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## GRAND FESTIVAL.

Grand Festival was held, according to custom, on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, at five o'clock in the evening, and was formed of the following Grand and Past Grand Officers:

Bros. the Rt. Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, D.G.M.; Lord Kensington, Senior G.W.; Major Gen. the Hon. Somerset J. G. Calthorpe, J.G.W.; Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chap.; Col. Creaton, G. Treas.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G.Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, President Board Gen. Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. G. Correspondence; George Mellor, S.G.D.; Matthew Clark, J.G.D.; John Gibson, G. Supt. of Wks.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G. Dir. of Cer.; George Burt, Asst. G. Dir. of Cer.; Samuel Mullens, G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, G. Org.; W. Wilson, G. Purs.; James Kench, Asst. G. Purs.; Col. Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Gen. G. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. M.P., P.G.M. Sussex; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Edward Tyrrell Leith, D.G.M. Bombay; G. Graham, D.G.M. Auckland; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W.; Capt. W. Platt, P.G.W.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Kuhle, P.G.C.; Rev. W. Hayes, P.G.C.; Blackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; L. P. Metham, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hulton, P.G.D.; J. Percy Leith, P.G.D.; John Anthony Rucker, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., P. Asst. G. Director of Ceremonies; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Jas. Mason, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; S. G. Foxall, P.G. Purs.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purs.; and J. W. Wright, P.G. Purs.

There were about 700 brethren present, including the "purple."

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, Grand Secretary read that portion of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March which related to the election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Grand Master for the year ensuing.

The following officers were also appointed:

Bro. The Earl of Carnarvon .....	Pro G.M.
" Lord Skelmersdale .....	Deputy G.M.
" The Earl of Onslow .....	S.G.W.
" Sir F. W. Truscott (Lord Mayor of London) .....	J.G.W.
" Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope .....	G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Arthur Percival Purey-Cust (Dean of York) .....	G. Treas.
" Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton .....	G. Reg.
" E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P. .....	Pres. B. of G.P.
" Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A. (Town Clerk of London) .....	G. Sec.
" Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke .....	G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
" Dr. Ernest Emil Wendt .....	S.G. Deacons.
" R. F. Gould and Bro. F. Richardson .....	J.G. Deacons.
" Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Bury and Bro. J. H. Scott .....	G. Supt. of Wks.
" John Gibson, R.A. .....	G. Dir. of Cer.
" Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) .....	A.G. Dir. of Cer.
" Magnus Ohren .....	G. Svd. Br.
" Charles Greenwood .....	G. Org.
" C. S. Jekyll .....	Asst. G. Sec.
" H. G. Buss .....	G. Purs.
" James Kench .....	

Bro. William Clarke ... Asst. G. Purs.  
" H. Sadler ... G. Tyler.  
Grand Secretary then read the names of the following brethren as Grand Stewards of the year:

Bro.	Lodge	
Bro. H. B. Brown .....	1	
" E. A. Pontifex .....	2	
" R. J. Hall .....	4	
" F. W. Browne .....	5	
" W. A. Pope .....	6	
" J. Fenn .....	8	
" P. G. F. Tatham .....	14	
" George Watson .....	21	
" John Palmer .....	23	
" H. P. Felgate .....	26	
" A. D. Everingham .....	29	
" J. R. Cassell .....	46	
" O. H. Colven .....	58	
" R. G. Barton .....	60	
" H. J. Chapman .....	91	
" Charles Cheston .....	99	
" W. H. Grimston .....	197	
" R. G. Glover .....	259	

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where a choice banquet was provided. Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, presided. At the close of the banquet, grace having been sung, the toasts were duly proposed.

In giving the first toast,

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER said: I rise to propose the first toast of the evening—"The Health of Her Majesty the Queen, Patroness of our Order." (Cheers.)

The "National Anthem" followed.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER next said: Brethren, I rise to propose the second toast of the evening—it is that of "The Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) It is needless for me to dilate upon the many virtues of our excellent Princess. (Cheers.) She is well known to all in this company as one of the most useful, most charming, and most endearing creatures in the world. I only hope—I am sure it is also the hope of all of you—that ere long she may greet again her two sons safe and sound. (Cheers.) Among the other members of the Royal Family we number two amongst our own body. It is unnecessary I should say anything about them. We have recently seen how devoted one of them, Prince Leopold, is to Masonry by his presidency in this hall not long ago. (Hear, hear.) The other member of the Royal Family I need hardly say is equally devoted to Masonry. Without delaying you further, I give you the toast of "The Prince of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, in giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," said: I rise to propose "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master." (Prolonged cheers.) My only regret is that he is not here to answer to the toast himself. But it is not very long since he was among us; and I hope he will make his visits periodical. (Cheers.) We can hardly expect him to come every time; but I am sure that whenever he possibly can he will be here. At all events, his heart is with us. (Cheers.) He is a thorough Mason, a true Mason—(cheers)—and he shows it in more ways than one. We have only to look on a few weeks and then we shall see him going down into the far west—for what? To consecrate a cathedral. I am open to correction; but my impression is that this will be the first time in the annals of Freemasonry that the foundation of a cathedral has been laid by the Grand Master of England. (Hear, hear.) I think, therefore, the event will mark a new era in our Order; it shows the Church are with us—that they are not ashamed of us. (Cheers.) I need hardly tell you that to undertake this duty His Royal Highness has been obliged to sacrifice certain work and engagements; but we all know that when duty calls nothing stands in the way of our Grand Master. (Cheers.) I will not attempt to expatiate on the personal merits of the Prince of Wales; it would not demean me so to do, but I will call upon you to drink his health most heartily. (Cheers.)

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER next said: I rise to propose the toast of "The Health of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon." (Cheers.) He is so well known among you that it is not necessary for me to say one word about his merits. He is a good Mason; he is fond of us Freemasons; he is devoted to our cause; he is always ready to work for us. I give you "The Health of the Pro Grand Master." (Cheers.)

Col. BURDETT (Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex) said: Brethren, I am particularly anxious to enlist your sympathies for a very few moments in favour of the toast I now propose to you; a toast I am sure you consider, and intend to be, the toast of the evening. (Hear, hear.) I don't wish to trespass upon your time by saying a great deal in its favour; still, at the same time, when I have to propose the toast of "The Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master" I feel confident that you will all receive that toast with the greatest pleasure, and the greatest enthusiasm. (Cheers.) We have had this evening the pleasure of having him here present to preside over us in Grand Lodge, and we know what he is there, for we always find him a most kind, genial, and able President of that assembly. We can testify also that he has presided over us in the same kind and genial way that he always has done at our festive board; and I know that in the two capacities you will find, as you always have found him, a kind, an excellent, and a worthy brother. I also feel that it is a most auspicious time to bring this fact before your notice, that you have the opportunity now for the last time of drinking health and happiness to Lord Skelmersdale. It is with great pleasure that I bring to your notice, what you are, however, well

acquainted with so well, that he will now have a new title; still at the same time, though he will be under another name he will be the same brother to you he has ever been. (Cheers.) In a very short time we shall have him among us again, when we shall have the opportunity of congratulating him on having obtained the honours of an earldom of the United Kingdom as "The Earl of Lathom." (Cheers.) I know that there is not a single brother here who will not feel gratified and pleased, and raised in his own opinion, by finding that our Deputy Grand Master has been so highly appreciated as he has been, and that those honours have been conferred upon him which are so well deserved. (Loud Applause.)

The toast having been most warmly received.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER said: Colonel Burdett and brethren, I thank you most heartily for the very kind and cordial way in which you, Col. Burdett, have proposed, and you, brethren, have received the toast of my health. To refer to Col. Burdett's last words, it is true that this is the last time I shall appear among you under my old name. I hope when I appear among you with a new name tacked on to me that you will still recognise me and still show me that brotherly affection that you have hitherto done. Brethren, I thank you at the same time if you will allow me to say one or two words on Masonry. I am not going to read you a lecture; far from me be it to do that sort of thing. All I wish to say is this—as far as I can make out, Freemasonry in this country is flourishing. Notwithstanding that at times there is depression, we still find that Masonry goes on; we find that our lodges increase, that we still have men coming forward to be initiated; our funds do not slacken. You have only to witness the scene here the other day when His Royal Highness Prince Leopold presided at the festival of the Girls' School, when the sum collected was such as has been rarely equalled. I think that speaks volumes to show the way in which Masonry is flourishing in this country. And now allow me to do a little bit of "touting" on my own account. I shall have the honour of appearing before you before many weeks are over as President of the Boys' School Festival. I have only one thing to say on that subject, and that is this: I had the honour years ago of presiding at the festival of the old men and old women. The sum collected on that occasion was the largest that had ever been collected at such a festival. A few years after I had the honour of presiding at the festival of the Girls' School. On that occasion also the sum was the largest that had been collected up to that time. All I can say, brethren, is that I hope and trust that at the festival of the Boys' School, though I know I am taking the words out of Bro. Binckes' mouth, but I cannot help it—I only hope that we shall again top the score. Brethren, you know that I am with you; I am most thoroughly with you in heart; I really am a Mason; I love Masonry, and I wish to work in Masonry; but if there is one thing to make me more anxious to do my duty in Masonry than any other it is the cordial welcome with which I am always received whenever I come among you.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: Brethren, the next toast I shall have the honour of proposing is that of "The Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers, Past and Present." We are honoured here to-day by the presence of the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of London. (Hear, hear.) I think I am right in saying that it is the second time within my recollection that the chair of Junior Grand Warden has been occupied by the Lord Mayor. It only shows, brethren, how well Masonry goes in all civic work. We are a corporation as well as the City of London. They take us into their body, and their chief officers condescend to serve with us. I am sure we feel honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor as Grand Warden. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales takes great trouble in the selection of his officers, for he knows full well that, unless his army is well officered, he cannot expect its duties to be well carried on. Now, I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that hitherto his selection of officers has been admirable. (Hear, hear.) The way the business of Grand Lodge has been carried on has never been found fault with. We have always found the work carried on. Occasionally there have been strong debates, but those debates had been conducted in good temper and good feeling, and had been brought to a happy conclusion. (Hear, hear.) I only hope that during the forthcoming year the same orders of things will continue to exist, and I have no doubt the officers his Royal Highness has appointed this day will work, as their predecessors have done before them. (Cheers.)

The LORD MAYOR, in reply, said: I very much regret that my colleague the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow is not present to-night to answer for the Grand Wardens and other officers of Grand Lodge, but, "unaccustomed as I am to public speaking,"—(great laughter)—yet sometimes necessities arise which induce me really to depart from my usual custom, and endeavour to express to those surrounding me that which I ought to say. Certainly, Right Worshipful Sir, I had no notice of having to return thanks for this toast, but, nevertheless, it is a great compliment his Royal Highness the Grand Master has paid to the various officers of Grand Lodge by promoting them to those distinguished positions. Every one of them feels that a great honour has been conferred upon him, and, as officers of Grand Lodge and officers of the regiment that he has named they are prepared to, and will faithfully perform their several duties. As far as I myself am concerned you have been pleased to notice that this is the second time within your recollection that the chair of Junior Grand Warden has been filled by the Lord Mayor. Permit me to say that I only hope, in your own words, that, as this is a corporation, perhaps not so long existing as the Corporation of

London. ("Oh, oh.") I may be permitted to add that both corporations may go hand in hand together, that they may both exist as long as time shall last, and exercise material influence for the benefit of their fellow men. (Applause.)

The Rev. A. PUREY-CUST proposed "The Masonic Charities." In doing so he referred to the Benevolent Institution Festival in January last, when £12,000 was collected, and the recent festival of the Girls' School, which resulted in a collection of £13,500. A challenge had been thrown down that evening by the Chairman, who had reminded the brethren that there yet remained the festival of the Boys' School, for which there were already 230 Stewards. He hoped that when that festival occurred there would be liberal contributions.

Bro. BINCKES replied.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, in giving "The Health of the Grand Stewards," said: I had intended when speaking about the Charities to mention a scheme recently started, called the Pupils' Assistance Fund, but I forgot it at the time. Now, I wish simply to say this. I presided at a meeting that was held in this building a short time since, and I presided at that meeting on this distinct understanding—that this proposed Assistance Fund, if it comes to anything (and I hope it may, because I heard from the master of the Boys' School that it was necessary), is to be entirely supplementary to the present Charity. I wish this to be fully understood by you all, that should it be proposed to initiate a fourth Charity I will have nothing to do with it. The brethren in their liberality if they think fit to subscribe to this fund must remember it will be simply for the purpose of promoting the welfare of those scholars who have done well, and for want of money are not able to carry on their education when they leave the School. But should it be the creation of a fresh Charity, entailing fresh machinery and requiring large sums of money, then I will have nothing to do with it. I thought it only fair to say this to you, and I hope you will bear it in mind. His lordship then proposed "The Stewards," and complimented them on the excellent entertainment they had provided.

Bro. SPICE replied, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Temple, where a concert was given, in Miss José Sherrington and Madame Patey, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Coates, Bros. A. Lester, H. Taylor, Chaplin Henry, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Fountain Mein, and Wilhelm Kuhe, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Willing, took part.

The Grand Stewards, to whom great praise is due for the perfectness of all the arrangements, were Bros. Alderman Ellis, President, 1; Robert Paulson Spice, Treasurer, 21; William Coppard Beaumont, honorary Secretary; John Batley, 2; Horace J. Brown, 4; Henry James, 5; Capt. Wm. R. G. Farmer, 6; Edward John Beale, 8; John Nidd Smith, 14; Edward Chas. Davies, 23; Hilton C. Barker, 29; Thos. Birch Dyer, M.D., 46; Thomas Reynolds, 58; John T. Chancellor, 60; Robert W. Sprague, 91; Arthur Steans, 99; Edward Cutler, 197; and George Plucknett, jun., 259.

#### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

The following is the agenda of Supreme Grand Chapter for Wednesday the 5th inst.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st January to the 20th April, 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter	£1328	6	11
„ Unappropriated Account	164	0	1
„ Subsequent Receipts	368	6	4
	£1860	13	4
By Disbursements during the Quarter	£190	17	7
„ Balance	1493	14	8
„ „ in Unappropriated Account	176	1	1
	£1860	13	4

which balances are at the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Companions Charles Braine Finlayson, as Z.; Thomas Kennedy, as H.; William Little, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Yarrowee Lodge, No. 713, Ballarat, to be called the Yarrowee Chapter, and to meet at Ballarat, Victoria.

2nd. From Companions Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., as Z.; Charles John Smith, as H.; Captain James Campbell Herbert Stratford as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Nova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, Brighton, to be called the Nova Villa Chapter, and to meet at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, in the county of Sussex.

3rd. From Companions Robert Beales, M.D., as Z.; Samuel Franceys Gosling, as H.; Andreas Edward Cokayne as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Eaton Lodge, No. 533, Congleton, to be called the Warren Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire.

4th. From Companions Charles Pulman, as Z.; Samuel Pownceby, as H.; Henry Charles Soper, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, London, to be called the Bedford Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

5th. From Companions George Tidcombe, as Z.; William Stephens, as H.; Henry Lovegrove, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, to be called the Stanmore Chapter, and to meet at the Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore, in the county of Middlesex.

These Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, Treasurer,  
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.  
21st April, 1880.

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#### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held on Tuesday last, at the County Hotel, Carlisle, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 310. In the absence of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the chair was occupied by Bro. Col. Whitwell, M.P., P.M. 129, P.G.W. of England, D.P.G.M.. There were also present Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W., as P.G.S.W.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G.J.W.; J. A. Wheatley, P.M. 310, P.P.G.J.W.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec.; Rev. W. Barton, P.M. 1399, P.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Cockett, P.M. 310, P.P. G. Chap.; Rev. G. B. Armes, 1267, P.G. Asst. Chap.; J. Slack, P.M. 310, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P. G.J.D.; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.G.D.C.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Godfrey, P.M. 129, P.G. Org.; F. Dinwoodie, P.M. 812, P.G.S.D.; W. J. Fulton, P.M. 812, P.G.J.D.; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; A. C. Cockfield, P.M. 812, P.G. Tyler; G. M. Salisbury, P.M. 872, Past Prov. G. Tyler; J. Haswell, P.M. 1532, P.G. Steward; E. Tyson, P.M. 119, P.G. Steward; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962, P.G. Steward; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.G. Steward; J. Ewing, W.M. 1532; G. Potter, P.M. 1532; Rev. E. M. Rise, P.M. 1002, Chap. 962; W. Carruthers, P.M. 310; W. Howieson, W.M. 310; S. Blackburn, W.M. 872; G. Dalrymple, J.W. 872; J. W. Miles, J.W. 119; W. Jameson, J.W. 339; G. D. Oliver, S.W. 1532; R. Atkinson, J.W. 1532; W. Blaylock, S.W. 310, Sec. 1220; J. Walls, S.W. 1220; F. Blackburn, Treas. 412; G. Murchie, Sec. 310; H. Carr, S.D. 310; J. Rothery and G. Sparrow, 119; W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason), and others. Two visitors were also present, viz., Bros. T. M. Crompton, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; and W. F. Cox, P.M. 224, 245, 491, 877, 958, 1003, 1021, 1225, and 1590.

The minutes of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Appleby, last September, were read and confirmed. The dues and fees of honour having been received—three lodges of the nineteen, however, being unrepresented—it was decided that it be suggested to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the desirability of holding the annual meeting at Kendal, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 129, on the first Friday in August. The Charity Committee's report next came up for consideration. In it were several grants to widows of deceased brethren. It was also recommended "That the sum of nine y guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in order to constitute the Provincial Grand Lodge a Vice-President of the said Institution." The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. McKay, seconded by Bro. Lamony, and unanimously agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel for luncheon.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Tuesday last, under the banner of Union Chapter, No. 310. In the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Provincial Grand Superintendent, the throne was occupied by M.E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.G.H., P.G.P.S. of England, P.Z. 129, who was supported by the following: Comps. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., as Second Principal; J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G. Treas.; as Third Principal; G. J. McKay, Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; Jos. Nicholson, P.Z. 371; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.G.P.S.; J. A. Wheatley, H. 310, P.G. Sword Bearer; E. Tyson, H. 119, P.G.D.C.; W. Court, Z. 310, P.P.G. Standard Bearer; J. Slack, P.Z. 310; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.G. Treas.; P. D. E. Collin, Z. 371; R. J. Nelson, H. 129; R. Godfrey, J. 129, P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Lamony, Z. 119, P.P.G. Sword Bearer; G. Dalrymple, P.S. 119; J. Murchie, S.E. 310; J. Rothery, S.E. 119, P.G. Steward; F. Hodgson, 1st Asst. S. 119; J. W. Miles, 119; G. Sparrow, 119; and others. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The next business was the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer and Janitor, when Comps. Kenworthy and W. Cunningham (No. 310) were unanimously re-elected. The officers were then invested as follows:

Comp. J. Barr, P.Z. 119	Prov. G. J.
G. J. McKay, Z. 129	Prov. G.S.E.
J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371	Prov. G.S.N.
J. Slack, P.Z. 310	Prov. G.P.S.
W. F. Lamony, Z. 119	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
W. Sandwith, P.Z. 119	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
W. Tattersall, 129	Prov. G. Reg.
G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119	Prov. G. Treas.
P. de E. Collin, Z. 371	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
R. J. Nelson, H. 129	Prov. G. Std. Br.
T. Mandle, H. 371	Prov. G.D.C.
R. Godfrey, J. 129	Prov. G. Org.
John Banks, 129; W. Armstrong, J. 371; G. Dalrymple, P.S. 119	Prov. G. Stwds.
W. Cunningham, 310	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts was read, showing a balance of about £10 in hand, with chapter dues and officers' fees of honour to collect.

The P.G. Supt., in the chair, drew the attention of the P.G. Chapter to the dormant condition of two chapters out of the eight in the province, viz., Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 412, Longtown, and Bective Chapter, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale. Comp. Slack, P.Z. 310, gave it as his opinion that No. 412, having done no work for a long while, had better be broken up. The P.G.S.E. also stated that No. 1074 had not held a meeting for two years, which was against the regulations of Grand Chapter. A committee was appointed to inquire into the condition of the two chapters named, and report to the next convocation of the province. Comp. Wheatley moved "That the P.G.S.E. and Treasurer pay a fee of honour only on accepting office, and that they be exempt from payment of fees on re-appointment to said offices." This was agreed to. The P.G. Chapter was then closed.

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#### NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

We call attention to the following circular:

National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, in England and Wales, and the Dependencies thereof.

Patron, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.P., &c., &c., Grand Master. The Right Honourable Lord Skelmersdale, G.C.T., Great Prior.

You are hereby summoned, with the Preceptors, and such companions of your preceptory as are entitled to be present, to attend a National Great Priory, to be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, London, on Friday, the 14th day of May, A.D. 1880, at half-past three o'clock, prompt time.

The National Great Priory will be opened in ample form.

The muster roll will be called by the Registrar.

The minutes of the last Great Priory will be read.

A motion that the minutes are correctly recorded will be made.

The report of the Council will be read.

A motion will be made that the report be received and adopted.

The Great Prior will nominate and invest his officers for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer will be elected.

The members of the Council will be appointed and elected.

The members of the Grand Master's Council will be elected.

Motions pursuant to notice will be made.

At the conclusion of the business of the Great Priory, should a sufficient number of Knights signify to the Marshal, by the 11th day of May, their desire to be installed, the Great Prior will hold, under the banner of the Mount Calvary Preceptory, a Priory of the Order of Malta, into which any Knight Templar who shall have so signified his desire can be admitted. The fee will be one guinea, to include the certificate.

