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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and subscribers was held at Freemasons' Tavern last Saturday. Lieut.-Col. John Creton, P.G.D., Grand Treasurer, Treasurer, Vice Patron, and Trustee of the Institution, presided, and there were also present among others Bro. Griffiths Smith, T. F. Peacock, H. Hacker, W. Tyerman, Henry Bartlett, W. Hopekirk, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Brown, W. Buck, E. Spooner, A. F. A. Woodford, C. H. Webb, Alfred Henry Diaper, J. J. Berry, H. A. Dubois, Andrew Middlemass, Thomas Edmonston, John Wordsworth, W. H. Spaul, James Lingall, G. R. Sherrill, T. Foxall, John C. Elsam, H. T. Thompson, John E. Reaney, Thomas Smith, F. Adlard, A. D. Loewenstark, George Wyatt, Arthur E. Gladwell, S. Rawson, G. Bolton, W. J. Murlis, Jno. G. Stevens, William Nott, S. George Homfray, Robert Margrave, Aaron Stone, W. Winn, James A. Birch, John Chadwick, J. L. Hine, W. Edward Palmer, George Brown, Julius Rosenstock, W. Predam, J. J. Hutchings, Andrew G. South, Thos. Cull, G. Adamson, J. Finch, George Neall, A. J. Duff Filer, J. P. Platt, John Vaughan, J. W. Baldwin, John Mason, H. S. Somerville Burney, Charles Lacey, William Mann, S. Rosenthal, H. Cox, Frank Richardson, Thomas Massa, John A. Rucker, E. C. Mather, Joyce Murray, Henry Smith (Prov. G.S. W. Yorkshire), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of minutes, Bro. J. A. RUCKER, P.G.D., moved, and Bro. E. LETCHWORTH seconded, the re-election of Col. Creton as Treasurer of the Institution.

The motion having been carried unanimously, Col. CRETON, thanking the brethren for their confidence in him, said he should in future, as he had in the past, endeavour to merit that confidence.

The following brethren were then elected the General Committee for the year: Bros. Berrie, H. Browne, Corben, Dodd, Gosset, Law, H. Massey, Alf. Moore, Peacock, Walls, Spencer, J. J. Currey, and W. Hopekirk, jun.

The following brethren were elected Scrutineers of votes: Bros. R. B. Webster, A. H. Tattershall, John Constable, C. F. Matier, W. Tyerman, J. G. Stevens, G. W. Verry, George Brown, W. J. Murlis, John Mason, Louis Hirsch, J. P. Platt, John Wordsworth, and G. J. McKay.

Col. CRETON moved the following resolution, notice of which stood in his name: "It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such twenty-five girls, and that such twenty-five girls be elected at the next election, after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements necessary for the reception and accommodation for such twenty-five girls." In making the motion, he said he would merely add that the Institution would have accommodation for twenty-five girls in the new house, and he had very little doubt that that would be ready in August or September. They would get possession of the new house in July.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

In answer to questions, Col. CRETON said it was intended to put the twenty-five girls in the new house, and according to a request made, embodied this in his resolution.

Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH, West Yorkshire, suggested that instead of admitting the whole twenty-five additional girls at the election in October thirteen might be admitted then and twelve in the following April.

Bro. HOPEKIRK thought they should take the earliest opportunity offered for filling the Institution.

Bro. JOHN WORDSWORTH, as there were several cries of "No" to his proposition, said that as the feeling of the

meeting was against him, he would not move it as an amendment.

The Chairman's motion was then carried. Bro. W. H. SPAULL, Prov. G. Sec. North Wales and Shropshire, moved "That the third and every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution, accompanied by a donation of £5 5s., shall entitle the brother to two votes." If a brother came up as Steward from a distant province the expenses fell rather heavy on him. With £10 ros. donation it spoiled a £20 note, taking railway fare, Stewards' fees, and hotel expenses.

Bro. BLACK seconded the motion. Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER thought the votes were already sufficiently numerous, and if more were added a great deal more labour would be entailed.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G.S. West Yorkshire, said that Bro. Spaul's motion was intended to offer an inducement to brethren to come forward as Stewards.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., thought the votes were already very liberal.

The motion was then put and lost.

Bro. H. T. THOMPSON, P.M. 742, moved "That the sum of £6 be voted to each of twenty-five children, next highest on the poll to the successful candidates at this election, in aid of their maintenance and education until the election in October next." He contended that this would not be opposed to the laws of the Institution; that parents were already allowed £12 to educate their children out of the Institution when they were elected if they preferred that the children should not be in the school; and that by Law 34 the Court had full power to make a grant of money, provided it was in accordance with the general objects of the Institution. He had that morning seen a suggestion in print that his motion if carried would tend to pauperise Freemasonry, but this he denied.

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL proposed that a gratuity of £20 be given to each unsuccessful candidate who was precluded by the rules on account of age from applying again for election.

Bro. J. L. HINE seconded the amendment.

A Brother said this would be altogether an innovation of the laws of the Institution.

The amendment was put and lost.

Bro. J. A. RUCKER, P.G.D., said that if Bro. Thompson's motion was carried, it would be necessary to constitute a machinery to see that the money given was really applied to the objects for which it was awarded.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., denied that the candidates had a right to the gift proposed, and asserted that it would lead to a pauperisation of the fraternity who sought the benefits of the Institution. Many would come on the list for election merely for the sake of getting the £6.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL said that in the provinces they had local subscriptions for this very purpose.

After a short discussion the motion was put and lost.

Bro. BINNEY, for Bro. G. E. Webster: "That it is desirable that the Life Governors, subscribers, and others entitled to vote at meetings of the General Court, shall have the power of voting by proxy." After regretting that Bro. Webster had been unable to come up and make the motion himself, he said that it was but justice to the brethren in the provinces that they should have the privilege now sought. At present the election of Committees was in the hands of the London brethren.

Bro. C. F. MATIER seconded the motion.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL, J.W. 172, opposed. The brethren in London were better acquainted than the provincial brethren could be with the internal management of the Institution, and with the personal qualifications of those brethren who gave not only their money but their time to the affairs of the Institution.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., supported Bro. Gladwell's view.

Bro. G. J. MCKAY, P.M. 129, Kendal, objected to the charge that the provincial brethren were ignorant with regard to the management of the Institution. They were as well acquainted with it as the London brethren.

Bro. BINNEY, in reply, said that with respect to the charge of ignorance on the part of the provincial brethren, the fault lay with the Institution. To put it in strong terms, it was a disgrace that they were not posted up in what was taking place in town. When the laws were amended the provinces had nothing to do with it.

Colonel CRETON begged pardon. Members from the provinces were on the Committee for the revision of the laws.

Bro. BINNEY said very little was known of it in West Yorkshire.

Colonel CRETON said Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Secretary of West Yorkshire, was on the Committee.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., said Bro. H. Smith would bear him out in stating that the provinces were perfectly well acquainted with the internal management of the Institution.

The motion was then put and lost.

Bro. BINNEY also brought forward for Bro. G. E. Webster the following motion: "That all subscriptions, donations, legacies, and other moneys received by this Charity, which shall not be distinctly appropriated by the donors to the Sustentation Fund, shall be applied in maintaining, clothing, and educating the children, and the surplus, if any, shall be invested in Three per Cent. Consols in the names of Trustees of the General Fund, which fund and the income thereof shall not be applied for any other than the above-mentioned purposes."

Bro. H. T. THOMPSON, P.M. 742, having seconded the motion, the Chairman put it to the meeting, who negatived it.

The poll was then declared open, and at five o'clock the following was found to be the result:

SUCCESSFUL.	
Name.	Votes.
Osmond, Emily Mabel	1775
Johnson, Eliza Louisa	1687
Burrell, Kate	1671
Cheek, Laura Sophia	1648
Hale, Florence Pauline	1595
Williams, Emma Eliza	1564
Parker, Annie Sarah	1537
Harvey, Julia Maud	1517
Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	1492
Laycock, Adelaide Frederika	1435
Priestley, Juliet S. H.	1427
New, Francis Jane	1389
Howle, Minnie	1308

UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Name.	Votes.
Cecil, Emily Alford	1184
King, Emily Beatrice	1097
Bridgeman, Rose Agnes	961
Owens, Annie Adelaide	953
Bartrum, Sarah Grace Kilvert	768
Riley, Sophia	751
Skelton, Mary Ann Elizabeth	655
Gibson, Eva Gray	631
Watson, Ada Edith	631
Carey, Rosina	515
Stewini, Alice Maria Louisa	506
Ford, Annie Louisa	371
Evans, Edith	347
Oberdoerfer, Fanny Maria Ignace	265
Mee, Kate Sarah	264
Pelham, Rosa Pauline	264
Coales, Clara Eliza	237
Popkiss, Florence Emma	214
Hill, Annie Elizabeth	187
Deacon, Emily	181
Bennett, Sarah Jane	172
Riddell, Florence	128
Brown, Edith	91
Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	75
Gover, Annie	28
Nicholls, Augusta Helen	27
Ashton, Ada Ellen	24
Drake, Mary Cranch	22
Crow, Caroline Ada	16
McKinney, Margaret	2
Thomings, Sarah Maria Walton	—
Fry, Martha Jane Choules	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Colonel Creton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There was a large attendance. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. G. Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution on the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. W. Roebuck.

Bro. W. H. SPAULL, Prov. G. Secretary North Wales and Shropshire, withdrew his motion "That a third and every subsequent Stewardship to this Institution accompanied with a donation of five guineas shall entitle a brother to votes."

Bro. J. L. HINE, Manchester, in proposing for Bro. C. F. Matier, who was absent, "That the Quarterly General Courts in January and July be held at four o'clock in the afternoon, and that Law 29 be altered accordingly," said that, as far as he was individually concerned, he could say nothing in support of this motion, but the brethren in London who attended these two Courts found that the hour of twelve, at which they were held, was at a period of the day which was very valuable to them, and as there was very little business done at those Courts, four o'clock would be much more suitable.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL seconded the motion. As with Bro. Hine, so with him, it mattered very little at what hour the Courts met, but he could understand, as Bro. Raynham Stewart mentioned at the last General Committee, to men, like himself, engaged in business in the City, four o'clock would be more convenient than twelve. The meeting last Saturday certainly was very numerous, but no doubt it would have been more numerous if it had been called at a later period of the day.

The motion having been recorded, Bro. BINCKES said the average attendance at the Quarterly Courts of January and July would not exceed twelve members.

The motion was then put and carried. The General Committee was then re-elected, Bro. H. Wells, of Aldershot, being chosen to fill the place of the late Bro. H. W. Lindus.

A letter was read from Bro. S. B. Wilson by Bro. Binckes.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., said on this matter he thought it right to state that Bro. Wilson had not been treated by the House Committee in the way he stated in his letter. The House Committee were willing to give every assistance they could if Bro. Wilson would comply with their request. As men of business, would the brethren pay an account without knowing the items? Bro. Wilson had not been treated improperly. Bro. Wilson should substantiate his charges, and give details. What he had done he ought to be paid for, and they wanted items, but they only

wanted to pay what was right and proper. They had asked him to give an account, and to attend the House Committee, but he would not, and hence they had got into this confusion. Until he gave details they were utterly powerless. If he commenced legal proceedings he would be obliged to give an account. He said he should have to recommence proceedings, but in fact he had not yet commenced. He had not been asked to do anything for less than his proper fees. He ought not to keep up his statements that he had been ill-treated. If his account was found correct the House Committee would deal with it.

Col. SOMERVILLE BURNEY moved a vote of approval of the conduct of the House Committee in the matter.

Bro. S. H. PARKHOUSE seconded. He had read the statements in the Masonic press put forward by Bro. Wilson, and he thought it was ill-advised of him to write such letters. The Committee should be upheld for not allowing him to get that bill passed by the subscribers.

The motion of Col. Burney was then carried. Scrutineers of votes were then elected, and the poll for the election of twenty boys out of a list of seventy-nine was declared open. The following was found at five o'clock to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.		
Black, William	...	1860
Hogg, John	...	1768
Seddon, James Albert	...	1687
Brooks, George Bertie	...	1625
Prestwich, Ernest Edgley	...	1564
Colbeck, Frank	...	1550
Thomas, John M. Alex.	...	1531
Fellows, Herbert M.	...	1513
Norrish, Herbert	...	1513
Mey, George	...	1507
Reynolds, Richard Frank	...	1471
Moore, Ernest Stambler	...	1418
Pike, William Thomas	...	1408
Smith, William Henry	...	1385
Brown, Walter Boston	...	1344
Scott, John Sheppard	...	1342
Kennedy, Arthur James	...	1315
Atkinson, Charles Alfred	...	1309
Gough, E. A. Brinsmead	...	1297
Thomas, Frank Robert	...	1281
UNSUCCESSFUL.		
Gee, Alban Arthur	...	1222
Knott, Herbert Wilfred	...	1107
Grave, Richard Arthur	...	975
Hooker, George Sanders	...	905
Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	...	849
Collingwood, Arthur H.	...	743
Saville, William James	...	724
Hobbs, Robert Norton	...	659
Unwin, Fras. Arthur	...	661
Richardson, Sidney Wm. F.	...	595
Estlin, Charles Nathaniel	...	527
Ecclestone, Henry A.	...	509
Hurst, John Wm. James	...	452
Fellows, Arthur	...	427
Darling, Harvey George	...	403
Gauntlett, George Frederick	...	392
Lee, Sidney Henry	...	380
Carey, Stephen Darcy	...	335
Loveridge, Sydney Earle	...	324
Clark, Frederick Arthur	...	302
Neville, Frederick John	...	299
Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	...	280
Coe, Albert Edward	...	287
Crich, Sydney James	...	280
Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom	...	279
Gunnell, William Pearce	...	268
Wilson, William Leslie	...	195
Woolons, Walter H.	...	191
Hill, George Wm. King	...	183
Thomas, George Arthur	...	177
Crane, Harry Samuel J.	...	170
Gurney, Charles Aubrey	...	167
Steinhauer, George W.	...	156
Lucas, Edmund Charles	...	155
Williams, William Isaac	...	132
Watson, William Renwick	...	107
Ball, Edward Thomas	...	99
Jones, Cleophas C. B.	...	84
Langdon, James	...	83
Field, Chas. S. Ventris	...	68
Ibbs, Robert Leigh	...	59
Frost, James Bray	...	59
Webb, Charles Edward	...	46
Escott, Charles Leopold	...	44
Collinson, James	...	22
Gay, George John	...	18
Watson, Sydney Herbert	...	14
Read, John	...	12
Sisley, Walter John	...	10
Jones, Wm. Vincent B.	...	9
Jobson, William Taylor	...	9
Laing, Herbert Lawson	...	8
Granger, Ernest Bloomer	...	6
Hawke, Edwin Ernest	...	1
Foot, William Robert D.	...	—
Pratt, Robt. Williamson	...	—
Sparks, Albert Edward	...	—
Farrar, Ethelbert	...	—
Burgess, Harold Thomas	...	—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, G. T., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Brett, C. G. Dille, J. M. Case, W. Clarke, Jno. G. Stevens, Henry G. Warren, J. A. Farnfield, Thos. Cubitt, S. Rawson, William Stephens, Charles Atkins, Wm. Hilton, C. H. Webb, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary reported the deaths of three annuitants, and one female candidate for next election.

The Warden's report was read, and also the report of the Finance Committee. This showed a balance of £4023 1s. of the Male Fund; £2035 3s. 8d. on the Female Fund; and £46 19s. 11d. on the Sustentation Fund; or a total balance of £6105 4s. 7d. The Committee's report recom-

mended that £1000 from the Male Fund should be invested in Consols. The report was received and adopted.

The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques. Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D., moved, and Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, P.M. 256, seconded that £1000 stock be bought as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The motion was carried. It was also resolved that £3000 should be placed at interest on deposit.

Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield, and W. Hale were elected the Committee to draw up the annual report.

The application of a widow for half her late husband's annuity was granted.

Bro. H. G. WARREN gave notice that he would move at next meeting that the Institution pay the premium on the collector's guarantee policy, as was done in the other two Institutions.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

COMMUNIQUE.

The operations of this useful Society last week were eminently successful, and its need and utility are now apparent to all, and for this one good and solid reason, though many others might be adduced if time and space permitted. Owing to the scattering of votes, and the fact that the London brethren like to help their provincial friends always, many of the poorer London cases, with no patrons and no prestige, were overlooked, as before pressing appeals and personal solicitations. The consequence was that the provinces, now very strong in themselves, and quite strong enough for their own needs, became stronger at each election, while the London votes being spread over a large surface and not confined to London cases, as the provincial votes are alone given to provincial cases, were falling behind in each election, as regards the support given to London cases.

Under these circumstances the London Masonic Charity Association was formed, and if it has done nothing else than concentrating the London votes in one focus, it has done a good work. There are exceptions to every rule in life, and occasions will turn up when it is the duty of London brethren to support indigent provincial or colonial cases.

But as we have so many London cases which never do succeed, and cannot, or rather could not a couple of years ago, except under the most favourable circumstances of special patronage of leading brethren, the London Masonic Charity Association is doing a righteous work, alike for true charity and our Educational Institutions, in seeking to select such of the many London cases as seem most deserving of support.

But such a position in no way justifies the suggestions hastily made often, to alter our whole voting system. The appointment of a Central Committee to select the successful candidates, or to scrutinize the voting papers, would give general dissatisfaction, inasmuch as no committee could be nominated which would have the confidence of all subscribers, and owing to the infirmity of human nature we should open infallibly a door to imposition and jobbing of the most distressing kind. The present system may have its weak points—what system has not?—but it enlists the sympathies of a large number of brethren and friends, and ensures publicity and commands fair play to all.

FRENCH MASONRY.

By Bro. Hubert's account in the *Chaine d'Union* for March it seems that the so-called "Grand Loge Symbolique Independante," composed of certain malcontents from the "Rite Ecossais," has been formed by eleven lodges, and holds its meetings, and has its offices, at No. 20, Rue Richer, Paris.

The eleven lodges are—1, Les Amis de la Verité; 2, La Jerusalem Ecossaise; 3, La Justice; 4, Les Hospitaliers de Saint Ouen; 5, Les Vrais Amis Fideles; 6, La Ligne Droite; 7, L'Union et Bienfaisance; 8, La Franche Union; 9, L'Ecossaise; 10, La Sincerite; and 11, Le Heros de l'Humanite. We mention these lodges under their French names, because such a Grand Lodge is an illegal body, and no English Mason ought to be mixed up with its proceedings. Its executive commission is composed of Bros. Blois, Friquet, and P. Gourmain Cornille.

Bro. Hubert tells us that a proposal had been made, as with us, to place all the symbolic lodges under the Grand Orient and all the High Grade Chapters under the "Rite Ecossais;" by a "concordat," the Rite Ecossais ceding its lodges to the Grand Orient, the Grand Orient ceding its chapters to the "Grand Conseil."

But this negotiation has led to no result, and for the present any hope of agreement is abandoned. Thus there are still three Masonic jurisdictions in France—the Grand Orient, the Rite Ecossais, and the Rite of Mizraim. There is now a fourth body—this "Grand Loge Symbolique Independante," but it is unrecognizable by us.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT.

Bro. Hubert gives us in his *Chaine d'Union* for March and April, 1880, a most amusing account of the heart-breaking dilemma in which a Belgian newspaper, the *Courrier de Bruxelles*, is placed by the wicked Freemasons. The *Courrier de Bruxelles* is an Ultramontane paper of some ability, and which we noticed on a former occasion, but which has been characterized by the extreme violence of sundry foolish attacks on Freemasonry in general, and Belgian Freemasonry in particular. By some means, having obtained the list of the members of the Lodge Amis Philanthropes, it published them in its pages, by way of exposing them. Unfortunately for that paper, it seems that the lodge is composed of 600 members, all educated men, and as by the law of Belgium any newspaper is bound to insert a letter from every person whose name it cites in its columns, these 600 members have ever since February and this year been writing in turn a long letter of one or two columns in defence of Masonry, and which is read by the Ultramontane supporters of the journal, and which it must publish. In vain the *Courrier de Bruxelles* complains of "hard lines," the letters regularly appear, and must do so for some time to come, much, we fancy, to the delight even of many Ultramontanes

themselves, and, of course, much to the amusement and profit of the Belgian Freemasons.

