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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PILGRIM LODGE (No. 238).—A very interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall, viz., the celebration of the centenary of the "Loge de Pilger, No. 238." This is the only lodge under the English Constitution working in the German language, and the members are deservedly proud of its having attained its 100th birthday under such circumstances. It was established in 1779 by German residents in London at the Old Mitre Tavern, in Fleet-street, its then number on the roll being 516. From there it migrated to the Old London Tavern, and remained there for many years. As the members increased this house was found too small, and it moved thence to the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. It has now found a resting place at the headquarters of Freemasonry in London—the Freemasons' Hall. It is very evident from the members assembled on Wednesday, and the long list of apologies for non-attendance and expressions of goodwill, that the "Pilger Loge" stands high in the estimation, not only of the German community in London, but of a very large number of English Freemasons. As a proof of this, we may mention that letters of congratulation were received from the M.W. the Grand Master, H.H.R. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale, and a large number of distinguished brethren. There were present many deputations from Hanover, Hamburg, and other parts of Germany. The Grand Lodge of England was represented by Bros. Wendt, Sec. for German Correspondence; T. Fenn, Past Grand Deacon; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; Dr. Martini, Grand Master of Frankfurt; C. Hoffmann, Past G. Steward; and Handwerk, Prov. G.W. of Gloucester and P.G.M. of the Royal Gloucestershire. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, the W.M., Bro. A. Beygrau, presiding, supported by Bro. A. Vogt, Deputy, or Past Master; Bro. Charles Sevin, for thirty years Treasurer of the lodge; and Bro. Karl Bergmann, P.M. and Sec. The Wardens were Bros. Furst, S.W., and Neuhaus, J.W.; Bro. Harrer, M.D., occupied the position of Orator, or speaker. The whole of the proceedings were conducted in the German language, and the W.M., in an eloquent and telling speech, warmly welcomed the visiting brethren, and expressed the pleasure he felt, which was fully shared in by the whole lodge, at receiving brothers from the beloved Fatherland. Bro. Wendt, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England, congratulated the lodge on having preserved unbroken the records of proceedings, which had entitled them to the much-coveted distinction of a centenary jewel. He also congratulated the members on its past career and present position. Dr. Martini, Grand Master of Frankfurt, wished the greatest possible success to their brethren in England, for whom they all had the greatest respect, and took the opportunity of expressing the appreciation of the Craft in Germany for the way in which the ancient landmarks of the Order had been preserved. He remarked that the first lodge established in Frankfurt was the Union, under the charter of the English Grand Lodge, which was afterwards, by the courtesy of the English Grand Lodge, transferred to the German Grand Lodge, when it came into existence, yet the origin of the lodge would never be forgotten, and the sacred precepts handed down to them would always be preserved. Addresses were also delivered by the deputies of other German lodges, and the enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by the performance, by a select body of the brethren, of two original compositions, viz.: a poem, set to music by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, in memory of the founders of the lodge, and a Fest-Cantate, composed by Bro. Martin Müller. During the singing of a hymn by members and visitors, fraternal greetings in unity took place according to the custom in German lodges. The ceremony lasted for more than

two hours, and on the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales," "The Deutcher Kaiser," "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. R. F. Gould on behalf of the English brethren present, and by Bro. Martini for the German visitors. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. We may mention that the musical programme, as might have been expected from such a music-loving people, was of the highest character, the principal contributors being Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, M. Müller, Eugen Kapff, Josef Ludwig, Dr. Harrer, A. Siegle, Hugo Daubert, W. Lotz, and G. W. C. Starke.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).

—The September meeting of this, one of the few Banner Lodges, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday week, the 25th ult. On this occasion an innovation was made, in the form of admitting ladies to the banquet table. This experiment, for which we are indebted to Bros. George Newman, P.M., and Wm. Worrell, P.M., proved a most decided success, and its occasional observance would no doubt tend to lessen the severity of the charge of selfishness which the ladies oft make against the brethren. The lodge was opened at 2.30 by the W.M., Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. Kidman, S.W.; W. Drake, J.W.; Capt. G. J. Kain, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Roberts, S.D.; E. B. Broomhall, D. of C.; George Newman, P.M., Steward; W. J. Collins, I.G.; John Pringle, P.M.; W. Manfield Newton (W.M. elect); H. E. Heath, J. W. Hutchison, Turle Lee, Wm. Johnston, L. S. Burt, J. G. Appell, A. G. Rees, F. G. Barnes, P. Steinmann, and the following visitors: Bros. H. Garrod, P.M. 749; L. Beck, W.M. 1559, P.G.O. Middx.; H. Harman, 1544; W. W. Morgan, 1385; S. Smith, 742; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). Bro. Worrell, P.M., Sec., read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, when Bro. Lawrence S. Burt was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. The ballot was taken for Messrs. C. W. Lenox Hall, Geo. Hutchison, and Alfred Wortham. Proving unanimous in their favour, each gentleman was separately initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cutmore. The election of W.M., Treas., and Tyler for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. On the motion of Bro. Captain Kain, P.M., seconded by Bro. John Pringle, P.M., Bro. Wm. M. Newton was elected to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Kidman, S.W., having gracefully declined that honour in favour of Bro. Newton, who was eligible for the office in 1876, but had retired in favour of his father, the late Bro. W. E. Newton. Bro. Capt. Kain was re-elected Treasurer, an office which he has ably filled for several years. Bro. Grant was also re-elected Tyler. Bro. Kain then, in very feeling terms, referred to the loss the lodge had sustained in the death of Bro. Past Master W. E. Newton, and proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Newton. The Worshipful Master seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. After the appointment of the Audit Committee the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren forthwith joined the ladies and non-Masonic gentlemen in the drawing-room. The company shortly afterwards assembled in the banqueting-hall, which, by a very tasteful grouping of the banners of the various Worshipful Masters of this lodge, looked certainly very effective. Bro. Dr. C. R. Cutmore, Worshipful Master, presided, and among the company present, in addition to those already mentioned, were Dr. D. M. Forbes, Mr. Lockwood, Mr. F. Ullmer and Miss Ullmer, Mrs. Newman, Madame Worrell, Mrs. Manfield Newton, Mr. M. A. Trass and Mrs. Trass, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Rees, Miss Marian Burton, Mr. A. S. A. Dodson, Mr. Alfred Kenningham, and Mr. E. Powell (*City Press*). After the dinner, which was exceptionally good and ably served under the superintendence of Bro. E. H. Rand, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Capt. Kain, with great humour, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," to which Bro. Cutmore replied. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," to which the newly-enlightened brethren responded. To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bros. Capt. Kain, Miller, Newman, Pringle, and Worrell replied in fitting terms. Bro. George Newman related some interesting facts concerning the lodge from the time when it consisted of but seven members to its present successful condition. The toast of "The Non-Masonic Visitors" was proposed in complimentary terms by the Worshipful Master, and was responded to by several gentlemen, including Messrs. Dodson, Lockwood, Dr. Forbes, and E. Powell. Bro. Williams ably responded on behalf of "The Ladies." In reply to the toast of "The W.M. elect," Bro. W. Manfield Newton sincerely thanked the brethren for electing him, also Bro. Kidman, S.W., for kindly waiving his claim to the chair. Several other toasts were given and responded to. During the evening an elegant musical entertainment was given under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, the artistes being Madame Worrell, Miss Marian Burton, and Mr. Alfred Kenningham, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Turle Lee. Bro. Garrod gave a most laughable recitation entitled "The Quack Doctor," which was very warmly applauded. The infant Salvini also recited, with great power for so young an artist, "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE (No. 1602).

—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held in the Agricultural Hall, on Friday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. A. F. Rowly, W.M.; Edward G. Sim, P.M.; E. Somers, P.M.; Ths. J. Coombs, P.M.; J. Weston, S.W.; J. Osborn, J.W.; J. Greenfield, Treas.; C. F. Parslow, Sec.; W. Norris, S.D.; W. F. Poulton, J.D.; G. Thomas, Org.; H. Field, I.G.; A. G. Rummell,

Steward; T. B. Adison, A.S.; F. F. E. Heyse, Percy Taylor, G. W. Parker, S. Hollidge, E. Payne, John Gibbs, E. Abrams, C. Gwyn, G. W. Larter, and A. H. Chisholm (*Freemason*). Visitors: Bros. R. Percy, W.M. 228; Wm. Brown Kidder, P.M. 12; Wm. Weaver, P.M. 820; T. Tupward, S.D. 1662; Albert Yates, J.D. 948. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. C. Gwyn, P. G. S. Taylor, and G. W. Larter were then formally raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bro. F. F. E. Heyse was afterwards passed to the F.C. Degree. This concluding the business before the meeting, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room, where they were served with an excellent dinner, presided over by the W.M. A vellum testimonial, bearing a suitable inscription, was presented by the W.M. to Bro. R. Percy, the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, by way of a mark of congratulation on his recovery from a late severe illness. Bro. Percy very appropriately acknowledged the presentation. The usual Masonic and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with some capital songs by several members of the company.

HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).

—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Prince George, Parkholme-road, Dalston. There were present Bros. E. F. Storr, W.M.; J. Lorkin, S.W.; Henry John, J.W.; J. H. Wilkin, S.D.; Charles Arnold, J.D. (pro tem.); Alfred Sack, I.G.; E. Dyer, D.C.; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; J. Bagot Scriven, Treas.; Henry Leah, Hon. Sec.; E. Hyde Hewett, and several other brethren. Bro. Sandland was raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and Bro. Street passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren partook of a very nice plain supper, provided by the hostess in her usual admirable manner. Bro. Scriven, the generous Treasurer, told the brethren that he intended to have the pleasure of presenting the lodge with a new set of lodge boards and an emblem of mortality. Great anxiety was expressed for the success of the Widow Fellow's daughter, Charlotte Amelia, at the ensuing election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, it being her last chance. The brethren separated at an early hour, much pleased with a very agreeable meeting.

ROTHESAY LODGE (No. 1687).

—The third installation meeting of this young but flourishing lodge was held on Wednesday last, the 1st inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Frank Kirk, and among the members and visitors present we noticed Bros. John Hancock, S.W. (W.M. elect); J. Docker, J.W.; Louis Beck, P.M., P.G. Org. Middlesex, Treas.; William C. Parsons, P.M., Secretary; Jas. Crossland, S.D.; Henry Outhwaite, J.D.; E. Duret, D. of C.; E. W. Levermore, A.D. of C.; J. Berrow, Org.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., W.S.; H. E. Forscutt, I.G.; Potter, Tyler; F. Green, sen., John Butler, F. Farr, T. Wallace, A. H. Levy, Fred. V. Green, Thomas Lloyd, Warner Sleigh, Wm. Mole, E. Blewitt, John Wake, E. Valeriani, E. C. Newell; and the following visitors: Bros. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; Joseph Wright, P.M. 1158, P.G.P.; E. W. Farwig, W.M. 180; S. Watkins, P.M. 212; E. T. Scott, P.M. 749; H. M. Levy, 188; W. H. Perryman, 3; G. Detraz, 145; E. P. Festa, 834; R. F. Giles, 1328; J. W. Lakin, 180; James Inge, 1563; H. Stewart, 780; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was also read, received, and adopted. Ballot was then taken for two candidates, Mr. Thomas Lloyd and Mr. Wm. Mole, which proved unanimous in their favour. The brethren below the chair of Installed Master having retired, Bro. John Hancock was installed into the Worshipful Master's chair in a most impressive manner, by Bro. Louis Beck, P.M., Provincial Grand Organist Middlesex, in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Beck was heartily congratulated on the very efficient manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. John Hancock, W.M., then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Frank Kirk, I.P.M.; J. Docker, S.W.; James Crossland, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, Chap.; Louis Beck, P.M., P.G. Org. Middx., Treas.; Wm. C. Parsons, Sec.; Henry Outhwaite, S.D.; H. E. Forscutt, J.D.; E. Duret, I.G.; E. W. Levermore, D. of C.; F. Green, sen., A.D. of C.; J. Berrow, Org.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., W.S.; Macgillivray, A.W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. Lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, when Messrs. Mole and Lloyd, having been properly prepared, were introduced and duly initiated into the mystic order, the ceremony being most impressively given by the W.M., assisted by his newly-appointed officers. After a notice of motion for the next meeting by Bro. Green, sen., and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards sat down to a choice and elegant banquet, provided by Bro. Gosden. Bro. John Hancock, W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," made some very complimentary remarks upon that brother's services, and concluded, amid the applause of the brethren, by placing upon Bro. Kirk's breast a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, with the following inscription at the back:—Presented by the brethren of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, to Bro. Frank Kirk, I.P.M., as a slight acknowledgement of his services as Worshipful Master during his year of office ending September, 1879. Several other toasts followed, and were duly honoured. The pleasures of the evening were considerably enhanced by the vocal and other contributions of Bros. Warner Sleigh, Louis Beck, Lloyd, and Levy.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—This lodge held its first regular meeting after the consecration on Thursday, the 25th ult., at their lodge-room, in Freemasons' Hall. There was a full attendance of officers, viz., Bros. J. W. B. Ooke, W.M.; J. C. Corpe, S.W.; W. G. Bott, J.W.; J. W. D. W. Nap, Treas.; Henry Cruise, Sec.; G. F. Smith, jun., S.D.; Alfred Stokes, J.D.; J. C. Wilkins, I.G.; A. Bau-nann, Steward; together with the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Pocklington, S.W. Camden Lodge, No. 704; Black, Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728; and other brethren. After the lodge had been duly opened, the W.M. called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the consecration meeting, which being done, were unanimously confirmed. The ballot was then taken for the admission of Bro. Baumann as joining member, which was carried unanimously. The brethren then balloted for, and unanimously approved of, Capt. Wm. Farse and Mr. Alexander Williams, candidates for initiation, and they were accordingly introduced and regularly initiated. Bro. Baumann was then appointed Steward, and invested with the collar, and addressed by the W.M. on the nature and duties of his office. The W.M. then called on the Secretary to read the bye-laws, which had been prepared for the approval of the Grand Lodge, after which the Secretary read a letter received from Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., acknowledging the receipt of the resolution electing him an honorary member of the lodge, and expressing in suitable terms his grateful acceptance thereof; also a similar letter from Bro. W. M. Maloney, P.M. Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, expressing regret that absence from London prevented him from attending the lodge, to which he had been invited by the W.M. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to partake of a banquet, supplied in the usual excellent manner, and the evening was spent in love and harmony.

