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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening last, at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. S. Rawson, presided as M.E.Z., Capt. N. G. Philips as H., and Capt. W. Platt as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Dr. E. E. Wendt as S.N.; J. A. Rucker, as P.S.; the Rev. C. W. Arnold as 1st Assistant; C. A. Murton, as 2nd Assistant; Col. Creaton, Treasurer; J. Lewis Thomas, as Sword Bearer; Mullens, as D.C.; and H. Sadler, Janitor. There were also present Comps. H. G. Buss, Bannister, T. Fenn, W. F. Nettleship, Peter de Lande Long, A. J. Duff Filer, H. J. P. Dumas, W. Ough, Joshua Nunn, J. M. Case, Hyde Pullen, H. Muggeridge, E. J. Barron, A. M. Thomas, Z. 134; Hayward Edwards, P.Z. 1385; E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; Charles F. Hogard, P.Z., J. 142; J. McDougall, P.Z. 913, P.G.S.B. Kent; J. E. Cussans, Z. 1385; E. Driver, P.Z. 742; J. N. Palmer, J. 175; H. T. Wood, Z. 1150; Alfred J. Bristow, H. 1593; A. Penfold, Z. 913; Thomas D. Hayes, J. 913; Alfred Meadows, J. 92; R. R. Davis, J. 7; J. J. Limebeer, Z. 749; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; J. T. Briggs, J. 177; R. Loveland Loveland, P.Z. 175, 257; A. A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; John H. Scott, P.Z. 271; J. H. Watts, M.E.Z. 1201; Frank Richardson, P.Z. 8; Wm. Stiles, J. 1507; H. S. Somerville Burney, P.Z. 1615; William Gouldon, J. 548; H. E. Frances, P.Z. 857; H. Higgins, J. 1381; Thomas Massa, H. 1296; R. F. Gould, P.Z. 92; W. H. Lee, M.E.Z. 1524; Magnus Ohren, P.Z. 33 and 452; Neville Green, H. 1524; John Green, Z. 973; W. H. Perryman, H. 1348; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 142; G. A. Rooks, Z. 142; E. F. Green, J. 1056; William Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365; Charles Pulman, J. 1339; James Kench, P.Z. 538; R. P. Bent, Z. elect 466; Peter Robinson, P.Z. 185; Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, 2; W. F. Laxton, P.Z. 1194; John H. Southwood, Z. 1260; Wm. Keene, Z. 1615; H. E. Gamble, Z. 13; J. E. Middleton, Z. 2; William Patrick, Z. 107; James Hillhouse, H. 228; John Messent, P.Z. 8; George Lambert, P.Z. 7 and 21; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the reading of the laws for the conduct of the business of Grand Chapter and the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Comp. Rawson announced that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had appointed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.Z.; the Earl of Lathom, G.H.; and Lord De Tabley, G.J.

The following companions were also appointed:—

Comp. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E.	
" Sir F. W. Truscott, Lord Mayor	
of London	G.S.N.
" Rev. R. P. Bent	G.P.S.
" R. F. Gould	G. 1st A.S.
" Frank Richardson.....	G. 2nd A.S.
" Lieut.-Col. John Creaton.....	G. Treas.
" E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	G. Reg.
" Lieut.-Col. Hugh S. Somerville	
Burney	G. Swd. Br.
" John Henderson Scott	G. Std. Br.
" Magnus Ohren	G.D.C.
" H. G. Buss	G. Asst. S.E.
" H. Sadler	G. Janitor.

Col. CREATON moved, and Comp. E. LETCHWORTH seconded, the granting of the prayer of the petition from Comps. 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.

Comp. H. J. P. DUMAS said, it was in no spirit of objection that he rose to make a remark, but in pursuance of a rule of Grand Chapter that all companions applying for new chapters should be particular to specify the places at which

the proposed new chapters were to meet. Ballarat, Victoria, was a well known place, but why should not Grand Chapter adhere to its principle that the place of meeting, should be particularised, the same as with chapters in England.

As no amendment was proposed, the warrant was granted. Col. CREATON proposed, and Comp. J. M. CASE seconded, the granting of the petition from Comps. 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 Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, Brighton, to be called the Hova Villa Chapter, and to meet at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, in the county of Sussex.

Col. CREATON proposed, and the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD seconded, the granting of the petition from Comps. 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 meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire.

Col. CREATON proposed, and Comp. J. T. BIGGS, J. 177, seconded, the granting of the petition from Comp. 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.

Col. CREATON proposed, and Comp. JOSHUA NUNN seconded, the granting of the petition from Comps. 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, were unanimously granted.

Comp. RAWSON announced that the Prince of Wales had appointed Colonel Creaton President, and Comps. R. Grey and A. J. Duff Filer members of the Committee of General Purposes.

The brethren then elected Comps. H. C. Levander, E. Letchworth, C. F. Hogard, James Lewis Thomas, George Lambert, and F. Adlard members of the Committee of General Purposes.

THE MASONIC CEREMONY AT TRURO.

Great preparations are being made at Truro for the approaching Royal visit—the triple attraction of the great Masonic ceremony the laying of the foundation stone of a new cathedral, and the Royal visit—combine to make an event of extraordinary interest not only to Cornishmen and the Craft, but to the country at large. Early last week a public meeting was held, when the programme that had been prepared was submitted for confirmation; it has since been subjected to some modification, but it remains substantially the same. Some disappointment will be felt at the decision that has been come to with respect to the part which the Lord Mayor will take in the proceedings. It was at first arranged that the Lord and Lady Mayoress, with the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, should go in State; but from the difficulty in finding accommodation for the large number of horses, carriages, and retinue, that is found to be impracticable, and his lordship will attend in his Masonic capacity as Grand Junior Warden.

We give below the Masonic programme as issued by the Grand Secretary.

The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., will hold an Especial Grand Lodge at the Town Hall, Truro, in the Province of Cornwall, on Thursday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonial the foundation stone of the cathedral of the diocese.

The Grand Officers will assemble at the Town Hall, and the remainder of the brethren at the Public Rooms, when the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at ten o'clock.

The Grand Lodge will be opened at eleven o'clock precisely, and the procession will then be formed in the following order:—

- Band of music.
- Two Tylers with drawn swords.
- Visiting brethren.
- Lodges according to their numbers, juniors walking first.
- Provincial Grand Officers of other Provinces.
- Provincial Grand Officers of Cornwall.
- Architect with the Plans.
- A cornucopia with corn,
- Grand Steward. { borne by a Master of a lodge. } Grand
- { Two ewers with wine and oil, } Steward.
- borne by Masters of lodges.
- Assistant Grand Pursuivant.
- Grand Pursuivant.
- Grand Organist.
- Trowel borne by a Past Master. Mallet borne by a Past Master.
- Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- Past Grand Sword Bearers.
- Grand Superintendent of Works bearing a plate with the inscription for the foundation stone.
- Past Grand Deacons.
- Grand Secretary with the Book of Constitutions.
- President of the Board of General Purposes.
- Past Grand Registrars.
- Grand Registrar bearing the Great Seal.
- Grand Treasurer bearing a phial containing the coins to be deposited in the stone.

- Past Grand Chaplains.
- Past Grand Wardens.
- Past Provincial Grand Masters.
- Provincial Grand Masters.
- The Corinthian Light borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The column of the Junior Grand Warden borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Junior Grand Warden with the plumb rule.
- G. Steward. Banner of the Grand Lodge. G. Steward.
- { The Doric Light borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The column of the Senior Grand Warden borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Senior Grand Warden with the level
- Junior Grand Deacons.
- { The Grand Chaplain } Grand Steward.
- Grand Steward. { bearing the Sacred } Grand Steward.
- { Law on a cushion. }
- The Deputy Grand Master with the square.
- The Ionic Light borne by the Master of a lodge.
- The Grand Sword Bearer.
- THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
- Senior Grand Deacons.
- The Grand Stewards.
- Grand Tyler.

The procession will start from the Town Hall, and proceed to Southleigh *in reversed order*, where it will open out to allow the carriage of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales to drive down the line, and re-close facing the City.

H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master having assumed his place in the procession, it will move off in the above-detailed order, and will arrive at the western entrance of the cathedral at high noon, the brethren passing through to the north-eastern enclosure taking their seats, with the exception of the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, who will be formed in ranks standing on each side of the area of the western enclosure.

The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese will offer up prayers.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, and Chairman of the Building Committee, will address the Grand Master, and request His Royal Highness to lay the foundation stone of the cathedral.

The Grand Master will pass in procession to the north-eastern enclosure, preceded by the brethren stationed in the western one.

The Grand Master having taken up his position, the vessels of corn, wine, and oil will be deposited on a pedestal placed for their reception.

The Archbishop will offer up prayers.

The upper stone will then be raised and the lower one adjusted.

The Grand Chaplain will offer a prayer.

A hymn will be sung.

The Grand Secretary will read aloud the inscription on the plate; the Grand Treasurer will deposit the phial containing the coins, and the Grand Secretary will place the plate on the lower stone. The cement will then be spread on the upper face of the lower stone, and the M.W. Grand Master will adjust the same with a trowel handed to him for the purpose, after which the upper stone will be slowly lowered with three distinct stops.

The Grand Master will now prove the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which will be successively delivered to him by the Junior Grand Warden, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Deputy Grand Master. Being satisfied in these particulars, he will give the stone three knocks with the mallet which will be delivered to him.

The cornucopia, containing the corn, and the ewers, with the wine and oil, will next be handed to the Grand Master, who will strew the corn and pour the wine and oil over the stone, with the accustomed ceremonies.

The Bishop will give the dedication prayer.

The Architect will be presented to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master having inspected the plan of the intended building will deliver the same to the Architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, and desire him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plan.

The Freemasons will now place on the foundation stone the purses to be received on behalf of the Building Fund.

The Archbishop will pronounce the patriarchal Benediction.

The procession will return to the western enclosure, where the Grand Master will lay the western stone with similar ceremony.

Ladies and gentlemen will place on the western stone the purses and contributions received on behalf of the Building Fund.

The ceremonies being concluded the Grand Lodge will return to the Town Hall.

The Grand Lodge will then be closed.

A luncheon will be held at the Town Hall at two o'clock, to which ladies and non-Masons will be admitted. Tickets, including wine, 10s.

The brethren will not appear in Masonic costume at the luncheon.

N.B.—All brethren to appear at the ceremonies in black frock coats, black trousers, white ties and gloves, high hat, with full Masonic *Craft* clothing, the apron to be outside coat; no jewels to be worn but those appertaining to the Craft or Royal Arch Masonry.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
ALBERT W. WOODS, Garter,
Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We call attention to the following circular:—

W. Brother,—
Your attendance is requested at an Especial Grand

rators entirely by surprise, for they were all of them monarchists and not republicans, and not only monarchists, but loyal Isabellinists; and thus it was neither their intention, nor was it their desire, to drive Queen Isabel from her throne, or to disestablish the Bourbon régime in Spain.

The Queen had only herself and her Court favourites to blame for the final catastrophe. If she had boldly returned to her capital (she was at the moment taking the waters in the north of Spain) all would have gone *sin novedad*, as the Spaniards say, or, in other words, the Brabo ministry would simply have been supplanted by Serrano, Topete, and Prim, and the Queen would have remained firmly seated on her throne.

But when the Brabo forces under Novalices were routed by Serrano, at the now historical bridge of Alcolea, which spans the river Guadalquivir, not far from Cordova, the frightened Queen took to flight, and crossed over the Bidasona to France, never again, we trust, to return and misgovern her countrymen.

We have said that the ex-Queen Isabel voluntarily went into exile, and thus virtually abdicated the throne; humanly speaking this was so, but may we not see in this apparently accidental circumstance the Hand of the G.A.O.T.U. specially stretched out in His all-wise Providence, so to guide the course of events as to deal still another blow at Jesuitism, and again to restrain the monster of Ultramontanism from its work of merciless suppression of every loyal instinct of the human heart?

The sudden transition from monarchy, directed by an autocratic ministry, to republicanism, pure and simple, was effected without a sign of popular licence or disorder. How easily Spaniards can be governed was amply demonstrated after Isabella took to flight, for everything went on as peacefully and tranquilly as if no change whatever had occurred. Even the *Descamisados* (the "shirtless ones," the *sans culottes* of Spain) were on their good behaviour; and fewer crimes were committed, fewer misdemeanors of the minor class, which we call police cases, than perhaps at any other period of Spain's history. To this most notable fact the writer can bear personal testimony, as he was at the time travelling in Spain.

Thus, we repeat, it was an easy matter for those who had the reins of power thrown into their hands in so unexpected a manner to carry on the nominal government of the country without a Queen, or other recognised head. Their first care (to their credit be it said) was to summon a popularly elected *Cortes*, or National Parliament; and their next to revise the old constitutions, and remodel the laws of the land on the basis of the most complete civil and religious liberty. We use the plural, when speaking of *old constitutions*, advisedly, for Spain was at the time in possession of several model constitutions conferred and promulgated by Bourbon hands—codes which (barring the question of religious liberty) would have left little to have been wished for by orderly law-abiding citizens, if only any one of them had been honestly put in force.