This is hoisting the engineer with his own "petard" with a vengeance.

THE EGYPTIAN MONUMENTS AND FREEMASONRY.

As Egyptian Masonic symbolism is now prominently before us, we think it well to translate the following article "there anent" from Bro. Hubert's "Chaine d'Union" of March and April.

Twenty years ago our Bro. Malapert informed us that certain of the inscriptions of the "sarcophagi," preserved in the Museum of the Louvre, as well as the jewels placed in the glass cases of that museum, and a certain number of rituals, related to the ceremonies of initiation of "profanes" and the instructions given to those who were received.

Bro. Malapert often invited the brethren of the lodges to go and judge by their own eyes of that which he affirmed. He cited specially the collars of different colours, to which hang still the "working" tools of the companions, and other symbols. The rituals, above all, are very curious, and deserve study, though it is not necessary to be able to read hieroglyphics to understand them. We see the "profanes," there approach the doorkeepers of the Temple. The Masters of Ceremonies seize them and place them in a "state of nature," to undergo the physical and moral probations. The purifications all proceed clearly and in a regular order.

At last the "profane" reaches the President of the mysteries. This last is on his throne, and shows to the newly-arrived the scales, in which are the acts of his life, the good on one side the bad on the other. If the virtues are the heaviest the reception takes place, otherwise the audacious visitor is driven away from the assembly and condemned to return into the world.

There are many persons who see in these representations pictures of the judgment of the dead.

No doubt some of the rituals probably relate to that event, but they are the exception. Nearly all reproduce the act of "Initiation" with its "proving" and all their consequences.

We recall now this teaching of Bro. Malapert, not to disparage the merit of a learned traveller, but to render justice to an old Mason, who if he does not often frequent our lodges, counts therein, nevertheless, as many friends as there are brethren with the columns.

From the journal of our worthy Bro. Hubert, we think it well to reproduce this statement, as we have ourselves little doubt that in some form or other a Masonic system prevailed among the ancient Egyptians. It will be curious, indeed, if the progress of time and the process of criticism should rehabilitate Bro. Dr. Oliver's fame in respect of his theory of primeval mysteries and Masonry.

RE-CONSECRATION OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MARK LODGE, NO. 44.

The Florence Nightingale Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 44 on the registry of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, was originally consecrated in 1854 or 1855, but circumstances were not at that time propitious to Mark Masonry, and the lodge gradually became extinct. The revival of Mark Masonry in Woolwich, however, commenced some two years ago, when the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 226, was opened and consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Angelsea-hill, Plumstead. That lodge in a very short time became one of the strongest in Kent, and from it has sprung a revival of the old Florence Nightingale Lodge, which was re-consecrated on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich.

The Consecrating Officer was the R.W. Bro. Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M.M.M. Kent, assisted by W. Bro. J. G. Podevin, Dep. P.G.M.M.M., and V.W. Bro. Fred Binckes, G. Sec. M.M.M.; Don. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec. M.M.M. The brethren assembled in the ante room at two o'clock precisely, and walked in procession to the lodge room, where the presiding officer took the chair and appointed his officers pro tem. The following brethren were then balloted for as joining members, and were admitted to fellowship, Bros. G. Cockle and Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin.

The following Master Masons were then balloted for and approved: Bros. Sydney Clarke, E. Denton, C. H. Santi, G. M. Tapp, and J. S. Mutch, all Past Masters of 706; S. Toms, P.P.G.S.D. Somersct; F. Sales, G. C. Matthams, T. Alexander, Uglend, G. Risch, J. Hoppe, J. Harris, and J. Black, all of 706; and last, but not least, Baron H. De Worms, M.P. for Greenwich.

Bros. Clarke, Denton, Toms, Uglend, Risch, and Baron De Worms, being the only candidates present, were with the usual formalities advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. The lodge at this time presented a very pleasant and animated appearance, the officers, all of whom wore the insignia of Grand office, in their respective chairs, and the brethren and visitors ranged round the room, gave a light and colour to the scene more easily imagined by the initiated than described by the pen of the chronicler. The ceremonial of consecration was then proceeded with, and Bro. the Rev. R. O. Solbé, Grand Chaplain Kent, delivered the oration, in the course of which he congratulated the brethren on being assembled to open another lodge consecrated to Mark Masonry. He alluded to the great success which had attended the opening of the Excelsior Lodge at Plumstead, and expressed a wish, and indeed a hope, that both lodges would prosper, and act in accord and harmony with each other. After speaking of the great antiquity of the Mark Degree, and explaining what was its connection, with all its beautiful ritual and symbolism, with the Degree of Fellow Craft, of which it was a most apt appendage, he expressed a hope that the Woolwich district would soon see its way to the opening of more Mark Masons' lodges, as owing to the combination of a large body of civilians, and a goodly phalanx of military Masons in the district, there was a large body who must in time desire to be advanced and participate in the mysteries and privileges of Mark Masonry. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and carried out with the usual formalities used on such occasions.

The new W.M.M., Bro. J. Smythe, was then installed in the chair as Mark Master, and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Major E. S. Gordon, S.W.; Capt. Eugene Sweny, J.W. and Sec., pro tem.; Asst. Commis-

sary J. J. Donnelly, M.O.; Quartermaster J. Scully, S.O.; H. De Grey, J.O.; T. Alexander (by proxy), Treas.; Sydney Clarke, R.M.; H. H. Church, S.D.; Lieut. R. L. Appleyard, J.D.; H. Harding, Org.; G. C. Matthams, I.G.; Baron H. De Worms, D.C.; F. Sales and J. Black, Stwds. (by proxy); and J. S. Lackland, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony of installation votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officers, and they were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, which, after the usual business, was closed in due form.

The banquet was held at Bro. De Grey's house, The Freemason, opposite the Dockyard Station, and was a superb instance of the art of *cuisine*. Among the brethren present besides those above enumerated were Bros. C. Coupland, W.M.M. 226 and P.P.G.W. Kent; Lieut. Kirkbride, 226; Dr. J. Pope, D. Deeves, 226; Porcher, P.M. 82; Baker, C. Jolly, 226 (*Freemason*), and others.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts were drunk, and that of "The W.G.M.M. for Kent, Bro. Robertson," was received with enthusiasm, and courteously responded to.

Replying to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. SMYTHE, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent address, strongly advocated the building of a Masonic hall for the meeting of the various lodges in Woolwich. In his opinion, hotels were not the proper places to carry out their sublime ritual in. Out of the forty-four lodges of the Province of Kent twenty-one held their meetings at hotels, and the rest in private rooms. What would strike an initiate with greater awe and wonder than to have the light shown him in a grand hall, consecrated to Masonry and apart from the influence of the tavern? Was not half the solemnity of their beautiful ritual destroyed by the associations closely connected with it in the hotels? It must be so, and while he did not desire to throw a single stone at the publicans or hotel keepers, who were generally good citizens and excellent men, yet he maintained that Masonic lodges were not in their right places when held in public houses or hotels. The subject was one that had caused him a great deal of time and thought, and he should endeavour to the best of his power and ability to get a hall for the district, where the whole of the lodges could meet without the influence upon them, or the associations near them, of the public house.

Bro. BINCKES then proposed the toast of "The Newly-Advanced Brethren," and after explaining his well-known theory on Mark Masonry, said that upon such occasions as the present it was not usual to introduce anything political into their speeches, but they had that night, as an advanced brother among them, one who had been accepted by a large constituency as its representative in Parliament. (Cheers.) He referred to their Bro. Baron De Worms—(cheers)—and he must say that when he was introduced to him he thought, from what he had seen of him in the lodge, that he was a very indifferent Mason. (Laughter.) He had heard him say since that it was sixteen years since he entered a Masonic lodge, and that would account for his rustiness. All he could recommend their distinguished brother to do would be to visit the lodges a little oftener, and rub the rust off. (Cheers and laughter.) He was exceedingly pleased to see their brother present, and trusted that in his place in the House of Commons he would be enabled to represent them should any question arise at any time affecting their interests. (Applause.) He heartily wished this grand old lodge, the Florence Nightingale, every success, and felt sure that under its present and future Masters it would arrive at the highest pitch of prosperity possible.

Bro. BARON DE WORMS, in reply, laughingly said he must accept the fiat sent forth by Bro. Binckes that he was an "indifferent Mason," but promised as soon as he had recouped himself by a little rest from the fatigues of the last few weeks to make himself sufficiently perfect in the art of Masonry, and so redeem himself from the opprobrium of "indifference." (Applause.) He then referred to the name of the lodge, the Florence Nightingale, and said it was a name that breathed the very essence of Masonry, and that grand principle of charity and love that was so identified with the name would, he felt sure, ever find its exemplification in the lodge bearing the name that they had met that day to consecrate. He trusted that they would find him as good a Mason as a Mason ought to be who belonged to their noble old lodge, and concluded by thanking them for their kind reception of him that evening.

Bros. DENTON and CLARKE also responded. In response to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. COUPLAND congratulated the lodge upon its foundation, and trusted that a good and lasting feeling of brotherhood would exist between the Florence Nightingale and the Excelsior Lodges, of which he was Master, and their W.M. the S.W., of whom they ought to be proud. On the part of the Excelsior Lodge, he was proud to see another Mark Mason's lodge in the town of Woolwich.

Bro. POPE also responded; and after "The Officers of the Lodge" had been toasted, the meeting closed with a verse of the "National Anthem."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. C. Buckland, who, with Miss Bateman, sang the solos, and Mr. Horton presided at the harmonium and piano.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The half-yearly meeting of this D.G.L. was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, Malta.

Present: R.V. Bro. W. Kingston, D.G.M., on the throne; W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M.; Chev. E. Rosenbusch, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Rotherham, D.G.S.W.; C. E. Coffey, D.G.J.W.; C. Riechelmann, F. R. Beechey, and W. Watson, P.D.G.J.W.'s; R. V. Westrup, as D.G. Registrar; J. Segond, D.G. Treasurer; Bros. J. W. Starkey, D.G. Secretary; F. Challenger, as D.G.S.D.; G. Crabtree, D.G.J.D.; C. J. Blake, as D.G. Supt. of Works; J. A. Matthews, as D.G. Organist; W. Bro. R. Glenday, W.M. 407; together with the Wardens, officers, and a large number of brethren belonging to the lodges in the district, as well as several visitors from lodges under the E., S., and I. Constitutions.

Lodge was opened in due form at six p.m. The rolls of Grand Officers and private lodges were called by the D.G. Secretary, after which the minutes of the last Half-yearly Communication were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes laid before the meeting and unanimously approved. The financial statements were also adopted, all lodges in the district having paid their dues. A very interesting report on the state and progress of English Masonry in North Africa from the W.

D.D.G.M., Bro. Broadley, was read in extenso. The D.G.M. said that he desired it to be recorded in the minutes of D.G.L. the high sense he entertained of the services rendered to the Craft by Bro. Broadley during his year of office, as well as his thanks for the able report they had just heard. He alluded in terms of particular commendation to the efforts of Bro. Broadley to counteract the spread of spurious Masonry in the district. The D.D.G.M. had expressed his desire not to be again appointed, as he was unable to make frequent visits to this island, but he would not appoint a successor without thanking Bro. Broadley for that hearty co-operation in the past which he felt sure that brother would always continue in future years, and especially in the Tunis portion of the district. The D.D.G.M. expressed his sense of R.V. Bro. Kingston's kind expressions, and assured all present that as P.D.D.G.M. he should still endeavour to uphold the best interests of English Masonry both in Tunis and Malta.

W. Bro. Segond was unanimously re-elected D.G. Treasurer, and Bro. Beck, D.G. Tyler for the ensuing year.

The D.G.M., R.V. Bro. KINGSTON, in addressing the brethren, said: On this, my eleventh appointment of D.G. Officers, I cannot but congratulate you on the unprecedented prosperity of your lodges. I believe at no former period have they been numerically stronger; but, at the same time, I must remind you that as you increase in numbers so you add to your responsibilities, and it is, therefore, incumbent on you to make provision against any future contingencies or reverses. As regards the working of your lodges, by which I mean the rendering of those ceremonies peculiar to the Order, from what I have seen elsewhere, and from what I have heard visitors say, I think it will compare favourably with other provinces, but I recommend you, whilst seeking to make your ceremonies attractive and imposing, not to forget the real design of Masonry, and I advise you never to resort to any of those preliminary forms which have a tendency to intimidate the candidate or render ludicrous any of our rites, but, on the contrary, let everything be done with becoming seriousness and solemnity.

The D.G.M. then appointed and invested the following officers:

- W. Bro. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M.
- „ Perini, W.M. 1717 D.G.S.W.
- „ Westrup, P.M. 515 D.G.J.W.
- „ Glenday, W.M. 407 D.G. Reg.
- „ Rev. G. N. Godwin, 349 D.G. Chap.
- „ Starkey, Sec. 349 D.G. Sec.
- „ Barker, W.M. 1835 D.G.S.D.
- „ Yeoman, S.W. 407 D.G.J.D.
- „ Blake, 349 D.G.D.C.
- „ Blanch, 1717 D.G.S. of W.
- „ Johnstone, 1717 D.G. Swd. Br.
- „ They, 1835 D.G. Std. Br.
- „ Ewing, 349 D.G. Org.
- „ England, J.W. 407 A.D.G.D.C.
- „ Miller, Sec. 515 D.G. Purst.

Bros. Grier, West, Clement, and Curletto D.G. Stewards.

It was resolved unanimously to accord the thanks of the meeting to the W.M. of the Leinster Lodge, I.C., for giving effect in his lodge to the District circular relating to spurious Masonry in Tunis.

The D.G. Lodge was then closed with solemn prayer, and the D.G.M. and Officers retired in procession.

A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the D.G.M., which was numerously attended. On the cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the P.D.D.G.M. proposed, in a somewhat lengthy speech, "The Health of the D.G.M.," referring in detail to several of the incidents of his distinguished career in the Craft, and he remarked that no better proof of the high appreciation entertained of R.V. Bro. Kingston's services could be found than in the fact of there being no less than three Masonic bodies in the district which bore his name, and which he trusted would perpetuate the memory of his popular and zealous rule to succeeding generations.

These observations were received with loud applause, and the toast having been drunk, the D.G.M., in returning thanks, said: W. Sirs and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the kind and hearty manner in which you have received the toast proposed by our Bro. the P.D.D.G.M. During the long period of twenty-three years that I have been associated with Masonry in Malta I have served in almost every office, not excepting those of Secretary and Treasurer, so that, apart from my position as D.G.M., I naturally take a deep interest in the welfare of the lodges, and it affords me great pleasure to see them in their present flourishing condition, and I take this opportunity of recommending to your consideration the Benevolent Fund of this District, which, notwithstanding the several grants that have been made from it, has gone on steadily increasing. From the report laid before you this evening you will see that, independent of the £150 invested in Consols, the D.G. Treasurer has upwards of £40 in hand, and if the lodges would each make a small donation he would be enabled to invest another £50, thereby securing to us an income of £6 per annum. In the appointments I have made this evening I hope I have given satisfaction to all, and should we be spared to meet again next year, I trust I may have the same strong reasons for congratulating you on the prosperity of your lodges and complimenting you on the really efficient manner in which you have discharged your several duties, and the thorough harmony which has prevailed throughout the district.

The D.G. SECRETARY replied to the toast of "The Benevolent Fund," stating that it owed its origin to the D.G.M., R.V. Bro. Kingston, who, on his appointment to that high office eleven years ago, drew up a plan for its maintenance, as well as bye-laws for its government, commencing the fund with a personal donation of £5, to which each of the members of D.G.L. present subscribed £1. This was the nucleus of the fund, which has grown to its present proportions; and he hoped, by carrying out the suggestions and advice the D.G.M. had given them that evening, that this fund would continue steadily to increase in future years.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after passing a most enjoyable evening.

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INAUGURATION OF THE CREATON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

This rising lodge, feeling anxious to impart the knowledge the principal officers possess (which is exhibited by the excellent working in regular lodge) to their younger brethren, have determined upon holding a lodge of instruction at Bro. Oliver's, Prince Albert Hotel, Notting-hill-gate, the inauguration meeting of which took place on the 7th inst., when Bro. Colonel J. Creaton, P.M., P.G.D., G.T., occupied the W.M.'s chair; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.M., P.G.D., G.S., the S.W.'s; E. J. Barron, P.M., P.G.D., the J.W.'s; Bro. Sampson Pierce, P.M., P.G.S., as I.P.M.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., W.M. 1257, S.D.; H. J. Johnson, W.M. 1791, J.D.; G. Davis, W.M.E., I.G. There was also present Bros. Rucker, P.M., P.G.D.; Colonel Peters, P.M.; Captain Davies, P.M.; Letchworth, P.M.; J. Finch, P.M.; about twenty members of the Creaton Lodge, and a like number belonging to other lodges. The first ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. H. Johnson, E.A., and the junior member of the mother lodge being candidates, after which Bro. Cattle informed the brethren the object of the meeting, and that he hoped every brother present would enrol himself as a member, which hope was at once realised by each one joining, the joining fee being two shillings, and subscription threepence each attendance. A vote of thanks was passed to the distinguished brethren who had so kindly come there to assist them in forming this lodge of instruction, and several were elected honorary members. After the lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer, the brethren sat down to a very *recherche* cold collation, and did good justice to Bro. Oliver's providings, Colonel Creaton taking the chair, after which the toast of "The Queen" was duly honoured; also that of "The G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The W.M. said he would derive a little from the usual rule and propose a toast that he was sure would be appreciated by all; that was to drink to the health of one whom he felt sure would make a great name amongst Masons—His Royal Highness Prince Leopold. It was his birthday, and he asked the brethren to do honour to it. In reply to the toast of "The G.S.," Bro. Col. S. Clerke said it had given him very great pleasure to be present that evening, and help to inaugurate what he believed would be of very great use to young and rising Masons, and he was sure he was only speaking the feeling of his brother Grand Officers in saying they were always ready and anxious in any way to forward the interests of Freemasonry. The W.M. then proposed the toast "Success to the Creaton Lodge of Instruction." He was very pleased that he had been able to attend and assist the brethren that night, and he thought from the zeal in which the thing had been taken up it was sure to be a success; with this toast he would couple the name of a brother who had been really the founder of the mother lodge, and most persevering in this. They all knew Bro. P.M. Cattle, and how well he had worked in both the interest of the lodge and this lodge of instruction. Bro. P.M. Cattle, in reply, said, after thanking the W.M. and brethren for the honour they had done him, he hoped the brethren, now they had joined, would make a point of attending as often as possible, as it was only by practice good working could be obtained, and no matter how letter perfect any brother might be, if he did not come to a lodge of instruction and practise what he had learned he could never do his work well in regular lodge. He could not sit down without thanking those brethren who had so very handsomely come forward and assisted the lodge by making such handsome presents to it. Bro. Colonel Creaton had presented the collars, Bro. Johnson the Bible, Bro. W. Williams the cushion, Bro. Cattle the Bible emblems, Bro. F. Williams the pedestal, Bros. Shute and Ferguson the columns, Bro. Rogers the Third Degree tools, Bro. Davis the Second Degree tools, Bro. Colwill the gavel and ashlar, and, lastly, Bro. Dutton had, like the man who could only play on his own fiddle, presented the lodge with the minute book, that he might write on his own paper. Bro. H. J. Johnson proposed "The Health of the Presiding W.M., Bro. Colonel Creaton," saying it was only to pronounce that name and every member of the Craft would with rapture do honour to it; he felt proud that the members had elected him to follow so noble and esteemed a brother. The toast was drunk with ovation. Bro. Colonel Creaton returned thanks in a few very appropriate words, which brought the evening to a close. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, duets, &c., by Bros. P.M. Knight Smith and P.M. Cattle.

