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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We have been requested to publish the following circular, which we do with much pleasure:

ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

It is thought well to invite the especial attention of the Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Governors of this Institution, to the following facts:—

The brethren whose names appear on the enclosed list have, with the exception of Bro. C. Hammerton, who has been nominated in the room of Bro. T. W. White (retired), acted for the past year (some of them previously) as the House Committee of this Institution, and during their term of office have given unremitting attention to the well-being of the School and those within its walls.

As clearly evidenced at the recent Stewards' visit, the School was never in a more satisfactory condition. It appears from canvassing circulars freely distributed of late, that for some reason, not apparent, an endeavour will be made at the General Committee, on the 27th instant, to eject the entire body of the existing Committee and elect others in their place.

The brethren whose names are appended hereto as signatories being themselves much interested in the welfare of the Institution, as are, no doubt, all whom they address, and deeming any sudden and violent change in the regulating body most undesirable, and also being of opinion that the House Committee as at present constituted fully deserve the confidence reposed in them at previous elections, most strongly urge upon their Brother Governors to attend without fail the General Committee at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 27th May, between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m., and to support by their votes the re-election of the present Committee: Alex. W. Adair, P. Prov. G.M. Somerset, L.G.; C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey, L.G.; Francis Burdett, P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Middx., Trustee; J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.W., Prov. G.M. Surrey, L.G.; Brackstone Baker, P.G. Deacon, L.G.; H. Somerville Burney, J.G. Deacon, L.G.; E. Jackson Barron, P.G. Deacon, V. Pres.; N. Bradford, P. Asst. G.D.C., L.G.; John Clabon, P.G.D., Pres. Lodge of Benevolence, V. Pat.; John E. Cox, D.D., P.G. Chap., L.G.; John M. Case, P.G. Deacon, L.G.; C. R. Davy, M.A., P.G. Chap., L.G.; Conrad Dumas, P. Asst. G.D.C., L.G.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G. Deacon, V. Pres.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., V.P.; C. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G., P.G.D., L.G.; R. F. Gould, S.G.D., L.S.; Earl Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, L.G.; E. Tyrrell Leith, D.G.M. Bombay, L.G.; Percy Leith, P.G.D., V. Pres.; Aeneas J. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., G. Reg., V.P.; Sir J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes, V. Pat.; Charles Martyn, M.A., P.G. Chap., V. Pat.; J. M. Pulteney Montague, P.G.D., V. Pres.; Charles A. Murton, P.G.D., L.G.; James Mason, P.G. Swd. Br., L.G.; Samuel Mullin, P.G. Swd. Br., V. Pres.; Magnus Ohren, A.G.D.C., L.G.; Nathaniel G. Philips, P.G.D., L.G.; Hyde Pullen, P.G. Swd. Br., L.S.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bombay, L.G.; S. Leith Tompkins, P.G.D., L.G.; J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., L.G.; Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., V. Pat.; W. Rhys Williams, M.D., P.A.G.D.C., L.G.; A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G. Chap., L.G.; John Whichcord, P.A.G.D.C., L.G.; Herbert J. Adams, P.M., P.Z., V. Pat.; John D. Allcroft, P.M., V. Pat.; A. J. Altman, P.M., L.G.; P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.C. Middx., V. Pres.; George B. Brodie, M.D., P.M., P.Z., Prov. G.W. Surrey, L.G.; Thomas G. Bullen, P.M., P.G. Stwd., L.G.; James W. Baldwin, P.M., L.G.; Thomas Bond, M.D., P.M., L.G.; T. Dolling, Bolton, Dep. Master (P. of W. Lodge), V. Pat.; Robert Berridge, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Steward, V. Pres.; Henry Collings, P.M., L.G.; John Davies, P.M., L.G.; Frederick Davison, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G.W. Middx., L.G.; T.

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List of Members proposed by Bro. CASE, P.G.D., to serve on the House Committee:—

HENRY A. DUBOIS, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G.W. Middlesex, Prov. G.S.E., late member of Board of General Purposes. Lodges—St. Thomas', 142; Lebanon, 1326; Era, 1423; Farringdon, 1745; Royal Hanover, 1777. Chapters—Mount Lebanon, 73; St. Thomas', 142; Lebanon, 1326.

WILLIAM HOPE, M.D., P.M., P.G. Std., Member of the Board of General Purposes. Lodge—Antiquity, 2. Chapter—St. James', 2.

CHARLES HAMMERTON, Vice-President, P.M., P.Z. Lodge—Stockwell, 1339. Chapters—Pannure, 720; Stockwell, 1339.

EDWARD LETCHWORTH, Vice-President, P.M., P.Z., P. Prov. G. Reg. Middx., member of Board of General Purposes and of the General Committee of Grand Chapter. Lodges—Antiquity, 2; Jerusalem, 107; St. James', 1579. Chapters—St. James', 2; Bard of Avon, 778; Enfield, 1237.

PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Deacon, P.G.P. Sojr., member and late Vice-President of Board of General Purposes. Lodges—British Union, 114; Buckingham and Chandos, 1150. Chapter—British, 8.

EDMUND C. MATHER, Vice-President, P.M., P.Z. Lodge—Globe, 23. Chapters—Mount Zion, 22; Sincerity, 174.

JOSHUA NUNN, Vice President, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C. (Royal Arch), Vice President of Board of Benevolence, late member of Board of General Purposes and Colonial Board, and of the Grand Chapter Committee. Lodges—Caledonian, 134; Lily, 820. Chapters—Caledonian, 134; Lily, 820.

Lieut.-Col. JAMES PETERS, P.M., P. Prov. G.W. Middlesex. Lodges—Bank of England, 263; Thames Valley, 1460. Chapters—Westminster and Keystone, 10; Burdett, 1293.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Std., Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Assistant Sojourner, member of the Board of General Purposes. Lodges—(W.M.) Grand Stewards; Tuscan, 14; Bayard, 1615. Chapters—British, 8; Bard of Avon, 778; Bayard, 1615.

JOHN A. RUCKER, Vice-Patron, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Deacon, P.G.P. Sojr., President of Colonial Board, member and late Vice-President of Board of General Purposes. Lodges—Grand Stewards; Grenadiers, 66; Prince of Wales, 259. Chapters—Prudence, 12; Prince of Wales, 259; Bard of Avon, 778.

GRIFFITHS SMITH, Vice-President, P.M., P.Z., P.G. Steward, Vice President of Colonial Board, member of Board of Benevolence, late member of Board of General Purposes. Lodges—Grand Stewards; Emulation, 21; Fitzroy, 509. Chapter—Cyrus, 21.