The banquet will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, at six o'clock, under the presidency of the Great Prior. Tickets one guinea.

Done in London this 16th day of April, A.L. 5884, A.D. 1880, A.O. 762.

By command,

W. TINKLER,

Vice-Chancellor.

Chancery,

22, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

NOTE.—Each Provincial Prior should, if possible, attend the Great Priory, or be represented by his deputy.

Each Knight who holds office in the Great Priory must attend in his place by three o'clock, or previously justify his intended absence, at least three days before, in order that a substitute may be appointed, otherwise \$ 22, page 14, of the statutes relating to fines will be strictly enforced.

Stalls will be appropriated to those Knights only who intimate their intention to be present, by letter to the Marshal, on or before the 11th of May.

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those Knights only who apply for tickets not later than three days previous to the meeting, viz., Tuesday, the 11th of May.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE RAVENSHOURNE CHAPTER, No. 1601.

A new chapter, attached to the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, and styled the Ravensbourne Chapter, was consecrated on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the offices of the Lewisham Board of Works. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., who was assisted by Comps. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.N., as H.; and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.S., as J. Comp. R. H. Giddy, District Superintendent of Griqualand, acted as Director of Ceremonies; Comps. Magnus Ohren, P.Z., as S.E.; Ackland, as Principal Sojourner; Sindall, as 1st Assistant; and Layton, as 2nd Assistant; and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor, as Inner Guard.

Among the other companions present were Comps. S. Rawson, P.G. Supt. China; W. G. Kentish, M.E.Z. designate 1203; R. Bradley, P.Z. 414, P.G.S. Berks and Bucks; W. Hollingsworth, J. 63; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 452, P.G. D.C. Surrey; Jas. Terry, P.Z. 174; C. A. Merton, P. Prov. G.S.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.S.B.; E. Coupland, P.Z. 913; Richard Wooff, 13; John Hodges, 19; Thos. Lawler, 90; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; W. W. Morgan, 141; and H. Massey (Freemason).

Comp. SHADWELL CLERKE, after opening the convocation, said that since the establishment of the Ravensbourne Lodge it had been worked in an admirable manner, and had obtained a very high position on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. He was quite sure the Ravensbourne Chapter would emulate the example of its parent lodge, and that none of the companions assembled to consecrate it could ever regret having taken part in the ceremony of the day.

After the usual formalities, Comp. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD delivered the oration, but, before doing so, he said he had a word of preface. As many who were present were well aware he had delivered a great many orations in Royal Arch Masonry, and it was somewhat difficult to find new matter which had not been travelled over before sufficient to interest the minds of companions assembled at consecrations. A short time ago on making a search among the papers of the Lodge of Antiquity, of which he had the honour of being a member, they found an oration for delivery at the consecration of Royal Arch chapters. On perusing it it was found to be written in the handwriting of Stephen Jones, a great admirer and follower of William Preston; but the thoughts contained in it were so elevated, and so entirely in union with the thoughts of Preston, that there was no doubt it was a lecture which belonged to William Preston himself. The Lodge of Antiquity had lent it to him (the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford), and he should now deliver it, but with the request that the companions who were present to report the proceedings of the day would not report it, as it was lent to him on the distinct understanding that, being the property of the Lodge of Antiquity, it was not to be reported in any paper whatever. The rev. companion then delivered the oration.

At the termination of the ceremony of consecration, Comp. William George Lemon, P.Z. 414, was installed M.E.Z.; Comp. the Rev. William Taylor Jones, P.Z. 259,

H.; and Comp. Charles William Thompson, J. The other officers were Comps. Magnus Ohren, P.Z. 33 and 452, S.E.; Charles Wilson Steel, 169, S.N.; W. Ackland, Scribe N. 63, P.S.; Alfred Layton, 279 and 452, 1st Assistant; R. L. Sindall, 1293, 2nd Assistant; Frederick Eachus Wilkinson, M.D., 279, Treas.; and A. B. Church, Janitor.

Comps. Shadwell Clerke, N. G. Philips, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and R. H. Giddy were, on the proposition of the M.E.Z., seconded by the H., elected honorary members of the chapter, and after a short discussion on some chapter business the companions closed down, and then proceeded to London, where they partook of a choice banquet at the Guildhall Hotel. Here, as in chapter, a programme of music was beautifully performed by Comps. Thomas Lawler, John Hodges, and F. H. Cozens, under the direction of Comp. Thomas Lawler.

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," said that Her Majesty was revered as the head of the nation. They knew how much she was respected and loved by all with whom she came in contact. In Royal Arch Masonry the companions had a home feeling, and they rejoiced to couple the two names of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry."

In giving the toast of "The Grand Z. of the Order," the M.E.Z. said that he should with it combine those who were at the head of the Degree, the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Skelmersdale (who was about to be created Earl of Lathom), and Lord de Tabley. Royal Arch Masons recognised in these noblemen, with all humility, worthy heads of the Order. They knew them to be able and skilful in their work; they knew them to be wise as rulers, kind and urbane as men, and generous as companions to all with whom they associated. Looking on them not only as citizens but companions of the Royal Arch, they acknowledged them as rulers, recognised their sway, and drank heartily to their healths.

Comp. S. RAWSON, in reply, said that seeing so many Grand Officers around him he had thought he was sheltered beneath their wings, and would not have had to reply to any toast. He had, however, come within the laws of seniority, and consequently was called upon to return thanks. He could not but feel proud to have his name associated with the names of those who were in authority, and he might say of them that, without mentioning unduly a word in their praise, he believed each and all of them were anxious to do their duty, and that they had succeeded in a great measure in securing the confidence of the companions. As they had done in the past, so they would continue to do in the future.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Consecrating Officers." He said he had alluded to those who held the highest rank in the Craft, and he now asked the companions to drink a toast which came even nearer home to them than that which they had already received. That day, if he might use a simile which was called "home" in domestic life, a child had been born—a new chapter had been called into existence, and the officers, or physicians, who had presided at the event deserved the sincerest thanks of those who were connected with it. Comps. Shadwell Clerke, Capt. Philips, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and Giddy were too well known in the Order to need any words of commendation from so humble an individual as he the (M.E.Z.), and yet he could not but feel that it was an honour they conferred on that chapter by coming down amongst the companions and acting as Consecrating Officers. The Ravensbourne Lodge was a young lodge, and that it should give birth to the Ravensbourne Chapter might be a matter of surprise in natural history; and yet when they saw who had been engaged in thus bringing into life this child they would be sure it started under good auspices. They could not have had more efficient officers to act in the consecration, nor could they have had companions who would more kindly and thoroughly take an interest in the work which they undertook. It was pleasant for him to be present on this occasion, not only in the position which the companions had done him the honour to place him in, but also as being able to see the work which they had performed. It was not the first consecration of a chapter he had attended, but he might say that, taking the surroundings, and the very able and efficient manner in which the work was done, as well as hearing the very able address of the Lodge of Antiquity, the consecration of the Ravensbourne Chapter was strongly and peculiarly marked. Nor were they less indebted to Comp. Giddy, who so ably undertook the duties of Director of Ceremonies. All the work was so ably done that comparisons of one part of it with another could not be made. No ceremony could have been more ably performed. Eloquence, they were told, was sometimes perfect silence, and if he had said not a word, his silence would have been eloquent in praise of those who had performed the ceremonies; but he had felt that although his words were few they should be sincere, and in perfect sincerity he asked the companions to express their appreciation of the efforts of the Consecrating Officers that day by drinking most heartily to their health.

Comp. SHADWELL CLERKE said, as the senior surgeon or accoucheur on the occasion he thanked the companions on behalf of himself and his other medical friends for the very kind way in which the companions had acknowledged the success of their clinical labours. They trusted that the child might do well, and would be an honour to its mother. It had been a great pleasure to the Consecrating Officers to have the opportunity of coming down and placing the cornerstone to so worthy a structure as the Ravensbourne Lodge. They hoped that the chapter would progress in the same satisfactory way as the lodge, and they had no doubt it would do so. The Consecrating Officers had been very much struck that day with the completeness of all the arrangements, and especially with the charming building in which they were lucky enough to find a place of meeting. They seemed there to have every comfort and convenience and elegance they possibly could have. He could not help feeling, as an unfortunate ratepayer in the district, that he had in an infinitesimal degree contributed towards paying for it, and he could not think until he saw the building how it was that for the last few years the rates had been so high. Now, however, he could see how it was. It was a great consolation to him to know that he had even in a small way contributed to the comfort and convenience of the Ravensbourne Lodge and the Ravensbourne Chapter. After again expressing the thanks of the Consecrating Officers for the toast, Colonel Shadwell Clerke concluded by proposing "The Three Principals of the Ravensbourne Chapter." He believed the Ravensbourne Chapter was very fortunate in having such companions to

preside over it. The two seniors were old Past Z.'s, who had done their duty well in former chapters several years ago. The Third Principal had for the first time that night ascended the Principal's chair, but he was already a P.M. of the Ravensbourne Lodge, and would bring all the traditions of the lodge to bear on the work of the chapter. They were most fortunate in having such good and worthy companions in the chairs, but, at the same time, he must congratulate the Principals on their being nominated by the goodwill of the founders for such high and distinguished offices.

The M.E.Z., in reply, briefly thanked the companions, and deputed to the Rev. W. Taylor Jones and Comp. Thompson the duty of further reply.

The Rev. W. TAYLOR JONES said when he looked back to the four years that had elapsed since he had the honour of presiding over the first banquet of the Ravensbourne Lodge he could hardly realise that, at the earliest opportunity, they had assembled together for the purpose of celebrating the establishment of a chapter. Four years ago he had the privilege of being the first Master of the Ravensbourne Lodge, and it was a very proud moment when he saw brethren and companions inaugurating a fresh movement and an onward movement in Masonry. Although their numbers were now few he had not the slightest doubt they would soon be large, because the members of the Ravensbourne Lodge were all young Masons, who had not yet had the opportunity of unsheathing their swords and being ready for the combat, and they were only waiting for the chapter to be established for them to join the Royal Arch, and go upwards and onwards to do their duty as Freemasons, as members of that old privileged body. In conclusion, he gave the credit of suggesting the establishment of the Ravensbourne Lodge to Comp. Thompson.

Comp. C. W. THOMPSON, J., in his reply, said all the companions of this chapter were well known to each other, and were not strangers. Whatever little credit might be due to him for having in something like a moment of inspiration suggested the Ravensbourne Lodge, nothing would have come of that thought but for the very hearty co-operation and support of Comp. Taylor Jones and Comp. Lemon, who had declined to take any offices in the lodge, which were thoroughly open to him, but contented himself with the very arduous but somewhat thankless office of Treasurer, which he had held ever since the lodge was established. The fact that he took that office, and refused to take any other, induced the brethren to consider whether, when the time came to establish the chapter, they could not prevail on him to fill the first chair. The lodge and the chapter he believed would be for many years to come thoroughly representative institutions of the district in which they were founded. The warrant for the lodge was granted on the distinct and specific understanding that it was to be a local lodge absolutely, and the chapter was also understood to be entirely local. Both would be exceedingly useful in promoting the cause of Freemasonry in the district, in which the majority of the companions resided. The building in which they were held was not erected with any view to Masonic purposes, and though it was built for other purposes, he hoped it would be instrumental in promoting Masonic principles in the neighbourhood. Comp. Shadwell Clerke had spoken about having himself contributed towards defraying the expenses of the building, but he (Comp. Thompson) must observe that if Col. Clerke was fortunate enough to be in such a position as to be rated at £1000 his proportion of the expenses of building the offices of the Board of Works never could amount to more than four shillings and two pence in the course of the year, so that there was no very material increase in his rates on account of the building in which the chapter had been consecrated. When the Board got possession of the building some of them thought that the principal room looked very much like a good lodge room, and they made it a lodge room; they then thought it would be a good room for a chapter, and they supplemented the lodge with a chapter; and, thanks to their good friends and kind Installing Officers that night, they hoped the chapter would become a success as well as the lodge. He hoped the memory of those who had so kindly assisted that evening would go down among the companions of the Ravensbourne Chapter, and that they might thank them in years to come for having helped it into existence.

Comp. THOMAS FENN, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," said: I perceive I represent a very large constituency—in fact, I think I may say, like someone else, perhaps, that I stand the representative of a startling and unexpected majority. Still, I feel that I cannot fail in expressing the sentiments of all my constituents when I say how united we all are, or ought to be, at present at the inauguration of your chapter to-day. The beautiful building, your handsome furniture, the oration, the ceremony itself, the energy of those who conducted it, must have impressed not only all your visitors, but even yourselves; and the manner in which you have entertained us at the table this evening I think is a gratifying proof that the social aspect of Freemasonry will never be lost sight of in the Ravensbourne Chapter, a circumstance which cannot be only satisfying to your visitors this evening, but to yourselves. We hope to be present on some other occasion. While thanking you on behalf of the visitors for the compliment you have paid us, and for the hospitality you have shown us, let me in the name of the visitors wish you all the success and prosperity which your own hearts can desire, and which the successful inauguration of the chapter this day foreshadows.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and regretted that Dr. Wilkinson had not been able to be present.

Comp. MAGNUS OHREN responded, and Comp. Ackland replied for the toast of "The P.S. and the other Officers of the Chapter," after which the Janitor's toast was given by Comp. A. B. Church, and the companions brought to a close a most interesting and pleasant evening.

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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, G. Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth, E. Spooner, Edw. B. Grabham, James Peters, H. A. Dubois, R. B. Webster, H. M. Levy, J. J. Caney, F. Adlard, Louis Hirsch, C. H. Webb, Frank Richardson, Thomas Cubitt, W. Bailey, H. Higgins, T. Y. Strachan, Thomas F. Peacock, W. F. C. Moutrie, Fredk. Binckes, Peter de Lande Long, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The following brethren were nominated for the House and Audit Committee to be elected at next meeting of the General Committee.

For the House Committee, Bros. H. A. Dubois, W. Hope, M.D., C. Hammerton, E. Letchworth, P. de Lande Long, E. Mather, J. Nunn, Colonel Peters, Frank Richardson, J. A. Rucker, Griffiths Smith, A. H. Tattershall, J. Bellerby, E. Bowyer, T. W. C. Bush, E. Cox, T. Cubitt, R. R. Davis, J. A. Farnfield, W. Stephens, E. Terry, C. H. Webb, J. H. Southwood, C. G. Hill, and T. F. Peacock.

For the Audit Committee, Bros. W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, J. Cutbush, H. Dicketts, T. Kingston, H. C. Levander, W. Roebuck, H. Venn, R. B. Webster, R. Berridge, and H. M. Levy.

Bros. J. G. Stevens, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Lacy, George Brown, and Louis Hirsch were chosen Scrutineers of votes for that election.

Bro. Griffiths Smith's motion that the salary of the junior clerk in the office be increased from £60 to £70 a year was brought forward by Bro. T. F. Peacock, in Bro. Griffiths Smith's absence, and carried.

One petition was received, and the candidate was placed on the list for election.

The Committee then adjourned.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The following is a list of the pupils who received prizes at the Stewards' visit to the Institution on the 10th ult.:

Helena Meacock, the gold medal for proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Paas, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Ethel Ida Margaret Seaton, the silver medal for good conduct, given annually by the institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Harriet Cartwright, Florence C. Faithfull, Edith A. Wilson, Fanny Ashby, Edwina R. Jones, and Alice M. Newbould, each a sixth of £5, for proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution.

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination: Frances E. Gardner. Passing in Honours Cambridge Examination: Helena Meacock. Passing Cambridge Examination: Harriet Cartwright, Florence C. Faithfull, Edith A. Wilson, Fanny Ashby, Edwina R. Jones, and Alice M. Newbould. Needlework: Maria English and Sarah Thwaites. Machine Work: Florence Redford and Florence Forster. General Usefulness: Lucinda Broadbent and Laura Moore. Order and Attention: Laura Stransom and Evelina Hill (among the little girls).

Class II.—Mary Louis Bowler, General Proficiency; Maud Ada Jay, Perseverance; Elizabeth Owens, Perseverance; Ellen Lucy Morgan, General Improvement.

Class III.—Kathleen Collins, General Proficiency; Isabella Douglas, Perseverance; Jessie Langley, Neatness.

Class IV.—Alice W. Cecil, General Proficiency; Ada Tanare, Perseverance; Emily Priestley, Perseverance.

Class V.—Rosa Hughes, Improvement; Eveline Pelham, Industry; Cecily Jardine, Industry.

Class VI.—Edith Garnett, Industry.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work: Edith A. Wilson.

By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French: Helena Meacock.

By Mrs. Crick, for Recitation: Alice A. Wiseman, Ada H. Blase, and Alice G. Pike.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Good Conduct: Fanny Ashby, Mary E. Sharp, and Louisa M. Taylor.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music: Margaret W. Allison.

By Mrs. Hirsch, for Music: Mabel Bingham.

The St. James "Yate's Memorial Prize" (per St. James' Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery): Lucinda Broadbent.

From the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, for Good Conduct: Ethel Ida Margaret Seaton.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Music: Maud Harriet Bursey.

By Bro. Charles White, for Drawing: Octavia Helen Wheeler and Lilian M. Mills.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework: Catherine J. Douglas.

The "Wentworth Little Memorial Prize," for Music: Ethel Hinson, Lily Bellamy, and Louisa Christina Oates.

The "John Boyd Memorial Prize," for Drawing: Catherine J. Scurr, Agnes Adah Nash, and Annie M. Hartness.

By Bro. James Blythe, for Calisthenics and Deportment: Fanny Gertrude Osborne.

## MASONIC PRESENTATION.

At the closing meeting for the present session of the Royal Gloucester Lodge of Instruction, held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Monday evening, the 26th ult., Bro. R. Sharpe, P.M. 130, the W.M. for the month, was presented with an address, expressive of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members, of their thanks for his past services, and of their regret that a pressure of business engagements had compelled him to resign the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, which he had held for some seventeen-and-a-half years, and in the discharge of the duties of which he had done so much to promote the prosperity of the lodge and to forward the interests of Freemasonry. The presentation was made in the presence of a numerous attendance, which included



several Past Masters of the various lodges in the town, by Bro. J. Cole, the W.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, under the warrant of which the instruction lodge is worked. Bro. Cole in a few appropriate observations referred to the successful efforts of Bro. Sharpe in connection with the instruction lodge, and expressed a hope that his active interest in the lodge would not cease with his retirement from permanent office in it. Bro. R. Sharpe made a feeling reply, and said that having last year been presented by the members of the lodge with a centenary jewel he could hardly have expected that that gift would be supplemented by the practical kindness they had shown towards him on the present occasion. The address, which embodies a vote of thanks passed in open lodge, has been engrossed on vellum and handsomely illuminated by Mr. W. C. Clarke, of the High-street. The embellishments are purely Masonic, and include at the corners representations of the Past Master's, the Treasurer's, and the Secretary's jewels.

## NOTES ON OUR ENGLISH RITUAL.

BY THE EDITOR.

### PART I.

In publishing these notes of mine to-day, I think it well to mention in the first place that I am treating the question purely as an archaeological one, and have no wish or intention to reopen any discussion upon the ritual per se. Indeed it may be a question deserving of, as we often read, grave consideration how far any such public discussions on our ritual are either desirable or allowable, Masonically.

But as so much has been recently said in respect of the history of the ritual, both at home and abroad, and so many remarks have been put forward and arguments raised in entire ignorance of its true history, I think it well in the pages of the *Freemason* to call the attention of fellow students and the Craft to the real facts of the case, illustrating what I say with as much of "proof" as I fairly or properly can do. I am merely concerned you see then in giving a connected history of the ritual as far as lies in my power, and I propose to divide these notes into three parts—1stly, from 1717 to 1770; 2ndly, from 1770 to 1813; and 3rdly, from 1813 to the present time. What was the ritual of the lodges which met before 1717, as at Warrington in 1646, and at Mason's Hall in 1682, and of those Dr. Plot mentioned to exist and to have existed within legal memory in Staffordshire in 1686, must now be a matter of pure conjecture. What even was the actual ritual of the four or six old lodges which assembled in 1717, must equally be a subject of much incertitude.

If the Sloane M.S. be a correct representation, and is good authority of the middle of the 17th century verbiage and customs, though only transcribed about 1715, the teaching of pre-1717 Masonry is practically identical with post 1717 ritual. Let us note this.

As far as I am aware, after much diligent search, no known authentic copy exists of any very ancient Masonic ritual. There are, undoubtedly, MS. copies of ritual to be met with here and there, but none that I have so far seen are of any real authority, and are really very late 18th or early 19th century transcripts. There are no MS. rituals in the Grand Lodge archives of the last century. The earliest actual ritual of which Oliver and others speak, is that which is said to have been re-arranged by Désaguliers and Anderson about 1722. There must, of course, have been a ritual in use in 1717, but what it really was we can only suppose, not accurately declare. Oliver undoubtedly talks, as in the "Revelations of a Square," of the "oldest formula" in his "possession," as used "during the Grand Mastership of Archbishop Chicheley in the reign of Henry VI.," and again of a somewhat different one, as used by Sir Christopher Wren himself, (see pages 16, 17, and 110 "Revelations of a Square,") but in this, as in other matters, the good doctor is, as far as our present investigations have proceeded, altogether incorrect.

What he terms the "oldest formula" does not really exist, in the form he gives it, at all, and is nothing, just as Sir Christopher Wren's alleged use, but a transcript from a "catichetical form," preserved in the "Grand Mystery," published in 1724, or the Sloane MS.