THE RAWLINSON MS.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

Whilst spending a few hours in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, a short while since, I examined the collection of scraps, entitled the Rawlinson MS., amongst which are to be found many curious extracts not hitherto published. The following is a singular entry, and goes far to show that much "rough humour" and "horseplay" were prevalent at the admission of candidates in the early part of the last century. It should be stated that the Rev. Richard Rawlinson, D.D. and F.R.S., was a member of the lodge in which the initiation below described was alleged to have occurred, and for this reason, probably embalmed the newspaper cutting in his common place book.

(From "Parker's Penny Post," Monday, Jan. 25, 1731.)

"Mr. Parker, For the better information of such as are inquisitive concerning the whim of Masonry, I desire you would give the following narrative a place in your paper.

"At the Holy Lodge at the Bricklayers' Arms, in Barbican, lately constituted for the Fraternity of the Free and Accepted Masons, one Mr. Penny, a noted Painter, being very desirous to be admitted a Member thereof, and to know their several Points of Fellowship: to do this he was told he must needs pass the following Manner of Ceremony; and accordingly:

"Being in the lodge room, the Master commanded him to kneel down before the Fire, when the Senior Warden took his two hands behind, and kept him down fast; then the Master of the Lodge took a great Red hot Poker out of the Fire, and held it to his naked breast, while he repeated the obligation after him; in doing which, what with the excessive Heat, and the Fright, the poor Painter could hardly speak. And when the obligation was over, they instructed him how to rise from his knees; this being per-

formed, the Master told him he must give him the word very softly, so Mr. Painter turns his Ear to the Master's mouth, at the same time the two Wardens took each of them a candle or Holy Blaze (as they termed it) and therewith one burnt his Fingers, the other singes his Hair, whilst the Master very handsomely made his Teeth almost meet through his Ear.

"Having thus endured the pain of scorching, burning, and biting of the ear, the honest Painter ingeniously confesses that he had rather be eternally doom'd to grind his own colours, than suffer himself to be installed a second time a member of the Antique and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons."

If in the year 1731 the proceedings of lodges were characterised by *uniformity of working*, the foregoing extract proves that the *London system* involved no slight trial of a candidate's fortitude.

In connection with the above citation from Dr. Rawlinson's MS. some remarks by Bro. Godfrey Higgins, author of the "Anacalypsis" and the "Celtic Druids," are worthy of consideration. In the former work (vol. I., page 724) Bro. Higgins says:

"Everybody knows the now ridiculous traditionary fancy that a Mason is, in some way, marked, or branded, or mutilated, before he can be admitted into the Order. I believe this, like most other traditions, had not its origin from nothing. I believe the higher classes of Masons were originally persons who were admitted into the mysteries of Eleusis and Egypt, and that they were Chaldeans and Mathematici; and I believe that what the above tradition of the branding alluded to, was circumcision, and that they were circumcised. Origen and Clemens Alexandrinus both affirm, that the secret learning of the Egyptians was only taught to such persons as had undergone the operation of circumcision, for which reason it was submitted to by Pythagoras. The same word in Hebrew means both initiated and circumcised."

Elsewhere, Bro. Higgins has thus summed up his conclusions in regard to the origin of our society—"I am of opinion that a certain class of persons initiated into the higher mysteries of the Ancients were what are called Carmelites, Therapeutae, and Essenians, or that they constituted a part of, or were formed out of these Sects, and were what we now call Chaldei or Mathematici. I think that the *rite of circumcision* was originally instituted for the characteristic mark of the Fraternity or Society."

THE CRICHTON LODGE BALL.

The brethren of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, held their first full dress ball in aid of the Charity Fund, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday evening, the 9th inst., and it passed off very successfully. The quadrille band of Bro. Dan Godfrey was in attendance, and played all the most popular tunes, and a well-varied programme was gone through.

A dispensation having been obtained from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the brethren appeared in Craft clothing. The following brethren acted as Stewards: Bros. T. Gardiner, W.M.; A. Middlemass, P.M.; T. Griffith, P.M.; F. A. Nairne, P.M., D.C.; R. J. Voisey, S.W.; J. H. Goldschmidt, J.W.; D. D. Mercer, Treasurer; T. Weeks, Secretary; F. E. Heller, S.D.; R. Greenwood, St.; J. Maunders, R. J. Vincent, J. Dallison, H. R. Baker, T. Nettleship, W. H. Briant, J. Cross, W. H. Barber, Sec. 1777; F. Hillar, J.D. 1475; and G. P. Gottar, S.D. 1622. The following brethren were the M.C.'s, and acted very efficiently, viz., Bros. W. H. Baker, I.G. 1641; T. Cull, S.W. 1446; and H. A. Stunt, St. 1641; the latter of whom also acted as Secretary to the Ball Committee.

Supper was served about twelve o'clock, during which the W.M. proposed the usual toasts, "The Ladies" coming in for the greater share of applause. All the arrangements were well carried through, and gave general satisfaction.

CONSECRATION OF THE JERSEY MARK LODGE, NO. 257.

The number of lodges of Mark Masons in the Province of Berks and Oxon received an addition on Monday last, when the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, designated in honour of the Provincial Grand Master, was consecrated at Maidenhead by the Grand Assistant Secretary of the Order, Bro. Don. M. Dewar, in the absence of the Earl of Jersey, who up to the last moment was expected to have attended. The interesting event attracted brethren from Reading, London, and elsewhere, who assembled at the Literary Institution, the Town Hall being in course of rebuilding.

Among the brethren present in the lodge, which was opened at one o'clock by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, we noticed Bros. the Rev. Theodore H. Jensen, E. Margrett, G.S.; Cousins, G. Org.; Pulley, Prov. G. Sec.; Cooper Smith, Prov. G.S.W.; W. B. Farr, W.M. designate; H. H. Hodges; W. Morris; Don. M. Dewar, G.A. Sec.; W. C. Moffatt; G. Westall; H. Brett, Glasspool; Hickie; Collins; Hineckley; Hy. Ayres; Cosburn, Newbury; Mount; Arrowsmith; Nicholson; Hemmings; Westfield, and others.

The first business was to take the ballot for thirteen brethren proposed as members of the lodge, and these were elected unanimously, as follows: Bros. the Rev. Edward De Ewer, H. Arrowsmith, W. E. Beal, J. Llewellyn, C. A. Bennett, A. P. Speechley, T. J. Westfield, J. L. Silver, W. Deacon, H. J. Mount, C. W. Cox, E. J. Shrewsbury, and C. Nowell, most of whom reside in Maidenhead and the neighbourhood. With the exception of Bro. W. Deacon, who was absent, the above were advanced to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably gone through by the Provincial Grand Master and the W.M. designate. The new lodge was then consecrated in an impressive and befitting manner, the choral portion of the ceremony being well sustained by Bros. Cousins, Pulley, and Hickie. Then followed the installation of Bro. Farr, P.M. Cape Stone Lodge, No. 80, P.D.G.W. Bengal, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and the officers of the lodge were appointed and installed as follows: Bros. W. B. Farr, W.M.; E. Margrett, I.P.M.; H. H. Hodges, S.W.; W. Morris, J.W.; R. Nicholson, M.O.; J. W. Legge, S.O.; W. Hineckley, J.O.; Theodore H. Janson, Chap.; E. de Ewer, Asst. Chap.; W. Morris, Treas.; Shrewsbury, Reg.; H. J. Mount, Sec.; J. S. Silver, Org.; C. W. Cox, S.D.; H. Arrow

smith, J.D.; W. E. Beal, I.G.; H. P. Speechley, Stewd.; and C. Nowell, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a banquet was served, and a number of toasts usually given on these occasions were proposed and responded to.

MASONIC NAMES OF THE DEITY.

The following paper was read before the brethren of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1042, Leeds, by Bro. W. Hutchinson, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. of the N. and E. Riding, and Vicar of Howden:

There have been men who have thought that the name of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe was of little consequence provided men would acknowledge His supremacy, either by the inarticulate offering of sacrifice or in the language of prayer and adoration. These have been ready to admit the reasonableness of the words of our poet in his universal prayer, as they seem to imply this question of name as non-essential, or indifferent when he cries—

Father of all in every age,
In every clime adored,
By Saint, by Savage, or by Sage,
Jehovah, Jove, or Lord!

This notion might be allowed to pass if these titles of the Supreme had, by long antiquity, lost their original significance. For then the ideas attaching to the name, instead of arising out of it, are merely received by tradition. We ourselves, unless we are learned in the language in which such titles are used, are naturally in this position.

Take e. g. those titles which Pope employs, Jehovah, Jove, and Lord. "Jehovah," or "Jahve," as Hebrew scholars tell us, signifies "He who is" as opposed to the gods who are not. Now the abstract idea conveyed herein, however awful and incommunicable it may appear, could by no means serve to raise in the mind of the Hebrew worshipper an object, to which he could appeal. Consequently he attached to the term such attributes or qualities as he learnt from his sacred writings.

Again, if we consider the title "Jove," which modern research has identified with the Sanscrit "Dyaus," its meaning is "the sky," or "the wide spread canopy above." The nature worshippers of the far off East must have had quite another sense of the term than that which their descendants, in the time of Homer, and long afterwards, gave it. Generations of men, in an age before any written history existed, had developed the myth which the ever-changing sky suggested into the tales and stories which we read in the marvellous poetry of the Greeks.

Lastly, our own term "Lord," originally "Bread-giver," tells, indeed, of the bounteous Providence which supplies the ever growing needs of all His creatures, but more than this, it appeals to us, to our hearts and minds, with all those blessed associations which our holy religion has thrown around it.

Thus in these three names of Deity which the poet has put before us, we find that although the original significance was absent from the mind of the several peoples who used them, yet the notions they suggested were by no means indifferent. Surely it must be allowed that the "Jehovah" of the Hebrew, especially of the later ages, and the Lord of the Christian, conveyed a far nobler, and purer, and juster conception of the Ruler over all than that of the sensual, rollicking, vengeful Jove of classic story. And is not the nature of the Deity, as conceived in the mind of His adorers, reflected in their character and actions? We must then set aside the dictum applied in Pope's language as untenable.

From these general appellations of Deity we pass on to a class which present to the mind single attributes for its contemplation. Such are Omnipotent, or Almighty, Omniscient, or All-knowing, Eternal, or Ever-living. These are terms which give a direct intimation of their significance, and although our finite minds cannot grasp them in their full extent, yet so far as they betoken qualities which we ourselves possess, by expanding these in an illimitable degree, we gain a true apprehension of the nature of the Divine attributes from the limited portion allotted us. We can conceive of power, of knowledge, and of life. But according to our human experience, these are all hedged in within narrow bounds; remove this boundary line, let there be no limit, and although we may sink down in utter helplessness in the endeavour to seize the quality which is not comprehensible, yet the kind of power, of knowledge, and of life we feel assured is the same as our own. When, then, we think of these qualities, as we possess them, we must regard them as relative or conditioned—I mean we possess them in a certain degree, according to our limited conditions; when we think of them as existing in God, we must regard them as absolute or unconditioned.

So far by way of introduction, I have attempted to show—1st, that it is not a matter of indifference what titles of the Deity we employ; that indeed it is fraught with the highest consequences; 2ndly, those titles which single out for our contemplation and use special attributes are in a manner comparative, inasmuch as they exist to a certain degree in ourselves. Of this latter character are the titles of the Deity which we make use of in our First and Second Degrees; not so much, however, in an abstract as in a concrete sense, we speak: not e. g. of wisdom, and power, and knowledge, but of One who puts into action His wisdom, power, and knowledge; of the G.A. and the G.G.O.T.U. And yet I say they are comparative terms, since we are A—s and G—s. We are builders and designers, but when we are acting in that capacity, we are always to remember Him whose name we invoke as the perfect builder and the perfect designer, the G.A. and the G.G. Now it is well worth observing that those two titles are not used indiscriminately, but are in strict conformity with that principle which is laid down for the candidate before he is instructed in the first regular step in Freemasonry viz., that in Masonry there are several degrees with peculiar s-s restricted to each. Bearing this in mind, we shall perceive the singular fitness and appropriateness of the titles throughout the whole of the ritual to which they are severally applied. In the First Degree we are, by a well known symbol, made to understand our perfect ignorance, ignorance amounting to blindness, of that wide universe of which we are denizens. Groping our way in this darkness, the first step towards its removal is a solemn act in the presence of that Ruler over all, whom we designate its G.A. This is in some sort a confession, an acknowledgment of Him under that special attribute in whom at our entrance we professed to put our trust. Again, under

a sense of the universe, which of course includes ourselves as moral creatures, being the outcome of His formative or architectural skill and wisdom, we are placed in a position in the "corner," which in our figurative method, represents that which lies as the basis of character. From this basis, the acknowledgment i. e. of character being the work of the G.A., is to arise further development, which to be in the direction of perfectness in all its parts, must be sustained and regulated constantly by the same perfect Builder.

Now it might be objected that the term "Architect" implies that of Designer, and that no "Architect" worthy of the name can perform his function without a knowledge of Geometry, in other words he must be a Geometrician also. That is very true. But in our Craft, we must not forget ulterior processes. We have very properly to serve an apprenticeship, and to an apprentice, as in the ancient guilds, his whole calling is at first a mystery. He is not yet in a position to consider by what methods the G.A. has produced the order and harmony which reign throughout the universe. He can in the first stage only wonder and admire the excellence and perfection of the whole, and desire to be led in a course conformably to the reigning Order. The Architect is to be seen as revealed in His work. As progress is made in the actual work of building upon the foundation laid in the novitiate, then, and not till then, the more hidden paths, opening out to the eye of the understanding, the laws, according to which the G.A. has planned His work, will be disclosed.

So the very instruments put into his hands at this stage must intimate to him that his business is only with the rough shaping of each stone which is to form the building he is engaged in; he is to measure his time into the prescribed periods, forgetting none, exceeding none; he is to keep down all excesses, and prepare himself by dint of continued application to remove those defects which unfit him to receive the gracious approval of Him, who has given him his place as a learner in a school which demands patience, humility, and a child-like trust and confidence in the G.A. the Master and Sustainer of the Universe.

Thus prepared he is in a condition to contemplate the G.A. under another aspect. With a mind humbled and acquiescent under the wise and good arrangements amidst which he finds himself placed, he is at liberty to inquire into the constitution of those arrangements. Hence arises the study of geometry. For it is by science that we can extend our researches into the furthest heavens, ascertain the movements of those bright luminaries which form the canopy of our terrestrial lodge, and are, as it were, the brilliant glittering jewels that on all sides adorn the throne of the G.G. He has given them their places, their orbits, their relative position, and in all we discover the most perfect accuracy of movement, the most perfect symmetry and beauty in form. And when we are taught, on our investiture as F.C.'s that we are henceforward to make the liberal arts and sciences our study, the last reason for this is given, "that we may be the better enabled to estimate the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator." Under the impulse then of such movements what more suitable name could be used in our invocations to the Heavenly Majesty than the G. G. We behold Him as designing all things in His boundless Universe with precision, order, and harmony; and these same qualities we seek to transfer to ourselves, to mark our own characters; that not only as in the former Degree, are we to build ourselves on the foundation laid on the principles of moral truth and virtue; but we should aim at the direction of our conduct with intelligence; no longer be children in understanding, but exercise that rarest gift of the great Creator in distinguishing for ourselves the right and the wrong in the various questions that are addressed to the intellect no less than to the moral faculty within us.

I conceive there is great meaning, importance, and excellence as well as a certain amount of beauty in this Second Degree with its short ritual. And the framers of that ritual seem to have attached greater weight to it than prima facie we might consider. For you will observe that every W.M. elect is called upon to profess his solemn adhesion to our ancient laws, &c., when the lodge is on the square. And when the same W.M. has discharged the duties of his high office and taken his place as a P.M. the very symbol that is to mark his distinguished standing for the future is one that is the very crown and glory of geometry, the diagram for the 47th prop. of Euclid, Book 1st. In fact, with our forefathers the terms Masonry and Geometry were synonymous, as might be seen by any one consulting our Masonic Archives.

I come now to the last and most sublime title of the Deity which is employed in Craft Masonry. I need hardly say that this is not so strictly M. as those we have considered. They are indeed almost confined to the Craft. It is abstract and vague; and yet you shall say that it is not most appropriate to express the unutterable awe, greatness, and sublimity of Him in whose hands are the issues of life and death? and when we bear in mind the peculiar object of research in this Degree, and when by a kind of anticipatory action, we prefigure the reality that must one day be undergone by each one of us, on what object can the thoughts rest in calm repose and humble confidence in such a moment, and in what language shall they express their desire to be raised from the depth of their low estate more fully than the solemn M.H.? This seems to sum up in its brevity and solemnity the whole course of our Masonic instruction, and to leave its traces on our minds never to be obliterated, bidding us to be heedful, circumspect, and loyal to Him, to whom belong the building up of our character, the intelligent guidance and conduct of our steps, and the eternal custody of our imperishable souls.

The art conversazione at the Mansion House has been arranged to be held on Tuesday, May 25th. The whole of the livery companies have placed at the disposal of the Lord Mayor for this occasion their pictures and other objects of interest, and the collection will be both an interesting and a valuable one.—City Press.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.—[A DVT.]

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ST. JAMES (No. 765).—The installation and last meeting of the season was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Old White Inn, Borough, from whence the lodge will at once remove, returning to its former quarters at the Bridge House Hotel. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Jas. Abbott. The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate was advanced to a higher Degree, others being absent. The chair was next assumed by the I.P.M., Bro. Jas. Cox, who had been called upon to perform the duty of Installing Master at very short notice, and who earned the admiration of the numerous company by the impressiveness of his delivery of the ritual. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. J. C. Perkins, then appointed and invested his officers; the only change being in the Secretaryship, now conferred on Bro. Cox, P.M. All others officers received a due step of promotion, which gratified all. Bro. Abbott received the honours never denied in this lodge to those who have done good suit and service. A valuable Past Master's jewel in gold, with another in silver, with collar for Grand Lodge use, will long testify to the value of Bro. Abbott's services. Two petitions to the Lodge of Benevolence were presented by former members of the lodge, but the brethren refused to entertain them, doubtless for grave and cogent reasons. All business being ended the lodge was closed. The meeting had been a bright and pleasant one throughout, but those not in the secret were surprised by the finale. Whether it was an empty treasury, a want of appetite, or whatever reason or reasons may have prevailed, the brethren separated as soon as the lodge was closed, without sitting down to the slightest refreshment of any description. We forgot to mention that two initials and three joining members were proposed for the October meeting, and that a number of visitors were present.