But the constitution of 1809 was a very radical affair: it gave complete liberty of conscience, and the right of public meeting; and thus, for the very first time in the history of their country, our Spanish brethren were able, openly, and lawfully, to practise their rites, and carry on their work of good fellowship and charity.

And many were the brethren, initiated previous to the last period of suppression in 1848, who now came to the front. Several members of the Supreme Grand Council which had remained dormant for twenty years, lost no time, and spared no pains, in re-organizing the ancient landmarks of the Order. Their first care was to elect a worthy brother as their chief, and their choice fell on Bro. Ruiz Zorrilla, who was unanimously accepted as their Grand Commander. His election took place on the 20th day of July, 1870. Very shortly afterwards he was also elected Grand Master over the Symbolic Degrees, the laws and regulations which govern English Craft Masonry having been adopted unanimously by the newly constituted Grand Lodge of Spain.

Before the close of the year 1870, the roll of Grand Lodge in Madrid included the names of more than eighty properly constituted Craft lodges, over whom capable and thoroughly loyal Masons were placed in charge; and two years later, when the vacant throne was filled by our Royal Bro. Amadeus, Duke of Aosta and Prince of Savoy, the greatest harmony and unity prevailed amongst our brethren in Spain. The Worshipful Masters exercised a strict supervision over candidates proposed for acceptance within our Order, seeking only to lay carefully selected corner stones, and thus to raise our symbolic superstructure as far as possible perfect in its parts, and an honour to the founders, but always in the name and to the glory of the G.A.O.T.U.

The close of the year 1874 witnessed a fresh reverse of free-Masonic fortune in Spain.

The abdication—entirely voluntary on his part—of our Royal Bro. Amadeus the First, the truly kingly scion of the House of Savoy, was followed by a period of republican propagandism during which too zealous patriots of the ultra-radical school shaped out quixotic and transcendental forms of "cantonal" self government for the *Communes* of the Peninsula, which not only proved utterly impracticable in themselves, but served to pave the way for the restoration of the Bourbon régime, in the person of Alphonso VII., who now occupies the throne of Spain.

The writer was always firmly convinced that this restoration was the only solution possible for Spain, but he desired that the Liberal party should themselves have rallied round the young Prince of Asturias, and not have left it for the Ultramontanes and Moderados of the Narvaez school to place him on the throne. Unfortunately for Spain, and most unfortunately for the young and good-hearted King himself, he was from the first surrounded by unconstitutional advisers, and, despite the well-known fact that he himself desires to become a truly constitutional Sovereign, and to rule for the good of his people and for the furtherance of their true welfare, he has as yet had no chance given him. He is now unpopular, not from, or through, any fault of his own, but entirely in consequence of the arbitrary and autocratic conduct of those who have got him in their clutch—the Moderado party, the reactionary party of Spain.

The very first thing these unpatriotic politicians did was to dissolve the really popular *Cortes*, and to get re-elected in their stead a packed Parliament, composed of their own political retainers and nominees. This new Chamber of Deputies immediately proceeded to undo all the good work of its predecessors. They abolished the Liberal Constitution of 1809, and re-enacted in its place one of the least liberal of those promulgated in Queen Isabella's days. The

right of conscience was suppressed, as also that of public meeting. The Jesuits were again permitted to reside in the country, and one of their first and most arbitrary decrees was directed against Ruiz Zorrilla, Grand Master of the Freemasons in Spain. He was exiled, politically proscribed, professedly because he declined to accept Don Alphonso as king, but really because he was supposed to be the head and soul of the rapidly extending Masonic movement in Spain.

On Grand Master Zorrilla's expatriation his rank as Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33rd in Spain was delegated to Bro. Juan de la Somera, who assumed the duties thus conferred upon him at a special assembly of the Council held for that purpose.

But Bro. Somera's advanced age and his feeble state of health obliged him to resign office, after having ruled over the Masons of Spain for little more than a year. On the 27th of December he formally resigned his two high offices of Grand Commander of the Ancient Scottish Rite and Grand Master of the Symbolic Degrees.

Within a fortnight of this resignation, viz., on the seventh day of January, 1876, the Grand Council at Madrid elected by a very large majority of votes (but, unfortunately, not unanimously) one of the most zealous and distinguished Masons of Spain, His Excellency Don Praxedes M. Sagasta, ex-President of the Council of Ministers and ex-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, who had already proved himself during the short time that he had filled the highest office in the Craft to be a thorough Mason at heart, and ready to serve our Order in every possible way.

His Excellency Bro. Sagasta is at the present moment the acknowledged chief of the "Constitutional" Liberal party in Spain—a party which includes within its ranks most of the matured liberal intelligence of the country, who, whilst thoroughly loyal subjects of His Majesty King Alphonso VII., and firm supporters of the dynasty, as represented in his person, yet desire to see their young King become a truly constitutional Sovereign, and return to the spirit, at least, of the Constitution of 1809, which gives such true liberty to the people. The firm idea of the writer is that King Alphonso himself will be first to rejoice when the present dominant party can be compelled by public opinion, or by a powerful combination formed by the various political parties of Spain, to relinquish its grasp on both the King and the country, in which case Sagasta will most surely be placed in the responsible post of Prime Minister in Spain.

We have already said that His Excellency Praxedes M. Sagasta was elected Sovereign Grand Commander over the Supreme Council of the 33rd, and two months later, viz., on the 6th day of March, 1876, he was also elected by a large majority as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Madrid.

But Bro. Sagasta's Grand Orient does not, unfortunately, at the present time include all the Masonic bodies now working in Spain. More than one rival "Grand Orient" claims to be entirely independent of his jurisdiction. These, however, are rather offshoots from the United Body over which Bro. Ruiz Zorrilla, and after him Bro. Juan de la Somera, presided, with an undivided authority, from 1870 to 1876 inclusive, and they are not (we trust, and believe) destined much longer to divide the future unity of Freemasonry in Spain. Every body claiming to sovereign rights or independent jurisdiction, except the Grand Lodge presided over by Bro. Sagasta, has been essentially self-constituted, and is entirely without that prestige and *éclat* which direct succession to an acknowledged and duly constituted authority must necessarily give, and Bro. Sagasta alone can claim direct succession to the chair of Ruiz Zorrilla, who was elected unanimously as Grand Master of the Orient of Spain after the Masonic revival of 1869.

We shall in due course refer to each of the independent Masonic associations in Spain who have not yet officially acknowledged Bro. Sagasta as their chief. At the present moment we can only name them in the order in which they deserve to rank.

First comes the so-called "Grand Orient," presided over by Bro. Juan Antonio Perez, a former member of the Grand Council presided over by Bro. de la Somera. Bro. Perez is entirely unknown out of his own small circle.

Secondly must be ranked those lodges who have affiliated themselves to the Grand Orient of Portugal, with whom, however, they have little in common.

Thirdly may be mentioned what is called the "Andalusian Masonic Confederation," who have obtained official recognition (without actual affiliation) from the Grand Council of Lausanne, in Switzerland. These brethren are waiting "unattached" until such time as foreign Grand Lodges may decide whether Bro. Sagasta or Bro. Perez is to be officially recognised as the legitimate successor to Bro. Ruiz Zorrilla. When such official recognition takes place these unattached will join their recognised brethren.

Fourthly come a mere handful of brethren who desire to see Bro. the Marquis de Seoane elected to supreme command.

Fifthly are those who have never accepted the resignation of Bro. ex-Grand Master de la Somera, and who still pretend to be under his Masonic jurisdiction.

But the only serious rival to Bro. Sagasta is Bro. Perez, and his jurisdiction is of a very limited kind. Of those lodges which appear upon his roll a considerable number exist on paper only, whilst others are already disorganised, and destitute of qualified Masters or officers. Bro. Perez is without Masonic prestige, and, in point of fact, a very large proportion of the brethren now working under him are doing so only until such time as the Grand Orient of Sagasta shall have been officially recognised in London; whilst as regards those brethren who work under the protection of the Grand Orient of Portugal and the Grand Council of Lausanne, we may almost say that the whole of them are not only ready, but really anxious, to affiliate themselves to a united and essentially national Grand Lodge, such as that presided over by Bro. Sagasta undoubtedly is. They only await the signal from the chief of all Masonic authorities (in their eyes), that of London, to give Bro. Sagasta their loyal and undivided support.

(To be continued.)

For the convenience of the public, Kingston's Railway Office, Southampton-street, Fitzroy-square, will be open late every evening next week for the sale of Great Western Railway excursion tickets to Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Exeter, Manchester, Liverpool, Plymouth, Worcester, &c., also L.B. and S.C.R. to Brighton and Crystal Palace.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular has been issued by Bro. Binckes: The present is considered—it is hoped not erroneously—a fitting occasion on which to address to the Craft an appeal, somewhat perhaps out of the usual course, but justified, it is believed, by circumstances to which distinct reference is unnecessary.

When the present Secretary accepted office as the result of a specially-appointed Committee of Inquiry, he pledged himself to spare neither time nor exertion in endeavouring to raise this Institution in the estimation of the Order, and to render it more fully adequate to meet the rapidly developing needs of the day, stipulating for liberty of action in carrying out his duties. At that time—June, 1861—the income of the Institution was about £2000 per annum; the number of boys clothed and educated, seventy. When the erection of a new building for one hundred boys—with capability of extension—was determined on, the entire Funded Stock, £13,100, was sold to assist in defraying the cost.

In undertaking to raise the amount requisite for the work, and to recoup the stock so sold, the Secretary fully appreciated the responsibility and weight of the task. His anticipations, however, have been entirely realised, and it is with intense gratitude that he acknowledges the value of the aid, and the warmth of the sympathy, accorded to his efforts during the last nineteen years.

During this period the building has been erected—from time to time enlarged—and there are now 215 sons of Freemasons maintained, clothed, and educated within its walls.

The cost of the building has been fully met, the amount expended from 1862 to 1879 being £62,485 1s. 2d.

The funded property has been restored to the extent of £10,000.

To entirely redeem the pledge given in 1861, there remains only the investment of £3100, and this it is earnestly hoped may be accomplished by the result of the approaching festival, to be held under the presidency of a distinguished ruler in the Order, than whom none can be more popular or or held in higher esteem and regard.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The Honorary Secretaries of this noble Institution (Bro. Richard Brown, P.M. 241, and Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P. G.D.C.) have recently issued the annual report, from which we gather that the Charity, thanks to the fostering care and enthusiastic support of the brethren in the province, is making substantial headway. The report, addressed to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., P.G.M., President of the Institution, and to the Vice-Presidents and Life Governors, is as follows:—

On behalf of the Committee, we have pleasure in placing before you the annual report and statement of accounts for the past year, upon reference to which it will be found that there is great cause for congratulation, inasmuch as during no previous year have the donations and subscriptions from lodges and brethren reached so large an amount; and, on the other hand, in no former year has the amount paid for education, &c., been so large as in 1879.

The Sub-Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws brought their labours to a close, and the new bye-laws, as submitted by them, were passed at a Special Court of Governors held on 21st November last, and now only wait the confirmation of another Court of Governors and approval of the Provincial Grand Lodge before they come into operation. By the new regulations, the children will be placed upon the foundation at the age of six instead of eight, and may remain till fifteen instead of fourteen as at present. Several other advantages are secured to the children, which will no doubt necessitate increased expenditure in the future.

The brethren are therefore earnestly entreated not to relax their efforts on behalf of the Charity.

The Treasurer and Secretaries desire to express their thanks for the promptitude with which the returns have been sent in, and the completeness of the lists and addresses. This has enabled them to issue the report at a much earlier date than has been the case during the past few years, besides considerably lessening the labour connected therewith. They venture further to express a hope that similar arrangements will be made for the future collection of subscriptions and sending in returns.

Your Committee earnestly pray that the success which has attended past operations of the Charity may be continued in the future, and that the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe may rest upon the labours of all for the advancement of its interests.

From the statement of accounts, prepared by Bro. R. Wilson, the Hon. Treasurer, it appeared that the balance at the end of last financial year was £329 12s. 6d.; the proceedings of the '79 ball were £60 4s. 4d.; the sum of £491 3s. 6d. had been realised as interest on Mersey Dock Bonds; £100 from the interest on mortgage of Masonic Hall; £105 for the P.G. Lodge Charity Fund; and £701 7s. 9d. from the donations and subscriptions of the brethren. The sum of £666 11s. 7d. had been paid during the year for the education and advancement in life of children, and there remained a balance in hand at the close of the year of £783 12s. 10d. It appeared that nearly 100 children were on the foundation of the Institution, which, it ought to be stated, is carried on without one farthing of expenditure for official work in connection with its organisation. The total investments on behalf of the charity now amount to upwards of £15,361.