Still, as I said before, there was a ritual, no doubt, used, and probably emended by Désaguliers in and about 1722 or thereabouts, though of its precise form we may have to continue ignorant.

In 1724 appeared the first unauthorized publication relative to Masonic ritual, and which fact seems to point to the reality of an improved ritual by Désaguliers and Anderson shortly before, not, certainly, however, in 1717, as alleged by Oliver. No doubt the earliest ritual would be short and fragmentary, and might well have admitted of expansion and amplification.

"The Grand Mystery of Freemasons Discovered," &c., was published in "folio" in 1724, by T. Payne, near Stationers' Hall; Oliver mentions a second edition, which I have not seen, printed by A. Moore. Of this production a MS. copy exists in the *British Museum* among the additional MSS. in Essex's handwriting, late in the 18th century, and if I remember rightly, a second and somewhat varied form is to be found there, and so the question arises, what is, where is the original of these forms? Is there still in existence a MS. form of this "Grand Mystery?" If so that would be a very important fact.

About this time we find in the papers, the *Daily Post*, the *Daily Journal*, the *Post Boy*, and the *Flying Post*, as also in the *British Plaindealer*, many allusions to the ritual of Freemasonry.

Samuel Briscoe, at the Bell Savage, published in 1725 "The Secret History of Freemasonry, with an account of the Ceremonies," &c.

In 1730 Martin Clare, according to Oliver, remodelled the rituals and lectures, and he gives us at page 180 "Revelations of a Square" certain forms, which he declares to be those of Wren, Désaguliers, Anderson, Clare, and Manningham, (to whom I shall allude presently), as successively altered. Seeing how incorrect the good Doctor's assertions are as regards the *formula tempore* Archbishop Chicheley and Sir Christopher Wren, we may well, without distinct evidence, hesitate to accede to his statements there anent. At the same time I say this, I am not prepared to question the fact *per se*; only that Dr. Oliver has not critically or carefully used the evidence, such as it was, in his possession.

In 1730 appeared the well-known "Masonry Dissected" of Samuel Prichard, and of which a fourth edition is said to have been published in 1731 by John Wilford, and it is to be observed that he professed to describe a ceremonial, of which parts were in verse. No doubt the mere fact of the rhythmical form would seem to point to considerable antiquity.

There is in the British Museum a curious work, published also in 1730 by J. Warner, at the Black Boy, in Paternoster-row, "The Perjured Freemason Detected," which is an exposure of Samuel Prichard, and contains much worthy of consideration as bearing on this question.

Prichard, however, followed up his unprincipled proceedings, being, Oliver tells us, a "needy man," and thence unscrupulous in the highest degree, by another publication in 1737, (if truly his), "The Secrets of Masonry Made Known to all Men," by S. P., &c.

We also hear of the "Mystery of Masonry," 1737, London, Thorbeck, "The Mysterious Revelations of the Celebrated Society of Freemasons," 1737, which some have thought all proceeded from the same impure source.

Anderson, as we know, answered Prichard in 1730 in his "Defence of Masonry," and to which Prichard published a reply in 1738, "Masonry Further Dissected."

"The beginning and first foundation of the most worthy Craft of Masonry" appeared in 1739. About 1740 or 1741 Oliver says that Bro. Manningham revised the ritual; but, as Martin Clare was D.G.M. in 1741, I think he has antedated the time by about ten or fifteen years.

Dr. Manningham was G. Steward in 1747, and first appears on the scene, and was D.G.M. in 1752, and is mentioned in terms of much praise for his work and ability. In 1753 he introduced some new regulations as to the "making of Masons in Grand Lodge, and if it be correct that he revised the ritual, it would probably be about this time.

In 1754 the Book of Constitutions was revised, and in 1755 began the question of the schismatical proceedings of the Antient Masons, which, some have thought, proceeded from certain ritual changes and alterations of Dr. Manningham's.

But to return. In 1745 appeared at Brussels "The Testament of a Freemason," "Ou Le Testament de Chevalier Graaf." This was a so-called revelation of Martin Clare's ritual.

In 1747 there appeared in London a work called "L'Adepte Maçon, or the True Secret of Freemasonry."

In 1750 appeared "Jachin and Boaz," of which the fifth edition appeared in 1764, while in 1751 also appeared "Le Maçon De masqué," London, "The Thinker upon Masonry," "The Ghost of Masonry," "The Mason's Creed," "The Point of a Mason," &c.; "A Discovery of the Secrets of Masonry," in the "Scot's Magazine" for 1755, and a similar publication in the "Edinburgh Magazine," in October, 1757. These two latter facts are on the evidence of Oliver.

Among the other alleged expositions of Masonry and spurious publications may be mentioned "The Secrets of Masonry Revealed" London, Scott, 1759; "Hiram, or the Grand Master Key, &c.," by a member of the Royal Arch, 1764; "An Institute of Red Masonry," 1764; "Shibboleth, or Every Man a Freemason," 1765; "Solomon in all his Glory," 1766; "The Three Distinct Knocks," sixth edition, London, Serjeant, 1767; "The Freemason Stripped Naked," &c., London, Isaac Fell, 1769.

The foreign so-called revelations of Masonic ritual are for the most part somewhat later, and I will consider them next week, but they throw very little light on the subject. What these alleged revelations of Masonic ritual really represent is another, and a very different matter which I will allude to in my next paper.

One remark, and only one, I will make, that as a matter of historical truth or accuracy, the are not, by any means, important factors in the discussion.

## THE EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

An amateur performance in aid of the above Institution took place at the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, before a most brilliant and distinguished audience. The performance commenced with the comediotta of *A Cup of Tea*, in which Bro. F. H. Davidson did justice to the part of "Scroggins," and created by his well-assumed uneasiness a great deal of merriment.

The part of "Lady Clara Seymour" was to have been played by Miss May Howard, but this lady did not put in an appearance, and the committee, at a very short notice, prevailed upon Mrs. Campbell, who is the wife of a professional now playing at the Queen's, to undertake the part. This the lady did to the unmistakeable satisfaction of the audience, throwing such energy into the part as to put every one at their ease, and to make one believe the whole thing was real.

Bro. A. Hoffmann was "Sir Charles Seymour," but, although there is no doubt this worthy brother had studied the part well, it seemed to us as though he was not sufficiently natural, and that he had not quite forgotten his own dignity in assuming that of the character he was playing. The comediotta was, however, well played on the whole, and provoked frequent applause, especially when our funny little Bro. Davidson appeared, and at the conclusion the whole of the performers were called before the curtain.

During the interval that occurred we had time to roam about the theatre and observe the faces of many well-known and prominent members of the Craft, and, although it has been suggested to us that a large amount of the patronage emanated from the non-Masonic body, yet we feel assured that, judging from the number of Masons present, they must have contributed five-sixths of the support which the committee obtained.

The performance concluded with Mr. H. J. Byron's burlesque of *The Babes in the Wood*, and which was well played throughout. Bro. D. D. Macpherson was "Tommy" and Bro. W. M. Lee "Sally." The "Wicked Uncle" was personated by Bro. A. Hoffmann, while the first, second, and third ruffians were respectively represented by Bros. J. E. Williams, J. H. Greenwood, and Mr. Joe Wild. "La-chee-pla-chee," a character introduced by the assiduous stage manager, Bro. D. D. Macpherson, was undertaken by Bro. F. H. Davidson, and we confess that the introduction of this character was by no means a mistake, as the various little *morceaux* of bye-play and stage

business filled up those blanks which often seem to audiences very awkward.

The palm must, however, be awarded to Bro. Macpherson, who, in the part of "Tommy," was the life and soul of the burlesque, and gave us the impression of his being a *born actor*; in fact, if this gentleman had not been known as a member of the Stand Amateur Dramatic Club, no one would have been the least surprised at his ranking amongst the professional element. His "business" in the school scene was very funny, and had the true burlesquian flavour. We congratulate the members of the club in possessing such an important assistant. The ladies (?) were represented most satisfactorily by Mr. E. Dennett and Mr. Baden Webb, the latter gentleman acting as "Mrs. Jones," the nursery governess, and the former as "Lady Macassar." The "Good Fairy" was represented by Miss Fitzroy, who looked charming in her non-terrestrial garments. We had almost forgotten our much respected and highly talented Bro. J. H. Greenwood. Although there was not much for our worthy brother to do in the actual business, yet he filled up the time, in the same manner as Bro. Davidson, by executing some comicalities behind the more prominent characters; but his triumph occurred in the school scene, where he sang his well-known comic song, "Fair Rosamond," which elicited loud applause, and culminated in an encore, in response to which he gave his imitations of popular actors.

A feature in the performance was the assembling on the stage of the well-known glee and part singers, Bros. J. Salmon, J. Senior, H. Lister, N. Dumville, W. Dumville, C. Turner, and Geo. Ormerod, who all looked most picturesque in their hunting costumes. They sang "Foresters Sound the Cheerful Horn" in irreproachable style, and were encored.

As before stated, the whole performance was a genuine success from first to last, and, to judge from the large audience that filled the theatre, we are in hopes that a respectable sum will be handed over to this deserving Institution.

The whole of the music score was written by the musical director of the club, Bro. W. G. Watson, who also composed for the occasion an exceedingly pretty polka, from Auber's "Le Dieu et la Bayadere," and which the orchestra skilfully executed under Bro. Watson's bâton.

The merit for the completeness with which everything was arranged undoubtedly rests with the club's painstaking manager, Bro. D. D. Macpherson, who was untiring in his efforts to produce a satisfactory result, which was assuredly attained.

## BRO. THE EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M., P.G.M. WEST LANCASHIRE.

An earldom has been conferred upon Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who assumes the title of Earl of Lathom.

Edward Bootle-Wilbraham, P.C., second Baron Skelmersdale, is the son of the Hon. Richard Bootle-Wilbraham, M.P., who died 1844, eldest son of the first baron, by Jessy, third daughter of Sir R. Brook, sixth baronet. Born December 12th, 1837, he succeeded his grandfather in 1853, was educated at Eton, and at Christ Church, Oxford; was a lord-in-waiting to the Queen, 1866-8; and appointed captain of Her Majesty's Yeomen of the Guard, 1874. Is a magistrate and a deputy-lieutenant of Lancashire; has been since 1860 captain Lancashire Yeomanry Hussars, since 1871 one of the "whips" for the Conservative party in the House of Lords, and since 1872 honorary colonel 6th Administrative Battalion Lancashire Volunteers. He married (1860) Lady Alice Villiers, second daughter of the fourth Earl of Clarendon, K.G., and has issue living—Sons: Edward George, born 1864; Villiers Richard, born 1867; Randle Arthur, born 1868; Reginald Francis, born 1875. Daughters: Alice Maud, born 1861; Florence Mary, born 1863; Bertha Mabel, born 1866; Edith Cecil, born 1869.

The new earl takes his title from Lathom, the family seat in Lancashire. Lathom House occupies a memorable place in the records of this country, and in the wars with the Parliamentarians the old castle, then the seat of the Stanley family, was nobly defended by Lady Derby.

The distinguished position which the newly-created earl has long held in connection with Freemasonry has been much appreciated by the brethren of the "mystic tie." Years ago he held the prominent position of G. Senior Warden in the Grand Lodge of England, and on the accession of Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership, Bro. the Earl of Lathom received the prominent appointment of Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon being then created Pro Grand Master. In more immediate Masonic circles the earl has, since 1872, held the very important office of Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, which is one of the largest and most influential Masonic divisions in the world, and in that capacity his lordship has ruled with a geniality and wisdom which have secured the heartiest admiration of all the brethren. Lord Lathom also holds several prominent offices connected with other branches of the Order, and as a proof of his Masonic zeal it may be stated that he has promised to take the chair at the next grand festival in London for the furtherance of the interests of the Boys' School.

## THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

### TRANSLATION.

We have more than once observed with interest that the study of Freemasonry in England is followed by an ever increasing number of amateurs, and that light begins now to be thrown on the tendencies (aims) of our Order. Each effort made in this direction should meet with gratitude, and we, therefore, wish to draw your attention to the above mentioned work.

England is the cradle and home of our Fraternal Institution, and researches on its origin are of great value, not only for foreign F. Fs., but for all others scattered over the face of the earth.

In this volume the author has collected a mass of facts, and has further laid many details (minutiae) before his readers.

It is not easy from the nature of the thing itself to give a complete account of his work, at least one that would be satisfactory. It is divided into three parts. First comes a recital of all that is known of the four first lodges, from which springs the Grand Orient of England; next follows

a coup d'œil of the privileges possessed by these lodges; and finally some observations on the present position of the four most ancient English lodges. The care and accuracy with which the first part is worked out is truly marvellous, and then follows an amount of matter of subordinate interest indeed, but which will, nevertheless, be appreciated by all historians; for instance, the derivation of the names of the most ancient lodges from the places where they were held; the list of the first officers; the order in the lodges, &c. It is important to be able to prove in what proportion the number of lodges has increased in the space of a century, since the institution of the *direction or principal commission* (sic), and indeed, this increase shows the strength and value of the principles on which our brotherhood (society) rests.—*Bulletin of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.*

#### FUNERAL OF BRO. WILLIAM ASHWORTH, P.M.

On Sunday, the 4th ult., about five o'clock a.m., Bro. William Ashworth, P.M., died suddenly at his residence, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale. He was initiated into Masonry in Lodge of Hope, No. 54, and joined Probity and Freedom Lodge, No. 367, in which he attained to the honour of W.M. He was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master in Faith Lodge, No. 20, and was also exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chapter of Hope, No. 54, and joined Chapter of Benevolence, No. 226, Littleborough, in which chapter he attained the highest honours the chapter could give, and continued to be a subscribing member to all the Degrees to which he belonged up to his death. He was a charitable brother, and much respected. The ceremonies of Masonry are calculated to make a deep and lasting impression on the minds of all who are initiated into its mysteries, particularly the funeral service at the grave of a deceased brother. Bro. William Ashworth attended the funeral of our much respected Bro. T. B. Ashworth, P.M. of Probity and Freedom Lodge, No. 367, who was interred with Masonic obsequies, and he was so much impressed with the service at the grave that he expressed a wish that at his death he should be interred with the ceremonies of the Order. This being made known to Bro. Henry Chadwick, W.M. Hope Lodge, No. 54, he immediately consulted the brethren, and it was agreed that a dispensation should be at once applied for, and a lodge of emergency was summoned for Thursday morning, the 8th ult. The lodge met at 10.15; the brethren assembled, the Secretary, Bro. Robert Collinge, P.M., read the dispensation, and a procession being formed, those present proceeded to the cemetery. A large number of officers and members of his own and neighbouring lodges were present, and Bro. the Rev. E. H. Aldridge, P.P.G. Chap., by particular request, officiated on the occasion. The Masonic service was read with much solemnity and impressive effect. After the ceremony the brethren returned to the lodge, which was then closed.

#### REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

##### Craft Masonry.

**ROYAL ALBERT LODGE (No. 907).**—The installation meeting took place on the 19th ult. at the Freemasons' Tavern. Present: Bros. R. Jennings, W.M.; Barr, S.W.; T. Butt, J.W.; Snelgrove, S.D.; Wordly, J.D.; Panter, I.G. Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The auditors gave in their report, and the same was discussed and confirmed. Ballot was then taken for Mr. C. M. Hooper, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman, being present, was duly initiated into Ancient Freemasonry. Lodge was then prepared for the installation ceremony. Bro. Butt, J.W., having been duly balloted for and elected, was presented to the W.M. as the choice of the brethren, and, having been regularly and satisfactorily examined by him, called on the Secretary to read the ancient laws and regulations, to each of which Bro. Butt pledged his fidelity, the W.M. having inquired of him as to his willingness and ability, and cautioning him as to his conduct during his Mastership. The W.M. then called the attention of lodge to solemn prayer, the response, "So mote it be," following. The W.M. then opened the lodge in the Third Degree, and discharged all the brethren except the P.M.'s, W.M.'s, and W.M. elect. A Board was formed by a circle of brethren, the W.M. working the whole of the installation ceremony in a manner deserving the highest praise, and was complimented by all present. After having inducted the new W.M. into the chair of King Solomon, who invested him as the I.P.M., the Installing Master called on the P.M. to pay their respects to the newly-installed Master, which was done most heartily, the W.M. expressing his pleasure at seeing so many friends present. He then dispersed the Board, resumed his lodge, and admitted the M.M.'s, F.C. and E.A. in the various Degrees, the addresses being delivered in each Degree in a most able manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Barr, S.W.; Snelgrove, J.W.; Wordly, S.D.; Panter, J.D.; and Gordon, I.G.; F. White, twice P.M. of the lodge, Steward. The W.M. then addressed the lodge according to usage, the end of each address receiving approbation. Masonic business being ended, the W.M. rose to inquire for the good of Masonry. The W.M. rose a second time to inquire, and received the congratulations of the numerous visitors present, hereinafter mentioned. The W.M. thanked the visitors for their "Hearty good wishes," and again rose to inquire, and, addressing the brethren of the lodge, thanked them for the proud position they had placed him in, and hoped that he should prove worthy of their confidence. The W.M. then closed the lodge with solemn prayer, and adjourned with the brethren to the banquetting hall to partake of an excellent dinner, provided by Bro. Alfred Best. Grace before and after meat was sung by an excellent quartett.

The cloth being cleared the W.M. rose and proposed "The Health of the Queen and Craft," remarking on the pleasure he felt at having the honour, as W.M. for the first time, of proposing Her Majesty's health, coupled with that of the Craft. He had always been loyal to his Queen, and true to Freemasonry, and trusted the brethren would rise with him and drink a bumping toast, which was done, fol-

lowed by the "National Anthem," sung by the whole of the brethren. The W.M. again rose and invited the brethren to unite with him in drinking "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," observing that their Royal Grand Master deserved well of the Craft, and trusted His Royal Highness would long live to rule over them as Grand Master, for during his Royal government Freemasonry had flourished, and had been more prosperous in our lodges and Charities, and increasing numbers, than at any other known period; he took a lively interest in everything conducing to the good of Freemasonry. The toast was then drunk with enthusiasm, followed by singing "God bless the Prince of Wales," the brethren joining in the chorus. The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the names of Bros. Anderson, P.G.S., and Clerk, P.G.P., of Middlesex. The toast was duly honoured, followed by a song. Bros. Anderson and Clerk responded. The next toast was "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," the W.M. mentioning the names of P.M.'s Farnfield, Dennis, Griffiths, White, and others, also that of the I.P.M., each of whom replied; the I.P.M. thanking the brethren for the unanimous support he had received from them all during his year of office. He had discharged his duties to the best of his ability, and was gratified to find he had given satisfaction to them all; he also thanked them for the collar and jewel the W.M. had placed on his shoulders, it being an emblem of morality, and he trusted a guide to all his future actions. He should endeavour to be at the side of the W.M. during his year of office, and assist, as far as in his power, the interests of the lodge. He took this occasion to thank the P.M.'s for their generous support during his year of office, and being now a P.M. of the lodge, would unite with them in sowing the seeds of amity and concord amongst the brethren of the lodge, so that order, peace, and harmony might exist. A song from Bro. Montem Smith followed, after which the I.P.M., taking the gavel in hand and calling the brethren to order, said they were well aware of the object of his rising, and he did so with more than the usual pleasure, which was to propose "The Health of the W. Master, Bro. Butt," who had only so recently as that day been able to leave a bed of sickness to receive from his hands the benefits of installation. He was sure he expressed the unanimous feelings of the brethren present when he said he wished him a speedy recovery from his recent attack of illness; he had some experience of the ability of the W.M., and felt sure he would be able to give satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge during his year of office. He invited them to drink the health of the W.M., which was done most cordially. Bro. Egbert Roberts rendered a lively characteristic song, which was well received. The W.M., who looked very pale, and was evidently suffering from a recent painful surgical operation, rose to respond to the toast of his health, and said he hoped any remission on his part would be looked over by the brethren. As the I.P.M. had stated, he had been dangerously ill, and at one time the honour the lodge had now conferred upon him in electing him their W. Master he thought he should have to forego; but, thanks to the skill of his doctor and good nursing, combined with a strong constitution and the will of the G.A.O.T.U., he was able to be amongst them. He felt more than words could express the kind manner and words of condolence expressed by Bro. Jennings, the I.P.M., in proposing his health, also to the brethren in acknowledging the same. He felt to be W.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge was the proudest moment of his life, and felt grateful to the Past Masters for their great kindness to him; he should ever remember them as brother Masons and friends, and felt, although unable to excel in Masonry as some of them had done, he would nevertheless during his year of office maintain the honour and reputation of the Royal Albert Lodge. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the kind reception given him. He was glad that an initiate had been introduced on his night of installation, it augured well for his year of office, and he hoped he should have many initiations during his Mastership. Whilst on his legs he asked them to rise and drink "The Health of the Initiate," which was responded to. A glece having been sung, the initiate, Bro. Hooper, rose and thanked the brethren for drinking his health in most appropriate terms. Bro. Dennis, P.M., at the request of the W.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," enumerating their names, and said the Royal Albert Lodge, whether at installation or ordinary meetings, had always a good sprinkling of visitors. They were always glad to see them—more the merrier; all visiting the lodge once expressed desire to come again. They had that evening upwards of forty, and he always liked to hear what they had to say; but he could hardly expect all to reply, and would content himself, with their permission, in coupling the names of Bros. H. A. Atherton, Chaplain, 1804; H. Roberts, Sec. 79; Boney, P.M. 79; and Hunt, 1804. Those brethren, he was sure, would do justice for the visitors; he would, therefore, ask the brethren of the lodge to drink to the health of their visitors, which was done with an excellent fire. Bro. Aston having sung a song, Bro. the Rev. H. A. Atherton rose with the rest of the visitors, and returned thanks; stating the pleasure he felt at being at the installation meeting of the Royal Albert Lodge. He was sure his brother visitors would unite their best wishes and thanks to the lodge for the very handsome way in which they had been entertained. The working was of a description deserving the highest praise, and they had plenty of evidence that, whilst the brethren enjoyed themselves with their visitors, they did not forget the poor and distressed, and at their festive board never forgot those brethren requiring the healing balm of consolation, and the box just returned from collection was ample proof for his words, upwards of four pounds having been collected on the behalf of Charity, and whilst Freemasons continued to act thus, and adopted morality for their standard, and the Most High for their guide, Freemasonry must ever flourish under His benign influence. He congratulated the lodge on the success they had attained, and hoped this would not be the last time of his visiting the lodge, for it was a treat to come amongst such brethren. He would not detain them any longer, and trusting the W.M. would soon be restored to good health, he thanked the worthy Past Master for associating his name with the visitors' toast. The other visitors named to reply did so in highly complimentary terms. The W.M. then rose and proposed "The Health of the Officers." Bro. P.M. J. Farnfield, Treasurer, in returning thanks, went on to say that the lodge had only to send in their bills, and they would receive his prompt acknowledgments, for he had the lodge entirely at heart,