JOHN HERVEY LODGE (No. 1260).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. E. J. Goodacre, W.M., presiding, who was supported by Bro. O. L. M. Latreille, J.W.; Dr. Hogg, Treasurer; Charles Atkins, P.M., Secretary; W. Ryan, S.D.; H. Evans, J.D.; and Bro. J. H. Southwood, P.M.; a large body of lay members and visitors, among whom were the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, A.G.S. The W.M. initiated Messrs. Alfred Arthur Reason and Richard Joseph Langley. Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., on presentation duly made, installed Bro. Charles Atkins, an old and highly respected P.M. of No. 27, who has fulfilled the duties of Secretary of the John Hervey Lodge for three years, and unanimously elected Master at last meeting, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. The W.M. then appointed as his officers Bro. O. L. M. Latreille, S.W.; Rosenthal, J.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., P.M., Treasurer; John H. Southwood, P.M., Secretary; W. Ryan, S.D.; H. Evans, J.D.; Salmon, I.G.; Becton, Steward; H. J. Dean, Organist; J. R. Cox, Steward; Mansell, Second Steward; and Speight, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Czacki appealed to the lodge and the brethren to support him in his Stewardship for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the W.M. stated that the lodge intended to vote a good round sum to that list. Bro. E. J. Goodacre, I.P.M., proposed that a message of the regret of the lodge at the inability of Bro. John Hervey, P.G. Secretary, to be present be sent to him. This proposition was duly seconded by the S.W., and carried. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, under the chairmanship of their W.M. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M.," "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed, and the W.M., in proposing it, said the Grand Officers were selected for work they had done in Masonry after many years of service. Some of these were then present, among whom were the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. and Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D. The last brother was nominated by Bro. John Hervey to perform the ceremony of installation, and it was to be hoped that that brother would regularly attend on installation evenings to perform the ceremony which had hitherto always been performed by the late Grand Secretary. The Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., returned thanks. He said the constitution of the Grand Lodge had often reminded him of the greater Constitution, dear to them all, inasmuch as it reflected in a very remarkable manner the monarch, the Lords, and Commons of this great realm, and while he did his duty each was entitled to the respect of his brethren, nor should it be thought because men of rank and position obtained by a leap the offices of Grand Lodge, those who were working members did not receive their meed of praise and respect. He was sure, however, that the fact that the Lords and Commons of Masonry met in one Commons House was an improvement on the British Constitutions, and that Masons were able to understand each other better, and by such signs and tokens as their forefathers had given them to hold converse without materially differing in the result. There were two other members of Grand Lodge present, and he did not wonder that the John Hervey Lodge toasted the Grand Officers with a little more than ordinary enthusiasm. He spoke not for himself, because he was the humblest of those brethren, but when he recollected the fine and hearty feeling which was expressed in the lodge when their old and beloved brother Dr. Hogg received again his collar of office he could see at once that Grand Lodge had a vested interest in their affections. And when he recollected that Bro. Murton was not only present in the character of a Past Grand Officer, but as the Installing Officer, and that of no mean order, inasmuch as he was one of the brightest examples of the Lodge of Emulation, he was sure the Grand Lodge must have a strong holden their regard. But when he remembered the name of the brother which was applied to the lodge, that since its birth he had been its P.M. and good friend, to whom a passing tribute was paid that evening, he could see another reason why the lodge had a peculiar interest in Grand Officers. The brethren might be quite sure that so long as the lodges of England held to the principles of Masonry, G.L. of England would be in some measure a re-

flection of those lodges; but if ever the evil day should come when the lodges sank into what they found elsewhere, centres of political discussion, then G.L. of England would no longer be worthy of the respect and regard of Masons. God grant that day might never come. Bro. C. A. Murton, who also replied, said he would confine his remarks to himself only. He accepted the invitation to perform the installation with mixed feelings of pleasure and pain. Bro. John Hervey, his father in Masonry, had conveyed to him, through Dr. Hogg, his request that he (Bro. Murton) should perform the ceremony—that he considered a command, and he had great pleasure in installing Bro. Atkins; but he had great pain that Bro. Hervey was not able to be present to do it himself. He was, therefore, the representative of Bro. Hervey. As this lodge bore Bro. Hervey's name, it ought to carry out the characteristics of that brother, who was a splendid Mason and a great ornament to the Craft. Bro. Hervey's was a great name; his idea always had been that a brother should perform the work of his office when he took it, and he (Bro. Murton) hoped that this lodge would earn as high a name as Bro. Hervey, by studying to follow as closely as it could his working, and his idea of what a lodge should be. One great desire always expressed by Bro. Hervey in the Royal York was that the Master should instal his successor. He (Bro. Murton) was very happy to perform this ceremony on any occasion, but he thought that lodges would do better if the officers undertook their own work, and created an emulative spirit among others. He hoped it would be so in the future. He could understand the brethren conceding to Bro. Hervey the office of Installing Master from the fact that his name was given to the lodge, and he looked upon it as a compliment to himself that he was called upon to supply Bro. Hervey's place, but he hoped in future the W.M. would perform the ceremony in the style in which Bro. Hervey would like to see it done. In conclusion he felt sure the lodge would prosper and remain what it now was—a splendid lodge. Bro. J. Harry Southwood, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," his old friend, said it was only the matter of a few years ago, during his own Mastership, that he had the pleasure of introducing to the lodge his Bro. Charles Atkins, a Past Master of another lodge, and he it was who was made Secretary of the John Hervey Lodge. He it was who had thoroughly ingratiated himself in the heart of every member of the lodge. The interests of the lodge were never entrusted to a more thorough-going Mason than the Master who had just been installed. In saying so he felt he was only saying what was true and just. He hoped that the coming year would be a prosperous one for the lodge, and he trusted the brethren individually would feel as he felt, and that they would recognise the work of the W.M. Their excellent friend Bro. Dr. Hogg had formerly carried out the work in perfect confidence, and as an honest-hearted, just, and true man, and Bro. Atkins would follow his example, attend the lodge regularly, and do the work properly, and he hoped the brethren would appreciate him. The W.M., in reply, said he wished he had been a little hard of hearing on his left, or had been requested to leave the room when Bro. Southwood stood up to propose this toast. He did not like being slandered by an old friend, who had said rather too much. However, he was there, and he thanked the brethren for honouring him with this position, and, after that, he had to ask the brethren during his year of office to support him in the position, and to enable him to fulfil its duties, and if he had done anything for the last two years for the lodge, to do a little more. He required only a little encouragement and he should go on doing his duty, and he hoped, if possible, on that day twelve months he should hand over the gavel, the position, and collar of this lodge to his successor, and that then the brethren would say that Atkins had done his duty as best he could as Master. He trusted also that on that day twelve months all the brethren might be spared to meet round that table. He was very pleased to see one or two brethren whom they had not seen for some time, and he hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing them more frequently in future. For their kindness in electing him as W.M. he begged to return them his best thanks, and he hoped that during his year of office they would have a very pleasant time of it. He was exceedingly pleased to be placed in the chair of the John Hervey Lodge. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and those brethren having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" followed. Bros. Chapman, W.M. 27; Newton, P.M. 174; Sorrell, W.M. elect 176; Galbraith (Londonderry); and Pitman replied. The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters," coupling with it the name of Bro. Goodacre, I.P.M. Their number was few, but they had in them large ability, and they had carried out the work of the lodge in a most efficient manner. He then presented Bro. Goodacre with a valuable Past Master's jewel, which was voted to him unanimously at the last meeting of the lodge. Along with the jewel he presented him with a portrait of Bro. John Hervey, late Grand Secretary, and Consecrating Officer of the lodge. Bro. Goodacre, in reply, said that after the kind remarks which had been made he felt quite sure the brethren would excuse him when he said it was quite beyond his power to speak. The handsome jewel presented to him took all speech out of him; but he thanked the brethren very much for their kindness. He hoped they would all be spared for a long time, and that in years to come he might be a long way down the table as one of their Past Masters. The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" succeeded. The Treasurer had been for years before the lodge, and as he had been so he would have to perform the duties imposed on him. As Secretary of the lodge he had received great kindness and assistance from Bro. Hogg. With reference to the Secretary, he had imposed him for the brethren; but it was necessary the duties should be delegated to a P.M. The late W.M., of course, could not be appointed. But he had chosen Bro. Southwood, and he hoped that brother would be a faithful and efficient Secretary. Bros. Hogg and Southwood responded. The toast of "The Masonic Press" followed, and was given in a very humorous speech by the W.M. Bro. H. Massey (Freemason) responded. The W.M. then gave "The Officers of the Lodge." Bros. Latreille and Rosenthal responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

During the evening some beautiful songs were sung with exquisite taste by Bros. H. J. Dean, Albert Johns, Alex. Mullord, and Miss Muriel Wood. This young lady sang "Twickenham Ferry," "Happy Young Hearts," and some other songs, which won for her immense applause. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist of the lodge.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting of the season of this prosperous metropolitan lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. Among those in attendance were Bros. C. Köhler, W.M.; Speedy, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Marsden, S.D.; Stokes, J.D.; Stranger, I.G.; Koch, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; Drysdale, P.M.; Cruse, Munn, Barry, Appleton, Town, and Longstaffe, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. directed that the bye-laws of the lodge should be read, which was accordingly done by the Secretary. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was duly closed and adjourned.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This civic lodge met on Monday, the 20th ult., for the dispatch of business. In the absence of Bro. Charles Jacques, W.M., the chair was taken by W. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.G.W. Middx., &c.

The minutes of the January meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. T. C. Walls. Bro. W. Ramsey was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer; and Bro. Parkinson re-elected as Tyler. The lodge was then duly closed and adjourned to an emergency meeting, which was convened for the 5th inst. There were present on the latter occasion Bros. C. Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W., and W.M. elect; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M. and Sec.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; M. Samuel, S.D.; Simpson, acting I.D.; Potter, I.G.; Hart (honorary Organist); Strugnell, D.C.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.W. Middx., P.M. &c.; Parkinson, Tyler. The bye-laws having been read, Bro. Goodenough was balloted for as a joining member. The Audit Committee, consisting of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and Bros. Potter, Strugnell, and Simpson, having been appointed to audit the account on the 29th May next, Bro. Jackson moved, and Bro. Walls seconded, that a Past Master's jewel should be awarded to the outgoing W.M. This motion having been put by the J.W. was carried with acclamation. The sum of five guineas was then voted to Bro. Strugnell's list, who had kindly consented to act as Steward on behalf of the Farringdon Without Lodge at the ensuing festival of the Girls' School. There being no further business before the lodge, it was duly closed. There was no banquet.

CAXTON LODGE (No. 1853).—A regular meeting of this young and prosperous lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday evening, the 5th inst. There was a large assemblage of members and visitors. Bro. T. H. Meredith, P.M. and P.Z., presided throughout the proceedings, assisted by an excellent staff of officers.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the meeting of February, and those of the emergency meeting of March, were read and confirmed. The business, which next engaged attention, comprised the raising of Bros. H. L. Diprose, S. Morby, J. Watmore, H. Harmer, and H. W. Percy; the passing of Bros. B. Wynne and Jas. Thompson; and the initiating of Messrs. W. J. Welch, T. Tyrer, and J. T. R. Gibbs. The three ceremonies were ably worked by the presiding officer. A ballot was in the course of the evening taken for the admission of Bros. J. Pardoe, of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, and E. Waters, of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, the result being declared to be in their favour. Bro. Dr. Kempster, P.M. of the Earl Spencer Lodge, who assisted at the consecration of the lodge in January last, was afterwards elected an honorary member. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern, where the remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed. The visitors were Bros. J. J. Holland, S.D. 1044; Thos. C. Pratt, S.W. 957; J. T. Pidditch, S.W. 1420; T. E. M. Hardy, P.M. 1420; J. B. Oakman, 1360; John C. Cox, P.M. 1257; J. Gibson, P.M. 1420; and John Diprose, P.M. 957.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Swan Hotel. Present: Bros. Johnson Mills, W.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D., as S.W.; E. M. Garstang, J.W.; J. D. Porteous, P.P.G.J.W. Renfrew, Sec.; Wm. Slater, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; Jas. Robinson, J.D.; Jas. Walker, P.M., as I.G.; M. Roiley, Tyler; Past Masters Bros. S. Crowther, P.G.S. of W. Duxbury, John Robinson, and Brow.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, three candidates for initiation were balloted for and elected. The W.M. announced that he had consented to serve as Steward at the festival of the Girls' School, also that along with Bros. G. P. Brockbank and Jno. Morris, members of this lodge, he had attended the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in London. Some routine business having been transacted, lodge was closed at seven p.m., in good harmony.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was called to be held on the day fixed for the election of members of Parliament, when it was felt that the attendance would be very limited, and the candidate would not be able to be present. It was, therefore, determined to postpone all business except a ballot for a new member, and this arrangement was carried out.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., an emergency meeting was held, when, at 7.40 p.m., the chair was taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, W.M., and P.P.G.S.W. for Warwick, supported by Bros. Braham, I.P.M.; Ashley, Treas. and P.P.G.J.W.; Cater, Sec.; T. Wilton, D.C. and P.P.G.J.W.; Hunt, S.W.; Radway, J.W.; Mercer, S.D.; Holmes, J.D.; Ames, I.G.; W. L. Baldwin, Org.; T. E. Wilton, Stwd.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. of Wks., P.M.; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; Rubie, P.P.G.J.W., P.M.; R. P. Floyd, P.P.G. Reg., P.M.; and F. Brown, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. There were also present Bros. Howes, W.M. 906, and Gill, 53, as visitors.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the circular of summons was read by the Secretary. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. J. G. Wilton was examined most satisfactorily, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the candidate was re-admitted, and raised to the rank of M.M. by the W.M., at whose request Bro. Ashley kindly

took a portion of the ceremony, and Bro. Ames explained the working tools. The W.M. concluded by giving the traditional history, the charge, and also a lecture on the Third Tracing Board. The lodge was brought down to the First Degree. A ballot for a new member was taken. The Treasurer read his annual account, duly audited, showing a balance of a few pounds in favour of the lodge, which was received and adopted. The Secretary then read the following report: "On Thursday, March 11th, a meeting of the Permanent Committee, duly convened by the W.M., was held at his residence. The W.M. stated that he had received a communication from Bro. Hughan, reminding him that this year is the centenary of the presentation by Grand Lodge of the 'Freemasons' Hall Jewel,' an interesting era in the history of this lodge, the right to wear which by the W.M. is now limited to only four lodges out of London, namely, at Bath, Swansea, Wakefield, and Falmouth. At the same time it was suggested by Bro. Hughan that the occasion is worthy of notice by a celebration in some form or other, which had been already done at Falmouth. The meeting of the Permanent Committee was, therefore, called in order that the matter may be considered. After some discussion Bro. Ashley proposed that the W.M. be requested to write to the M.W. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England and Prov. G.M. of Somerset, laying the circumstances before him, and requesting him to hold a Prov. Grand Lodge at Bath under the auspices of the Royal Cumberland Lodge during the summer, when, in addition to the ordinary business, the meeting might be made special in reference to the centenary. This proposal was seconded by Bro. T. Wilton, and carried." The Secretary also read the correspondence which had subsequently passed between the W.M. and the Prov. G.M., who had signified his approval of the proposed arrangement, and his willingness to comply with it. It was proposed, seconded, and carried that the above report be received, adopted, and entered on the minutes. The lodge was closed at 9.30.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., W.M.; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523, as S.W.; J. O. Law, J.W.; T. Colhuan, Sec.; R. Michie, J.D.; W. R. Tomlin, I.G.; J. Tanser and T. Dunn, 523, Tylers; S. Cleaver, P.M.; W. H. Lead, F. Dawson, T. Stanhope, and S. A. Morris. Visitor: W. J. Curtis, 523. After the minutes of last regular lodge and lodge of emergency had been confirmed, a dispensation was read for holding a soiree, and for wearing Masonic clothing. No business was transacted in consequence of soiree. A soiree dansante was held after the lodge was closed, at which about 100 persons, including ladies, were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

WARWICK.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 284).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. There were present Bros. Thursfield, M.D., W.M.; B. Campbell, S.W., *pro tem.*; S. C. Smith, J.W., *pro tem.*; S. W. Cooke, P.P.G.W., Sec.; G. Bond, S.D.; C. J. Blake, J.D.; Col. Machen, P.M.; D.P.G.M., D.C.; H. W. Blenkinsop, I.G.; Pursuer, Tyler; G. Wilson, M.D., P.M.; J. W. Mazett, P.M.; C. J. Browne, A. Hodgson, C. M. G. Caleb Williams, and C. Marriott. Visitors: Bros. Wotherspoon, 360; and W. Ward, 1286.

The only business was to ballot for Bro. Capt. J. Marsland as a re-joining member, and pass Bro. Capt. Herbert Molyneux.

MALTA.—St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 349).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Valetta, on the 5th inst., and was very largely attended. The D.G.M., D.D.G.M., and P.D.D.G.M., members of the lodge, were present. There were three candidates for initiation into the Order. The ceremony was performed by the P.D.D.G.M., the D.G.M. delivering the charge, and the W.M. the lecture on the Tracing Board. Two brethren were subsequently passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge being adjourned the brethren supped together.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—An emergency meeting was held on Monday, the 5th inst., when the chair was taken at 4.30 by Bro. Johnston, W.M., supported by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, as I.P.M.; H. Culliford Hopkins, P.M. and Sec.; Braham, P.M., as S.W.; Bush, P.M. and J.W.; Mercer, as S.D.; Gill, as I.G.; Thomas, W.M. 1833, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree by the W.M., his place was taken by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who opened it in the Second Degree. Bros. S. Willson, Rev. F. Carroll, D. Ingle, G. Bernard, and C. Berry were presented as candidates for the Third Degree. They were examined, entrusted, and dismissed for preparation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the candidates were re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who also gave them the traditional history. The symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Mercer. The lodge was then brought down to the First Degree, the W.M. resumed his chair, and finally closed it at 6.15. The brethren adjourned to the Grand Hotel for dinner, and afterwards paid a formal visit to the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53.

KITTERING.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 455).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. H. Standley, W.M.; B. Jenner, S.W.; W. B. Parke, J.W.; Wm. Hanger, P.M., Treas.; F. Marlow, Sec.; F. Salmon, S.D., *pro tem.*; S. J. Harding, J.D., *pro tem.*; G. A. Eldred, I.G.; Jno. Haines, Tyler; Geo. Chapman, P.M.; Mark Coles, P.M.; Edward Hale, P.M.; A. J. Margetts, P.M.; T. Lewis, and W. Timpson.

The lodge was opened in the usual way, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed. Bro. Timpson proved his proficiency in the Second Degree by answering the usual questions put to him satisfactorily. He was then dismissed for preparation, and, upon the lodge being opened, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by Bro. Standley, W.M.; the charge being given by Bro. Coles, P.M. No other business being presented, the lodge was closed in due form.

VALETTA.—Zetland Lodge (No. 515, E.C.)—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at the Masonic Hall. Besides the W.M. and his

officers and members there was a goodly attendance of D.G. Officers and visitors from the other lodges of the district. The P.D.D.G.M., W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, at the request of the W.M., initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Italian language a candidate. The W.M., on resuming the gavel, expressed the satisfaction of the lodge at the manner in which the ceremony had been performed. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., when the W.M. elect, W. Bro. Thomas Eustace, P.M., was installed as W.M. by W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, a Mason of more than thirty years' standing, and one of the founders of No. 697. At the conclusion of the ceremony the following were appointed officers for the coming year: W. Bro. Thomas Rix, I.P.M.; Bros. A. Gosling, S.W.; Thos. G. Mills, J.W.; W. Bro. Thomas Rix, P.M., Treasurer; Bros. G. A. Eustace, Sec. *pro tem.*; W. Jelley, S.D.; C. D. Marshall, J.D.; W. Chapman, D.C.; A. S. Went, Organist; R. Smith, I.G.; J. D. Duffield, E. Lowings, and G. Somerville, Stewards; S. Munson, Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet at the George Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the hostess, Mrs. Guiver. The usual toasts were given after dinner, and some brethren present contributed to the pleasures of the evening by some vocal music. Among those present, either at lodge or at the festive board, were the V. W. Bro. the Rev. S. R. Wigram, D.P.G.M., Essex; W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling, P.G. Sec. Essex; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; E. Hennemeyer, W.M. 51; E. H. Crate, P.P.G.C.; W. Basham, W.M. 650; T. Jennings, S.W. 650; H. Everard, Sec. 650; R. C. Althill, W.M. 433; J. E. Wiseman, P.M. and Sec. 433; J. Downes, I.G. 433; W. Richey, P.M. 51; J. J. C. Turner, J.W. 51; Joseph Hanly, 51; and the following members of No. 697: W. Bros. T. Eustace, W.M.; Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, P.M.; Thomas Rix, P.M.; Bros. A. Gosling, T. G. Mills, G. A. Eustace, W. Jelley, Wm. Chapman, C. D. Marshall, G. H. Somerville, Robt. Smith, D. R. Rowbotham, E. Lowings, S. Tatem, Jos. Sadler, A. S. Went, Thomas Matthewman, R. Foster, A. Richardson, T. Downing, S. H. Ellis, H. J. Everett, F. E. Morris, J. D. Duffield, J. H. Boulton, and R. J. Godfrey.