ALFRED H. TATTERSHALL, P.M., P.Z.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. John M. Clabon, P.G.D., President of the lodge, occupied the President's chair; Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., Senior Vice President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Junior Vice President, was in the chair of Junior Vice President. Amongst other brethren present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Henry Garrud, P.M., 749; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; G. P. Britten, P.M., 183; W. H. Perryman, P.M., 3; Henry Maudslay, P.G.P.; W. Mann, P.M., 186; John Constable, P.M., 186; Charles Fredk. Hogard, P.M., 205; Charles Atkins, P.M., 27; John Wright, P.G.P.; James Kench, G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. D. Collier, P.M., F. R. Spaul, W.M., 1768; A. H. Tattershall, P.M., 140; W. Inggam, W.M., 147; Thomas Hutton, W.M., 13; Thos. Moring, P.M., 9; George Boulton, W.M., 1604; William Radcliffe, W.M., 211; C. F. Matier, P.M., 645; Charles Nott, W.M., 87; John Canham, P.M., 105; C. H. Webb, P.M., 1607; H. Shaw, W.M., 834; Samuel Brooks, W.M., 1608; W. H. Boswell, W.M., 1339; C. J. Turner, W.M., 157; S. Poynter, P.M., 902;

James Stevens, P.M., 1216; Dan Argyll, P.M., 946; H. C. Ball, W.M., 144; Samuel Pope, O.C., W.M., 1610; S. T. Briggs, W.M., 1732; A. Schurboom, W.M., 1781; R. S. Waylett, W.M., 34; Henry Hymans, W.M., 188; J. McCarthy, W.M., 1076; J. A. Keable, W.M., 174; Henry Smith, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorkshire, P.M., 302; James Hainsworth, W.M., 28; T. Farmaner, P.M., 485; J. Welford, W.M., 733; H. S. Millman, W.M., 507; H. R. Hallam, W.M., 1349; G. N. Thompson, W.M., 969; Charles Dairy, P.M., 141; W. Clifton Crick, P.M., 1460; J. C. Cussans, P.M., 1366; J. L. Hine, P.M., 63; Fredk. Binckes, P.M. G.S. Lodge; Barrow Turner, P.M., 183; and H. Massey, P.M., 619 (*Freemason*). Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, and W. Dodd also attended.

At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for Grand Lodge, of June 2nd was settled.

At the Lodge of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed the grants and recommendations of last Lodge of Benevolence to the amount of £405. The new list comprised thirty-four cases, and the brethren sat till a quarter past ten o'clock disposing of them. Of the thirty-four cases one was dismissed, and four were deferred. The remainder were relieved to the extent of £785. There were two grants of £100 each; two of £50 each; one of £40; one of £35; one of £30; three of £25 each; nine of £20 each; five of £15 each; and five of £10 each.

Before the lodge was closed Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, who during the latter part of the evening took Bro. Clabon's post as President, read a letter which had been written by the Grand Secretary of Scotland to an English brother, who applied to Grand Lodge of Scotland for relief, in which he referred the brother to English Grand Lodge, stating that the English Lodge of Benevolence referred Scotch brethren who applied for relief to English Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge of Scotland, without relieving them. Bro. Nunn stated that this was absolutely false, as the English Lodge of Benevolence always relieved Scotch applicants as well as applicants from all other jurisdictions, without referring them to their own Grand Lodges.

Bro. BUSS, Assistant Grand Secretary, added that Scotch Masons in distress who applied at Grand Secretary's office for small temporary relief were very numerous, and their wants were always attended to.

The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

NOTES ON OUR ENGLISH RITUAL

By the Editor.

(Conclusion.)

As I find, on looking over my "Notes," that I have omitted two or three little matters, I think it well to "supplement" what I have already said by a few more lines of statement and explanation. I have assumed, it will be seen, all through that the ritual we now use, though clearly expanded in many ways, is identically the same, (as far as we can possibly ascertain), with that of the revival of 1717, and we have no reason actually to doubt, too, of pre-1717 Masonry in this country. I am aware that other views prevail on this subject, and are held by some most distinguished authorities in Masonic matters, whether of ritual or archaeological bearing, but as I do not profess to accept them, or concur in them, it is best, perhaps, here to allude to them. For instance, I do not, for one, as far as England is concerned, and even as regards Scotland, endorse the theory that the Second and Third Degrees are post 1717 altogether.

I do not go into the evidence of Scotland now, as it would lead me very far away from my immediate subject, but in England we surely have plenty of evidence to prove that there was a pre-1717 Masonry ritually akin to our present one, alike in Degrees and general outline. Neither can I concur in the view of Bro. Gould, whose opinion is so well entitled to all respect, that our Second and Third Degrees seem somehow to have slipped into our system after 1717, though practically unknown before. That is to say, as I understand Bro. Gould's words, in that most valuable work, "The Four Old Lodges," not that the names of the Degrees did not exist, but that there was only one ceremony.

Sandys's view that Elias Ashmole amplified and manipulated the Masonry of 1646 into its present shape, is practically that of Nicolai, and is both historically and archaeologically untenable.

Dermott, whose words always require caution as to their acceptance, declares, (though it was not his interest to do so), that, as regards the two first Degrees, there was both a revival and an agreement, but asserts that only the "Antients" preserved the true old ritual of the Third Degree, which is ignored and forgotten by the "revivers" of 1717. But, like all innovators and schismatics and charlatans, he simply seeks to justify his own proceedings, to set up his own "Dagon," and to "puff his own wares."

In 1730 there seems to have been a serious question about a clandestine and irregular rendering of the Third Grade ritual, which fact proves two things—first, that the "Moderns" possessed what they conceived to be the old and original ritual, and, secondly, that Dermott's statements were not true. Indeed, they bear on their face and form the impress of exaggeration and partizanship, always prejudicial, often altogether inimical, to truth.

That the "Antients" had a ritual is, of course, a fact. What it really was I am not aware that we are now able accurately to state. If it exists, it is not at present available, and I have never met with any one who professed to know it; though there exists, as I said in my last paper,

some difference of "verbiage," &c., in our new "working" in some lodges which has been assumed, perhaps too hastily, to be the remains of "Antient working."

Indeed, knowing the hostility of our "Antient" and older brethren to MSS. evidence of all kinds, especially in this respect, I am not surprised that so few exist, and to say the truth, "when found," though I make a note of them, I consider that they deserve careful scrutiny, and are not to be accepted as irrefragable evidences without some hesitation.

I have known instances of modern and manipulated rituals, and we all can tell in the history of Masonry of a *fraus pia*, that all such MSS. demand the most critical handling, and the close investigation of "experts."

The creation of the Royal Arch grade is a matter we cannot overlook. So far the earliest actual notice of it occurs, thanks to Bro. Hughan, in 1744, though of the fact that a High Grade existed in London, some twenty years before, we also have proof, by the publication by Bro. Mackey of a curious old book, "Long Livers."