and trusted they would go on prosperously. Bro. P.M. Dennis, acting Secretary, and Director of Ceremonies, next addressed the lodge on behalf of the officers, and remarked it was a satisfaction, as officers, to be complimented for their efficiency in working; it was their pride to be so, and it had long been a rule in the lodge to appoint brethren who knew, and could, discharge their duties, and trusted the choice made in their W.M. would not prove an exception, for he felt the honour of the lodge would be well sustained by him. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him. Bro. F. White, P.M. and Steward, next added a few words of thanks, his efficiency being exemplified by the attention he paid to the comforts of the brethren, more especially the visitors, being constantly on the move. The Wardens, Deacons, and I.G. made suitable replies. The W.M. next proposed "The Masonic Charities," coupling the name of Bro. Clerke, P.G.P. of Middx., who, in responding made a stirring appeal on their behalf. The Tyler's toast ended the evening. Bro. Gordon, a member of the lodge, during the evening, rendered some excellent singing. The musical arrangements were under the able directorship of Bro. F. Cozens, the Organist of the lodge. The visitors present were as follows: Bros. the Rev. A. H. Atherton, 1806, M.A.; J. D. Hill, 1806; R. Logan, I.G. 1806; R. B. Greenwood, 1623; W. Butt, S. 1623; Ruddle, 1589; T. Pain, 720; Clerke, P.M., P.G.P. Middx.; F. Walters, P.M., P.G.D. Middx.; Wilkinson, 1717; Hancock, 1716; Potts, S.W. 1716; Burne, 162; Gordon, 584; Iron, 1579; Roberts, 79; Bencey, I.P.M. 79; Green, 861; Provost, 861; G. J. Judge, 1178; A. Stevens, J.W. 1298; J. Bamber, 1589; Stokes, P.M. 861; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1472; Lovell, 3; Wilkins, 1839; Fenner, I.P.M. 160; Reason, 1260; W. J. Nodder, 1816; T. Wilson, I.G. 1328; G. Anderson, W.M. 60; George, P.M. 1309; W. Beechman, 1309; Mallett, P.M. 141; Langley, 1260; F. Robinson, 1613; Aston, 1185; Pratt, 192; E. Roberts, Org. 1623; W. S. Crouch, W.M. 103; Allinson, J.W. 1228; and several others. We might mention that Bro. Alfred Best was noticed. The following are the list of members not already mentioned: Bros. Coleman, Edwards, Callett, Soam, Gordon, Searle, Hartman, Todd, and H. Soam. The W.M. during the early part of the evening called the attention of the brethren to the absence of a very dear brother, namely, W. Farnfield, who was unable to attend through illness, and he asked the brethren to rise and join him in drinking to his speedy recovery. The brethren responded.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the East Hill Hotel—the new rendezvous—on Wednesday, the 24th ult. There were present Bros. A. Newens, W.M.; J. B. Walker, S.W.; W. J. Huntley, J.W.; J. J. Holland, S.D.; F. W. Wardroper, J.D.; F. Reed, I.G.; J. Frost, Sec.; H. Wilson, Treas.; W. A. Morgan, P.M.; H. R. Jones, P.M.; J. G. Carter, P.M.; E. H. Boddy, P.M.; T. Arnison, W. T. Bell, H. Newens, Robert Walker, R. Neal, W. Springett, T. Knippler, G. Clark, A. Brownlow, C. Mitchell, and Denham. Bros. E. Carter and G. Gregory were visitors.

Bro. Walker, S.W., was unanimously chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year. After the transaction of formal business, the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where the "ceremony of the Fourth Degree" was worked. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily responded to. To that of "The Visitors," Bro. E. Carter replied. He said he had observed a large increase in the lodge. Their mother lodge (the 1044) had frequently given birth to twins, and he hoped she would increase her progeny by his triplets. (Laughter.) A very pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

**WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1296).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. Robert H. Crowden, W.M.; W. G. Krut, S.W.; J. B. Gardiner, J.W.; H. D. Stead, P.M.; Treasurer; J. G. Woodrow, P.M.; Secretary; Thos. Perrin, S.D.; M. Vizzitelli, S.D.; Basil Cooke, I.G.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; J. B. Crump, W.S.; James Crowden, W.S.; and Beckett, Tyler.

The lodge was opened soon after half-past three o'clock, when Bro. Woodrow, Secretary, read the minutes of the last lodge meeting, which were duly confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degree, and Bros. Dr. Lomas and Archer, who had previously proved themselves worthy, were impressively raised by the W.M. to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then resumed to the Second Degree, when Bros. Captain Jenkins and John Hicks were passed to the Degree of a F.C., the W.M. showing his usual proficiency in the different ceremonies. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when Mr. S. Johnson was proposed by Bro. Crump for initiation at the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by various brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. There was no banquet.

**THE FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st ult., at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars. Bro. J. Shepherd, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. R. Hallam, S.W.; Durell, J.W.; the Assistant Officers, Bros. Wright, P.G.P., Musto, Hogg, and Calverley, P.M.'s; and the following visitors: Bros. J. Barnes, Maidwell, H. Hallam, jun., Claton, Evans, H. Thompson, P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*); and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the first business was to raise Bro. Larsen to the Third Degree, and following that Bro. H. Chown was advanced to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. H. R. Hallam, the W. Master elect, was then presented to receive from his predecessor the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. H. R. Hallam was duly installed as W. Master of the lodge, and he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Shepherd, I.P.M.; Durell, S.W.; Peterkin, J.W.; Musto, P.M.; Treasurer; Hogg, P.M.; Secretary; Godolphin, S.D.; Spencer, J.D.; Friedeberg, W.S.; and Stedman, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Shepherd then delivered the customary addresses, and at the conclusion was presented by the new W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, the gift of the brethren, in recognition of his services as W. Master during the past year, for which he briefly but appropriately expressed his thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a very excellent repast was provided, the new W. Master presiding, supported by his

Past Masters and visitors. At the conclusion of the banquet the W. Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all duly responded to, the toast of "The Queen" being followed by the "National Anthem," the vocalists being Bros. Hallam, jun., Claton, and Evans. Bro. Wright, P.G.P., returned thanks for the "Grand Officers." Bro. Shepherd, I.P.M., rose and said that the brethren were no doubt aware for what purpose he had obtained possession of the gavel, which was to propose "The Health of Bro. Hallam, the Worshipful Master," whom he had the pleasure of installing into the chair. He knew what the W. Master could do, and he felt sure that he would perform his duties to their entire satisfaction. It was, therefore, with great pleasure that he proposed his health. The toast was enthusiastically responded to, followed by a song by Bro. Hallam, jun. The W.M. briefly returned thanks for the very kind manner in which his health had been drunk, and would endeavour to deserve the honour that had been conferred upon him. The W. Master next proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Master, Bro. Shepherd," which was cordially drunk, succeeded by a glee by the professional singers. Bro. Shepherd thanked the W. Master for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for the cordial way in which they had responded to it. If he had done anything to merit their satisfaction, he felt highly complimented. The jewel which they had presented to him that evening he was very proud of, and the recollection of it would ever live in his memory, as it would remind him of the time when the brethren elected him as W. Master of their lodge; and their kindness that night proved to him that they appreciated what he had tried to do. He had received a great deal of assistance from the brethren of the lodge, and had it not been for the information he obtained from Bro. Musto, he should never have arrived at his proud position of W. Master. He always found Bro. Musto willing, no matter at what time of day any brother might go to him, to lay down his pen and give him instruction. In conclusion he begged to thank them all for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health. The W. Master said the next toast was "The Past Masters of the Lodge," and with it he would couple the name of Bro. Musto, P.M. and Treasurer. Bro. Musto returned thanks for having his name associated with the toast of the Past Masters of the lodge, and he thanked the brethren for the warm manner in which they had responded to it. As a Past Master of the lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty, and he would continue to do so to the Craft in general, and particularly to the brethren of this lodge. Bro. Hogg, P.M., also returned thanks. The W. Master next gave "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. H. Thompson, who congratulated Bro. Hallam in having attained the high position of W. Master, and felt assured from the diligence he had shown in attending lodges of instruction he would discharge his duties to their entire satisfaction. Bro. Barnes and several other visitors also returned thanks. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE** (No. 1563).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present: Bros. Benj. Turner, W.M.; J. E. Shand, S.W.; J. Hutchinson, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.M.; Treas.; E. J. Scott, P.M.; Sec.; J. Waugh, S.D.; Hammond, as J.D.; Pratt, I.G.; J. Handcock, W.M. 1687, Stewd.; Potter, Tyler; H. Bonham, J. C. Ward, Smith, Day, Ince, Blackford, and others. Visitors: Bros. Seymour Smith, 742; W. Blackford, 55; J. Johnson, jun., 55; M. Crook, 1614; J. Sherstone, E. Tabernacle, 1288; and others.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. P. H. Culyverthorpe O'Farrell was duly and impressively initiated into the Order. Bro. F. Cox, having answered the questions, was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. Stevens, Wenn, Line, Clouts, and May, having proved proficiency, were raised to the Third Degree. The resignation of Bros. Arnold and Docker (W.M. elect of 1687) was received with regret. Bro. P.M. Holden, P.M., requested to be placed upon the country list, which was agreed to. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, about forty-five in number, dined at the Café Royale, in Bro. Nicol's usual good fashion. The W.M. then submitted the customary toasts, which were well received, and some music and singing interspersed brought the evening to a close, the brethren separating at a late hour.

**BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge** (No. 221).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square. There were present Bros. Henry Stead, W.M.; Thos. Whitaker, as S.W.; Jabez Boothroyd, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D.; Treas.; Thos. Mitchell, Sec.; John Isherwood, as S.D.; Edwin Melrose, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G.O.; D.C.; A. Cosgrave, Steward; and P. Staton, Org. Visitors: Bros. Ellis Jones, St. David's Lodge, Manchester, and J. T. Hooper, P. Prov. G. Treas.

The lodge was opened at half-past six o'clock. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. Toyfe Elliston, and, having been approved of, he was initiated by Bro. N. Nicholson, P.M., the charge to the candidate being given by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, senior Past Master. The usual routine business having been transacted, the W.M. requested attendance of the brethren at a meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Lancashire at Oldham, on the 5th May, and the lodge was then closed.

**WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge** (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., and was presided over by the W.M., Bro. John Warren. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the S.W., Bro. Wilkins, the chairs of S.W. and J.W. were filled by Bros. E. B. Hobson, J.W., and G. Beaver, S.D.; the following officers doing duty a step in advance of their regular offices: Bros. H. Roberts, as S.D.; and T. Ovenden, as J.D. The Past Masters present were Bros. A. Woodley, I.P.M.; T. Butt, Treas.; and C. Norman, Sec. The visitors were Bros. W. Weston, P.M. 1536; T. Hollyman, S.D. 1536; W. Robinson, 988; T. Thompson, 1507; T. Hassell, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. F. Priest, and was declared to be unanimous. The

candidate not being present, Bro. Hiscock was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Day was raised to the Degree of a M.M. The ceremonies were, as usual at this lodge, well and ably performed. The W.M. then announced that he had been able to obtain a very handsome sum from the Lodge of Benevolence for the daughter of a late brother of the lodge, and then, with "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of a simple yet elegantly served repast, prepared by Bro. R. Beaver, and then returned to the lodge room, where the hospitality of the lodge soon made every one feel at home, the genial manner of the W.M. and his officers having that happy effect upon both members and visitors, the latter especially. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured P.M. Woodley rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He said he must admit he felt jealous at the way in which the W.M. did his work. He had some sort of an idea that when he became I.P.M. he should have a very important duty to fulfil, but he found that the position he held was merely a sinecure. The W.M. left him nothing to do, and did his work so well that he needed neither instruction nor guidance from him. However, when he took into consideration the fact that both the W.M. and himself were only following in the footsteps of their predecessors he did not know that he had much to grumble about, and knowing that they all held the W.M. in the esteem that he so richly deserved, he asked them to drink the toast as it deserved. The W.M., in reply, thanked them for the spontaneous and hearty reception the toast had during his year of office always received at the hands of both the brethren and visitors of and to the lodge. It was gratifying to him, inasmuch as it showed him that he had fulfilled their expectations, and while he felt the responsibilities of the office, yet it was a pleasure to work in such a lodge, and with such able officers as he had around him. The office of S.W. had been filled, and the whole of the officers had taken a step upwards, so far as the duties of the lodge were concerned, that night, through the absence of Bro. Wilkins, who, he trusted, would soon be with them again; and any Master might be proud of having officers who were fit, as his officers had been that night, for any emergencies, and while he had such officers, and was supported so generously by the brethren, he felt that no effort should or would be wanting to carry to a successful close the distinguished position they had placed him in as W.M. of the lodge. Bro. Weston replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. Woodley for "The Past Masters," and, after the officers had been complimented and Bro. Hobson had replied, the brethren separated.

**WISBECH.—United Good Fellowship Lodge** (No. 809).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 22nd ult., at the Rose and Crown Hotel, at four p.m. Present: Bro. Thos. Squire, W.M.; R. A. Douglas-Lithgow, S.W.; Bray, J.W.; W. H. Exley, Treasurer; Ellis, S.D.; Parker, J.D.; Thacker, Organist; Holmes, Tyler; Carrick, I.P.M.; Patrick, P.M.; Collins, P.M.; Leach, P.M.; Rev. W. E. Browne, P. Prov. G. Chaplain; Tidman, Hudson, Louth, Rae, Hampson, Peck, Berry, Thorns, Burling, Charles Abbott, Wright, Whitehead, and others. The following visitors were also present: Bros. C. W. Morris, P.M. 107; Curtis, W.M. 685; Hiscox, Giffard, and W. Abbott, 985.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, Bro. James D. Collins, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. took the chair, and at the request of the W.M. initiated Mr. James Yates into Freemasonry. The candidate having retired, the chair was taken by Bro. George Carrick, P.M., P. Prov. S.G. Warden, and the lodge having been opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Robert Alexander Douglas-Lithgow was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Bray, S.W.; C. R. Ellis, J.W.; Rev. W. E. Browne, Chap.; W. H. Exley, Treas.; L. Hampson, Sec.; Charles Parker, S.D.; J. L. Rae, J.D.; A. J. Burling, Organist; W. Welchman, I.G.; and J. N. Holmes, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. Hudson, seconded by Bro. Patrick, P.M., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Carrick for the impressive and finished manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by some excellent singing from several of the brethren.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge** (No. 872).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 10th ult., Bro. F. Hodgson, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and Past Masters: Bros. William Gill, P.M.; Thomas Atkinson, P.M.; W. B. Cowman, P.M.; J. S. Braithwaite, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W.; Robt. Twentyman, Sec.; Geo. Smith, S.D.; J. McGill, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Org.; James Salisbury, Tyler; Samuel Blenkhorn and James McGowan, Stewards; Thomas Ellwood, Joseph Ray, A. McGill, Joseph Moore, John Nixon, Wm. Spowart, Thomas Glessall, John Spedding, and J. Sewell. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Baxter, W.M. Kenlis Lodge; Egremont, 1207; and Jame: Black.

The business before the lodge was to ballot for Mr. H. Burns, which proved unanimous, and he being in attendance, was duly initiated into the brotherhood. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. John Spedding proving his proficiency therein, was entrusted, and retired. When the lodge was opened in the Third Degree Bro. Cowman assumed the chair, and Bro. Spedding was then, in a most impressive manner, raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G. D.C., presented to the lodge a very handsome portrait, in full Masonic dress, of our R.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, also a very fine steel engraving of Lady Aldworth. A vote of thanks was then proposed by Bro. Cowman, and seconded by Bro. Gill, to Bro. Atkinson for the same, and, on being submitted to the lodge by the W.M., met with hearty applause. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony, when the brethren adjourned for one hour, which was spent in a very agreeable way. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings at 10.30.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge** (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on

Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Terminus Hotel. There were present Bros. Dr. G. F. Jones, W.M.; G. Berry, S.W.; T. F. Barrett, J.W.; Rev. H. J. Hatch, P.M. 160, P.P.G. Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. A. Wardell, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. A.G.D.C., Sec.; W. D. Merritt, S.D.; F. D. Grayson, J.D.; W. G. Brighten, P.M. and P.Z., I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M. 20 (I.C.), I.P.M.; A. Lucking, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C.; J. Reeve, P.M. 160; T. Dickson, H. Beecher, W. Waterhouse, N. Millar, C. Pooley, E. F. Collins, and A. Martin, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Phillips, P.M.

After the usual preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. G. L. Wood, and this being unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, the ceremony being well rendered by the W.M., who afterwards delivered the charge to the candidate. Bro. J. C. Johnstone, I.P.M., then in a very able manner gave the Lecture on the First Tracing Board. The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**MANCHESTER.—Callender Lodge** (No. 1052).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival in connection with this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday, the 20th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. Arthur Hines, W.M.; Saml. Warburton, S.W.; Thos. Fallows, J.W.; Alfred B. Outram, Sec.; Robt. Ed. Johnson, Treas.; R. Walker, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Saml. Davies, P.M.; D. Edwards, P.M.; Jno. Craig, D. W. Gwin, W. S. Hayworth, H. J. McBurney, and T. Wrigley.