DUBLIN.—Nassau Lodge (No. 75).—The members of this lodge met for refreshment at the Exhibition Palace on Thursday, the 25th ult., to pay a substantial tribute of fraternal affection to a brother who had contributed for so many years to the well-being of their lodge, and we learn, with regret, the severance of so useful a member from the lodge. Bro. T. D. Lambert, W.M., in the chair; Bros. Peter Marshall, P.M., acting S.W.; Odbert, J.W.; William Spence, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Gordon, Sec. After the usual loyal toasts were received and duly honoured, the following address was read by the Secretary:—"To Bro. Spencer Hart, P.M. Dear Sir and Brother,—We, the members of Masonic Lodge No. 75, cannot allow you to resign your membership without taking occasion to express our deep regret on your retiring from amongst us. For a period of years, since the lodge was founded, you have occupied each of the different chairs; the manner in which you filled the various offices, including the Secretaryship of the lodge, is well known to many even outside our number. Firm, yet kind; giving, not grudgingly, but open and generous, with that which is good, courteous to all. Thoroughly understanding and appreciating the principles on which our Institution is founded, you, at all times, endeavoured, by precept and example, to fix them in the hearts of your brethren. To sum up, you have, by your uniform kindness, sound judgment, and knowledge of the rules of our Institution, left it a difficult, but noble task, for any brother to imitate so good an example. We beg your acceptance of this small token of respect with our earnest prayer that you may be long spared, and that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may dwell with you and your family.—Signed on behalf of the lodge, Bros. T. D. Lambert, W.M.; J. H. Morrison, S.W.; James Odbert, J.W.; W. Spence, Treas.; W. D. Gordon, Sec." The W.M. then presented Bro. S. Hart, (P.M., Sec., and Prest. of B. of Genl. Purposes) with a silver salver, accompanied by the foregoing address, beautifully illuminated. Bro. Hart replied as follows: Brethren, your more than kind and fraternal address, accompanied as it is by such a substantial token of your extreme good-will and friendship, places me in a dilemma as how best to return you the thanks which really spring from my heart. When I laboured amongst you for so many years, and took such an interest in the advancement and welfare of our lodge, and may I be permitted to say in the advancement and welfare of each brother connected with it, I did so, brethren, from the most sincere and simple motives, and had not the remotest idea that my conduct would merit or receive such a reward as you, in your generous kindness, have thought fit to honour me with this evening. I can only say that you have always been courteous and indulgent to me. By your suzerainty and good-will I have passed through the several chairs of the lodge up to the W.M., and afterwards your Secretary, and finally your Representative at the Board of General Purposes, the highest honour in your power to give, and the legitimate aspiration of every Past Master. Brethren, I would for ever be unworthy of this flattering testimonial if I could forget such kindness and friendship I always received from each and every brother in the general working of the lodge, even though in my anxiety I was sometimes a little impetuous. For many years most of us have worked shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand together for the good of the Masonic Order, but more especially for Lodge 75, and I think we can all say with truth that we have not laboured in vain, as the lodge from its very foundation has prospered, and has always been foremost in every good work, either in giving to the widow or orphan, or in the help cheerfully given to the poor and distressed brother, or the word of sympathy to the bereaved one, to the kindly help given to assist other brethren in raising a hall to work the Craft, or even to the relief given to the distressed brethren in Canada—works which every true and good Masonic lodge should cultivate, and which Lodge No. 75 can always look back on with pleasure and profit; and now, brethren, once again, you have shown your generosity by presenting me with this

beautiful testimonial, which shall always bring happy thoughts to my mind when thinking of my connection with the lodge. Again, brethren, I thank you most heartily and earnestly, and I am sure, if the Great Architect of the Universe spurs us to old age, we may all look back to the remembrance of this evening with pleasure and happiness. And now, in taking farewell of my brethren, I pray that the Most High shall always have you in His keeping, individually, each member, and collectively, as a lodge, and that you may always promote unity and charity as your watchword, and continue to be prosperous, as you have the elements of a good, sound working lodge amongst you, second to none, and holding up an example to others to go and do likewise. The following brethren were present: Bros. Spence, Girardin, Marshall, Odbert, Lambert, Gordon, Robertson, Raynor, Wentworth, Lovell, Longstaff, Young, Weatherup, Marchbank, Bolton, MacIvor, Crofton, Shaw, Bolster, Gater, Shea, Dagge, Milligan, Jarratt, and others. Bros. Wentworth and Odbert contributed towards the harmony of the evening, accompanied by Bro. Gater, Mus. Bac. Bro. Lovel supplied the refreshments, which gave universal satisfaction.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting (after the adjournment) of this prosperous lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 24th inst. The brethren assembled at six o'clock, and partook of tea. At 6.45 they assembled in the lodge to the number of some forty-six, and presented a gratifying coup d'œil to some of the visitors, who were in the habit of seeing, perhaps, only a third of this number at their own lodges on an ordinary night, and there is little doubt but that the sight of such an array of spectators gives additional energy to the worthy W.M. and his able officers to do their utmost to keep up the prestige this lodge has for its working. The following officers and members were present: Bros. Henry Walley, W.M.; W. Rome, I.P.M.; Williams, jun., S.W.; Alfred Heald, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, S.D.; J. Senior, J.D.; Wm. Siddeley, Sec.; H. H. W. Burton, P.M., Org.; J. Mackie, acting I.G.; B. Williams, Treas.; John Studl, W. D. Waddell, and William Livesey, Stewards; J. Kirk, Tyler; J. Wildgoose, P.M.; R. Neild, P.M.; Jno. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; George F. East, P.M.; John Taylor, Thos. Mather, W. Stott, Thos. Howell, Jas. Collins, J. A. Gee, J. Wolfensberger, Alfred Youle, G. Russell, Jas. Loundes, Thomas Sutcliffe, W. Colwell, Jno. Quance, Jno. B. Bennett, J. Clemmev, W. Hilton, Robert Cryer, and Matthew Owen. Visitors: H. Bratt, W.M. 428; Geo. W. Wilson, S.W. 1009; J. W. Johnstone; J. Bradshaw, 1375; J. R. Edmondson, P.M. 1061; H. Lister, 1011; Wm. Dumville; C. E. Austin, P.M. 1009; W. H. Landless, 126; J. B. Seel, 1147, 1730; and R. R. Lisen-den, 317 (Freemason). The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. L. McMillan, who was a candidate for raising, having been interrogated and answered the questions, withdrew for preparation. On his re-admission he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The W.M. performed the ceremony, and, being the first time he had done so, great praise is certainly due to him for the commendable manner in which it was done. The efficiency too of the officers was exemplified by the thorough business-like style in which they went through their work, and the most cynical observer could scarcely have found any fault. Bro. Geo. F. East, P.M., gave the traditional history, which was well rendered by that assiduous brother. At the conclusion of the ceremony of raising, the lodge was lowered to the First Degree, and "Heartly good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30. The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board, and passed a most enjoyable evening, being well entertained with some excellent solos and glee, given in irreproachable style by Bros. Dumville, Lister, Turner, Senior, Heald, Salmon, and others, and separating before eleven o'clock.

MALTA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 515, E.C.)—An emergency meeting was holden at the Masonic Hall, No. 27, Strada-stretta, Valetta, on Wednesday, the 17th ult. Present: V.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M.; W. Bros. G. Segond, W.M.; R. V. Westrup, P.M.; C. E. Coffey, W.M. 349, acting S.W.; Bros. Professor H. Stilon, J.W.; G. H. Westrup, S.D.; A. B. Tagliaferro, J.D.; Major A. Ewing, Organist; R. Page Miller, Secretary; W. Clare, Saville, I.G.; R. Beck, Tyler; Captain C. J. Blake, G. Williams Freeman, Rowlay King, G. H. McLaughlin, A. T. Chapman, J. Walker, J. W. Starkey, C. Lippett, W. Pariente, O. E. Segond, J. Houghton, J. Davison, J. H. Hodgson, J. A. Mathews, R. Price, T. Jones, E. Barter, C. E. Mortimer, S. G. Yeoman, and W. Farquharson. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer in the ancient manner in the First Degree, and then passed to the Second Degree, when Bro. Pariente, a candidate for Master's Degree, was called to answer the necessary questions before being raised. The lodge was then raised, and the D.D.G.M. kindly consented to honour the lodge and candidate by assuming the gavel and conferring this sublime Degree. The ceremony was very impressive, rendered so by the exquisite manner in which the Degree was worked, also by the beautiful manner in which Bro. Ewing executed on the organ, at the special request of the W.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the Secretary read a letter from the D.D.G.M., warning the brethren from countenancing certain persons styling themselves "The Grand Orient or Council of the Reformed Egyptian Rite," a lodge not recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, or of Rome and Palermo. The D.D.G.M. spoke at some length as to the evil consequences that would result if the brethren inadvertently countenanced these persons. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial

repast, where the usual loyal and other toasts were given. The D.D.G.M. on rising to respond to his toast, asked the brethren to toast "The W.M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Segond," who was unable to attend the banquet on account of family bereavement, coupling with it W. Bro. Westrup, the P.M. The D.D.G.M. spoke at great length on the great merits of W. Bro. Segond, of his known great charity and zeal for Freemasonry; he also spoke in high terms of the energetic endeavours of W. Bro. Westrup, who when he joined the lodge found it in anything but a prosperous state, and gave it over to his successor in its present flourishing state. W. Bro. Westrup replied in a very appropriate speech, thanking the D.D.G.M. for the flattering terms in which he was pleased to speak of Bro. Segond and himself. The Tyler's toast then brought to a close one of the most pleasant and successful meetings held in the hall. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried to the visiting brethren, who kindly came forward to aid in making the meeting a success.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The annual installation gathering of this celebrated lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., when there were about 120 brethren present, including a very large representation of P.G. Lodge Officers. This lodge, though only three years old, has had a most prosperous career, and now embraces some 130 members, amongst whom may be found a large percentage of brethren connected with the dramatic, musical, literary, and medical professions, for whose convenience the lodge was first specially consecrated, its meetings being invariably held in the afternoon. The attendance on this occasion was exceptionally numerous and brilliant, and clearly demonstrated the popular position attained by the Dramatic under the fostering care of the three worthy Masters who have already "passed the chairs." About half-past 12 o'clock, the post of honour in the east was taken by Bro. Lindo Courtenay, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the following officers:—Bros. W. J. Chapman, P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.M., P.G. Std. (P.G.J.D. designate); B. B. Marson, P.M. P.P.G. St. B.; J. B. MacKenzie, S.W.; W. Sandbrook, J.W.; Alfred Woolrich, Treas. (W.M. 1356); John Atkinson, Sec.; Fred. Wilkinson, S.D.; Frank Emery, J.D.; James Pyer, I.G.; W. Savage, S. Steward; H. P. Squire, J. Steward; R. Burgess, Org.; Joseph Skeaf, Prov. G. Org., Hon. Org.; and Wm. H. Ball, Tyler. Amongst the members present were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; J. E. Jackson, P.G. Superintendent of Works; Charles Courtenay, George (Jolly Little) Lewis, Dr. Henry Y. Pitts, Dr. A. W. Pierce, Robert Eyers, T. Walter, Dr. W. A. Whittle, Fredk. Duncanson, H. Holden, J. Keet, Peter Buck, W. Addis, J. F. Cowdell, John Wiatt, P. W. Sanderson, W. Hildyard, J. A. Mercer, E. Ovenden, S. Mattison, P. Lowndes, E. H. Thomson, Wm. Heap, J. Penney, Jas. Shrapnell, J. Ballard, J. W. R. Brown, Robt. Williams, W. Williams, J. Ashley, T. J. Avann, J. Reay, C. Campion, R. Williams, J. H. Owen, Jno. B. Gough, M. P. Tieski, Thos. S. Bailey, John Hill, R. Brown, P.M. 241 (Hon. Sec. W.L.M.E.I.), H. Round, Sam Hague, Dr. Williams, and others. The long and brilliant list of visitors included Bros. J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035 (Mayor of Bootle); Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Robinson, P.G. Reg.; W. B. Ackerley, P.M. 680 and 1713 (P.G.J.W. designate); Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; J. T. Callow, P.G. Treas.; R. C. Mellor, P.P.G.J.D. (Cheshire); J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; John Wells, P.G.D.C.; Wm. Pughe, P.M. 1620; H. R. Elston, 73; W. T. G. Harman, 70; Wm. Johnson, 241; Dr. F. J. Bailey, W.M. 786; Thos. Salter, W.M. 241; Dr. D. Dunlop Costine, J.W. 216; J. H. Greenwood, 163; Henry De Frece, 1502; R. E. Mitton, 1356; T. J. Hughes, 216; T. B. Brown, J.W. 786; Jno. Williams, P.M. 1182; Arthur H. Fry, 609; Wm. Coxon, Treas. 1675; Thos. Evans, Sec. 1675; T. Wright, 1182; R. Griffiths, 724; Captain Thos. Berry, P.M. 155; C. Du Val, 93; Thos. F. Hill, W.M. 220; Henry Hatch, S.W. 220; Charles Cogle, 594; H. C. Sidney, 95; Jno. Duncan, jun., P.M. 1473; R. Thompson, 249; Edwin Paull, Treas. 1356; R. Casson, W.M. 995; Saml. P. Gore, 1356; Henry Firth, W.M. 667; J. Bushfield, 216; Jas. P. Bryan, 1035; A. Morrison, P.M. 1570; N. Green, 241; Joseph Wood, 249, Treas. 1094 (Freemason), and others. After the minutes had been confirmed and two candidates elected, the chair was taken by Bro. Joseph Bell, P.M. 1609, P.G.S. (the P.G.J.D. designate), who immediately proceeded with the installation of Bro. James B. MacKenzie, S.W., as the W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge for the ensuing year, the presentation being made by Bro. L. Courtenay, the retiring W.M., and Bro. W. J. Chapman, P.M. The ceremony of installation throughout was performed by Bro. Bell in an almost faultless and most impressive manner, eliciting general admiration and a cordial vote of thanks at the close, which was directed to be recorded on the minutes. The Board of Installed Masters was most numerous attended, there being no fewer than sixteen P.G. Lodge Officers and about twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. MacKenzie having been duly placed in the chair, the brethren generally were re-admitted, and saluted him in the Three Degrees, appropriate music being sung during the time: the honours were being paid to him. The newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M.; M. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C.; W. Sandbrook, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas. (re-elected for the fourth time); F. Wilkinson, Sec.; F. Emery, S.D.; J. Pyer, J.D.; W. Savage, I.G.; R. Burgess, Org. (re-appointed); J. S. P.G.O., Hon. Org. (re-appointed); H. P. Squire, S.S.; C. Courtenay, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). As a conclusion of the investiture of officers, Bro. Skeaf's splendid anthem, "Behold, how good," was sung with magnificent effect by Bros. Greenwood, Bryan, Busfield,