I do not myself consider that Dermott ever actively promulgated the new arrangement of the old ritual, under this new and attractive name, until somewhat later than is often assumed, and I do not think that we can safely assert that the *antient ritual*, with its *Royal Arch development*, was in full working much before 1753 or 1754. If Ramsay had anything to do with this re-arrangement of the English ritual, it would take place before 1743, as in that year he died. But his influence in English Masonry, and even his visit to London, are, in my opinion, and I think Bro. Hughan concurs with me, more than doubtful.

Findel talks of the "antient and the modern catechism," but, to say the truth, I do not know to what he alludes.

Bro. Gould mentions the fact in "The Four Old Lodges," I also see, as implying in Findel's opinion that that of the moderns was the more antient, and that of the antients more modern, but I do not know on what he bases his statement or to what "Catechism" he alludes, as I said just now. I have thus brought these my imperfect "Notes" to a conclusion, in the hope that they may perhaps lead to a fuller discussion of the subject, from an archaeological point of view.

It clearly has not yet received the attention it deserves, and we are still lying under the disadvantage of having to deal with a question of which we have but imperfect knowledge. If others more fortunate than myself, though after many long years of study and research, can throw more positive "light" on the subject, I shall most heartily rejoice, and these my "humble notes" will not have been transcribed or put in order in vain.

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

"Tell me what company you keep (says the adage) and I will tell you what you are." In a like manner we can judge of a man's characteristics by the books in his library; thus a law library, a theological library, a scientific library, will denote that the owner is a lawyer, a theologian, or a scientist; the *medieval fossil* will fill his shelves with monkish chronicles, musty sermons, and old missals; and a miscellaneous library indicates the owner to be a man of general information. We can judge of a man's taste, &c., by the books in his library, providing, however, that the books were collected by himself. But if the books were inherited from a grandfather, to which the owner made no addition, then we might come to the conclusion that either the man does not read books at all, or that he is satisfied to confine his knowledge and information to that of his grandfather, that he has no faith in human progress, and he will consequently do nothing towards leaving the world a little wiser than it was in the days of his grandfather. Such a man may be amiable, hospitable, charitable, &c., but he will nevertheless be known as an *old fogey*.

We have all heard about Masonry being a science, an art, a royal art, &c., but if the Grand Lodge library was an index of our scientific knowledge, we would be pronounced as a body utterly ignorant of the meaning of the word *science*. The bookcase which holds the Grand Lodge library is about a yard-and-a-half wide, containing about six or seven shelves. These books were not collected by the present generation of Masons. It seems that the majority of the books were collected in the last century, and within this century the Grand Lodge donated *ten pounds* for the library, and a few books were presented by brethren. There are a few rare books and pamphlets in the said bookcase, but it is *simply absurd* to call it a "library."

Such being the case, it is no wonder that English Masons were, and are, woefully ignorant of Masonic history; that English Masonic authors and writers filled the Masonic press for so many years with sheer *stuff*; that the late Dr. Oliver was regarded as a Masonic oracle; that within forty years *mushroom Degrees and Orders*, such as Scotch witticism, Templarism, Constantinism, Markism, Arkism, and other isms, have taken root on English soil; that the Grand Lodge dignitaries, who superintend annually the publication of the "Freemasons' Calendar," still believe in the so-called "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," viz., that "St. Alban formed the first Grand Lodge in Britain, A.D. 287," &c.; that Grand Lodge dignitaries still believe in ancient landmarks and other exploded notions; that lecturers and Preceptors of English lodges and of lodges of instruction are so ignorant of Masonic history as to suffer themselves to repeat fictitious fables as historic facts; and it is no wonder that the Grand Lodge of England would appoint no committee to examine into the suitability or unsuitability of the Masonic ritual.

Upon examining our Anglo-Saxon Masonic literature (with but few recent exceptions), we may pronounce the mass of writers as still more or less tainted with erroneous notions. For instance, our American Bro. G. F. Fort is undeniably a man of talent and an elegant writer, but, nevertheless, his Masonic history is filled with so many fanciful notions as to make it utterly unreliable for historic consultation. "Twenty years ago" (said Bro. A. F. A. Woodford in my presence) "not a solitary English Mason was aware that in the last century we had four independent Grand Lodges in England." The rev. brother could have added, "Nor did a solitary Englishman then know either about the rise or the final dissolution of the Grand Lodge of York," &c. But to whom are we indebted for this new Masonic light? Not to English Masonic writers, but to the industry and intelligence of our German brethren. The Germans

were in advance in the art of historic criticism, which led them to condemn our English histories of Freemasonry. Masonic history, like other histories, must be compiled, *not from imagination*, but from authentic sources. Hence Bro. Findel went to England for the special purpose of examining our Masonic records and MSS. When his history appeared in an English garb in 1866, the eyes of our Anglo-Saxon writers were opened to their utter ignorance of English Masonic history. But that is not all. Our *High Grade* gentry were terribly offended with Bro. Findel. These have paid large sums for being dubbed "Sir Knights," "Thrice Illustrious," and what not, and Bro. Findel assured them that they were neither Sir Knights nor Illustrious, but were merely *humbugged* by interested parties to believe so; and hence, both in England and in America, these *interested parties* abused Bro. Findel in regular Billingsgate style. True, some English and Scotch Masons not only defended Bro. Findel from the said attacks, but have also since then contributed valuable historic information. But, nevertheless, the fact cannot be denied that Germans had to teach English Masons the history of English Freemasonry. This *humiliation* might have been obviated if the Grand Lodge of England had been alive to the necessity of supplying English Masonic students with a Masonic library.

We have here in Boston special libraries on history, theology, natural history, law, antiquarian, &c. Similar libraries have existed in England for many years. But the Grand Lodge of England, the "mother Grand Lodge of the world," is content to go on without a Masonic library; for the few books I saw there certainly deserve not the name of library. The Masonic library in Boston outnumbers the English Masonic library at least *six to one*, and so do the Masonic libraries of New York and in Pennsylvania. And be it known that these Masonic libraries were not inherited from their Masonic predecessors, but the books were collected within twenty years or less. As an English Mason I am proud to boast of the high respectability and deeds of charity by which the Grand Lodge of England is distinguished, and she ought to be foremost also as a promoter of Masonic light. But I am very sorry to see that in that respect she is behind the age, and will, consequently, lose the respect due to her from the fraternity at large. Nor am I the first to find fault with her shortcoming in that respect, as the following extracts from the "Freemason's Quarterly Review" will show:—

"Bro. Scarborough addressed the G.L. upon the subject of his motion for granting twenty pounds annually in support of a Masonic library, and expressed his surprise that so vital a subject, which had occupied the attention of that highly educated and talented brother, the late Bro. Harrison, should have been suffered to drop. After a lapse of so many years there was nothing but empty shelves, and no prospect of any books; this was discreditable to the Grand Lodge, and a disgrace to those to whom the collection was intrusted. He hoped the subject would elicit opinions from those better qualified than himself.