A special court of Governors of the excellent Masonic Charity was held on Friday evening, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D. There was a large attendance of Governors, including the honorary secretaries (Bro. R. Brown, P.M. 241, and G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.) Thirteen children were elected on the foundation of the Institution for education, and two received money grants for their assistance and advancement. The new bye-laws, adopted at a special court, on the 21st November last, were unanimously confirmed, on the motion of Brother Cottrell, seconded by Brother Bromley. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this new but flourishing chapter was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Anderson's Hotel. There were present Comps. W. Wellsman, M.E.Z.; H. Dalwood, H.; Dodson, J.; Colonel Ratcliffe (honorary member), acting I.P.Z.; A. Tisley, S.E.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, P.S.; W. Lake, P.P. G.R. Cornwall, 1st Assistant; G. Manners, 2nd Assistant; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. R. Skelton, 1589, for exaltation, and it proved to be unanimous, but he was unavoidably prevented from attending. The installation of the three Principals, Comps. Dalwood, Dodson, and Walls, was most ably and impressively carried out by Comp. Colonel Ratcliffe, and subsequently a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him for his services. The appointments and investments for the ensuing year were as follows: Comps. Wellsman, I.P.Z.; Praed, Treasurer; Tisley, S.E.; Lake, S.N.; Turner, P.S.; Manners, 1st Assistant; Bristoe, 2nd Assistant; and Farrington, jun., Organist. The report of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts having been received and adopted, the convocation was closed, and the companions and their visitors adjourned to a well-served banquet. The visitors were Comps. Stiles, J. 1509; Wellard, P.S. 1519; and Captain Cole, 1507.

At the close of the banquet the customary Royal Arch toasts were duly proposed and loyally honoured. In proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," the I.P.Z. said that he was forcibly reminded that evening of the old French proverb, "The king is dead, long live the king," because that proverb was as true in Masonry as in every other community where the chief died and was succeeded by another. By the force of circumstances he (the I.P.Z.) vacated the chair, and that removal enabled a very worthy companion to immediately succeed him. In the person of their M.E.Z. they had a companion who was conversant with the work, and who was thoroughly able to preside over them, and he (the speaker) believed that he would have a most brilliant year of office. In concluding his remarks he hoped that at the termination of his tenure of office the M.E.Z. would look back with as much genuine pleasure to his occupancy of the chair as had been afforded the companions that evening in witnessing his induction to it. In reply, the M.E.Z. said, that he was quite overpowered by the eloquent remarks of Comp. Wellsman in proposing his health. Throughout his long Masonic career he had endeavoured to do all he could to further the great principles upon which it was founded, because he was one of those who believed that Freemasonry was an institution that should not be treated lightly, but should be regarded seriously and carried out thoroughly. Although he had been connected with Royal Arch Masonry some time, it was only lately that he had taken an active part in the working of its ceremony, but, notwithstanding that, he hoped to be able to discharge his duties in a manner that should give satisfaction. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.Z.," the M.E.Z. dwelt upon the brilliant services rendered by Comp. Wellsman during his tenure of the chair in the St. Dunstan's Lodge. In the chapter he had not had the same opportunity of distinguishing himself, but what he had done he had performed well. In the discharge of his duties he had evinced the greatest kindness and courtesy, and it afforded him, the M.E.Z., the greatest possible amount of pleasure to be in the position to present him with the very handsome jewel which had been voluntarily voted by the chapter to mark its great appreciation of his services. In concluding his remarks he hoped that in the years to come Comp. Wellsman would look with pride upon that interesting souvenir of his connection with the St. Dunstan's Chapter. This pledge having been received with excellent "fire," the I.P.Z., in response, said that he had accepted the position of First Principal with a great deal of diffidence, as he knew but little of its duties. He took no credit to himself for the great success that had attended the chapter; he had done all he could for it, and with his best energies, but he had been greatly assisted by Comps. Dalwood, Dodson, Tisley, and others. Respecting the brilliant jewel which had been so kindly given to him, he should ever regard it with pride, as it marked one of the most pleasant reminiscences of his Masonic life. "The Installing Officers" followed. In proposing this pledge the M.E.Z. took occasion to speak of the valuable services rendered to the chapter from its consecration by Comp. Col. Ratcliffe. He said that that worthy companion, moreover, had charmed them all by his courtesy and urbanity, and he firmly believed that his name would be held by them in the most grateful remembrance for many years to come. In conclusion he trusted that Comp. Colonel Ratcliffe would continue regularly to come among them, in order that they might have the benefit of his excellent advice and assistance. This toast having been heartily received, the Installing Officer, in reply, said he could scarcely believe that twelve months had elapsed since he had had the pleasure of attending the consecration—the march of time had been so rapid. On that occasion he had predicted a grand future for the chapter, but he had no conception that his augury would have been fulfilled so speedily. The chapter now numbered twenty-seven members, and there were others down for exaltation at the next convocation, and under these gratifying circumstances the St. Dunstan's Chapter could be pronounced a thorough and complete success. He then went on to speak of the ritual, which, although difficult, he said could be mastered by constant and zealous application. In conclusion he expressed his thanks for the more than hearty way in which his health had been proposed and received. "The Second and Third Principals" and "The Visitors" followed. The latter toast was acknowledged by Comps. Stiles, Cole, and Wellard. The pledge of "The Officers" received full justice at the hands of Comps. Tisley, Lake, Turner, and Farrington, jun. The amusement of the companions was enhanced by the instrumental and vocal contributions of Comps. Farrington, Tisley, Cole, Stiles, Beddingfield, and others. The Janitor's toast at a late hour terminated the proceedings.

YORK.—Zetland Chapter (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this strong chapter was held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., when there were present E. Comps. J. Todd, P.Z., as Z.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, H.; G. Balmford, J.; W. Lawton, P.Z.; R. W. Hollon, P.Z.;

T. B. Whytehead, Z. 1611; J. S. Cumberland, H. 1611; and others. The first business was the installation of the Three Principals elect, which was performed very ably by E. Comp. J. Todd, P.Z., Prov. G.J., assisted by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead, Z. 1611. The three chairs were filled as follows; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Z.; G. Balmford, H.; J. M. Meek, J.; and the following officers were afterwards invested: Comps. J. Todd, P.Z., Treas.; J. Hollins, S.E.; Rev. W. Valentine, S.N.; A. Buckle, P.S.; M. Rooke, D.C.; T. W. Wilson and A. Hanson, Asst. S.S.; and J. Redfare, Janitor. Two brethren were subsequently exalted by the newly-installed Z., who performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, the latter portion of the mystical lecture being given by E. Comp. Todd, P.Z.

There was a large muster of members and visitors at the supper table, and a most pleasant evening was passed. Amongst the visitors were Comp. Shaw-Hellier, L. Murphy, Rev. J. Blake, 1611; W. P. Husband, 1611, and others.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., when there were present Comps. T. B. Whytehead, M.E.Z.; J. S. Cumberland, H.; G. Balmford (H. 236), as J.; J. Todd, P.Z., Prov. G.J.; R. W. Hollon, P.Z., Past G.D.C.; Rev. J. Blake, as S.E.; C. G. Padel, S.N.; A. T. B. Turner, 1st A.S.; W. P. Husband, as 2nd A.S.; W. Lackenby, R. Ware, A. Hanson, and many other members and visitors.

The chapter having been opened, the M.E.Z. said that they all regretted the absence of their Principal Sojourner, occasioned by a sudden and painful domestic bereavement. It had necessitated an alteration in the arrangements for the working of the ceremony that evening, but he was glad to be able to fall back on the assistance of their E. Comp. Todd, who would take the chair of Z., whilst he (the M.E.Z.) would undertake the duties of P.S. This was accordingly done, and Bro. Humphries, of the Eboracum Lodge, was introduced, and duly exalted; the Historical Lecture being delivered by E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland, H. After the ceremony E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead again assumed the chair, and the report of the Bye-laws Committee was brought up and adopted, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to supper, provided by Comp. H. Churchill, at which the principal toasts were honoured.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Bros. George Newman, W.M.; Henry A. Dubois, I.P.M.; V.W. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C., S.W.; Bros. Wm. Stephens, P.M., J.W.; Dr. Wm. Whiteway Wilkinson, M.O.; Peter Lund Simmonds, P.M., as S.O.; Henry D'Almaine, as J.O.; V.W. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.M., G.R., Treas.; Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Lambe, S.D.; H. F. Frost, J.D.; J. Gilbert, Janitor; V.W. Bros. T. Cubitt, P.M., G.O.; George Kenning, P.M.; Bros. George Powell, Edward Bumpus, Thomas Cohu, George Sandell, William Kipps, A. Daw Kerrell, and the following visitors: V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; W. Bros. Wm. Worrell, P.G. Org.; Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G.; Henry Lovegrove, Prov. G.S. of W.; Thomas J. Pulley, G. Steward; Bro. Le Mottee, Dunbar, and Seymour Smith.

Bros. John Emsley Faith, 1509; William Kipps, P.M. 1275, P.G. Org. Kent; and A. Daw Kerrell were balloted for, and unanimously approved. Bros. Kipps and Daw Kerrell, being present, were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason. By the courtesy of the W.M., the Rev. Bro. Holden performed the whole ceremony with his well-known abilities—a great treat, indeed, to the brethren present. This being the election meeting, the ballot was pronounced unanimous for the S.W., Bro. Holden, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. H. C. Levander was re-elected Treasurer, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., Bro. Newman. Bros. Don. M. Dewar, William Worrell, Thomas Poore, and Henry Lovegrove were presented with the honorary membership of the lodge. One candidate's name was given to the Secretary for the next meeting. In consequence of the demise of the late V.W. Bro. C. Horsley, J.G.O., and P.M. of St. Mark's Lodge, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Letters and a telegram for unavoidable absence were received from V.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. E. Brettle, P.M., P.G.C.; W. Bros. Edward L. Shepherd, S.O., P.G.O.; Frederick Walters, P.G.I.G.; Bros. John Emsley Faith, Herbert Santer, Reg.; and R. Gresley Hall. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

The brethren then proceeded to open the mother lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which is moored to St. Mark's Lodge. Bros. Thomas Poore, W.C.N.; Henry Lovegrove, J.; and Don. M. Dewar, S. Twenty-two candidates were balloted for, and accepted unanimously, but only fifteen of them were in time to be elevated to the Degree; want of punctuality and other causes necessarily postponed others until next meeting. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

The brethren dined at the Freemasons' Tavern, after which a *souper musicale recherchee* was provided by the W.M., and performed by Madame Worrell, Miss Marian Burton, and Bro. Seymour Smith, whose individually, widely appreciated talents were savoured by all present.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—This young but prosperous lodge held its installation meeting at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 20th ult. There were in attendance, among others, Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O. (honorary member), acting W.M. in the absence, through severe indisposition, of W. Bro. W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of W., &c.; T. C. Walls, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Tisley, J.W.; H. C. Levander, G.R., &c. (honorary member), acting I.P.M.; Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., J.O.; J. Dodson, S.D.; Webb, J.D.; Beddingfield, I.G. The visitors were Bros. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.M. Studholme, &c.; and C. Duke (Hastings).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Treasurer, in the place of V.W. Bro. Charles Horsley deceased, resulted in favour of Bro. J. Dodson. The installation of the W.M. was then carried out most ably by the V.W. Bro. Dewar, ably assisted by W. Bro. Levander. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. W. Wigginton, I.P.M. and Secretary (by deputy); A. Tisley, S.W.; Richnell, J.W. (by deputy); J. Dodson, Treasurer and

M.O.; Sir Charles Palmer, S.O.; Beddingfield, J.O.; Rogers, R. of M. (by deputy); Farrington, sen., S.D.; Farrington, J.D.; Brown, I.G.; Skelton, D.C. Apologies for not attendance were then read from Bros. W. Wigginton, Richnell, F. Binckes, Poore, Lake, Leah, and others. A vote of condolence having been unanimously passed to the representatives of the late Bro. Horsley, the S.W. moved, which was seconded by Bro. F. Clemow, and carried unanimously, "That the name of Bro. Walls, W.M., be submitted to the R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey for Provincial Grand honours." Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Dewar and Levander for their services as Installing Officers.