Armstrong, Hughes, Penney, and other selected "voices." The closing charges were given by Bro. Bell with remarkable effectiveness, and afterwards "Hearty good wishes" were given by about twenty visitors to the newly-chaired W.M. Telegrams and letters apologising for non-attendance were also received from Bros. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; Harry Jackson (who had gone to London); Dr. Sheldon, P.M. 1094; J. Levy, 1609, and others. At the conclusion of business the brethren were "called off" to banquet, which was supplied in first-class style by Bro. R. Russell, 823, whose catering fully sustained the reputation he has acquired in Liverpool and elsewhere. The comparatively unattractive nature of the room was greatly enlivened by festoons of flags and banners, which had been placed on the walls by Bro. J. Keet, J.W. 1356, a member of the Dramatic Lodge, and Bro. A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356, Treasurer 1609. There were upwards of 100 brethren present at the banquet (presided over by Bro. J. B. MacKenzie, W.M.), who was supported by almost all the P.G.L. Officers, and all his P.M.'s who had been present during the afternoon. After dinner the newly-installed W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing "The Queen," he alluded to Her Majesty as the Patron of the Order, the mother of enthusiastic Freemasons, and a lady whose example might safely be followed by every lady in the land. The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M., Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." The Prince of Wales, he remarked, had many duties, which he fulfilled faithfully, and none did he perform more pleasantly and faithfully than those which he fulfilled as chief of their noble Order. (Applause.) The W.M. also gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers; the R.W.D.G.M. and R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Lord Skelmersdale; the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Col. Stanley, and the Officers of Prov. G.L., Present and Past." Referring to the names in the first part of the toast, the W.M. remarked that there was no doubt as to their earnestness in Masonry. (Hear, hear.) All who had come into contact with Bro. Lord Skelmersdale must have been struck with the earnestness and enthusiasm which at all times characterised his Masonic career. He was speaking the simple truth when he said that Masonry would not have occupied the prominent position which it did in West Lancashire had it not been for the undoubted influence and active zeal of the Prov. G.M. In him they possessed a true Mason and an honest man, one who was not above his business and never thought it too much trouble to fulfil the duties of his office to the satisfaction of every brother, however humble that brother might be. (Applause.) Lord Skelmersdale had an admirable second in the Deputy Grand Master (hear, hear), and the other officers were Masons whom they must all admire. Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec., whose name was coupled with the toast, responded. He said he had had the pleasure of knowing the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge from its very foundation, and he knew well the originators and founders of the lodge. He had looked through their minute book that day, and was perfectly satisfied that it would be very difficult to any one not a practised orator to address a lodge of that kind. Like his friend Bro. Newell, the Mayor of Bootle, he had had the pleasure of addressing town councils, but on that occasion he had, he thought, a more critical audience to address even than the town council of Liverpool or of Bootle. (Laughter.) He had the pleasure of addressing that night many very excellent and honourable members of the dramatic profession, and he was quite aware that he must address them in a very different manner to that in which ordinary audiences ought to be addressed. It had given him great pleasure to witness the proceedings of that day. He had had the pleasure of the newly-installed Worshipful Master's Masonic acquaintance for many years, and the longer he had known Bro. MacKenzie the more he had learned to appreciate his many excellent qualities. (Hear, hear, and applause.) Perhaps no one had had a better opportunity of appreciating the W.M.'s Masonic qualities than he (Bro. Alpass). The W.M., he might say without praising him too much, was a distinguished member of the local press. It had been a difficulty on all occasions in reporting any of their Masonic gatherings as to how little should be published, and yet sufficient information be given for those who desired to know what had taken place; and it gave him great pleasure to bear his testimony to the very great and the very wise discretion which their Worshipful Master had exercised on all occasions in fulfilling his important duties. (Applause.) This subject was rather uppermost in his mind, and he was almost losing sight of the toast to which he had to respond. He might say that the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England, had had the honour of holding many important positions in Masonry, and every one he had filled to the entire satisfaction of the Craft—(hear, hear)—and Lord Skelmersdale's devotion to, and appreciation of, Masonry could not be exceeded by any Mason in the whole world. (Applause.) There were one or two other subjects to which he (Bro. Alpass) would like to refer before he resumed his seat. To such a lodge as the Dramatic Lodge it was almost out of place for him, an unprofessional, to make any remarks as to the manner in which they gave the beautiful ritual of the Order. The lodges of Liverpool, and, indeed, of this and other provinces, ought to attend the Dramatic Lodge to know how the ritual should be conducted. He had certainly heard the Degrees given in that lodge in a manner which he had never listened to elsewhere. (Applause.) But there were other and greater duties which devolved upon Masons, whether they belonged to the Dramatic or any other lodge, and he found it necessary to impress them upon the brethren upon all occasions—he alluded to the duties which they owed to the various Charities of the Order. He feared that brethren too often thought that when they had paid

their lodge subscriptions they had performed all the duties which devolved upon them as Masons. Well, he maintained that in all cases—he would not except that lodge—they had done but a small part of their duty when they had paid their lodge subscriptions. The amount of their lodge subscriptions was calculated on the amount of refreshments which they proposed to take during the year, and whether they had a balance to be devoted to charity or not depended a great deal upon whether they had had a large number or a very small number of initiations in the year. Now, that ought not to be so. The sums that a lodge received for initiations were really sums received under the authority of the warrant for making Masons, and they were paid by those initiated for the privilege—and a very great, and honourable, and high privilege it was—of being admitted into that Order. Those amounts, he contended, should be entirely devoted to the charitable institutions of the Order. If, in addition to their subscriptions, lodges, unfortunately, spent the amount received for initiations, and when both these sums were added together they just balanced their expenditure, they could quite understand that there was nothing left for charity. When they were asked the question by persons outside the Craft, "What is the good of Masonry?" unless they could point to something tangible which they had done for the good of charity, what answer, he asked, could they make to the world as to the good Masonry did for society in general? Unfortunately, the number of children who had to be supported and educated by the Order appeared to increase year after year. What was thought to be a comfortable income twenty or thirty years ago had ceased to be so, hence it frequently happened that when a brother Mason died, a man who had occupied a good position in society, and paid his way as far as he had gone, yet when smitten down there was very little left for his wife and family. In a province like that, which contained so many subscribing members, they ought to be prepared, whenever a good and deserving case arose, to give the assistance which was required. (Hear, hear.) They had in their province an excellent institution, the West Lancashire Educational Masonic Institution, which was doing an exceedingly good work, the number of children it contained fast approaching 100. He observed from the minutes of the Dramatic Lodge that their W.M., S.W., and J.W. were Governors of the Institution. But every year there occurred in the province cases in which it was but a very small thing just to educate the children; when, perhaps, there might be five or six depending on the widow, more was required. One, if not two, of the children should be taken entirely off the hands of the mother and educated and clothed completely. That could only be done at present through the two Institutions in London—the Boys' and Girls' schools. In both excellent educations were given, as the prizes obtained at the Oxford and Cambridge Examinations testified. He could assure them from his own experience that it was absolutely needed that in that great province they should possess more votes than they did possess for those two Institutions. He would say to them "Support the West Lancashire Institution, but don't forget that you must be prepared every year to do more for one or two of the widows' children than to educate them—you must be prepared to clothe and keep them, and that can only be done by possessing more votes than we now possess in this province." He asked them to bear these observations in mind, and, as their funds permitted, to assist the province in obtaining votes first for one Institution and then for the other, so that when a case turned up where it was necessary that a boy or girl should be taken entirely from the hands of the widowed mother they should be able to ensure the election, and carry it with perfect certainty. (Applause.) He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. It had given him very great pleasure and satisfaction to be present, and he was quite sure that every visitor in the hall would join with him in wishing the greatest prosperity to the Dramatic Lodge, and that it might exist for many years in that province a model of good work and good management. (Loud applause.) Bro. Lindo Courtenay, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." In accepting the office of W.M. Bro. MacKenzie had, he felt quite assured, taken the position with a full determination to do his duty in every sense of the word. (Hear, hear.) He had had the pleasure of the W.M.'s acquaintance for some years, Masonically for between three and four years, and he knew how greatly devoted the W.M. was to Masonic interests generally. He could assure them that the Dramatic Lodge had at its head a W.M. who would not only do his best to promote the interests of the lodge, but who, he felt convinced, would be the means of elevating it. (Hear, hear.) He asked them to drink most cordially and heartily health, wealth, long life, and prosperity to the Worshipful Master. (Applause.) The W.M., in responding, said he gave place to no one in his esteem for Masonry, because he knew that in their Order everything which was excellent and which was calculated to elevate humanity was to be found, if properly developed and applied. He felt it to be a high honour to occupy the Master's chair of a Masonic lodge, but when he found himself occupying the chair of a lodge which held a deservedly distinguished position in one of the most distinguished provinces in England, the honour was increased ten-fold. He could quite see the influence which such a lodge as the Dramatic should exercise, and he could assure them that if all the powers of his mind and all his physical strength were necessary and desirable in connection with a proper fulfilment of the duties of the chair, those physical energies, and that mental power, would be exercised to the fullest extent. (Hear, hear.) He had around him officers who would strive to do their duty, and he was sure he appealed to their Masonic enthusiasm when he said that no lodge could be properly worked unless the Master had the constant support of every officer of the lodge. (Hear, hear.) As their esteemed friend and

neighbour, Lord Derby, said the other day at Southport, it was rather an unpleasant thing to talk of one's self, and, therefore, he (the W.M.) now turned to a more pleasant and palatable duty, and that was to in some measure recognise the talent and service of a brother who had just vacated the chair—he meant their Immediate Past Master, Bro. Courtenay, one who, by his amiable conduct, had won the heart of every brother in the Dramatic Lodge, one who had striven to do his duty, and had done it well, one who had never been sparing of himself in trying to follow what was good in Masonry and in connection with her Charities and schemes. Bro. Courtenay had given the Dramatic Lodge a magnificent opportunity of contributing towards an object which he hoped would soon be carried into effect, namely, the general decoration of the hall in which they were assembled. Bros. Leslie and Courtenay, at that time joint lessees of the Royal Amphitheatre, gave the free use of that establishment for a benefit, and although the weather in some measure interfered with the success of the entertainment, the result was that £100 was secured towards the decoration of that hall. (Hear, hear.) This result was largely owing to the spontaneous offer of the free use of the Amphitheatre on the occasion. (Applause.) He had much pleasure in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," and in the name of the lodge he (the W.M.) had to present to Bro. Courtenay a Past Master's jewel. This was the first serious part of his work in the chair, and he could assure Bro. Courtenay that no other initial work could have given him greater pleasure than that of investing him with that jewel. He trusted that the I.P.M. would be long privileged to wear it, and that the Great Architect of the Universe would give him health and strength to perform his Masonic duties, in connection with which that jewel would be an ornament which could not be too highly prized. On behalf of the lodge he had further to express to Bro. Courtenay the hope that in his business arrangements prosperity might continue to attend all his efforts. Success seemed to lie at his door; whether it would be continued or not lay very much in Bro. Courtenay's own hands; but this he (the W.M.) could say, that every brother in the room wished him most heartily the very greatest success which could possibly attend him. (Hear, hear.) Several brethren of the lodge had further thought that a Past Master's jewel was not a sufficient recognition of Bro. Courtenay's merits and the ability with which he had performed his duties. On behalf of nearly all the officers and a good many private members of the lodge he (the W.M.) had the further privilege and great pleasure of presenting him with a diamond ring and a set of diamond studs. They were brilliant in themselves, and he hoped they would be but an evidence of the brilliancy attaching to Bro. Courtenay's professional and Masonic character. He trusted Bro. Courtenay would be enabled long to wear them, remembering that they came from the heart in recognition of the hearty work which he had done in connection with the Dramatic Lodge. (Applause.) Bro. Alpass, P.G. Sec., said that the observations of the W.M. had reminded him that he had omitted a very important point in his remarks. He had the honour to be the Chairman of the Decoration Committee, and he deeply regretted that in his anxiety to talk about the leading object of the Order—Charity—he omitted to recognise the very handsome sum which the Dramatic Lodge had given towards the decoration of that building. It was a very serious omission, and he must apologise for it. He could only say that if other lodges would follow the example which the Dramatic Lodge had set them, the decoration of the building would be a very easy matter indeed. He was sorry to say that in some lodges the appeal had been met with a great amount of lukewarmness, but, notwithstanding that a sufficient number of brethren were willing to assist in that good object, and he was quite certain that with a little pains they would be enabled to decorate the building in a way which would be agreeable to the brethren. Bros. Courtenay and Leslie did in the most handsome manner give the use of their theatre for the entertainment, which had been a great assistance to the Decoration Committee in carrying out the object which they had in view. Bro. Courtenay, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the kindly spirit in which they had received the toast of his health. He had had a letter from his late partner, Bro. Leslie, on the previous day, stating that he would not be able to be present at the installation owing to business engagements, but assuring the brethren that he was with them in spirit. It had been their intention to set apart a night during next December for an entertainment on behalf of the Dramatic Lodge Fund of Benevolence and the Masonic Educational Charities, and if he (Bro. Courtenay) was spared he would endeavour to carry out the worthy object himself with the support and help of the brethren. (Applause.) He thanked the lodge with all his heart and soul for the great compliment which they had paid him in voting him a precious Past Master's jewel, which he would ever prize highly. Perhaps he was touched even more nearly by the further mark of their kindness and esteem in presenting him with an additional testimonial. (Applause.) The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. Bell, P.M., P.G.S." He remarked that Bro. Bell was the first W.M. of the Dramatic Lodge, and had done much to establish it on the broad basis on which it now stood. Bro. Bell had again given evidence of his Masonic zeal that day in performing an important and difficult duty in a manner which left even the most hypercritical very little to find fault with. (Hear, hear.) The W.M. added that Bro. Bell was about to be invested Prov. Grand Junior Deacon of West Lancashire—an honour which he well deserved. (Applause.) "The Past Masters" was the next toast, and was acknowledged by Bros. B. B. Marson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., and W. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C. "Our Visiting Brethren," which was cordially proposed by the Chairman, was responded to by Bro. J. T. Newell, P.M.