MANCHESTER.—St. Thomas Lodge (No. 992).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton, on Wednesday, April 7th. There were present Bros. J. J. Meakin, W.M.; J. Warren, P.M., acting S.W.; Thomas Ollerenshaw, J.W.; William Owen, Treasurer; Edwin Hilton, Secretary; Henry Rutter, S.D.; John Hall, J.D.; S. J. Salkeld, I.G.; J. Riddell, Tyler; J. Hancock, P.M.; W. Cromblehome, John Hargreaves, John Brookes, George Howorth, W. Sharples, F. J. Garner. Visitors: T. H. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B. E.L., P.M. 999 and 1147; J. Calder, P.P.G. Deacon Derbyshire, P.M. 625; E. Simpson, P.M. 935; W. S. Clark, J.W. 78; R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*). The lodge was opened at 6.45 with prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. Garner was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who displayed great ability in the performance of this beautiful and lengthy ceremony. At the conclusion of raising, and after the lodge had been duly lowered, a long discussion ensued as to the motion which the W.M. had caused to be placed on the circular, viz., raising the subscription of each member of the lodge 5s. per annum, the extra amount to be set aside solely for the purposes of charity, and ultimately the motion was carried. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in ancient form at 8.50.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial supper, and spent a pleasant hour and half together, separating at 10.40.

MANCHESTER.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The installation meeting and St. John's festival of this lodge was held at the Broughton and Cheetham Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, on Thursday, the 8th inst. A change in the head-quarters of this lodge has most advantageously been made from the Knowsley Hotel, Cheetham, to the present address, and any brother who has visited the lodge since its removal cannot fail to be struck with the comfort and convenience now attained, and to come to the conclusion that a most desirable aim has been achieved, viz., independence from the dictation of innkeepers, club committees, and landlords, which many lodges are at the present time suffering from. The lodge and banquet rooms are spacious and lofty, and will comfortably seat between seventy and eighty brethren, and there is also every convenience in the ante and other rooms of the building. We understand it is the intention of the members to form themselves into a club, but the payment annually will be very small, something like 2s., whilst to members of the Craft not belonging to the Derby Lodge or Chapter the subscription will be five shillings. The rooms are to be open to members every evening from six to eleven o'clock, and the extremely low subscription should cause them to be well attended by members of the Craft residing in the neighbourhood.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. R. Boulton, W.M.; A. Morrison, S.W.; T. W. Hope, J.W.; F. H. Glendinning, P.M., Treas.; F. R. Cooper, Secretary; Joseph Snape, I.G.; J. Kirk, Tyler; Alfred Turner, P.M.; John West, P.M.; George Kenyon, P.M.; E. Griffiths Hughes, P.M.; J. Pollitt, P.M.; George Sanders, James Morrison, Robert Leech, Morris Davis, Robert Kitching, J. W. Worcliffe, Robert Williamson, D. Butterworth, Samuel Davidson, P. Haughton, Wm. Foden, Wm. Jones, C. E. Johnson, and W. Gilliland.

Visitors: Bros. Wm. Sturm, W.M. 1161; J. B. Broadbent, S.W. 992; Orland Starup, P.M. 934; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 103, P.P.G.D. of C.; Samuel Hamilton, W.M. 1045; Henry L. Roeca, W.M. 815; F. Robinson, 1534; T. G. Mullock, W.M. 204; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; J. M. Sinclair, J.W. 103; C. Hargreave, 1219; Wm. E. Pettitt, 581; Hudson Lister, P.M. 1011; Nath. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Wm. Brandon, P.M. 1219; C. W. Provis, P.M. 104; Charles Turner, 1011; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 3.45 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The balance-sheet was next handed round, and

having been commented upon by several brethren, including the Auditors, was adopted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. E. Griffiths Hughes, P.M., assumed the chair. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. Morrison, was in due form presented, and with all proper rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, Bro. E. Griffiths Hughes, P.M. On the re-admission of M.M.'s the usual proclamation was made to them of Bro. Morrison's installation, and the usual salutes were given.

Bro. Glendinning then invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. W. Hope, S.W.; A. B. Wimpory, J.W.; Joseph Snape, S.D.; F. Cooper, J.D.; W. Jones, Sec.; Alfred Turner, P.M., Treas.; F. H. Glendinning, D. of C., invested by P.M. West; Robt. Kitching, I.G.; Sharples, Davidson, and Foden, Stewards; J. Kirk, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were given by Bro. P.M. Pollitt, and to the brethren by P.M. Turner, clearly and distinctly. The ceremony throughout was done in a highly satisfactory manner by all who took part in it, notably the installation portion by Bro. E. Griffiths Hughes, P.M., and we should think the lodge never need go abroad for workers whilst that excellent brother dwells amongst them. Bro. Hughes having informed the brethren that it would be necessary to read the proposed rules of the club with a view to their being sanctioned and adopted, proceeded to read them, and a motion was put and carried that they be adopted, subject to alteration or addition at any future time. Bros. Past Masters Hughes and Pollitt, also Bros. Williamson and Davidson, the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, were elected as executive committee of the rooms. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock.

At 6.30 the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which augured well for the successful catering of the club in the culinary department. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal toasts were proposed and responded to. In proposing "The Health of the Dep. Prov. Master, and the Past and Present Prov. G. Officers," Bro. Kenyon remarked that to know their Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Geo. Mellon, was to thoroughly appreciate him, and to know he had Freemasonry at heart; and as regards the Provincial Grand Officers, he thought no fault could be found with them, and they were at all times willing to do their utmost to further the interests of Freemasonry. He had great pleasure in asking the brethren to respond heartily to this toast, and he coupled with it the name of Bro. G. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D. of C. E.L. This toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and in response Bro. G. W. P. Salmon thanked Bro. Kenyon for his kind remarks, and the brethren for responding to the toast so cordially, and said it was no doubt a great honour to become a Provincial Grand Officer, and one that a great many would be delighted to receive. The duties certainly were not very heavy, and the ability which their Prov. G. Master always displayed rendered these duties less onerous. For himself he was at all times ready and willing to do all that laid in his power to benefit the Craft. At this stage of the proceedings, Bro. Morris Davis remarked that he had great pleasure in presenting the lodge with a small token of his regard in the shape of a loving cup. In mentioning his intention to one of the brethren some week or two back, it was suggested that it would not be an appropriate present, and, in asking the W.M. to accept this offering he trusted that love and harmony would always reign amongst them. The W.M., in thanking Bro. Davis in the name of the lodge for his handsome present, said it was not the first time that worthy brother had exhibited his generosity and good feeling towards the Derby Lodge, and he hoped sincerely that the donor would long be spared to see the cup handed round. At the suggestion of a brother, the loving cup was at once filled with champagne, and handed to each brother in succession. Bro. J. R. Boulton, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast of the evening, and he felt certain the brethren would take an equal pleasure in responding to it. He felt certain that in electing Bro. Morrison to fill the chair of W.M. they had elected the right man, and one who would be a credit to their lodge, and that he would work up to the standard of efficiency that important office required. He felt sure that the loving cup which Bro. Davis had that evening presented to the lodge would during Bro. Morrison's year of office be often passed round, and whenever it was he (Bro. Boulton) trusted he should be present to take a drink from it. The toast was received by the brethren with the greatest enthusiasm, and we feel sure that the I.P.M.'s remarks as to the future welfare of the lodge under Bro. Morrison's presidency will be fully borne out, for a more genial and highly esteemed brother never sat in the chair. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked them for the high honour they had conferred upon him by electing him the W.M. of the Derby Lodge, and he should endeavour to do his best to promote its interests. He had in Bro. Pollitt, P.M., one who had been his guide and instructor during the fulfilment of the various offices which he had held, and he felt that he owed to Bro. Pollitt the high position he had now attained, and he took this opportunity of sincerely thanking him, and also the brethren, for so warmly responding to the toast of his health. Bro. Pollitt, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Boulton," said it gave him great pleasure to do so. He was convinced that Bro. Boulton had Freemasonry at heart, and the interests of the Derby Lodge in particular, and that he had done his best for the promotion of their interests during his somewhat chequered year of office. They all knew that Bro. Boulton had laboured under certain disadvantages during the past twelve months; as very soon after he was elected to the office of W.M. the lodge had to shift its quarters to its present abode, and, consequently, for some time they had virtually no home and had been very unsettled, and, therefore, under such circumstances Bro. Boulton could not be expected to shine to the best advantage, but, as he had before stated, he was quite certain that their I.P.M. had the welfare of the lodge at heart, and would cheerfully undertake and carry out any duty to the best of his ability the brethren might wish him to perform. Bro. Boulton, in reply, thanked P.M. Pollitt for his kind remarks, and said it was no doubt a great honour to be installed W.M., and to become a bright and shining star amongst his brethren. He assured them that he felt very proud when the honour was conferred upon him, and he trusted he had acquitted himself during his year of office to their satisfaction. As Bro. Pollitt had stated, he had laboured under certain disadvantages during his term of office, but now they were fairly settled in their new

home he felt sure that everything would proceed satisfactorily, and he should be glad at all times to do what he could for the interests of the lodge. "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. J. Smith, P.M., in eulogistic terms, and responded to most warmly. Bros. C. W. Provis, P.M. 104; Henry L. Rocca, W.M. 815; and J. M. Sinclair, J.W. 163, replied to the toast, the first-named brother making a most vigorous and amusing speech. Several other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close shortly before eleven o'clock.

During the latter portion of the evening a very handsome portrait of himself was presented to P.M. Pollitt in the name of the lodge by Bro. P.M. Smith, who dwelt at some length on the many valuable services Bro. Pollitt had rendered to the lodge. Bro. Pollitt acknowledged the gift in graceful terms. The musical portion of the programme was entrusted to the able hands of Bros. Nath. Dumville, Chas. Turner, Ormerod, and Peers, who performed their tasks to the entire satisfaction of all present.

LEWES.—Pelham Lodge (No. 1303).—On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the installation of Bro. Alfred Adams as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, in the High-street. The ceremony was admirably performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Hodgkins. On his elevation to the chair the new W.M. appointed his officers as under: Bros. J. C. Lucas, S.W.; Stedman, J.W.; Crosskey, Treasurer; T. R. White, Secretary; W. W. Turner, S.D.; J. Noakes, J.D.; Ellman, I.G.; and H. Hall, Tyler. After lodge business the brethren adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where an elegant banquet, of which about forty partook, was provided. Bro. Adams, W.M., presided, and the company present included Bros. John Scott, Prov. D.G.M. of Sussex, and J.D. (designate) of Grand Lodge of England; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary; J. M. Kidd, Alderman E. Martyn, Packham, W.M. Royal York; Nell, W.M. St. Cecilia; James Curtis, W.M. Southdown; and many other visiting officers and brethren. The proceedings passed off most satisfactorily.

HAMPTON COURT.—Campbell Lodge (No. 1415).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. Jas. Lewis Thomas, W.M.; Rev. W. S. Moses, S.W.; J. W. Lambert, J.W.; Thos. Culbitt, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; Geo. A. Rooks, S.D.; R. M. Jones, J.D.; C. J. Wallis, I.G.; Edw. Kimber, P.M.; Thos. Keene, P.M.; F. W. Levanter, P.M.; R. Applegarth, E. Passover, E. Lott, and B. Newstead. Visitors: Bros. Batty, P.M. 142; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; R. Payne, P.M. 1328.

After the lodge was opened by the W.M. the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. R. Palmer Thomas was unanimously elected a joining member. An amount was voted from the alms fund to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward at the Girl's Festival. After some routine business, the lodge was closed and adjourned to a banquet.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at Bro. Tucker's house, the Lord Raglan, Buryage-road, and was well attended. More than usual interest was excited on this occasion, Bro. Baron De Worms, M.P. for Greenwich, who is exceedingly popular in this district, having promised to pay a visit to the lodge.

Bro. H. Shaw, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. H. G. Picken, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; D. Deeves, S.W.; H. W. Welding, J.W.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Holleyman, S.D.; W. A. Watkins, I.G.; and G. Lackland, Tyler.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. Warren, W.M. 700; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913, both of whom are honorary members of the lodge; T. Hosgood, 13; D. C. Capon, 913; S. Mills, 224; J. Baker, 1307; Lieut. Knightley, F. Nicholson, 1604; S. Hare, 706; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, two candidates were, after approval, admitted and initiated into Freemasonry. Three candidates were then passed to the Second Degree, and three were to have been raised to the Sublime Degree, but they were not in attendance. Bro. Weston then informed the brethren that, through the support of the G.M. for Kent, Earl Amhurst, the late Lord Holmesdale, and their esteemed Bro. Coupland, P.M., he had been enabled to obtain from the County Benevolent Fund the sum of twenty-five guineas for the widow of the late Bro. Cook, a statement which was received with applause. The W.M. then intimated that Bro. Hayes, P.M. of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, was going up as Steward at the next Girls' School Festival, and proposed that the sum of five guineas should be given to his list out of the lodge fund. The proposition was carried unanimously, and then the W.M. added that he was in a position to give five guineas from the charity box, which would make up ten guineas for Bro. Hayes' list, for which Bro. Hayes returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a neat little cold supper, provided by Bro. Tucker with that taste that is so appreciated by the sojourners at his hospitable establishment. On returning to refreshments the usual toasts were honoured; the W.M. reflecting with pleasure upon the distinction conferred upon their esteemed Prov. G.M. by Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. Bro. Eastes was deservedly honoured, and then the I.P.M. rose to propose the toast of "The W.M.," whom he congratulated upon the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties, not only that night but ever since his installation. He reminded him that after two more meetings he would have to take his place on the left of the chair, and then they would see the last of him. He did not mean that; but he would have fulfilled a year of office that had been to his own credit and to the material prosperity of the lodge. A letter was then read from Bro. Baron De Worms, in which he regretted his inability to attend, as he had been on business to the Seaman's Hospital at Greenwich, where he was taken so unwell that he was compelled to seek medical advice. He sent his regrets, but trusted soon to have the honour of paying a visit to the United Military Lodge. Bro. Shaw then returned thanks for their kind reception of his name. As he said some fifteen or sixteen years ago, he was a Mason at heart, and he was the same now. Then he determined to do all in his power to aid the onward and upward course of Masonry, and if he had failed it was through no want of effort on his part. He trusted to be spared as one of the Past Masters of that lodge for years to

come; and as there was every possibility of his ending his days in Woolwich, he should as long as he had health and strength continue to aid and assist its prosperity in the future as he had in the past. To the toast of "The Visitors" Bros. De Grey, Knightley, Good, Clements, and Tucker responded. The next toast was "The Initiates," and the two new brethren replied suitably. "The Past Masters" were next toasted, and, in the course of his speech, the W.M. paid a high compliment to Bro. Weston for his efforts in the cause of charity, in which particular line he declared that brother to be a host in himself, and a most indefatigable beggar. During the last week he had noticed Bro. Weston working most industriously for the Stewardship of Bro. Hayes. No sooner did Bro. Weston meet a brother than out came a little card, and before that brother could get away they might be sure Bro. Weston had got a subscription from him. He then spoke of Bro. Weston's efforts for widow Cook, and asked them to do honour to the toast. Bro. Weston, whose name was received with heartiness, in the course of his remarks spoke of the difficulty he had experienced at the Grand Lodge of Benevolence to get the grant for Mrs. Cook, but their noble Prov. Grand Master and others had kindly assisted him, and the grant was carried. He stated with pride that his lordship had spoken very highly of the United Military Lodge, and in a year or so he had no doubt that their lodge would receive the usual £20 from Provincial Grand Lodge for the Masonic Charities. He thanked them for the toast. The next toast was a sort of God speed to Bro. Hatcher, a brother whose time of service in the Royal Artillery was just up, and who was about to proceed to Bermuda, and hearty were the good wishes of all the brethren for his safe arrival at his destination. Bro. Hatcher, after thanking them, said he knew Bermuda well, and the lodges there, and he should join one of them as soon as he arrived. He had been eighteen years a Mason, and belonged to all three Constitutions—English, Scotch, and Irish. He thanked them heartily for their good wishes. Bro. Lapham proposed, and it was acceded to, that the W.M. should write to the Bermudian lodges, recommending Bro. Hatcher to their fraternal care. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Deeves responded. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the "Masonic Press," and after Bro. Jolly had responded, the Tyler's toast concluded the pleasures and duties of the evening.

LEYTONSTONE.—Ley Spring Lodge (No. 1598).—This lodge held its installation meeting at the Red Lion, on the 8th inst. There were present Bros. I. Buscall, W.M.; Lewis Lewis, S.W.; J. W. Roberts, J.W.; and the usual officers. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. Linsdell, P.M. 211; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554; G. N. Blackie, W.M. 1426; R. Vincent, S.D. 1685; J. Taylor, I.G. 1790; J. Edridge, 53; and J. Thompson, 1681.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were, after discussion, confirmed, with the exception that the question of election of Treasurer was adjourned for further consideration. The report of the Audit Committee, which was considered very satisfactory, was agreed to. The ceremony of initiation was next proceeded with, Messrs. G. Settles and Frank Dutch being the initiates. The lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, the W.M. elect, Bro. Lewis Lewis, was introduced for installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, and the other brethren having retired, Bro. Lewis was duly installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. G. E. Walters, P.M., being the Installing Master. The W.M. having been greeted in the usual manner, the brethren were readmitted, when he was saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the Three Degrees, with great acclamation.

The following officers for the ensuing year were then invested: Bros. J. W. Roberts, S.W.; E. Bare, J.W.; E. Skelt, S.D.; W. D. Claridge, J.D.; W. H. Allaway, W.S.; W. Brown, I.G.; W. Penny, D.C.; and G. C. Young, Organist. The Tyler, Bro. C. Thomas, was unanimously re-elected. The Ancient Charges and the working tools in each Degree were delivered and explained by Bro. Walters, P.M., in the most able, careful, and impressive manner, and he was most justly complimented by the brethren present.

The banquet which followed was served with the usual liberality which is proverbial in this locality, and was ably superintended by the host of the Lion, Bro. Barford, all the loyal and Masonic toasts being rendered with great enthusiasm. We had almost forgotten to mention that the usual Past Master's jewel was duly voted and accorded in very flattering terms to the seceding Master, Bro. Isaac Buscall.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—At the regular meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 12th inst., the W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, presiding, supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, I.P.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; J. Hanly, P.M. (St. Patrick's); Rev. J. Metcalfe (Chaplain); Rev. J. Blake, and numerous other brethren, several interesting presentations were made, including a sculptured stone from the ruins of ancient Carthage, which was handed over to the W.M. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, on behalf of Bro. A. M. Broadley, P.M. Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717, and Dep. Prov. G.M. of Malta, who is an honorary member of the Eboracum Lodge. The gift consists of a stone slab, containing in a panel an unfinished figure representing a priest in long robes; the right hand elevated, as if in the act of invoking a blessing, and the left resting on the breast. The relic excited much curiosity, and a cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be conveyed to Bro. Broadley, and it was ordered that the stone should be enclosed in a massive oak frame, with a proper inscription, and placed in a suitable position in the lodge room. Several books were also presented to the lodge library. Bro. J. S. Cumberland announced a good list for the Girls' School Festival on Friday, the 16th inst., and the W.M. expressed great pleasure at the prominent position this young lodge was taking in regard to the three great Institutions. The meeting was numerously attended, and comprised many visitors.

Royal Arch.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, for the first time after its removal from the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comp. Jacobs, M.E.Z., presided. There were also present Comps. Wyer, H.; P.Z.'s Smeed, Seaman,

Avery, Green (S.E.), and Coste; and H. Thompson (*Freemason*).