Visitors: Bros. Rev. Dr. J. M. Cranswicke, 999, P.P.G. Chap. E.L.; Robt. Duke, P.M. 1235, 1685; Wm. Parker, P.M. 993; T. J. Warburton, 342; Elias Nathan, W.M. 1798; P. Mc Lachlan, W.M. 1375; Jos. Downer; W. C. Headland, W.M. 289; W. T. Norton, P.M. 1161; John Hinchliffe, 1161; S. P. Bidder, P.M. 1161; G. M. Loft-house, P.M., P.Z. 1004; Jas. Gardner, 350; J. H. Greenwood, 163; M. Guggett, 1211; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened soon after three o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr. John Jadrell was next initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. The lodge was afterwards raised to the Second Degree, and the W.M. elect (Bro. Samuel Warburton) presented by Bro. Samuel Davies, P.M., to the Installing Master (Bro. Arthur Hines), the W.M. After the usual formalities Bro. Samuel Warburton was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by the Installing Master, who performed the ceremony in the most creditable manner. When the M.M.'s had been re-admitted, and saluted their new W.M., Bro. Warburton proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Thos. Fallows, S.W.; Wm. Duncan, J.W. (by deputy); the other officers being invested by S. P. Bidder, P.M.; R. E. Johnson, Treas.; Alfred B. Outram, Sec. (by deputy); J. H. Montgomery, D. of C.; Jno. Craig, Org.; George Pescott, S.D.; Robt. White, J.D. (by deputy); Roger Walker, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; Seth Wrigley, and H. J. McBurney, Stewards (by deputy). The Installing Master next delivered the addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren, the ceremony being concluded by a prayer from the Rev. Rev. J. M. Cranswicke. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45. The St. John's Festival was afterwards celebrated by a banquet in the spacious room usually appropriated for such purposes. A choice and selected menu was served, superintended by Bro. Phillips, the well-known manager at this hall. At dessert the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. In proposing "The Memory of the late W. Romaine Callender, D.P.G.M. E.L.," Bro. R. E. Johnson, P.M., said he did so with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure in recalling the many excellent qualities and kindly disposition of their deeply-lamented Bro. Callender, and regret that he was no longer in their midst. All Lancashire Masons knew full well the great and almost irreparable loss the Craft had sustained in the death of their revered and much loved brother. Every charity had suffered by his death, for he was ever ready with his purse to help the poor and needy, the sick and distressed. Bro. Johnson concluded by asking them all to drink in silence this toast, which was done, and Bro. S. Bidder afterwards led off silent honours. Bro. Arthur Hines, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the evening, viz., "The Health of the W.M.," said he could not plead any excuse at the present time for not giving them a speech, but at the same time the toast that had fallen to his lot to propose was one that demanded a somewhat lengthy speech. It was not his intention to occupy their time too long in speaking of the various qualities of their W.M. The brethren knew those qualities very well, and he was sure they would be better acquainted with them during their W.M.'s year of office. He was sure that a more generous soul never sat in the chair of K.S., and he felt that the future of the Callender Lodge under such a genial and worthy Master as Bro. Warburton would flourish and prosper. He was glad to know that there was a good bit of work in store for him, and was sure that it would be well and ably done, and that the principles of Freemasonry would be carried out during Bro. Warburton's Mastership. He wished the W.M. every success, and asked the brethren heartily to respond to the toast. There was great enthusiasm manifested over the toast, and the excitement reached a high pitch when Bro. S. B. Bidder led off three times three ringing cheers. The W.M., in reply said, that what with the excitement and the heat of the room, he was getting somewhat into a stew. He would first of all express his gratitude to those brethren, who, with one exception, has so kindly responded to his invitation that evening. He would then express his thanks to the brethren of the Callender Lodge for placing him in the position he now occupied. They had all seen how he had conducted himself during the time he had filled the various offices leading to the important one to which they had recently elected him, and he presumed they must have been satisfied with the manner in which he performed those duties or they would not have conferred the present honour upon him. He had become more and more attached to this lodge, and he assured them that he felt that day to be the proudest one of his life. He always felt the greatest delight in being present amongst them and doing anything he could, and one of his great aims was to inculcate those grand principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and it would be his task to bind and cement that true friendship that he believed existed between



himself and the members. He would not offend one of his brethren if he knew it; but if he saw anything done that was not in his opinion regular he would be candid and speak of it openly, and without fear or favour, and he trusted the brethren would be equally candid with him. He hoped, however, that his year of office would not be marked with any unpleasant incident, and that it would be a prosperous one for his lodge. Bro. Slade, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Cranswicke, P.P.G.C. E.L.; Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M. 1161; and Bro. Provis, P.M. 104. At this stage Bro. Seth Wrigley sang a song of his own composing, which was well received. "The Health of the Initiate" was next proposed in a humorous speech by Bro. Montgomery, in the course of which he remarked that a great many of his predecessors in speech-making had seemed to have kissed the blarney stone, and, therefore, he might be pardoned for following in their footsteps. Diverging a little from the toast he had been asked to propose, he would tell them how pleased he was to be present that evening, although, properly speaking, he should have been in Ireland; but his love for the lodge was so great, and his attachment to their W.M. so cordial, that he felt he could not refuse the solicitation of their W.M. to be present. He was proud of being a member of the lodge, and also to see the magnificent portrait of their late respected Bro. Romaine Callender hanging on the wall. He well remembered that night when Bro. Tuson handed over the portrait to the lodge, and none could have been more sorry than he was when it was removed or more delighted than when it was once again in their possession, from whence, he fervently hoped, it might never depart, and also trusted each night he might be in his place as D. of C. to see it was there also. With respect to the office to which he had been appointed, he would do his duty, and would take particular care when he told the brethren to do anything that they did it. He hoped the initiate would profit by what he had seen and heard that day, and he assured him that each other Degree he would have to take was more beautiful and Christian-like. He would further inform him that one of the great principles and teachings in Masonry was to help one another and to hold firmly together, and practise outside the lodge that which he heard in it. Bro. Montgomery concluded by asking pardon for keeping the brethren so long while proposing this toast, and called upon them to drink the initiate's health, which was done, and Bro. Jadrrell responded in suitable terms. "The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Saml. Warburton, and was warmly responded to by the brethren. The I.P.M., returned thanks, and was afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel in the name of the lodge by Bro. Rev. Dr. Cranswicke. The toasts of "The Masonic Charities," "The Ladies," and Tyler's toast were also proposed and duly honoured, the latter bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close at 10.30.

Bro. J. H. Greenwood, of whom we have spoken on several occasions, contributed vastly to the brethren's enjoyment by his unapproachable vocal and instrumental talent, his "Fair Rosamond," "Knot Mill Fair," and other effusions receiving, as they deserved, loud and prolonged applause.

**MELTON MOWBRAY.—Rutland Lodge (No. 1130).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the George Hotel. There were present Bros. A. Childs, S.W.; G. Austin, Treas. and J.D.; Lawton, S.D.; Turville, Tyler; Bright, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Wilan, P.M., P.G.R.; Fast, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Weaver, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Oldham, Dale, Goodall, Hawkes, and Fletcher.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Capt. Hartopp, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Bright, P.M., and Bro. Weaver, P.M., occupied the J.W.'s chair. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Goodall, a candidate to be passed, was then examined as to his proficiency as an E.A., and was found fully qualified. He having retired, the lodge was opened on the square, when the candidate was re-admitted, and duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was then lowered, and Bros. Hawkes and Fletcher, also candidates for passing, were similarly examined, and were found qualified. After their retirement the lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and they were re-admitted in due form individually, and duly passed. The lodge being lowered to the First Degree, some business applying to the lodge in particular was transacted, and at eight o'clock p.m. the brethren proceeded to refreshment.

**HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).**—This lodge held its usual meeting at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 24th ult. The officers present were Bros. Sindall, W.M.; Gordon, S.W.; Kentish, J.W.; Shaboe, Chap. and I.P.M.; Pearse, Sec.; Sanders, S.D.; Bindoff, J.D.; Maybury, I.G.; and Maple, M.C. Members: Bros. Col. Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; George Kenning, Kelly, Keith, and others. Visitors: Bros. Terry, Sec. Benevolent Institution; Everett, P. Prov. S.D. Hants; Jones, P. Prov. D. Middx.; Close, P. Prov. D.C. Surrey, and several others.

The only business before the lodge was the initiation of the Rev. Dr. Griffiths and Mr. Tattersall, which was performed in an admirable manner by the W.M. The lodge expressed its deep sympathy with Bro. Buss, Treas. (who was absent), under his recent domestic affliction, and, after transacting some other business, adjourned to the usual banquet, furnished by Bro. Sadler.

**LEICESTER.—Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on which auspicious occasion a large number of brethren were present, including the whole of the Past Masters of the lodge, with the exception of the much lamented Bro. J. B. Hall. The lodge was opened by Bro. C. J. Wilkinson, W.M., assisted by Bros. G. Clifton, M.D., P.M.; R. A. Barber, P.M.; E. Mason, P.M.; B. Moore, P.M.; A. Chamberlain, S.W.; Thomas Wright, J.W.; Rev. S. W. Wigg, Chap.; John Halford, P.M., Treas.; J. Read, Sec.; E. H. Butler, J.D.; John Harrison, D. of C.; E. Watson, I.G.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; H. B. Ellis, Bland, Warwick, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Kelly, R.W. Past G.M.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, W.M. 279; S. Cleaver, P.M. 279; W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523; Rev. Beazley, Joseph Young, A. Curtis, C. R. Turner, R. Dudgeon, W. A. Fielding, J. Orlando Law, W. H. Chamberlin, S. A. Marris, W. Lead, John Clifton, J. H. Marshall,

Charles Stevens, C. Knowles, and others.

The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the arrival of Bro. Kelly was announced, whose presence afforded much gratification to the brethren owing to the great popularity of that distinguished brother. Bro. Kelly having been received with the customary provincial honours, the W.M. elect, Bro. A. Chamberlin, was presented, and having assented to the usual questions, was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most admirably performed by Bro. Past Master Halford. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted in the various Degrees. Bro. Chamberlin then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Thos. Wright, S.W.; Jos. Read, J.W.; C. J. Wilkinson, I.P.M.; Rev. S. W. Wigg, Chap.; Jno. Halford, P.M., Treas.; E. H. Butler, Sec.; E. Watson, S.D.; Jno. Harrison, J.D.; W. W. Vincent, D. of C.; H. B. Ellis, Org.; J. E. Beazley, I.G.; R. B. Starkey and J. Widdowson, Stewards; T. Dunn and James Tanner, Tylers. On the proposition of Bro. Kelly, seconded by Bro. Chamberlin, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Halford for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master. A vote of thanks was also given to the I.P.M. for the efficient manner in which he had filled the chair during the past year.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable and harmonious evening to a close.

**STOCKTON.—Lodge of Fraternity (No. 1418).**

—The annual festival in connection with this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington-street, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when Bro. James Hall was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge for the year 1880-1. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Bro. W. J. Watson, P.M. and Treasurer, performed the ceremony of installation, after which the Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. George E. Pybus, S.W.; John M. Pickering, J.W.; W. J. Watson, P.M., Treasurer; John Broome, Secretary; George E. Smirk, S.D.; John Reed, J.D.; A. Crosby, I.G.; and J. Trenholm, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. J. P. Banning, was, at the close of the lodge, presented with a beautifully engrossed address of thanks for his services during his year of office. Bro. Banning suitably responded.

At the close of the lodge the assembled brethren, to the number of upwards of sixty, adjourned to the banqueting hall, and there partook of an excellent dinner. The W.M. presided, and amongst the company were the following Worshipful Masters and Past Masters: Bros. J. P. Banning, P.M., Lodge of Fraternity; W. J. Watson, G. D. Leng, Thos. Wilks, and J. J. T. Thorman, P.M.'s Lodge of Philanthropy; J. W. Moses, W.M.; John Hunton, Thomas Nelson, Wm. Nelson, A. S. Fowler, B. R. Smith, James Rose, J. F. Craggs, P.M.'s Tees Lodge; Thomas Brayshaw, W.M.; Joseph Dadds, John Settle, R. Wilson, J. Bolsover, and A. Iley, P.M.'s. After dinner, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. Dadds proposed "The Health of the new W.M.," and, in doing so, said he had seen a great deal of Bro. Hall since he first came into the locality. His promotion had been rapid; from South Stockton he had crossed to Stockton and taken a more important public position, and probably his undoubted talents and ability would enable him to take another and higher flight before many years passed over. When that time came they would part with their worthy brother with regret. He had further to congratulate Bro. Hall on the high and important position to which he had been elevated that day, and he trusted that the year would be marked by great prosperity to the lodge over which Bro. Hall had the honour to preside. The toast was warmly received. The W.M. tendered his sincere thanks for the honour done him, and assured the brethren that it was his sincere desire to fully carry out the duties of his high office. Bro. Hunton, in a kindly address, proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," and Bro. Banning thanked the brethren for the kindness which had always been shown to him.

The proceedings throughout were very harmonious and pleasant, the festival being altogether a great success.

**TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge**

(No. 1503).—This highly prosperous provincial lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on Wednesday, the 14th ult. There were present amongst others Bros. W. Taylor, W.M.; Ashley, S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; S. H. Knaggs, P.M., acting I.P.M.; Richnell, S.D. and Treas.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., acting Sec.; Artus, P.M., acting J.D.; Rogers, acting I.G. The visitors were Bros. Diaper, P.M. 5, P.G.S.; Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx., &c.; Loveland, P.M. 130, 698, P.P.G.R. Isle of Wight, &c.; Morgan, Sec. 211; Pocock, S.D. 1818; Perry, 55; Saunders, 555.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. A. E. Williams was passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Mr. James Leslie G. Powell, as an initiate, and for Bro. A. Halcomb, P.M. 90, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. Mr. Powell being in attendance, was duly inducted into Craft mysteries. A vote of condolence to the representatives of the late W. Bro. Charles Horsley, P.P.G.R. Middlesex, and who had been connected with No. 1503 from its commencement, having been unanimously passed, a sum of ten guineas was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like sum to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Previously to the lodge being closed, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to W. Bro. W. H. Saunders, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

Upon the termination of the banquet, the preliminary toasts of the evening received full justice. "The Health of the W.M." was then most cordially drunk, and Bro. Taylor having made a modest speech in reply, gave in felicitous words the toast of "The Initiate." Bro. Saunders having contributed "The Entered Apprentice," Bro. Powell responded in terms that were characterised by their neatness and brevity. In giving "The Visitors," the W.M. took occasion in the course of his speech to congratulate the members upon the number of distinguished brethren that had done the Francis Burdett Lodge the honour of visiting them that evening, and he hoped that their visit had been in every way enjoyable and satisfactory to them. This toast having been acknowledged in fitting terms by Bros. Diaper,

Perry, Morgan, Loveland, Rushworth, Pocock, and Saunders, "The Past Masters" followed, and this pledge was responded to by Bro. W. H. Saunders. "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Ashley, S.W., came next in order, and the Tyler's toast, at a comparatively early hour, brought the proceedings to a close.

**MANCHESTER.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).**—The installation of Bro. A. Crosby, P.M., and festival of St. John was held on Monday, the 12th ult., the former at the Masonic Rooms, and the latter at the Talbot Hotel, Stretford. Both were a grand success.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Thos. Arthur Crompton, W.M.; A. Crosby, S.W.; Jas. B. Andrew, J.W.; Jas. Cole, J.D.; A. Lewtas, Organist; H. Avison, I.G.; John Worthington, Tyler; H. Hiram Wakefield, P.M.; Geo. Shaw, P.M.; Chas. Cooper, Wm. Amory, A. Hope, E. Marsden, Jas. H. Grimshaw, Wm. Goodwin, Wm. Tyers, J. Walton, H. Swithard, Thomas Griffiths, and W. A. Bullock.

Visitors: Bros. R. S. Allpass, 155, 680, 1570, Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D.C. E.L.; John Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; John Ellis, P.M. 1011; William Dumville, P.M. 1011; Eustace A. Parker, W.M. 1545; J. Milne, 422; Robert Davies, W.M. 1387; J. H. Lill; Thos. A. Ryder, W.M. 1357; J. R. England, W.M. 1730; W. Harris Pike, 663 and 1588; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The balance-sheet, which showed the lodge funds in a very healthy condition, was adopted. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, and after being duly presented, Bro. A. Crosby was inducted into the chair of K.S., in a most masterly manner by the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. A. Crompton, which won the encomiums of both members and visitors. As soon as the M.M.'s had re-appeared, the usual proclamation was made, and salutations given, after which Bro. Thos. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, invested the following officers: Bros. Jas. B. Andrew, S.W.; John E. Boden, J.W. (by deputy); W. H. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; William Cole, Secretary; James Cole, Thomas Avison, J.D.; George Barber, P.M., D. of C.; Alfred Lewtas, Organist; Enos Walwork, I.G.; Tyers, Cooper, and Amery, Stewards; and John Worthington, Tyler.

The Installing Master, Bro. Crompton, then gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and the ceremony of installation was concluded. Bro. Shaw, P.M., soon afterwards rose, and after dwelling at length on the merits and Masonic ability of their late Bro. Cooke, proposed that a sum of £23 be granted to his widow. It appeared from Bro. West's remarks that Bro. Cooke's widow was in need of pecuniary help, and contemplated giving musical lessons to pupils, and taking a smaller house than that in which she at present resided, and it was with a view to assist her in carrying out her advised resolve that this sum of £23 was asked to be granted by the lodge, as it would pay the rent for one year of the house in which Mrs. Cook would reside. Bro. H. H. Wakefield, P.M., seconded the proposition, which was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, Bro. Thos. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, in addition, remarking how gratified he had been that day in witnessing the ceremony of installation so skillfully performed by Bro. Crompton, and assured them that in the whole course of his Masonic experience he had never seen it surpassed by so young a man. He said that, if in order, it would afford him the greatest pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to Bro. Crompton for his ability. Bro. R. R. Lisenden seconded the motion, which was carried. Bro. Crompton briefly returned thanks, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.20.

The brethren adjourned to the Talbot Hotel, where a substantial banquet had been prepared for them. At the termination of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. In response to the toast of "Col. the Right Hon. Fred Stanley, V.V.D.P. G.M., and the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. R. S. Allpass, Prov. G. Sec. W.L., remarked it had afforded him a very great deal of pleasure in being present there that day and witness the progress the lodge had made since its formation. The members of the lodge were evidently a united band, and, as far as he had noticed that day, there had been no cavilling as to appointment of officers, and everything was carried on with unanimity and concord. He had seen with satisfaction what the lodge had done for the Charities, and he had been pleased to note that afternoon the hearty and substantial response they had made to the appeal on behalf of Bro. Cooke's widow. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Cooke, and he considered they had shown the true spirit of Masonry in granting the sum they had to his widow. Bro. Allpass spoke in high praise of suburban and country lodges that he had visited from time to time, and said that as regards unanimity, working, and offerings to Charities, they contrasted most favourably with any in Liverpool, and concluded by again expressing the pleasure he had experienced in being present amongst them that day, and thanked them for their munificent offerings to Charities and their hearty reception and hospitable treatment of himself. Bro. Jno. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C. E. Lanc., also responded to the toast. The latter brother, in the course of his remarks, said it was somewhat difficult to follow in the footsteps of so experienced a speaker as Bro. Allpass, and he felt it was placing him in an awkward position to attempt it. He, however, could truly endorse all that Bro. Allpass had stated, and especially as regarded the able manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed that day. He had had a great deal of experience with installation ceremonies, and, being an old Installing Master himself, could truly say that he had never seen the ceremony so well performed as it had been that day. Bro. Sillitoe concluded by thanking them for the hospitality and kindness he had received at their hands. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. T. A. Crompton, I.P.M., said most of the brethren were aware of the services Bro. Crosby had rendered to the lodge during his connection with it. He himself recalled the night when Bros. Crosby and Goodacre, P.M. (who, unfortunately, was absent from their midst on account of a death in his family), met in Bro. Wakefield's sitting room, and discussed the preliminaries connected with the formation of the Prince Leopold Lodge. Bro. Crosby, their new

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF SURREY.

THE M. E. COMPANION  
GENERAL STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.,  
Provincial Grand Superintendent.

Notice is hereby given, that a Provincial Grand Chapter will be held on Saturday, 8th day of May, 1880, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Spring Hotel, Ewell, in the county of Surrey, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and the other Companions of the Province, are requested to attend.

By command of the Provincial Grand Superintendent,  
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.  
Provincial G.S.E.  
61, Nelson-square,  
Blackfriars-road,  
April 24th, 1880.

Morning Dress.

Luncheon will take place at 2 o'clock. Tickets for which (price 7s. 6d.) may be had of the Provincial G.S.E. Companions wishing to attend the Luncheon must signify their intention by the 4th of May, after which date accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

Train from Waterloo, 11.25; London Bridge, 10.45.

## LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION—MAY ELECTION, 1880.—The Committee have selected the following Candidates, and re- quest the Votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

### AGED FREEMASONS.

- No. 16. William John Helps.  
" 19. Samuel Genese.  
" 24. John Wm. Claisen.

### WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

- No. 15. E. T. Maynard.  
" 40. Marianne Rigby.  
" 41. Harriet Palmer.  
" 43. Sarah White.  
" 45. Elizabeth M. A. Child.  
" 24. Rebecca Martin.  
" 37. Louisa E. Chandler.

\* Two Candidates of the same name.

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Hon. Secretary,  
L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVO- LENT INSTITUTION.—SECOND APPLICA- TION.—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.

## TO OUR READERS.

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## To Correspondents.

W.M.—Write to the Secretary of the lodge.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Masonic Herald," "Bengal Freemason's Diary for 1880," "Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Brighton Guardian," "The Masonic Review," "Time," "Keystone," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Voice of Masonry," "El Taller," "Der Long Islaender," "Croydon Guardian," "Daily Exchange," and "The Masonic Age."

## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY, 1 1880.

THE letter of our distinguished brother, the Grand Treasurer, in our last impression, is a very serious one indeed to appear in a Masonic paper, but we know we are expressing the universal feelings of our readers when we say that our most hearty sympathies accompany the Grand Treasurer in respect of his unselfish and untiring efforts to promote the present and future welfare of the Girls' School. Any deprecatory remarks or defamatory statements will be scouted by the many intelligent and upright members of our Masonic fraternity.

As some recent remarks of ours anent "mileage expenses" seem to have annoyed some of our good American friends, we hasten to explain them. It is true that collectively American Masonry does not appear to do as much as English Masonry for Masonic charity, and more is spent in expenses of meetings of the Grand Lodge than is spent in England. But personally and privately the American lodges probably do more than English lodges for special cases and prevailing needs, and the aggregate of all such local and individual efforts is very large indeed. We also must bear in mind that the distances in America are very great, and that probably, were no allowances made, none but rich men could be members of the various Grand Lodges. We must always make a Masonic allowance for difference of position, and the exigencies of the case.

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THOUGH the result of the last Girls' School Festival has been most striking and thorough, and we hope the returns of the next Boys' School gathering will be equally satisfactory, we think it right to express the hope that many brethren, as well as lodges and chapters, will now bestir themselves to help the Charities. It seems somewhat unfair to leave a minority, year by year, to bear over and over again the burden and heat of the day. It is never too late to mend our ways, or to seek to do well.

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WE think it right specially to call the attention of our brethren to the fact, highly creditable to the Boys' School, that out of eleven candidates sent up to the recent Cambridge Local Examination ten passed, of whom three were in the first class, three were in the second class, and four were in the third class. We congratulate the authorities and Bro. Dr. Morris on this most satisfactory condition of affairs, evincing, as it does, careful tuition and effective preparation.

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WE note, and we ask our readers to do so, the letter of the Editor of the "Masonic Magazine," and we trust that his aspirations and the efforts of our Publisher may be alike realized and rewarded.

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UP to the present Bro. BINCKES, we are informed, has received the names of 230 Stewards for the Boys' School Festival. No doubt before the time arrives this number will be materially increased. We trust, as we doubt not, that we shall be able to report most successful returns by the Stewards to this most valuable Institution, whose claims are very great both on the sympathy and liberality of the Craft.