"Bro. Crucifix seconded the motion, and intimated that the original projector of the library was not the late Bro. Harrison, but the living Bro. Henderson, P.G. Registrar, a brother to whom the Craft was greatly indebted, but for nothing more so than for the zeal and spirit he infused at the time into the brethren in support of the library. He (Bro. C.) was among the first contributors, and he remembered to have heard the late Lord Monson state his admiration of the proposition. * * * Dr. Oliver and others had sent contributions. But for some untoward circumstance which damped the ardour for intelligence at the time, the library would have been by this time extensive; it was not too late to make it so, and not suffer a libel on the Craft that it was behind every Mechanic Institution in the world.

"Bro. Mullen said it was impossible to form a library, that some time since £100 was voted by the G.L., and could not be expended, that few or no persons called to examine the books that were collected, and that if they went into the subject to the extent required the sum moved for was too small for any useful purpose. When the £100 was expended, the Board could apply for another grant.

"Bro. Elliott spoke in favour of the grant, and was satisfied, if there were a proper library, he for one should be glad to avail himself of it, and that many persons to his knowledge had called without being able to find the necessary accommodation.

"Bro. Dobie enquired of the Grand Secretary how much of the £100 had been expended, and was informed about ten, certainly not more than twelve. He observed that the hours would be inconvenient, and the remuneration insufficient.

"Some other brethren stated that to their knowledge the want of accommodation alone had prevented them from taking advantage of the present library.

"Bro. Scarborough, in reply, observed, that having hardly expected to be seconded, he could but rejoice at the discussion. * * * It was curious to look at the inconsistencies of some who had addressed the G.L. Some argued as if a library could not be procured, yet if they looked at page 124 of the "Calendar," they would find not only that between two and three hundred works have been collected, but that the G.L. had determined that general works of history and science should be procured; yet, strange to say, the Board suspended their labours and kept £90 unemployed. He did not advocate so much Masonic as general literature. The Masonic works, even those of Preston, Oliver, and others, were, in his opinion, all trash, and he called on the veteran Bro. Goldsworthy to say what books on Masonry he had read. Bro. Goldsworthy said: "I have never read any Masonic works but the "Ahiman Rezon" and the "Book of Constitutions.""

Bro. Scarborough's motion was of course negatived. "Search with a steady honesty of soul," said Dr. Watts, "and a sincere impartiality to find truth. Watch every temptation that might bribe your judgment, or warp it aside from truth. Do not indulge yourself to wish any proposition were true or false—a wish which often perverts the judgment, and tempts the mind strongly to believe upon slight evidence whatsoever we wish to be true or false."

This paragraph should be inscribed, framed, and hung up in every library. But unfortunately, Masonic writers have acted in direct opposition to the above rules. Take for instance the writings of Anderson, Hutchinson, Preston, Oliver, and their disciples: what are they but a *monument of Masonic prejudice and credulity*? It is no wonder, therefore, that even Bro. Scarborough did not want Masonic books for the G. L. library, that Bro. Goldsworthy was proud to confess in the Grand Lodge, that his Masonic read-

ing was confined to the Ahiman Rezon and Book of Constitutions, and that the then Grand Lodge, despairing of any good ever emanating from Masonic writings, voted as it did. But nevertheless, it cannot be denied that it is discreditable to the Grand Lodge of England to be minus of a library.

We need a history of English Masonry deserving the name of *history*. Such a history must be compiled from the records and MSS. in possession of the Grand Lodge and her subordinate lodges. But the Masonic student must also have access to all publications relating to English Masonry, from its incipency to the present time. He must consult all that was published, *for as well as against* Masonry: foolish or wise, good or bad, if Masonry is mixed up with it, it forms a connecting link in Masonic history, and such publications must form part of a Masonic library. Books on history, science, &c., are certainly valuable, but not immediately necessary for the study of Masonic history. These kind of books will doubtless eventually find their way into the desired Grand Lodge library; at present, however, it needs only such books which may tend to throw light on the origin and progress of English Freemasonry.

To do this effectively, *proper men must be appointed for the proper place*. These should be empowered to purchase the required works, and make the library as complete as possible. To the head of such a board discretionary powers should be given to lend books for a limited time, to responsible brethren. The said board should also be empowered by a law passed by the Grand Lodge, to examine the records of any or all subordinate lodges, and to make such extracts from these as they may deem proper. These extracts will open new fields of inquiry, and will thus lay the foundation of a kind of Masonic literature that Masons will not have to be ashamed of.

A reading room suitably furnished must be attached to the said library, open for Masonic visitors during the hours in which kindred libraries are open; and as to the expense which it would curtail on the Grand Lodge, in the first place if the plan here indicated was carried out in a liberal spirit, thousands of volumes would be donated to the Grand Lodge, not only treating on Masonry, but also of all other departments of learning and science. The Grand Lodge of England would not only possess the best Masonic library in the world, but a great library in other departments *worthy of its dignity*. And second, the benefit which would therefrom accrue to the Craft at large, and the lustre it would shed upon the Grand Lodge of England, would more than compensate the expense of maintaining the *new* Masonic Institution.

Let the Grand Lodge then supply necessary books for the study of Masonic history and kindred Masonic topics, and I have no doubt that an English historian will arise who will discard legendary fables, and ridiculous inferences, which, tend to make Freemasonry a laughing stock to outsiders, and to *thoughtful Masons too*. He will give us a history of English Freemasonry, that will be an honour to himself, and to the Craft in general. Then *charlatanism, humbugism, and sectarianism*—the offspring of ignorance combined with credulity—will disappear from our midst. And Masons will then unite their energies in advancing the true Masonic mission of enlightenment, charity, and of "cementing true brotherly love amongst those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

The half yearly meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester on Thursday the 13th inst.

The principal business being the installation of W. Bro. George Toller, jun., Past Grand Sword-bearer of England, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the meeting was held under the banner of that worthy brother's mother lodge, the John of Gaunt, No. 523, when a good muster of the members of that and the other lodges in the province testified to the high esteem in which he is held and their satisfaction at the choice which the Provincial Grand Master had made.