1035 (Mayor of Bootle). He observed that the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge was second to none in the estimation of the Province of West Lancashire. During the several years in which he (the Mayor) had been passing through the several offices of the Order he had been supported by their W.M., and Bro. MacKenzie had also been present on several occasions on which he had been placed in the Worshipful Master's chair. No other Mason in Liverpool would have induced him to have left home that evening. There was rarely an evening on which he was not occupied with duties arising from his official position, and, besides that, he had felt far from well that day. However, he had considered it as little as he could do to accept Bro. MacKenzie's kind invitation, and it had afforded him great pleasure to be present at the installation. He felt assured that there would be no fear as to the future of the Dramatic Lodge so long as it continued to possess such officers as at present conducted its work. (Hear, hear, and applause.) The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," which was acknowledged by Bro. W. Sandbrook, S.W., and Bro. John Atkinson, J.W., both of whom promised the W.M. their hearty and constant assistance during the coming year. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. B. B. Marson, in most suitable and eloquent terms. Bro. R. Brown, one of the Honorary Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, replied. He said that their West Lancashire Charity was the glory and the beauty of the province. One of its many glories and beauties was that it did its work so silently and so well. It was not like many charities. It did not pain its recipients with the feeling of charity, but left them with perfect freedom and without the knowledge that they had been the children of charity at all, and just as their own children might be if they were left to look after them. Another of its glories and beauties was that its work was done for love by every one connected with it. The money was not spent in salaries and commissions, but for the very object for which it was contributed, and every penny which was not so spent was well invested, and went to form another fund to help the exigencies of the Institution in years to come. Another of its glories was that it was exceedingly progressive. During the first fifteen years of its establishment it spent some £700 in educating the children under its charge, whilst during the last fifteen years it had spent about £6000, and last year nearly £600 in the educational advancement of their Masonic offspring. (Applause.) All this was to be attributed to the continued generosity of the brethren. Since its commencement the Dramatic Lodge had always borne this Institution in mind, and in years to come they would be exceedingly proud that they had not forgotten their duty in that respect. Brethren could not spend their money better than in promoting the interests of the charity. If they saw how thankful the widows and children were for the good which the brethren did with so little, but which to them was so much, they would not require any speech from him in recommendation of the Institution. (Hear, hear.) "The Health of the Musical Brethren" who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening was given from the chair, Bro. Sidney responding, and the proceedings concluded with the toast "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," proposed by the Senior Warden. The brethren were again called to labour, when Bro. J. Atkinson, J.W., presented the lodge with a handsomely-carved collecting box, for the purposes of the Fund of Benevolence and the general Charities of the Order. During the evening an excellent musical programme was admirably rendered by Bros. Webster Williams, T. J. Hughes, C. H. Du Val, J. Hill, J. H. Greenwood, J. Busfield, T. Armstrong, D. Saunders, Captain Turvey, H. C. Sidney, Penny, Elstone, Harmon, Cassin, and others. A prominent feature of the evening's selections was Bro. Hargreaves Gill's delightful performance on the fairy bells. The accompaniments were well played by Bros. R. Burgess and J. Skeaf.

Royal Arch.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—The annual convocation of the above chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. The following companions were installed as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. H. Ellman, M.E.Z.; Jos. Farncombe, H.; S. Tanner, J.; R. Crosskey, Treasurer and I.P.Z.; G. Stone, S.E.; W. H. Hodgkin, S.N.; J. Stedman, P.S.; W. Kraeutler and F. H. Hauxwell, Assistant S. The installation ceremonies were efficiently performed by Comp. C. A. Woolley, P.Z. On behalf of the chapter the M.E.Z. presented to Bro. R. Crosskey a P.Z. jewel for his services as first Principal during the year just completed. The financial condition of the chapter was reported to be good, although the number of members was not large. The chapter being closed, a banquet was held at the Bear Hotel, Bro. Whitcomb providing a very excellent repast, on which he was deservedly complimented. Among those present were Comps. J. H. Scott (Deputy Prov. G. Master of Sussex); C. Sandeman, Royal Pavilion Chapter; Day, Royal Sussex Chapter; J. M. Kidd, Lennox Chapter; J. C. Lucas, P.Z.; C. Briscoe, A. Holman, and others. The proceedings were very enjoyable, and concluded early that several companions might reach home by train.

Mark Masonry.

MALTA.—Broadley Lodge (No. 248, E.C.)—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on the 13th ult., when the W.M.M., Bro. C. E. Coffey, also the P.G.M.M.M., Bro. A. M. Broadley, W.M.M., Bro. W. Read, and a large number of Mark Masters were present. The W.M.M., after opening his

lodge, vacated his chair of favour of the W.P.G.M.M.M., Bro. Broadley, who advanced a brother to the Degree of a Mark Master in a most impressive manner, and to the admiration of all present. Bro. Coffey, W.M.M., having resumed the chair, tendered his warmest acknowledgments, coupled with those of the members of the Broadley Lodge, to the P.G.M.M.M., for acceding to their request that the lodge might bear his name, as well as for his kindness in working the Degree in the splendid manner he had done. The P.G.M.M.M. replying, said he deeply felt the honour the brethren had conferred on him in naming their lodge after him. He experienced great satisfaction in being with them on that occasion, and complimented the officers on the excellence of their working; after which Bro. Coffey, W.M.M., closed the lodge in due form.

Knights Templar.

NEWPORT.—Gwent Preceptory (No. 115).—The members of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S.R. having paid an official visit to the Ivor Hael Chapter on Thursday, the 18th ult., an emergency meeting of the Gwent Preceptory, stationed in this town, was called for the 19th ult., by direction of the E.P. Sir Knight Captain E. O. V. Haldane, when the following illustrious visitors were present:—Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.P.G. Const.; J. M. C. Montagu, P.E. Prior Dorset; R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G. Prior South Africa; H. E. D. Doherty, K.E.T., 1st G. Captain, P.E.C. Bladud. The Grand Sub-Prior, Bro. S. H. Clerke, opened a Priory of Malta, and installed Sir Knight J. L. C. Hunter Littl (Registrar of the Gwent Preceptory) into the Order of Malta.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—William de Irwin Rose Croix Chapter (No. 27).—An emergent meeting of this chapter was held on the 22nd ult., at their chapter-rooms, York Hotel, when the following illustrious members of the Supreme Council were present:—Bros. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu, 33°, P.D.P.G.M., G. Supt., and Prov. Prior of the Temple of Dorset; Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, 33°, Capt. of the Royal Body Guard, P. Prov. G.S.W. of Devon, D.P.G.M. R.O. of Scotland, Prov. Prior of the Temple for Sussex, and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales; Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°, P. Dist. G.M., G. Supt., P. Prov. Prior of the Temple, and P.G.M.M. Mason for Bengal; R. Giddy, 33°, Inspector General of South Africa, and Prov. G.M., Prov. G. Mark Master and Prov. G. Sup. of South Africa; Genl. H. E. Doherty, C.B., 33°, Inspector Genl. of South Western District, and Prov. Grand Mark Master of Somerset; the Rev. C. R. Davey, 32°, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England; together with the following members of the chapter, viz., Bros. Benjamin Cox, M.W.S.; the Rev. C. R. Davey, 32°, Acting High Prelate; Sidney Jones, First General, and Treasurer; Edward Gregory, Second General, pro tem.; Dr. Westcott, G. Marshal; W. Nott, Raphael; Edward Bath, Recorder, pro tem.; and other members. Bro. Ernest Edward Baker, of this town, was admitted a member of this high Order of Masonry, the ceremony of perfection being performed by the Grand Secretary General, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. The members of the Supreme Council expressed great satisfaction at the way in which they had been accommodated, the chapter having been fitted up so nicely. In addition to thirty-three lights on the altar, it was decorated with a hundred scarlet rose blooms. On the conclusion of the third point the members of the chapter, with the Supreme Council, sat down to an excellent banquet (which was *à la Russe*), under the presidency of Bro. B. Cox, M.W.S., supported on the right by Ill. Bros. J. M. P. Montagu, G. Chancellor; General Doherty, C.B., Inspector General of the South-Western District; R. Giddy, Inspector General of South Africa; and on the left by Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. S. H. Clerke, Captain of the Royal Body Guard, G. Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, G. Sec. for Foreign Correspondence; and the Rev. C. R. Davey, Past G. Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England. By permission of the Supreme Council, Royal Arch Masons were allowed to dine with them. Upon the removal of the cloth the Chairman submitted the following toasts:—"The Queen;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Head and Patron of all Freemasonry;" "The Supreme Council," associating with this toast the name of Bro. Gen. Doherty. The G. Chancellor proposed "The Health of the M.W.S. of the Chapter, Bro. Benj. Cox," which was duly acknowledged. Ill. Bro. R. Giddy, Inspector General of South Africa, very humorously invited all the members of the chapter to meet him in South Africa at an early date. The toast of "Royal Arch Masons" was very suitably responded to by Bro. Matthews and Bro. J. J. E. Willmott; the newly-admitted, Bro. E. E. Baker, very cordially acknowledged the honour done him; and the last toast, that of "The Visitors," was acknowledged by Bro. the Rev. C. R. Davey, Prov. G. Mark Master of Gloucestershire. We would state that, by the kind permission of Bro. B. Cox, Masons with their friends were allowed an inspection of the chapter-rooms, which were illuminated on the following evening for the purpose of showing to the Craft the handsome decorations of this high Degree in Freemasonry. The 6th Somerset Rifle Volunteer band played a selection of music during the evening, after which the men partook of the hospitality of the members of the Supreme Council and the members of the chapter.

PLYMOUTH.—Huyshe Rose Croix Chapter (No. 40).—Some members of the Supreme

Council of the 33°, now on a tour of inspection in the western counties, visited the above chapter at the Masonic Temple, Princess-place, on Monday last, Michaelmas Day. The deputation consisted of Ill. Bros. I. M. P. Montague, 33°, Grand Chancellor; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Grand Secretary General; H. D. Sandeman, 33°, Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence. They were accompanied by Ill. Bros. General Doherty, C.B., K.C.T., 33°, Inspector General of the South Western District, and the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy (who is Colonial Treasurer of Griqualand, we believe) 33°, Inspector General for South Africa. A Sovereign Tribunal of the Thirty-First Degree was opened, at which were present the members of the Supreme Council and Ill. Bros. W. J. Hughan, 32°, and Emra Holmes, 31°, K.C.T., &c., when the Degree of Grand Inquisitor Commander, 31°, was conferred on Bros. J. E. Curteis, Arch Treasurer of the Order of the Temple, and Col. Peard, Provincial Prior of Cornwall. A Grand Chapter of Illustrious Knights K.H., 30°, was then opened, at which the above were present, together with Ill. Bros. the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 30°; the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, 30°; Vincent Bird, 30°; Dr. Paul, 31°; J. Chandler, 30°, &c. E.P. Bros. Major Desmond Adair, 18°; Dr. Mason, 18°; E. D. Anderton, 18°; J. S. Short, 18°; T. Hart, 18°; and S. R. T. Templar, were duly obligated, and having received the intermediate degrees at the hands of Col. Clerke were with the usual imposing ceremonies admitted to the Degree of Grand Elected Knight K.H., Ill. Bros. Sandeman and Montagu conferring the Degree with that dignity which could not fail to deeply impress the candidates. At the conclusion of the ceremony Ill. Bro. Hughan rose to express on behalf of the western brethren their thanks to the Supreme Council for visiting the district and holding such meetings as the present, when brethren who often found it difficult to attend in London had the opportunity afforded them of taking the Thirtieth Degree and other Degrees, which otherwise they might be precluded from advancing to. He dwelt on the unexampled progress of the Order within the last few years owing to the admirable way in which it was managed at headquarters, and to the visits of the Supreme Council to their various chapters throughout England. When he was made a Rose Croix, some years ago, there were but twenty chapters in England; there were now eighty-five. Bro. Anderton also desired to thank the Council for holding a meeting of the Thirtieth Degree, which enabled brethren in the west to take that Degree. The business being over, the Grand Chapter was then closed, and later in the day the Rose Croix chapter was held, at which Admiral Glasse, C.B., and Bro. Baker were installed as S.P.R.C. A large number of the members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite were present. A banquet followed at the Globe Hotel.

TRURO.—Cornwall Rose Croix Chapter (No. 61).—On Saturday afternoon last the members of this chapter assembled in considerable strength, nearly all the officers and resident brethren being present, and received a visit from several members of the Supreme Council of England, viz.: Bros. J. Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor, 33°; Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec. General, 33°; Hugh David Sandeman, Grand Sec. for Foreign Correspondence, 33°; R. W. H. Giddy, Inspector General, 33°, for South Africa; and Gen. H. E. Doherty, C.B., the Inspector General, 33°, for the Western District, as well as other distinguished visitors. The Supreme Council were pleased to find the chapter in such an efficient state, and appeared highly gratified at the cordiality and heartiness of their reception. One candidate was exalted by the M.W.S. in a pleasing manner, and a joining member was also unanimously elected. At this meeting a special consistory of the 32° was held for the purpose of raising Bro. W. J. Hughan to that Degree, and Colonel Clerke, announcing the fact, said that on account of his great Masonic erudition and services to the Order the Supreme Council with great pleasure conferred the Degree on Bro. Hughan. Bros. Anderton and Emra Holmes thanked the Council for this mark of their favour, and the latter said that Bro. Hughan was known and honoured in both hemispheres, and the Council in honouring him had done honour to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, which they represented. The appointment has given universal satisfaction. The Supreme Council, in the course of their western tour, have already visited the St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter, at Bath; the Ivor Hael Chapter, at Newport (Wales); the Morganwg Chapter, at Swansea; the William de Irwin Chapter, at Weston-super-Mare; the Alfred Chapter, at Taunton; and the Coryton and Rouge-mont Chapter, at Exeter. On Saturday, the 27th ult., they attended the St. Aubyn Chapter, at Morice Town, and on Monday, the 29th ult., the Huyshe Chapter, at Plymouth, at which a chapter of the Thirtieth Degree was held—an occurrence so rare that many were present who have attained that distinction. These visits have given a great impetus to the Rose Croix chapters, as well as to the Preceptories of the Knights Templar, which have also been visited, and all concerned have every reason to be pleased with the success of the tour.

SWANSEA.—Morganwg Rose Croix Chapter (No. 70).—The Supreme Council having informed the M.V.S., Bro. J. L. C. Hunter Little, that they intended to pay an official visit to Swansea on the 20th ult., a chapter of emergency was held to receive them. The Supreme Council was represented by Ill. Bros. J. M. C. Montagu, 33°; S. H. Clerke, G.S.G., 33°; H. D. Sandeman, 33°; Genl. Doherty, D.G.I.G. for South Wales District, 33°; and R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.I.G. for South Africa, 33°. Notwithstanding that the day (Saturday) was very inconvenient to the members, some of whom reside in the neighbouring counties, there was a very fair attendance. By their own desire, the illustrious visitors entered the hall before the chapter was opened, and Ill. Bro. Montagu, having re-

turned the baton to the M.W.S., opened the chapter, and then perfected the candidate. Votes of thanks to the Supreme Council and also to the illustrious brethren for having come so far to visit this chapter were passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. The chapter being closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at the Cameron Arms Hotel, after which the usual toasts were duly honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

Royal Ark Mariners.