The banquet which followed was admirably served, and did great credit to the caterer, Bro. Clemow, and assistants. Upon the removal of the cloth, the long, but customary, routine of toasts were duly honoured. "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bros. Dewar and Levander, the first named also subsequently acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in exceedingly complimentary terms by Bro. Levander. The W.M. having replied gave "The Visitors," in which he expressed the great pleasure it had afforded himself personally, and the members of the lodge, in welcoming among them that day their esteemed and distinguished Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. Duke, from the Province of Sussex. This toast having been heartily received, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke briefly responded. In the course of his reply he expressed his thanks for the warmth of the reception afforded to him and his co-visitor by the members of the Leopold Mark Lodge. It had given him much gratification in being present on so auspicious an occasion as the installation of the W.M. He was pleased to hear that since its advent the lodge had made such satisfactory progress. In conclusion he said that the lodge had his best wishes for a continuance of its success. Bro. Duke having expressed himself in similar terms, "The Health of the Installing Officers" followed, and was tersely acknowledged by Bros. Dewar and Levander. In giving "The Officers," the W.M. alluded to the absence through illness of W. Bro. Wigginton, I.P.M. and Secretary, which circumstance was greatly to be regretted as he should have liked to have presented him on that occasion with the very handsome Past Master's jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge. Having spoken of the services of the other officers, he concluded by congratulating the Leopold Lodge upon possessing so strong and efficient a staff of officials. This toast was acknowledged by Bros. Tisley, Dodson, Sir Chas. Palmer, Farrington, Beddingfield, and Brown. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).—A regular meeting of this Mark lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., when the following officers were present: Bros. J. Rubie, W.M.; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Philip Braham, J.W.; J. Dutton, I.P.M. and Treas.; J. J. Dutton, P.M.; C. W. Radway, M.O.; F. W. Dingle, S.O.; F. Wilkinson, J.O.; J. W. Murfis, Sec.; Lawson Howes, Reg. of Mks.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.D.; W. E. Sparrow, Org.; W. Peach, I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; also Bros. F. J. Brown, E. L. Hill, and F. Baldwin. Visitor: Bro. W. E. Reeves, 177.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's accounts were presented and passed. The W.M., in very feeling terms, referred to the loss which Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Chaplain of the lodge, and Past G.W. of England, had sustained in the death of his wife, and a vote of condolence was passed, which the Secretary was requested to communicate to him. This being the day of installation, Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who had remained in the ante-room, was summoned. He at once took the chair, and Bro. Philip Braham, J.W., was presented to him as the W.M. elect. The customary forms were gone through, and the ceremony was ably performed by the Installing Master, who concluded with the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him. He then retired.

The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. C. Wilkinson, S.W.; J. W. Murfis, J.W.; Rubie, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chap.; John Dutton, Treas.; James J. Dutton, D.C.; C. Radway, Sec.; F. W. Dingle, M.O.; F. Wilkinson, S.O.; L. Howes, J.O.; E. J. B. Mercer, Reg. Mks.; Penley, S.D.; Peach, J.D.; W. Sparrow, Org.; F. Baldwin, I.G.; A. Holmes, Steward; and Bigwood, Tyler. After the transaction of some other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for supper.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. Dr. Henry, P.P.S.G.W. presided, supported by his officers, Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.P.S.O., S.W.; W. White, J.W.; J. Rothery, M.O.; E. Tyson, P.J.D., S.O.; J. W. Miles, J.O.; G. Dalrymple, P.S.D., Sec., and Reg.; J. Winter, S.D.; J. Cooper, Org.; G. Sparrow, I.G.; G. Fitzgerald, Tyler.

After the minutes were read and confirmed the W.M., laid before the members a circular in reference to the annual festival in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund, to be held at the Crystal Palace on July 7th, and also intimated that the Secretary was to ascertain if any brother was going from Cumberland and Westmorland; if so, he should defer doing so this year. We are pleased to find Bro. Lamony, Provincial Grand Secretary, has taken that honourable position. A rehearsal of the ceremony of advancement was then carefully gone through, with a full accompaniment of music by Bro. Cooper, which met with general admiration. Bro. Henry then proposed and Bro. Tyson seconded that Bro. W. Bewley, Hon. Sec. of the Lodge Sun, Square, and Compass, 116, be a candidate for advancement. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from Henry Lodge, 216, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony at 9.30.

SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 24).—The installation meeting of this Mark lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Thursday, the 20th ult. There were present Bros. T. Twizell, W.M., P.P.G. I.G.; J. S. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Fred Maddison, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; M. Frampton, J.W., P.P.G.I. of W.; W. Brandt, M.O.; T. M. Watson, S.O.; W. Coxon, J.O.; R. B. Lutert, Treas.; M. H. Dodd, Sec.; C. Macnamara, and W. Pinkney. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Crossby, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. (Leeds); W. S. Huges, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.;

R. Franklin, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; W. Lax, R. G. Salmon, J. Wood, and H. S. Mendelssohn (Newcastle). The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Twizell, W.M., at 5.30 p.m. The minutes of last lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Fred Maddison then occupied the chair, and Bro. Mark Frampton, the Master elect, was presented and obligated. A Board of Installed Mark Masters was formed, and Bro. Frampton installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. On the brethren returning to the lodge, the W.M. was presented to them by Bro. Maddison, and saluted according to ancient custom.

The W.M. immediately proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. T. Twizell, I.P.M.; R. B. Lutert, S.W.; W. Brandt, J.W.; T. M. Watson, M.O.; W. Coxon, S.O.; R. Kinmond, J.O.; J. S. Pearson, Treas.; T. Pinkney, Sec.; G. Bernard, S.D.; M. H. Dodd, J.D.; J. Lowes, Reg. Mks.; C. Macnamara, I.G.; J. Brown, Tyler; D. Huntly and W. Pinkney, Stewards.

After the officers had been invested and conducted to their positions in the lodge, Bro. Huges delivered a very able and impressive charge to them all upon the important duties they had undertaken, and the manner in which it was expected they were to be carried out. Two candidates having been proposed the lodge was then closed in due form. The brethren then retired to the banquetting hall, and partook of an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren separated at ten o'clock p.m., after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SWANSEA.—Morganwg Chapter (No. 70).

The regular installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Caer-street, on the 27th ult. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following brethren were balloted for and unanimously accepted: Bros. Sir Pryse Pryse, P.P.G.M.; Chas. Wm. Rees Stokes, William Henry Richards, R. T. Kennedy Levett, Howell Davies, J. Griffith Lock, Robt. Lock, John Lupton Lister, John R. Rowlands, Charles B. Priest, Robert Margrave, G. J. Header, and David Wm. Rees. R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bros. William Henry Richards, and John Lupton Lister, being in attendance, were duly received into the Rose Croix Order by Ill. Bro. Hunter Little, 30°, M.W.S., who performed the ceremony in his usual able manner. Ill. Bro. J. Marsden, 30°, M.W.S. elect, having been in a very solemn manner installed as M.W.S. of the chapter for the ensuing year, very cordially thanked the members of the Morganwg Chapter for the high honour which they had just conferred upon him, and appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. J. C. Sladen, H.P.; D. C. Jones, 1st Gen.; J. Lomas, 2nd Gen.; J. E. Prothero, G.M.; G. W. Clare, Raphael; Sir Pryse Pryse, Herald; D. Davies, C. of Guard; T. Williams, Recorder; J. R. Davies, Treasurer; W. B. Broad, Organist; the P.M.W.S., Dir. of Cir.; J. Davies, Almoner; W. H. Richards and J. L. Lister, Stewards; and G. Bulterwell, Outer Guard. The chapter having received the very satisfactory report of the Audit Committee, and ordered sundry resolutions and propositions to be entered in the minutes, the newly-installed M.W.S. performed the concluding ceremony, and closed the chapter in due form. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. Clare's hospitable banquetting hall, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening in true Masonic form.

Red Cross of Constantine.

YORK.—Eboracum Conclave (No. 137).

On Thursday, the 29th ult., a meeting of this body was held for the enthronement and consecration of Sovereign and Viceroy elect. Ill. Sir Kt. T. B. Whytehead, P.S., and Int. Gen. Unatt., presided in the unavoidable absence of the M.P.S. the Earl of Zetland, and there were also present Ill. Sir Knts. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Int. Gen. of the Province; J. W. Woodall, Int. Gen. Unatt.; and E. Sir Knts. J.S. Cumberland, V.E.; C. G. Padel, S.G.; George Simpson, J.G.; L. Murphy, H.P.; A. T. B. Turner, Recorder; T. Humphries, as Standard Bearer; W. P. Husband, as Herald; S. F. Bousfield, R. Walker, W. B. Dyson, and J. Ward, G. Balmford, H. Churchill, H. Jackson, and others. Bro. E. T. Clark, of the St. Oswald's Lodge, 910, was installed a Knight of the Order. The auditor's report was adopted, showing a balance of over £3 on the right side. Several inquiries were made for certificates. The Viceroy elect and the Sovereign elect, Sir Knts. C. G. Padel and J. S. Cumberland, were then respectively consecrated and enthroned in the Chair of Eusebius and Constantine by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, assisted by Ill. Sir Knts. Orde-Powlett and Woodall, and were afterwards saluted. E. Sir Knt. J. S. Cumberland then appointed and invested the officers as follows: G. Simpson, S.G.; M. Millington, J.G.; L. Murphy, H.P.; G. Simpson, Treasurer; W. P. Husband, Recorder; W. B. Dyson, Asst. Recorder; A. T. B. Turner, Prefect; T. Humphries, Standard Bearer; S. F. Bousfield, Herald; J. J. Wilkes, 1st Aide; R. Walker, 2nd Aide; George Balmford, Organist; H. Jackson, Sentinel. On the proposition of Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead, Ill. Sir Knt. C. E. Meyer, Grand Sovereign of the Order in the United States, and V. Ill. Sir Knt. R. S. Brown, Grand Recorder of the Order in Scotland, were elected hon. members of the conclave. The name of a candidate was proposed and seconded, and the conclave was closed. The St. Peter Sanctuary K.H.S. and Commandery of St. John were afterwards opened, and the Degrees conferred upon Sir Knts. C. G. Padel, W. P. Husband, and E. T. Clark. The Commander elect, Sir Knt. Cumberland, was installed on the throne, and the sanctuary and commandery were closed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—As spring approaches a most favourable opportunity offers for rectifying irregularities, removing impurities, and erasing blemishes which have arisen from the presence of matters forbad by winter from being transpired through the pores. This searching Ointment, well rubbed upon the skin, penetrates to the deeply-seated organs, upon which it exerts a most wholesome and beneficial influence. Well nigh all the indigestions give way to this simple treatment, aided by purifying and aperitive doses of Holloway's Pills, round each box of which plain "instructions" are folded. Bilious disorders, loss of appetite, fulness after eating, lassitude, gout, and rheumatism may be effectively checked in their painful progress, and the seeds of long suffering eradicated by these remedies.—[Adv't.]

Royal Ark Mariners.

YORK.—York Lodge (attached to the York Mark Lodge, T.I.).—A meeting of this lodge was held at York on Thursday, the 29th ult., when Bro. T. B. Whytehead, W.C.N., presided, supported by Bros. L. Murphy as J.; W. P. Husband as S.; J. S. Cumberland as S.D.; and several other brethren. The following candidates were duly elevated to the Degree: Bros. J. W. Woodall (Scarbro), E. T. Clark (Snaith), W. E. Clark (Snaith), and J. Oates (Darlington). Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, the N. elect, was then installed in the chair by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J.; Geo. Simpson, S.; M. Millington, Scribe and Treas.; A. T. B. Turner, D.C.; L. Murphy, S.D.; W. P. Husband, J.D.; T. G. Hodgson, Guard; and J. Redfare, Warder. The lodge was then closed.

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Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The following is the agenda of Grand Lodge held on Thursday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

1. Proxy commissions.
2. Presents—Reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of The Three Globes of Prussia, Portugal, St. John's of Hungary, Maryland, Montana, Alabama, Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, South Carolina, and Massachusetts.
3. Presentation of commissions as Proxy Provincial Grand Masters and Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges.
4. Minutes of Grand Lodge.
5. Minutes of the Grand Committee, embracing the following recommendations:
 1. That Grand Lodge increase the number of members of the Hall Committee to five. Page 6 of "Proceedings." [The Committee, as provided for by the Constitutions, at present consists of three members.]
 2. Reponal of the Lodge Palestine, Beyrou, No. 415. Pages 6 and 9 of "Proceedings."
 3. That a charter be granted to the Lodge of St. James, Macduff. Page 7 of "Proceedings."
 4. Appointment of Bro. Max Neuda as Representative to the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary. Page 7 of "Proceedings."
 5. Recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba. Page 10 of "Proceedings."
 6. Resignation of Bro. the Lord Ramsay, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire. Page 9 of "Proceedings."
 7. Appointment of Provincial Grand Masters—
 1. Glasgow City Province. Page 8 of "Proceedings."
 2. Forfarshire.
 8. Application by the Lodge St. James Operative, Edinburgh, No. 97, for authority to change its designation to that of Edinburgh St. James.
 9. Notices of motion.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

TRAVELLING MASONS.

