; E. J. Sears, W.M. 299; W. G. Bayliss, 315; Klatt, W.M. 558; W. Hoad, 558; Evenden, 558; Jones, 558; J. M. Dormor, S.D. 340; J. Brothers, W.M. 709; H. Bolton, 179; J. C. R. Glasspool, 723; F. H. Cozens, 909 Org.; J. Abbott, 1331; J. Dennison, 1424; G. Noakes, P.M. 1532; E. Nichols, 1714, Treas.; and others. The ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted at a lodge of emergency convened for that purpose on the previous Monday. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous regular lodge and the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The lodge was then advanced to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect, Bro. T. J. Pulley, having been duly presented, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. White, P.M. 1331, P.P.G.P. Hants and Isle of Wight, a large Board of Installed Masters being in attendance. The W.M. having been duly saluted, proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. A. Keeler, I.P.M.; J. Caudell, S.W.; B. Simmonds, J.W.; R. B. Jenner, P.M., Treas.; C. Gosby, P.M., Sec.; H. Brett, S.D.; A. Petts, J.D.; W. Steward, D. of C.; H. Clark, I.G.; J. Bray and H. Jordan, Stwds.; G. Butcher, Tyler. Other business being transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed from the various lodges represented, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren, about sixty in number, adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Watts, at the Royal Kent Hotel. The table was laid in a spacious marquee on the lawn in the rear of the hotel and immediately facing the sea, and was beautifully decorated, the walls being lined with banners of all descriptions. The floral decorations were especially admired and displayed exquisite taste in their arrangement. The banquet was excellent in every respect, and was accompanied by the performance of a first class selection of music by the Folkestone String Band, which was stationed outside the marquee. The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings enlivened by the excellent singing of Bro. F. H. Cozens and other brethren.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., and will long be remembered by the brethren as a sad reverse to their usual custom at this time of installing a new W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Joseph Ebbs, then S.W., was unanimously elected in May last to occupy that position, but the G.A.O.T.U. willed it otherwise, and the highly respected brother passed away to those blest mansions before such honour on earth could be paid to him, and with the sincere hope of a brighter throne elsewhere. The W.M., Bro. G. Tidcombe, feelingly alluded to their great loss, and unanimous was the vote of condolence to the widow and family. The lodge was opened at 3.50, and after confirming the minutes of the previous regular meeting and the audit meeting (excepting that portion of the election of W.M.), Bros. Bamford and Puckett were passed by P.M. Vincent to the Second Degree, after having shown themselves efficient for such ceremony. Mr. William Marshall was also accepted on the ballot to be initiated on a future occasion. Other business having been disposed of, the election of another W.M. was pro-

claimed, with the choice falling unanimously on Bro. William Shury Marshall, J.W., the installation to take place in August next. The unfortunate circumstance above will noted necessitate the bye-law being altered, and the installation meeting being held in August, which was agreed to be recommended to the Prov. G.M. for his approval. Bro. Secretary, in memory of their departed brother, having read a Masonic charge applicable to the occasion, the lodge closed in peace and harmony at 5.40, the usual musical banquet being dispensed with.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The companions present were Comps. T. C. Chapman, M.E.Z.; George Kenning, P.Z.; Geo. Newman, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; C. Arkell, S.E.; E. F. Storr, S.N.; C. R. Cheese, P.S.; J. Lorkin, 1st Asst.; T. Cohu, 2nd Asst.; G. J. Potter, Chas. Lorkin, Wilson Medwin, Ewins, Bravo, Kent, Cann, and others. The visitors were T. J. Holland, 141; L. W. Carnell, 1216; G. Everett, 1381; H. D'Arcy, John Gale, and H. Mackintosh. The chapter was opened in ancient form, and Comp. Birdseye, in the 1st Principal's chair, assisted by Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, as H., and Chapman, as J., duly exalted the following to Holy Royal Arch Masonry, viz., Bros. John Taylor and H. Carnell. Before finally closing the chapter, Comp. Chapman, M.E.Z., referred with great feeling to the death of Comp. G. Phythian, J. The subject was one that brought forth the heartfelt feelings of sympathy of several other companions to whom the deceased was greatly endeared. A vote of condolence was naturally proposed, and carried nem. con.

WHITEHAVEN.—Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter (No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven, on Friday, the 18th inst. The members who signed their names in the Janitor's book were Comps. W. Sandwith, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; John Barr, P.Z.; E. Fearon, P.Z.; W. F. Lamony, H. (Freemason); E. Tyson, J.; J. Rothery, S.E.; T. Dixon, S.N.; T. Atkinson, P.S.; J. T. Ray, 1st A.S.; J. S. Glasse, J. S. Braithwaite, T. B. Roxby, G. Dalrymple, G. T. Archibald, Jos. Wood, C. H. Hodgson, J. J. Casson, W. Jackson, and others. The chapter having been opened at seven o'clock, the remainder of the companions were admitted, and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. For once there were no candidates for exaltation—a somewhat unusual thing for this chapter. The Treasurer's statement of accounts was read by the Scribe E., showing a balance of £17 odd in favour of the chapter, and the same was unanimously adopted. The next business was the election of Principals and other officers for the ensuing twelve months. Comps. Lamony and Tyson were respectively unanimously elected to the chairs of First and Second Principals, whilst, after a contest, Comp. Atkinson, P.S., was elected Third Principal. There were also stiff contests in the balloting for the other offices, which at length were decided as follow: Comps. J. Rothery, S.E. (re-elected); T. Dixon, S.N. (re-elected); and G. Dalrymple, P.S. Comp. J. McKelvie, who has been Treasurer of the chapter since 1869, was unanimously re-elected to the office, as was also the Janitor, Comp. G. Fitzgerald. On the motion of Comp. Lamony, H., seconded by Comp. Tyson, J., the sum of five guineas was voted from the funds of the chapter for the benefit of the orphan children of a deceased companion. The chapter was then closed in solemn form.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Chapter (No. 1393).—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., the annual installation of chiefs and officers in connection with this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street. Among the companions present were Comps. J. McCarthy, Past J.; H. Jackson, Z.; R. H. Evans, P.Z., Treasurer; John Houlding, H.; Thos. Sammons, J.; W. C. Erwin, Scribe E.; Matthew Callaghan, Scribe N.; J. Pilling, A.S.; F. J. Pentin, Rev. T. J. Leslie, W. J. Henderson, J. S. Russell, P.Z. 292; F. Lomerin, W. Wilson; and amongst the visitors were Comps. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Scribe E.; Robt. Wylie, P.P.G.D.C.; Jas. T. Callow, P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Tyrer, 823, &c. The ceremony was most ably performed by the retiring First Principal, Comp. Henry Jackson, and the following were placed in the chairs: Comps. J. Houlding, Z.; T. Sammons, H.; W. Wilson, J.; W. C. Erwin, E.; M. Callaghan, N.; J. F. Pentin, P.S.; Rev. T. J. Leslie, 1st A.S.; and James Pilling, 2nd A.S. After the ceremony Bro. William King, 1620, was duly exalted into the chapter by Comp. Houlding, Z., and the ceremony was gone through in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon the chiefs and officers of the chapter. After business the companions adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent with toast, song, and kindly companionship.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Common sense, ever the best of all learning, becomes invaluable when its practice will renovate broken health and reinstate soundness, strength and vigour. Summer is the season for removing coughs, shortness of breath, wheezing, asthma, and all pulmonary diseases inflicted on the delicate and careless by our rigorous winters, and Holloway's remedies are the means of effecting a happy transition from danger to safety. After the harassed chest has been fomented with sea water, or weak brine, and dried, this Ointment should be well rubbed into the skin, both in front and behind, between the blades-bones. Holloway's Pills should be taken to correct any functional irregularity; they will make each organ conform to health's requirements. [Advrt.]

CONSECRATION of the ATLINGWORTH LODGE, NO. 1821, BRIGHTON.

The consecration of this lodge took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Thursday, the 17th inst., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, when the ceremony was performed by W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Officers and Bro. the Rev. Richard Adams, S.W. 1466, as Chaplain. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. A. King (Prov. Grand Organist Sussex), assisted by Bros. J. L. Hedges, Faulkner Leigh, Broadbridge, and W. Roe. There was a very large gathering of brethren on the occasion, including the following:—

Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex; John H. Scott, P.M. 271, Dep. G.M. Sussex; Jos. Dixon, P.P.S.G.W. Sussex; John St. Clair, Prov. J.G.W. Sussex; Rev. E. Richard Adams, S.W. 1466, acting P.G. Chap. Sussex; R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303, P.G. Treas. Sussex; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732, P.G. Sec. Sussex; Wm. Hale, P.M. 1619, P.S.G.D. Sussex; Mark Batt Tanner, M.D., P.M. 811, P.G.J.D. Sussex; C. Tomkinson, P.M. 1110, P.G.S.W. Sussex; John M. Kidd, P.M. 732, P.G.D. of C. Sussex; J. Farncombe, P.M. 311, P.G. Swd. Br. Sussex; W. T. Nell, P.M. 315, P.G.P. Sussex; Alfred King, J.D. 271, P.G. Org.; A. J. Hawkes, P.M. 315, P.G. Steward Sussex; Frank Holford, P.M. 811, P.G. Steward Sussex; F. J. Rubie, P.M. 341, P.G. Steward Sussex; G. T. Evershed, P.M. 356, P.G. Steward Sussex; Thos. Hughes, P.G. Tyler Sussex; H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; W. Kube, Past G. Org., P.M. 271, 1636; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec., P.G. Treas. Middlesex; W. T. Marriott, Past G. Steward; F. Binckes, Past G. Steward; J. Long, P.G. Steward; Thos. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, 1423, 1540, P.G.S.W. Middx.; H. G. Martin (ex-Mayor of St. Albans), P.M. 404, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; George Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex; James Eberall, P.M. 315, 1636, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex; Thos. Wood, P.M. and W.M. 1149, P.P.G.J.W. Surrey; Fredk. Walters, P.M. 73, 871 and 1309, P.P.G.J.D. Middx.; Rev. H. M. Davey, W.M. 38, P.P.G.C. Sussex; Fredk. Pownall (Lt. R.N.) P.P.G.S. of W. Kent; John M. Reed, P.M. 732, P.P.G.S.W. Sussex; T. U. Price (Mayor of Arundel), P.M. and W.M. 56, P.P.G.D. Sussex; H. C. Levander, P.M. 1415, Provincial Grand Secretary Middx., and Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes; Thos. Lainsom, P.M. 732, 811, P.P.G.S. of W. Sussex; E. Martin, P.M. 732, P.P.A.G.D. of C. Sussex; W. Kirkland, P.M. and W.M. 1110, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex; P. R. Wilkinson, P.M. 271, P.P.S.G.D. Sussex; Walter Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Swd. Br. Sussex; W. H. German, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.S.D. Sussex; Chas. G. Reed, P.M. 732, P.P. S.G.D. Sussex; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315, W.M. 1636, P.P. A.G.D. of C. Sussex; W. Marchant, P.M. 315, P.P.A.G. D. of C. Sussex; J. L. Bridgen, J.P., P.M. 732 (ex-Mayor of Brighton), P.P.G.W. Sussex; Wm. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.J.D. Sussex; H. G. Charrington, P.P.G.D. Surrey; George Kenning, P.M., &c., P.G.D. Middx.; H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 732; H. F. Hauxwell, LL.D., J.W. 732; B. Bennett, W.M. 732; Francis Daniel, Sec. 732; S. Solomon, P.M. 732; S. T. Ridley, 732; T. Rose, 732; T. Rose, jun., 732; S. H. Soper, 732; J. F. Capon, S.W. 732; C. Vaughan, 732; Faulkner Leigh, 404; G. S. Godfree, 315; S. P. Weston, 315; Thos. Chandler, 315; H. Payne, 315, and Treas. 1636; John Saxby, 315; A. Crook, 315; Geo. Nash, Sec. 315; R. J. Pope, J.W. 315; F. Willard, 315; W. Anderson, 315; H. Downard, 315; S. W. Downard, 315; S. T. Foat, P.M. 315; C. Lamb (ex-Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 315; C. N. Hudson, W.M. 315; W. T. Clarke, 315; F. J. Tillstone, 315; J. Hodges, J.D. 1706; C. J. Smith, P.M. and W.M. 1466; W. H. Cockburn, S.D. 1466; H. A. Dowell, J.W. 1466; H. E. Price, 1466; J. M. Newnham, 1636; Geo. Cole, 1636; G. L. Fenner, 1636; H. S. Gates, 1636; W. Roe, Org. 1636; W. O. Cheesman, 1636; Kempster, P.M. 1420; J. Oakham, 1420; H. Freeman, P.M. 311; S. Peters, 311; A. Holman, J.W. 311; G. Holman, 311; G. E. Chapman, 311; H. Cox, 311; C. Briscoe, 311; W. A. Butt, P.M. 56; G. Neame, 56; J. N. Stoner, P.M. 56; A. Smith, J.W. 56; P. J. Emery, 56; G. Light, P.M. 56; Stringer, 877; J. Robertson, 33; T. Hemmens, 487; J. S. Eidmans 225 (S.C.); A. Henderson, M.D. 242 (S.C.); Jno. Wood, 811; J. J. Knight, 1446; Thos. Wilkinson, W.M. 271; L. P. M. Smith, S.W. 271; Edwin Hills, 271; J. C. D'Albiac, 271; G. Campbell, 271; F. S. Smith, J.W. 271; Herman Balean, 271; Jas. Curtis, P.M. 315 and S.W. 1797; G. M. Smith, 1797; A. Taylor, P.M. 1110; M. L. Poundall, 1110; W. Newsome, 160; Henry Anscombe, 177; Maurice Hart, P.M. 1502; G. Stone, P.M. 1303; A. G. Soutter, 65; H. J. Emmerson, 40; J. G. Calway, S.D. 1619; J. G. Horsey, W.M. 1619; John Dixon, M.D., P.M. and Treas. 73; J. H. Spencer, 73; Edward Broadbridge, 73; Alfred Burroughs, 186; F. Matthews, 1766; and E.C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (Freemason).

Apologies and regrets were reported on account of non-attendance, from some of whom telegrams were received at the last minute.

R.W. Bro. Col. Burdett, P.G.W., Provincial G. Master Middlesex; W. Bros. Col. S. H. Clerke, Past Grand Deacon; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Bros. Somers Clarke (Lord of the Manor of Atlingworth); Warden Sergison, Prov. S.G.W. Sussex; Rev. Cave Brown Cave, Provincial G. Cnap. Sussex; W. G. Sharpe, Prov. Asst. G.D. of C. Sussex; E. Bright, P.M. 271, Prov. G. Steward Sussex; S. B. McWhinnie, Prov. G. Steward Sussex; H. Abbey (ex-Mayor of Brighton), W.M. 811; S. Tanner, W.M. South Saxon Lodge, 311, Lewes; W. Glenister, W.M. Derwent Lodge, 40, Hastings; Hedges, Sec. R.M. for Girls; J. A. Swansbourne, W.M. Gordon Lodge, 1726, Bognor; Lord A. W. Hill, W.M. designate Burrell, 1829, Shoreham; W. L. Wallis, W.M. Hartington Lodge, 916, East-

bourne; W. Lambourne, W.M. Abbey Lodge, 1184, Battle; E. Taylor, W.M. Mid-Sussex Lodge, 1141, Horsham; T. Milson, W.M. Wellington Lodge, 341, Rye; G. Kelly King, W.M. Southdown Lodge, 1797, Hurstpierpoint; S. W. D. Williams, M.D., W.M. Ockenden Lodge, 1465, Cuckfield; J. B. Mellison, 1636; A. H. Cox (ex-Mayor of Brighton), 732; F. J. Eyles, 315; J. C. Penfold, 315; G. Reeves Smith, 200; W. Stroudley; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, P. Prov. S.G.W. Sussex; and W. H. Hodgkin, W.M. Pelham Lodge, 1303, Lewes.

The Provincial Grand Master opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, the S.W. chair being occupied by Bro. Joseph Dixon, P.P.S.G.W., and that of the J.W. by Bro. J. St. Clair, P.M. 38, 1729, P.G.J.W.

After opening the lodge in the Three Degrees, the Prov. G. Master stated that he had received a telegram from London, which he was sorry to say would oblige him to leave shortly after 5 o'clock, and he regretted that on this account he should be unable to attend the banquet which was to follow these proceedings.