The business of the evening was the installation of the Principals, and the whole of those ceremonies were performed by Comp. Smeed in his usual faultless manner; Comps. Wyer, M.E.Z.; Thompson, H.; and Sharratt, J. Comp. Dodman was elected P.S., and Comp. Dawes, S.N. Some nominations having been made the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided, and served in capital style.

Afterwards the usual formal toasts were given and duly honoured. Comps. Jacobs proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Wyer," and said there was no doubt that under his rule the chapter would flourish, as he was proficient in all the duties appertaining to the high position he occupied, and would see all the work done in a proper manner. The M.E.Z. returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and said he would do all in his power to merit the confidence they had reposed in him. He then remarked that he had a very pleasant duty to discharge, which was to present Comp. Jacobs with a jewel which had been voted to him by the companions, as a mark of their esteem and in appreciation of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year. He had great pleasure in attaching it to his breast, trusting that he might be blessed with good health for many years to wear it. Comp. Jacobs returned thanks for the kindly words expressed towards him by the M.E.Z., and regretted that during his year he had so few opportunities of discharging his duties in the chair, but trusted that during that of his successor he would have frequent opportunities of proving to the companions the excellent choice they had made. "The Health of Comps. H. Thompson and J. Sharratt, Principals H. and J.," was then given, and heartily responded to. Comp. H. Thompson, in reply, said he was now placed in a very proud position, being only second to the M.E.Z., and most sincerely did he thank the companions for the honour they had conferred upon him, and the only way in which he could requite their kindness was to make himself thoroughly acquainted and conversant with duties he should have to perform. He had occupied the chair in two lodges, but in this chapter he should arrive at the climax of his Masonic career. Comp. Sharratt also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given and responded to, and the Janitor's toast brought a very harmonious gathering to a close.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).

—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Surrey Club House, on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present Comps. G. Everett, M.E.Z.; W. Mann, P.Z., acting H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., acting J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Speedy, 1st Asst.; Webb, 2nd Asst.; James Terry, P.Z. (honorary member); Daley, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jenkins, 1381, was most impressively exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch. Comps. Mann, Walls, and Higgins were then duly and ably inducted by Comp. Terry into the chairs of the three Principals. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing were Comps. G. Everett, I.P.Z., and Treas.; G. Everett, jun., S.E. (by deputy); Bingemann, S.N. (by deputy); Speedy, P.S.; Webb, 1st Asst.; Köhler, 2nd Asst. (by deputy); Daley, Janitor. Previously to the chapter being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. Terry, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer. Com. Terry having expressed his acknowledgments, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z." Comp. Everett dwelt upon the long services rendered to the cause of Masonry by their First Principal. He hoped that his year of office would be exceedingly prosperous, and that at its termination the M.E.Z. would leave the chair in the possession of their fullest confidence and esteem. This toast having been received with excellent "fire" the M.E.Z. briefly replied, and then gave "The Installing Officer." Comp. Terry having tersely responded, the M.E.Z. proposed in very eulogistic terms "The Health of the I.P.Z.," and at the conclusion of his speech he presented Comp. Everett with a very handsome and valuable Past Principal's jewel. The design of the jewel was both original and chaste, and reflected great credit upon the well-known London firm that furnished it. The I.P.Z. having replied, the remaining toasts, viz., "The Second and Third Principals," "The Exalte," "The Officers," and the Janitor's, terminated the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).

—An emergency meeting of this young but exceedingly flourishing chapter was convened on Monday, the 12th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Comps. W. Wellsman, M.E.Z.; H. Dalwood, H.; J. Dodson, J.; Colonel Radcliffe (honorary member), acting I.P.Z.; A. Tisley, S.E.; Turner, acting N.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., P.S.; G. Manners, 1st Asst.; Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, 2nd Asst.; and Gilbert, P.G.J. Middx., Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Tinney, P.Z.; Whittington, and Dr. Dunn.

The convocation having been opened in due form, eight brethren for exaltation, all belonging to 1589, were duly balloted for, and the ballot proving to be unanimous in each case, five of the eight were impressively exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, namely, Bros. G. McArthur Low, F. H. Gruggen, C. Brown, Farrington, jun., and Jenkins. The addresses of the first and second chairs were ably delivered, by special desire, by Comps. Colonel Radcliffe and Tinney. The conclave was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a collation. There were no toasts.

The magistrates for the county of Surrey have rejected the petition of the inhabitants of the parishes south of the Thames for the conversion of the site of Horse-monger-lane Gaol into a public recreation ground, and the area, which is about two acres, will be put up for sale by public auction in May.

The visitors to the South Kensington Museum last week numbered 15,093.

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THE GRAND FESTIVAL

Will be held on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1880, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.
THE RIGHT HON. LORD SKELMERSDALE
In the Chair.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards.
No Tickets will be issued after Four o'clock on the day preceding the Festival.
Dinner at Six o'clock precisely.
The Musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. C. E. WILLING, Grand Organist.
Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft Clothing.
W. C. BEAUMONT,
Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.
23, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

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Patroness: H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, April 10, Col. J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by ballot of Thirteen Girls into the Institution, from a list of Forty-five approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected.

No. on List	Name	No. on Poll	Vote
30.	Osmond, E. A.	1.	1775
34.	Johnson, E. L.	2.	1687
33.	Burrell, Kate	3.	1671
7.	Cheek, L. S.	4.	1648
27.	Hale, F. P.	5.	1595
4.	Williams, E. C.	6.	1564
6.	Parker, Annie Sarah	7.	1537
26.	Harvey, J. M.	8.	1517
12.	Wyatt, M. A.	9.	1492
40.	Laycock, A. F.	10.	1435
3.	Priestley, J. S. H.	11.	1427
20.	New, F. J.	12.	1389
10.	Howle, Minnie	13.	1308

The Votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next Election, if eligible. Lists showing the Votes polled for Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates may be obtained at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.

5, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR GIRLS.

To the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I beg to tender you my most sincere thanks for the generous support accorded to my child, EMILY MABEL OSMOND, in electing her on Saturday last to the benefits of your noble and most valuable Institution.

Assuring you I shall always remember with deep gratitude the great kindness and sympathy shown to me, I am,
Ladies and Gentlemen, yours truly,
FRANCES OSMOND.

The Elms,
Stratford Green, E.,
12th April, 1880.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION
FOR GIRLS.

To the Presidents, Vice Presidents, Life Governors, and Subscribers:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Allow me to thank you for your kindness in assisting me to get my daughter, JULIET S. H. PRIESTLEY, into the Masonic Girls' School.

To the Brethren of the Charitable Association of London, who so generously took my case up, my gratitude will ever be due, nor can I ever forget the kindness of my friends in Woolwich, Plumstead, and the Province of Kent generally.

To the Brethren of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, my deceased husband's mother lodge, and to one and all who have assisted me in this good work, I most gratefully return my heartfelt thanks.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, yours respectfully,
ANNE PRIESTLEY.

Paper Warehouse,
New-road, Woolwich.
April 12th, 1880.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVO-
LENT INSTITUTION.—SECOND APPLI-
CATION.—MAY ELECTION, 1880.—Your Votes and

Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of
BRO. GEORGE ELLIOTT,

(Now of 91, Kent Street, Grimsby), aged 70 years, who was initiated in Lodge No. 248 (formerly 309), at Brixham, in the year 1846, and subscribed to it for the last 32 years. He was formerly a fisherman, but had the misfortune to lose his vessel in 1865, since which time, owing to failing sight, rheumatism, &c., he could do very little for the support of himself and family, and has been unable to make any provision for declining years. This case is strongly recommended.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, on Monday, the Twelfth day of April, 1880, V.W. Bro. Col. J. CREATON (Grand Treas.) V. Patron and Trustee, in the chair, a ballot took place for the Election of Twenty Boys from a list of Seventy-nine Candidates, the following being

SUCCESSFUL:

No.	Name	Vote
1.	Black, William	1860
2.	Hogg, John	1768
3.	Seddon, James Albert	1687
4.	Brooks, George Bertie	1625
5.	Prestwich, Ernest Edgeley	1564
6.	Colbeck, Frank	1550
7.	Thomas, John M. A.	1531
8.	Fellows, Herbert Mastern	1513
9.	Norrish, Herbert	1513
10.	Mey, George	1507
11.	Reynolds, Richard Frank	1471
12.	Moore, Ernest Stambler	1418
13.	Pike, William Thomas	1408
14.	Smith, William Henry	1385
15.	Brown, Walter Boston	1344
16.	Scott, John Sheppard	1342
17.	Kennedy, Arthur James	1315
18.	Atkinson, Charles Alfred	1309
19.	Gough, Ernest A. Brimsmead	1297
20.	Thomas, Frank Robert	1281

Lists of Candidates, Successful and Unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c, may be had on application at the Office.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
Secretary.

12th April, 1880.

The EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 30th June, 1880, on occasion the Right Hon. Lord SKELMERSDALE, R.W. Dep. Grand Master and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire has kindly consented to preside. The names of Brethren willing to represent Provinces or Lodges as Stewards will be gratefully received.

TO OUR READERS.

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To Correspondents.

APPRENTICE.—Yes; he passed through all the offices in the lodge named.

J.P.—Your communication is an advertisement.

MINSTER.—An article on the subject would certainly not be suitable to our columns.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Kumara Times," "The Egyptian Gazette," "The Hotel and Tavern Advertiser," "The Citizen," "The City Press," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Etymology of some Derbyshire Place-Names," "Bell's Life in London," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "The Freemason," Sydney, "Die New Yorker Bundes Presse," "Croydon Guardian," "Urania," "The Broad Arrow," "Brighton and Sussex Daily Post," "Der Long Islaender," "La Chaine d'Union," "Brighouse and Rastrick Gazette."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1880.

OWING to our publishing arrangements we cannot this week announce the result of the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, which we regret much. Next week, however, we shall be enabled to give to our readers a full and complete account of the day's proceedings, interesting and important in every sense as they will, we doubt not, prove to be, and with a result highly gratifying to all friends to the Girls' School. The number of Stewards is now 290.

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WE have received from Bro. HUBERT a very interesting account of the presentation to him and the complimentary gathering in remembrance and appreciation of his services to French Masonry. We as English Masons equally appreciate his Masonic career.

ITINERANT Masons are both a reflection on, and a disgrace to Freemasonry. They are, unfortunately, much on the increase, as the East Lancashire return shows. It is said, and we fear with some little truth, that the low fees prevailing in some parts of Scotland are an incentive to the admission of those for whom Masonry was not intended. There are so many excellent Masons in Scotland, that we feel sure, if the matter can be formally brought before their minds, on their part a remedy will soon be devised for this now growing evil. We shall be happy to hear the opinion of any of our brethren who have experience of the fact, or have thought over the subject.

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THE recent change in the outward appearance of the *Freemason* seems to give general satisfaction, if we may judge from the private and public communications we continue to receive. There is no "finality" in the literary arrangements and general form of the *Freemason*, and we are always open to well meant advice, and amenable to the genial influences of Masonic sympathy and support, progress and prosperity.

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THE discussions which have been going on "anent" Masonic archæology and history in our columns show clearly how much yet remains to be done before we can fairly say "Eurekamen" the clue to the safe and positive history of our great Order. We are yet, it appears to us, but on the threshold of the enquiry, as owing to defective "exegesis" and unsound criticism, to careless induction, and too hasty assent, credulous eagerness, and unscientific treatment of the matter, we have, as it were, to begin "de novo," collate authorities, verify statements, and sift traditions.

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THERE is in some quarters either a latent or an open spirit of opposition to the enquiries and researches of the Masonic student. He is sometimes regarded as a troublesome, inquisitive, meddling being, who will not leave well alone, and will be "poking his nose" everywhere. But is it not obvious to all thinking Masons that with our extended Order, with young minds and new men, comes a necessity of a more satisfactory treatment of Masonic facts, history, and evidences? Open any book you like on Masonic history, with some few modern exceptions, you find a too great readiness to record dates which are unchronological, facts which are fiction, and evidence which is not evidence, but simply tradition, which may or may not be correct, but requires sifting and analyzing. Hence the all but universal demand for something authentic.

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WE feel it right to say what we have above, and to add to it the expression of our opinion, that it is really the duty of all lodges, guarding carefully all matters which alone concern lodge work and Masonic ritualism, to allow all historical evidence to be carefully collected and published. There is no "privilege" in keeping lodge minutes shut up in dusty boxes. There is no Masonic duty involved in allowing ignorance to prevail in matters which are purely historical.

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WE have every reason to believe that we are happily in an era when healthier views prevail on this often "debateable ground," but we have spoken freely, because we know that the old feelings of 150 years ago still prevail, one of the consequences of which has been that, so far, not one of our Masonic historians is absolutely reliable as to his facts and statements. This weakness on their part was not intentional, but proceeded solely from the special conditions and opinions under which Masonry then flourished, and by which the generality of Masons then were governed.

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SOME time ago a publication appeared in Belgium called "Journal de la Maconnerie Belge," but this publication is now it seems repudiated entirely by the Grand Orient of Belgium, as having no proper authority or status. We beg our readers to note this.

WE are glad to learn that Bro. HUBERT has given up his intention of retiring from the Editorship of the "Chaine d'Union," Paris, which he has so ably conducted, he tells us, for thirty-two years.

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WE are very glad to see that the Grand Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in England has intimated to the Swiss Masonic authorities that it will attend no further congress of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite unless the name of the Great Architect of the Universe is fully recognized, together with the doctrine of the Immortality of the Soul.

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THE contest as regards the Rite Ecossais goes on in France, and will probably end in a deplorable schism, and a new body which cannot claim Masonic recognition from Cosmopolitan Masonry. We have never concealed our sympathy with the Grand Conseil in these, to us, extraordinarily un-Masonic proceedings.

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AT the meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School on Saturday last the various motions to which we called attention in our last issue were rejected by overwhelming majorities, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. CREATON having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and other formal business having been disposed of, the Court proceeded to elect thirteen inmates out of forty-five candidates.

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By a statement elsewhere it would seem that the London Masonic Charity Association has been most successful in the recent elections, having succeeded in carrying all its selected candidates in the Girls' School, as well as three cases in the Boys' School, and placing two others very forward. The use of this Association is, as our correspondent says, now patent to all, in that by its means utterly friendless children are aided to success, when, humanly speaking, success seemed almost unattainable. We are pleased to note its progress, its permanency, and its good results.

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AT the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on the 12th inst., a change was made as to the time of meeting for the Quarterly Courts of January and June, namely altering the time of meeting from twelve to four o'clock p.m. We confess that we are rather sorry to note this tendency to constant change, and to alterations in laws which have been so recently revised and settled.

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AT the Royal Masonic Benevolent election, May 21st, there are forty-eight candidates, of whom twenty-three are to be elected. Of these twenty-one are London cases, two London and provincial, and twenty-five provincial. Of the old men there are thirty-one candidates, eighteen to be elected, and of these four only are London cases; the remaining twenty-seven are provincial and colonial.

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WHAT a curious and even alarming tendency is that which we sometimes have to confront to day, namely, to slander an absent brother. A case has come recently before us, in which one brother deliberately makes a statement of another brother, publicly, but behind his back, which he knew perfectly well when he made it to be absolutely false. We presume that with an eye to business he said to himself, "I've a bad case, I'm in a deuced mess, I'll abuse the plaintiff's attorney." Most worthy man and faithful Mason! Oh, si sic omnes, we should be in a nice scrape.

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THE article on Belzoni, with the coloured illustrations, we are informed cannot possibly appear until the June number of the *Masonic Magazine*.

The installation meeting of St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305, took place at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, on Wednesday last. Bro. C. A. Smith was installed W.M. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

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.]

BRO. HOPKINS ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

I always feel a pleasure in reading the composition of my esteemed Bro. Dr. Hopkins, knowing that it is the careful digest of one who is particularly correct with regard to detail as well as general principles. In reading your issue of to-day I was very much gratified in perusing the address of my old friend (for such I have the honour to call him), Dr. H. Hopkins, on his installation as W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41. There is, however, one point in his excellent address that is not in harmony with "the severe beauty of truth," and, therefore, I know he will duly appreciate the correction. In treating upon the Anglo-Israel theory, he states: "I believe it is considered by the advocates of these views that the prophet Jeremiah went to Ireland, and settled there, and that some of his family intermarried with those of the Irish kings." This is not correct. The advocates of the identity of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel with the British nation believe that Jeremiah, who had charge of the daughter of Zedekiah (the last reigning King of Israel, who was carried captive and died in Babylon), brought the said daughter of Zedekiah, Tephia by name, and married her to the then reigning King of Ireland, on the condition that she should be allowed to worship according to the custom of her country, and introduce the service of Divine worship adopted by her people. This, I believe, is the only matrimonial alliance that the Anglo-Israelites credit Jeremiah with, and on this important issue is linked the connection of our gracious Queen with the house of King David.

Yours truly and fraternally,
JOHN CHAPMAN, P.P.G.J.D. Devon.
110, Weston-street, Sheffield,
April 10th.

MASONIC REGALIA.

"He'd undertake to prove by force
Of argument a man's no horse,"
And that the centre (to raise a quibble)
Is anywhere but in the middle.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."
Dear Sir and Brother,—

The apron argument of Bro. Horsey in your last issue reminds me of the controversial powers of Hudibras, "Who'd run in debt by disputation,
And pay with ratiocination."

The perplexity of Bro. H. seems as great as that of the gentleman who, in the days of Fenian notoriety, was sorely puzzled by the term "head centre," until he was enlightened by the lucid reasoning of a learned Irishman. The latter explained the term thus—"The head is the top and the centre is the middle; therefore a head centre is a top middle." But seriously, to Masons with a moderate share of experience the Constitutions on regalia are sufficiently explicit. For aprons, they may be summed up shortly as follows: "E.A., white lambskin; F.C., same, with two rosettes; M.M., same, with a third rosette on flap, silver tassels, sky-blue lining and edging; W.M.'s and P.M.'s, \perp levels in blue instead of rosettes. Officers and Past Officers of lodges may wear, in addition, the emblems of office in silver or white in the centre of their aprons." Bro. H.'s perplexity about the "emblems of office" and the whereabouts of the centre may be easily removed by an examination of the aprons of Grand or Prov. Grand Officers. In each of these the "emblem of office" is placed in the space under the flap and between the \perp levels, and corresponds with the jewel attached to the collar. The \perp level denotes rank, but not office. The square, level, plumb, dove, &c., &c., denote office as well as rank. In provincial lodges the emblems worn denote present office and past rank. The \perp level is a distinctive mark of the Installed Master's rank, whilst the square, the "emblem of office" for W.M.'s, denotes that the wearer is the actual W.M. for the time being. The square, with the 47th prop. of 1st book of Euclid, distinguishes the I.P.M. and all other P.M.'s who choose to wear this emblem, and is a symbol of past rank.

A knowledge of the ceremony of installation, of the First Tracing Board, of the fifth section of the First Lecture, and of the articles on regalia in the Book of Constitutions, will inform any brother completely on these points.

It will thus appear that in Craft lodges all brethren in office below the rank of an Installed Master may wear, in addition to the rosettes, the "emblems of their office" in silver or white in the space between the flap and between the rosettes; that W.M.'s and P.M.'s wear blue \perp levels instead of rosettes, and may also wear their distinctive emblems in the centre of their aprons, as defined above. Many W.M.'s and P.M.'s wear metal \perp levels, but in direct violation of the last article on regalia, where the difference between these emblems and the "emblems of office" is manifest.

I would suggest that, to prevent any possible misunderstanding either by young or old Masons, drawings of aprons to scale in reduced size—similar to those of the jewels of office—be added to all future editions of the Book of Constitutions. At first sight the matter might appear trivial, but that a great deal is signified by "clothes" all readers of "Sartor Resartus," especially all Masonic readers, will readily admit. Bro. H. has evidently confounded \perp levels with emblems of office; hence his doubts and perplexity. As to "several emblems of office" on his apron, if Bro. H. attains G.L. or Prov. G.L. rank (which I hope he may) he will have "ocular demonstration" that one will be as many as the apron can accommodate.