Bro. Gould's interesting "note" in your last number raises one or two questions to which I will shortly allude in this useful column. Despite Mr. Street's high authority, we must not altogether give up the theory of "travelling Masons," though we may, and ought to, modify any exaggerated views on the subject. Unless all the early chroniclers are wrong, the operative art in this country was kept up and carried on by a constant arrival of foreign workmen. No doubt in the fabric rolls, as a rule, the names of the Masons when given are English and local, with a slight admixture of foreigners, but the Master Mason, and probably others of the "lodge," seem to have gone from South to North, and from North to South, as occasion served, or work demanded. Probably Mr. Street is right in this, that after a certain time each great monastery had its own "Lodge Latomorum" attached to it, and that Masons, not of that lodge belonged to the lodge in a particular "limit." I am glad that Bro. Gould has so ably expressed his concurrence in the view I have long held, and often expressed in the *Freemason* and elsewhere, that the authority of the "Parentalia" is not great, and certainly not

deserving of constant repetition, and that it rests, after all, on the "ut dicitur" of a very able non-Mason, Sir William Dugdale. Curiously the idea that there were "papal Bulls" to incorporate the Masons is supported by some German writers, though no Bull has yet turned up. Probably, if any such exists, it will be merely *ad hoc* to incorporate a fraternity, like Bishop Lucy's, at Winchester *ad adificandum et reparandam fabricam ecclesie*, &c. I cannot think that any papal Bull can be found recognizing the peculiar organization of the operative Guilds, though they may have found a home and protection amid the mysticism and love of hermeticism of the monasteries. At the same time all early guilds seem to have royal authorization, and religious sanction. As regards the "monks" as "builders" Mr. Street's views also require limitation. Undoubtedly, too, if the old chroniclers are trustworthy, in the early beginnings of ecclesiastical architecture, &c., many of the buildings were raised by the manual labour of the monks, directed by monk architects. "Cluny," if I remember rightly, amid many others which might be cited, is an example of this. But it is very difficult, as Dallaway pointed out years ago, to define in what consisted the actual limits of the monks' work. The chroniclers use such words as to make us believe more than probably they intended doing. There seems always to have been a difference between the "Magister Latomus," the "Magister Cementariorum," the "Maître Maçon," the "Mayster-Maister Massoun," and the "Supervisor," "Solutor," "Magister," "Operis," who was generally a monk. THE EDITOR "KENNING'S CYCLOPEDIA."

INIGO JONES MS.

So far as may be gathered from announcements in the *Freemason*, the above title has been bestowed on the last found Masonic MS., on the ground of its possessing a frontispiece by the celebrated Inigo Jones. As one who distrusts the common belief in the connection of this great architect with our Masonic Craft, I should be glad if the accomplished author of the preface to "The Old Charges of British Freemasons" would specify rather more in detail the evidence upon which he relies, to confirm the propriety of the designation which has been adopted?

R. F. GOULD.

THE HOLY MARTYRES FOUR.

In "Rome description et Souvenirs, par Francis Ney," 3rd edition, Paris, 1875, at p. 704, the following appears:—"La solitaire église des *Quattro Coronati* élevée sur un tertre en l'honneur de quatre *Soldats martyrs*?" The expression *Soldier Martyrs* I have not met previously with, the *Coronati* being ordinarily described as Christian *enravers*, and I should like to know whether either Bros. Hughan or Woodford can throw any light on the quotation? A second edition of "Old Charges of British Freemasons" is much needed. Upon the contents of these curious scrolls, together with gleanings from old "Fabric Rolls," and the phraseology of certain "middle age" statutes, rests all that is known of Masonry in England, prior to the initiation of Elias Ashmole, A.D. 1646.

R. F. GOULD.

To what does this allude?

MASONIC STUDENT.

DIE JOVIS, 16th December, 1725.
 A letter, dated the 8th inst., from Brother George Payne, Junr. Grand Warden, directed in form to this Society, inclosing a letter from the Duke of Richmond, Grand Master, dated likewise the 8th inst., directed to the Presidt. and the rest of the brethren at the Apollo, in which he erroneously insists on and assumes to himself a pretended authority to call our Right Worshipfull and highly esteem'd Society to an account for making Masons irregularly, for which reasons, as well as for want of a due regard, just esteem, and omitting to address himself in proper form to the Right Worshipfull and highly esteem'd Society."

Ordered

That the said Letters do lye on the Table.

Amusements.

Mr. Augustus Harris will produce on Saturday next, at Drury Lane, on a very grand scale, a new ballet entitled "Les Sirènes." Nothing, we understand, will be spared in any department to make it worthy of the boards on which it is to be produced, and of the reputation for *spectacle* the present able management has already acquired.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.—The farewell benefit of Bro. R. G. Thomas, the courteous manager of this well-known troupe of minstrels, took place on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult. A special performance had been provided for the occasion, and though the attendance was considerable, we had fully expected that on this, the last occasion of this enterprising and deservedly popular favourite appearing in connection with the Mohawks, the hall would have been crowded to excess, and that sitting and listening to even the pleasant melodies they are wont to favour the public with might have been attended with some slight discomfort through people being packed somewhat closely together. This was not the case, however, and, under the circumstances, the attendance ought certainly to have been larger, out of compliment to one who has done his duty to the public so loyally. The programme which, as we have said, was a special one, included two new songs by the talented beneficiary himself and several of Henry Russell's well-known songs, such as "Cheer, boys, cheer," "To the West," "A Life on the Ocean Wave," &c. Bro. Jas. Francis was, as usual, very funny in his comic song of "Emancipation Day" and Harry Hunter's new military absurdity, "Victoria's Black Hussars." Little Thomas and J. Kavanagh brought down the house by their inimitable rendering of the screaming absurdity "The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers." Mr. J. Kavanagh sang "Man the Life Boat" splendidly. Bro. Egbert Roberts, a former Mohawk, known to Islingtonians by the pseudonym of F. Dolby, received applause again and again repeated for his singing of "The Gambler's Wife." Mr. W. Freeman's banjo song, "The Rustic Young Damsel," experienced, as he always does, a hearty and sympathetic welcome. Messrs. Harry Hunter, as interlocutor, W. Francis, corner man, C. Temple, W. H. Florence, W. Ray, and all who took part in the entertainment, gave the greatest satisfaction; not the least effective contributions being those of Mr. Arthur Lloyd, Mr. Fred Kent, "the Mad Artist," Mr. Maclagan, &c.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.—MAY ELECTION, 1880.—The Committee have selected the following Candidates, and request 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.
 „ *5. 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 BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—SECOND APPLICATION.—MAY ELECTION, 1880.—Your Votes and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. GEORGE ELLIOTT,

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

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To Correspondents.

Bro. W. YOUNGLORD, U.S.A.—We have no agents in America. Masonic publications can be sent by book post. The postage of the "Cyclopædia" is only 7d.

W. F. GARDENERS.—The inaccuracies are regretted, but we find them all in the report furnished us with the exception of the number of the lodge, which was a "printer's error."

A.M.M.—We think that so far from its being improper to publish the lodge expenditure on the summons, it is a very proper thing to do. There certainly is no law against publishing a balance-sheet for the information of the members of a lodge.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Der Long Islaender," "Die Bäuhttte," "Brighton and Sussex Daily Post," "Young Folks," "Derbyshire Gatherer," "Orient," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "Boletin Official," "The Egyptian Gazette," "Australian Freemason," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts," "Rite Eccosais Ancien Accepte," "Croydon Guardian," "Hull Packet," "Proceedings of the Sixth and Seventh Annual Convocations of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Missouri," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Citizen."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1880.

We give elsewhere the Masonic services of our new Grand Officers. They will, we know, interest our readers greatly, as it is always well to realize "who's who," when, year by year, our highest honours are given by H.R.H. the Grand Master in his very careful and discriminating selection of worthy Masons and faithful brethren.

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We are indebted to Bro. HYDE CLARKE for a curious inscription in the Phœnician language on a bronze vessel found in Cyprus, on which appear the words "Hiram, King of the Sidonians." It is very interesting to note how many of the letters of the Phœnician alphabet are akin to Masons' marks.

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THE proceedings at the annual festival of English Masonry passed off with great *éclat*, and seem to have given universal satisfaction.

THE second part of "Notes on the English Ritual" deserves to be perused by all who are interested in the subject.

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WE understand that the cases taken up by the London Masonic Charity Association are receiving much support. We trust that the Association may be successful in its kindly labours.

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WE beg to call attention to the report of Grand Chapter elsewhere, and the appointment of the Grand Officers, which, like as in Grand Lodge, has been most judicious.

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WE note elsewhere the account of a visit to the library of the Supreme Grand Council, 33, Golden-square. We congratulate the authorities of the Rite on the possession of such a library and museum.

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WHEN is Grand Lodge going to "put its house in order," and set about having a library worthy of the name? There is no reason why the English Grand Lodge should not have a library of the highest value and the greatest use. Let us trust that a new era is yet to set in for our Masonic Order, and the too long neglected duty of literary encouragement be taken up. Then we may hope for a more scientific and studious appreciation of our history, our archæology, and our "raison d'être."

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IT will be seen by an official circular elsewhere that an especial Grand Lodge will be holden at the Town Hall, Truro, on Thursday, the 20th May next. The brethren are to assemble at 10.20. Grand Lodge will be opened at 11 a.m. precisely. A very numerous gathering is anticipated.

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WE understand that a good many applications continue to be made for Bro. Kenning's cheap edition of the "Cyclopædia." We think well to state, as we are requested, that brethren should endeavour to avail themselves of this liberal offer before the list is closed, May 15th. When it is remembered that Mackay's original little handbook was published at 5s., excellent, no doubt, in its way, it does appear a very liberal proceeding on the part of the publisher to issue the larger work at 5s. 6d.

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OUR good brother ERASMUS WILSON will be pleased perhaps to learn that his "munificence," (let us call it by no other name), towards the Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate is mentioned by *El Talier*, a new Spanish Masonic periodical, published at Seville, in terms of great admiration and approval; but he will, we think, be equally amused to learn that the Spanish editor has transferred the "locale" of his generous act to "Bath," which he asserts to be on the "coasts of England." But after all such mistakes in geography are just now allowable and excusable—at least, the young ladies say so, as regards our "young men."

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WHAT is the exact position of the High Grades to Craft Masonry, and *vice versa*, has always been a "moot point," and until quite lately there seemed to be a "consensus" of Masonic writers on the subject, that is to say, upholding the antiquity of Craft Masonry, the comparative modern origin of the High Grades. But of late doubts have begun and are multiplying. The existence of Hermetic Masonry in London in 1721 is a complete reply to all the theories which connect the High Grades with Ramsay. Some of the "evidences" gradually accumulating of the existence of a High Hermetic Grade, as in Egypt, require grave attention, and, therefore, we think we are warranted in saying that the now commonly received theory is not quite so clear as it seemed ten years ago, and that the whole subject demands most serious re-consideration. What do Bro. Hughan and other students say?

SERVICES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Bro. the Rev. ARTHUR J. PUREY-CUST was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford University Lodge, in the year 1847, and served the office of Junior Warden in 1849, and in the same year was appointed Provincial Grand Junior Deacon for Oxfordshire. In 1856 he was elected W.M. of Buckingham Lodge, No. 591, Aylesbury, and became at the same time a member of, and Chaplain to, the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading, a connection which was maintained during his residence there from 1861 to 1874. On returning to Aylesbury, the rev. brother was made Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Berks and Bucks, a position which he necessarily resigns on his appointment to the Deanery of York. Our distinguished brother takes with him the "Hearty good wishes" of his brethren in Berks and Bucks, and we heartily congratulate him not only on his appointment to Grand office, but on the ecclesiastical dignity that has been conferred upon him as Dean of York. It is worthy of note that the Senior Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope, has received the appointment of Deputy Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, vacated by the Dean.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