The Dep. P.G.M., Bro. Scott, having assumed the chair, said it was customary for the Presiding Officer and the Chaplain to address the brethren on their assembling together. That day, unfortunately, the P.G. Chaplain was not able to be present, but Bro. Adams had consented to fill his place, and would presently address the brethren on the nature of Freemasonry. He did not know whether Bro. Adams would tell them anything about the origin of Freemasonry; for his part he (Bro. Scott) did not know anything about that. He had practised it according to the rules of Grand Lodge for twenty-six years; but those who had studied Freemasonry had told him that it was impossible to speak of its origin with certainty. It was believed that in ancient times there was a free or travelling guild of Freemasons, who were bound together by secret signs, tokens, and words by which they were enabled to recognise just men and true, and detect cowans and intruders. They were told by the late Sir Gilbert Scott that most, if not all, the splendid structures to be found in Europe were built by Freemasons. Besides being wonderfully skilful in their art, they were men of the greatest purity of life and had a code of maxims and principles, which, if faithfully carried out, could not fail of producing a godly, righteous, and sober life. What were the duties they inculcated? They could be summed up in the words "Love to God and love to men;" for had not Christ told us "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself." They were no longer working Masons, but had learned lessons from the ancient guild which they now applied to morals only, and so became Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, separate and apart from the outside world who are not Freemasons. Those who are outside frequently said, what is the use of these foolish practices at the present time? and asserted that Freemasonry had had its day, and was dying out. Those who disliked the Craft did so on what they called religious grounds—they said that it was wicked. Freemasons lay under the ban of the Pope, and a colonial bishop also condemned them. He (the speaker) could only say that he felt sure that those who held bad opinions of Freemasonry would, if they had an opportunity of judging it fairly, find that they had formed a very erroneous opinion of the Order. But the assertion that Masonry had had its day, and was dying out, was very easily disposed of, for an institution that steadily increased year by year could not be said to have had its day. Bro. Scott stated that the Brunswick Lodge was the first lodge in Sussex that was consecrated after the revival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, and that the ceremony was performed by Bro. Hervey, who, he was sorry to learn, was prevented by the state of his health from being present on this occasion. The Brunswick Lodge had proved itself worthy of its noble emblem, for the Star of Brunswick had become a fixed star. The number of the Brunswick Lodge was 732, and the number of the lodge they were assembled to consecrate was 1821, making an increase of 1089 lodges in less than twenty-one years; they need, therefore, have no fear that the sun of Masonry is waning, but confidently look forward to go down to succeeding generations, not only undimmed but undiminished in usefulness. That it is childish to belong to Freemasonry he said was one of those specious arguments which could be applied to anything. If they were all perfect there would be no need for Freemasonry, but, unfortunately, they were but weak, erring human creatures, who required guidance, training, and discipline, and, therefore, according to their destinies, they must labour after better and truer lives, in doing which Freemasonry would enable them to become what they desired to be; for, notwithstanding the backsliding of its members, there was still that living spirit in Freemasonry which did awaken the higher aspirations of fallen creatures, and did bind the hearts of men together in a bond of fraternal union. They might, therefore, rejoice in the increase of their lodges, for every lodge was a fresh centre about which to cluster; where they might all feel called upon to erect a stately, a superb moral edifice, and by making their own lives beautiful, and doing with their might all that their hands found to do, might raise a fairer structure that had yet been seen by mortal eye, a temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. He could not conclude his remarks better than by expressing the hope that this might be the case with the Atlingworth Lodge. The members will be under the guidance of a brother who was an expert Mason, and who would right well know how to rule and guide his lodge. It must be a gratification to Bro. Sabine that he had at length established a lodge at Brighton, and that it happened to be his birthday on which it was consecrated. He was sure that all would join in wishing Bro. Sabine many happy returns of the day and prosperity to the Atlingworth Lodge.

The D.P.G.M. then called upon the Secretary to say what steps had been taken with regard to this lodge.

The Prov. G.D. of C. ranged the founders of the lodge in due order, and the Prov. G. Sec. read the petition, and the Prov. G. Reg. read the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England; whereupon the D.P.G.M. inquired whether the petitioners approved of the officers nominated in the warrant, and having been answered in the affirmative, called upon the Chaplain, Bro. Adams, to address the lodge.

Bro. Rev. Richards Adams said, that every man of sense must feel some diffidence in speaking upon a subject himself before those who know far more about it than he does. He had to speak not only to those who were older in Freemasonry than himself, but after one who had endeavoured to show the beginning of Freemasonry. Therefore he felt a certain amount of diffidence in speaking as to the nature of Freemasonry, because his hearers must know it far better than he knew it himself. He should not, however, occupy the time by many apologies, but would follow on the speech they had already heard, carrying on those remarks. Bro. Scott had defended Freemasonry in the most masterly way from the attacks made upon it; he (Bro. Adams) would endeavour to go a little further and if possible (for they could not do it altogether) carry the war into the enemy's country. He would confine himself to one fact: Freemasonry provided one of the great necessities of human nature. They had all experienced that the tendency of progress was to separate man from man. In earlier ages there was a strong feeling of clanship that bound man to his brother man, but as civilisation increased there was a tendency to sever each from the other; men passed away into different conditions of life, and different feelings; and all this parted them. There was a marked separation often existed between the different states of society, and they often saw men looking down upon others, who again looked down upon another class. They found that the duties of their common citizenship tended to divide them. Politics divided them and religion divided them. The duties, therefore, of common citizenship did not content them. He looked around him for something to unite them, and he found nothing anywhere but Freemasonry that would do it. There they found men of all positions meeting on a common ground—men who differed in religion, in politics, in position in life, in profession or occupation—they might differ in all these respects; but the grand power of Freemasonry was felt by each and all who were brought together under the aegis and banner of Freemasonry. There was one other point to which he would draw attention. They were not banded together simply to do nothing; they could not allow the world to think that they only held lodges; they could point to the effects of their union—to their glorious Masonic Charities. They were doing their duty, not only to themselves, but were providing for those who in the course of nature were unable to provide for themselves. They were not united simply in standing still but were united in marching onward in the grand path of benevolence.

At the close of the Chaplain's oration, the D.P.G.M., assisted by the other Prov. Grand Officers, performed the ceremony of consecrating the lodge, with choral accompaniments.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Sabine as first W.M. of the Atlingworth Lodge was also performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Scott; and it is only giving their simple due to all concerned in the ceremonies of consecration and installation to say that we never in any lodge have seen the work better done.

The following is the list of officers for the year designated in the warrant as appointed by the W.M.:—Bros. Henry Davey, P.M. 732, acting I.P.M.; Jas. Robertson, Britannia Lodge, 33, S.W.; H. G. Martin, P.M. 404, P.P. J.G.W. Herts, J.W.; Geo. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G.P. Sussex, Treas.; G. S. Godfree, Royal York Lodge, 315, Sec.; J. N. Stoner, P.M. 56, S.D.; W. Newsome, True Friendship Lodge, 160, J.D.; S. P. Weston, Royal York Lodge, 315, I.G.; J. M. Newnham, St. Cecilia Lodge, 1636, Chap.; S. Peters, South Saxon Lodge, 311, D. of C.; H. Ancombe, Domestic Lodge, 177, and R. Paige, Loyal of Industry Lodge, 421, Stewards; Thomas Hughes, Prov. G. Tyler Sussex, Tyler.

Before closing the lodge, Bro. Sabine proposed a vote of thanks to the Prov. G. Officers for the assistance they had given them, and that honorary membership be conferred on the R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M.; W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.; Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; and Bro. Somers Clarke (lord of the manor of Atlingworth); and the motion being seconded by the J.W., was carried unanimously.

Ten gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and two brethren as joining members.

The foundation of a benevolent fund in connection with the lodge was laid by a collection made in the lodge-room.

The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served in the Banqueting or Dragon Room. Covers were laid for 112 guests, the vice-chairs being taken on the right hand table by the S.W., Bro. James Robertson, Britannia Lodge, 33; on the left hand table by the J.W., Bro. H. G. Martin (ex-Mayor of St. Albans), P.M. 404, P. Prov. J.G.W. Herts; at the centre table by the Treasurer, Bro. G. Smith, P.M. 732, P.P.G. Purst. Sussex. When the serious business of doing justice to the excellent viands set before the brethren was accomplished, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, and the intervals between the toasts and the replies were enlivened with some admirable vocal music by the professional brethren present. Bro. Kuhe, P.G. Org. England, also favoured the company with a brilliant recital on the pianoforte.

The Chairman: Brethren, it is customary in all English gatherings that the first toast should be one of respect to the Sovereign of the country, and I have, therefore, to commence the toasts of this evening with "The Queen

and the Craft." This toast, which is always welcome, I now ask you to honour.

The Chairman: The next toast is that of "The Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," and I can assure you, from my own personal knowledge of the Prince of Wales, that though he has so many claims upon his time, he insists in signing all the warrants; that is a matter of some importance. From a knowledge of his business qualifications, which are exhibited in other matters, I wonder sometimes how His Royal Highness gets through all the business he undertakes. Since he has been Grand Master of Freemasons his example has increased the Order to a large extent; and if it continues to be what it is at present, it will become one of the most influential as it is now one of the most interesting institutions of the country. I, therefore, give you "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The Chairman: Brethren, I claim your attention to the third toast on the list, which is a very important one, and includes all the working staff of Grand Lodge. I propose "The R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Those who are in the habit of attending Grand Lodge and the various Committees held at Grand Lodge offices know very well that the executive of English Freemasonry embraces a large number of men. The manner in which they perform their duties is admirable. We hear very little if anything of serious matters being brought before the Board of General Purposes, which is the most important Committee of Grand Lodge. And then, again, the finances of this grand and wealthy Order! The Fund of Benevolence is some £50,000, which is being added to week by week. And I may remind you that during the last two years Sussex has had reason to be glad that there is such a fund. In the case of the daughter of an old Brighton Mason they voted her £100; and their answer to another case was a vote of £75. There is then, you may be sure, a large amount of work to be transacted at Grand Lodge, but it is sure to be done well while we have such men as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale assisting the Grand Master. I shall couple with this toast the name of Bro. Kuhe, Past Grand Organist, and also Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary (and I regret that my revered friend Bro. John Hervey is not in sufficiently good health to make the journey so as to be here himself). I shall also couple with the toast the name of another Past Officer, Bro. Marriott, Q.C., Past Grand Steward.

Bro. Kuhe said that it often devolved on him to return thanks for this toast, because he was the only Grand Officer present, but he was glad to observe that was not the case that day. He took great interest in this lodge as an old inhabitant of Brighton, where he had resided something like thirty years. When he came there were only two lodges, but now Brighton was not behind any other town. It had been a matter of great regret that he had been unable to attend the ceremony that day performed, but he had been prevented by his professional avocations. He wished the lodge all good wishes for its prosperity, and thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Bros. Buss and Marriott also replied shortly to this toast.

The Chairman: Brethren, I am going to take the liberty of amalgamating the next two toasts, because I want to introduce a toast that is not printed. I now propose "The Health of the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, the W. Bro. John H. Scott, D.P.G.M. of Sussex, and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." I think we have ample evidence that the Prov. Grand Master is a man fitted to occupy the position of king or head of Freemasonry in Sussex. I should like to ask this company whether they ever knew a Prov. Grand Master who, in the short time that he has held the reins in Sussex, has done so much to consolidate Masonry, who, in fact, has made the tour of the whole province, and who, I think I am correct in saying, has visited every lodge in the province, from Chichester on the one hand, to distant Rye on the other. Notwithstanding that he is a member of Parliament (which has deprived us to day of his presence at this festive board) he is most active in performing his Masonic duties; and we hope that he may be spared to occupy for many years the proud position which he graces in the Province of Sussex. I now come to one whose name is familiar in our mouths as household words, Bro. John Scott. I am not given to over flatter any one, so that if any strong expressions come from me I think it will be believed that I think the subject warrants them. The many good and genial qualities which Bro. John Scott possesses have been placed at the service of Freemasonry throughout the Province of Sussex; he is ready to go everywhere and do anything. I have no doubt that if he were a visitor at a lodge, and they were hard up for an Inner Guard—that he would perform that office with the same goodwill that he has shown to-day. We can say of John Scott, that in Masonry he is a good all-round man; he will consecrate a lodge to-day, and willingly, if necessary, take the position of Inner Guard to-morrow; he possesses the true Freemason's heart and the esteem of every one in Sussex; and I am sure that every one will rejoice to think that he has obtained the provincial position that he occupies. I now come to the names of Bros. Freeman and Kidd, who understand well the important provincial offices they have undertaken, and their work is most ably performed, to the satisfaction of the province. I am entitled to include in this toast our Bro. the Rev. R. Adams, who has acted to-day, for the first time, as Chaplain, and made on the occasion so admirable and impressive an address.

Bro. Scott: I will, in replying, endeavour to observe the words at the head of the list of toasts, that "brevity is the soul of wit," by making my reply a very short one. First, as to our Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Burrell; he is, as the song says, "the mighty conqueror of hearts." When he

was installed Provincial Grand Master he said in this room that it was his intention to make himself acquainted with every lodge in the province, and, as has been already said, he has even now visited all but two of them. With regard to what you have been good enough to say of me, I am grateful for your kindness. I have worked diligently ever since I entered into Masonry. Bro. Freeman and I accompanied Sir Walter on all his visits except one each. I never dreamed that I should ever be deputed by the Grand Master of Sussex. Year after year rolled on, and at last it has come upon me. Let it be a lesson to young Masons to bide their time for the highest honours in the Craft. Let them not feel neglected, let them be diligent, and I will be bound that every one of them will at length realise his fondest hopes.

Bro. Freeman also acknowledged the compliment, and with regard to the work he had had in connection with the Atlingworth Lodge, said that Bro. Sabine had taken a great deal of the detail upon himself, and had thus reduced his work to a minimum.

Bro. Adams: I am sure you will all pity me, for I think it must be admitted that to feel flattered and yet too old to blush is a trial. Take my lot to-day also—to have to speak just after our D.P.G.M.—that has been my lot to-day. I have heard to-day that to do our best is something. I have tried to do my best, and the greatest compliment I could receive is to hear, as I did, that I have got out of a rut and have opened new ground. I hope I shall keep out of the rut. I was once resident in a place where I was afraid I was getting into a rut. I tried to break away from it, and at last I succeeded in getting out of the rut. I hope I shall be successful in helping Masonry in any way that I can.

Bro. Scott: It falls to my lot to propose the next toast. I am not sorry to learn that it is my duty; because I wish your W.M. good health and prosperity to the lodge. I think it a pleasure, and I do, accordingly, wish him and the lodge health and prosperity with all my heart. I cannot add to what I have said in the lodge. It is, I know, a source of gratification to Bro. Sabine that he has at length established a lodge at Brighton, and that its consecration has taken place on his birthday, and I am sure I wish him many happy returns of the day. With regard to the success of the Atlingworth Lodge, it is all very well to begin with a grand display, but success must depend upon those who are its members. "It's not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more—we'll deserve it." I take that as a very happy omen of what they intend to do, because, as I have said, success does very much depend upon those who have to carry on the affairs of the lodge. Therefore, I feel perfect confidence in calling upon you to drink success to the Atlingworth Lodge, and I also call upon you to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master," wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The Chairman: Worshipful Deputy, Grand Master, and Brethren, I do not know that I can say much to you on this occasion in response to the toast that has been so kindly proposed by Bro. Scott, and responded to so heartily and unanimously by the brethren. I think, perhaps, that when in course of time I shall become the Past Master of this lodge I shall be able to speak to the point, but I think I should fail in doing it this year. But I am greatly indebted for the kindness I have received ever since the inception of this matter in January last from our friend and brother, Bro. Freeman, and others. From the first time that I laid the matter before them they seemed to take it to heart that those Masons living at Brighton who belonged to no other Brighton lodge should find a locus in quo in the Atlingworth Lodge; and I think you will agree with me that when you heard the petition for the new lodge was afloat and was to give strength to the lodges, and to bring under the Grand Lodge of Sussex men who were not directly under it, you felt that a good work was being attempted. None feel more than myself how arduous is the task I have undertaken, but it is not quite new to me, because Bro. Hervey four years ago consecrated a new lodge in Southwark, The Chaucer No. 1540, and installed me first Master of that lodge, and I have always striven to do my duty. I have invited my friend Bro. Walters, who initiated me into Freemasonry sixteen years ago, but unfortunately he had to leave at five o'clock. I am happy to say that I have seen myself to-day surrounded by an assembly of Masons of the provinces of a most influential and widely representative character. We had a serious business in choosing a name for the lodge, and went over a long list of proposed names. I think it was Bro. Scott who suggested the Manor of Atlingworth. I am not going to enter into a long story to give you an account of the Manor of Atlingworth; suffice it to say that it has the sanctity of antiquity about its foundation. I have no doubt it was formed when William the Norman came over to England. In returning you thanks for wishing me many happy returns of the day, and prosperity to this lodge, I may say you will give me credit for a good purpose, and that I shall endeavour in future as formerly to do my duty, and that at the end of my year of office you will say that the happiness of the brethren and the honour of Freemasonry was not committed to one who failed to do his duty.*

* Bro. Sabine was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, in December, 1863 (this is a centenary lodge), and served the office of Master in 1868-9, and was presented with a gold jewel, and by the Brighton brethren of the lodge with a Past Master's collar and jewel. He was a founder of the Era Lodge, No. 1423, was first Treasurer and subsequently W.M., and at the end of his year of office he was presented with a Past Master's jewel and a very handsome three-bottle liqueur stand. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, and at the end of his year of office he was presented by the lodge with a handsome epergne with four dishes

Bro. G. S. Godfree (Secretary of the lodge): Worshipful Master and Brethren, it is my privilege here this evening to introduce the toast of "The Visitors," which I shall do very briefly. I believe we have had this afternoon one of the largest congregations of visitors that a Brighton lodge has ever welcomed, come to do honour to the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge; and I could not but think how overpowered with emotion our Worshipful Master must have felt when he heard the storm of "Hearty good wishes" that greeted him at the conclusion of to-day's ceremonies. I will not transgress the rule enjoining brevity, but will conclude by asking the brethren to drink "The Health of the Visitors," coupling with it the name of Bro. Dixon, P.M. 73, the Senior Past Master of Bro. Sabine's Mother Lodge.