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IT will be seen the London Masonic Charity Association has several cases at the elections in May. We have no doubt but that the London members of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will aid the Association in its laudable efforts to befriend the poor and helpless, and advance the cause of the widow.

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WE are informed that the article on Belzoni's discoveries, accompanied by a coloured illustration, which will appear in the June number of the "Masonic Magazine," and for which orders had better be sent at once, is of a very curious and interesting nature, and raises questions equally difficult as important as regards the ancient position and history of Freemasonry in the East.

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THE meetings of the "National Grand Priory" will take place at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, the 14th inst., at 3.30 p.m., as will be seen by a circular forwarded to us, which we print elsewhere.

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WE call attention elsewhere to a paper—"Notes on our English Ritual"—as worthy of perusal. The purely archaeological manner in which the subject is so carefully treated removes it happily from the heated arena of idle personalities or un-Masonic revelations.

By a mistake the name of "the Rev. Pickering" was substituted for that of our esteemed Bro. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C., in the list of Stewards for the last Grand Festival.

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WE print in another column the agenda paper of the next Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The steady advance of Royal Arch Masonry is evidenced by the fact that petitions have been presented for five new chapters, all of which the Committee recommend to be granted.

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THE appointments to Grand office by the Most Worshipful Grand Master appear to have given great satisfaction. The Masonic services of the new Grand Officers will be given in the next number of the *Freemason*.

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THE very Rev. Dean PUREY-CUST having left the Province and resigned the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, Sir DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., M.P., has appointed the V.W. the Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG to be Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in the room of Dean PUREY-CUST resigned.

## 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.]

### ITINERANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The enormous number of itinerant Masons who disfigure and disgrace our noble Craft, confessedly the richest in the world, is a subject that demands the most anxious consideration of every true brother. The statistics given in the report of our East Lancashire brethren, and published in your issue of the 3rd ult., show that "Almoners" investigated eighty-four cases during 1879. Of these thirteen only were relieved—seventy-one were itinerant Masons."

Now the bare fact that in one place alone where investigation was instituted, only thirteen out of a total of eighty-four were found worthy, points strongly to the necessity for reform. These attempts at imposture may be attributed to a great extent to the easy don't-care system of relief indulged in by some of the Almoners. But I am of opinion that the fault is traceable in a much larger degree to the fact that W.M.'s are, for the most part, indifferent to the task of looking more after this matter. Ofttimes a mere list of names is laid before the lodge, with the amount each applicant has received, and "passed" with no comment. The Mason who votes away the funds of his lodge should certainly know why he does it. Yet, notwithstanding, I am persuaded these reports get "passed" simply because a brother or brethren do not wish to be charged with uncharitableness. The remedy for this state of things of course is, the "Almoners" should make themselves fully acquainted with the antecedents of the applicant before doing much for him. But the question arises—how may this be done? In your issue of 6th September, 1879, at p. 359, column three, may be seen a scheme which would amply serve the purpose. Those who object to this plan may try the following:—

Each applicant for relief (stranger) might be requested to deposit his certificate with the brother applied to. Should he object to this, let him be shown the door, for rest assured there is something wrong in the applicant who does not even court enquiry. When credentials have been deposited let applicant be supplied with subsistence during time his case is being thoroughly looked into, and if he prove to be a worthy brother, let him be treated as such, and employment found for him. You will find little trouble in the latter, because he will willingly work at anything, knowing as he does that nothing is to be considered menial to the rightly constituted mind. But you ask—do you suppose we are to keep him till he has employment? To which I answer most emphatically, Yes! If he be a worthy brother you are bound to do so. Yet I would relieve you by assuring you that neither your money, time, nor trouble will be lost to you. His honour assuredly will compel him to return your money as soon as he is able, nor will he cease to labour for you, it may be silently, yet nevertheless he will return you a hundredfold for the good services you may render him. Nor must you expect to see the good he may do you, because a good man does not proclaim himself from the house-top. Again, your own conscience will be a sweet reward, and, so long as you may know him after this, though he should rise to great power, your presence and pleasant welcome will be as sunshine to his path.

And now for the itinerant. So soon as you find one stamp him out by an entry on the face of his certificate. Of course I am supposing that no application be entertained when this important document is wanting, for no one can be justified in giving relief to the nominal Mason, the reason being too obvious to need the slightest explanation.

In conclusion I may add that experience proves to me beyond all doubt that what I ask may be done is quite capable of being put into practice by the poorest and most isolated of our lodges. The expense need not be borne from the lodge's funds. Brethren may at all times be found who would willingly give their quota.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

22nd April.

BRIGHTON.



THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In continuation of the statistics published in your issues of the 8th and 15th November last, I send herewith the result as regards the Girls' School for the year 1879. The tables are made up in the same way as last year, but for the information of any who did not see those I may repeat that the three columns give respectively the total number of lodges in the province, the total number of life votes possessed by individuals and lodges in the province, and, lastly, the average per lodge which those figures give. The provinces are placed in order of merit. The number after the name of the province refers to the numerical position last year. Fractions of  $\frac{1}{2}$  are estimated as  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

From this I claim to deduce about the fairest available estimate of the relative amount of support awarded to the Charities by the several provinces. The results have been arrived at with care, but I do not claim infallibility. Errors may have crept in; if so, I shall be ready to acknowledge any that may be pointed out.

	Lodges in Province.	Votes in Province.	Giving an average per Lodge of
1. West Yorkshire (1) ...	66	1539	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Gloucestershire (12) ...	14	251	18
3. Sussex (3) ...	24	426	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Kent (2) ...	44	734	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Oxfordshire (6) ...	9	146	16 $\frac{1}{4}$
6. Warwickshire (8) ...	30	476	16
7. Staffordshire (14) ...	23	317	14
8. Wilts (4) ...	10	137	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. South Wales, Eastern (5) ...	15	200	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
10. Herts (17) ...	11	146	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. Surrey (7) ...	19	248	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
12. Somerset (15) ...	22	278	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. Lincolnshire (11) ...	20	251	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
14. Monmouthshire (16) ...	8	97	12 $\frac{1}{4}$
15. Berks and Bucks (10) ...	18	209	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
16. Bristol (19) ...	8	91	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
17. Hants and I. of W. (13) ...	32	338	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
18. Durham (18) ...	25	263	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
19. Norths and Hunts (9) ...	9	82	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
20. Worcestershire (28) ...	10	90	9
21. South Wales, Western (10) ...	9	75	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. Dorset (25) ...	13	106	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
23. Herefordshire (29) ...	4	33	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
24. Essex (22) ...	19	154	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
25. Middlesex (23) ...	30	239	8
26. Suffolk (21) ...	20	151	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
27. Leicester & Rutland (26) ...	10	74	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
28. Cheshire (30) ...	37	265	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
29. Lancashire, East (24) ...	91	606	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
30. Norfolk (27) ...	16	94	6
31. Notts (33) ...	11	57	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
32. Yorkshire, N. and E. (31) ...	26	134	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
33. N. Wales and Salop (34) ...	25	123	5
34. Cornwall (40) ...	28	134	5
35. Devon (36) ...	47	222	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
36. Cumberland and Westmorland (32) ...	19	90	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
37. Lancashire, W. (37) ...	81	364	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
38. Northumberland (35) ...	18	77	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
39. Bedfordshire (38) ...	5	14	3
40. Cambridgeshire (39) ...	4	11	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
41. Channel Islands (41) ...	11	23	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
42. Derbyshire (42) ...	19	32	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
43. Isle of Man (43) ...	3	0	0
Totals.	963	9397	10

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

UNLAWFUL JEWELS IN CRAFT LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A few days since, when present at an installation in a Royal Arch chapter in one of the northern provinces, I noticed the M.E.Z. elect had adorned himself with two massive jewels belonging to a Mark province. Another companion, afterwards appointed Assist. Soj., was resplendent with Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, and Red Cross Knight, as also Mark jewels, in addition to Craft and Arch decorations. Now, leaving it a debateable point whether King Solomon, in all his glory, was ever arrayed like one of these companions, I think installing Officers ought to stoutly forbid any such breach of the Constitutions appertaining to "pure and ancient Masonry." Let the companions in question try such conduct on with the Grand Tyler or Grand Janitor, should they ever visit "Freemasons' Hall; the lesson might be useful.

Fraternally yours,

EN REGLE.

MASONIC REGALIA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to Bro. Budden's letter, which appeared in your issue of the 17th inst., in the interests of the Craft I should strongly advise Bro. Budden, before attempting to set other brethren right, to thoroughly inform himself on the subject he ventures upon. I not only think with him, that "to Masons with a moderate share of experience the Constitutions on regalia are sufficiently explicit," but, further, that the Book of Constitutions on this subject is thoroughly explicit to men of even very limited capacity, and cannot be misunderstood even in the absence of the useless addition of "drawings of aprons," as suggested by him.

If Bro. Budden, whom, I assume, is a "Mason with a moderate share of experience," will refer to the Book of Constitutions under the head of "Aprons," he will find as follows: "The Masters and Past Masters of lodges to wear, in place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, etc.," not, as he puts it, "levels in blue instead of rosettes." The word level is not once made use of, nor are these emblems intended to represent levels. If they were so intended they would not only be described as such, but would be made complete with a string and bob. Further, the level in no way refers to the W.M. or P.M.

I, although a P.M. and a Mason of over thirty years'

standing, cannot attempt to give any explanation as to what these emblems allude to, as they have long been a puzzle to myself, and one I have never been able to solve, although having sought for an explanation of them from many brethren of considerable experience and research, Bro. Hughan included, and from whom I have in my possession a letter on the subject.

Bro. Budden quotes the fifth section of the First Lecture, for what purpose I am unable to guess, as there is in it no mention whatever of either the apron or the emblems alluded to.

As to emblems of office being worn on the aprons, I can only express my astonishment at a question being raised regarding the position in which they should be placed, as reference has only to be made to the aprons of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodges to decide the question. In addition, any manufacturer of Masonic regalia could have decided the question without the necessity of rushing into print.

As an old Mason I look on such discussions as these in public print as not only useless but worse than useless, as they simply tend to make us look ridiculous in the eyes of the uninitiated.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly,

April 21.

P.M., P.Z.

THE LATE BRO. MICHAEL HAYDON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one who for many years had the pleasure of Bro. Haydon's acquaintance and friendship, and from whom I received the first office I held in Freemasonry in the Domestic Lodge, in the year when Bro. Haydon occupied the Master's chair, I feel grateful to you for the kindly notice of him which appeared in your impression of the 24th ult. There is, however, an error in it, which, doubtless, you will be desirous to correct. You say that he "brought to a successful issue many of the most important cases of fraud and forgery which have happened in the present age, viz., the robbery of gold bars (i.e. gold dust) value £14,000, between London and Paris, on the South-Eastern Railway, in which Lester, Pearce, Burgess, and Agar were connected and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment." The name of Lester should be Tester, but what is of more importance is that Agar was not one of those convicted of this robbery, but, on the contrary, was the principal and almost the only witness against them. Agar had been previously convicted of presenting a forged cheque at a banking house, and was sentenced to be transported for life. Before he was tried he requested Pearce, with whom he had been long associated in planning the gold dust robbery, to take care of a woman named Fanny Kay, with whom he had been on intimate terms, and informed him that he had a good sum invested in Turkish Bonds, and the dividends derived from them would be sufficient to maintain her comfortably for life, Pearce promising that his request should be faithfully complied with. A few months, however, had only elapsed when this supposed friend of Agar treated this poor destitute woman with the greatest indignity and insults, utterly disregarding the solemn promises he had made, and evidently only bent upon converting everything that he could lay his hands upon to his own use. In the course of time, according to prison regulations, Agar, who had now been sent to Dartmoor, was allowed to receive a letter, in which Fanny Kay detailed to him the scandalous treatment she had received from his supposed friend Pearce, and this was further strengthened by a personal communication, through the interposition of the Governor of Dartmoor Prison, that he was able to obtain from her. Upon this, finding out what a traitor Pearce had been, Agar requested the Governor to obtain the attendance of Mr. Rees, the then solicitor to the South-Eastern Railway Company, to whom he detailed every step which Tester, Pearce, and Burgess had taken to effect the gold dust robbery, and which occupied twelve months before they could carry it into effect. Bro. Haydon materially assisted in taking these three men into custody, who were tried and convicted at the Central Criminal Court, and Agar gave his evidence in such a direct and straightforward manner against them, defying the most searching cross-examination, that it drew forth an observation from the presiding judge that he only regretted that a man with such splendid abilities had not used them in a right direction, for had he done so there was no telling to what a point of eminence he might have arrived. The prisoners were found guilty, when Pearce, not being a servant of the company, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment only, and Tester and Burgess to transportation for fifteen years. By a strange fiction in the law, the City authorities obtained possession of the Turkish Bonds, under the plea that it was the money of a convicted felon, and thus became forfeited, paying the amount of them into their own coffers, and thus was poor Fanny Kay thrown destitute upon the world, and soon quitted a life that to her had been only one of misery, wretchedness, and despair. I thought it only right that you should know all these facts, and remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A P.M., No. 177.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE—A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will any one, high in authority, kindly enlighten me to whom and where to write for Grand Conclave certificates of the above Order? In the conclave to which I belong three or four Sir Knights have for some time past been waiting for their patents of knighthood. We are also anxious to pay our dues. I have several times written letters on other business connected with the Order; but such letters were either returned or unacknowledged. Our Recorder and Treasurer make the same complaint. I trust I may not be charged with insubordination if I hint that the Supreme Grand Council requires rousing up.

Yours, in faith and fraternity,

P.S. No. 36.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION ELECTIONS IN MAY.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

If any of our good brethren have voting papers for the Benevolent Institution to spare, men or widows, they will assist materially some very deserving cases if they will send them to me at 25a, Norfolk crescent, Hyde-park, W., or to Bro. A. Tisley, 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, E.C.

I am, yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

MASONIC NAMES OF THE DEITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly correct two slight errors which have crept into my letter concerning "Masonic Names of the Deity" in last week's *Freemason*: 1. Instead of "the word Yahvéh is to be taken in the meaning of 'He causes to come,' or 'He brings into existence,'" it must read thus; "The word Yahvéh is to be taken in the meaning of 'He causes to come into existence,' or 'He brings into existence.'" 2. A part of my signature is incorrect, and I therefore sign more correctly.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH STRAUSS,

Chaplain and S.D. of Harmony, 600. Manningham, April 22nd.

THE MASONIC MAGAZINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As we are approaching the end of the sixth volume of the "Masonic Magazine," I wish to be permitted in the *Freemason* to call the attention of my brethren generally to the fact, and to invoke for the new years of 1880-81 a considerable increase of subscribers. The publisher has kept up the "Masonic Magazine" chivalrously and loyally, in the hopes of a better day for Masonic literature, and as we are beginning a new volume I venture in your columns to ask for the cheerful patronage of many who seem to be unconscious of its very existence, of those who have both leisure and means to read and assist such a desirable and useful undertaking. It only requires a little general sympathy and continued aid to render the "Masonic Magazine" perfectly self-supporting, and I do trust that as we are commencing a new volume we may be cheered by many new subscribers and zealous contributors.

If the "Masonic Magazine" is to become a thoroughly first-class publication, as it ought to be, and as it may be with 1000 new subscribers, it would commence a new lease of Masonic usefulness and literary embellishment. The publisher only wants to be assured of the undoubted support of the Craft to make it still more worthy of their kindly patronage and regular perusal.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

THE EDITOR OF THE "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

[We may add that the five bound volumes constitute very good reading, and are a very suitable present or purchase for the individual or the lodge library.—Ed. F.M.]

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your leader of the 24th ult., under the head of "Stewards' Returns Girls' Festival, 1880," there is an omission which I feel sure is unintentional; still, when amounts are so prominently specified in their order of merit, it is but due to say "Worcestershire with £364 7s." is not "succeeded by Oxfordshire," but rather by Gloucestershire with £358 1s., which was left out entirely.

I am, yours fraternally,

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE STEWARD, AND V.P.

[Entirely an oversight, for which we apologise.—Ed.]

THE GIRLS' FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think a good many brethren would be surprised if I had not acted as a Steward for the Girls' School Festival when Prince Leopold was presiding, so perhaps you may think it well to state that the "Rev. Pickering" who is said to have been Steward for 357, on the Oxfordshire list, is really,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. ADAIR PICKARD, P.G.C.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can you enlighten me as to the following point of relative Masonic rank?

Bros. T. and L. are both members of Lodges A. and U. Bro. T. is W.M. of Lodge A., and is not in office in Lodge U. Bro. L. is W.M. of Lodge U., and is not in office in Lodge A.

What relative rank do they hold when attending the lodges of whom they are not Masters? Do they take precedence of the I.P.M. or of any P.M. of such lodges?

Yours fraternally,

H. H. L.

[Certainly not. They have no rank in either of the other lodges except that of P.M.—Ed.]

CLOSELY TILED.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From an incident that I witnessed lately I feel bound, for the good of our grand old Craft, to ask attention to the above subject. I should not, however, be in Masonic order in asking such a question literally, even in a Masonic journal, but being convinced of its importance everywhere, I venture to ask it in the *Freemason*, in a manner that will be readily understood by Masons:

The door may be, but in the true meaning of the question, is every part of the lodge? All Masons ought to be "operative" as well as "speculative" in this matter, and really prove our lodges, chapters, and lodges of instruction secure in this first principle of our ceremonies.

In these days of increase of numbers in our ranks, which is quite natural as the population increases, I should like to hear of the most effectual remedy against this danger, for it is not only an element of destruction to our Order, but is very unsatisfactory to all who expend time and labour to learn our ceremonies orally, and find this subject neglected.

Yours fraternally,

A COUNTRY PAST MASTER.

Reviews.

JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY OF ARTS.

This useful weekly journal contains in its last issue a most interesting paper by Mr. Holman Hunt, R.A., on present painting materials.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

This well edited Masonic periodical deserves both patronage and perusal by all reading Masons.

## LE MONDE MACONNIQUE.

A very interesting number for April.

## LA CHAÎNE D'UNION.

The March and April number is full of information.

## MASONIC ADVOCATE.

As usual abounds in ability and amusement.

## PHILADELPHIA KEYSTONE.

Our excellent contemporary is most interesting and full of Masonic information.

## KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA. Cheap Edition.

We have seen this work in its new dress, and we can only say that it is well worth the amount now asked for it. It was probably published at too high a figure at first, considering the normal views of brethren anent Masonic literature in general and particular, but it is essentially an original work, and, as one reviewer said, an "honest work," and will, we are inclined to be sure, be yet more appreciated as such. If there is any defect in it, it is that which has arisen owing to the not unreasonable desire of the subscribers to possess a volume so long announced. When it was promised the writer had not realized the enormous amount of time required to carry out his "exhaustive" process under each letter of the alphabet, and the printing difficulties arising from so many foreign names, and the use of German and French. Let us hope that the Editor may be enabled to make the letters T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z. equally complete, and correct the few and unavoidable typographical errors, and fill up a few "lacunæ." But at its present price no book so cheap or so really worth the money has ever before been offered to the Craft.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Whilst fully endorsing the remarks of our Bro. Senex, in regard to caution and hesitation, I venture, however, to invite the fuller attention of that worthy brother to what I have already published in the *Freemason* under the above heading. There is "some evidence," as the lawyers say, which favours the Aubrey theory, and though individually I hold it to be insufficient, I have endeavoured to place its salient features before readers of this column. Continuing the observations in my note of the 10th ult., it may be added (in support of the "Aubrey" view of Wren's initiation or adoption), that though in the first instance, viz., on 18th May, 1691, John Aubrey, in the *Oxford* copy of the Natural History of Wiltshire, merely recorded that Wren was to be adopted a brother, yet the transcription of this entry into the *Royal Society* copy, in all probability, several years later, attests that Aubrey must then have believed in the verification of his prediction, or at all events, that nothing had occurred in the interval, to shake his faith in the credibility of his original announcement.

I will now terminate these "short studies" with a few remarks on the influence which Wren's alleged connection with the Craft, still continues to exercise over all writers who deal with the subject of Freemasonry. It is curious and noteworthy, that the view of Freemasonry ascribed to Wren, which is fully set forth in the *Parentalia*, and has been adopted by all encyclopædists\*, corresponds with the opinions likewise ascribed to Dugdale and Ashmole. Much fable has been incorporated with the history of Freemasonry, on the faith of these respectable names, but the sober enquirer after truth, is to say the least, slightly staggered in his belief, at finding that in each case (Dugdale, Ashmole, and Wren), the opinion ascribed, has been given at second hand, many years after the decease of the authority upon whom it has been fathered. John Aubrey says:—"Sr. William Dugdale told me many years since," &c. Dr. Knipe, "Biog. Brit.," states:—"What, from Mr. Ashmole's collection I could gather was," &c. Whilst in the *Parentalia*, Ames records:—"He (Wren) was of opinion," &c.

If, indeed, the opinion attributed to Wren in the "Parentalia" was really his, I think this would conclusively establish that he could not have been a Freemason, as otherwise he would have known better, and it appears more probable that if, as I have already said, the opinion was actually expressed by Sir Christopher, it was the view of an outsider.

The theory of travelling builders and monk-architects has been long since exploded by Mr. G. E. Street,† but the so-called opinion of Wren still maintains its place in our Encyclopædias, and will, I suppose, for all time be quoted by reviewers.

R. F. GOULD.

## JACHIN AND BOAZ.

Since I wrote on this point it has struck me that as regards Inigo Jones, to whom the same objection might apply, if I understand Bro. Woodford's letter right, he has obtained confirmatory evidence of his connection with Masonry. So it may well be the same as regards Sir Christopher Wren. Let us, therefore, hold our hands *pro tem*.