The Craft will rejoice, as with the heart of one man, in seeing our Bro. GOULD raised to the dais as the first of the Grand Deacons for 1880, and the pleasure will be generally felt in the United States as in this country, and amongst our brethren on the Continent, as well as in our various Colonies, for not only have the works so ably written by Bro. Gould been enjoyed by a very wide circle of readers, but he has laboured most successfully on behalf of the Grand Lodge in several of our District Grand Lodges. During his sojourn in Northern China and Gibraltar he was particularly active and useful in placing the Craft on a firm footing. Bro. Gould, though not "grey-headed in the service" (born, we believe, in 1836), has been a member of the "mystic tie" for some twenty-five years, having been initiated in the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 429 (then 621), Ramsgate, in 1855. On going abroad he subsequently joined the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153, (then 178), Gibraltar, and was the W.M. in 1858, having been mainly instrumental in resuscitating No. 153. Being such a zealous worker, the District Grand Master of Andalusia conferred upon him the office of District Senior Grand Warden, which was a special recognition of his efficiency. Bro. Gould was again the occupant of the chair in the following year, as the first W.M. and founder of the Meridian Lodge, held in the 31st regiment (then 1045), No. 743, it being one of the few regimental lodges under the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Gould on his proceeding to Bombay was anxious as ever to lend a helping hand wherever needed, and, therefore, directed his attention to the senior lodge of Western India, No. 415, Poona, which was in rather a languishing state. Happily his efforts, ably seconded by other brethren, were crowned with success, and the lodge soon regained its normal activity. Our brother on sojourning at Shanghai was installed as W.M. of the Northern Lodge of China, No. 570, in 1864, and, being one of the most distinguished Masons in the neighbourhood, he was selected to lay the foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple to be erected there, which has since been reared, and proved worthy of the Craft. As a souvenir of so pleasing an event, our brother was presented with a handsome silver trowel, and on severing his Masonic connection with Shanghai we were pleased to see that the *North China Herald*, on behalf of the brethren, stated that "he had contrived to do more for Masonry than has fallen to the lot of any of his contemporaries to accomplish." Bro. Gould on returning to this country, after many years' absence, was quiet, Masonically, for some time, but the "old spirit" soon manifested itself, and in 1875 and 1876 we find him in the chair of the Moira Lodge, No. 92, London, to which lodge we may say he is no more attached than are the members thereof to him, *which is saying* a good deal; for we question if in any other lodge the esteem for a distinguished P.M. is more heartily felt, or his respect for the lodge more sincere and constant. Our brother has served most conscientiously and devotedly on the "Board of General Purposes" in 1876, 1878, and 1879, and on the "Colonial Board" for the same years, and again in 1877. He is also a Life Governor and Past Steward of the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution. As a Royal Arch Mason Bro. Gould was exalted in Melita Chapter, Malta, No. 349, in 1857, and was First Principal in 1865 of No. 570, *Shanghai*, also in 1878 of No. 92, London. Though active also as a Knight Templar whilst abroad, we prefer to confine our remarks to the Craft, as we feel sure that his predilections are all in that direction. All his previous labours, however, have been put entirely in the shade during

the last few months by his issue of "The Four Old Lodges and their Descendants" and "The Atholl Lodges." No works of greater importance have ever been issued on Freemasonry, of such value to the Craft their utility as books of reference, their accurate information as to all lodges from 1717 to the Union in 1813, and their most interesting details of the progress of the Craft from early days down to this century, are such that they secure for Bro. Gould not only the front rank amongst Masonic historians, but entitle him to the gratitude and esteem of the Craft universal for his painstaking, faithful, and scholarly histories. He has displayed the critical faculty to some purpose, and has done for the two rival Grand Lodges, in the compilation of their lists of lodges, in connection with his friend and brother Hughan, what has been wanting ever since the Union in 1813, but has never before been even attempted. We have already reviewed these two remarkable works, and anticipate soon a similar pleasure in looking over another volume by the same brother, on *Military Lodges*, after which we hope others will follow, for our brother has a gift for such studies, and should continue his researches, which have already been so productive of great results. Indeed, his duty as well as his pleasure almost demand such labours, for we look to him with confidence, and are never disappointed. Bro. Gould was gazetted to a commission in the Army in 1855, and retired by the sale thereof in 1865. According to Hart's "Army List" it will be seen that it is true of him as of Freemasons generally, *a good Mason makes a good soldier*: "Served for nine years in the 31st Regiment, and commanded a company throughout the campaign in the North of China in 1860, including the action of Sinho, and storming of Tanku (medal with clasps for the Taku Forts). Served on the staff during the operations against the Taepings, in the vicinity of Shanghai, in April and May, 1862, and was present at the taking of the stockade of Nanshiang, capture by escalade of the walled cities of Kadin, Tsingpo, and Tsolin, the fortified town of Najao, and the affair at Nanshiang." As we fear we have already risked our devoted head in making use of a private exchange of dates (as to our Masonic careers) for the preceding sketch, we draw our notice to a close, with trepidation on the one hand as to Bro. Gould's objections, but with certain conviction on the other, that the Craft at home and abroad will be glad of these few particulars of the Premier G.D. of England for 1880. Bro. Gould was called to the Bar in 1868, and is a member of the Western Circuit.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON was initiated in the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, on the 24th November, 1863, served every office, and was installed Master in 1869, and is now, and has been for the last five years, M.C. He served Steward, and became Life Governor of the Three Charities in 1869, and was one of the Grand Stewards of that year. In 1869 he was elected on the Board of General Purposes, of which he has been since 1878, and is now, a member. He joined the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1869, served all the offices, and is the present W.M. In the year 1876 was one of the founders of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, and holds the office of Treasurer. For a second time he served as Steward of the Boys' School in 1879, and of the Benevolent Institution and of the Girls' School in 1880. Of the latter Institution he is a member of the House Committee. He is also now a V.P. of all the Charities. He was exalted to the Royal Arch on the 3rd March, 1865, in the British Chapter, No. 8, served all the offices, and was installed First Principal in 1872, and is now, and has been for the last five years, D.C. In 1877 he joined the Bard of Avon R.A. Chapter, 778. In 1878 was one of the founders of the Bayard R.A. Chapter, No. 1615, and was installed First Principal in 1879. In 1874 he was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, and is M.O. Served the office of Mark Grand Steward in 1875, and Steward of the Mark Benevolent Fund in 1876. Joined the Hiram Mark Lodge, No. 13, on its being reconstituted in 1875, and was installed W.M. in 1878. In 1879 he was appointed G.D. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. In 1879 was admitted a Royal Ark Mariner in the Brixton Lodge, No. 234. In 1875 was admitted Most Excellent Master and Royal and Select Master in the Council No. 4. In 1873 was exalted a Knight Templar in the New Temple Preceptory, and afterwards a Knight of Malta. Joined the Harcourt Preceptory on its reconstruction in 1873, was installed Preceptor in 1874, and is now Treasurer. Joined Faith and Fidelity Preceptory in 1875, and was appointed C. of G. in Great Priory in 1876. In 1873 he was exalted a Knight of Constantine in the Bard of Avon Encampment. In 1873 was exalted to the 18° in the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, Rose Croix. In 1874 was one of the founders of the

Holy Sanctuary Chapter, Rose Croix. In 1877 he was one of the founders of the Bayard Chapter, Rose Croix, and was installed M.V.S. in 1878. He received the 30° in 1876, the 31° in 1878, the 32° in 1879, and in the same year was appointed A.D.C. to the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In 1874 he was exalted to the Royal Order of Scotland, and accepted the hon. office of Grand Secretary of that Order in 1879.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

BRO. COL. SOMERVILLE BURNEY was initiated at Bangalore, in the East Indies, on the 13th April, 1847, and was passed and raised in Perfect Unanimity Lodge, Madras, in 1850. In 1857 he joined the Angel Lodge, No. 51, at Colchester, and in 1859 the Wellington Lodge, at Deal. In 1863 he became the W.M. of the United Lodge, No. 51, and joined the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, London, in 1875. Bro. Burney was the founder of the United Lodge, Colchester, in 1857, and of the Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, London, in 1876. In Royal Arch Masonry our brother was equally active. He was exalted in the School of Plato Chapter, in August, 1851, and was one of the founders of Wellington Chapter, No. 784, in which he served as J., H., and Z. He was also one of the founders of the Friends in Council Chapter in 1876, and elected Treasurer. In 1878 he founded the Bayard Chapter, and has since filled the chair of Z. Bro. Burney has served as Steward to the following Charities: Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1876 and 1879; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1876 and 1880; and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1876. In the High Grades Bro. Burney is a Knight Templar, in which Order he has passed the office of E. Preceptor, and is Past Provincial Grand Commander for Essex. He was perfected in the Rose Croix, 18°, at Manchester, in 1856, and attained the 30° in October, 1860, the 31° in April, 1876, the 32° in October, 1877, and the 33° in January, 1879, and now holds the office of D.C. in the Supreme Council, and Inspector-General of the E.C. district in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Bro. Burney is also a member of the Ark and Mark Degrees, and was founder and first M.V.S. of the Bayard Rose Croix Chapter, one of the founders of Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, and of the Studholme Mark Lodge.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

BRO. JOHN H. SCOTT, G.J.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. for Sussex, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 271, at Brighton, February, 18th, 1853. He has remained a subscribing member ever since. He has filled every office in the lodge, from I.G. upwards, and has been thrice elected W.M., and occupied the chair in the years 1859, 1865, and 1877. In the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex he was appointed Prov. S.G.D. in 1859 and 1860; Prov. J.G. Warden, 1861; Prov. S.G. Warden, 1865, 1866, and 1867; Prov. G. Secretary, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876; Dep. Prov. G. Master, 1877, 1878, 1879, and he still occupies that position. Bro. Scott has always been looked up to as one of the best working Masons in Sussex. Having been instructed by the late Bros. G. G. Pocock and Stephen Barton Wilson, he has adopted the working of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction. He has performed the ceremonies of the Three Degrees too often to be enumerated. He has installed thirty-two Worshipful Masters; consecrated five new lodges; assisted at the consecration of thirteen other new lodges; and has worked every Section of the Three Lectures. He is a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Institutions. In 1877 he was Steward to the Boys' School, and presented a list amounting to £279 6s. At the last annual festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons he represented the Province of Sussex as Steward, and his list amounted to £610 10s.; he also represented the Province of Sussex as one of the Stewards on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of England at the Albert Hall. In Royal Arch Freemasonry Bro. Scott has been equally distinguished and energetic. He was exalted in the Lennox Chapter, No. 271, in 1857, and has served the office of M.E.Z. twice, H. four times, and J. three times. With but few exceptions he has installed all the Principals and exalted all the companions of that chapter since 1862. He is father of the Sussex Chapter, No. 732, of which he was first P.S. and M.E.Z. in 1868. He was first M.E.Z. of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 38, and he has assisted at the consecration of three new chapters. To show the appreciation in which he is held by the brethren of the province, he has been elected an honorary member of almost all the lodges and chapters in Sussex.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES. The Masonic career of Bro. MAGNUS OHREN commenced in 1861, when he was initiated in the

Britannic Lodge, No. 33, of which he is a P.M. He is likewise a P.Z. of the Britannic Chapter. He is P.M. and Secretary of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, in the Province of Surrey, and has rendered it and the chapter, of which he is P.Z. and Scribe E., important services. He is a P.P.G.J. Warden of the Province in which he was born—Surrey. He is a founder of the Ravensbourne Lodge, 1601, held at Catford, composed chiefly of the members and officers of the Board of Works for the Lewisham District. He is one of the founders of the Evening Star Lodge, 1719—a class lodge for gentlemen connected with gas companies, and of which he is Secretary. He is a Life Governor of, and has served Stewardships for, all the Charities. Of other Masonic Degrees, he is a P.M.M. of the Bon Accord Lodge of Mark Masters, and is a Treasurer to the lodge, and is a Past Grand Overseer of the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. He is a Past Commander of the Stuart Encampment of Knights Templar, a Past M.W. Sovereign of the Invicta Chapter of Sovereign Princes of the Rose Croix, and is a member of the 32°. Bro. Magnus Ohren has rendered good service to Masonry, and is alike respected in private life and by among his brethren in the Craft.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

BRO. CHARLES GREENWOOD was initiated in the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, on 11th February, 1851. Served as Master in the year 1855-6; elected Treasurer in 1860, and has held the office ever since. He joined the Grove Lodge at Ewell, No. 410, on the 13th September, 1851, served as Master in the year 1853-4, and is still a member. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, on the 1st May, 1857. He twice served the office of First Principal in this chapter, and is still a member. He joined the Grove Chapter in August, 1857, was installed as First Principal August 23rd, 1860, and continues a member. He joined the St. George's Chapter, No. 370, Chertsey, in 1857, and filled the office of First Principal in the year 1862-3. He became a Knight Templar in the Harcourt Encampment, Chertsey, in 1864, and is a Past Commander of the Grove Encampment. He was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary for Surrey on the 29th July, 1856, and has held the office ever since. On his appointment in 1856 there were five lodges in the province, there are now twenty. He has given his aid and assistance in the formation of the new lodges, and has been elected an honorary member of most of them. He is also an honorary member of Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452. He had a presentation of plate by the brethren of the province in 1863, in testimony of the valuable services he rendered as Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey. In 1877 the following address, accompanied by a purse, was presented to him:—

"To Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M. 211, 410, P.Z. 3, 370, 410, Provincial Grand Sec. for Surrey.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"On behalf of the lodges and of the individual Masons of the Province of Surrey, we beg to tender you this expression of fraternal regard and esteem on the occasion of your having completed your twenty-first year of office as Grand Secretary of the province, and in assuring you of the high appreciation in which your skilled, zealous, and faithful services are and always have been held, to request your acceptance of the accompanying present as a proof of the goodwill of your brethren of Surrey.

"With every good wish for your long continued health and happiness,

"We are, dear Sir and Bro., yours truly and fraternally,
(Signed) "J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.M. Surrey.

"C. W. Arnold, D.P.G.M. Surrey.

"W. RHYS WILLIAMS, Treasurer, } Testimonial

"HENRY J. P. DUMAS, Secretary, } Fund.

"Farnham, July, 1877."