This toast was replied to by Bro. Dixon, who, in the course of his remarks, alluded to the circumstance attending Bro. Sabine's (and three other gentlemen from Brighton) initiation sixteen years ago, and remarked how well his admirable conduct as a Mason had justified their acceptance of him.

Bro. Geo. Smith (Treasurer) proposed the toast "The Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institutions," which was responded to by Bro. Binckes, the worthy Secretary of the Boys' School.

The W.M. then introduced the toast, not on the list, to which he had referred earlier in the evening. It was "The Royal Brunswick Lodge," that being the lodge which had endorsed the Atlingworth petition, and with the toast he coupled "The Health of Bro. Benjamin Bennett, W.M. of the Brunswick Lodge."

Bro. Bennett having responded, the other toasts on the list, namely, "The W.M.'s of the Lodges of the Province," "The Officers of the Atlingworth Lodge," and the Tyler's toast, were severally proposed and duly honoured.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1817.

Among the first Masonic duties that have fallen to the lot of the newly-appointed Grand Master of Essex (Lord Tenterden) is that of the consecration of the St. Andrew's Lodge, at Shoeburyness, which event took place on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness. The ceremonies of the day commenced at two o'clock, at which time the R.W. Bro. Lord Tenterden opened the lodge, having previously appointed Bros. Wood and Shepherd as the Wardens, pro tem.; with Bros. Pissey as I.G.; Wigram, D.P.G.M., as Chap.; Harris, Sec.

The Prov. G.M. first announced that he had received a telegram from Bro. Ralling, the Prov. G. Sec., announcing that, in consequence of the heavy rains, the train had been delayed, and made it impossible for him to attend the meeting.

The ceremony was then proceeded with, and in due course the Prov. G. Master called upon the Chaplain to deliver the oration.

Bro. Wigram, in the course of his remarks, said: I shall be brief in my remarks, but I trust they will be appropriate. You have, brethren, been already reminded that the event of to-day is one of great importance and solemnity. In my opinion there are two facts which lend themselves to making it so. The first, which points out the progress that Freemasonry is making in every part of the country, and especially in the Province of Essex, as evidenced from the fact that fourteen years ago, at the time of the consecration of the Priory Lodge, at Southend, there were but 1000 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, while at the present time the number, as taken by this we are now constituting, is 1817, an increase of 817 lodges throughout the country. Of this number nine belong to our own district. Both these point to the rapid growth of Freemasonry, which was never more popular than at the present time. This great increase teaches us a most important lesson—that we should be careful how we act as Freemasons. It behoves us to be very careful in our behaviour, for a Mason should act as one in whom the world may repose confidence. We are to-day gathered together to consecrate a lodge where no lodge has ever

and plateau; also by Bro. Walters with a Past Master's jewel. He has taken part in founding several other lodges. He was exalted in the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, and subsequently served the office of M.E.Z., and at the end of his year of office was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel set with diamonds. He was founder and first M.E.Z. of the Chaucer Chapter, No. 1540, and the Era Chapter, No. 1423, and was also founder, first S.E., and fourth M.E.Z. of the Yarborough Chapter, 811, Brighton, and has assisted to establish several other chapters. Bro. Sabine was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Southwark Lodge, No. 22, and served the office of Master, and on the completion of his year of office received a presentation jewel. He established the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75, Brighton, and served the office of Master, and at the end of his year of office the members presented Mrs. Sabine with a handsome locket, jewelled in diamonds and rubies. He was one of the founders of the Southdown Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 164, Hayward's Heath, was the principal agent in establishing the Mark Province of Sussex, and was the first Provincial Grand Mark Secretary. He has been appointed Grand Mark Steward, Grand Mark Asst. Dir. of Cir., Grand Mark Master Overseer, and was elected for several years on the General Board of Grand Mark Lodge. He was one of the original Stewards to establish the Mark Benevolent Annual Festival. Bro. Sabine has filled the office of Steward for the Girls' School, the Boys' School, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on many occasions, and is Vice-President of all. He is a Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, an 18°. He has been Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex, and the other day was appointed Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex.

been held before, and this fact alone will cause the inhabitants to watch attentively all whom they know are Freemasons, and, therefore, I hope you will do your best to keep up the credit of the Craft in the district, and remember the honour of Freemasonry in this part of Essex rests in your hands, and I hope it will remain as pure and unsullied as you will receive it this day from the hands of the Prov. Grand Master.

The remaining portion of the consecration ceremony was then completed, and the lodge resumed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Charles Eltham was presented as the W.M. elect for the benefit of installation.

The ceremony was performed by Bro. Lucking, who, on the re-admission of the brethren, called for the usual salutes.

The W.M. then appointed the following as officers for the year: Bros. George J. Glasscock, S.W.; James M. Farr, J.W.; Hall (after being duly proposed and unanimously elected by the lodge), Treas.; J. M. Harris (P.P. A.G.D. of C.), Sec.; F. Howell, S.D.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, J.D.; S. M. Walker, I.G. Bro. Whittingham was unanimously elected as Tyler, and duly installed as such. Bro. Lucking then delivered the addresses from the West and South, and the Prov. Grand Master that from the East. Four propositions for initiation were handed in, as were also the names of two brethren who wished to join the lodge.

Before closing the lodge the W.M. said: Brethren, I rise to thank our Provincial Grand Master for so kindly coming here this day, and I hope he will accept the position of honorary member of the lodge. I also hope that the brethren who have assisted him in the ceremonies of the day will accept a similar compliment from us.

Lord Tenterden, in reply, said: It is a very great pleasure for me to find that one of my first duties as Master of Freemasonry in Essex is to institute a new lodge, especially in this part of the country, with which I am so intimately connected. I accept with pleasure the position of honorary member you have so kindly offered me, and hope I may on some future occasion have the opportunity of visiting you as a regularly constituted and flourishing lodge.

Bro. Wigram then said: On behalf of the other officers of the province I thank you for the reception that has been accorded us. We join in wishing the lodge every prosperity, and feel especial pleasure in attending, especially as this is the first lodge which has been consecrated by our new Provincial Grand Master.

The W.M. then said: I wish to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. A. Lucking for having come and acted as Director of Ceremonies in the consecration of the lodge, and also for having installed me in my present position. It is the first opportunity I have had of witnessing the installation ceremony, and I am very much impressed with it.

Bro. Lucking, in acknowledgment, said: I did not require any thanks. I feel it a great honour to have to install the first Master of this the first lodge consecrated by our present Provincial Grand Master.

Nothing further offering, the W.M. proceeded to close the lodge.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a spacious marquee, where dinner was served by the host in a creditable manner. The usual toasts followed. The first three were given very briefly, but none the less heartily. With the latter—"The Provincial Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge"—was coupled the name of Bro. Matthew Clark, Grand Deacon, who, in reply, said: On behalf of the Grand Officers of England I tender my heartiest thanks. We all believe that they do their best for Masonry. My experience in the Grand Lodge convinces me that Freemasonry could not be under better management.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Tenterden, the Consecrating Officer of the day." He said: I now come to the fourth toast on the list, it is one which falls upon me as a most pleasing duty. I have most heartily to thank our Grand Master for coming down here to the consecration of our lodge. I think it a very great honour.

Lord Tenterden, on rising to respond, was received with the most hearty applause. He said: Brethren, I have to thank you, and I do so most sincerely, for the cordial reception you have given me. I look upon it, not only as a compliment to your Consecrating Officer, but also in my capacity as Master of your province. It is very assuring to see so many present on this occasion, all of whom wish well for your lodge consecrated this day. Let us consider how that happy inauguration may best lead to the happy results which we hope will follow. If this lodge is to prosper, and I hope it will do so, and spread its influence all over the world, it will be necessary to have good work and good material. By good work I do not mean mere letter perfection—which, although very good in its way, is not all that is necessary—but heart perfection; that alone is the way by which you can impress the reality of our system on those who are initiated into our Order. We have to-day consecrated this lodge to the glory of God and the welfare of our fellow creatures, and thus do the officers of to-day and their successors undertake to further in every way in their power the interests of the Order. It is also necessary that you should have good material, or it will be labour thrown away. What we want is not that there should be a number of lodges or brethren in England, but that we should be able to boast of our solidity, and in order that we should be able to support in the future the lodges which may arise, we should be most careful in building them up. Therefore, in choosing your recruits you should choose stalwart men, men who will be able to support the dignity of the lodge. The lodge should always strive to be a model in its work, and in the selection of its members, so that when we hear of the lodge at Shoeburyness we shall hear of one that it is a credit to any one to belong to. In constituting a lodge we should look to the general welfare of mankind, and as

we may perchance leave footprints on the sands of time, we should do good work in the present, so that those who come after may take it as a model.

The other toasts usual on such occasions followed in quick succession, interspersed by songs and glaes, the brethren not leaving until a late hour.

Among those present were Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, Prov. G. Master; S. R. Wigram, D.P.G.M.; A. F. Heaton, P.G. Chap.; A. Lucking, P.G. D. of C.; Thos. King, P.G.P.; Alfred Sturgeon, P.G.S.D.; E. E. Phillips, P.J.G.W. Somersetshire, P.G. Deacon Essex; F. B. Shepherd, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.C.; W. Pissey, P.P. J.G.W.; H. J. Sansom, P.G.J.D.; J. R. Hemmann, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; Fredk. Binckes, Secretary R.M.I.B., P.G. Stewards, &c.; F. Wood, P.M. 1000; C. Buckland, J.D. 1536; H. Harding, Organist 1536; G. Smith, 1536; T. King, W.M. 160; H. Harper, J.W. 160; W. D. Meritt, J.D. 1000; G. F. Jones, S.W. 1000; W. Lockey, 1000; H. Luker, 1000; G. Cox, 1000; F. Calrow; G. Kennedy, Sec. 1536; John Allen, W.M. 1734; D. Davies, 913; James Godwin, W.M. 1343; D. Bartlett, Sec. 1343; J. Girling, 1000; D. Wright, 1024; W. J. Chignell, 1000; A. Brice, 184; A. F. Collins, 504; J. Harrington, S.W. 160; W. Kilpin, I.G. 160; G. Goodman, 160; J. Horton, 903; E. Wainmill, 160; T. F. Barrett, S.D. 1000; F. C. Johnston, W.M. 1000; and others.

THE LONDON MASONIC CLUB.

Club life in London, from the palatial establishments of the West-end to the modest place of resort affected by the cultured but somewhat impecunious men about town, has been so often described, and its minutest details chronicled, that our readers will readily forgive our not introducing the subject of the London Masonic Club by a laboured and grandiloquent essay on clubs in general. The "London Correspondent" of small gossip, who dates his letters to provincial county papers from his "Club," has done enough, and more than enough, in that direction. Our business is somewhat more practical—that of calling attention to an institution which has been in existence only a comparatively short time it is true, but which bids fair to be a great boon to the brotherhood, both in London and the provinces. It would seem only a reasonable idea that the peculiar relations existing among the members of the Craft could be very properly utilised in the formation of a Masonic Club, after the model of the most successful establishments, and a year or two ago it was endeavoured to be put in practice.

Comparatively small but eligible premises in Queen Victoria-street were secured, and the scheme was launched. Owing to causes which need not be specified, but which might be termed errors of judgment, the too strictly limiting membership and admission to the club to Masons being among the gravest, it did not succeed so well as was expected, but in June of last year it was resuscitated and entirely re-organised, an excellent Committee was formed, Bro. Alderman Hadley being Chairman, with Bro. R. Dixon as Vice-Chairman, and under the judicious and painstaking management of the Hon. Secretary, Bro. F. Dobbin, the scheme was launched on what bids fair to be a prosperous future. As we have said, the building is not a large one, but if the club supplies a want in Masonry, there is no reason why the London Masonic Club should not rival the best and largest.

The interior arrangements include an excellent lodge room, which at present is used only by some half-dozen of the London lodges, but which we venture to think will be more generally sought after when it becomes better known by those lodges who prefer a meeting place of a private or semi-private character to the usual hotel accommodation. On the ground floor is a roomy luncheon or dining room, the appointments of which are tasteful and convenient, here luncheons and dinners are served throughout the day and evening, and under the management of Bro. Harrington, whose catering we can speak most highly of, this department is daily growing in favour. The first floor contains one or two private rooms where a brother visiting town may lunch or dine "en famille" with the greatest comfort, a reading and smoking room, and a capital billiard room containing two tables. Other rooms are ready to be devoted to the use of members as occasion may require.

We mentioned before that at first membership was confined entirely to Masons, and although it might be right theoretically, it was found not to work well in practice. Many members naturally thought that, although it was very pleasant and desirable to meet Masons only, it should not be considered a disqualification that a friend otherwise eligible was not a Mason. To retain the management in the hands of the Craft, and to preserve its Masonic character, the Committee of Management consisted of Masons only, and all candidates for admission have to be proposed and seconded by members who are Masons, so that the control is practically in the hands of the Craft. At present the subscription is £5 5s. per annum for town members and £3 3s. for country, but after the present month it is proposed to charge an entrance fee of £2 2s., and after fifty more members have joined at this rate it will be raised to £5 5s. It should also be mentioned that the liability of members is limited to their subscription and entrance fee. Altogether we consider the Committee should be congratulated on the present position and future prospects of the club, and its extension is only a question of "management," which at present is deserving of the greatest praise.

The original autograph will of George Frederic Handel was sold by auction on Monday last by Messrs. Puttick and Simpson for £53, the purchaser being Mr. W. H. Cummings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
HERTS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herts was held at Berkhamstead on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., under the banner of the Berkhamstead Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in the Town Hall at three o'clock p.m., the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. F. Halsey, presiding, supported by Bro. J. Sedgwick, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a large assemblage of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. Among the other brethren present were the following:—

Bros. J. E. Dawson, P.S.G.W.; J. Terry, P.J.G.W.; Rev. G. Finch, P.G. Chap.; W. O. Thompson, P.G. Chap.; F. H. Wilson, P.G. Sec.; J. D. Groom, P.S.G.D.; Thos. Kent, P.J.G.D.; And. Malcolm, P.G. Purs.; Fred. Levick, P.A.G. Purs.; C. Benard, P.G. Steward; T. Thomas and T. Wright, P.G. Tylers; T. S. Carter, 403, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Shilcock, 449, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Venables, 1385, P.P.G.P.; J. Cutbush, 1385, P.P.A.D.C.; W. S. Rose, 504, P.P. Sup. of Wks.; J. L. Mather, 1580, D.G.D.C.; J. E. Lane, 504, P.G.P.; R. A. Wright, 504, P.G.S.D.; W. C. Maddever, 504; H. Critch, 1580, P.P.G.W.; H. C. Finch, 404, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Wilson, 504, P.P.J.G.W.; C. Lacey, P.G.W.; E. T. Foord, 404, P.P.G.S.B.; F. D. Copestick, 869, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Bowyer, 1580, P.P.G.J.W.; W. B. Heath, 504, P.P.G.S.W.; D. C. Foster, 504, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Holles, 504, P.P.G.S.B.; J. F. Berry, 554; Rev. W. Caseley, (Cranbourne, 1580); W. Bywater, 19; E. Baxter, P.M.; F. L. Lane, 504; R. Coombs, 12; G. Graveley, 898; F. Ford, 1580; J. Parrott, 1479; T. S. Watts, 916; A. W. Nash, 409; W. Briston, 860; J. T. Lee, 404; H. C. Lambert, 504; H. T. Foster, 504; J. Greig, 504; E. Swain, 803; J. Round, 340; S. Harris, 340; W. J. Hunter (Crusaders); A. Meade, 449; W. Edwards, 1479; C. E. Keyser, 404; T. C. Chapman, 869; W. P. Kidder, 12; G. Wilson, 173; M. E. Wilkin, 1385; J. H. Wilkin, 1385; G. Young, 1757; J. J. Hatton, 504; W. Field, 504; J. Copestick, 869; R. A. Brooke, 404; E. Carr, 1297; R. F. Young, 1385; J. F. Rowe, 504; C. Bullock, 504; S. J. Woolley, 1327; J. Knight, 1327; H. Amphlett, 1511; J. Middleton, 844; T. Stranger, 10.