MALTA.—Sanct' Elmo Lodge.—The second meeting of the above lodge took place on the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, La Valetta. Present: W.C.N. Bro. Lieut. C. E. Coffey, R.A.; Bros. Capt. Blake, R.A., S. (acting); W. J. Jones, J. (acting); and numerous brethren. Lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for a member of the Keystone Mark Lodge, which proved unanimous. W. Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M. of Tunis and Malta; W. Read, W.M. of the Keystone Mark Lodge, both honorary members of the Broadley Mark Lodge, another brother of this lodge, as well as the brother of the Keystone Lodge in whose favour the ballot was taken, were then admitted, and by the W.C.N. advanced to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners. The authority from the Grand Mark Lodge of England to instal W. Bro. A. M. Broadley in the chair of N. was then read, and W.C.N. Bro. Coffey performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner. W.C.N. Bro. Broadley, addressing the meeting, expressed the pleasure he felt in having taken this Degree in the Sanct' Elmo Lodge attached to the Broadley Mark Lodge, and in particular to W.C.N. Bro. Coffey for installing him in the chair of N. in order that he might found a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners at Tunis, whither he would shortly proceed. W.C.N. Bro. Broadley also complimented all the officers on their excellent working on this occasion. Lodge was then closed by W.C.N. Bro. Coffey with the usual solemnities.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MONTREAL.

By Bro. Robert Ramsey, Orillia, Ont.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland, at her recent Quarterly Communication, held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 7th ult., was apparently so satisfied with her invasion of the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that, in order to encourage these malcontents in that province, the Grand Committee reported that they had given the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal the necessary power to be designated for the future as a "District Grand Lodge." We confess our ignorance as to what further privilege this designation bestows, but doubtless it is meant as a reward to these men, who are degrading and debasing Masonry not only in Montreal and the Province of Quebec, but everywhere throughout the Dominion and the United States.

Many Grand Lodges on this continent have apparently viewed this invasion of Quebec as a local matter, and, although they have acknowledged the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a Sovereign Masonic Power, and exchanged Grand Representatives with her, they have egregiously failed in their duty towards her. Some have uttered mild protests, others have passed the matter by in silence, while only, so far as we are aware, the Grand Lodges of Illinois and the District of Columbia have acted in an honourably fearless and straightforward manner—the former by at once severing all connection with the Grand Lodge of Scotland until such time as she does justice to her younger sister of Quebec by withdrawing the charters of her spurious bantlings from the commercial metropolis of that jurisdiction, and the latter by closing her doors against all Masonic visitors from Quebec unless they present a diploma from that Grand Lodge.

But, ask your readers, how does this thing, termed the District Grand Lodge of Montreal, S. R., affect us, as Masons, in New York? Simply in this manner. There are three lodges working in Montreal, called Elgin, Argyle and King Solomon, holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under the District Grand Lodge of Montreal. These lodges pay no regard to our rules of jurisdiction. 1. They accept material from any and every jurisdiction. 2. They confer the Three Degrees in one evening upon such material. 3. They willingly manufacture boys of eighteen into Masons. What is the consequence? A man rejected in a lodge in New York has only to pay a flying visit to Montreal, present his petition to one of these lodges, and the same evening receive the Three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and return to New York armed with a diploma from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Is not the Grand Lodge of New York therefore interested in this bastard foundling in Montreal as well as the Grand Lodge of Quebec? Will she sit idly by and permit this outrage to go on, without throwing her great influence into the balance on the side of right, honour, and justice?

Any man rejected in New York city can become a Mason (?) in one night from Elgin, King Solomon, or Argyle Lodges, and that too for a mere nominal fee. It is a Masonry of the cheapest and lowest kind. "But what can you expect for tuppence." Street Arabs of eighteen from the dark slums of Gotham, if any, anxious to learn the mysteries of our Royal art, had better pick an extra pocket or two, and with the proceeds purchase their admission to one of these pest houses in Montreal. The whole thing is a vile outrage on Masonry, and so long as it is permitted to exist on this continent the Grand Lodges of North America need not pass any laws regarding the black ball or territorial jurisdiction, for the Grand Lodge

of Scotland laughs at their edicts, and defies their mandates by throwing open the portals of Masonry to the unworthy and the rejected.

Let the Grand Lodges of the United States act as Illinois has done, and if the Grand Lodge of Quebec at her annual communication this month seems fit to convene a conference of the representatives of the different Grand Lodges on this continent, let the response be unanimous. Protest and advice are thrown away upon the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who in her arrogance shelters herself behind her hoary locks, and viciously derides the earnest solicitations and wishes of the six hundred thousand Masons of the United States and Canada.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the Freemasons forming the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at Appleby, under the banner of Eden Valley Lodge, No. 812, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. It is nineteen years since the Provincial Grand Lodge visited the little county town of Westmorland, under the presidency of the late Sir James Graham, M.P., when the Eden Valley Lodge was consecrated, and when the great statesman, formerly Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland only, was appointed to preside over the two counties combined.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Mechanics' Institute. The Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G.M., presided, supported by Bros. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M.; Jos. Iredale, P.M. 310, Past Deputy Prov. G.M.; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Holme, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. Dr. Simpson, P.M. 129, P.P.G. Chap., P.G.C. of England; F. W. Hayward, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Talbot, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. Henry, P.M. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Bowes, P.M. 129, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. E. Strickland, P.M. 1267, P.G. Chap.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; J. Whitehead, P.M. 812, P.P.G. Reg.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P. Reg. (Freemason); E. Clark, W.M. 1660, P.G.J.D.; J. Cook, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Slack, P.M. 310, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.G. Supt. Wks.; W. Armstrong, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G.D.C.; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Tattersall, P.M. 129, P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; A. Walter, P.M. 371, P.P.; Swd. Br.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Org.; J. Salisbury, P.M. 872, P.G. Tyler; G. Potter, P.M. 1532, P.G. Stwd.; T. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.G. Stwd.; G. T. Archibald, P.M. 926, P.G. Stwd.; J. Barron, P.M. 339; J. B. Thwaites, P.M. 339; Capt. Sewell, W.M. 1002; W. Carlyle, W.M. 1400; J. Haswell, W.M. 1532; J. R. Banks, W.M. 371; R. Warton, P.M. 812; J. Milligan, W.M. 119; E. Tyson, P.M. 119; W. Bell, W.M. 1390; J. Bowman, P.M. 327; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962; J. Banks, W.M. 129, and others. There were also a great number of brethren present from Lodges 119 and 872, Whitehaven; 129, Kendal; 310, Carlisle; 327, Wigton; 339, Penrith; 371, Maryport; 812, Appleby; 962, Workington; 1002, Cockermouth; 1073, Keswick; 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale; 1267, Egremont; 1390, Millom; 1400, Harrington; 1532, Carlisle; and 1660, Frizington; whilst a few visitors attended from other provinces, and one from France.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Kenworthy presented his statement of accounts for the year ending June 30. The balance in hand from last year was £192 14s. 3d., and the amount received in dues from the nineteen lodges in the province was £105 14s. 6d., the total receipts being £311 16s. 9d. Amongst the payments were: £52 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £50 to the Provincial Benevolent Fund. The balance in hand was £175 6s. 11d., which, with that of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to £219 6s. 8d.

Bro. Kenworthy was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Schofield, S.W. Appleby Lodge, was elected Prov. G. Tyler.

The report of the Charity Committee was next presented, and it was recommended to give the support of the province to the election of a daughter of a late Harrington brother into the Royal Masonic School for Girls; and, subject to her election, a son of a late Maryport brother into the Boys' School. Three grants of £10, £5, and £5, were also recommended to be given to an aged brother and two widows. The report was adopted unanimously.

The officers for the ensuing year were next appointed and invested as follows, a great number by proxy:—

- Bro. J. L. Burns Lindow, P.M. 1267 Prov. G.S.W.
- " G. J. McKay, P.M. 129... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. W. Barton, P.M. 1390 Prov. G. Chap.
- " Rev. G. B. Arms, 1267 Prov. G.A. Chap.
- " G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119 Prov. G. Treas.
- " J. Tattersall, P.M. 129 Prov. G. Reg.
- " W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119 Prov. G. Sec.
- " Dr. Dinwoodie, P.M. 812 Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. Foulton, P.M. 812 Prov. G.J.D.
- " J. Gardiner, P.M. 371 Prov. G.S. of W.
- " W. Court, P.M. 310 Prov. G.D.C.
- " T. Mandle, P.M. 371 Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962 Prov. G.S.B.
- " W. H. Hoodless, P.M. 327 Prov. G.P.
- " J. Godfrey, P.M. 129 Prov. G. Org.
- " J. Schofield, S.W. 812 Prov. G. Tyler.
- Bros. E. Tyson, P.M. 119; W. Bell, W.M. 1390; J. Black, P.M. 1002; W. Carlyle, W.M. 1400; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962; J. Barron, P.M. 339 Prov. G. Stewards.

The Prov. G. Secretary intimated that he had been in communication with the Grand Secretary, relative to the

question whether a Warden of a lodge, not invested on the day of installation, was eligible for the chair of W.M. the following year. The Grand Secretary had replied that a Warden could not be eligible for the chair under such circumstances, for in every case the Wardens must serve as such for twelve months prior to installation, which they could not do if not present for investiture. He (the Prov. Grand Sec.) knew it was a custom for some lodges to invest Wardens by proxy; but this opinion of the Grand Secretary decided their ineligibility for the Master's chair.

The R.W. Prov. G.M. intimated his intention to hold the annual meetings in future on, say, the first Friday in August, and the brethren chosen for Provincial Grand Wardens would be communicated with beforehand, so as to ensure their attendance for investiture. He knew that the month of September was not a suitable time.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Simpson approved of this, which, he said, was the rule of Grand Lodge, but it applied to the whole of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W., then brought forward a notice of motion, as follows: "That any brother in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland who shall allow his subscription to remain unpaid for the space of two years, the said brother shall not be returned to Grand Lodge, nor shall he be allowed to vote at any Provincial Grand Lodge, until such arrears shall have been paid." He produced a letter from the Grand Secretary, ruling that the dues of brethren in arrears need not be paid to either Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge, or, in other words, that such brethren be not returned.

Bro. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.G. Reg., supposing that Bro. Kirkbride wished to alter or make a new Provincial bye-law, seconded the motion.

The R.W. P.G.M., the R. W. D.P.G.M., the P.G. Secretary, and other brethren having spoken against any alteration of the bye-laws, for the reason that each lodge had the power in their own hands already, the motion was withdrawn.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.

The brethren were then formed in procession, and, headed by the band of the Royal Westmorland Militia, they marched to the parish church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Stickland, P.M. 1267, Egremont, P.P.G. Chaplain. After returning to the lodge room, the brethren adjourned to the Tufton Arms Hotel, where about 200 partook of dinner. The Earl of Bective, M.P., presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

On Thursday, the 25th ult., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at the Town Hall, Dorchester, under the presidency of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Montague J. Guest. The room was well fitted up for the occasion, and proved admirably adapted for the assembly. About 200 brethren from the lodges in the province were present, and after an oration by the Prov. G. Chap., the Rev. Bro. J. G. Brymer, the P.G.M. addressed the brethren on various matters affecting the Freemasons, particularly in regard to the formation of a Charity Fund for the province.

We understand official duties on this day prevented the attendance of two brethren of this province—Sir C. Whetham, the Lord Mayor of London, and Mr. Sheriff Burt— and amongst the appointments made to-day the sons of these brethren were selected to fill two important offices.

The following is a list of the appointments:—

- Bro. C. J. T. Hambro, W.M. 1266... .. Prov. G.D.M.
- " W. E. Brymer, W.M. 417 Prov. G.S.W.
- " J. Mowlem Burt, W.M. 1136... .. Prov. G.J.W.
- " Rev. T. Russell-Wright Prov. G. Chap.
- " Robert Case, P.M. 417 Prov. G. Treas.
- " Stephen Whetham, P.M. 707... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- " R. N. Howard, P.P.S.G.W.
- " P.M. 1037... .. Prov. G. Sec.
- " R. D. Thornton, J.W. 1037 Prov. G.S.D.
- " Hatton Smyth, W.M. 137 Prov. G.J.D.
- " W. L. Chitty, W.M. 472 Prov. G.S. of W.
- " W. Smith, Weymouth, P.P.
- " G.J.W., P.M. 170... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- " G. H. Masters, W.M. 1168 Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " J. B. C. Best, W.M. 386 Prov. G.S.B.
- " Joseph Robinson, jun., 417 Prov. G. Org.
- " S. Webb, W.M. 707... .. Prov. G. Pursu't
- " W. H. Roberts, 665; J. Rowe, 417; R. A. Ayles, 170; H. A. Lawton, 386; W. Knight, 707; A. Graham, 170 Prov. G. Stewards
- " Francis Long, 707 Prov. G. Tyler.

After the business the brethren partook of a banquet provided in the Corn Exchange, the Worshipful P.G. in the chair, and the customary Masonic toasts were proposed. The duties of catering were very satisfactorily discharged by Mr. Frost, of the King's Arms Hotel.

The tables were rendered bright by an abundant supply of floral bouquets. Bro. Brymer provided a magnificent dessert.

About £200 was promised to the Masonic Charities.

The banquet was enlivened by the services of an admirable glee party from London, provided by the kindness of Bro. Brymer, of Ilington House, the W.M. of the lodge visited on this occasion, and we congratulate him and the brethren of this lodge on the complete success which attended their reception of the Prov. Grand Lodge in the county town.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

GOLDNEY.—On the 29th ult., at the Grammar School, Lichfield, the wife of the Rev. S. Goldney, of a son.
STOCKWELL.—On the 25th ult., at 4, Victoria-park, Dover, the wife of Major Clifton Stockwell, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HICKMAN—CRESSEY.—On the 27th ult., at the Abbey Church, Romsey, by the Rev. E. L. Berthon, vicar, assisted by the Rev. — Bartholomew, William John, eldest son of William Hickman, Esq., J.P., Deputy P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, of Alderbrook House, near Southampton, to Isabel, daughter of the late Francis Cressey, Esq., of Deansfield, Romsey.