SENEX.

Jachin and Boaz was written by Goodall, according to Oliver, and certainly not by Prichard. Prichard, wherever he obtained his alleged Masonic ritual, had had recourse to some old formula—as its rythmical form in parts shews. But beyond a record of a fact it is of little value. Goodall was said to be a member of the old St. Paul's Lodge.

MASONIC STUDENT.

There is a question anent our ritual I should like to have the opinion of Bros. Hughan, and Gould, and others. What form does Browne, or Jachin and Boaz represent—that of a supposed likeness with the Antients or the Moderns? Jachin and Boaz has always appeared to me to represent the modern form, and Browne the Antient, as far as we know it. Is any known form of the Antients preserved? Preston, probably, leant to the Antients, hence his is a compilation. I am aware that the view held by many of these spurious rituals is somewhat different from mine, but I should like the matter carefully considered.

MASONIC STUDENT.

\* It is important to bear this in mind, as it accounts for the opinions everywhere expressed by non-Masonic writers. *Vide* extract from the "Guardian" at p. 181, ante. See also next footnote.

† See "Account of Gothic Architecture in Spain," p. 464, and "Gwilt's Encyclopædia of Architecture," p. 130.

HIRAM, THE BUILDER.—A name given to Hiram Abiff. Some modern writers have contended that Hiram was not an architect, but simply a metallurgist; but such writers are entirely mistaken. Josephus especially records on the contrary that he was "an eminent architect, over and above" his fame for "working in gold, silver, and other metals." The Bible also expressly declares that he was "skilful to work" in "stone" just as in "gold and silver," in "brass and iron," in "purple, blue, and fine linen, and crimson," as well as to "grave any manner of graving, and to find out any device which shall be put to him with thy cunning men." Thus it is perfectly clear that, artistically and intellectually, Hiram was ahead of his contemporaries, and well fitted to build that glorious Temple of the Most High. In reading the accounts in the Books of Kings and Chronicles, we must bear in mind that they are repetitive, containing the same statement more than once, and must be taken as a whole. The argument that Hiram Abiff was not a builder is a perverse chimera, in our humble opinion. Some have confounded him with "Abdemon," mentioned by profane historians, but quite erroneously.

BOAZ.—The name of one of the well-known pillars at the entrance or porch of the first temple at Jerusalem erected by King Solomon, and which were east, we are told, by Hiram Abiv or Abiff. The German Steinmetzen are said to have erected such pillars as early as the 13th century at any rate, as at Würzburg Cathedral in Bavaria, where they still are to be seen. Some have thought these pillars to be of later work, but of this there is no evidence whatever. Indeed, we think it may fairly be asserted that the Operative Masons were in the habit of erecting these pillars in churches at an early period. Boaz was on the left hand.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

## Obituary.

## BRO. JAMES ROBERTSON.

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the death suddenly from apoplexy, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, of Bro. James Robertson, sole representative of the well-known firm of Macnaught, Robertson, and Co., iron, steel, and girder merchants, of Bankside, Southwark, which sad event occurred on the morning of Thursday, the 15th ult., at his residence Leafield, West Brighton. He had been suffering from severe bronchitis and congestion of the lungs, resulting from a chill taken on a journey to Belgium, whence he had recently returned. Bro. Robertson was descended from the Robertsons of Struan (Clan Donachy), and was the son of Mr. John Robertson of Greenock, who was well known as a very ardent enthusiast in the cause of slave emancipation. The subject of our notice was born at Greenock, in May, 1822, and graduated at the University of Edinburgh, where he studied for the law. But coming to England he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, becoming first a partner, and on the death of Mr. Macnaught, the head of the firm of Macnaught, Robertson, and Co. Gifted with a very remarkable memory, and possessing a passionate fondness for literary pursuits, he stored up a fund of information possessed by few. His love for the drama and poetry led him to acquire a marvellous knowledge of Shakespeare, with which he frequently entertained his friends. He was a profound thinker, a brilliant speaker, and as an actor he passed beyond the bounds usually designated amateur. His writings were numerous, and the lectures he delivered on the History of Southwark showed a great amount of ability and painstaking research. A Mason of thirty-six years' standing, he was a member of the Britannic Lodge, and held the office of S.W. and acting W.M. of the Atlingworth Lodge at the time of his decease. He was also a companion of the Yarborough Royal Arch Chapter; the Eureka Rose Croix Chapter; and the De Warrenne Preceptory of Knights Templar; being also an officer of Provincial Grand Priory of Sussex. A supporter of the Masonic Charities, his benevolence was not restricted to them, and his purse always open to the wants of the necessitous. He held office as a commissioner of the Town of Hove, to which he had just been re-elected a second time. Those who knew him well have lost a warm-hearted and gifted friend; the Craft an active, intelligent, and zealous member; his employes a kind and liberal master; and the town he lived in a capable and earnest commissioner. His funeral took place at old Hove Church on Monday, the 19th ult., attended by a large number of his late colleagues and members of the Craft. The service was performed by Bro. the Rev. W. A. Tooth, Chaplain to the Atlingworth Lodge. Amongst those in attendance were Dr. Lacy, J. Wood, Esq., W. Anderson, Esq., E. W. Marflet, Esq., Dr. Mark Tanner, J. Stephens, Esq., S. Ross, Esq., and W. Hatt, Esq., Bros. the Mayor of Brighton, (H. Davy, Esq.), John Scott, Esq., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Sussex; J. W. Stride, G. Smith, G. Wade, E. S. Godfree, Councillor; A. J. Hawkes, Councillor; W. J. Nell, Councillor; S. P. Weston, Councillor; Berry, H. Charrington, J. B. Macfarlane, J. Pearson, H. Anscombe, J. Martin, J. Yates, Messrs. Bramwell, Hayler, King, Allison, and others.

## Scotland.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF FORFARSHIRE.

A meeting of office bearers of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Arbroath, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., consequent on the resignation of Bro. Lord Ramsay, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, owing to his public duties. The resignation was accepted. It was resolved to send to Lord Ramsay an address thanking him for his services, and congratulating him upon his success. A Committee was appointed to arrange for a nomination to the vacant office of Provincial Grand Master, and to report. There was a very large attendance.

The Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, has appointed the V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., rector of Moulsoe, and Past Grand Chaplain of England, to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, in the place of the Rev. the Dean of York, who has resigned the appointment in consequence of his removal from the province.

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W.M., was offered the post of J.D., which he accepted, and had ever since done his utmost to promote the welfare of the lodge, and he was quite sure that no brother had worked harder in so doing, and he trusted that Bro. Crosby would have the support of every member and a prosperous year of office. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, as Bro. Crosby is universally esteemed and liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. The W.M., in reply, said he thanked their I.P.M. for his kind remarks and the brethren for so warmly responding to the toast. He was not unconscious of the important duties he had, as W.M., to fulfil, and he assured them he would do his utmost, as he had always done, to give them satisfaction. He knew he had some good and able Past Masters to assist him if necessary, and in their I.P.M. he had one on whom he could with every confidence rely in time of need. He himself felt proud of having such an able officer as Bro. Crompton in the lodge, and it afforded him the greatest imaginable pleasure to present him, in the name of the lodge, with a gold Past Master's jewel for his highly valued services, and he would conclude by asking the brethren to drink Bro. Crompton's health in a bumper. It is needless to say that this was done most heartily. Bro. Crompton, in reply, said that this was the first occasion he had had to reply as I.P.M., and he found it to be somewhat a difficulty. Although there had been during his year of office many difficulties to contend with, yet he had a great deal to thank them for, and, judging from the warmth with which the brethren had received the toast of his health and the kind remarks that had fallen from Bro. Crosby, he believed he had given them satisfaction, and this was further proved by their very handsome present, which he should preserve and value as long as he lived. Several other toasts were given and responded to, and Bros. W. Dumville, Alfred Lewtas, and Mark Stafford contributed valuable aid with their rendering of several choice glees and songs, all of which gave great satisfaction, and a most pleasant evening's enjoyment was brought to a close about eleven o'clock.

## INSTRUCTION.

WHITTINGTON LODGE (No. 862).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 28th ult., at the Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. There were present Bros. Fox, J.D. 201, W.M.; R. P. Tate, S.W. 862, S.W.; J. S. Brown, J.W. 862, J.W.; Gush, I.G. 1541, S.D.; Lardner, S.W. 1745, J.D.; Abell, P.M. 1590, I.G.; W. Long, P.M. 435, Preceptor; Hide, Hallam, Marston, Irving, Drury, Gladwell, Pate, Brocklehurst, F. Brown, Collinson, Larchin, Tolmie, and others.

The Fifteen Sections were worked, and a vote of thanks and honorary membership was conferred on the W.M. for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties; the whole of the Fifteen Sections having been completed within three hours. Four new members were then elected, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to meet on the 5th inst., at eight o'clock, when Bro. Brocklehurst, of the mother lodge, will be W.M.

## Royal Arch.

JERUSALEM CHAPTER (No. 185).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 13th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Among those present were Comps. P. Robinson, M.E.Z.; Mander, H. (First Principal elect); T. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx.; J. P. Wagner, I.P.Z.; Davage, P.Z.; S.E.; Moss, S.N.; Stewart, P.S.; Davis, 1st Asst.; Ellhorn, 2nd Asst.; Harfield, P.Z.; Treas.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Pratt, Ratti, Whitley, and Parkinson, Janitor. The visitors were Comps. A. Barfield, P.Z. 19; Lloyd, 1201; and Maclean, St. Asaph.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. T. Walls, 1201, and A. Boehr, 1585, and it proving to be unanimous, the first named brother, who was in attendance, was duly and impressively exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Masonry. The Audit report having been received and adopted, Comp. Robinson, M.E.Z., most ably installed Comps. Mander, Walls, and Moss as First, Second, and Third Principals. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Comps. Harfield, Treas.; Davage, S.E.; P. Robinson, I.P.Z.; Stewart, S.N.; Davis, P.S.; Ellhorn, 1st Asst.; and Parkinson, Janitor. The appointment of Second Assistant was postponed.

The chapter, after passing a vote of thanks to the Installing Principal for the manner in which he had carried out his duties, was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a very excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave, in very pertinent terms, the customary preliminary toasts, which were done full justice to. In giving "The Health of the M.E.Z.," Comp. Robinson dwelt at great length upon the great services rendered to Masonry in general by their First Principal. He (the M.E.Z.) had been for years past well and popularly known as a most able and amiable Preceptor, and, therefore, it would be superfluous on his (the speaker's) part to dilate upon the "working" abilities of Comp. Mander. In concluding his remarks, he congratulated the Jerusalem Chapter upon possessing at its head so clever an exponent of the science of R.A. Masonry. The M.E.Z. having briefly replied, then proposed in very flattering terms "The Health of the Exalté," which toast drew in response from Comp. Walls a very neat reply. "The Visitors" followed, and this pledge having been heartily received, Comps. Barfield, Lloyd, and Maclean duly acknowledged the compliment. In giving "The I.P.Z." the First Principal indulged in some very complimentary remarks. He said that Comp. Robinson had carried out the duties of the First Chair admirably, and had brought his "work" to a most happy and successful climax by carrying out the whole ceremonial of installation. Having expatiated upon other matters in connection with the I.P.Z.'s services, he presented him with a very neat jewel as a *souvenir* of his year of office. Comp. Johnson having modestly replied, the toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed, and was acknowledged by Comps. Walls and Moss. "The Health of the Past Principals" came next in order, and, this pledge having been responded to by Comps. Holbrook and Wagner, the M.E.Z. gave in very happy terms "The Treasurer and Scribe E." This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comps. Harfield, P.Z., and Davage, P.Z., briefly expressed their acknowledgments for the very flattering manner in which the M.E.Z. had

spoken of their services whilst discharging the duties of their respective offices. "The Health of the Officers" having been cordially proposed and received, Comps. Stewart, Davis, and Ellborn briefly returned thanks. During the intervals of the toasts Comps. Maclean, Davis, Lloyd, and others greatly entertained their companions, the first-named in particular affording much amusement by his vocal and dramatic abilities. The Janitor having been called upon to discharge his duty, the proceedings terminated.

**LEICESTER.**—Fortitude Chapter (No. 279).—A meeting was held on Thursday, April 22nd, at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Comps. J. T. Thorp, Z.; Dr. F. Grant, J., and H. elect; C. E. Stretton, J. elect; J. Young, Asst. Soj.; J. Read, Asst. Soj.; J. Coltmann, Treas.; S. Knight, D.C.; J. R. Pickering, Steward; Dunn and Tanser, Janitors; P.Z.'s W. Kelly, P.G. Supt.; G. Toller, jun.; and S. S. Partridge. Members: Comps. J. H. Hale, J. 360, W. Treddell, W. Hanger, E. Watson, R. Taylor, J. Harrison, R. Dudgeon. Visitors: Comps. J. C. Duncombe, P.Z., and J. M. Kew, P.Z. 1130. The chapter was opened, and Comps. Dr. Grant and C. E. Stretton duly installed into chairs of H. and J. respectively by Comp. Kelly, P.G. Supt., in his usual impressive style. Comp. J. W. Smith, Z. elect, was unavoidably absent, and his installation into the Third Chair was postponed until his return home. The other companions having been admitted, the minutes were duly confirmed. A very satisfactory statement of the Treasurer's accounts for the past year was received and passed with thanks. Bro. R. Dudgeon, of Lodge 279, was exalted to the H.R.A., the duties of Z. and P.S. being faultlessly executed by Comps. Thorp and J. Young, P.S. elect. The chapter was then closed.

**MARYPORT.**—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The first anniversary of this young but flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Shortly after twelve o'clock the chapter was opened by M.E. Comp. John Bowes, P.Z. 148 and 129, P.P.G.S.N. Cumberland and Westmorland, P.P.G. St. Br. West Lancashire, and an honorary member of the chapter, assisted by Comps. P. de E. Collin, M.E.Z. elect, and T. Mandle, J. H. elect. Comp. Jos. Nicholson, M.E.Z., was not present. The other members were Comps. W. Armstrong, J. elect; J. R. Banks, S.E.; Capt. Sewell, S.N.; J. Gardiner, P.Z. 327, P.G. St. Br.; A. Walter, P.S.; R. Brown, 1st Asst. S.; E. G. Mitchell, 2nd Asst. S.; P. Dodgson, and J. H. Raven.

The visitors were Comps. J. Gate, P.Z. 327; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327, P.G.P.S.; J. Rothery, S.E. 119, P.G. St.; G. Dalrymple, P.S. 119; J. W. Miles, 119; G. Sparrow, 119; G. Fitzgerald, Janitor; and W. T. Lamonby, M.E.Z. 119, P.P.G. Swd. Br. (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and approved, ballots were taken for Bros. H. Peacock, J.W. 1002; J. Kendall, 371; J. W. Robinson, P.M. 371; and J. Wilson, 371. Bro. John Harrison, who had been previously balloted for, was not present; but the other four named were in attendance, and, on admission, were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z. on the throne. The next business was the installation of the Principals, viz.: Comps. P. de Collin, M.E.Z.; T. Mandle, H.; and W. Armstrong, J. The ceremony was performed by Comp. Bowes in his well-known impressive and eloquent style, and at the close of the proceedings he received a hearty and well-merited vote of thanks. The other officers elected and appointed were Comps. J. R. Banks, S.E.; Capt. Sewell, S.N.; A. Walter, P.S.; R. Brown, 1st Asst. S.; E. G. Mitchell, 2nd Asst. S.; and J. Nicholson, P.Z., Treas. After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered from Chapters 119 and 327, the chapter was closed in solemn form. Subsequently the companions partook of an excellent dinner at the Senhouse Arms Hotel.

### Mark Masonry.

**MACDONALD LODGE** (No. 104).—The election meeting of this Mark lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Saturday, the 17th ult., and was exceedingly well attended. The W.M., Bro. George Ward Verry, opened the lodge at three o'clock. Bro. Alfred Williams, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. P. Collins, officiated as S.W.

There were present amongst others the V.W. Bros. Thomas Meggy, P.G.M.O., and James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; W. Bros. W. Worrell, P.G. Org., and Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; Bros. F. H. Cozens, J.W.; N. J. F. Bassett, M.O.; George Yaxley, S.O.; W. C. Hale, J.O.; W. Johnston, S.D.; J. K. Pitt, J.D.; J. Humphrey, I.G.; T. Simmons, Mildred, Mead, T. A. De Leliva, Manning, and others. Visitors: V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O. and Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. Captain Berridge.

There were several candidates for advancement, but one only (Bro. Thomas Nettleship) was enabled to attend. The ceremony was most ably performed by the W.M. and officers with full musical honours. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was unanimously in favour of Bro. F. H. Cozens, the J.W., the S.W., Bro. Collins, having, in consequence of ill-health and numerous engagements, requested the brethren to pass him over for the present. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Meggy, was also unanimously elected Treasurer. In consequence of the decease of Bro. Grant, who had faithfully tyled the lodge from the date of its formation, a vote of condolence with the widow was passed, and subsequently practical evidence of the respect entertained for their late brother was given by the contributions after supper on her behalf. Bro. Reinhardt was elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was voted to the outgoing Master. Bro. T. A. De Leliva was recommended for provincial grand honours. The date of meeting was changed from Fridays to the third Saturday in the months of June, October, February, and April in each year. Propositions were taken for advances, and business being ended, the brethren adjourned to an early supper, and spent, as is usual with them on all occasions, a most harmonious and agreeable evening.

**HAMMERSMITH LODGE** (No. 211).—This lodge was convened for the regular dispatch of business on Saturday, the 17th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, W.M.;

Alfred Tisley, S.W.; Haynes, J.W.; J. W. Baldwin, I.P.M., Treasurer, and Secretary; W. H. Goodhall, M.O.; Game, R. of Marks; Lawson, S.D.; Millis, J.D.; John Mason, P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey; Potter, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Read, who had been previously balloted for, was duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.A.M. The P.G. Secretary of Middlesex and Surrey having sent an intimation to the Secretary desiring to be informed of the name of the brother nominated for provincial Mark honours for 1880, it was, upon the motion of the W.M., unanimously resolved that the name of Bro. J. W. Baldwin, I.P.M., should be submitted to the R.W. P.G.M. for that distinction. Several apologies for non-attendance having been read, and Bro. Hayes appointed to the vacant office of I.G., the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the genial host, Bro. Gilbert.

The preliminary toasts having received full justice, "The Provincial Grand Officers" were warmly pledged. Bro. Mason responded. In the course of his remarks he dwelt upon the services of the R.W.P.G.M. to the cause of Mark Masonry, and that under his fostering rule the united Province of Middlesex and Surrey were progressing very rapidly. With respect to the subordinate officers of the province, present and past, they were actuated, he believed, by the same motives that inspired their chief, namely, to do everything in their power to enhance the prosperity of Mark Masonry. "The Health of the W.M." was then proposed in very complimentary terms by Bro. Baldwin, I.P.M. The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Advance," who having duly acknowledged the compliment, "The Past Masters" followed. Bro. Baldwin, in response, expressed his thanks to the W.M. for the manner in which the toast had been proposed, and to the brethren for the hearty way in which it had been received. Having passed the chair in the Hammersmith, he felt that it was his duty on all occasions, and in every possible manner, to further its interests. In the coming season he hoped to be in a position to introduce several candidates for admission into their honourable Degree. In concluding his remarks he hoped that the Hammersmith Mark Lodge would continue to prosper, and that he should live to see a long array of Past Masters sitting round that hospitable board. "The Health of the Officers" came next in order, and was coupled with the name of the Senior Warden, who made an exhaustive and witty speech in response. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a conclusion, which were greatly enhanced by the vocal contributions of Bros. Baldwin, Tisley, Goodhall, and others.

**COCKERMOUTH.**—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The W.M., Bro. R. Robinson, P.G. Swd. Br., presided, supported by Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W., P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.G. Sec., as J.W. (*Freemason*); T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; and others.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. Lamonby intimated his intention to represent Faithfull Lodge as Steward at the annual festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be held at the Crystal Palace, on July 7th next. There was no other business, and the lodge was then closed.