Bro. Hles, Prov. Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and the same were confirmed.

Bro. Hles then called over the roll of lodges in the province, when all were found to be well represented in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers was then called over, when it was found that there were a few absentees whose absence was duly accounted for.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, read a letter from Bro. Alfred James Copland, resigning his office as Grand Treasurer for the Province of Herts.

Thanks to Bro. Copland were proposed by Bro. W. Wilson, G. Purs. England, which proposition was put by the Prov. G. Master, and carried unanimously, the Prov. Grand Master observing that he should not be doing his duty if he did not say that he concurred most heartily in the proposition, though there was no doubt that they had a most able substitute in Bro. Copland's successor.

Bro. T. S. Carter, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 403, proposed Bro. Felix Sumner Knyvett, P.M. Felicity, P.G. Steward, as Prov. G. Treasurer, which, being seconded and put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation.

Bro. Knyvett thanked the Prov. Grand Lodge for the high honour they had just conferred upon him, and only hoped that he should deserve their approbation equally well with Bro. Copland.

Prov. G.M.: Brethren, in appointing the Grand Officers for the ensuing year I have to announce that I am about to appoint Bro. Hles as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. I must take the opportunity of thanking the outgoing Deputy Provincial G. and Master for his valuable services in the post he has occupied, in which he has been of great assistance to me.

The Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. L. Mather, then read the patent under the hand of the Prov. G.M., constituting Bro. Hles Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was then obligated in due form, and afterwards invested with the badges of office, amid the applause of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Rowe, P.M. 504...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" T. S. Carter, P.M. 403 ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Oswald Thompson ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Caseley ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Sumner Keywell, 404 ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Newton Edwards, 1439 ...	...	Prov. G. Asst. Reg.
" J. E. Dawson, 404 ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Maddever ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Fisher Young ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Chapman (Gresham) ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Mather ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Nash ...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Parrott ...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Neal ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Bausor, 504 ...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
Bros. Hatton, Greig, C. Bullock, } H. J. Foster, Ryland, F. A. }	Prov. G. Stewards.	
Forbes ...	...
Bro. T. Thomas, 404 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" T. Wright, 403 ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Sec. then read the report of the Board of Finance, which was received.

Bro. W. Wilson asked a question respecting the accounts, which was satisfactorily answered by the Prov. G. Sec.

Prov. G. Master: The next business is a notice of motion of Bro. Carter's.

Bro. Carter, Prov. J.G.W.: I rise, pursuant to a notice,

to propose—"That the sum of twenty guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." No words of mine are required to recommend this motion; last year we took care of the boys, now, I think, we should take care of the girls.

The Prov. G. Sec. seconded the motion, with the addition of the words "and that the amount be placed on Bro. Carter's list," as I learn that it is his intention to go up as a Steward at the next festival. With that addition I second the motion. Carried unanimously.

Bro. J. Terry, P.P.J.G.W.: I rise to propose—"That the sum of ten pounds be voted to the Berkhamstead Lodge, towards defraying the expenses of entertaining Prov. Grand Lodge."

Seconded by Bro. Hles, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Carter, Prov. J.G.W.: I move "That the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the West Herts Infirmary, at Hemel Hempstead." This is an excellent institution, and one the benefits of which are not confined to the inhabitants of Hempstead, and a great many poor people are benefited by it. I think, too, that Prov. Grand Lodge as it goes through the province should always leave these marks at some one of the local charities.

Seconded by Bro. W. Wilson, and carried unanimously.

Prov. Grand Master: As one of the Committee of the Infirmary, I beg to tender Provincial Grand Lodge my thanks for the donation.

Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hles: I rise to move, "That, pursuant to the recommendation from the Board of Finance to Provincial Grand Lodge, the sum of twenty-five pounds be contributed to the fund being raised amongst the Masons of England for the restoration of the West Front of St. Alban's Abbey." This resolution was carefully considered by the Board of Finance at their meeting, and unanimously agreed to. I am, therefore, only the mouthpiece of the Committee when I propose this resolution. Most of you are aware of the steps that were taken at our last meeting. A great deal has been done since that time. A London Committee has been established; the Prince of Wales has become a patron of the Committee of the fund, and almost every one of the Provincial Grand Masters of England have allowed their names to appear. I think, therefore, that as a national object, which is being largely supported by Freemasons throughout England, it would ill become this Provincial Grand Lodge to withhold its support from this fund, but allow it to go about to other lodges in England that the Grand Lodge of the province in which the Abbey is situated was not supporting the fund. I will not detain you further, but commend the resolution to your consideration.

Prov. Grand Master: I rise to second this motion, and I do so with very great pleasure. I think it is our duty. We have made this appeal, which has been very well supported throughout the Craft at large, to restore the whole West Front, or, if that cannot be done, to restore one of the Western porches of the Abbey. A very interesting account has been prepared of the steps that have been taken to promote this object, which account you will no doubt have received through your lodges. I do not know whether Bro. Keyser, who has undertaken the post of Honorary Secretary to the fund, has any remarks to make, but I am sure that anything he may have to say will be listened to with interest.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, S.D. 404, said that he had hastily drawn up a few figures as to the amount of support received from the Province of Herts, which, up to the present time, was inconsiderable, and amounted only to £163. He believed that the delay on the part of some of the lodges was due to the fact that these lodges had their recess from March to September. He stated what expenses they had incurred for printing, &c., and said that the work of restoration could not be commenced until they had received a sum of £2000. He hoped that the Prov. Grand Lodge would vote the sum proposed in Bro. Hles' motion.

Bro. Copestick said he thought that very generally the brethren in the provincial lodges were in ignorance of the movement, and appealed to Bro. Keyser to send further particulars.

Bros. F. Young and Wilson said that the matter had been before their lodges, but had been deferred for further consideration, which they hoped would have a favourable result. It appeared that many members of provincial lodges were in ignorance of the movement, though the Secretaries had received full particulars; but it was explained that it was only possible for the Secretary to bring forward the matter in lodge, and such brethren as were absent would necessarily know nothing of the appeal.

The Prov. Grand Master put the motion, in doing which he reminded the brethren that this was not an appeal for large sums to be given by individuals, as the donation of any one brother was limited to £5. The Committee hoped to attain their object by small contributions from many, and not by large contributions from a few. Carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary moved the next resolution, "That the publication of the Provincial Calendar be continued." It required very few words, he said, to recommend this resolution to them. In the first year of its publication there was a large balance which Prov. G. Lodge had to make good; last year the balance against Prov. G. Lodge was only £2 7s., but this year there was a balance of 8s. 6d. on the profit side. He thought that this proved the Calendar was succeeding, and hoped Prov. G. Lodge would sanction its continuance.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Terry, and carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary announced that a new lodge, the Henry the Eighth Lodge, had been consecrated in the province during the past year.

The business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

The banquet was provided at the King's Arms Hotel, whither the brethren adjourned immediately after the closing of Grand Lodge, but by the time dinner was concluded there was not much space to get through the list of toasts, and the speeches were necessarily as brief as possible.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair, and warmly responded to—including "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The M.W. the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The latter was coupled with the name of Bro. Wilson, P.G. Purs., who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. J. Sedgwick, P.O.P.G.M.: I am in possession of the gavel at the present moment in order to bring to your notice the next toast on the list, and I feel it requires more power than I have to do justice to it. But I can say, also, that if I am wanting in language I am not wanting in intention, and it is with the greatest possible pleasure that I have to propose to you "The Health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master." I am quite sure that the manner in which this toast is received will testify your appreciation of the good qualities of the Provincial Grand Master. For myself, I am greatly indebted to him for the honourable position in which he placed me for the last five years in this county, which has given me every opportunity I could desire. The talent and happy manner in which the Prov. Grand Master performs the duties of every office in which I have had the pleasure to see him are a bright example to everybody over whom he presides. I am sure we are all proud of our Provincial Grand Master, and trust that for many years he may continue to exercise over the province the same beneficent sway he has always held while he has held his present position.

The Chairman: Brethren, I feel really quite overcome with the very kind manner in which Bro. Sedgwick has proposed my health, and with the kind manner in which you have received it. If it gives you the same pleasure to belong to the Craft that it gives me to preside over it, it is very gratifying. It gives me great pleasure to come among you, whether in Provincial Grand Lodge, or to one of the lodges to which I am a subscribing member, and in the neighbourhood where I have lived most of my life, and the lodge under whose banner this entertainment has been given; and I am sincerely glad to see that the province is increasing and flourishing. We have had an additional lodge formed in the province during the past year, and I think there is ample room for more, and I do not see that there is any reason why the only good lodges should be in big towns. I think a large lodge is a mistake; in a large lodge there is the danger of having coteries formed, and, therefore, I do not see why small lodges should not be persevered with. And, now, brethren, as it is getting near the time for our trains, and as trains wait for no man, I must ask to be allowed to pass on to the next toast on the list, which is "The Visitors," a toast which I might almost call the toast of the evening, with which I will couple the name of Bro. L'Estrange, P.M. 10.

Bro. L'Estrange returned thanks for the visitors, and the Chairman proceeded to propose "The Health of the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. Hles and Sedgwick.

Bro. Hles, Deputy P.G.M., then proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, the Secretary for the Masonic Benevolent Institution, who, in replying, pointed out that however successful the Masonic Institutions had been, though the three had collected £37,000 during the last year, yet it was pitiable to see the discrepancy between the number of candidates for admission and the number it was possible to elect.

The Chairman next proposed "The Lodges of the Province, coupled with the name of the W.M. of the Berkhamstead Lodge, Bro. Maddever," and Bro. Maddever having said a few words in reply, the Tyler's toast concluded the entertainment.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL.

A meeting of the Committee was held on Friday, the 18th inst. V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, G. Treas., the Vice-President, presided, in the absence of Col. Burdett, the President, who was unable to attend.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the Treasurer, Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec., read the list of subscriptions received since the last meeting. It was resolved to publish an amended list of subscriptions to the present date.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the monumental stone be placed over the grave—"the design to be selected by Mrs. Little and the executors, the cost not to exceed £35; the inscription to be submitted for the approval of the Chairman."

A discussion then ensued as to the disposal of the balance, it being the opinion of some of the members of the Committee that it should be handed to Mrs. Little direct.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on the 10th of November, at the commencement of the London Masonic season, the President expressing a hope that all monies voted or promised be paid to the Treasurer before that date.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Bro. Yarker's letters received. We do not think it worth while to go on with the controversy about Burt.

ERRATA.—In the report of the Union Waterloo Lodge in our last, we find that the date of the Warrant should be 1785, instead of 1826, as stated; and instead of the W.M. having been initiated by P.M. Applebee two years ago, it should have been TEN years ago.

The following reports stand over:—

St. Peter's Lodge, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Nelson Lodge, No. 700, Woolwich.
Pattison Chapter, No. 913, Plumstead.
Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Hebrew Leader," "Hull Packet," "The Skin and its Troubles," "New York Dispatch," "Broad Arrow," "Alliance News," "Sunday Review," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Hebrew Leader," "Liberal Freemason," "Keystone," "Paper Consumers' Circular," "The Defender," "Masonic Review," "The Cornish Telegraph," "The Citizen," "The Weekly Gazette," "Sussex Daily News," "Civilian," "Report of District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Der Triangel," "Brighton Gazette," "Voice of Masonry."

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BIRTHS.

BARNES.—On the 20th inst., at Cheltenham, the wife of Richard Barnes, the Superintendent of the Colonial Bank, West Indies, of a son.

MARTIN.—On the 20th inst., at Green Hill, Worcester, the wife of Major Robert C. Martin, Recruiting Staff, late 19th Regiment, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

JACKSON—STEIB.—On the 22nd inst., at St. Mary's Church, Stoke Newington, by the Rev. T. E. Howlett, Edward Darwin, son of Bro. John Jackson, of Addington-road, Bow, to Alice Mee, eldest daughter of Wm. Steib, of Nevill-road, Stoke Newington, and niece of the late Bro. H. Steib, of Preston.

DEATHS.

AURHAAN.—On the 17th inst., at 18, Warwick-rescent, Bro. L. M. Aurhaan, upwards of thirty years Treasurer of Joppa Lodge, No. 188. Much respected.

DRORY.—On the 19th inst., at Meirelbeke, Ghent, George William Drory, Esq., in the 77th year of his age.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1879.

THE FRENCH ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

We are favoured by Bro. Clement with a long letter, from which we publish the following "extracts, which may interest our readers. Much of the letter relates to our wrongful appreciation of the Masonic position in France, which differs from that of Bro. Clement; but as we entirely dissent from Bro. Clement in this respect, we do not see that any good can ensue from reproducing merely controversial statements and personal understandings or misunderstandings, as the case may be. Bro. Clement seems to think that we mix up the two systems of the Grand Orient of France and the "Grand Loge Centrale" of the Rite Eccossais; but that is not so. Having a strong view, and on good data, as to the real cause of most regrettable tendencies in French Freemasonry, the "fons et origo mali" of much deplorable agitation, we thought it well to sound a note of warning, lest our brethren of the "Rite Eccossais" should be inclined to follow suit in the most mistaken lead of the Grand Orient of France. Bro. Clement, however, denies that there is any tendency or wish to make organic changes. All he contends for is a reform of the system of administration and representations; we, therefore, are glad to set before our readers the salient points of his complaints and statements, though many of them will come we venture to think with great surprise as well upon the Craft readers of the *Freemason*, as upon many worthy members of the English Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. In the first place, Bro. Clement tells us that there are 4000 "active" members under the authority of the "Rite Eccossais Ancien et Accepté" in France. Of these, if we understand Bro. Clement's words correctly, (there seems to be no possible doubt on the subject), seventy-five members make up the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, and Thirty-third Degrees; 370 members represent fifteen chapters from the Fourth to the Thirtieth Degrees; and 3655 members represent the seventy-five symbolical lodges. Now we confess that this is a statement of statistics very different from what we have been lead to understand represented the real facts of the case, and is, per se, in our opinion, a very startling and striking allegation. The French is so plain that we cannot have made a mistake, "75 lodges se composent de 3655 Macons." It seems, from Bro. Clement's statement, that the "Grande Loge Centrale" is thus composed. Each symbolical lodge (atelier) nominates a deputy to represent it, and these deputies form the "premiere section" called "symbolique." From the Fourth to the Eighteenth Degree each body, also called "atelier," we note, has also a deputy, and these deputies form the "seconde section," called "chapitrale." From the Nineteenth to the Thirty-third Degree each chapter names a deputy, and these deputies form a "troisieme section," called "des Hauts Grades." There appears to us to be some error here in the statistics of Bro. Clement, which we have reproduced carefully and literally from the French, for if such be the case, the symbolic lodges have clearly no cause of complaint, and are treated most considerably, inasmuch as though the "Rite Eccossais" is not a "Craft Body" in our sense of a "Craft Body," in the Centrale Grande Loge, the symbolic lodges have a decisive majority over the higher chapters. This says a good deal for the toleration and liberality of the High Grades in the French Rite Eccossais, and seems at once to take away from Bro. Clement any real cause of complaint or even dissatisfaction. But here comes in Bro. Clement's peculiar grievance, and which he considers urgently calls for reform. Side by side, as he says, with the central body, is the "Commission Administrative." This Administrative Commission is composed of fifteen members, of which number four are so "ex officio," the Eminent Grand Commander, the Lieutenant Grand