Yours fraternally,
E. T. BUDDEN, P.P.M., P.P.G.S.D.
12th April.

MASONIC REGALIA—APRONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Referring to Bro. Horsey's reply to "M.M." and "R. W. O." on the above subject, I think it is out of the question to assume that "the whole of the white portion of the apron" is the "centre." We might as well assume

that the centre of a square field comprises its whole area, with the exception of the hedges which surround it.

Bro. Horsey talks of the unsightliness of wearing the emblem (of office?) in the centre of the apron. Does he then think a Grand Officer's apron, which invariably has an emblem of office in its centre, so very unsightly? This, however, is not the point we are discussing.

It appears to me that Bro. Horsey is confounding the "perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines," which, like rosettes, are merely marks of rank, with squares, plumb rules, doves, &c., which are emblems of office. If his view of the matter is correct, then a Deacon might wear three doves on his apron instead of the three rosettes.

Unless, therefore, some brother can give better reasons for wearing metal "perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines," I fear I must include the apron Bro. Horsey defends amongst the So per cent. which appear to me to be unorthodox.

Yours fraternally,
W. ALFRED DAWSON,
P.M. 1768.

BRO. WILSON AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the resolution carried at the Quarterly General Court yesterday leaves me no alternative but to enforce my just claim against the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys by legal means, may I beg from you the favour to insert in your next issue my communication to them, which was read at the meeting, so that the Craft at large may know that I have exhausted every reasonable means to arrive at an amicable settlement of the matter.

As a friend of the Institution, which, I think, I may without vanity say owes a very great deal to my own personal exertions, I cannot help expressing the hope that the Governors will at the next election of the Committees show by their votes that they will not have it injured through private pique or ignorance.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
S. B. WILSON.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,
April 13th.

"27, Walbrook, E.C.,
April 9th, 1880.

"To the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

"Brethren and Gentlemen,—

"Notwithstanding the resolution passed by you at the Quarterly General Court, held on the 12th of January last, the House Committee still raise the most litigious and vexatious objections to the settlement of my account. I have from the first moment of their dispute with me offered to meet them as far as any sensible man could. When they paid me £100 on account, with the offer to refer the balance to some professional man, I immediately agreed to it, and named Sir Henry Arthur Hunt, C.B.; they refused to accept him without any other reason than that I am aware of than his being a Freemason, but why that should be a reason against his being appointed I am at a loss to conceive; indeed, their resolution refusing to appoint any Freemason as referee would preclude most of the chief men of standing in the profession from being appointed.

"On refusing to agree to Sir H. A. Hunt, they referred me to a solicitor, Mr. Stanley, and I immediately instructed my representative, Mr. Paraire, to give him any explanations which might be necessary, but up to the present time Mr. Stanley has refrained from seeing Mr. Paraire on the subject, although he has been repeatedly asked to do so.

"If I am compelled to take legal proceedings, I am aware that the Court can order me to put a price to each item; but, in that case, as my account is charged on the whole much lower than the usual professional rate, I shall have to withdraw the present amount and amend it, charging the full amount that my professional friends can support.

"I have consulted a great many architects of standing, all of whom have expressed their willingness to support me should it be necessary, and I beg to enclose copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Paraire, which shows clearly that the House Committee are not justified in treating me in the manner they are doing, for it is entirely their own fault if they have not long since received any explanations that they might have required.

"I am, Gentlemen and Brethren, yours faithfully and fraternally,
S. B. WILSON."

"474, Oxford-street, W.C.
April 7th, 1880.

"Dear Sir,—

"On again referring to your account, I see no reason to alter my opinion, as I consider the charges far below those you should have claimed under the schedule of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

"I stated in my letter to Mr. Stanley, the 16th of September, 1879, that the items were fair and reasonable. I could do no more than I then stated. I annex copy of my letter that you may judge for yourself.

"Yours truly,
EDWARD L. PARAIRE.

"S. B. Wilson.
P.S.—Any professional man of standing will support your charges."

"September 16th, 1879.

"My dear Sir,—

"I saw Mr. Wilson, and had some conversation with him respecting his claim against the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; he has let me have a copy of his account, and if you will kindly favour me with an appointment shall, without prejudice, give you what explanation I can to show that the items are fair and reasonable.

I shall be in the City to-morrow; if you could name an hour I will wait on you.

"Yours truly,
EDWARD L. PARAIRE.

"F. Stanley, Esq."

INTERFERENCE AT ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret to have to call attention to a growing evil,—the interference of the Secretaries at elections.

I venture to think that none of the paid Secretaries should have anything to do with the exchange or disposal of votes. It is forbidden, we know, in the case of each separate Institution in the laws, though the provision is frequently broken, as we all are equally aware, but I should suggest a resolution forbidding any interference by the Secretaries at any of the elections.

I am, yours fraternally,
E. L.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT ELECTION
IN MAY.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

As I know that many brethren have many votes for these excellent Charities, I beg to ask for any they can spare me, as we have every need of them for our very useful Association.

Yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent,
Hyde Park, W.
April 12, 1880.

LONDON CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

When a man, and particularly a Mason, makes a serious mistake, I hold it to be his duty to acknowledge the same; and if the error has been made and stated in print and though the press, the recantation should receive a like publicity.

Applying this rule to my own case, I am bound to confess that I never was more mistaken in my life than when I opposed, as I did in your columns more than a year ago, the formation, objects, and existence of the London Masonic Charitable Association. I was imperfectly informed as to the intentions of its founders, and I failed to comprehend the work which they proposed to accomplish. Having, to use a colloquial expression, got hold of the stick by the wrong end—I was firmly persuaded that mine was the right end—and I wrote several letters to you, which you were good enough to print, proving entirely to my own satisfaction that the London Association was a huge and most mischievous blunder. I think I characterised it by that much-abused term "un-Masonic," and I certainly ventured to predict its speedy and ignominious collapse.

It is only right and fair to say that these strictures of mine were both ungenerous and unjust, and events have shown my predictions to be erroneous. Having now had more than a year's experience of the London Charitable Association, I say, without hesitation, that its work is a good work; and very far from desiring to witness its failure, I should regard its extinction as nothing less than a calamity. As a regulating body its services in our elections are simply invaluable, and I have abundant evidence to show that it has indirectly been the means of drawing many contributions to our Charities by stimulating the zeal of brethren who had before taken little interest in the life of our Masonic Institutions.

And, above all, it has secured the election of many friendless and poor orphan children who, without the kind and generous aid of the London Association, would have failed hopelessly in gaining admission to our Schools.

I trust that you will be able to give this a place in your columns; and I do not fear that I shall suffer in the good esteem of worthy Masons by this unqualified and unconditional withdrawal of an opinion founded on error, and fostered unwittingly by prejudice.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOS. EDMONDSTON,

W.M. 1669, P.M. and Treas. 1658.

London, 13th April.

Reviews.

THE REALITIES OF FREEMASONRY. By Mrs. BLAKE. Chapman and Hall. Second notice.

We reprint with entire approval of them the following pertinent remarks of our contemporary, the *Graphic*. They very much represent our own views on the subject: "To speak candidly, we feel an inclination to 'fight shy' of 'The Realities of Freemasonry,' by Mrs. Blake. Interesting and attractive as the book undoubtedly is, the non-Masonic reader cannot help feeling a little uneasy as to the truth and reliability of the matter it contains; because, since secrecy is a distinctive feature of the Craft, 'how comes it,' he asks, 'that all these details of the inner Masonic life are allowed to be published?' On the other hand, a Freemason would be inclined to regard the book with some amusement; for he, and he alone, is able to see how often and how naively the author has wandered into error. We should scarcely be serving any good end, from a Masonic point of view, in doing so; but we could point out several very patent blunders into which Mrs. Blake has fallen, or has been led. She has made copious use of the misleading 'Manual' by Carlile (whose name she persists in mis-spelling with a 'y,' and who was, we believe, expelled from the Order, and is generally repudiated by Masons); and of Findel's 'History,' as well as the works of several other writers on this mysterious topic. She scornfully denies that the history of the Order dates earlier than the Middle Ages—a proposition which Masons will as scornfully reject. Ament this point, we should like to hear what she has to say regarding the recently discovered symbols on the obelisk lately presented to the United States. But, allowing for all its faults and the difficulties in which the question is involved, we cannot see that the book will serve any good purpose; and, to us at least, it is but another volume of doubtfulness on a subject already overflowing with mysterious uncertainties."

CHAINE D'UNION, for March and April. Edited by Bro. HUBERT, Paris.

We have received an unusually interesting number of this always ably edited Masonic magazine. We rejoice to think that Bro. Hubert continues to act as editor. The *Chaine d'Union* is completely identified with Bro. Hubert, and has a good wish got to-day.

PROCES-VERBAL, &c. LOUIS HUGONIS, 19, Passage Verdeau, Paris.

This is an interesting account of a meeting and presentation to Bro. Hubert for his long and faithful services to the Craft. No honour has been more truly earned nor more Masonically deserved.

MAGAZINES.

We omitted to notice in our last "The Contemporary," which, however, like several others, works upon a "terrain," where as Freemasons we cannot follow it. We cannot discuss political complications or affairs of State.

"The Atlantic Monthly" will be especially welcome to the "Men of Kent."

"The Gentleman's Magazine." Those of us who re-

membered it in older form, and appreciated "Sylvanus Urban," will hardly, we fancy, take to it in its new "line of county." Praised once sang of "Trifles for the 'Morning Post,' and 'nothings' for 'Sylvanus Urban,'" but with the old "Gentleman's Magazine" are bound up many pleasant associations. It is marked, however, now by much able writing.

We also can mention favourably "The Argosy," "Belgravia," "Time," "North American Review," and the "Victorian Review," as well as "The American Art Review." Indeed, the multitude of monthly magazines is a serious trial for us all.

MAY'S BRITISH AND IRISH PRESS GUIDE. F. L. May and Co., 150, Piccadilly, London.

This carefully compiled press guide has just made its appearance for 1880, and fully bears out the statement of the publishers that they "have, in accordance with their usual custom, endeavoured to increase the utility of the work by improved arrangement of the contents." We have tested the information given in several instances, and in many cases have not only found what we looked for correctly given, but more than we had expected. The statistics at page 4, giving a return of the Press of to-day under various aspects, are of considerable interest, and add much to the value of the "Guide."

MUSIC.

BRAMHAM MOOR AND THE FIVE-AND-TWENTY COUPLE. W. POLLIN and T. S. LEE. Cramer and Co.

All Yorkshiremen have heard of Bramham Moor and George Lane Fox. We understand that this "morceau" is spoken of as a good and spirited composition.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

SOLOMON'S SEAL.

As I see in the last *Freemason*, as quoted from the *Gentleman's Magazine*, that the Pentacle and Pentagram, or Pentegram, is called Solomon's Seal, I beg to observe that this is a complete fallacy and error. Solomon's seal is the Hexapla or Hexagram, the double triangle emblem of the Royal Arch. The "Pentaculum Salomonis," or five-pointed star, is a figure of the Hebrew cabalistical formula, and as such incorporated in mediæval charms, and preserved in Hermetic writings, but it is not Solomon's seal. It has no doubt been called Pythagorean, and if so is probably traceable to Egyptian symbolism. Both the Pentagram and Hexagram are of very old use. See also *Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Had not Sir Christophen Wren a son called Christopher, and was he a member of the Lodge of Antiquity? Had he not also a grandson? Was it not from the papers of the grandson that Ames published the *Parentalia*?

MASONIC STUDENT.

Bro. Gould will find the Latin diary of Sir Christopher in *Elmes's Life*, where it purports to be given "verbatim" and "in extenso." If it is neither, it is of course worthless for the purpose of evidence or argument.

MASONIC STUDENT.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Bro. Gould a little misunderstands the drift of my few remarks. They were not meant to discourage enquiry or disparage criticism, in both of which, I believe, with himself, and in both of which he is doing good service. But what I was afraid of was this, that in our haste to arrive at something better than mere Masonic tradition we were going to do away with Masonic tradition altogether. This I hold, with all due deference to Bro. Gould, to be a mistake. Let us take Wren as an example of this. So far as Bro. Gould has most ably pointed out, all the evidence of his connection with Freemasonry is based on tradition, and that tradition first published by Anderson in 1738. Aubrey's evidence, such as it is, was first, I believe, alluded to by the Halliwell in 1842 or thereabouts. This evidence of Anderson is that on which the statements of all subsequent Masonic writers rest. Now this fact I freely admit. But where I wish to put in a "caveat" is here. Though this be admittedly so, it does not, nevertheless, shut out another fact, that we may yet stumble upon evidences confirming the connection of Wren with Freemasonry; and so I venture once again to-day to ask Bro. Gould not too decisively to pronounce against the "Wren tradition." We are always in danger in Freemasonry of two extremes—hyper-credulity and hyper-incredulity—and at present I venture, pleading the privilege of old age and grey hairs, to recommend caution and hesitation.

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P.S.—If it be true, as I hope it is, that there is a chance of some publication, sooner or later, of the archives of "Old Antiquity," I for one would rather not speak positively now one way or the other.

MASONIC STATUTES.

(Continued from page 158.)

Though the preceding note refers to the "Social" as distinguished from the "Craft" Guilds, it applies with equal force to the latter of these associations. Mr. Smith says:—(P. 150) "The absence of any ordinances in the returns made (to the law of 1388) by the Craft Gilds is much to be regretted. The ordinances of the Gilds of Crafts would be of quite as much interest as those of the Social Gilds." This deficiency, however, he himself supplies, and we find (at p. 315), amongst the ordinances of the Craft Guild of Tailors, at Exeter, that there were to be four days of regular meeting of the Guild—"and att that dayes, the othe and the Ordynawse-ys and Constytusyon shall be radde."

In a petition to Parliament against this Guild (22 Edw. IV.), by the Mayor and Corporation of Exeter, it is complained that "they oft-tymes haue made and caused to be made dyvers Conuenticules, Commocions," etc. The expression *Conuenticules* would seem to be here employed in the sense of irregular or unlawful "Chapters" or secret meetings. Colour is lent to this supposition by the phraseology of a proclamation of the "Mair, Shirreues, and Aldermen" of the City of London in 1383 (7 Rich. II.) which orders—"that noman make none Congracions,

Conuenticules, ne assembles of people in priue neu apert (in private nor openly), withoute leue of the Mair; ne ouer more in none manere ne make alliances, confederacies, conspiracies, ne obligacions forto bynde men to gidre; upon peyne of empresonement, vche (each) man that is yfounde in swych defeaute, and his hodi at the Kyngges will" etc.

There can, it is conceived, be but little doubt that at the *General Meetings (or Assemblies)* of all Crafts, Mysteries and Fraternities, by which names the trade Guilds of the middle ages were indifferently described, it was the practice to regulate the price of their merchandise or of their labour, and to assert the prerogative of domestic legislation, by passing such ordinances as they deemed suitable and necessary for the proper government of their members. Such a remarkable occurrence moreover, as the Assembly of all the members of the building trades, in a general convocation, besides conflicting with the inherent and independent Constitutions of the individual Crafts, which were marked features of the Guild system, would have been handed down to us on more certain authority than the preamble of an ancient statute, and the apocryphal records of our subsisting fraternity.

In a sister kingdom, where "the legend of the Guilds" points to Kilwinning as the birth-place of Scottish Masonry, the feature of an "annual assembly" has similarly been engrafted on the old Masonic tradition. Commenting thereupon, Bro. D. M. Lyon observes:—

"He (Bro. Laurie) does not seem to have been staggered in his belief by reflecting on the improbability of Masons from Aberdeen, Perth, St. Andrews, Edinburgh, and other places, in an age when long journeys were attended with both difficulties and dangers, travelling to a distant obscure hamlet to adjust differences in connection with their handicraft. Altogether, the story of the 'Hereditary Grand Master' and his annual assemblies at Kilwinning is so myth-like, that we decline to accept it as a historical fact."—*Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges."*

I have received a communication from Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, Rector of Wath, P.M. 837, and P.P.G. Chaplain, in which he tells me he has found amongst some old papers, late the property of Dr. Stukeley, a tracing of part of "the first and last pages in a vellum MS., being Constitutions of the Freemasons, exhibited at the yearly meeting of the same at Stationers' Hall on St. John's Day, 1721, by Mr. Payn, then Grand Master, 24th June." First page: "Thonked be God our glorious fadir and foudler and former of heven and of erthe, and off all thyngis that in hym is: that he wolde foche save of his glorious Godhed for to make so mony thyngis of divers verke for mankynd. for he made all thyngis for to be obedient and sojet to man for all thyngis that ben comestible of holsome nature he . . ." Last page: "That as well the lowist are as the hiest schuld be well and trowly servyd in his art bifore said thorowout all the kyngdom of England. Amen. So mote it be."

Bro. Lukis has also found a letter written by Bro. James Anderson, addressed to Samuel Gale, a Freemason, and son of the Dean of York, dated Feb. 26, 1731, in which he speaks of Counsellor Edwards, of Lincoln's Inn, as being then "Warden of the Horn Lodge, of which the Duke of Richmond is Master."

Is the original of the above tracing now in existence?

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

[We think that this is taken from what is called Matthew Cooke's MS., but we will carefully collate next week. In the meantime we invite Bro. Hugh's attention to it as well.—Ed.]

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I should be greatly obliged to any brother who would lend me this work, published I think in 1877?

R. F. GOULD.

NETHERLANDS.—The history of Freemasonry in the Netherlands is somewhat obscure; and recent investigations have made it still more uncertain. We must give up, we apprehend, the story of the Lodge Het Vredendal, &c., and confine ourselves to 1731, when an occasional Grand Lodge, under a warrant from Lord Lovel, is stated to have met, Dr. Désaguliers being the W.M., for the purpose of initiating Francis, Duke of Lorraine, afterwards the Emperor Francis I. It is but fair to say there is no record of such a proceeding in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England; but that is no argument against the correctness of it. It would appear that a Count Vincent de la Chapelle, either on the 30th September or the 10th November, 1734, founded a lodge under the name "Loge du Grand Maître des Provinces Réunies et du Ressort de la Généralité." Some say that this was a Grand Lodge, and Vincent de la Chapelle Grand Master; but of this there is no proof, as in 1735 J. Cornelius Rademaker is said to have received a patent from England as Prov. G.M., and in October, 1735, is called by the Dutch papers Grand Maître. In 1735 the meetings were suppressed by edict, but this prohibition was repealed about 1740, and from that time Masonic works were openly published, and the lodges appear to have met. In 1749 the "Loge du Grand Maître" took the name of "Loge de l'Union Royale," and in 1756 began a movement for a Grand Lodge, which on the 25th December that year was completed; for then the representatives of fourteen lodges, under Bro. Dagrán, assembled at The Hague, and on the 27th the Grand Lodge was formed, Baron von Aessern Beyern van Hongerheide, a military officer, being proclaimed Grand Master; and Baron von Bötzelar, also a military officer, being elected D.G.M. We need not follow its fortunes further than to say that in 1816 Prince Frederick Charles was elected Grand Master, and is still its Grand Master. In 1863 there were, under the Grand Orient, "Groot Osten der Nederlanden," 38 lodges in 32 towns, in activity; 5 at Amsterdam, 3 at Rotterdam, and at the rest one each; 4 lodges in Batavia, and some at the Cape of Good Hope, and 15 dormant. The number of Masons in Holland is not large,—probably about 2000.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Alderman Bull, of Bedford, which sad event took place on Saturday last, in North Wales, whither he had gone to vote.

J. E. SHAND & Co., "Fair Traders," Registered Wine and Spirit Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Adv't.]