Bro. Greenwood is a Life Governor of, and has served Stewardships for all the Masonic Charities.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

BRO. W. CLARKE was initiated in the Royal St. Edmond's Lodge, No. 1008, on the 25th July, 1870, joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 959, Ipswich, in 1864, and served as W.M. in 1876. In 1875 he joined the British Union Lodge, Ipswich. In 1873 he took his first step in Royal Arch Masonry, having been exalted in White Rose Chapter, No. 1008, Bury St. Edmunds. In 1876 he joined the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 376, and served as M.E.Z. in 1878-9. He was appointed P.G.D.C. for Suffolk, and still holds that appointment. Among other evidences of Bro. Clarke's Masonic zeal we may mention that he was advanced in the Mark lodge at Ipswich in 1873, and attained the rank of S.W. In 1875 he was installed a K.T. in Plantagenet Preceptory, Ipswich, and perfected in the Rose Croix Chapter, Ipswich, in 1876. Bro. Clarke has served three Stewardships to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and one to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He is also a Life Subscriber to all the Institutions.

The Masonic career of the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, Lord Onslow, and Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor, we hope to present to our readers in the next issue of the *Freemason*.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— As promised last week, I now send the results as regards the Boys' School, and would repeat by way of explanation that the number following the name of the province shows the position held last year, and that fractions of 1/4 are estimated as 1/4.

Table with 4 columns: Lodge in Province, Votes in Province, Giving an average per Lodge of, and a list of 43 provinces with their respective lodge numbers and statistics.

The following shows the result of the two previous tables combined, which gives a fairer average, as some provinces support one Charity almost to the exclusion of the other:

Table with 4 columns: Lodge in Province, Votes in Province, Giving an average per Lodge of, and a list of 43 provinces with their respective lodge numbers and combined statistics.

There are several points of interest which will be noted,

but I prefer to give the results without comment, except to remark that Worcestershire appears to be advancing most rapidly.

I am again unable to give the result for the Benevolent Institution, the inconvenient plan of putting all subscribers in one list being still retained.

I take this opportunity of correcting a clerical error in last week's table. The average votes per lodge in Derbyshire for the Girls' School should be 1 1/4, not 2 1/4 as printed.

Yours truly, A PAST MASTER.

MASONIC REGALIA.

"I am, Sir Oracle, And, when I ope my lips, let no dog bark."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— I would not again trespass on your space, but the curious and rather dyspeptic letter of "P.M., P.Z.," very unfairly misquotes my letter of the 17th ult.

I did not state "levels" simply, but, "1 levels;" which plainly distinguished the emblems in question from the ordinary level of the S.W. In "operative Masonry" there are two "working tools" formed by "perpendicular lines on horizontal lines." That of which the perpendicular arm is the longer is called a t-square; and that of which the horizontal is the longer a t-level. At least I have always heard them called by these technical names.

By prefixing a diagram of the emblem to the work "level," it seemed impossible for any careful reader to mistake the meaning. But, Sir, the "argument" is the curious part of "P.M., P.Z.'s" letter. Because Bro. A. has been "over thirty years" in the Craft, therefore Bro. B. knows nothing about it! Because Bro. A. is puzzled, cannot explain the emblems, and has a letter of Bro. Hughan's in his pocket, therefore Bros. B., C., D., and so on to Z. and P.Z., must of necessity be in the same predicament, barring of course Bro. Hughan's letter!

Bro. "P.M., P.Z.," has kindly offered me good, and no doubt well-meant advice; and, as "one good turn deserves another," he will allow me the "retort courteous." To quote his own words "I should strongly advise Bro. 'P.M., P.Z.' before attempting to set other brethren right, to thoroughly inform himself on the subject" of logic.

Yours truly and fraternally, E. T. BUDDEN, May 3rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the Freemason of the 24th ult., Bro. W. J. Hughan gives a list of medals worn in England "according to the Constitutions." In that list I see no mention of a medal worn in my mother lodge, No. 85, Faithful, Province of Norfolk, and yet the members wear a very elegant silver medal, in the form of a Maltese cross, of which they think much of, and which the lodge tradition asserts to be a very old one, though some members say that it was granted some time since as a centenary jewel. I am able to trace it back for a quarter of a century, when No. 85 (then 100) migrated to Harleston, and the medal was worn by its members at that time. There must have been some authority for its use, or the late Bro. W. Leeds Fox, D.P.G.M. Norfolk, a well-known authority on Masonic subjects, and a stickler for everything being proper or correct, who was a member of this lodge until the day of his death, would not himself have worn it, or permitted it to be worn. Besides Bro. Leeds Fox, who was undoubtedly the reviver and regenerator of Masonry in Norfolk, this lodge numbered the late Bro. Bond Cabbell, and many other distinguished Masons, among its members, and, therefore, I cannot but think that the medal is worn "according to Constitutions." No. 85 was constituted November 10th, 1753, under warrant from the Grand Lodge of York, its then number being 232. If Bro. W. J. Hughan would like to see one of these medals I will be most happy to show him mine if he will call upon me any day but Saturday.

Yours fraternally, CHARLES D. HILL DRURY, 3, Bucklersbury, E.C. M.D., J.W. No. 85.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS. NINETY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I send you herewith the additions to the Festival announcement up to date for insertion in the Freemason.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary, P.P.W.G.W.

Amount announced in Freemason, April 24 £13,626 18 6 Lists since received—

Table with 2 columns: Province of Monmouth, Bro. W., Pickford, Amount announced, and Lodge 708, Bro. A. G. H. Gibbs, Various small additions to lists, E. Div. of Lancashire, G. Ferguson, Total.

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to "P.S. No. 36," I am at a loss to know what authority he has for applying for certificates; his Recorder is fully aware where to write to, or at any rate did in November last, which was the last communication received from his conclave, on the 14th of which month one certificate was sent by me to Sir Knight Lewthwaite, Recorder of 36. I am glad they are anxious to pay their dues, and if they will send them to the Grand Recorder, W. R. Woodman, M.D., Ford House, Exeter, he will no doubt be glad to receive them. I should like to know to whom and to what address the communications he speaks of have been sent, and should like to see as a curiosity any of those returned to him, as, although I have resigned [the position of acting Grand Recorder, I shall still feel a lively interest in the Order.

Yours in faith and fraternity, JOHN MASON.

Reviews.

VOICE OF MASONRY, Illustrated. J. W. Brown, Chicago, U.S. No. 4, Vol. XXIII., April.

This is really a wonderful Masonic serial, eighty pages full of interesting matter, Masonic and otherwise, month by month. Whether as regards size, quantity, or quality it is unique in Masonic magazine literature just now. In its last number it contains fifty-two articles, longer or shorter. We recommend our readers to "order" it, and peruse it for themselves.

THE MASONIC REVIEW. Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S. Wrightson & Co.

This is another very interesting American Masonic magazine, to which, as the editor says we have unwittingly "taken away its character," we beg to offer an amende honorable. It seems that in a recent review we talked *currente calamo* of its "thirty-second volume," whereas it is really in its fifty-second. As we say before, we at once withdraw the "soft impeachment" of too much "youth." We confess that we "lie" under a serious mistake, and we make our "salaam" reverently to this Nestor of Masonic serialism.

THE MASONIC AGE. Bro. BEN CHASE, Editor. Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.

We have reviewed this excellent representative of Kentucky Freemasonry before with pleasure, and we repeat the process to-day with equal satisfaction. It is a very good magazine, and deserves sympathy and support.

THE MASONIC HERALD for April. Calcutta: J. C. Bose and Co.

A very interesting little Masonic periodical, which hails from Hindostan. We always read it with interest, and wish there was more of it. It is "short and sweet."

TIME. Edited by Bro. EDMUND YATES, and illustrated by ALFRED THOMPSON, 1, York-street, Covent Garden, W.C.

This is a very well edited magazine by Edmund Yates—we believe we may term him Bro. Yates. The articles are all good current reading, and will interest many. "Over the Alps in Winter," "Hotel Life at Cannes," "Tricked and Tracked, strike us as above the average of mere magazine articles." We confess that we do not like the "tone or temper" of the "Meditations of Michael Tergovitch," and think the lines a mistake altogether. But then, as we all know, opinions vary, and will vary, in this contumacious world of ours.

EL TALLER. Seville.

Can any brother learned in Spanish Masonry tell us what the "Masonic Confederation of the Congress at Seville" was, of which this magazine, (two numbers have reached us), professes to be the *periodico oficial*, the official periodical? We confess our lamentable ignorance there-ant. Perhaps the able writer who lately favoured us with "A History of Spanish Freemasonry" will enlighten us and our readers on the subject. Is this an orthodox or unorthodox movement? There are one or two points which we would like to impress upon our Spanish brethren and other foreign jurisdictions; the one is the adoption of absurd "pseudonyms" at initiation, the other is the use of "arms" as an institution of the lodge. By both of these practices those who adopt them are playing into the hands of Ultramontane enemies and arbitrary authorities. We admit they took their rise from dark days and evil tongues; but Freemasonry is a peaceful society, and knows nothing of the paraphernalia of a secret society, or angry conspirators. In the present periodical a use is made of a "pseudonym," most profane in itself, most painful to every reverent mind, and most prejudicial to true, pure Masonry, which is tolerant but not destructive, reverential but not irreligious, free but not revolutionary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR MARCH, 1880.

This is a most interesting record, admirably printed and strikingly illustrated.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN.

This is a full and remarkable record of a very influential body. We wish we could think that the financial position of some of the American Grand Lodges was as good as it ought to be. But we are reminded by a worthy friend and brother in America, for whom we have deep regard, despite "dividing waters," that when anything is mentioned about "the Budget," "Mums the word," (*Merry Wives of Windsor*), as our remarks about expenses has been found fault with by some dear good friends of ours on the other side of the "little mill pond." Well, as Praed sung of a great political party in 1830, we have nevertheless "good intentions."

THE BAR, SOLICITORS, AND THE PUBLIC. By Bro. J. P. GODFREY. Evison and Bridge, Chancery-lane.

Bro. Godfrey, who writes very clearly and forcibly, deals with some questions affecting the entire legal community, which are " moot points " under all circumstances, about which much difference of opinion exists in a most distinguished profession, and concerning which we do not, to say the truth, see our way at all to express an opinion in the neutral columns of the Freemason. Whether barristers and solicitors are to continue distinct branches of jurisprudential arrangements or are to be amalgamated, we must leave to "time" to demonstrate, which makes so many changes and removes so many old and cherished landmarks. That some solicitors are very good speakers is undoubtedly true, but, as pure laymen, speaking most deferentially, our idea of a solicitor is bound up with a highly respectable adviser, who seems part of the books, boxes, and papers all around him. But Bro. Godfrey deals with this and other questions in a very clear and decided manner, and if we have any readers, as we probably have, who have "souls" intent on "legal reforms," and are interested in such grave social problems, let them by all means invest sixpence in the purchase of this little "brochure," and read and judge for themselves. We have one or two good legal brethren who probably have a strong opinion on the matter.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 3rd inst. The following brethren were unanimously elected officers of the Board of Stewards:—

President, R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. N. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M. of East Lancashire. Acting Vice-Presidents, Right Hon. Lord Cremorne, No. 6; W. Bros. John Wordsworth, V.P. and Trustee; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., V.P.; Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., V.P.; Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, P.P.G.W. E.L., V.P.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.P.G.D. Essex. Hon. Treasurer, J. G. Stevens, P.M. and Treas. No. 554. Hon. Secretary, W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, V.P., P.G. Stwd., and Secretary to the Institution.

Honorary Vice-Presidents, Vice-Patrons and Vice-Presidents of the Institution, Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

It was resolved,
"That the ensuing Anniversary Festival be held at the Crystal Palace."

"That ladies and brethren dine together at the same tables, without restriction as to numbers."

"That the price of dinner tickets be—ladies, 15s.; brethren, 21s."

"That the sum to be deposited by each Steward to the fund for defraying the expenses of the Festival be £2 2s., to include dinner ticket for Steward."

"That the musical arrangements of the Festival be referred to a Sub-Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Acting Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and six brethren; and that they report their proceedings to the next meeting."

"That the usual complimentary dinner tickets be sent, and that complimentary ladies' tickets be sent to the Secretaries of the Masonic Institutions, and two to the residential staff of each School."

"That the Chairman of this meeting, Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., the Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary be a Sub-Committee, to provide badges for the Stewards, and the other usual requisites for the Festival."

A supply of dinner tickets will be sent to each Steward, who, however, will be responsible only for those actually disposed of by him.

A duplicate sheet for donations, &c., will also be sent, if required, to each Steward.

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

The Lord Mayor talks of giving three *conversations*, at one of which the City Companies will exhibit some of their pictures, at another their plate, at a third general objects of interest which they possess.