Commander, the Grand Chancellor, and the Grand Treasurer, and eleven are elective. Four, for instance, are nominated by the members of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, and Thirty-third Degrees, two by the members of the Degrees from the Fourth to the Twenty-ninth, and two by the symbolical chapters. Bro. Clement complains that whereas the High Grades, according to him, consisting only of 445 members from the Fourth to the Thirty-third Degrees, nominate four members of the Commission, the members of the symbolical lodges, numbering 3655 members, only nominate two members of the Commission. This he considers a "crying injustice;" this is the burden which oppresses just now the members of the French Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and for which he invokes in moving words, though all too long and too highly seasoned for our pages, the justice and sympathy of English Masons, and finds fault with a recent leader of ours, which he states has been reprinted by authority, and dispersed with "prodigality." Now some questions occur to our mind, and some considerations, which we will deal with seriatim. 1. Is Bro. Clement quite correct in his figures? and if correct, must not such a disparity of representation exist from the very constitution of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite? According to his statement the symbolical lodges have already a decisive and controlling majority in the Grande Loge Centrale, but why are they to have it at all even there, much less in the administrative commission, we fail to see. Bro. Clement is clearly seeking, if his argument be sound, to make of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France a second Grand Orient, a pure system of Craft representation, whether officially or by delegation, and it is here, though not ourselves members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that we differ from him. The symbolical lodges are only at the best the abnormal characteristic of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which is simply High Grade Masonry, from the Fourth to the Thirty-third Degree. And as by the very constitution of the Thirty-third Degree it is a supreme and sovereign body, it is impossible but that if its supreme and sovereign attributes are to be recognized and preserved, it must have a distinct preponderance in any "administrative commission." We venture to think that the present arrangement in the Grande Loge Centrale is very liberal, and in the administrative commission very fair, and it is certainly one of which the symbolical lodges have no right to complain, but rather every reason to be contented with. Nothing that Bro. Clement or those who agree with him can do can make of the Grande Loge Centrale a Craft Grand Lodge, and, above all, they cannot expect that as members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the symbolical lodges are to control the High Grade Chapters. In England, as properly, no symbolical lodges exist under the Ancient and Accepted Rite, nor could they be recognized as Craft lodges by the Grand Lodge, for the Ancient and Accepted Rite is alike in its organization, nomenclature, and teaching, simply and solely not a Craft body but a High Grade body. We repeat, therefore, that we do not see what real grievance our worthy Bro. Clement has to complain of, and we sincerely trust that this unwise agitation may cease, and that French Freemasonry, whether directed by the Grand Loge Centrale or the Grand Orient, may now be left to itself, and enjoy a season of rest, and harmony, and peace. These constant agitations are very hard on the French Freemasons. We have no doubt that the majority of the Rite Eccossais in France will loyally support its "administrative authority," which seems to us to have every claim on the sympathies and approval of honest men and true Masons.

OUR ENGLISH CONSTITUTIONS.

By a communication which appeared in our last, from Bro. Broadley, from Tunis, the Lodge No. 1717, at Tunis, had determined to print in French, as well as in Italian, the bye-laws of the lodge, and certain extracts from our excellent "English Constitutions." We ventured to ob-

serve when we received a copy of the bye-laws and certain extracts from the "Constitutions," in Italian, that we highly approved of the work, as, in our opinion, it might do great good to Italian Freemasonry to know alike our wise regulations and truly tolerant system. We are pleased to learn that *La Revista*, the principal Italian Masonic organ, which, unfortunately, we do not see, though we know not why, is republishing the little work, which does such credit to Bro. Broadley and all concerned in its publication and production. If Bro. Broadley will add to his favours by sending the book to us in French, when ready, we will call attention to it in our columns. For of this one thing we are persuaded, that the more our English Constitutions are known, the more they will be appreciated by all true Masons, and we should like very much to think that, translated into other languages, they might yet become a rallying point for many foreign Grand Lodges, which, unfortunately, relying on crude notions and non-expert Masons, have codes of laws which are not calculated either to advance the prestige of Masonry or to diffuse true Masonic principles in the various quarters of the habitable world. So we heartily commend Bro. Broadley's work, and that of the Lodge 1717 at Tunis.

CHARITY REFORM.

We have read our worthy Bro. P.G.C. Simpson's letter with much attention, but, though we think it right to notice it out of respect to him and the cause it relates to, we find little to find fault with and less to answer. Our good brother rather—we say it in all friendliness—evades the point of dispute between us. He talks of "abuses," many and flagrant; we say we know of none, really and truly, worth calling "abuses," meeting him on his own ground and great point, "the exchange of votes." He says we have misrepresented his views, and as he has said this before we again ask him to restate them clearly, for they are now in a certain state of muddle and misconception. If we understand his various speeches and letters, Bro. Simpson finds fault almost entirely with the administration of the Charities on the ground of the "exchange of votes," which he has said, over and over again, leads to "canvassing," and to "cards," to "expense," and to "corruption," and to the "hardship of poor candidates," and the "selection of not the most deserving cases;" that "interest," and not "merit," becomes the characteristics of all such Charities where the present system of "exchange of votes" prevails. Now, we ask Bro. Simpson, distinctly, and once for all, without any "word splitting," to tell us how he proposes to deal with our Masonic votes. They represent now many, many thousands of voters at each election. They are held by the provinces and metropolis in round numbers, in almost equal proportion, highly to the credit of the metropolitan brethren, and are equivalent now to a very large sum of money paid on the faith of certain rules and regulations. If exchanges and Committees are to cease, how are all these votes to be sent to London? and through what channel or channels? Through "the Central Committee," as is proposed by some? or "direct to the Secretaries," as it is advocated by others? Or has Bro. Simpson a new method of his own? For remember, as Masons, we are practical and sensible men, and wish our Charities to be governed, not only on benevolent but business principles. One great good of the Provincial Charity Committees and the Metropolitan Association is, that the expenses and cards are reduced to a minimum for candidates, and that all cases are carefully scrutinized, and the strongest cases, as a rule, selected. But, as we pointed out last week, the only little weakness that we are aware of is in the "original selection of candidates," and how that is to be improved is certainly not affected by Bro. Simpson's views, because, by our rules, such selection is made by the General Committee. The selection might be made by a Sub-Committee, no doubt, but we are not sure the change would please the Subscribers, since the General Committee is an "open court" where objections can be made and are heard. No doubt a Sub-Committee would go

deeper into the merits of each case, and weigh each case carefully, and though we are ourselves favourable to a Sub-Committee of selection, we believe that the general feeling of the subscribers leans to the present arrangement. Bro. Simpson's argument that the Provincial Charities Committees have arisen from dissatisfaction with the present state of things, he must excuse us for saying, is simply unhistorical, and not a little absurd, begging his pardon. The provincial system of Charity Committees began in 1860 and 1861, and was simply an effort to obtain the benefit of local meritorious efforts for the Charities for distressing and worthy local cases. The charity reform movement, such as it is, is the creation of not ten years. The provinces, on the contrary, are quite satisfied with the present system, and would be great losers by any other. We do ask our worthy brother, the P.G.C., and others to leave our excellent Masonic Charities alone, and to allow them to pursue the "even tenour of their way," diffusing blessings and help to many, and constituting the ornament and the pride of our warm-hearted and charitable brotherhood. There is, we believe, but one feeling amongst our kindly brotherhood, excepting one or two crotchety persons, and amongst all who really understand the question, to resist idle changes and worthless reforms, which will weaken and not strengthen, which will undermine and not prop up, which will deteriorate and not improve our admirable and excellent Charitable Institutions.

PROFESSED EXPOSURES OF FREEMASONRY.

Truth, with its euphonious and affecting name, is well known, probably, to many of our readers, and we need say no more about it than that it is a weekly paper, published every Thursday, whose editor is Mr. Labouchere—see recent trials "passim." In its issue of Thursday, July 17th, it professes to give a complete and succinct explanation of the "mysteries" of Freemasonry, which it elegantly terms "mummeries," both in the Three Degrees and the Royal Arch. We were very much amused when scanning the columns of *Truth* to note that this modern "Mustagogos" did not disdain to have recourse to older and worthless impugnors of Freemasonry; nay, that he had even ventured to "crib" a "wrinkle" from the infallible Pichard, the honest-minded Carlisle, and the suffering and injured Morgan. Indeed, we only see in it an olden weapon, refurbished with the modern appliances and startling brilliancy of *Truth*. Those of our brethren who read *Truth* for July 17th will have probably laughed heartily at this obsolete and absurd attack, while the non-Masonic world will give no more credence to it than they did to similar notable productions in bygone years. For it is a curious "factor" in the history of Freemasonry, explain it as we will, that neither interesting "confessions" nor abusive "exposures" have done any harm to the Order. It has, on the contrary, gained strength from every assault, found vitality in every blow. One passage in *Truth*, and only one, requires notice by us; as for the rest of the attack it may be safely left to the good sense and loyal feeling of the community at large. The passage is this: "I am not myself a Freemason, but I have often amused myself by passing for one." Despite the great authority of *Truth*, whose motto always most properly is "Magna est veritas et prevalebit," we beg most respectfully to demur to such a statement, if its words are properly understood by us. It is just possible, indeed, that in that eclectic and august circle in which the writer of *Truth* always moves, as we know, he may have amused himself and his friends—like those of Mr. Magnus, easily amused—with passing himself off as a Freemason, but that he ever did so in a lodge or among Freemasons we utterly deny. If such be really the meaning of *Truth*, as we just said, we should like to know the lodge where, and the meeting when, this interesting episode took place, as, if it took place, it says a good deal, does it not, for the "assurance" of the writer in *Truth*, be he who he may, on the one side—it says not a little "per contra" for the weakness and carelessness of our brethren on the other? Yes, verily, my

masters. So we await with much interest the "denouement" of this last ecstatic utterance of *Truth*. We note, as an amusing commentary on the above, that the same writer who professes that he often passed for a Freemason also assures his readers in the same number that he entered a harem, disguised as a homœopathic doctor, and cured an interesting patient with a "few globules" in a "silver spoon." Risum teneatis fratres et amici.

THE PERILS OF TABLE TALK

A very curious case is reported in the *Times*, of Thursday fortnight, which, as it seriously affects the character, and privacy, and liberty, and comfort of every dinner table, deserves, as it seems to us, our very attentive consideration. We allude to the case of "Whitehead versus Westropp and wife," before the Lord Chief Justice, at Westminster. It seems that at a dinner two gentlemen found their fair neighbour, Mrs. Westropp, so "conformable" and so agreeable that they talked across her, until noticing her husband's frowns she "strained herself up," whatever that may mean. During this agreeable interlude several very jocular remarks were passed, and the conversation became of a very light and airy character. No doubt, the dinner was good, and the wines were "what they should be," and given an agreeable companion in "juxtaposition," we have all the needful ingredients for a very pleasant and enjoyable dinner. The "punctilious" husband, however, as the Lord Chief Justice appositely styled him, took it into his head that the conversation "across his wife" and "to his wife" was something very improper indeed, and having heard, no doubt, from his wife and slightly coloured account of the festive assertions of her two amiable adjuncts, he hastily and excitedly came to the conclusion that such jokes were not the "correct card," that his wife had been insulted, and that the conversation itself, especially of the plaintiff, was libellous to a third person. Why the husband should assume all this to be the case does not quite clearly appear, unless we suppose that his wife was in earnest when she said she disapproved of such a style of conversation. Unlike some we have known, the most cheery and the most guileless, and yet the most proper of women, they could smile at a quiet joke, and laugh out at a good story, as well as the most uproarious and least reticent of us all. Accordingly, like irate husbands in general, this aggrieved individual wrote to Mr. Whitehead, asking for an apology—and "instantly too." Outraged propriety required an immediate and effective "amende honorable." The reply to this, in our opinion, needlessly angry letter and unreasonable request, was a calm statement that the dinner conversation was really and truly only a dinner conversation, free, careless, and, perhaps, a little expansive, but not meant to be repeated, much less complained of or apologised for. But the still indignant husband once more "joined issue" with this jocular doctor, for it seems Mr. Whitehead is a medical man, who is equally ready to write a prescription or make a joke. Failing an apology, he added a threat, namely, that under "such circumstances" he should "be under the necessity of having recourse to such measures as will seriously affect your character as a gentleman and a doctor." These measures, which consisted of conversations to third persons in the neighbourhood of Ventnor, where the plaintiff practised, were the subject of the present action. We need hardly point out to our readers how detrimental to a medical man would be allegations and insinuations as to his free and easy manners and his relaxed conversation, as well as an amiable habit of repetition and scandal. So Mr. Whitehead brings an action against Westropp and wife and obtains a farthing damage. We read that the Lord Chief Justice said he should "mark his sense of what the verdict should have been by giving the plaintiff the costs of the action." This resolution of the Lord Chief Justice will mulct Mr. Westropp in a considerable sense, and, let us hope, be a warning to many others who forget that conversation at a dinner table is meant to be alike free and confidential; in that none of us would, probably, like the Town Crier, to announce at the street corner all the nonsense that we

sometimes talk in the unrestrained confidence and gaiety of that "magna charta" of Britons, the hour of dinner. If we were all "called over the coals" for all the "light airy nothings" fair gay, reckless speeches we have made to some - and dangerous daughter of Eve, sitting an "unclothed galaxy" by our side, we fear our reckoning would be heavy; we are inclined to think that, perhaps, even the wife of our bosom might resent that soft speech or that soft admission we made to that fascinating widow or that captivating young wife, or that most pleasant damsel. Clearly the Lord Chief Justice is right in seeking to uphold the British dinner table, free in all its surroundings, free in all its harmless and customary expansion of soul and sentiment. We trust that we have heard the last of similar mistaken proceedings of such punctilious husbands, or of such uncharitable imputations of motives which were never avowed and of words which were never spoken. Even if they were what could it signify? They were simply a "privileged communication," and so it will be found to be properly laid down in the "new code," otherwise good-bye to the charms of a pleasant companion, adieu to the agreeabilities of a good dinner, "farewell, a long farewell," to all that social liberty of speech and pleasant gossip, which rewards us after the trials, and troubles, and cares of the day, amidst clever women and companionable men, with the "attic salt" of gay banter and kindly wit, all, in fact, that constitutes the life and charm of English society.

NEWS FROM ZULULAND.

We congratulate our readers and the United Services on the good news from Zululand, the thorough subjugation, as we trust, of the Zulus, and an end to a harrasing war.

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.]

PROFESSED EXPOSURES OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Editor of *Truth* assures his readers that he has often "amused" himself by passing for a Freemason.

No doubt this is easy enough. I knew a man who passed for a Church clergyman by opening a chapel in which he used the Church service, and for a Master of Arts of Cambridge by the simple expedient of wearing a Master's hood. If a man, whom you suppose to be a man of honour and a gentleman, passes for what he is not, you are likely to believe him until you find him out. Quite enough is known about Freemasonry to enable an unscrupulous man to impose upon the unwary. The names of the officers of the lodge are no secret, and it is very easy to talk about squares, levels, and perpendiculars.

But a word of caution may be addressed to Masons who, unless they really learn their system, may possibly betray their trust. Masons may well afford to laugh at the pretended revelations of the Editor of *Truth*. But I own that I have sometimes felt that there was a little risk in the free admission to our lodges of brethren "vouched for." I venture to suggest that no stranger should be admitted to a lodge unless previously examined and approved. I knew an adventurer and a man of good address and unbounded self-confidence, who, as I afterwards found out, was quite unscrupulous enough to give a coherent account of his becoming a Mason, and excuse defects on the score of being rusty. I know a Mason of good standing who has forgotten the entire system. Last year in travelling I met a man whom I afterwards found to be a Mason, who failed to recognize me as one, not from ignorance, but from caution. This is safer and better than allowing oneself to "amuse" those who pretend to be what they are not.

Yours fraternally,

S. D.

CAGLIOSTRO.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Since I read Bro. Yarker's letter I have looked into "Joseph Balsamo," and find, of course, (as my recollection of a book, read years ago, seemed to tell me), that Dumas represents Cagliostro both as a charlatan and an Illuminé, in neither of which attributes can he have anything to do with Freemasonry.