The Craft Lodge having been opened in due form by the W. M., Bro. G. Odell and his officers, the R. W. Provincial Grand Master and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge were received in due form, the R.W.P.G.M., being saluted with honours due to his rank, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

Amongst those present were the following officers and members of Provincial Grand Lodge: Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M.; W. Kelly, F.S.A., P.P.G.M.; E. F. Mammatt, Prov. S.G.W.; J. T. Thorp, Prov. J.G.W.; the Rev. C. E. Danby, Prov. G. Chaplain; G. T. Willan, M.D., Prov. G. Reg.; S. S. Partridge, Prov. G. Sec.; J. D. Bennett, Prov. G.D.; S. Cleaver, acting Prov. G.D. of C.; W. T. Rowlett, acting Prov. G. Org.; M. H. Lewin, acting Prov. G.S.B.; G. Odell, Prov. G. Std. Br.; T. Colman, J. Young, W. A. Musson, and J. D. Harris, Prov. G. Stewards; J. Dunn and J. Tanser, Prov. G. Tylers; G. Toller, jun., C. Stretton, and J. C. Duncombe, P.P.G.W.'s; Rev. F. H. Richardson, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Bird, P.P.G. Chap. Norths and Hunts; T. A. Wykes, P.P.G. Treas.; T. Worthington, P.P.G.D.; C. E. Stretton and R. Taylor, P.P.G. Supts. of Wks.; Dr. Hunt, P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. Balmforth, P.M. 779; J. Vaughan, P.M. 86; and J. Read, J.W. 1391.

After the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, the roll of lodges was called, and all were duly represented, except the Howe and Charnwood Lodge, No. 1007, Loughborough, and the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, Market Harborough.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was then called, after which the minutes of the previous meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Leicester on the 22nd of October, 1879, were read and confirmed.

The next business was the installation of W. Bro. George Toller, P.G.S.B. of England, as Deputy Grand Master of the province, in the place of W. Bro. Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., who had resigned the office.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. S. S. Partridge, having read the patent of appointment, Bro. Toller was duly obligated, invested, and installed as D.P.G.M., the ceremony being performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, after which the newly-installed D.P.G.M. was saluted with grand honours.

Bro. TOLLER, in thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him, said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, officers, and brethren, I feel that my

first duty should be to tender to you, my lord, my most sincere acknowledgments for the high and unexpected honour which you have been pleased to confer upon me, and especially for the kind, but too flattering, terms in which you have expressed yourself. I can only assure you that I shall endeavour to adhere to the letter and to the spirit of my obligation by faithfully and impartially discharging the duties of my office, by consulting your wishes, and in every way assisting you in the government of the provinces. To you, brethren, I have also to express my acknowledgments for the very kind manner in which you have acquiesced in the appointment. The office which I now hold, though, doubtless, a very honourable one, and one to which any Mason might be proud to attain, is also a position of considerable responsibility. I feel that I shall need, and I therefore venture to ask, and to ask with confidence, for your sympathy and support. Indeed, but for the hope that such would be extended to me, I should not have ventured to accept the appointment, but should have yielded to what was certainly my first impulse, and declined the honour, but on consultation with my friend, the P.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly—for, like many others of you, to him I generally carry all my Masonic doubts and difficulties—I say, on consultation with Bro. Kelly and some few of the principal Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, they so kindly and so unanimously urged my acceptance of the office, that I felt I had no choice but to do so, and to endeavour by my conduct to justify the confidence reposed in me. I feel that I shall have the advantage of serving under a Provincial Grand Master who does not hold his office as a sinecure, but who personally administers, and, I believe, takes a warm interest in the affairs of the province. I am sure that I may also rely on the advice and co-operation of my old friend and brother, the Provincial Grand Secretary, than whom I am confident that no province possesses a more zealous or more efficient officer. But, brethren, even with these advantages I fear that at times I shall be liable to fail, or at any rate to make mistakes. If such should, unfortunately, be the case, I ask you to remember the promise which I have just made to his lordship, and which I now renew to you; and, in the exercise of your Masonic charity, give me credit for honesty of purpose, and try to believe that my mistake arises from an error of judgment, and that it is not a wilful dereliction of duty from personal feeling or any other unworthy motives. Brethren, let me once more thank you one and all, and express the hope that when I cease to hold this office, and my successor is appointed, I may not by any act of mine have forfeited your esteem and goodwill, which I am proud to hope that I now in some measure at any rate possess.

The election of two members to represent the Provincial Grand Lodge on the Committee of Management of the Leicester Masonic Hall, resulted in the unanimous re-appointment of Bros. C. Stretton and Dr. Hunt.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY reported that the Banner Committee had, in pursuance of the powers entrusted to them, provided a new Provincial Grand Lodge banner, which was used for the first time on that occasion, and which was greatly admired. The Committee gratefully acknowledged the kindness of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C., who, through the P.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, had advised them as to the proper form and design of the banner.

A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary of Warwickshire, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of that Provincial Grand Lodge, on the subject of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, but no motion was made thereon.

A circular letter from Grand Lodge was also read on the subject of "Masonic prefixes," and was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Several letters of apology for absence having been read, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the R.W.P.G.M. and his officers retired, after which the Craft Lodge was closed.

The important duties of Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies were on this occasion most ably discharged by Bro. Cleaver, P.M. 279, P.P.G.A.D.C., in the absence of Bro. Dr. Macaulay, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who was prevented from attending by a professional engagement.

The proceedings of the day terminated with a banquet, at which the newly-installed D.P.G.M. presided, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, who was unable to remain. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and especially the toast of the day "The Newly-Installed Deputy-Provincial Grand Master," which latter was accompanied by many hearty congratulations from several of the principal Provincial Grand Officers present, and was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The efforts of the banquet Stewards, Bros. Colman, Young, and Bream in promoting the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren were worthy of all praise.

To Bro. T. G. Charlesworth also the thanks of the brethren present were very warmly accorded for his renewed kindness in decorating the banquet tables with a most bountiful supply of plants and flowers.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the Stewards of the 92nd anniversary festival of this Institution was held on Tuesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Acting President, in the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. E. Letchworth, Treasurer, J. A. Rucker, R. P. Spice, R. G. Barton, Gunningham, Thomas Meggy, Peter de L. Long, Robert Grey, Spence Weston, R. B. Webster, Edgar Bowyer, — Jeffs, and F. R. W. Hedges, Hon. Secretary.

After the verification of the minutes, the following resolution was unanimously passed, in consequence of the large amount for dinner tickets and Stewards' fees being still outstanding: "That this be not the last meeting, but that when the arrears are quite or nearly got in the final meeting be held."

The Treasurer's report was then received, and the balance-sheet and accounts passed.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the total amount of subscriptions received up to this date for the late festival was £13,748 12s. 6d.