SMILES—MCINTYRE.—On the 27th ult., at the parish church of St. Marylebone, by the Rev. C. J. Phipps Eyre, M.A., rector, Clement Locke Smiles, of 15, Bedford-row, solicitor, youngest son of the late Dr. William Smiles, to Mary Ellen (May), youngest daughter of Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, of 1, Park-square, Regent's Park.

TEALE—ARCHER.—On the 25th ult., at Eastwick, Herts, Walter, son of the late Bro. W. H. Teale, of Rye House, Herts, to Frances, daughter of the late J. Archer, of Eastwick, Herts.

DEATHS.

NEWMARCH.—On May 31st, at Naseby, Maniototo, New Zealand, of inflammation of the lungs, Bro. George Frederick Newmarch, formerly of Hull, Yorkshire, aged 35.

STEIB.—On the 28th ult., Emma, the beloved wife of William Steib, of Nevill-road, Stoke Newington, N., aged 57. Deeply lamented by a large circle of friends.

TOLLER.—On the 13th ult., at South Petherton, Somerset, H. W. Toller, son of R. Toller, of Leicester, aged 29.

WINKUP.—On the 26th ult., at Liverpool, Bro. Aaron Winkup, P.M. of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1356.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1879.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

We are not quite so sure as our good Bro. Ramsey, of Orilla, seems to be, of the "heinous crime" which the Grand Lodge of Scotland has committed in setting up a D.G. Lodge in Montreal. In a very animated appeal, which appears in our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, and which we publish elsewhere, Bro. Ramsey 'heaps up the agony' considerably against the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and as he seems to rest upon the action of the American Grand Lodges, we think it well to say a few more words on a subject which we had hoped by this time might have been dismissed as a "res adjudicata." The Grand Lodge of Quebec, an offshoot from the Grand Lodge of Canada, claims to forbid all Scottish and English lodges to hold warrants from their mother Grand Lodges. But on what grounds? Independently of an understanding, or concordat, with the Grand Lodge of Canada, which is still binding, honourably and Masonically, both in the letter and spirit, we apprehend that the common law of Masonry fully warrants the claims and the course of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and of the Grand Lodge of England. If the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be analyzed, it amounts to this: "We claim by Masonic law to sever the connexion between every lodge and its mother Grand Lodge, because that lodge is in our jurisdiction, utterly irrespective of any previous honourable understanding or compact on the subject." This is a bold and a decisive claim, which has to be considered, and considered alone, in the light of Masonic law and Masonic precedent. Bro. Ramsey, like others who have written on this untoward discussion, uses hard words, and angry words, and loud words; but let us, like good Masons, go back in a peaceful spirit to what is, as far as we know or understand, Masonic law on the point. For a very momentous point is involved in this discussion—the very independence of all true lodge life. Now, we apprehend that this is undoubtedly the Masonic law on the subject: A lodge to be in life must have a warrant or charter, and that warrant or charter must emanate from a legal body. The legality of the Scottish lodges in Montreal is undoubted, they were properly warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is set up, but certain Scottish and English lodges retaining their old connexion with the mother country, as they preferred to do at the time the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, with the full consent and approval of that body—the Grand Lodge of Quebec claims for them, on alleged jurisdictional sovereignty, a transfer of their allegiance, and calls upon them to surrender their old charters and take out new charters from the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Can such a claim be upheld? Certainly not! Can such a pretension be supported? Again we say, certainly not! If there is one clear fact in Masonic law, local or general, it is this, the absolute right of the lodge to adhere to its warranting authority. The powers and practice of the Grand Lodges of America are appealed to in support of such novel and unheard-of assumptions, but we fancy that they will be appealed to, after all, in vain. In the first place, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not exactly in the position of a State Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is, at the best, at the outside, a provincial body in a province which has no sovereign rights. It has more the "status" of a District Grand Lodge than that of a national Grand Lodge. Despite some recent speakers we believe we are correct in saying, that the American States are Sovereign States, all of equal power and status, and that their Grand Lodges are bonâ fide national Grand Lodges, in their own limits and territories. But is the precedent of Masonic proceedings in the United

States favourable to our Canadian friends and Bro. Ramsey's contention on any ground? We think not. Is it not true, as a fact, that though when new Grand Lodges are formed in America, and though union and uniformity may suggest a general recognition of the lawful authority of a lawful Grand Lodge, countless cases may be adduced where other Grand Lodges, the warranting Grand Lodges of individual lodges in the new jurisdiction, have manfully upheld the right of the individual lodge, despite the formation of a new Grand Lodge, to adhere to its original constituting authority? It is one thing, as our readers will see at once, to advise in a friendly and fraternal spirit; all lodges in a new jurisdiction, for the sake of peace and uniformity, to join that new body, and quite another thing to claim it as a right, and to attempt by threats of Masonic excommunication and violent resolutions "in terrorem" to compel recalcitrant lodges to leave the old Grand Lodge and take up with the new. The position assumed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the line of argument of Bro. Ramsey may be very politic and convenient for the interests of an united Freemasonry in that special district, but they are not warranted by any good Masonic precedent, nor are they supported by any known Masonic law. We rather doubt if our American brethren will be led astray by the specious but unsound views put forward on this important point. They, like ourselves, wish to adhere to precedent and to law, and above all they are anxious to discourage novelties in practice and legislation, which if carried to their logical and legitimate extent must "stamp out" the rights of private lodges, and ignore what until this recent discussion has never been questioned, as far as we are aware, as the local and universal Masonic law on the subject. We cannot, therefore, concur on any grounds in the censure passed by Bro. Ramsey on the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

MASONRY RETURNING HOMEWARDS.

Little by little our good brethren are wending their way homewards, and back to the "little village," and are finding themselves in the "bosom of their families" again, let us trust with a smiling wife and contented "olive branches." From all quarters of the world, their modest holiday over, Freemasons are "ingathering" slowly from their travels within the area of this great Metropolis, and we may note symptoms, slight indeed, at present, in the weekly announcements of the *Freemason* of the resumption of lodge life, lodge labour, and lodge sociality. But it is not so much, at present, to Masonic journeyings or the revival of Masonic work, to both of which we shall allude later, that we wish to call attention to-day by the "little text" on which we have pinned our "lesser sermon," as it is that we feel bound to sympathize with many worthy married brethren of ours, who, the victims of circumstances, or "connubiality," teste Mr. Samuel Weller, have been compelled to vegetate in some out of the way bathing place, because Jemima Matilda was recovering from the "chicken pox," or Thomas Anthony had been half starved at school. And so Bro. Meriman is taken away from his customary life and his creature comforts, to walk up and down disconsolately on the beach, watch the one donkey carriage and smoke his cigar, while listening to the "yarns" of the coastguardman. Unfortunate "Freemason," he whose jokes set a whole sympathetic audience in a roar; he who is the life and soul of that famous "musical union;" he who was never known to miss the gathering of the "Agreeable Goslings" any more than the assembly of his own good lodge, "Conviviality, 2591." Surely, kind readers, he is an object of pity under such melancholy circumstances, and in such a lonely condition, such isolated walks, and such limited society. In vain does our old friend Sister Mulberry tell us, with a shake of her good old decided head, that a "married man's first duty is to be with his wife," and that a "father's chief concern ought to be the care and control of his children." We admit all this at once. These are old world saws we have heard over and over again, whose venerable warning we

have often admired, whose sublime duty we have often appreciated. But in this go-ahead day, when we have given up so many of the ways and manners, nay morals, of the past, it does seem very hard on a married man, with cheap trains and excursion tickets, that he can't go where he likes, and we know as a fact that our good Bro. Panther declares, in which statement he is eagerly joined by Bros. Pope, Trippet, Carver, and Crome, that he "don't like the sea side," at all, and that it will be "some time before 'chicken pox,' or 'school starvation,' or any other marital or matrimonial mystery will take him to that most dreadful of all spots on earth, 'Sliddle-on-the-Sea.'" If he must go any where, he declares loudly, he will go to Harrogate, Scarborough, or Brighton, where there is something to do and something to look at, and where life is agreeable, and one can find a "little society."

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.]

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS ELECTION.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
You were good enough to allow me to make an appeal last year, and I venture to trespass on your space to-day to ask all my worthy brethren who have votes to spare, and no case to support, to let me have their proxies for several very deserving London cases.
I am, yours fraternally,
A. F. A. WOODFORD.
10, Upper Porchester-street,
Hyde Park-square, W.,
October 1st, 1879.

LAUGHTON CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—
Allow me to draw the attention of your readers to an effort that is being made to liquidate a debt which has suddenly fallen on our much esteemed brother (the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain Prov. Lincolnshire), owing to the failure of the contractor.
Dr. Ace's income from his living is very small, and the village is but a poor one. The repairs which have been effected were such as were absolutely necessary for the preservation of the structure, and as there are no church rates, the sum cannot be paid by that means.
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Yours faithfully and fraternally,
W. H. SAUNDERS, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex.
27, Walbrook, E.C.

THE NEW FOREST HOTEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—
When it has been my lot to come across something particularly good I like that my brethren, my friends, and my neighbours should be equally able to enjoy the like pleasure.
On Saturday last I availed myself of an invitation to attend the installation meeting of Lodge 453, or Highwell Lodge, at the New Forest Hotel (in conjunction, or rather in

close proximity to, the old Hunting Lodge of Queen Elizabeth), in Epping Forest, in the parish of Chisford. The hotel is owned and has been built by the world-renowned Mr. Gordon, of Crosbie Hall, Holborn Restaurant, &c. The hotel has been designed by Bro. Ebenezer Saunders, and the work carried out by Bro. John Egan, of Buckhurst Hill. To each one great praise is due for their several parts in the undertaking.

The position cannot be surpassed for loveliness of aspect, or for interest in the days of yore. I feel quite sure that it must necessarily be a great success, not only from the beautiful scenery surrounding it, or for the elegance of the structure, but also from the easy access to the metropolis, and the known good qualities of Mr. Gordon as caterer for the public.

I shall content myself with describing the banqueting hall. The floor is of oak and American walnut in parqueterie; the walls are lined with French cretonne, 42s. per yard, representing various kinds of Sylvan spots; the roof is of pitch pine, panelled; windows commanding lovely views of the forest are placed in the N.E. and South. The table was regally furnished with massive gold and silver and silver-gilt ornaments, many of them having historic and regal memories attached. Some of the private sitting-rooms are furnished in the elaborate and costly styles of various foreign courts.

Now if I have not said enough to whet your appetites, and to cause you to go and prove in propria persona the truth of my words, then indeed I have written in vain.

Yours fraternally,
CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL,
W.M. 1607.

THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

The Committee of the London Masonic Charity Association wishes once more to call the attention of the voters for the Boys' and Girls' Schools to the cases which it has selected with great care.

As some brethren seem to think that because the London Masonic Charity Association has taken up a case, therefore all individual exertion becomes superfluous, the Committee think it right to disabuse the minds of their London brethren of so great an error.

All exertions are needed to secure the election of the candidates, and all proxies should be sent at once to Bro. A. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C.

PROVINCIAL GRAND PRECEPTORY OF CORNWALL.

The Province of Cornwall in Knights Templary has been dormant for some years, the last appointed officers dating from 24th October, 1871, when the Earl of St. Germans (then Lord Elliot) was the Provincial Grand Commander. On his lordship resigning the post the late Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., was appointed to the Provincial Grand Commandership, but died before he could be installed, and after his lamented death it was generally felt that the choice should fall upon Colonel John Whitehead Peard, J.P., of Trenythen, Par, who is the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge. This well-known brother, happily for the Degree, has been appointed by patent to the office in question, and Friday, 26th ult., was selected for his installation. Since 1871 a variety of alterations have been made in the statutes of the Order, and many of the titles have been changed, the head of the province now being styled the Provincial Prior, and the various provinces being united in this country under Lord Skelmersdale as Great Prior of England, Ireland, and Canada have united to form the "Convent General," over which presides the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and Her Majesty is the patroness. It is hoped ere long that Scotland will join in this organisation—being now independent of all others—and ultimately it is hoped that all the English-speaking languages throughout the world will accept the Prince of Wales as sole Grand Master, leaving each Great Priory for the various countries or States to make their own separate statutes. When this occurs there will be upwards of 100,000 members, many of whom are of the first rank in society, and enthusiastic and zealous Craft Masons.

Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Prov. Prior of Sussex, and Great Sub-Prior of England and Wales, had been deputed by Lord Skelmersdale as "acting Great Prior," and effectually fulfilled his high and responsible position on Friday at the Masonic Hall, Public Rooms, Truro, in the presence of the most distinguished body of Knights Templar that has ever assembled in the province. Among the numerous Sir Knights who attended in honour of the occasion were R. W. Hoskins Giddy, Prov. Prior of South Africa; J. M. P. Montagu, Prov. Prior of Dorset; Hugh David Sandeman, Past Prov. Prior of Bengal; General H. E. Doherty, C.B., Past first Grand Captain of England; Emra Holmes, Hon. Prov. Prior of Canada and Representative, &c.; William Tweedy, Past Preceptor of the Cornubian; S. G. Bake, Preceptor of the Restormal; Richard John, Preceptor of the Cornubian; Edward Dixon Anderton, Past Preceptor (C); T. C. Stephens, Past Preceptor (R); Charles Truscott, jun., (R), Past Preceptor, M.A.; W. Polkinghorne, Past Preceptor (R); John Stephens, Past Preceptor (R); Dr. Mason, Past Preceptor (R); A. Luke, Past Preceptor (R); Richard Carter, the Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, Dr. Hugh de Legh, the Rev. F. B. Paul, George Brown, Samuel Harvey, W. D. Rogers, William Rooks, and H. Elliott.

The various banners of the Great Officers and of the Prov. Priors, &c., added much to the effect of the scene, which was very imposing, on the reception of Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke as acting Great Prior, and of Lieut.-Col.

J. W. Peard, the Prov. Prior nominate. The minutes of the last Prov. Priory having been read, the patent of Colonel Peard was announced, and he was then in a very efficient manner obligated, invested, and proclaimed as the Prov. Prior for Cornwall. He afterwards appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing term: Wm. Tweedy (C), Prov. Sub-Prior; Rev. W. H. Bloxsome, M.A. (C), Prelate; Edward Dixon Anderton (C), Chancellor; Charles Truscott, jun. (R), Constable; Dr. Wm. Mason (R), Marshal; Thomas Couch Stephens (R), Registrar (reappointed); William Polkinghorne (R), Treasurer (re-elected); Rev. F. B. Paul (R), Almoner; Richard Carter (C), Organist; Col. S. G. Bake (R), Captain of Guard; R. John, Sub-Marshal; John Stevens, Aide-de-Camp; Alfred Luke, First Herald; Dr. Hugh de Legh, Sword Bearer; Samuel Harvey, Standard Bearer; H. Elliott, Equerry.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Great Priory for their kindness in attending, and particularly to the acting Great Prior.