When Bro. Yarker says that he thinks Dumas represents Cagliostro in his "true character," what does he mean? what can he mean (with all possible respect to him)? That Cagliostro, for his own purposes, may have been made an Illuminé is possible, but, as I have often said, "Illuminism" and Freemasonry are as "far as the Poles asunder." "Illuminism" is the product of a Roman Catholic Re-

publican, taking the organization of Freemasonry as its basis, though Weishaupt was an Illuminé before he became a Freemason, and this, as I have often taken occasion to say, is a fact worth remembering. For thus it is that we actually owe to a Roman Catholic professor of Canon Law, who was also believed to be a Jesuit—the most dangerous, and destructive, and secret, and revolutionary association the world has ever seen, the precursor of all similar bodies in the world even now. But of such things Freemasonry knows nothing, and all such associations, be they what they may, Freemasonry openly repudiates.

I do hope we have heard the end of any attempts to bolster up the nonsense of Cagliostro's so-called Egyptian Rite, and that we may leave all such rubbish—"Positively rubbish, my dear sir"—to those who prefer legends to history and fiction to fact.

Yours fraternally, dear Bro. Kenning,

THE EDITOR OF YOUR CYCLOPEDIA.

LODGE FUNDS AND PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the brother signing himself J.W. in your issue of last week should know better than to uphold the expenditure of lodge funds for picnics, as "a custom very much in vogue;" therefore, to my mind, all the less astonishment, that a brother such as H. S. Alpass should see that the evil was growing to such an extent that it required rigorous treatment. All said in J.W.'s letter would be very commendable, if they did not obtain their enjoyment at their own individual expenses. For no one of a social disposition, which, I trust, most Masons are, would think of condemning such pleasant gatherings of Masons with their lady relatives and friends.

I should like to say a word more about the presentation of lodge jewels, as I might be understood to condemn them in toto—such is not the case. If any member of a lodge on passing the chair is to receive a Past Master's jewel, where is the distinguished honour of possessing it? I say, only bestow one when a W.M. has had an extra arduous year of office, or has done something especially to promote the welfare of his lodge, or has given long service to the lodge; and even then let it be paid for by the brethren subscribing among themselves, as other testimonials are usually obtained. Then it would be a mark of real appreciation. It is so easy to spend or vote away money which is not ours personally, and, therefore, I fail to see the honour attached to the possession of jewels obtained in this manner; consequently, am one who would like to see the annual presentation of a Past Master's jewel done away with.

Whenever lodge funds are used for a presentation, let it be to purchase a Life Governorship to one of our Institutions in the name of the party whom the lodge sees fit to honour, then there would be no misappropriation of funds.

I remain, very fraternally, yours,

A NATIVE OF LIVERPOOL.

Dover, July 22nd, 1879.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

As I think it well to collect all such "historical facts" as the following extract from a newspaper of 1737, sent to me kindly by my indefatigable friend, Bro. Hughan, I forward it to this interesting column, which I always like to see filled.

MASONIC STUDENT.

"By Order of the GRAND MASTER.

"The Annual Feast of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, will be held on Thursday the 28th instant, at Fishmongers Hall, Thames-Street.

"Tickets may be had at the following Places, viz. at the Braund's Head, New Bond-street; the Shakespeare's Head, Little Marlborough-street; the Turk's Head, Greek-Street, Soho; the Standard Tavern, Leicester-Fields; the Shakespeare's Head, Covent-Garden, Forrest's Coffee House, Charing-Cross; Mr. Moody's, Sword Cutler, near Temple-Bar; the King's Arms in the Strand; Mr. Atkins's, Stationer, at the Queen's Head in Cheapside; Mr. Cole, his Majesty's Whip-maker, in West-Smithfield; the Swan and Rummer, in Finch Lane; the Swan upon Fish-street Hill; the Fountain in the Borough; the Theatre Tavern, Goodman's Fields; the Fountain on Snow-Hill; the Mourning Bush, at Aldersgate; the Rummer in Queen-street, Cheapside; and at Mr. Stephenson's, Glover, opposite Exeter-Exchange in the Strand.

"N.B. Those Brethren who intend to go in the Grand Procession, are desired to meet at the Right Honourable the Earl of Darnley's, Grand Master elect, at his Lordship's House in Pall-Mall, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon precisely; thence to proceed in Coaches or Chariots to the Hall as above-mentioned.

"No Hackney Coaches to be admitted in the Cavalcade, nor any Brother into the Hall unclothed or arm'd."

I think it right to mention for the information of Bro. Hughan and others, that by a communication with my friend the Rev. J. E. A. Fenwick there exists in the library of the late Sir Thomas Phillips, at Thirlestane House, Cheltenham, a duplicate copy of Mr. Wilson's MS. Both copies, Mr. Fenwick tells me, seem written "about the same" time, and are "verbatim et literatim" the same in every other respect. So this gives us two copies of one MS. originally no doubt belonging to lodges, and I have myself no doubt that all lodges had originally a roll, or MS. copy of the legend, and that the "transcripts" still existing were made from the original "rolls."

A.F.A.W.

HUGHAN'S MASONIC REGISTER OF MEDALS AND LODGES.

FREEMASONS' HALL MEDAL, A.D. 1780.

The medal of silver, and bearing the year 1780, to which I have alluded in the *Masonic Register*, has been the source of much correspondence, for it seems that some lodges having the privilege to wear it (in the person of their W.M. for the time being) have lost the medal, and so are unable to exercise the privilege. One lodge I know of, distinguished by the Grand Lodge thus to have the *Freemasons' Hall medal* of A.D. 1780 appended to the Master's jewel (*between the arms of the square*), though, unfortunately, without the medal, has the deficiency supplied by using one formerly belonging to a lodge which has become defunct. The members generally, however, consider it to be the veritable medal presented by the Grand Lodge, and as the only difference to be detected is in the number engraved thereon, I have decided to let the brethren be contented accordingly. Another lodge, however, has not been so fortunate, for it has been through my enquiries in preparing the "Register of Masonic Medals and Lodges" (illustrated) that the members knew of their privilege as one of the contributors to the *Freemasons' Hall loan*, A.D. 1779—1790, and now, alas, after the most careful search, and every enquiry possible of the old members, not one can tell aught of the whereabouts of the medal, and, undoubtedly, it is lost. Should any brother have one of these medals, once the property either of one of the lodges or individual subscribers, I shall be exceedingly glad if they would kindly spare it—at a price to be agreed—for the lodge in question, and the members would be delighted beyond measure if able to see one of the medals again in use in their lodge, after an absence at least of half-a-century. The loss is not likely to occur again.

THE "BRITISH LODGE," No. 8, LONDON.

In the work already alluded to, I state that the jewels of the British Lodge, No. 8, are of gold or silver gilt, one other lodge only being so distinguished, but I am unable to say *why* the privilege was granted. One of the best informed members of the lodge, and, certainly, possessing most favourable opportunities to obtain such information, tells me that on a certain occasion the Grand Lodge jewels were missing, and the British Lodge, having sent theirs for the use of the Grand Lodge, they were gilded for the purpose, and, on being returned, the necessary authority was given for them to be so used for the future. I should like to know as to this.

WILLIAM J. HUGHAN.

FREEMASONRY IN ESSEX.

I thank Bro. Hughan for his complimentary remarks on my article descriptive of Freemasonry in Essex, and equally with him am I alive to the great importance of accuracy. Unfortunately, there were some typographical errors in this particular sketch, and, as they occurred mostly in the figures, they were of more moment than such errors generally are. The blame for these, I fear, I must take to myself in not having overlooked the proof, as no one but the writer of such an article would be able to verify the dates; or, at all events, in order to do so the reader and sub-editor, entrusted with the duty of looking over the proof, would require to have at hand the materials from which it was compiled, and the necessary comparisons would occupy a very long time. In any future sketches of a like character which may appear in the *Freemason* I will take care not to be guilty of the same oversight. However, my object in drawing attention to what appeared to me, and would probably have appeared to any one in my position, a discrepancy between Bros. Hughan and Gould has been in one case gained through the courteous explanation of the former. Some time between the publication of the last ante-Union and first post-Union Calendars—if I understand Bro. Hughan rightly—the Well-Disposed Lodge, No. 28, of Waltham Abbey, migrated to Kensington Palace, changed its title to the Alpha Lodge, and died some time between 1814 and 1832. This is the one additional link needed in order to complete the tracing of the lodge, No. 76, "White Bear, in King-street," Golden-square, from its foundation in 1730—1732, was obviously an error, as I mention 1730 as the year of its birth in another part of my article—to its disappearance from the roll some time between 1814 and 1832. As regards Lodge No. 214, I mentioned especially the fact of its migration from Romford to Brentwood. I said: "It was still at Romford when the Grand Lodge Calendar for 1877 was issued, but in the course of that year it appears to have migrated to its present quarters at Brentwood," that is, in the year that elapsed between the issue of the 1877 and 1878 Calendars. The fact of "its migration" from Essex to Middlesex having taken place so very recently, justified my including it in my sketch of Freemasonry in the former county. In the case of Lodge St. Nicholas, No. 174, of Harwich, in 1793 list, as it does not figure in Bro. Hughan's Register as having been in the 1813 list, "Moderns," I conclude that it died out between 1793 and 1813; while in the case of Bro. Gould's lodge, No. 186, "Gothic Lodge, Foot Guards, Sutling House, Whitehall," of 1793, no doubt, some time between that year and 1814, it had become the No. 186, Gothic Lodge, Harwich, of Bro. Hughan.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

Sir Charles Style died at his residence in Bath on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at the advanced age of eighty-one. The deceased Baronet was formerly member for Scarborough.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at 3 o'clock, in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, for the purpose of transacting special business.

The R.W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Past Grand Warden of England and Grand Master of East Lancashire, presided, attended by the W. Bro. George Mellon, Grand Deacon of England and Deputy Grand Master of East Lancashire. The following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers were also present:—

W. Bros. R. H. Hardman, P.M. 283, P.S.G.W.; G. Higgins, W.M. 62, P.J.G.W.; Rev. W. Chayter, P.M. 1504, P.G. Chap.; B. Taylor, P.M. 935, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Anderton, W.M. 407, P.G. Reg.; J. Chadwick, P.M. 44, P.G. Sec.; E. Brookes, P.M. 935, P.S.G.D.; S. Crowther, W.M. 37, P.G.S. of W.; D. Towers, P.M. 345, P.G. Dir. of Cir.; H. Heys, P.M. 1634, P.G.A. Dir. of C.; R. Caldwell, P.M. 1011, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. T. Robberds, P.M. 993, P.G. Org.; J. Arensburg, P.M. 1161, P.G. Purs.; E. Ratcliffe, P.M. 992, P.G.A. Purs.; E. Ashworth, jun., J. G. Smith, and W. C. Walker, P.G. Stewards; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Smith, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitor, P.P.G.D.C.; H. Greenwood, P.P.G. Purs.; A. Wolstenholme, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Hartley, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Tennant, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Hall, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas.; C. H. Coates, P.P.J.G.W.; E. Heywood, P.P.J.G.D.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Grime, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; E. Haddon, P.P.S.G.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; N. Hargreaves, P.P.G. Org.; J. W. Maclure, P.P.G.J.W.; P. Royle, M.D., P.P.S.G.D.; Beswicke Roys, P.P.J.G.W.; and J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W.

The following brethren were present as representatives of seventy-one out of the ninety lodges in the province: Bros. H. J. Cutter, W.M. 52; W. F. Parkinson, S.W. 52; J. MacMahon, I.G. 52; A. Mercer, J.W. 1534; R. Collinge, P.M. 54; S. Clegg, W.M. 266; J. Andrew, P.M. 1219; G. Platt, P.M. 1077; E. Jones, P.M. 1147; C. Wren, 367; J. E. Roberts, S.W. 1218; J. Nuttall, P.M. 274; W. H. Rygrass, I.P.M. 381; H. R. G. Bayley, P.M. 633 and 815; I. Davis, W.M. 1147; T. Whitaker, W.M. 221; R. Ashworth, W.M. 286 and 1697; G. Mullock, J.W. 204; J. Sandiford, W.M. 344; J. Loftus, W.M. 128; W. Bagnall, J.W. 204; E. Brookes, W.M. 269; C. Butterworth, W.M. 363; T. Powles, W.M. 325; J. Dickson, W.M. 1011; J. Bollard, I.P.M. 126; J. Roberts, W.M. 204; G. Jackson, P.M. 1077; J. Brown, I.P.M. 37; A. Hopkinson, W.M. 191; H. D. Marks, S.W. 1798; W. Haddon, 1147; H. E. Clausen, I.P.M. 1077; J. Sutcliffe, P.M. 283; S. Sykes, J. Hindle, W.M. 462; T. Heap, W.M. 1077; J. Newton, P.M. 37; H. L. Rocca, S.W. 815; T. R. Penn, P.M. 1147; H. Walley, W.M. 163; W. Brandon, W.M. 1219; J. A. Martin, W.M. 678; W. Hollins, W.M. 152; R. Rushton, J.W. 1145; J. R. Lever, W.M. 317; J. Henleton, J.W. 1011; D. Morrison, 1011; J. Bridgford, P.M. 1077; R. Pilkington, P.M. 1392; J. Gallagher, P.M. 1459; W. Nicholl, J.W. 317; T. Morris, P.M. 221 and 1723; W. H. Vaughan, I.P.M. 1030; W. Newton, W.M. 1322, P.M. 268; G. Hughes, 1055; W. Parker, W.M. 993; C. Pearson, P.M. 1030; P. Horrocks, P.M. 934; J. Andrews, W.M. 268; J. H. Bury, W.M. 1145; S. Davies, P.M. 1052; R. Hughes, W.M. 1030; P. Lawton, J.W. 78; J. Hargreaves, P.M. 1077; J. Aspland, W.M. 633; and H. R. Lissenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

A Craft lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M. of the Friendship Lodge, No. 44, assisted by his officers, the R.W.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers entered, when the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at twenty minutes past three o'clock.

The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was called, and letters read, which were considered satisfactory, from the W. Bro. Rev. H. Cottam, Prov. Grand Asst. Chaplain, who was in Switzerland, and W. Bro. J. F. Hoffgaard, Prov. G.S. Deacon, who was in Denmark.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master then stated the special business of the meeting, and called upon Bro. J. A. Birch, P.P.G.J.W., to move the first resolution.

In proposing the resolution entrusted to him by the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Birch gave a clear and succinct history of the fund in question, arising, as it did, from subscriptions and donations given for the purpose of maintaining and educating indigent female children, daughters of reduced and of deceased Freemasons of the province, in the year 1842, amounting in the first instance to £93 15s. This sum was increased from time to time by other donations, proceeds of two balls in 1851 and 1852, by sermons in 1850, and by interest to a sum of £276 4s. 3d. in 1854, and at the time it was handed over to the late Bros. Blair and Tunnah, as trustees, in June, 1864, amounted to the sum of £356 3s. 3d. This had been profitably invested, and at the present time Bro. J. Newton, as the representative and executor, was prepared to hand over a gross sum of £695 19s. 2d. He (Bro. Birch), therefore, proposed that—

"The funds subscribed about thirty years ago (together with the accumulations of the income thereof) for the purpose of maintaining and educating indigent female children of reduced and of deceased Freemasons of this province, be, upon the receipt of the same from the executors of the late Bro. John Tunnah, Provincial Grand Secretary, transferred, with the full consent of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, upon condition that the principal sum, being the total amount so received, be accepted by the said Institution, and separately invested, and the future income arising therefrom be applied exclusively to the maintenance and education of girls, who are eligible for the benefits of the said Institution under its rules. The said principal sum and future income arising

therefrom to be regularly brought into the annual or other accounts of the said Institution."

Bro. W. O. Walker, Past Prov. G.J. Warden, had great pleasure in seconding the resolution so ably placed before them by Bro. Birch, and considered it unnecessary, after the lucid explanations just given, to trespass longer upon their time than cordially to second the resolution.

After a few remarks from the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the resolution was unanimously carried.

Bro. James A. Birch next proposed that a Committee, consisting of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, the Wor. Dep. Prov. G. Master, the Wor. Prov. G. Registrar, and the Past Prov. G. Registrars, with the Prov. G. Secretary, be appointed a Committee to receive the aforesaid amount of £695 19s. 2d., and to make arrangements for its investment.

Bro. George Parker Brockbank, P.P.G.D., seconded the proposition, which was also carried, and

W. Bro. Dr. Royle, P.P.G.D., then proposed that Bro. Newton's name should be added to the Committee, and at the request of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Newton consented to act.