A splendid collection of Fragonard's Paintings and Drawings have been sold in Paris. 600 of the artist's works had been gathered together by the late M. Walferdin, an ardent admirer of the art of the eighteenth century, who lived until last January in the midst of pictures and scientific instruments, secluded in an old house in the Ile St. Louis. The paintings alone realised some £8000., the best prices being paid for two reduced copies of panels executed for Madame du Barry's Chateau de Luciennes, "The Bold Lover" and "The Surprise," which sold for £1200, and "The Happy Lovers," which brought £800.

The Drawings of the late Viollet-le-Duc are now being exhibited at the Paris Cluny Museum. Some of the most interesting works are his plans for the restoration of Napoleon III.'s Castle of Pierrefonds, his unsuccessful designs for the Paris Grand Opera, and several spirited episodes of the Franco-Prussian War.

The South Kensington Museum has tried the electric light with great success, the lamps being placed in the hall containing Sir F. Leighton's new fresco. The Brush system is adopted, and the lamps will be used on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays till 10 p.m. During the spring and summer the electric lighting of the British Museum has been suspended, but the experiment is considered to have been perfectly successful.

According to the *Academy*, an unknown MS. of Saint-Simon has just been discovered in the Archives of the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs. It is entitled "Henri IV., Louis XIII., et Louis XIV.," and contains details and criticisms of great historical interest.

The *Athenaeum* says that Mr. Browning will bring out before long a companion volume to the "Dramatic Idyls" he published last year. Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, who is now on his way to this country from Australia, has prepared for immediate publication a history of the Young Ireland movement, between 1841 and 1849, in which he played a leading part.

From *Notes and Queries* we learn that the May number of the *Law Magazine and Review* will contain an article by Sir Travers Twiss on Mediaeval Law in Cyprus, in which much new light will be thrown on the administration of the island under the House of Lusignan and the Venetian Republic.

The Royal Academicians have bought with the Chantrey Fund, from the exhibition which is about to open in Burlington-gardens, Mr. Poynter's "A Visit to Æsculapius" (250), Mr. Orchardson's "On Board H.M.S. Bellerophon" (262), Mr. H. W. B. Davis's "Returning to the Fold" (255), and Mr. Brett's "Britannia's Realm" (357).

Professor Sayce is preparing a thoroughly revised edition of George Smith's "Chaldean Genesis." The translations as well as the text will be corrected and enlarged, and full use will be made of the tablets recently acquired by the British Museum which relate to the earlier chapters of Genesis.

The front pillars of Torregiano's altar, which Mr. J. H. Middleton discovered a few months ago in the Ashmolean Museum, and which the University authorities have since given up to the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, were replaced in their old position in the chapel of Henry VII. on Monday last. The altar, to which they originally belonged was destroyed in 1243.

At a general Assembly, held on Friday, Charles B. Birch, sculptor, was elected an Associate, and Frederick Stacpoole an Associate Engraver.

The Art Union of London held its annual meeting last week at the Lyceum Theatre, Mr. G. Godwin, F.R.S., presiding in the absence of Lord Houghton. The years subscriptions amount to over £12,000., and the print of the year is an engraving of Mr. Oswald Brierley's picture, "The Loss of the *Revenge*." Sir Walter Stirling, in seconding the adoption of the report, lamented the demolition of Temple Bar, which had succumbed not to the ravages of time, but to general bad taste and a lack of appreciation of archaeology. He was sorry Cleopatra's Needle had been brought to this country, and hoped the Pyramids would not follow it, to be placed in Trafalgar Square.

The ninety-fourth Exhibition of the Society of Painters in Water Colours was opened to the public in their gallery, 5, Pall Mall East, on Monday. There are close on three hundred exhibits, and, if we judge them by the talent they collectively display rather than numerically, the only possible conclusion to arrive at it is that it is in every way worthy of its predecessors. One of the most effective pictures is 120, which, occupying, as it deservedly does, a central space immediately facing the entrance, at once attracts the attention of the visitor. It is the work of Sir John Gilbert, R.A., President of the Society, and represents the Battle of the Standard, fought during Stephen's reign, in the year 1138. Sir Gilbert exhibits another and only less effective picture than that we have named, the scene delineated being sufficiently indicated by its title of "The Prisoners." "A Ballast Wharf on the Thames," "A French Fishing Smack," "Honfleur, Normandy," and other works by Mr. George H. Andrews, are admirable specimens of that artist's ability. Mr. Duncan has sent several contributions, which all testify that his great skill as a delineator of marine scenery is still as vigorous as ever. This is especially noticeable in his "Old Billingsgate," No. 68, which is unquestionably one of the gems of the display, and his "North Berwick Lifeboat," "Ailsa Craig," by Mr. Francis Powell, is a grandly simple performance. Messrs. Thomas J. Watson, E. A. Waterlow, Walker Field, and W. E. Walker, the new Associates, give many and various proofs that they are in every way worthy of the honours recently bestowed on them. Mr. R. Thorne Waite, Associate, is well represented by eight pictures. Mr. Paul Naftel is even stronger still in respect of numbers, that which struck us as his best being "Through the Wood Pont-y-Gypyn, North Wales," (No. 46). Amongst other contributors whose pictures will be deservedly appreciated must be mentioned Mrs. Allingham, Miss Clara Montalba, Messrs. S. P. Jackson, F. Taylor, Birket Foster, F. Powell, G. Dodgson, W. C. T. Dobson, R.A., H. M. Marshall, E. Radford, T. M. Richardson, whose "Pass of Glencoe" is one of the features of the gallery; Carl Haug, whose "Sphinx of Gecezh and the Pyramid of Cheops," (No. 121) is greatly to be admired; H. Moore, Oswald W. Brierley, S. Read's, "Interior of Burgos Cathedral" (No. 193), worthy of all praise; E. Buckman, "A Scramble—Yarmouth" (No. 197); and A. W. Hunt, "Rokeby" (No. 221); Mrs. H. C. Angell, whose fruit and flowers are well nigh unsurpassable; Mr. J. D. Watson, and Mr. Alfred D.ripp. The usual style of catalogue is issued to the public, but Bro. G. M. Haigh has compiled one which is printed on hand-wove paper, and merits to be described not simply as a novelty, but as the neatest and compactest gem of a catalogue we have ever had the pleasure of seeing. It is a great advance on anything of the kind, and the public must appreciate it if they have in them sense and taste.

Masonic and General Tidings.

A meeting of Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters of England will be held at Red Lion-square, on Thursday next, at five o'clock. Several candidates are down for admittance, and other business, including the appointment of officers.

At a meeting of the St. John's Lodge, No. 673, it was proposed and resolved that the sum of fifty guineas be granted from the funds of the lodge for the R.M.I. for Boys. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

We have been informed that Bro. Higgins has withdrawn his nomination of Bro. Thomas Francis Peacock for the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

On Monday the Lord Mayor will preside at the twelfth annual meeting of the Royal Albert Merchant Seamen's Institution, to be held at the Mansion House. His lordship is one of the Vice-Presidents of the charity.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, on Thursday evening, 29th ult., and held at the Earl of Chatham Arms, Woolwich, by Bro. J. G. Milbourn, Preceptor of the Excelsior and Temperance Lodges of Instruction, in the absence through illness of Bro. N. Brown. A large attendance of the brethren testified to the unanimity and good feeling which exist in this district. The Sections were most impressively rendered by the brethren, amongst whom Bro. Gooding's working eliciting the warmest and heartiest encomiums, Bros. G. Davies, P.M., Preceptor, and A. Cleall, the efficient and indefatigable Secretary, being present and affording valuable assistance. Altogether a most enjoyable and profitable evening rewarded the attendance of the brethren.

The Prince of Wales presided on Saturday at Marlborough House, over a meeting of the Royal Commission for the Australian International Exhibitions. There were present—The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Kimberley, the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., the Right Hon. Hugh C. E. Childers, M.P., Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart., Sir John Rose, Bart., Sir Frederick Leighton, Mr. Warrington W. Smyth and Mr. T. A. Wright, Secretary.

The Right Hon. Lord Viscount Sidmouth has promised to preside at the next anniversary of the Friend of the Clergy Corporation, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Her Majesty has conferred the Order of Victoria and Albert on the Duchess of Marlborough, in recognition of her unremitting and invaluable exertions in mitigating the misery and distress in Ireland.

The City and Guilds of London Institute for Advancement of Technical Education has voted £150, and the Clothworkers' Company 100 guineas, to the building fund of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution.

Mr. Arthur Charles, Q.C., and Mr. Alfred Wills, Q.C., were on Wednesday elected Examiners in Common Law to the University of London for the ensuing year.

The London Congregational Union, of which Mr. Albert Spicer is Treasurer, has an income of £3582, from subscriptions during the past year, and £128 9s. 9d. by collections. The grants for the same period were £2388 2s. 4d. to the Church Aid Society, and £683 4s. for sites.

The fifty-third anniversary festival of the Printer's Pension Corporation, will be held on Tuesday next, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, supported by the sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

By permission of the Treasurer, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, J.P., the next ordinary evening meeting of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society will be held in the Court Room of Christ's Hospital, on Monday, when a paper will be read by Mr. William Pitman, C.C., entitled "Topographical Notes on the Ward of Farringdon Within." The Rev. S.M. Mayhew, M.A., F.S.A., will exhibit some antiquities, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Birch, will read a short communication on the Old Temple, in Holborn.

The annual general meeting of St. Peter's Hospital will be held, by permission of the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, on Tuesday, when his lordship will preside.

The "Windsor Strollers," amongst whom is Lady Monckton, gave a dramatic performance in the Music Room, Queen Anne's Mansion, on Thursday last, for the benefit of St. Andrew's Convalescent Home, Clewer.

We believe that a new evening paper will make its appearance in the course of a few days, under the editorship of Mr. Frederick Greenwood.

The first meeting of the Guelph Lodge since the recess will be held this day (Saturday) at the Red Lion, Leytonstone.

Sir William Goldney, M.P., one of the new baronets, is a Governor of Christ's Hospital.

The Brewers' Company, the Clothworkers' Company, and the Fishmongers' Company have each contributed 100 guineas to the building fund of Girton College.

The Mercers' Company have voted a donation of £52 10s. in aid of the funds of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women.

The Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Sheriff Woolloton, and Bro. Sheriff Bayley, and the under-sheriffs, Bro. Crawford and Bro. Wragg, will preside at the twenty-eighth anniversary festival of the City Orthopaedic Hospital, to be held at the Albion on Friday.

The inaugural dinner of the Horns Tavern, Kennington, under the management of Messrs. Smith and King, will take place on Thursday evening, May 13th, when the chair will be taken by H. D. Rawlings, Esq., and the vice chair by A. Probyn, Esq. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Mr. Chaplin Henry.

The 1st of May in Liverpool was celebrated as usual by a procession of gaily decorated horses, wagons, and trade insignia, and as for the first time in the year the weather was warm, bright, and summerlike, the show attracted thousands of spectators, who lined the streets, and gave the city all the appearance of an organised fête. The show of horseflesh on these occasions in Liverpool is always extremely fine, and on Saturday proved no exception to the rule.

On the 20th ult. a most successful concert was given in the New Cross Public Hall in aid of the Irish Distress Fund. The hall was well filled, and all classes, rich and poor, alike showed a warm sympathy in the objects of the concert. It was under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and several gentlemen of the neighbourhood, among whom we may mention Bro. Joseph Clever, while Bro. Joseph Clever, jun., acted as one of the Stewards. The nett result amounted to £23 0s. 1d., which has been handed over to the Lord Mayor.

The Epping Forest Committee have given the superintendent and keepers the strictest possible orders to prevent bird shooting, birds'-nesting, and bird snaring by every means in their power, and nothing is to be allowed to be destroyed within the Forest precincts except venomous reptiles, like adders or vipers.

The funeral of the late Mr. George Grossmith, the well-known reader and reciter, took place on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Kensal Green Cemetery. The chief mourners were the two sons, Mr. George Grossmith, the popular actor, and Mr. Walter Weedon Grossmith, and his brother Mr. W. R. Grossmith. Mr. J. L. Toole, Mr. Charles Milwood, Mr. John Gardner, and several other intimate friends of the deceased were among the followers, while many assembled on the grounds to pay their last tribute of respect to one who was so universally admired for his geniality and kindness of disposition to all with whom he was associated.

We stated some time since that the brethren at Cheltenham were about to present to the newly-restored old parish church of that town a stained glass window for the east end of the building, and that the execution of the work had been entrusted to Messrs. Lavers and Barraud, of Bloomsbury. The window has now been completed, and has been put together at the manufacturers' works in Endell-street, where, we are requested to state, Bro. Lavers will be pleased to show it to any brethren or others who may care to inspect it. The window will cost the Masons of Cheltenham about £350, a very generous gift. The ceremony of unveiling and presentation will take place on the 26th inst., the day following the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire at Stroud. It is expected that a sermon will be preached on the occasion by the Chaplain of the Province. One of the local lodges (No. 32) holds its regular meeting in the evening of the same day.