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

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire was held at Bradford on Wednesday, the 12th inst., on the invitation of the Chapter of Charity, No. 300, and Sincerity Chapter, No. 600. It was a matter of much regret that the Provincial Grand Superintendent (Sir H. Edwards) was unavoidably absent, but his position was ably filled by M.E. Comp. Tew, who was supported by M.E. Comp. C. L. Mason, and a large number of officers and brethren, numbering about 150.

In response to the hearty salutation of the companions, M.E. Comp. TEW addressed the assemblage on matters more intimately associated with the Craft than the public in a speech that was listened to with much interest, and warmly received.

A motion with reference to a uniformity of working was again brought before the Prov. G. Chapter, but was ultimately discharged from the agenda paper.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed as follows:

- Comp. L. R. Starkey, 275 Prov. G.H.
- Dr. W. Evans, 302 Prov. G.I.
- H. Smith, 495 Prov. G.S.E.
- J. France, 203 Prov. G.S.N.
- W. Schofield, 290 Prov. G.P. Soj.
- S. Slack, 495 Prov. G.A. Soj.
- A. Roberts, 448 Prov. G.A. Soj.
- J. F. Oates, 258 Prov. G. Treas.
- W. B. Alderson, 154 Prov. G. Reg.
- Captain Hemingway, 1214 Prov. G. Svd. B.
- J. Dewhurst, 609 Prov. G. Std. B.
- J. L. Oates, 204 Prov. G.D.
- S. Suckey, 295 Prov. G. Org.
- C. Lawrey, 304; A. Jackson, }
421; H. W. Mallinson, 299; } Prov. G. Stwds.
and F. D. Walker, 242.
- J. Lee, 290 Prov. G. Janitor.

At the close of the business the companions from other towns were liberally entertained by the members of the Bradford chapters, and a most agreeable meeting was then closed.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

The half-yearly meeting of the National Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem was held at Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 14th inst., the Right Hon. Sir Knight the Earl of Lathom, G.C.T., presiding.

After the Great Priory had been duly opened, Sir Knight Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE moved a vote of congratulation to Sir Knight the Earl of Lathom on his being created an earl, which was carried unanimously.

Sir Knight the Earl of LATHOM acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the report of the council was taken as read, and a vote was moved by the Treasurer, Sir Knight C. Goolden, that £25 should be given to a Sir Knight.

The report was received and adopted, and the following officers were appointed:

- Sir Knight Rev. Dr. J. Robbins, D.D. G. Prelate.
- Alex. Staveley Hill, Q.C., }
M.P. (re-appointed) } G. Chancellor.
- H.R.H. Prince Leopold, }
K.G., G.C.T. } G. Constable.
- Lord Arthur Hill, M.P. ... G. Marshal.
- Charles Goolden, K.C.T., }
(re-elected) } G. Treas.
- R. H. Thrupp (re-appointed) ... G. Reg.
- W. Tinkler (re-appointed) ... G. V.-Chancellor.
- W. Spencer (re-appointed) ... G. Sub-Marshal.
- Rev. C. J. Ridgway ... G. Alm. & Chap.
- G. Lambert (re-appointed) ... G. W. of Regalia.
- J. Lisdale Warren, Q.C. ... G. Herald.
- Maj. J. Woodall (Beaumont) ... G. Std. Br.
- H. Thomas (Vixellum Belli) ... G. Std. Br.
- W. Francis Nettleship ... G. Priors B. Br.
- S. G. Bake ... G. 1st Aide-de-C.
- Magnus Ohren ... G. 2nd Aide-de-C.
- John Lundie ... G. Chamberlain.
- Dr. George B. Brodie ... G. 1st Capt. of G.
- Wm. A. Clayton ... G. 2nd Capt. of G.
- Richard L. Loveland ... G. Svd. Br.
- Wm. Ganz (re-appointed) ... G. Org.

The following members of the Great Priory's Council were appointed: Sir Knights S. Rawson, Chas. Chandos Pole, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, and Col. Francis Burdett.

The following were elected: Sir Knights Dr. F. H. Woodforde, J. E. Curteis, J. L. Syms, C. A. Newnham, and J. F. Tweedale.

Three members of the Grand Master's Council were also elected, viz., Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Capt. N. G. Phillips, and C. R. N. Beswick-Royds.

The arms were collected by the Armourer, and the National Great Priory was closed in ample form.

A meeting of the Priory of the Order of Malta was afterwards held, presided over by Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and the following eleven members were received into the Order: W. C. Grigg, The Rev. C. J. Ridgway, Capt. G. C. D'Albiae, W. Barkly, George Taylor, G. T. Miller, F. Graves, J. Shilcock, Henry Thorn, W. E. Stewart, W. F. Nettleship.

The following members of the Order, amongst others, were present: Sir Knights, Earl of Lathom, Great Prior; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior; Col. A. W. Adair, J. M. V. Montague Raymore, H. Thrupp, Registrar; Charles J. Smith, M.D., B. F. Hodge, K.C.T.; J. W. Rawlins; Col. Fras. Burdett, Constable; Clement R. W. Beswick-Royds, J. F. Tweedale, Herald; Walter Spencer, Sub-Marshal; Charles Goolden, K.C.T., Treasurer; Rev. A. W. Hall, Prelate; James Lewis Thomas, Aide de Camp; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, Dr. Robbins, D. M. Dewar, C. A. Newnham, Chas. Fendelow, Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, Edwd. Pierpoint, T. G. Linstead (China), Emra Holmes, K.C.T.; A. Gravnocke, Dr. T. Trollope, Standard Bearer; S. Rawson, Capt. N. G. Phillips, George Lambert, Warden of Regalia; J. L. Syms, W. Ganz, Org.; H. Bulley, W. Hickman, F. W. Mitchell, H. R. Cooper Smith, Captain of Guards; C. J. Banister, Raphael Costa, Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Lieut.-Col. Burney, S. Rosenthal, Rev. C. R. Davy, Magnus Ohren, W. Tinkler, Vice-Chancellor; W. Ashley Clayton, E. Letchworth, E. B.

Bright, J. E. Le Feuvre, Dr. F. H. Woodforde, H. C. Burt, Dr. J. H. Paul, Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette, R. P. Spice, C. J. Harnsworth, and J. B. Batten.

CONSECRATION OF THE FRIENDLY CHAPTER, No. 1513.