Bro. J. Hargreaves next proposed:

"That in consideration of the services rendered to Provincial Grand Lodge, and to evince its satisfaction with the conduct and ability of Bro. James Newton on all occasions while acting as Provincial Grand Secretary, pro tem., from the time of Bro. John Tunnah's decease to the appointment of W. Bro. John Chadwick, the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted to him from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge."

This was seconded by Bro. Thos. Grime, P.P.G. Asst. D. of C., and unanimously carried.

Bro. Jas. Newton, who had retired during the time the above proposition was being put and carried, now re-entered the lodge, and was received with applause by all present, and on the R.W. Prov. Grand Master informing him, in a few well-chosen words, of the slight return Provincial Grand Lodge had made him for his valuable services, Bro. Newton, in a neat speech, thanked the R.W.P.G. Master and the Provincial Grand Officers for the kind words and feeling evinced by them all towards himself.

It was also resolved "That the best thanks of the Prov. Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Newton for his services."

This being all the business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with due ceremony and with solemn prayer, at five o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of the province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Town Hall, Cowes, on Thursday, the 17th inst., when there were present the M.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal; V.W. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; Bros. Gen. Hooper, P.P.J. G.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Giles, P.P.G. M.O.; T. W. Faulkner, P.G. St. B. (England and Wales); J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; H. Cawte, P.P.G.S.O.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.I. of W.; R. Osborne, P.G.J.D.; T. G. Pulley, P.G. St. B.; J. H. Askham, P.G.I.G.; T. Benham, P.G.S.D.; J. Blount Thomas, W.M. 63; J. G. Wheeler, W.M. 140; H. J. Gay, W.M. 2; W. Sellwood, S.W. 54; W. D. Parkhouse, Sec. 62; O. Hathausen, P.M. 140; G. A. Mursell, S.O. 140; W. C. Ross, J.O. 140; W. J. Hurst, S.D. 140; J. G. Jones, I.G. 140; G. Westall, S.D. 54; J. C. Ains, 140; R. J. Turney, I.G. 2; R. Sullivan, 140; J. Winship, I.G. 63; J. Getcliffe, 140; G. W. Munt, 140; H. Stone, 54, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the accounts of the P.G.M. Lodge were produced by the auditors, showing a small balance in hand.

The P.G.M. Master having completed a second period of three years' service, the D.P.G.M. Master, Bro. Hickman, proposed that his name should be again submitted to the Grand Mark Master for re-appointment to the office. This was seconded by Gen. Hooper, P.P.G.J.W., and received the unanimous assent of the P.G. Lodge, there being a general feeling of satisfaction that the lodge should be presided over by a Past Grand Master of England who took such an interest in the degree.

It being the turn of this Prov. Grand Mark Lodge to nominate a brother as Grand Steward, Bro. Le Feuvre, P.G.M. Sec., proposed that the name of Bro. R. L. Loveland, P.P.G.J.W., should be forwarded to the Grand Master for such an appointment.

This was seconded by Bro. Parkhouse, and resolved on unanimously.

Some alterations in the bye-laws relating to the receipt and payment of moneys belonging to P.G.M. Lodge having been made, it became the melancholy duty of the P.G. Lodge to elect a successor to the present P.G.M. Treasurer, Bro. J. Lillywhite, of Portsmouth, who since his election last year had been attacked with serious illness, which under existing circumstances gave no prospect of recovery.

The D.P.G. Master proposed that Bro. R. L. Loveland should be elected Treasurer, and took the opportunity of drawing attention to the interest always taken by Bro. Loveland in the Order, and that the appointment would be peculiarly appropriate considering the connection of that brother with London, Ryde, and the mainland.

Bro. G. T. Lancaster, P.P.G.I. of W. seconded the proposition, which was very cordially and unanimously carried.

The P.G. Secretary read an abstract of the returns of the lodges of the province, showing that they were in a fairly satisfactory state.

A vote of £5 5s. having been made to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a very sincere expression of sympathy having been ordered to be sent by the P.G. Secretary to

Mrs. Lillywhite on her husband's illness, the P.G. Master appointed his officers as follows:—

Bro. W. Hickman, 63	...	Prov. D.P.G.M.M.
" T. W. Faulkner, 140	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Blount Thomas, 63	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" G. F. Lancaster, 2	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. B. Rogers, 125	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" T. J. Pulley, 54	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. G. R. Johnson, 17	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. L. Loveland, 63	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" O. Hathausen, 140	...	Prov. G. Reg. Wks.
" J. E. Le Feuvre, 63	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. G. Wheeler, 140	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. Westall, 54	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. D. Parkhouse, 62	...	Prov. G.I. of Wks.
" C. B. Whitcomb, 2	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Sellwood, 54	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Winship, 63	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" K. G. Westley, 63	...	Prov. G.O.
" G. A. Mursell, 140	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" R. J. Turney, 2 and H. Stone, 54	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Watson	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The minute books of the lodges were then examined, giving occasion to a few "admonitions" on the part of the P.G. Master, after which an adjournment was made to the Fountain Hotel, where a very excellent dinner had been provided, and the brethren satisfied the wants of the inner man, whilst indulging in mutual congratulations on the success of the meeting, which the sun had favoured with its presence, making its appearance, it was said, for the first time this year.

FREEMASONRY IN SUFFOLK.

It was a pleasant task that devolved on us recently when we recorded the doings of our worthy Suffolk brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled. Their chief and his deputy, who were both present, are deservedly popular, nor is their popularity confined to the province itself, while the energy and interest of the former in behalf of Freemasonry are illustrated by the fact of the number of lodges having about doubled itself in the eighteen years and upwards of his reign. This week our attention has been again directed eastward, for Wednesday was the day appointed for the consecration of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, of Clare. The present week, therefore, would appear to offer a favourable opportunity for noting, as we did recently in the case of the adjoining Province of Essex, the progress of the Royal Art in Suffolk.

We may remark, in passing and in general terms, that from the very earliest times Freemasonry has found a welcome home in our Eastern counties. This is most appropriate, having regard to the important part which the East has always been called upon to play in things Masonic as in things mundane. At all events, even a cursory glance at the early authorised lists of English Lodges will show that very few years had elapsed from the constitution of our London Grand Lodge ere the Craft established itself in Norfolk, and a little later on in Suffolk and Essex. Almost the earliest list yet extant contains a Norwich lodge, and reference to that for 1736 gives the date of its constitution as 1724, which is the first year when lodges holding under the Grand Lodge in London were established in the provinces. Moreover, Preston in his "Illustrations" mentions that during Lord Lovel's Grand Mastership an occasional lodge was specially convened at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, the seat of the then Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, for the purpose of raising to the Third Degree Francis, Duke of Lorraine, subsequently Emperor of Germany, and Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, ancestor of more than one Provincial Grand Master bearing the same title. This is evidence that Masonry had firmly established itself in East Anglia. However, our present purpose is to follow up our recent sketch of Essex Masonry with a similar one of the Craft in Suffolk.

To Bury-St.-Edmunds belongs the honour of having been the first town in Suffolk to welcome the Royal Art, the list for 1732 containing two lodges, Nos. 78 and 81, which, further inquiry shows, had been established the year previous; while a third lodge was constituted the same year at Ipswich. By the renumbering of the lodges in 1740, the elder of the Bury lodges had passed away, but the junior, No. 81, became No. 71, and was not erased from the list till towards the end of the year 1754; a third Bury lodge, founded as No. 108, 15th December, 1732, meeting with the same fate in the same year. The Ipswich lodge No. 96 became No. 85 in 1740, but it also must have died out before 1756, as there is no trace of it in the list for the latter year. However, the same year which saw the extinction of the aforesaid Bury lodges witnessed the birth of a lodge at Lowestoft, this being No. 251, founded 29th October, 1754, which became No. 191 in 1756 and No. 151 in 1770, between which latter year and 1781 it passed away. On the 21st January, 1762, was founded Lodge No. 270, held at the Green Man, Ipswich, and this is the oldest Suffolk lodge now in existence, that is, the oldest lodge which has been continuously from its origin held within the limits of the county. This lodge became No. 214 in 1770, No. 173 in 1781, between which year and 1792 it took the name of the British Union, and was held at the Golden Lion. In 1792 it became No. 147, after the Union No. 180, No. 131 in 1832 and No. 114 in 1863. It is now held at the Freemasons' Hall in Ipswich, and has the honour of being the only purely Suffolk lodge, "Moderns," which can point to an apparently unbroken existence of 117 years.

Of the two lodges which precede this on the roll of Grand Lodge, No. 81, the Doric, of Woodbridge, held under the Ancients, and according to the information now for the first time published in Bro. Kenning's "Cosmo" was warranted in the year 1762. At the time of the Union it was No. 96, and was known as the Commercial Lodge, being held at

Aldborough. It became No. 120 in 1814, No. 96 in 1832, and in 1863, as it is still, No. 81. The still older lodge, No. 71, the Unity, of Lowestoft, held under the "Moderns," was founded in 1747. Originally, however, it was a Norfolk lodge, being held in the first instance at the Bear, in the city of Norwich. It was No. 198 at the time of its constitution on the 9th of May, 1747. In 1756 it became No. 132, and No. 103 in 1770. In 1781 it was No. 83, and was held at the Queen's Head, Acle, in the same county. In 1792 it was renumbered as No. 76, and some time between that year and the Union it migrated to its present habitation, Lowestoft, for on the renumbering which followed that auspicious event it became No. 99, and was described as the Lodge of Unity, Lowestoft. In 1832 it became No. 84, and in 1863 No. 71, and is the premier lodge on the roll of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk.

There would seem to have been four other lodges which, if they were all now in existence, could boast of being upwards of a century old. The eldest of them was No. 238, was first held at the Mitre, Union-street, Westminster, and was founded on the 2nd March, 1754. This became No. 178 in 1756, No. 140 in 1770, when it was held at the Rose and Crown, Crown-street, No. 114 in 1781, and No. 104 in 1792. Between this last year and 1813 it migrated to Stowmarket, in Suffolk, for on the renumbering in 1814 it became No. 129, and was described as the Phoenix Lodge of that town. In 1832 it resumed its old Præ-Union number of No. 104, but, unfortunately, between that year and 1863 it has become extinct. The second of the four has been more fortunate, and is still flourishing, though it now hails from the county of Norfolk. This, however, is not to be wondered at, seeing that it was Norfolk born. It was founded on the 18th February, 1758, as No. 231, its first abode being at the Cock, in the parish of St. Mary, Norwich. It was No. 188 at the Flower in Hand, in the same parish, in 1770; in 1781, No. 153, at Johnson's Coffee House, in the same city; in 1792, No. 136, at the King's Head, Cottishall, Norfolk. In 1814 it was held at Bungay in Suffolk, and bore the style and title of No. 164, Lodge of Unanimity. It became No. 119 in 1832, and No. 102 in 1863, and is now held at North Walsham, in Norfolk. The third of this small group was the R. Edwin Lodge, of Bury St. Edmunds. This was founded in 1765 as No. 358, held at the Red Lion, Fakenham, Norfolk. It became No. 283 in 1770, and No. 226 in 1781, by which time it had migrated to Thetford, in the same county. In 1792 it is described as No. 193, the Royal Edwin Lodge, held at the Angel, Bury St. Edmunds. After the Union it was renumbered 238, but its existence had determined when the lodges were closed up in 1832. The last of them was the Royal Edmund Lodge, also of Bury St. Edmunds, where it was constituted as No. 437, in 1772. It became No. 345 in 1781, No. 284 in 1792, No. 360 in 1814, and No. 253 in 1832, since when it has passed away.

Of the other Præ-Union lodges, two, as will be seen, still flourish, though five were at different times constituted. The Lodge of Perfect Friendship, held as No. 479, at a private room in Ipswich, was founded in 1785, and became No. 389 in 1792. After the Union it retrograded to No. 480, and died subsequently before 1832. No. 528, founded as the Philanthropic Lodge, at the Bull, Melford, in 1788, became No. 437 in 1792, No. 501 in 1814, and No. 331 in 1832. It no longer exists. The Lodge of Prudence, No. 500, the Three Tuns, Halesworth, was founded in 1792. Its existence was of the briefest, as it had ceased working in 1813. No. 544 before the Union, namely, the Apollo Lodge, of Beccles, was founded in 1794, became No. 569 in 1814, No. 383 in 1832, No. 305 in 1863, and is still in working order, while the Lodge of Virtue and Silence, now No. 332, of Hadleigh, was founded as No. 622 in 1811, became No. 629 in 1814, No. 417 in 1832, and received the number it now bears in 1863. Thus, of the fifteen lodges of the Moderns which were founded in or migrated to this county, four are still on its roll, and one other has re-migrated to Norfolk, where it still holds its own comfortably. Of the four lodges holding under the Ancients at the date of the Union, one dating from 1762 still flourishes, as we have shown already, while the same remark applies to another which was founded in 1797, and prior to the Union was No. 309, St. Luke, Ipswich. It became No. 393 in 1814, No. 272 in 1832, and No. 225 in 1863. Two other "Ancient" lodges have ceased, namely, No. 73, Abill's Lodge, of Saxmundham, which was renumbered No. 97 in 1814, and No. 249, Prince Edwin's Lodge, of Woodbridge, which became No. 315 in 1814, and No. 222 in 1832. Thus, putting "Ancients" and "Moderns" together, there are in all six lodges now on the roll of Suffolk which were in existence at 1813, namely, two of the former and four of the latter.

The following are the fourteen lodges which complete the tale:—No. 376, Perfect Friendship, Ipswich, founded 1824, and No. 388, Prudence, Halesworth, in 1827, both dating from the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Sussex. No. 516, Phoenix, Stowmarket, of 1845; No. 555, Fidelity, Framlingham, of 1848; No. 929, Waveney, of Bungay, and No. 936, the Adair, of Aldborough, both of 1862; No. 959, the Prince of Wales, Ipswich, of 1863; No. 1008, Royal St. Edmunds, Bury St. Edmunds, of 1864, and No. 1224, Stour Valley, Sudbury, of 1868, were constituted during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland. No. 1452, St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, received its warrant of constitution in 1873, when the Marquis of Ripon presided over the destinies of the Craft. The remaining four, No. 1592, Abbey, Bury St. Edmunds, 1875; No. 1631, St. Andrew's, Gorleston, 1876; No. 1663, Hartismere, Eye, 1877; and No. 1823, the Royal Clarence, of Clare, 1879, which was formally constituted on the 23rd inst., belong to the reign of our present Grand Master. Of these twenty lodges exactly one-half have been constituted since Lord Waveney was appointed, in the year 1860, to the Grand Mastership of the province. May the career of Freemasonry in this portion of East Anglia be as prosperous in the future as it has been in the past!

FREEMASONRY IN PORT ELIZABETH.

Regarded from a Masonic standpoint, the meeting of the lodge in this town on Friday, the 13th June, was of an important character, for while at the reunion were representatives from most of the inland towns, the gathering was most noteworthy from the presence of the newly-elected officers of the District Grand Lodge. In former years the latter was held in Cape Town, which in matters Masonic, as it has politically, proved not to be the most fitting place for government, and separation was the measure adopted by the lodges. The meetings since have been held in the Eastern Province, the first taking place in Graham's Town. The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th June, and the movement with the object of entertaining the officers at a banquet here was warmly taken up by the lodges of Port Elizabeth, who were also supported by the Southern Cross Lodge of Uitenhage. The matter was entered upon with enthusiasm, and, where no pains or trouble were spared, it is almost superfluous to add that the result was highly successful. The affair took the form of a cold collation, which was spread in the banqueting room of the lodge, and about ninety members of the Craft attended. The tables looked bright and gay with the bouquets of carnations and other choice flowers contributed by Uitenhage, and interspersed with bunches of wild flowers, that added to the effect of the whole. Bro. C. T. W. Mouat, W.M. Lodge of Good Will, presided with characteristic efficiency, and at his right sat the District Grand Master, Bro. Egan, and on his left the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Bain. Among the distinguished visitors present, and exclusive of the officers of the District Grand Lodge, in whose honour the banquet was given, were Bros. Simpson, W.M. Middleton, W.M. elect; and Past Masters W. Wedderburn, O. Lester, and Van der Broek, from Graham's Town; Dr. Arnhold, W.M. Graaf-Reinet; Johnson and Sissing, from King William's Town; and Bro. Austin, P.M. Cradock.

Bro. Mouat proposed the usual loyal toasts, in which he adverted to the fact that the loyalty of colonists had been heightened by the aid and sympathy so generously given in the time of need. He then proposed "Bro. C. J. Egan, R.W.D.G.M. of the Eastern Districts," and took advantage thus offered to say that he was sure the lodge would find in him a brother fully entitled and qualified for the high post to which he had been elevated. He would rule evenly, firmly, and justly, and the more the brethren knew of him in the higher degree would be esteemed.