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN NOKE.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. John Noke, P.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, at his residence, 11, Clarence-street, Old Kent-road. The deceased, who had, through the infirmities of age, been confined to his room ever since last November, sank to his rest at half-past seven o'clock on Friday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Noke was born on the 4th November, 1798, and entered upon his Masonic career on the 13th December, 1837. He was initiated in the Vitruvian Lodge, held at the Crown Inn, College-street, Lambeth, and was raised to the Third Degree on 14th February, 1838. Having fulfilled all the subordinate offices of the lodge, he was installed as Master at the January meeting of 1843. He subsequently discharged in the same lodge the duties of Secretary for twelve years, and those of Treasurer for eight years. In the various offices held by him he gave the highest satisfaction. He was ever ready to promote the interests of the lodge, and was always regarded by his numerous associates as an authority on matters affecting the fraternity. His familiar face in lodges of instruction on the Surrey side of the Thames, where he acted as Preceptor, will no doubt be missed for many years to come. Bro. Noke, who was perfectly resigned to his fate, retained his faculties to the last. It is satisfactory to note that the remaining days of his exemplary life were passed in comparative comfort, owing in a great measure to the assistance afforded him by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which he was elected as an annuitant on 19th May, 1871. The Craft lose in him an earnest advocate of its principles, and his associates a sincere and genial companion.

BRO. DR. EDGAR GEORGE POTTLE.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. Dr. Edgar George Pottle, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., which took place on Friday, the 9th inst., at the early age of forty years, after a long illness borne with that cheerful resignation which characterised his every action in life. Bro. Pottle was initiated in the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, in May, 1870, was appointed P.G.S.B. for Heits, in 1876, and after serving all the minor offices in the lodge was elected W.M. in 1878; he was exalted in the Victoria Chapter in 1872, and joined the St. Leonards Lodge at its consecration; he was a subscriber to all the Masonic Charities, and honorary surgeon to the Honourable Artillery Company. Amongst his friends he was a most genial companion and lively wit, of a kind and generous disposition that made itself felt like a ray of sunshine in whatever society he mixed. His death will be lamented by a large circle of friends, by whom he was much and deservedly respected, as well as by the poor of his parish, to whom his kindly counsel and cheerful encouragement in time of suffering lent a peculiar charm to his professional advice and remedies. The funeral took place at Highgate Cemetery, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The burial service was read by the Rev. Mr. Webster of St. Mark's, Old-street. There was a large attendance of friends and brethren from his lodges and chapter, as well as many of the parishioners and poor, by all alike deeply regretted.

Mark Masonry.

OLD KENT LODGE.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 14th April, 1880, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. Present: Bros. E. C. Mather, W.M.; Henry Venn, S.W.; James Moon, J.W.; Rev. D. Shaboc, Chaplain; H. Dicketts, M.O.; W. B. Date, S.O.; J. O. Wood, J.O.; D. M. Dewar, Secretary; J. L. Mather, S.D.; Thos. Keene, D.C.; John Ramsey, I.G.; Jos. Tanner, Steward; Jas. Rawles, Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Wynne, Binckes, Rosenthal, and Roebuck, and Bros. Soppet, Pinder, Gimmingham, Christian, Anderson, Silvester, Leaman, Solomon, Dore. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G.M.; F. Davison, G. Treasurer; H. C. Levander, G. Registrar; W. W. Westcott, No. 162; John C. Cox, No. 144. The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Levander and Money were elected joining members, and Bro. Dore, after approval by ballot, was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Bro. Henry Venn was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by P.M. Dewar, and appointed and invested his officers. The Rev. G. R. Portal, Past Grand Master, was elected an honorary member. Bro. E. C. Mather having intimated his intention to serve as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival on 7th July next, £5 5s. were voted on his list. Some notices of motion were given, and after the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet.

MALTA.—Keystone Lodge (No. 107, E.C.).—A largely attended meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Valetta. Besides the W.M. and his officers, and several members of the lodge, the P.G.M.; D.P.G.M.; G.S.W.; G. Secretary; G. Treasurer; G.M.O.; G.I.G.; G. Organist; and G. Sword Bearer were present, as well as many visitors from Lodge 248, E.C.; and 387, I.C.; also the R.W.D.G.M. (Craft), Bro. W. Kingston, P.M. :07. Several ballots being taken, the P.G.M., W. Bro. Broadley, at the request of the W.M., advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M. the following candidates, viz.: Bros. Tayar, Burt, Pearce, McCoy, Baldacchino, and Abbott, P.M. Zetland Lodge, No. 515; Alsop, of Harbour of Refuge Lodge, No. 764; Jones, of Glamorgan Lodge, No. 36; Lockett, of Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1424; and Cornett, of Bermuda Lodge, No. 358. The ceremony being satisfactorily completed, the brethren present adjourned to a banquet, at the hospitable invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Keystone Lodge.

Knights Templar.

MALTA.—Melita Grand Preceptory.—A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Hall on the 6th inst., at five p.m. The preceptory having been opened by E. Sir K. Broadley, P.E.P., the M.E.P. Prior, Sir K. W. Kingston, was announced, and received under the arch of steel. The E.P. elect, Sir K. C. E. Coffey, was then presented to him by P.E.P.'s Broadley and [Second, and

duly installed in the chair. He then appointed his officers, Major Ewing being Constable; Captain Blake, Marshal; and Watson, Chaplain. The E.P. then admitted to the Order Comp. J. W. Starkey, of the William Kingston Chapter, No. 407 (D.G. Sec.) Some current business being disposed of, the preceptory was duly closed.

The P. Priory was opened at eight o'clock p.m., the Prov. Prior (accompanied by his St. B. and Aide-de-Camp) being received with the honours due to his rank. The P. Prior appointed and invested the following P. Officers (reserving the other posts for the nominations of the V.E. Sub-Prior Gilbard at Gibraltar, who was re-appointed): Sir Knights A. M. Broadley (P.P. Prelate), Chancellor; Watson, Prelate; Coffey, Constable; Segond, Treas.; Starkey, Reg.; Ewing, Vice-Chancellor; Walker, Captain of Guards; Grier, Aide-de-Camp; and Beck, Equerry. On the motion of the P. Chancellor, seconded by Sir K. Captain F. R. Beechey, P.P. Constable, a vote of thanks was offered to M.E. Sir K. Kingston, for the efficient way he had represented his province in England, and for his exertions in procuring the beautiful collars of office with which the P. Officers had been that night invested. The P. Priory was then closed, and the M.E.P. Prior retired under the arch of steel.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The Alexandra Palace Lodge of Instruction meets every Saturday at 7.30, at the Loughborough Masonic Club, Station Approach-road, Loughborough. Bro. E. R. Stacey, p.m., Preceptor.

The meetings of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, which were held at the Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, are adjourned until further notice.

The first Masonic ball ever organised in connection with the Craft at Swansea took place on the 2nd inst. in the Music Hall. It was a decided success, several hundreds being present, including many of the *élite* of the neighbourhood. We have pleasure in stating that a handsome surplus exists, after defraying all expenses, which will be distributed between the Masonic Charities.

The preparations for laying the foundation stones of the Truro Cathedral are progressing. The Committee, which met on Saturday, the 10th inst., decided to entrust the erection of the Grand Stand to Messrs. J. N. Julian and Sons, builders, &c., of Truro. The stand is to consist of two large structures, occupying the entire space at all available of the Cathedral-yard and site of all the old buildings now being cleared away for the purpose, and is calculated to seat about 5000 persons. This erection, if well decorated, will have an imposing effect, and be a great convenience to visitors.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, on April 21st. Lodge opens at seven o'clock p.m.

The Sheriffs of London will support the Lord Mayor on the occasion of his presiding at the anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension Corporation on the 11th May.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, was held on Wednesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

The annual ball of the Honourable Artillery Company proved a great success, the guests numbering nearly two hundred. The usual evening party will be given on May 12th.

An excellent portrait of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton appeared in last week's *Pictorial World*.

It is the intention of the promoters of the Dramatic Fine Art Gallery to admit the public free on Shakespeare's birth-anniversary (Friday, the 23rd inst.)

A presentation banquet to Bro. Speedy, of the South London Music Hall, was given by Mr. Poole and friends at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday last.

The Sanitary Institute of Great Britain have accepted the invitation to hold their annual congress in Exeter this year.

Mr. G. B. Black of Regent-street, has just published a lithographic portrait of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, in his official robes. The likeness is to the life, and is worthy of the reputation Mr. Black has acquired in artistic portraiture.

In the absence of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sheriff Woolton presided on Wednesday at the opening, by the London and Provincial Coffee Palace Company, of their tenth establishment since the commencement of their operations in March last. The new place of business is styled the Finsbury Coffee Palace, and is situated in Finsbury-place.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon Mr. Best, the Organist of St. George's Hall, Liverpool, a pension of £100 a year from Her Majesty's Civil List in recognition of his services to music.

The Lord Mayor has received a letter from Mr. Moir, President of St. Kitts, one of the Leeward Islands, giving as account of a terrible calamity that has befallen parts of the island owing to a tremendous flood, which has brought severe suffering upon many of the inhabitants. To Mr. Moir's appeal for help, his lordship replies that while he is unable to open a fund at the Mansion House he feels that when the facts are known public sympathy will be shown in a practical form.

For the better and more costly kind of Masonic Jewels a great saving can be made by getting them direct from the manufactory. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son made the most costly badge in the kingdom for the Mayor of Liverpool, and many others, and many of the sheriffs' badges and chains. The firm are now supplying the nobility and gentry (direct) at the same prices as they have for forty years served the best houses in London and the country, and co-operative stores. Messrs. J. R. Williams and Son have always been celebrated for specially fine diamond work and choice gem rings. The two advantages thus offered to the public are far superior quality and an immense saving in price. Manufactory and warehouse, 108, Hatton-garden, E.C. The usual saving is 20 to 60 per cent. Bridesmaids' locketts and all kinds of jewellery for wedding presents. Dealers in diamonds, pearls, and coloured gems, loose or mounted. Elegant designs furnished (gratis) for re-mounting diamond work. Catalogues sent post free on application.—[ADVT.]

The installation meeting of the Wanderers' Lodge, 1603, took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. C. Smith, P.M., founder of the Ivy Lodge, No. 145, has, we hear, retired from the membership of the lodge. Bro. Smith, who had the honour to be appointed a First Master, is now fulfilling the duties of acting I.P.M. of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, with which recently established lodge he will in future be identified.

It is much to be regretted that the Crystal Palace picture gallery is to be let to a foreign picture dealer, and that the nature of the gallery will be therefore very much changed. During the last twenty-two years the gallery has been under the management of Mr. C. W. Vass, and public opinion says that it has been well and faithfully conducted throughout that period. That the control of this popular department should be given to a dealer, no matter how excellent an individual he may be, is certainly not a change for the better.—*City Press*.

The Prince of Wales, K.G., has consented to preside at the dinner to be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Saturday, 22nd May, in aid of the funds of the Princess Helena College, formerly called the Adult Orphan Institution, St. Andrew's-place, Regent's-park, where the orphan daughters of clergymen and of naval and military officers are educated as governesses.

The anniversary festival of the British Orphan Asylum, which is situated at Mackenzie Parn, Slough, was held at Willis's Rooms last evening, when about 230 ladies and gentlemen sat down to dinner. Lord Chelmsford occupied the chair. The secretary announced that the subscriptions amounted to £2233.

A Maclean's telegram from Paris says that at the billiard match on Wednesday night Mr. Slosson, although losing the match, obtained the honours of the evening, his breaks of 1103, 343, 237, and 104 attracting much attention. M. Vignaux scored 106 and 193, and then finished the game of 4000 by a break of 243. Mr. Slosson's total score was 3118.

A public meeting took place outside the Tower of London on Saturday last, presided over by Mr. H. Juppson, of Shadwell, which had for its object the bringing about of some change in the existing arrangements for free admissions to the Tower.

Our much respected and esteemed Bro. Edward Hyde Hewett, P.M. of the Lodge of Nine Muses, No. 235, member of the Henry Muggerridge Lodge, No. 1679, P.S. of the St. James's Chapter, No. 2., and an active and zealous member of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, is about to proceed to the Western Coast of Africa, having been appointed by Her Majesty the Queen British Consul for the Island of Fernando Po.

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House and Home for Saturday last gives a striking portrait of Bro. Sir John Bennett.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left London on Wednesday afternoon for Basset Park on a visit to the Duchess of Connaught.

We regret to state that, up to Thursday morning, no information had been received at the Admiralty respecting the missing training ship the *Atalanta*.

The Queen and the Prince of Wales have sanctioned the erection of statues of themselves in niches of the column which is to be built to mark the ancient boundary of London at Temple Bar. The column will, it is hoped, be completed in the course of this summer.

The Imperial Theatre at the Aquarium is used regularly only in the afternoon. In the evening it is often devoted to benefits. Next Monday evening it will be used for a dramatic performance in aid of the Printers' Pension Almshouse and the Orphan Asylum Corporation. The Routledges, the Friiths, the younger Cruikshanks, and Mr. George J. Dawson, are to take part in the performance. The Duke of Cambridge gives his countenance; Lord Mayor Truscott and the sheriffs are to be present. A comely one act of "Hamlet" and a farce are to be given.

The fourth and last of M. Ernest Renan's Hibbert Lectures was delivered on Wednesday evening before a numerous and distinguished audience at St. George's Hall, when Dr. Martineau, on behalf of the Hibbert Trustees, thanked M. Renan for his addresses, which were described as having exhibited a series of striking historical scenes rich in picturesque colouring and presented with inexhaustible literary charm.

The returns of emigration issued on Wednesday morning by the Liverpool Emigration Office show that with the revival of trade an enormous increase of emigration has taken place. The total number of emigrants who sailed from the Mersey in March was 13,363, against 5954 in March, 1879, while for the quarter ending last month the total was 23,764, against 10,327 in the same period last year. The large majority of the emigrants go to the United States, the number last month being 12,167. All the regular steamers leaving Liverpool for America have the whole of the passenger accommodation occupied.

Her Majesty has been pleased to summon William Archer Amherst, Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M., Kent, to the Upper House, by the title of Baron Amherst of Montreal. His lordship is the eldest son of the second Earl of Amherst, by Gertrude, daughter of the late Hon. and Right Rev. Dr. Percy, Bishop of Carlisle. He was born in 1836, was educated at Eton, entered the Coldstream Guards in 1854, and served in the Eastern campaign in the same year, being present at the battles of Balaklava and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded. He became lieutenant and captain in 1855, and retired from the service in 1862, in which year he married Lady Julia, only daughter of the last Earl of Cornwallis.

Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the Charges, Regulations, E.A. Song, &c. A copy should be in the possession of every brother. It may be obtained for 2s. at the office of the *Freemason*, or will be sent post-free to any part of the United Kingdom on receipt of twenty-five penny stamps. Address, Publisher, 198, Fleet-street, London.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, April 23, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 17.

- Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Town Hall, Hackney.
- " 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
- " 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., W. Hammersmith.

Metropolitan Order of St. Lawrence.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
- Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
- Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
- " 8, British, F.M.H.
- " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
- " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
- " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
- " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
- " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Hot.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- K.T. Precep. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Neptune, Warrior Hot., Brixton, at 7.
- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
- Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30.
- Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 8.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
- West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
- British Oak, Bank of Friendship Tav., Mile End.
- Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8.
- St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
- John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas-rd., N., at 8.
- Kilburn, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
- Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
- " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
- " 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old-bdg.
- " 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters-rd.
- Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, F., 7.30.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
- Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
- Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

- Com. Grand Chapter, at 3.
- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
- " Grand Stewards.
- " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 190, Oak, F.M.H.
- " 700, Nelson, M.H., Woolwich.

- Lodge 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
- " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, N. Wandsworth.
- " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
- " 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
- " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
- " 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq., Pimlico.
- " 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.
- Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
- Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W. at 8.45.
- Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Marc-st., Hackney, S.
- United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 66, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
- " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
- " 861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
- " 871, Royal Oak, White Swan T., High-st., Deptford.
- " 1563, City of Westminster, Regent M.H., 8, Air-st.
- Chap. 534, Polish National, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
- Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
- Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
- Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
- Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
- United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.
- Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
- Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
- West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
- North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
- " 569, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qtrs. Hon. Artillery C., City-rd.
- " 1601, Ravensbourne, Lewisham T.H., Catford Bdg.
- Chap. 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
- Rose Croix St. George, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., from 6 to 8.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
- Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
- Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 24, 1880.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge 613, Unity, Palatine-bdgs., Southport.
- " 703, Clifton, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
- " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
- " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1276, Warren, Liscard.
- " 1570, Prince Arthur, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Merchants' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Bootle L. of I., 146, Bury-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
- " 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- " 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
- " 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- " 537, Zetland, M.C., Birkenhead.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.
- " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
- Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
- De Grey and Ripon L. of I., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
- " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
- Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

- Chap. 680, Sefton, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 24, 1880.

MONDAY, APRIL 19.

- Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Mumps, Oldham.
- " 934, Merit, Derby Hot., Whitefield.
- " 1030, Egerton, George Hot, Heaton Norris.
- " 1176, St. George, M.H., Manchester.
- Chap. 37, Concord, M.H., Bolton.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

- Lodge 1052, Callender, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1534, Concord, Chester Bank, Prestwich.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.

- Lodge 116, Royal Lancashire, Swan Hot., Colne.
- " 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
- " 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.
- " 277, Friendship, M.H., Oldham.
- " 325, St. John, M.H., Salford.
- " 581, Faith, Drivers' Inn, Openshaw.
- " 633, Yarborough, M.H., Manchester.
- " 1129, St. Chad, Roebuck Hot., Rochdale.
- " 1161, De Grey & Ripon, Denmark Hot., Greenheys.
- " 1218, Prince Alfred, Commercial Hot., Mossley.
- " 1634, Starkie, Railway Hot., Ramsbottom.
- Chap. 344, Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22.

- Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton.
- " 283, Amity, Swan Hot., Haslingden.
- " 344, Faith, Bull's Head, Radcliffe.
- " 346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Sarnesbury.
- " 348, St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bolton.
- " 350, Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.
- " 369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
- " 462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.
- " 816, Royd's, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle.
- " 935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- BOTTERELL.—On the 12th inst., at Thornhill Park, Sunderland, the wife of Mr. J. Dumville Botterell, of a son.
- MCCOY.—On the 12th inst., at 93, Lexham-gardens, South Kensington, the wife of Mr. Washington Jackson McCoy, of a daughter.
- WALKER.—On the 12th inst., at 72, Stamford-street, S.E., the wife of the Rev. A. Walker, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- BLAKE—LEAHY.—On the 10th inst., at Trinity Church, Chelsea, by the Rev. Gilbert Beresford, Thomas Naish Blake, of Gosport, to Fannie, daughter of the late Mr. Theophilus Leahy, of Chelsea.
- BRITTEN—SPOOR.—On the 10th inst., at the parish church, Ecclesall, Sheffield, Henry, son of Mr. David Britten, Shenfield, Essex, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. Richard Spoor, Sheffield.
- ELLISON—WILLIAMS.—On the 13th inst., at Christ Church, Forest-hill, by the Rev. T. C. D. Morse, Fred W. Ellison, of Gatford, son of the late Dr. Kitching Ellison, to Inez, daughter of Mr. Thomas Williams, J.P., of Birkenhead.
- OHRLY—GORTON.—On the 7th inst., at Buxted, Sussex, by the Rev. John Phillip Gell, Henry Gerad Ohrly, of Ridgeley Oak, Reigate, to Charlotte Elizabeth Gorton, of Buxted, and Pembury-road, Clapton.

DEATHS.

- BACK.—On the 12th inst., at 5, Clifton-terrace, Putney, Elizabeth Anna, wife of Mr. William Mercer Back, aged 64.
- BAILLIE-HAMILTON.—On the 8th inst., at Swilly, near Plymouth, Augusta, wife of Mr. Gerard Baillie-Hamilton.
- BULL.—On the 10th inst., suddenly, Bro. Alderman Bull, of Bedford.
- ROCHUSSEN.—On the 12th inst., suddenly, T. A. Rochussen, Esq., of 23, Abchurch-lane, City, and St. Hildas, Laurie Park, Sydenham.