For a considerable period steps have been taken by the companions of Lodge Friendly, No. 1513, at Barnsley, Yorkshire, for the purpose of having a chapter attached to their lodge. The Craft lodge was formed some six years ago, and has been a great success, having, though so young a lodge, had the laying of two foundation stones, one of a church at Monk Bretton, and one of a Memorial Hall and Mechanics Institute, at Wosbro Dale; intrusted to it the pleasure of entertaining the Provincial Charity Committee, and also Provincial Grand Lodge—all of which gatherings have been eminently successful and are remembered with satisfaction by numerous brethren throughout this great province. After considerable delay through one cause and another the petition, being in due form in every respect, was granted by the Grand Chapter in February last. The companions who had signed the petition immediately set to work to carry out the prayer of their petition, and on Thursday, the 13th May, the chapter was consecrated by E. Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z., 139, 295, P.P.G.H., acting on behalf and by the authority of the M.E. Pro Grand Superintendent, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.P.D.Z., P.M. 61, in a most impressive and excellent manner. The following companions were present: Ex. Comps. Thomas Riddock, P.Z. 275, as Prov. G.H.; the Rev. W.C. Lukis, M.A., J. 837, as Prov. G.I.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, 387, 405, Prov. G. Scribe E.; William Schofield, P.Z. 290, Prov. G. Scribe N.; Alex. Hay, P.Z. 139, as Prov. G.P.S.; George Brooke, P.Z. 242, as Prov. 1st Asst. G. Soj.; J. Rigby, P.Z. 242, as Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Thomas Harrison, 296, as Prov. G. Treas.; W. B. Alderson, P.Z. 154, Prov. G. Registrar; C. H. Verity, 242, Prov. G. Sword-Bearer; W. Fisher Tasker, 296, Prov. G. Standard-Bearer; Henry W. Pawson, H. 296, as P.G.D.C.; Joseph Mitchell, 792, as P.G.O.; J. A. Woodhead, 290, as P.G. Steward; W. J. Lowrance, 495, as Prov. G. Steward; Geo. Newton, 495, as Prov. G. Steward; Herbert G. E. Green, 154, and 1019, as Prov. G. Steward; Joseph Hirst, 242, as Prov. G. Janitor. Also Comps. S. Slade, and E. Lord, 495; A.M. Bolsover, 242; J. H. Gratton, 242; T. Braithwaite, 242; John Bustard, 521; W. Hoole Chambers, 139; W. Ridgard Massie, 242. Letters of apology were read from Ex. Comp. Thos. W. Tew, P.Z. 405, P.P.G.H.; H. J. Garnett, P.Z. 139, 296, P.P.G.S.B.; Samuel Suckley, 139, P.G.O.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 4.50, after which the Consecrating Principal addressed the brethren on the nature of their work and its duties. After the chapter was solemnly and in due form consecrated the Consecrating Principal called on Ex. Comp. Rev. W.C. Lukis, who gave a most excellent address, enforcing on the attention of all Master Masons the necessity of taking advantage of the opportunity of joining Royal Arch Masonry, and the obligations, duties, and privileges of Royal Arch Masons.

The Provincial Lodge having been closed in due form, E. Comp. Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, 296, P.P.G.H., as M.E.Z., in the absence of those companions below the rank of P.Z., who retired for the time, installed and invested the following as Principals of the Friendly Chapter, No. 1513: Comps. James Hy. Gratton, Z.; Thomas Braithwaite, H.; John Bustard, J. The companions were re-admitted, and the following officers were appointed and invested: Comps. W. Hoole Chambers, Scribe E.; Joseph Mitchell, Scribe N.; W. J. Lowrance, Prin. Soj.; James A. Woodhead, 1st Ast. Soj.; Comp. Geo. Newton, as 2nd Ast. Soj.; W. Ridgard Massie (elected), Treasurer; Joseph Hirst (elected), Janitor.

After the thanks of the companions had been given to the Consecrating Principal for the very excellent way in which he had performed the duties of his office, thanks were also returned for the following presents to the chapter: The handsome marble pedestal and plate presented by Comp. J. H. Gratton, Z.; the cover for the same by Mrs. W. R. Massie; the three lesser candlesticks by Comp. W. E. Lowrance; and the staves, which were the gift of Comp. John Bustard, J. The other furniture, which was supplied by a well-known London firm, was particularly admired; many companions saying they had not on the whole seen so neat and tasty a set of furniture. The success of the chapter seems in every way likely when we mention that no less than six propositions for exaltation were made before the chapter was closed, which was done in ancient and due form.

Afterwards the companions sat down to an excellent banquet, their requirements being most efficiently catered for by Bro. Hammond, the new proprietor of the King's Head Hotel, whose provision gave most universal satisfaction. After the banquet the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, and the companions separated, only looking back with pleasure and satisfaction upon so successful and interesting a gathering.

ROYAL VISIT TO TRURO.

The ball at Tregothnan on Tuesday night, the 18th inst., was a very brilliant affair, although the rooms were too much crowded to enable the guests to dance at their ease. There were some 300 present, including Lord and Lady Falmouth, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, Mr. and Mrs. Molesworth, the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Admiral Sir Henry Keppel, Lady Victoria Edgcumbe, Lady Ernestine Edgcumbe, the High Sheriff and Mrs. Prideaux Brune, Major Teesdale, Sir Dighton Probyn, Captain Graves Sawle, Miss Boscawen, Misses Edith and Mabel Boscawen, Colonel Boscawen, Mr. T. Boscawen, the Mayor of Truro and Mrs. Smith, the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, besides the county and city dignitaries. Lord Falmouth led off the ball with the Princess of Wales, and the Prince of Wales with Lady Falmouth as his partner. The dancing was to the music of the Royal Marine band. The Prince and Princess remained until about one o'clock, when the company gradually retired, but dancing was kept up with great spirit until dawn by a portion of the company. Wednesday was comparatively quiet. The Royal party went over Lord Falmouth's splendid grounds, which lie on the left of the river Truro. In descending the stream the position of the seat is most picturesque, the scenery around formed by the

winding of the river and the high and wooded hills being of a magnificent character. The Prince having inspected the model farm of the estate, their Royal Highnesses embarked on board Her Majesty's steam yacht "Vivid," which conveyed them down the river to the Carrick Roads, where they visited the boys' training ship, which lies at anchor off Falmouth. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the special train, which left London at half-past 6 o'clock in the morning, arrived, bringing a force of the Metropolitan Police, consisting of five inspectors, 25 sergeants, and 250 constables, under the command of Superintendent Dunlop. The force, on leaving the carriages, was marched in four companies, through the town to the green, where they fell out and went out to the different private lodgings which had been provided for them by the corporation. Colonel Gilbert, the chief constable of the county, took command of the united force on Thursday.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

Comp. Josiah H. Drummond, President of the National Convention of Royal and Select Masters, which will meet at Detroit on August 23rd, 1880, has just issued a circular letter to Grand Masters of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, from which we take the following interesting extracts:

The Convention of Royal and Select Masons, held in Buffalo in 1877, adjourned to meet upon the call of the President.

I have been requested by Most Ill. Geo. W. Cooley, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota, in accordance with instructions of this Grand Council, to call a meeting of the convention in 1880.