Sir Knight Emra Holmes proposed a grant of five guineas to the "Cathedral Fund," but was ruled out of order as no notice had been given; but he gave due notice to that effect for the next Prov. Priory.

The banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by Colonel Peard, was a brilliant one, and gave satisfaction to the members who participated, the brethren of the Rose Croix Chapter, of which the Prov. Prior is a member, having joined the Sir Knights at the festive board. A very hearty reception was given to Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Clerke, especially for his valued and able services as the Installing Great Prior; and the other members of his distinguished staff were most warmly greeted and entertained by the Cornish fraters.—*Western Morning News.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF TUNIS AND MALTA.

The first and inaugural meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge took place on the 11th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta, in the midst of a very large gathering of Mark Masters belonging to the three English lodges forming the province, numerous members of the Leinster Mark Lodge, and a Mark Master belonging to the Scottish Constitution.

The Keystone Lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. W. Read, the P.G. Secretary, Bro. Lieut. C. E. Coffey, R.A., W.M. Broadley Lodge, No. 248, was called upon to read the patent from the Grand Mark Lodge of England appointing W. Bro. Alexander Meyrick Broadley, W.M. Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, and P.M. Kingston Mark Lodge, No. 222, barrister-at-law and advocate of the Consular Courts at Tunis, the first P.G. M.M.M. of this province. The letter of authority for W. Bro. Read to instal W. Bro. Broadley was also read.

An alarm having been given, W. Bro. Broadley was announced, and the first P.G.M.M.M. of this province entered the lodge in procession, preceded by Bros. R. F. King, P.G.D. of C.; Miller, Sec. Keystone Lodge, 107, Sword Bearer; and followed by Bro. Starkey, Sec. Broadley Lodge, No. 248, and two P.G. Stewards. The P.G.M.M.M. was escorted by Bros. Westrup, P.M., and Rotherham, P.M.

Having advanced to the pedestal, Bro. Broadley was obligated by W. Bro. Read, placed in the chair, duly proclaimed to the brethren by the D. of C., and saluted with grand honours by all present.

Addressing Bro. R. V. Westrup, P.M., the P.G.M.M.M. expressed his satisfaction in nominating him his Deputy for the coming year, and invested him accordingly. The Grand Wardens and other officers having been appointed, to each of whom the P.G.M.M.M. made suitable addresses, P.G. Lodge was opened.

Bro. G. Segond was elected P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck P.G. Tyler.

The P.G.M.M.M. then addressed the founders of the Broadley Lodge, announced his intention of consecrating it, and called upon the Secretary, Bro. Starkey, to state the proceedings which had been taken up to the day of meeting.

The petition and warrant of the Broadley Lodge having been read by the P.G. Secretary, the P.G.M.M.M., as Consecrating Officer, delivered the following eloquent oration, which was received with the most marked signs of approval:—

Mark Master Masons of the Province of Tunis and Malta: We are assembled here this evening for the purpose of inaugurating the Grand Mark Lodge of this Province, and at the same time consecrating, as an addition to its muster-roll, Lodge No. 248, upon which the kindly feelings of its founders have bestowed my name. The formation of this Provincial Mark Lodge on the classic soil of ancient Carthage on the one hand, and the last residence of the Knights of St. John on the other, may, perhaps, have an interest for Mark Master Masons beyond the boundaries of the district itself; indeed it is difficult to imagine any given combination of localities which could afford more food for the study and contemplation of the thoughtful brother than the two countries comprised in this united province. Our imagination may well carry us back through the vista of centuries to the distant epoch when the immediate descendants of the Operative Masons of Tyre, "going westwards" reared on the shores of North Africa that magnificent metropolis which for a time ruled the ancient world, and then pass from the consideration of their labours to the more recent period, when under Roman rulers, Masons of the Roman College of Artificers raised on the same site a second city which vied in architectural splendour with the Phœnician capital, upon the ruins of which it was erected. Turning to the part of the province in which we now stand, the eye rests on the varied proofs of the cunning and skill of that great military Order, the customs of which (to say the least) have

afforded a model for the ceremonies, and laid the foundation of one of the most interesting Degrees of Christian Masonry. It will be impossible for me on this occasion to trace in detail the history of the Mark Degree; still more to show its historical connection with this province, to which I firmly believe it has of late years been merely restored. The practice of the Mark begins doubtless in the earliest days of Operative Masonry, when guilds of Tyrian workmen under Tyrian overseers built the Temple of King Solomon, and when their descendants constructed the walls and citadels and harbours of Carthage. The "marks" of these early Masons abound in the deep buried remains of the Phœnician city, which now lie under the accumulated rubbish of more than two thousand years; they were perpetuated by the Roman occupants of the ancient site, and have descended to the operatives of the Moslem conquerors, whose victorious flag has waved for ten centuries over all that remains of the cities of Hannibal and Hamilcar, of Cato and Scipio. The city gates of Tunis still bear distinctive marks, familiar to every one present. The history of Masonry in its most general sense may, I think, be truly described as operative in its birth, partly operative and partly speculative in its growth, and purely speculative in its maturity. The Degree of the Mark was from the first an essential constituent of Operative Masonry. It was doubtless worked from time immemorial in the operative lodges of Scotland, as well as in the old semi-operative lodges of England and other countries deriving from us the origin of their Masonic systems. The Mark Degree forms an integral part of the pure and recognised Masonry of Ireland, Scotland, and the United States. In Scotland, even as early as 1598, the annals of Masonry abound in allusions to the Mark Degree, and in England it was worked in many lodges under one or other of the two Constitutions, as well as in others acknowledging the supremacy of the Grand Lodge at York. By the articles of union between the rival Grand Lodges in 1813, the Mark Degree was excluded from, or perhaps more correctly, not included in, the symbolical teaching of the Craft. In spite, however, of the new regulations the Mark was still extensively worked in many lodges, and flourished more especially in the north and midland districts of England. About a quarter of a century ago the attention of the Masonic world in general was drawn to this anomalous state of things, and more particularly to some lodges having obtained charters from the Supreme Chapter of Scotland. A rigorous attempt was made to obtain the recognition of the Degree by the Grand Lodge of England, and on this effort failing the Grand Mark Lodge was established, having, according to the precedent afforded by the history of the Royal Arch, exclusive jurisdiction over the Degree of the Mark. To discuss to-day any longer the origin of this Grand Lodge is, entirely useless. A Grand Lodge is nothing more nor less than a union of several lodges which vest in one the power which each formerly had separately, and any possible flaw in its original constitution is condoned by the adhesion of the lawful lodges it has received. The "time immemorial" lodges throughout the country, as well as those originally holding warrants from Scotland, have almost unanimously acknowledged its supremacy, and it now numbers 250 lodges on its muster-roll, which is, as a matter of fact, numerically stronger than that of the Craft Grand Orient of France and Italy, and many other Grand Lodges on the Continent. We find our Mark Grand Lodge to-day recognised as a legitimate governing body of the Degree of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapters of Ireland, Canada, Quebec, and many of the American States, and it is my agreeable task to inform you that on the 18th June last the Grand Chapter of Scotland resolved unanimously to acknowledge the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales as lawful and supreme throughout those countries, and to refrain from henceforth granting any charters for Mark lodges within its home jurisdiction. Thus, my brethren, we have the satisfaction of knowing that our Mark Masters will be recognised and our certificates respected wherever the Mark Degree exists. I would fain say something of the illustrious rulers of the Grand Mark Lodge (one of whom, Lord Carnarvon, became a K.T. in this very hall), of the admirable working of its various departments; of its fast increasing Benevolent Fund, and its excellent scheme for assisting to educate the children of Mark Masters, but time will not permit me. As to the intrinsic worth of the Degree itself, suffice it to say that its rapid progress is the best proof of its merits. Not only do we find in it practical illustrations of the truths taught in other Degrees, but it abounds in appropriate lessons for our rule in daily life. This province has had the pleasure of introducing the Speculative Mark Degree and the rule of the Grand Mark Lodge of England amongst: foreign brethren, of many nationalities and many languages, in the Regency of Tunis, and I see in their keen appreciation of its eloquent teachings, homely illustrations, and striking lessons, yet another attestation to its value; and though necessity has sometimes compelled me to employ the medium of four languages in a single evening, I have never heard any candidate do otherwise than express himself gratified with the ceremony of his advancement. Your recommendation, and the approval of the M.W.G.M.M., has called me to the rule of this honourable Degree in this province, and I can only trust the progress it is destined to make in our midst will be commensurate with its rapidly increasing appreciation at the hands of the Craft at large. The inauguration of this Provincial Grand Lodge has brought with it the consecration of our third subordinate Mark lodge. I feel sure both the one and the other has the best wishes of every Mark Master present. I trust my assiduity for the best interests of the Degree in this province will justify the recommendation you made in my favour. The time seems to be approaching when each Craft lodge will have a Mark lodge attached to it, and we venture to hope that the

United Grand Lodge of England will feel justified in extending its recognition to the Mark Degree, under its own particular government, as a portion of "pure and ancient Masonry." May the activity of the Mark Masters of Tunis and Malta contribute to the general spread of Mark Masonry throughout the world. We cannot assist this end better than by carrying out in practice as well as in theory the principles of humility, uprightness, self-control, and universal benevolence, inculcated in the Mark Degree.

"The well-known sign we mark, and fly,
The wound to heal, to still the sigh,
And wipe the tear from sorrow's eye.
For ours the aim is, ours the art,
To meliorate the human heart
Of wild desires—to stem the flood,
And act as if of kindred blood."

The ceremony of consecration of the Broadley Lodge was then performed, the musical parts of which, under the able direction of Bro. Major A. Ewing, P.G. Organist, were very effectively rendered.

The P.G.M.M.M. dedicated and constituted the new lodge, congratulating the W.M., Bro. Coffey, on its formation, and delivering to him and his officers their respective collars.

W.M. Bro. Coffey returned thanks in suitable terms.

A collection, to form the nucleus of a charitable fund, was then made, and the P.G.M.M.M. having closed P.G.L., retired in procession as on entering.

W. Bro. Read having closed the Keystone Lodge, the P.G.M.M.M. and all the brethren present adjourned to the refreshment-room, where a magnificent banquet awaited them.

The ceremonies, both of installation and consecration, were a great success in every respect; they will long be remembered by all present as forming one of the greatest Masonic events ever witnessed in this island.

CONSECRATION OF THE BRIXTON ROYAL ARK MARINERS' LODGE.

The consecration of this lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be worked in connection with the Brixton Mark Lodge, took place on Saturday last at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. The Mark lodge was opened by Bro. T. Poore, P.G.I.G., W.M., supported by Bros. C. P. McKay, S.W.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of Wks., J.W.; G. Clark, M.O.; Pitt, acting S.O.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; Dr. Pearce, S.D.; Moss, J.D.; G. S. Graham, Org.; Axford, and Potter (Tyler).

After the transaction of some routine business the lodge was closed, and a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened, with Bros. Poore, as N.; H. Lovegrove, as J.; G. Clark, as S., and others, when Bros. McKay, Graham, Moss, Pearce, Baldwin, Axford, Anderson, and Potter were duly elevated, the ritual being most impressively delivered.

The chair was then taken by Bro. Donald M. Dewar, the Consecrating Officer, who called upon the acting Scribe to read the warrant, after which he delivered an oration on the ancient Degree of Royal Ark Mariners.

The usual ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and in due course the W.C.N. designate, Bro. H. Lovegrove, was presented by Bro. Poore, and the brethren below the rank of N. having retired, he was duly enthroned. The brethren on their return saluted in due form, and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. Clark, J.; Poore, S.; Pearce, S.D.; McKay, J.D.; Baldwin, Scribe; Moss, I.G.; G. S. Graham, Org.; and Potter, Tyler.

The brethren unanimously approved of the vote of thanks to Bro. Dewar for his able rendering of the ceremonies.

The W.C.N. then closed the lodge in ancient form.

The next meeting of the Brixton Mark Lodge will be held on the 8th November, when Bro. C. P. McKay will be installed as W.M.

FREEMASONRY IN NORFOLK.

(Continued from page 376.)

Of the next lodge in the order of time, though it enjoyed only a brief existence, we have some particulars, extracted from the "Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Richard Gardiner, Esq.," who was its first W.M., and published in "Freemasons' Magazine," vol. iv., pp. 304-6 (1795). The account begins by stating that "in the year 1764, Freemasonry was revived at Swaffham," though the word "revived" seems out of place, as we have had no mention, thus far, of a Swaffham Lodge. Be this as it may, "the Great Lodge at the Crown Inn," as it is described, was warranted by Lord Blaney, Grand Master, on the 17th December, 1764, "being the 329th Lodge in Great Britain" (? England). Benjamin Nuthall, Alderman of King's Lynn, was appointed to instal the new Master, Bro. Richard Gardiner. "The Duke's Head" (No. 283) "and White Lion Lodges" (No. 31), at Lynn, were present, as well as "many members of the lodges at Norwich." After Divine service the installation ceremony was performed, and then "an elegant intertainment was prepared at the Crown. In the evening there was a brilliant assembly of ladies to celebrate the constitution of the new lodge." This "Great Lodge" soon increased in numbers, and "many of the first gentlemen were admitted into the fraternity," yet it had disappeared from the roll when the numbers were closed up in 1792. At least it became No. 267 in 1770, and No. 213 in 1781; after which it passes away, and all we have to remind us of its existence is this brief account in a defunct "Freemasons' Magazine." However, it seems to have played its part at the outset well. In 1765, "the Lynn Company of Comedians coming to Swaffham, the members of the Great Lodge were requested to bespeak a play." They bespoke the comedy of "Love for Love," and on the 6th of

May it was performed before a crowded audience "the members walking in procession, properly clothed (sic) to the temporary playhouse (a barn), where a building on the stage was erected for their reception." The officers of the lodge are given as follows: "Richard Gardiner, Esq., Master; William Pawlett, Esq., Deputy Master; William Mann, Esq., and Sir Henry Peyton, Bart., Wardens; Sir Clement Trafford, Bart., Treasurer. The following occasional epilogue was written by W. Master Gardiner, and spoken by Mrs. Dyer, and it has struck us as being sufficiently interesting to justify its reproduction in the columns of the *Freemason* :—

While royal splendor and theatric state
On princely Barry and king Garrick wait,
How little can we hope an humble stage,
Void of all pomp, can your applause engage:
For which among you ladies can discern
A Covent Garden in a Swaffham barn.