**MALTA.**—Union of Malta Lodge.—The first meeting of this lodge, under a provisional warrant of the R.W.P.G.M., was held at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on Saturday, the 17th of April, 1880. The progress made in the working of the Degree throughout the province during the past year has amply justified the legitimate desire of the brethren to have a Mark lodge working under the auspices of each of the flourishing Craft lodges in the island. To this end the Mark Masters—all members of the Union Craft Lodge, No. 407 (including all its principal officers)—have presented a petition to Mark Grand Lodge asking for a warrant to establish a Mark lodge bearing the same name, which has been strongly recommended by Lodge 248, and approved by the P.G.M., who, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners, has issued a provisional warrant enabling them to meet as a lodge until the receipt of a formal charter. The Broadley Lodge, No. 248, was opened at 7.30 p.m. Present: Bros. Coffey, P.G. Sec., W.M.; Yeoman, as S.W.; MacKinnon, J.W.; Walker, M.O.; Colonel Carey, S.O.; King, J.O.; Gardner, S.D.; Mortimer, J.D.; Ewing, Organist; Grier, I.G.; and Beck, Tyler. Members: Bros. Freeman, Chapman, Williams, and others. Visitors: W. Bros. Watson, W.M. 107; Doherty and Dahn, P.M.'s 387, I.C.; Glenday, W.M. 407; Taylor, P.M. 407 and 387; Abbott, P.M. 17th Lancers Lodge; Phillips, Pearce, Connett, McCoy, Jones, Kay, Lucy, Stanley, Blanch, May, Grebbell, West, Woodthorpe, Gibson, and others. The lodge being opened, the P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G.S.W. were received with the customary honours. The P.G.M. having assumed the gavel at the request of the W.M., the P.G. Sec. read the summons convoking the meeting, the petition to G.L. and P.G.L., together with the provisional warrant. The founders having signified their approval of the officers named in the petition, W. Bro. William Reed, P.M. 107, P.G.S.W. (Mark), P.M. 407, P.Z. 349, and P.D.G. Reg. (Craft), was presented to the P.G.M. by Bros. Doherty and Coffey, and duly installed as W.M.M. of the new lodge. Bro. Reed then appointed and invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. Glenday, W.M. 407, S.W.; Yeoman, J.W.; Stanley, M.O.; Blanch, S.O.; England, J.O.; May, S.D.; and West, J.D. At the request of the W.M., the P.G.M. then advanced the following candidates elected by the founders, viz.: Bro. Shillinglaw, Penketh, Senior, and Fuller. W. Bro. Watson then delivered in a faultless manner the Lecture on the Tracing Board. The W.M., on resuming the gavel, appointed Bros. Senior, Secretary, and Shillinglaw, I.G. Bro. Woodthorpe was elected and invested as Treasurer and Bro. Beck as Tyler. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Westrup, presented to Bro. Reed and his officers the congratulations of the Keystone Lodge; Bro. Coffey those of the Broadley Lodge; Bro. Doherty those of the Irish Lodge, No. 387, and the P.G.M. those of Lodges 222 and 254. The W.M. expressed his thanks to the P.G.M. for the manner in which he had complied with the wishes of the petitioners, and said he hoped the new lodge would work in perfect harmony with the other Mark lodges, and eventually become an important element in the united strength of the province. The Union Lodge was then closed, after which

W. Bro. Coffey closed the labours of Lodge No. 248. There is now a Mark lodge corresponding to each Craft lodge in the province, and each of these lodges is in as flourishing a condition as the most ardent admirer of the honourable Degree could desire. A frugal repast brought this agreeable and numerous attended gathering to an end.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**LEEDS.**—Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—The regular meeting of the above chapter was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. The chapter was opened in due form in the presence of Ill. Bros. John Bailker, 308, M.W.S.; W. Paley, Prelate; P. R. Tomlinson, 1st General; John Scott, 2nd General; J. J. Boswell, as Raphael; R. Wilson, Treas. and Recorder; Chas. Eastwood, D. of C., as Capt. of the Guard; C. J. Bannister, 338, Grand Inspector Gen. of the Northern Division; Ed. Heffernan, 308, P.M.W.S.; and other illustrious brethren.

After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Thos. Scholfield, P.M., P.P.G.D. 306, and Bro. James Freweek, P.M. St. Eleth Lodge, No. 1488, P.G. Steward North Wales, and was proved to be unanimous. The ballot was also taken for Ill. Bro. Adam Winlaw, 308, Royal Kent Chapter, No. 8, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as a joining member; this was also unanimous. Bro. Freweek being present he was perfected in due form. The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the "Shadwell Clerke" Testimonial Fund, and a P.M.W.S. jewel (which had been subscribed for by the brethren) was presented by the M.W.S. to Ill. Bro. Ed. Heffernan, 308, P.M.W.S., as a token of their esteem, and was suitably acknowledged. Several brethren were proposed for perfection, and the chapter was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

### Knights Templar.

**SOUTHPORT.**—De Lacy Preceptory (No. 95).—The above preceptory, under the command of Sir Knight J. H. T. Cottier, held its ordinary encampment in the new Freemasons' Hall, Bank Buildings, East Bank-street, on the 21st ult., at eight o'clock p.m. The roll being called over, those answering to their names included Sir Knights J. H. T. Cottier, E.C.; Lever R. Rowbottom, P.E.C.; P.G. Mar., J. W. J. Fowler, P.E.C., P.P.G. Mar.; John Sutton, Constable; W. H. Johnson, Registrar; G. Benson Baker, Sub-Mar.; T. S. Cory, Capt. of Guard; J. H. Welsby, 1st Purs.; P. M. Hunter; and Geo. Rockliff, Equerry.

This being the last encampment prior to the annual installation of officers, the ballot was taken for the election of an E.C. for the ensuing year, when it was found that Sir Knight John Sutton, Constable, was chosen unanimously E.C. elect. Sir Kt. W. Dodd was re-appointed Treasurer; Sir Kt. G. Rockliff was re-elected Equerry; the Auditors being Sir Knights J. Sutton and J. H. Welsby. Letters were then read from Sir Knights Ralph Heap, 2nd Standard Bearer, and Rev. C. H. Knowly, expressing regret at their inability to attend the duties of the encampment, in consequence of having made prior engagements.

The Sir Knights adjourned to the banquetting room to a pleasant and harmonious "reunion," which was marked throughout with characteristic good fellowship, and was finally closed in peace and harmony.

### South Africa.

**PIETERMARITZBERG.**—Natalia Chapter (No. 1665).—A meeting of this prosperous chapter for the installation of Principals (owing to the resignation of M.E. Comp. Joyce, P.Z.) was held at the Masonic Temple, on Wednesday, the 17th ult., at 7.30 p.m.

There were present M.E. Comps. Wesley Francis (P.P.Z.), in the chair of Z.; R. I. Finnemore, H.; G. O. Matterson, J.; E. S. T. Stantial, P.S.; J. Smith, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. F. Stanton, Scribe E.; E. Homersham Wiltshire, D.C., acting as S.N., in the absence of T. J. E. Scoones; S. Ford, Treas.; Capt. J. N. Tew, G. E. Thame, B. Ireland, T. E. Harding, W. A. Smith, T. Joyce, P.P.Z.; A. T. Ford, J. Roseveare, J. R. Iwine, Tyler; and others.

The chapter having been opened in solemn form by the Three Principals, the companions of the Order were admitted. The chief business of the evening was the installation of the Three Principals unanimously elected by the chapter. All companions below the rank of an installed Principal having been requested to retire, a conclave of installed Principals of the first, second, and third chairs was successively formed, and the Principals elect were regularly installed in ancient form as follows: M.E. Comps. R. I. Finnemore, Z.; G. O. Matterson, H.; and J. Roseveare, J. The duty of installation devolved principally upon Comps. W. Francis, P.P.Z., and T. Joyce, P.P.Z., and having been satisfactorily concluded, the companions of the chapter were re-admitted, and saluted the newly-installed Principals, who then proceeded to exalt two candidates, Bros. T. Bodley and W. Henwood, unanimously elected by the chapter, and found to be qualified for the Degree of the H.R.A. The ceremony of exaltation being finished, it was unanimously resolved that the Committee of Management be authorised to arrange for a suitable presentation to Comp. T. Joyce, in recognition of past services to the chapter.

The chapter was then closed in due form. It is satisfactory to learn that Royal Arch Masonry is making rapid progress in the colony, and that the Port Natal Royal Arch Chapter, No. 738, lately established at the seaport of Durban, the opening of which was noticed at the time in our columns, has been equally successful.

It is not generally known that Dr. Tobias Smollett, the historian and novelist, was a Mason. This appears from a letter of his in *Notes and Queries*, P.S., vol. I., page 331, April 24th, 1880. In this letter, dated from Bologne 3rd August, 1763, he writes: "I understand there is a lodge of French Freemasons at Boulogne; but I am not well enough to visit them."



## Masonic and General Tidings.

The annual banquet of the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, on Friday next, May 7th.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons Hall, on Monday next, May 3rd.

A meeting of the St. Dunstan's Chapter, No. 1589, was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Wednesday last. Comp. H. W. Dallwood was installed as M.E.Z. A report will appear in our next.

The court and livery of the Tallowchandlers' Company will entertain the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, at a dinner at their hall on Thursday, May 27th.

Under the patronage of the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and several other persons, an amateur concert took place on Tuesday at Lewisham, in aid of the Irish Famine Fund.

The Duchess of Connaught on Wednesday visited the Home for German Governesses in Wyndham-place, of which she is chief patroness.

At the fifty-third anniversary of the Infant Orphan Asylum, to be held at the Asylum, Wanstead, on the 25th June, the chair will be taken by the Lord Mayor, who will be supported by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

The death is announced of Colonel Francis Vernon Harcourt, of Buxted Park, Sussex, at his seat near Uckfield. The deceased, who was in his 80th year, was the tenth son of the late Hon. and Most Rev. Edward Vernon Harcourt, D.D., some time Archbishop of York.

The provisional committee of the recently proposed Topographical Society for London, which has for its object the study of the changes in the condition of London and its history in the past, has been busy completing the scheme. Already many gentlemen connected with the City have joined the society.

A meeting of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, on Monday last. A report will appear in our next.

Bro. Thomas Evans was, on Thursday last, installed W.M. of the Antient Briton Lodge, No. 1675, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. An account of the interesting proceedings will appear next week.

A special meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held last (Friday) evening at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when there were nine children recommended for education and three for assistance and advancement.

A final meeting of the General Committee of the Liverpool Masonic Ball, recently held in the Town Hall, took place on Friday evening, the 25th ult., at headquarters, in Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. J. F. Newell, P.G.S.W., Chairman of the Committee. The honorary Secretary (Bro. A. C. Wylie) reported that the sum of £103 16s. 1d. had been realised from the ball towards the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and cordial votes of thanks were given to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Bro. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.), the Treasurer (Bro. T. Salter, W.M. 241), and the honorary Secretary, for services which had so largely contributed to the success of the ball.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who was born in Piccadilly in 1814, completed her 66th year on Wednesday. Her ladyship is the youngest daughter of the late Sir Francis Burdett, the fifth baronet, for many years M.P. for Westminster, by his marriage with Sophia, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Coutts, the London banker. She succeeded to Mr. Coutts's property in 1837, under the will of her grandfather's widow, Harrietta, Duchess of St. Albans, and was created a peeress on June 9th, 1871. Sir Robert Burdett, the present baronet, is a brother of Lady Burdett-Coutts, and she has two sisters living.

An influential Committee has been formed under the auspices of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., Mr. O. E. Coope, M.P., Mr. J. Bryce, M.P., Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P., Mr. Samuda, Lieut.-Colonel Howard, and other gentlemen associated with the East of London, for the purpose of holding an Industrial and Fine Art Exhibition at Bow and Bromley Institute in June next. The committee are anxious to have the co-operation of the artisan class, and especially invite operatives to become exhibitors. Prizes will be offered for objects in the following classes:—(1) Mechanical; (2) Artistic; (3) General; (4) Fabric and Fancy Work; (5) Work done by young persons under 18. Applications for space must be sent in before May 10.

At the recent Cambridge Local Examinations, out of eleven boys sent up from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys only one failed. A. H. Stephenson, from the Province of Yorkshire, E. L. Price, London, and H. B. Brock, Monmouth, received first-class honours; W. Evans, Surrey, A. R. Parker, London, and W. E. Cole, Lincolnshire, received second-class honours; and C. D. Barrett, Dorset, M. B. Ellis, Dorset and G. Robinson, Sussex, received third-class honours; while H. M. Fenimore, Kent, passed. Stephenson was distinguished for Latin, and Evans and Fenimore for German. In all England 3404 boys were examined, and 1053—or about one in three—failed.—*Sussex Daily News*, April 22nd, 1880.

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' lockets 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.]

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft presided at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Willis's Rooms, last week. Subscriptions were announced to the amount of £4316, including one hundred guineas from the Chairman.

Mr. Mapleson, with Her Majesty's Opera Company, arrived at Liverpool, from New York, in the Inman steamship City of Richmond, on Wednesday. They numbered upwards of 160 persons, and at once proceeded to London by special train on the London and North-Western Railway.

The thirty-second anniversary of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the presidency of Mr. C. T. Ritchie, M.P., when the subscription list amounted to about £3000.

The thirty-fifth annual dinner of the German Hospital at Dalston was held on Wednesday night at Willis's Rooms, the Duke of Connaught presiding. The subscriptions announced were about £3650.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of London and the metropolitan counties of the Royal Order of Scotland will be held at Golden Square on Wednesday next, the 5th May. Several well-known and esteemed brethren are on the agenda paper for advancement.

A Grand Council of the Antient and Accepted Rite will be held at the hall, 33, Golden Square, on Wednesday, May the 12th inst., at 4.45 p.m. The names of the ten brethren appear in the list for advancement to the 30th Degree.

Bro. Donald J. R. Clark, the S.W. of Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, having recently taken the White Hart Hotel, Giltspur-street, E.C., the W.M., P.M.'s, and officers, and some few friends, banqueted together at Bro. Clark's new and well-managed establishment on Tuesday evening last (the 27th ult.). The President, Bro. George Thistle Thomas, I.P.M. of this lodge, proposed the principal toast of the evening, that of "The Host and Hostess," in very praiseworthy terms, and it was most cordially received, which shows how very highly esteemed Bro. Clark must be in the Craft, and more especially in this lodge. The banquet was most admirably carried out, and the proceedings were enlivened by some capital songs and recitations; the Scotch ditties of Bro. Coulthard being much admired, as well as the very comical recitations of Mr. Wynter. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the brethren separated at a very far advanced hour of the evening, after "Auld Lang Syne."

The Annual Banquet of the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction (held under the warrant of the Neptune, No. 22), will take place at Bro. McDairmaid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughboro' Junction, on Friday, the 7th of May next, at 7.30 p.m. Bro. A. Lamarque, P.M. and Preceptor, will take the chair, and Bro. H. Baldwin, the Secretary, will occupy the vice-chair. It is anticipated there will be a large gathering of the Brethren on this occasion as this Lodge of Instruction has been making progress of late under the very able Preceptorship of Bro. Lamarque, who changed the working from "Stability" to that of the "Emulation," consequently the average attendances are nearly double those of last session, which was conducted under the old régime. Bro. G. S. Graham and other musical celebrities will be present to enliven the proceedings of the evening. Any members of the Craft desirous of attending will be able to obtain full information and Tickets, by making an early application to Bro. H. Baldwin, the Honorary Secretary, 47, Flaxman Road, near Loughboro' Junction, S.W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction (No. 1425), of the Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, on Monday, the 3rd inst., at seven p.m. precisely. Bros. Geo. Read, W.M.; Geo. Reynolds, S.W.; and C. Thompson, J.W.

### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Craig, W.M. 1525.
2nd "	...	" Rubenstein, 1642.
3rd "	...	" Chalfont, S.D. 1425.
4th "	...	" Rogers, 1642.
5th "	...	" Thompson, J.W. 1749.
6th "	...	" Burton, I.G. 1828.
7th "	...	" Reynolds, 1441.

### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Smout, sen., S.W. 1642.
2nd "	...	" Mickleburgh, J.W. 1425.
3rd "	...	" Webster, 1381.
4th "	...	" Davis, S.W. 167.
5th "	...	" Dutton, J.W. 167.

### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Williams, D.C. 1791.
2nd "	...	" Dehane, 1543.
2nd "	...	" Fokett, 1642.

A meeting of the mother lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 1, will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday next at five o'clock p.m., for the purpose of elevating candidates, the election and enthronement of the W. Commander N., and the appointment and investment of officers.

On Wednesday, the 17th ult., the Lord Mayor presided at the Centenary Anniversary of the Finsbury Dispensary, at the Albion Hotel. He was supported by Bro. Sheriff Woolloton, Bro. Sheriff Bayley, Major Duncan, Mr. Under-Sheriff Wragg, Mr. Under-Sheriff Crawford, and 120 guests. The Lord Mayor in presenting the loyal toasts, remarked that that day he had the honour of attending the Duke of Connaught in his visit to a neighbouring institution—the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest—at which His Royal Highness took the chair that evening; and on Friday last he was supporting Prince Leopold in his exertions on behalf of the great Masonic Charity for Girls. He also mentioned other members of the Royal Family, all of whom were engaged in works of beneficence and charity. After the patriotic toasts, the Lord Mayor in proposing that of the Finsbury Dispensary entered into an elaborate statement of the position and work done by that excellent institution. The statistics were somewhat remarkable, and showed what a vast amount of good could be effected by small means. With an income of £871 15s. 8d. in 1879, 10,894 cases were treated, and 3122 visits were paid at the homes of patients, while a total of 34,211 attendances were made at the dispensary. At the close of the proceedings a very deserved compliment was paid to the three sons of the Lord Mayor by Mr. Under-Sheriff Wragg, who alluded to the kindly attentions they always bestowed on the

guests and other visitors at the Mansion House. He concluded by proposing "The Health of Mr. G. Wyatt Truscott," whom he described as the worthy son of a worthy sire. Mr. G. Wyatt Truscott suitably replied. During the evening a telegram was despatched to the King of the Belgians, who is the patron of the Institution, informing His Majesty that they were celebrating the centenary anniversary of the Institution, and were drinking his health. Subscriptions were announced to the amount of £750.

Bros. James and Thorne have revived Webster's *petite* drama, *One Touch of Nature*, with excellent effect, at the Vaudeville Theatre, and it is now being played before *Married Life*, a laughable, well-played comedy, in which the managers and Miss Larkin are seen at their best. A visitor to this house is sure of a good evening's entertainment.

The tenth Parliament of Queen Victoria was opened by Royal Commission on Thursday afternoon, the 29th ult. The business of the session will not commence for nearly a fortnight, an adjournment being rendered necessary in order that the new Ministers may be re-elected. The Queen's Speech was consequently deferred until the reassembling of the two Houses for the despatch of business.

The following telegram has been received from the King of the Belgians in acknowledgment of the toast of his health which was drunk at the centenary banquet of the Finsbury Dispensary last week:—"The Lord Mayor, London.—Le Roi est très-sensible au toast qui lui a été porté au dîner du 100e anniversaire du Finsbury Dispensary, et à la très aimable attention du Lord Mayor de le lui avoir télégraphié." His Majesty is the patron of the Institution.—*The Citizen*.

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ERRATA.—In our last impression, page 187, third column, the first line should be deleted, and for "for," last word fourth line, same column, read "from."

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, May 7, 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, MAY 1.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.

### 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.  
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

### MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Auderton's Hot.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1673, Langton, 101, Queen Victoria-st.  
Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.  
K.H.S. 1, Mount Carmel, F.M. Tav.

### 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.  
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., Amherst-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.  
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.

### TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.  
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd.  
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., Regent-st., W.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington C., Wellington-st.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Woolwich.  
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.

Mark 1, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tav., at 4.30.

Rose Croix 79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-sq.

### 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.  
Domestic, 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, E., 7.30.

Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7-30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., 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 Edgecombe, 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, MAY 5.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.  
Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.  
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.  
" 1707, Eleanor, Angel Hot., Silver-st., Edmonton.  
" 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav.,  
Chap. 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound H., Hampton Court.  
Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-Square.

## 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, S.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Burdett Courts, 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., Mare-st., Hackney, S.  
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.  
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.  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.

## THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.  
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 231, St. Andrews, F.M.H.  
" 554, Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Village Club, Wimbledon.  
" 1361, United Service, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.  
" 1445, Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Dalston, N.  
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey M.H.  
" 1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall.  
" 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.  
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.  
" 1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hot.

## 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, Ponsonby-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, MAY 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
Chap. 3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Tav.  
" 8, British, F.M.H.  
Mark 223, West Smithfield, New Market Hot., W. Smfld.  
K. T. Precep. 74, Harcourt, Greyhound Inn, Richmond.  
" 134, Blondel, Freemasons' Tav.

## 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, May 8, 1880.

## MONDAY, MAY 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, MAY 4.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.  
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 5.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.  
Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., So, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, MAY 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

## BIRTHS.

COSBURN.—On the 24th inst., at Caxton Villa, Newbury, the wife of Bro. George J. Cosburn, of a son.  
CUNNINGHAM.—On the 24th ult., at Compton House, Brighton, the wife of the Rev. E. J. Cunningham, of a daughter.  
TYRER.—On the 24th ult., at Denbigh, the wife of Mr. Wm. Tyrer, of a son.  
WILTON.—On the 28th ult., at Langmoor-villas, Stratford, Essex, the wife of Mr. Leonard Wilton, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

DOO—GREEN.—On the 26th ult., at St. Leonard's, Streatham, by license, George John, eldest son of Mr. George Doo, of Warren House, Upper Tooting, to Jessie, eldest daughter of Mr. John Green, of Woodbury Villa, Finsbury-park.  
TRYON—TODD.—On the 21st ult., at 7, Melville-terrace, Stirling, Scotland, by the Rev. W. F. Goldie, assisted by the Rev. James Nicoll, M.A., Stephen, son of Mr. Frederick Tryon, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, to Marie Annie Dickson, daughter of the late Mr. John Todd, Stirling.

## DEATHS.

DAVIES.—On the 20th ult., at Elm Lodge, Ludlow, Ernest, James Davies, Captain 10th Shropshire R.V., aged 37 years.  
FOSTER.—On the 26th ult., at 26, South-villas, Camden-square, N.W., Mr. Charles N. Foster, of Whitefriars, E.C., in his 65th year.  
STOKES.—On the 21st ult., very suddenly, at 43, Selby-road, Anerly, Alice, wife of Mr. John Allen Stokes, aged 65.  
THOMPSON.—On the 25th ult., at 16, Clarence-square, Gosport, Mr. Edward Leonard Thompson, in his 20th year.

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