Bro. Egan, in response, said that his appointment had been to him a matter of surprise; but now that he had been raised to the high office which he held, his only wish was for the welfare of the Order. It was the first time that the District Grand Lodge had met in this town, but he hoped they would assemble here again. The present system was a great improvement on the old style. He also alluded to the useful measure just carried, providing for the education of orphan children of Masons and of children of Masons in distressed circumstances.

The President then proposed "Bro. S. Bain, W. Deputy G.M.," in suitable terms. The toast was most cordially received, and in response its recipient said that in accepting office he doubted whether his humble efforts would prove of much service. Nevertheless, he was glad indeed to be associated with Bro. Egan, who had the interest of Masonry always at heart. The educational measure which had been adopted was of the highest importance, and would last as long as Masonry in Port Elizabeth.

Bro. F. D. Deare, P.M., in proposing "The Newly-appointed Officers of the D.G. Lodge," remarked that he was glad to notice among them one so well known and respected as Bro. J. C. Kemsley, who had been selected to fill office as the District Grand Senior Warden. It also afforded him pleasure to see Bro. Madge in office. He believed that the establishment of the Grand Lodge in the Eastern Province would tend to the advance of Masonry. The District Grand Master had a most intimate knowledge of the rules, and with the management in his hands he believed Masonry would progress and many of its abuses disappear.

Bro. J. C. Kemsley, D.G.S.W., replied on behalf of the newly-elected officers, and said that the duties would be light with two such experienced officers as the District Grand Master and his Deputy, Bro. Bain. Their Secretary, also, was an experienced member of the Craft. The Masons of Port Elizabeth had taken a warm interest in the formation of the District Grand Lodge, which, though but recently formed, had already commenced work; and the educational scheme, he believed, would prove the pride and glory of Masonry. The movement was proof that if the lodges united their influence would extend far and wide. The Grand Lodge was what might be termed a peripatetic institution. A meeting had been held in Graham's Town, and now the second took place in Port Elizabeth; and the effect of their visits to different towns would be to infuse more spirit into Masonry in the Eastern Districts; and already a higher purpose had been laid hold of. He felt deeply the kindly words which had fallen from Bro. P.M. Deare, whose name had long been identified with the Lodge of Good Will, for he was one of its founders, and his interest in its welfare had never ceased.

"The Retiring Officers of the District Grand Lodge" were then proposed by Bro. Egan, the D.G.M., to which a suitable reply was made by Bro. O. Lester, P.D.G.S.W., who thanked them heartily for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been received.

"The W. Masters respectively of the Good Will, Good Hope, and Southern Cross" devolved upon Bro. Perks, D.G. Secretary, who spoke in warm terms of the hospitable reception the visitors had met with. Bayonians, however, were proverbial for their hospitality. He felt certain that the officers of the District Grand Lodge would combine to make it a success here. Suitable replies were made to this

toast by Bros. Mouat, Mackay, and Smyth. The latter remarked that on behalf of Uitenhage the officers of the Southern Cross were glad to assist at the reception of the visitors, and as the sister lodge was so near it was deemed advisable to co-operate with the two lodges of Port Elizabeth, but Uitenhage would not yield to them in the heartiness of their welcome.

Bro. Mouat then proposed "Bro. Perks, the D.G. Secretary," and spoke in cordial terms of his zeal and enthusiasm in the welfare and progress of Masonry. To this Bro. Perks replied, and remarked that while he had life and health he would not fail to perform his duties to the best of his ability. He had always impressed upon his colleagues not to accept an office unless they intended properly to carry out the duties which devolved upon them. He accepted office in that spirit, and as he had behaved in the past so would he pursue the same course in the future.

Bro. H. W. Pearson, P.M., followed with "Our Visiting W. Masters," a toast which, he remarked, wanted no preface from him to welcome the visiting W. Masters, who had done them the honour of being present. Through those officers messages might be sent to their lodges of what had only recently been developed in the form of a District Grand Lodge. There was no man in the colony whom he esteemed more highly than Bro. Southey, but a multiplicity of duties prevented him from giving attention to the regular performance of those which were connected with the lodge. All his intentions were good, but it was impossible, with his multifarious distractions, to ensure the execution of his duties as an officer of the lodge. Separation had been rendered imperative, and now they had an excellent D.G.M. and experienced officers. A healthy rivalry would spring up between the lodges, and each would be emulous to build up the most charities and the most temples. Masonry had now, perhaps, struck root in an institution which would commend itself to the heart of every good Mason.

Bro. Dr. Arnhold, from Graaf-Reinet, replied, and stated that it was the first time he had been at the lodge. He had endeavoured before to come, but the duties of his profession had interfered. The rail, however, was bringing towns into closer connection with one another, and in the future greater facilities would be offered for visiting other lodges. They had witnessed in what worthy hands the duties of the newly-organised lodge had been placed, and each lodge would become a worthy link in the chain. He was almost sorry to say that Masonry in Graaf-Reinet had flagged—as all human institutions at times will do. Many members had gone to the war. A strong effort had now been made, and he trusted their lodge would become powerful. Gatherings similar to the one held that evening had a stimulating effect, and country lodges would assist in making a powerful stride in the work in which they were engaged.

Bro. Bain, D.D.G.M., then proposed "Our Visiting Brethren," and remarked that he hoped their visit would tend to cement the friendly feeling and sympathy which should exist in the province. All present would unite with him and echo that sentiment, for they had never had so much rank and influence as were present on that occasion. In this respect it far surpassed all previous gatherings. The brethren must feel gratified at the presence of so many visitors, for those reunions tended to cement and bind together the various lodges in the colony. In the name of the two local lodges, and also in that of the Southern Cross, which had heartily co-operated, he gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped that the facilities for travelling now offered by rail would induce them to come down more frequently to Port Elizabeth.

Bro. Leigh, from Cradock, who replied on behalf of the visiting brethren, said that they could not possibly have been accorded a heartier reception. He had invited the officers of the District Grand Lodge to hold their next meeting in Cradock, and trusted to meet them there on a future occasion.

Bro. J. C. Kemsley, G.D.S.W., in proposing "Absent Brethren," said that it was with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure that he spoke to the toast, which was a comprehensive one, for it included both dead and living. Among recent departures from the town was Bro. Brister, whose absence was greatly felt. The regret was considerably enhanced by the thought that had he remained here he would have been placed in the chair.

"Sweethearts and Wives" was a subject that drew largely upon the eloquence and facile diction of Bro. Cowen, and met with a willing response from Bro. T. Bennetts, whose remarks took a humorous turn, to the intense amusement of the brethren.

The list closed with the customary toast, followed by "God Save the Queen." During the evening some musical selections—vocal and instrumental—were rendered, and two recitations were also given. In the former department the "Village Blacksmith" by Bro. Ryan is worthy of special mention, for it was capably sung and excited general admiration. Bro. Fox's name is so identified with success in the culinary line that it is almost superfluous to add that the spread was highly creditable even to him. In the minor adjuncts, too, there was nothing wanting, and both as a gathering and as a banquet the affair proved an entire and unqualified success.

The annual assembly of the Sir Knights of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Cockermouth, on Wednesday, the 30th inst., when the M.P.S. and V.E. for the ensuing year will be respectively enthroned and consecrated. There will also be candidates for installation. The brethren of Faithful Lodge, No. 229, Mark Masters, will meet at the same place, at five p.m., for election of W.M. and advancement of candidates. The Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, Lord Chamberlain, has appointed Mr. J. W. Benson, of Ludgate-hill, jeweller and watchmaker in ordinary to Her Majesty.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

A meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on the 23rd inst. There were present Bros. J. Nunn, as President; Jas. Brett, as Senior Vice-President; J. Kench, as Junior Vice-President; Jno. Hervey, H. G. Buss, A. Penlebury, S. Rawson, E. P. Albert, W. H. Perryman, Lord Kensington, S.G.W.; R. Birch, W. Mann, J. M. Klenck, C. F. Hogard, C. Atkins, H. Garrod, Griffiths Smith, H. Dicketts, G. P. Britten, H. W. Linden, E. W. Devereux, G. Waterman, W. Russell, G. Adamson, M. Spiegel, W. A. Smeeth, A. Withers, W. Stephens, R. Harman, J. Storey, W. E. Jefferys, W. Meanwell, F. Adlard, J. Weaver, W. Smallpiece, J. Kingston, A. J. Ireton, J. W. Watts, W. R. Marsh, W. Dairy, and J. C. Woodrow.

Thirteen grants amounting to £275 were confirmed. There were twenty-eight new cases. Twenty-one cases were relieved amounting to £700:—four £10 (£40); one £15 (£15); one £20 (£20); three £25 (£75); six £30 (£180); three £40 (£120); one £50 (£50); two £100 (£200). Six cases were deferred and one dismissed.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO GRIMSBY.

At the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Grimsby on Tuesday last the following address was presented to H.R.H. by the members of the two lodges in that town:—

To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Most Worshipful and Royal Grand Master,—Grateful for the condescension of your Royal Highness to honour the completion of a work to-day which will advance the prosperity of our town and port, and flattered by the gracious privilege granted to us on the occasion of approaching your august person, we, the brethren practising the Royal Art in the Pelham Pillar Lodge, No. 792, and the St. Alban's Lodge, No. 1294, under your Royal jurisdiction, humbly relying on one of the principles of our Constitution, confidently but respectfully present our homage to your Royal Highness as Grand Master of our Order. Your illustrious name at the head of the roll of our Order sheds a lustre on our reputation, and materially promotes the grand objects of our Institution. The warm affection in the breast of every Mason towards the person of Your Royal Highness will secure his unflinching loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and his unshaken attachment to her Crown and the Constitution of the realm. Render acceptable to your Royal Consort our proud consciousness of her many and amiable virtues and the benign influence of her example. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe shower upon your Royal Highness and your Royal Consort every blessing, and long preserve you to the nation. By the unanimous voice of the Lodges, W. H. Smyth, P.G.M. for Lincolnshire; W. H. Roberts, W.M. 792; Wm. Pollitt, W.M., 1294; Henry Barker, Sec. 792; Jack Sutcliffe, Sec. 1294.—Great Grimsby, 22nd July, 1879.

His Royal Highness did not read any reply, but handed to Mr. Smyth a paper containing his answer, of which the following are the terms:

Brethren,—I thank you for your flattering address and for the sentiments of loyalty which animate you towards the Queen and the members of the Royal Family. I desire to express to you also my acknowledgments for the warm terms in which you allude to me as your Grand Master, and I can assure you I experience great pleasure in undertaking the duties of an office of so important and interesting a nature. I am always glad to welcome any member of the Craft, and I rejoice that my visit to your important town has afforded me an opportunity of meeting you.

FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.

The East Sussex News says—Did Freemasonry require a champion to defend it from the attacks of the insidious, a more able advocate could not be found than Bro. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. At the consecration of the Atlingworth Lodge, a few days ago, he gave an oration on the objects and character of the institution which was a masterpiece of logical reasoning. Bro. Scott does not pin his faith to the supposed great antiquity of the Craft, but he is content to continue an excellent institution as he found it. That Freemasonry is of ancient date none can doubt, but whether its origin can be fairly traced to the erection of King Solomon's temple is a matter which we leave enthusiastic members of the Craft to satisfy themselves upon. The chief objections to Freemasonry, among those who deride it, are the so called "mummies." But we would ask, What is any institution of the same character without its ritual and its distinguishing characteristics of dress and degree? Is it not even so in religion? And as Freemasonry is a religious Order founded on strict morality, why should its members be sneered at for adopting a similar system? Is it not the ambition of most men to rise above their fellows, and not only earn distinction, but be entitled to wear some distinguishing mark thereof? That the Masonic motto is, "Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame," is well known, but have not Freemasons, in addition, noble public institutions for the support of the orphan and aged? Bro. Scott says, "If society were perfect we should, indeed, have no need of Freemasonry to induce us to love our fellow men, nor of Christianity to teach us our duty towards God; but being only poor, weak, erring human creatures, we require guidance, and training, and discipline, and so, according to our several idiosyncrasies, we must each one of us adopt such means as are most suitable to us, which will lead to a better and truer life, and which will

enable us to become what we desire to be." Thus we may fairly suppose that those who would detract from the plan of Freemasonry do so because they are not thoroughly conversant with its principles. Those who honourably act up to the cardinal virtues which it teaches cannot fail to believe that though Freemasonry, like all other earthly institutions, has its blots and failings, the whole is a grand scheme which teaches the "Fatherhood of one God and the brotherhood of all men."

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Thomas F. Hill was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, on Wednesday last, the 23rd inst., at the Wellington Hotel, Garston, near Liverpool.

The Right Worshipful Bro. Capt. Hunter, Past Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire (East), and Past Senior Grand Warden of Greece, has been appointed Grand Representative from Greece at the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The Lieutenant of the Order of Malta, otherwise known as the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, has just been raised by the Pope to the dignity of Grand Master. Since the beginning of the present century this high title had been in abeyance, but Count di Santa Croce, an Austrian peer of Tyrolean origin, upon whom the honour has devolved, will at once assume the rank of a Sovereign Prince and the title of Serene Highness, which are appendages to the dignity of Grand Master of the Knights of Malta. The seat of the Order is at present in Rome, where it possesses a magnificent mansion, situated in the midst of a large garden on the Eastern slopes of Mount Aventine. Monastic orders having been suppressed in Italy, the Knights of Malta exist at present as a benevolent society devoted to the care of the sick and wounded in times of peace, as well as on the battlefield. They possess and administer hospitals at Jerusalem, Naples and Milan, and in Germany they have organised three ambulance trains of forty wagons each, which were of much use in the late wars. The members of this most ancient Order, which was founded in the Holy Land in the year 1048 under the title of St. John of Jerusalem, bore, for upwards of two centuries, the name of Knights of Rhodes.—*Keystone.*

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, August 1, 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, JULY 26.

Audit Com. Boys' School.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Forest Hill Hot., Forest Hill.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.
Chap. 1329, Sphinx, F.M.H.

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, JULY 28.

Lodge 1745, Farringdon Without, Viaduct Hot., Holborn.

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.

TUESDAY, JULY 29.

Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.

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 Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

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, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.
Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.
Duke of Connaught, Sutherland Chapel, Walworth Road.
Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., N.
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.
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 Tav., at 8.

THURSDAY, JULY 31.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Havelock Tav., Albion-rd., E.

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, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., King-st., West Smithfield.

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., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the week ending Saturday, August 2, 1879.

MONDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 999, Robert Burns, F.M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, JULY 29.

Lodge 1774, Melton, Railway Hot., Guide Bridge.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
" 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
" 227, Friendship, F.M.H., Oldham.
" 1083, Townley Parker, Mosley Hot., Beswick.
" 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.
" 1219, Strangways, Empire Hot., Strangeways.
" 1775, Leopold, Masonic Rooms, Church, Accrington.
Mark 24, Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann-st., Rochdale.

THURSDAY, JULY 31.

Lodge 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Mkt.-pl., Haslingden.
" 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.
" 344, Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe.
" 346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samlesbury.
" 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
" 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.
" 816, Roys, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, Rochdale.
Chap. 266, Naphthali, Masonic Rooms, Heywood.
Mark 32, Union, F.M.H., Manchester.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 219, Prudence, M.H., Todmorden.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 1458, Truth, M.R., Conservative C., Newton Heath.

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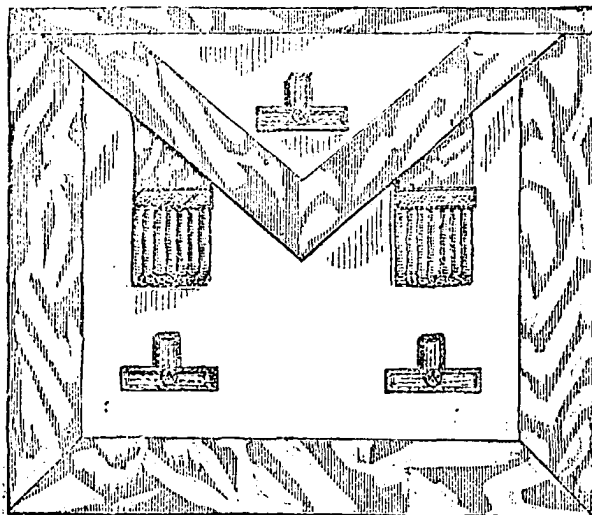
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