Yes, 'tis a barn—yet fair ones, take me right,
Ours is no play—we hold a Lodge to night!
And should our building want a slight repair,
You see we've friends among the Brethren there.

[Pointing to the Masons on the stage.

Reply the Scalds* with miserable frown,
'Masons repair—they'd sooner pull it down.
A set of ranting, roaring, rumbung fellows,
Who meet to sing "Old Rose and burn the Bellows!"
Champaign and Claret, dozens in a jerk,
And then, O Lord, how hard they've been at work!

Next for the secret of their own wise making,
Hiram and Boaz, and Grand Master Jachin;
Poker and tongs! the sign! the word! the stroke!
'Tis all a nothing, and 'tis all a joke.

Nonsense on nonsense! let them storm and rail,
Here's the whole history of their mop and pail.
For 'tis the sense of more than half the town,
Their secret is—a bottle at the Crown."

But not so fast, ye enemies to light,
I, tho' no Mason, am their friend to-night;
And by your leaves 'tis something strange I trow,
To slander that which none of you can know.

We women, tho' we like good Masons well,
Sometimes are angry that they will not tell:
And then we flaunt away from rout to rout,
And swear like you, we've found the secret out.
But O! vain boast! to all enquiring eyes,
Too deep the mine where that bright jewel lies.

That Masons have a secret is most true;
And you, ye beauties, have a secret too.
Now if the Masons are so rigid grown,
To keep their secret to themselves alone;
Be silent in your turns, 'tis that allures:
Silence! and bid the Masons find out yours.

Thus far conjecture in the comic way,
But let not fancy lead your thoughts astray.
The ties of honour only Masons bind;
Friends to each other and to all mankind:
True to their king, and for their country bold,
They flew to battle like their sires of old:
Banish'd the trowel for the barbed spear,
And where loud cannons thunder'd, form'd the square.
Gallant and gay, at Minden's glorious plain,
And the proud Moro storm'd, alas! in vain!
In peace with honest hearts they court the fair,
And most they triumph when they triumph there.
Their actions known, their bit' rest foes approve,
For all that Masons ask is—Love for Love.

The year 1765 saw the constitution of two lodges, one of them being No. 357, held at the Blue Boar, Norwich, and the other, No. 358, at the Red Lion, Fakenham. The former became No. 282 in 1770; No. 225 in 1781, by which year it had migrated to the Three Tuns; and No. 192 in 1792, when it was held at the Black Horse. It was re-numbered after the Union as No. 236, when it was known as the Union. It died before 1832. The Fakenham Lodge became No. 283 in 1770; No. 226 in 1781, when its quarters were at the White Hart, Thetford; No. 193 in 1792, when it was known as the Royal Edwin Lodge, and was held at Bury St. Edmund's, in Suffolk; and No. 238 after the Union. It has since passed out of existence.

The Royal Alfred Lodge, of Diss, No. 404, was founded on the 26th July, 1770, and became No. 313 in 1781. It had ceased to be when the lodges were re-numbered in 1792, so that its existence was not a prolonged one. However, the next that was established was more fortunate. Though no longer an East Anglian—having migrated between the year of its foundation and the Union into Warwickshire—it still flourishes. When constituted in 1792, it was distinguished as Lodge No. 501, and was held at the Little White Swan, in the parish of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. In 1813 it was known as the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 501, of Warwick, and was re-numbered No. 536 in 1814; No. 356 in 1832; and No. 284 in 1863. It is still on the roll of Grand Lodge.

The next two lodges ceased working between 1814 and 1832. They were the Lodge of Unity, No. 531, of Great Yarmouth, founded in 1793, and re-numbered in 1814 as No. 558, and the Norwich Theatrical Lodge, No. 563, of Norwich, which became No. 584 after the Union. Another 1797 lodge, to wit, the Lodge of United Friends, No. 564, of Great Yarmouth, became No. 585 in 1814; No. 392 in 1832; and No. 313 in 1863. It is still on the roll. Two other lodges, namely, No. 572, Lodge of Attention, held at the Green Dragon at its foundation in 1798, and No. 636, Lodge of Perseverance, Great Yarmouth, founded in 1812, became in 1814 Nos. 591 and 642 respectively, but were defunct at the re-numbering in 1832. These complete the tale of lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of the Moderns, or, to sum up the list, between the establishment of our Grand Lodge, in 1717, and the union of the "Ancients"

* The Scalds Miserable Society.

and "Moderns," in 1813, no less than twenty-six lodges under the latter were constituted, and of these six are still on the roll in Norfolk itself, namely, No. 52, the Union, of Norwich; No. 85, the Faithful, of Harleston; No. 93, the Social, of Norwich; No. 100, Friendship, of Great Yarmouth; No. 102, Unanimity, of North Walsham; and No. 313, United Friends, of Great Yarmouth. One other, now No. 71, Unity, of Lowestoft, is on the roll of Suffolk, and yet another, Shakespeare, No. 284, of Warwick, is on that of Warwickshire.

The "Ancients" do not seem to have been so successful in establishing themselves in this county. We have traced no more than three under their Grand Lodge, two of which are still flourishing. The Philanthropic Lodge, of King's Lynn, founded in 1774, was No. 142 in 1813, and met at the Maid's Head Inn. It became No. 172 in 1814; No. 124 in 1832; and in 1863, as it still is, No. 107. Lodge of Perseverance, of Norwich, founded in 1795, was No. 294 in 1813, when it met at the Angel Inn, and became No. 374 in 1814; No. 258 in 1832; and No. 213 in 1863. A lodge No. 166, King's Head, Norwich, became No. 203 in 1814, and No. 145 in 1832. It no longer exists. Thus no less than eight lodges founded before the Union are still in existence, and of them all but two can boast of an existence of more than 100 years.

It remains for us to enumerate the lodges which have been constituted since the year 1813 and are still working. These are as follow: the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, of Norwich, founded in 1860; the Sincerity, No. 943, of the same city, founded in 1863; the Joppa, No. 1114, of Fakenham, founded in 1866; and the Doric, No. 1193, Wymondham, founded in 1867. These were added to the roll during the Prov. G. Mastership of the late Bro. B. Bond Cabbell, who presided over the fortunes of the county from 1854 to 1874. Lodge Walpole, No. 1500, founded in 1874, records the Grand Mastership of the late Hon. F. Walpole, whose rule over the province was of the briefest; while the Montgomerie Lodge, No. 1741, of Diss, and the Suffield Lodge, No. 1808, of North Walsham, bear testimony to the energy and active interest in Freemasonry of the present Grand Master of the province, namely, Lord Suffield, at whose installation His Royal Highness the Grand Master himself presided. We do not doubt that, under his lordship's auspices, every thing will be done to strengthen and confirm the position of Freemasonry in this favoured county, and we know that even in the short time he has held his high office the greatest activity has prevailed in what is essentially Masonic in its character—that is, in the support of our great central Charitable Institutions.

WENTWORTH LITTLE MEMORIAL FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Table listing subscriptions with columns for name, amount in pounds (L), shillings (s), and pence (d). Includes entries like 'The Girls' School Club', 'Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145', and 'G. Toller, P.G.S.B.'.

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

The allusion to the "Holy Martyres Four," will be found in Giles' "Patres Ecclesie Anglicanae" (Latin and English), Book II., c. vii., p. 196-197, as follows:—Erat autem eo loci, ubi flammaram impetus maxime incumbabat, myrtyrium beatorum quatuor Coronatorum. (English) "The church of the four crowned martyrs was in the place where the fire raged most." The heading of the chapter is: "Bishop Mellitus by prayer quenches a fire in his city. A.D. 619." The circumstance is similarly recorded in Ven Beda, Opera Historica (Stevenson, 1841), Book II., c. vii., p. 115 (Latin), and in Bede's Eccles. Hist., Bohn's Antiquarian Library (1847), p. 80 (English). Mr. H. C. Coote in his "Romans in Britain" has some interesting remarks on this subject, and cites a good many authorities, which Bros. HUGHAN and WOODFORD may find of value in tracing the prevalence and antiquity of this tradition. In a letter written by Mr. Godwin to Sir H. Ellis, published in the Archaeologia for 1843 (vol. xxx.), reference is made to one of the Arundel MSS. in the British Museum, described as Sanctorum Vitae, Miracula, et Myrtyria. At folio 218 is a narrative of four men wonderful in the art of Masonry, "who always worked in the name of the Lord," after prayer and signing with the cross; and whose skill when employed by the Emperor Diocletian (it will be recollected that the martyrdom of the "Four Coronati" is said to have occurred in this reign) excited both the envy and the astonishment of the "Philosophers," who attributed their skill to the "mysterious words" of "art magical."

R. F. GOULD.

P.S.—Bro. Fort's positive statement that Charles Martel is mentioned in the Halliwell MS. is calculated to seriously mislead the numerous readers of his work. The appearance or non-appearance of this Sovereign's name in our oldest Masonic charge being a point, as it seems to me, of no little importance, having regard to the contents of all the other MS. Constitutions.

MELROSE LODGE.

In the Freemason of 27th September, 1879, Bro. VERNON states that this lodge claims a history as old as either Kilwinning or Mary's Chapel, and that he thinks the claim may be fairly established. I would be glad to know the grounds on which he thinks so. Inquiry was made, about eleven years ago, into this matter by Bro. W. P. BUCHAN, of Glasgow, a well-known and well-qualified Masonic archaeological inquirer. He visited Melrose, and examined the whole records and documents of the lodge, but found nothing instructing its existence beyond the earliest date in its minutes, 1678. Bro. BUCHAN was satisfied that it had no other evidence to produce. None has since been discovered, either in the lodge's own possession or elsewhere. Unless it can instruct its existence by reasonable evidence at a date earlier than that of many other lodges on the Grand Roll, it need not expect that these lodges will stand tamely by, and for the mere sake of securing the accession of the Melrose Lodge to Grand Lodge, permit it to obtain a precedence over them. Bro. VERNON is somewhat mistaken as to the Kilwinning case. The Lodge Kilwinning did join the Grand Lodge at its institution in 1736, but seceded from it some years afterwards, because it claimed a greater antiquity than Mary's Chapel. It had never been able to instruct that claim by many years; but it succeeded, in 1807, in getting itself placed on the roll before Mary's Chapel, for reasons of expediency. This gave rise to a secession in Grand Lodge,

which took years to heal. It is most unlikely that, with such an example before it, Grand Lodge will again follow such a course, particularly with a lodge so weak as that of Melrose. The Kilwinning Lodge, in 1804, claimed and exercised the position of an independent Grand Lodge, with many lodges bailing under her banner; and it was to secure the accession of it, and its daughter lodges, that the precedence given to it was conceded. When Bro. VERNON has the old MS. of Melrose in his possession, I would suggest that he should obtain a photograph of one or two of its pages, to enable those qualified to test its antiquity by the formation of the writing.

P.M. No. 1., S.C.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire (Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M., R.W.P.G.M.) was held on Wednesday last, the 1st inst., at the Winter Gardens, Morecambe. A report of the proceedings will appear next week.

We are informed that Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, of Ardgowan, has again consented to allow himself to be nominated for the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held in the Town Hall, Gateshead-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2.30 p.m., by order of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. JOHN FAWCETT.

The consecration of the Tudor Lodge, No. 1838, will take place on Tuesday next, the 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton. The ceremonies will be performed by R.W. Bro. Aeneas John McIntyre, G.C., Grand Registrar of England, acting Prov. Grand Master. Bro. G. S. Tudor, D.P.G.M., P.M. 526, is the W.M. designate.

The Earl of Carnarvon will lay the foundation stone of the new Town Hall, Free Library, and Museum at Reading on the 14th inst.

In a letter received by Mr. Mark Firth recently Prince Leopold definitely fixes the date of his visit to Sheffield. He will arrive from Balmoral on Saturday, the 18th inst., and remain till Wednesday, the 22nd. He expresses a wish to visit the museum established by Mr. Ruskin at Walkley, a suburb of Sheffield, for the purpose of art education. Firth College will be opened on the 20th inst.

The Prince of Wales will visit Sir R. Wallace, M.P., at Sudbourne Hall, Suffolk, in the third week in November. There is a good quantity of game on the estate, and some first-rate sporting is anticipated. The Prince was to have visited Sudbourne early last winter, but the death of Princess Alice prevented his doing so.

New Sadler's Wells Theatre, under the management of Mrs. Bateman, will open on Thursday next. The theatre is estimated to hold 2500 persons. Over 200 supers are engaged for the opening piece, "Rob Roy."

The Folly Theatre will be opened in November under the lesseeship of Bro. J. L. Toole.

The proprietor of the Freemason would be glad to learn the present place of meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Red Lion Hotel, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., commencing at seven o'clock. Bros. Brown, 862, W.M.; Gush, I.G. 1541, S.W.; Tate, J.D. 862, J.W.

FIRST LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. Hyde.
2nd " ... Gates, Treas. 1599.
3rd " ... McCulloch, 1541.
4th " ... Abell, W.M. 1599.
5th " ... Lardner, J.W. 1745.
6th " ... Gush, I.G. 1541.
7th " ... Tate, J.D. 862.

SECOND LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. Larchin, S.W. 1541.
2nd " ... Fox, 201.
3rd " ... Marston, S.W. 55.
4th " ... Kidder, P.M. 12.
5th " ... Pate, D.C. 1599.

THIRD LECTURE.

- 1st Section ... Bro. Welford, P.M. 548.
2nd " ... Long, P.M. 435.
3rd " ... Thompson, 862.

Bro. Wm. Long, P.M. 435, Preceptor and Hon. Sec.

Celebrities in every walk of life seem to have given Bro. W. Shury Marshall sittings for their portraits. On view at his Gallery, 34, Parliament-street, may be seen likenesses, spirited, truthful, and characteristic, of numerous Englishmen who have acquired distinction in art, science, literature, sporting, and Masonry—in the latter the life-like portraits of Bros. the Rev. P. M. Holden, Helston, Swallow, Perceval, Osman Vincent, Veal, and Tidcombe call for especial mention; while in the section devoted to the athletic John Higgins, of sculling celebrity; John Keen, the bicyclist; and John Gule, the pedestrian. In art H. Larpent Roberts and Frank Holl, A.R.A., are amongst the foremost of those most easily recognisable, in fact to single out for special commendation any individual portrait is needless, since in almost every instance where acquaintance with the original made it possible, we found the representation true to life as well as artistic in treatment. Bro. W. Shury Marshall standing as he does at the very summit of photographic art, his invariable success entitles him to the very highest patronage that can be conferred.