Concurring in his views, I hereby give notice that a meeting of that convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan, on the 23rd day of August, A.D. 1880, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

It is earnestly desired that all the Grand Councils be represented. If no session of any Grand Council is to be held before that date, it is desired that the Grand Masters will take measures to be represented; this can properly be done, as the purpose of the convention is consultation; and its action only advisory.

That we have arrived at a most important era in the history of Cryptic Masonry is evident from the situation. The Degrees are now conferred in four different ways.

1. In chapters, as a part of the regular series of Degrees.

In this class are Virginia and West Virginia, where the Degrees are conferred before the Royal Arch, the order being Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Master, Select Master, and Royal Arch. A Grand Council was formed in Virginia in 1820, which, yielding to a claim based upon a gross error, in 1841 surrendered the Degrees to the Grand Chapter and dissolved.

2. In councils appurtenant to chapters, but otherwise independent of them.

In this class is Texas, whose Grand Council was dissolved in 1864; since that time the Degrees have been conferred in councils of quasi voluntary character, claiming to be held under the authority of a chapter warrant, but entirely separate from the chapter itself, without control by any Grand Body.

3. In councils appurtenant to chapters, and under the control and authority of Grand Chapters.

In this class are Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. These Grand Councils have formally dissolved, but, previous to their dissolution, they surrendered the Degrees (so far as they had the power) to their several Grand Chapters, which accepted the trust, and are now undertaking to confer and control the Degrees.

The Grand Council of Illinois, in like manner, voted to surrender the Degrees to the Grand Chapter, but still claims to be in existence.

Measures, looking ultimately to the same end, but not fully consummated, have been taken by the Grand Councils of California, Missouri, and North Carolina.

I understand that the Grand Chapter of Nevada (where there never has been a Grand Council) contemplates authorizing its chapters to confer these Degrees in "appurtenant councils," and the same thing is favoured in Oregon; by whose "surrender" they propose to obtain this authority I am not advised.

Several of these Grand Chapters are awaiting the action of the General Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt that an effort will be made at its next convocation to adopt the amendments to the Constitution offered by our Mississippi companions, and now pending, and thus, by endorsing what is known as the "Mississippi Plan," assume control of the Cryptic Degrees.

4. In councils under the jurisdiction of Grand Councils. In this class are Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont, in the United States, and England, Ontario, and New Brunswick abroad.

This unparalleled confusion in the entire polity of the Rite, and necessary conflict even in the rituals of the different jurisdictions, peremptorily call for action to secure uniformity, or for the entire abandonment of the Degrees by the existing Grand Councils.

Experience shows that united action can be secured only by general consultation, and a convention is the only method of having that.

The more important questions growing out of the situation are the following:

1. Shall the Grand Council system of organization be continued? If not, shall the Degrees be abandoned, or the "Mississippi plan" adopted?

2. If the Grand Council system is to be continued, what measures (if any) shall be taken to prevent a conflict between the Grand Councils and the General Grand Chapter.

3. What rule shall be adopted as to the status of those who receive the Degrees in chapters, as well as of those who have received the Degrees in regular councils, but have assisted in conferring the Degrees in other bodies, or been present when they were thus conferred?

4. What rule ought to be adopted in relation to the jurisdiction in States, &c., in which no regular Grand Council exists?

The enumeration of these questions, of course, in no manner precludes the consideration of others.

Experience shows that the comparatively brief time during which a convention can remain in session does not give opportunity for work by committees upon subjects under consideration; and the necessity of committee work, to secure proper action by any deliberate body, is universally acknowledged; indeed, it may be safely said that the action of the last two conventions failed to exert its due influence in consequence of the failure to prepare in advance measures for consideration.

To obviate the danger of ill-considered action, I take the liberty of designating companions to prepare, and have ready for presentation at the opening of the convention, reports upon the four questions above stated, for the consideration of the convention, with resolutions embodying such action as they shall recommend should be taken in relation thereto.

1. George M. Osgoodby, Buffalo, N.Y.; George W. Cooley, Minneapolis, Minn.; Wm. W. Austin, Richmond, Ind.

2. Edward S. Dana, New Haven, Vt.; Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore, Md.; Wm. Wallace Lee, West Meriden, Conn.

3. Chas. E. Meyer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Geo. J. Pinckard, New Orleans, La.; Hugh McCurdy, Corunna, Mich.

4. Wm. M. Cunningham, Newark, O.; John S. Derby, Saco, Me.; John Haigh, Somerville, Mass.

Inasmuch as no provision has been made for the expenses of the meetings of committees I trust the companions will at once proceed, by correspondence, to interchange views, and prepare reports upon the subject committed to them. There is ample time for that purpose.

I hope also no one of the companions will ask to be excused, because he may not be a member of the convention, or not able to attend it, inasmuch as the committees above announced are not committees of the convention, but of my own, to assist me in presenting to the convention matters for its action. And if any of the companions prefer they may submit their report to me, and I will have it presented to the convention by the presiding officer.

Companions, the time has come for decisive and final action in one direction or another, let us, therefore, come together and consult freely, deliberate fully, and act wisely, to the end that when we separate, the united approval of our several Grand Councils shall crown our efforts, and the future of the Cryptic Rite be irrevocably settled.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,

President of the National Convention of R. and S. Masters.

Portland, Me., March 10th, 1880.

MASONIC BALL AT NATAL.

A brilliant and most successful Masonic Ball was given on the 6th ult., under the auspices of the Natalia Rose Croix Chapter (Sovereign or Presiding Officer Illus. Bro. R. I. Finmore, 30^o, P.M., P.Z., &c.) and Natalia Lodge (W. Master Illus. Bro. Major Astley Fellowes Terry, 30^o, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Cheshire, Past Preceptor of the Temple, &c.)

The Committee was as follows:—Illus. Bros. R. I. Finmore, Major Terry, W. Francis, 30^o P.M., P.Z., &c., W. Bro. G. O. Matterson, 18^o, P.M., P.H., &c., Bro. Major Stabb, 18^o, K.T., Bro. J. F. Allen, (M.D. 18^o), Bro. Revd. G. M. St. M. Richie, 18^o, W. Bro. Capt. Bacon (A.P.D.) P.M., W. Bro. J. Smith, 18^o, P.M., W. Bro. T. Joyce, 18^o, P.M., P.Z., &c., Bro. C. Ward (M.D.) W. Bro. E. S. T. Stantial, 18^o, Bro. S. Ford, 18^o, Bro. T. J. E. Scoones, 18^o.

The room was very tastefully decorated with evergreens, among which a large number of mysterious Masonic emblems shone out as a conspicuous feature. At the east-end was the seat of honour, to which His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was conducted under the swords of the Rose Croix who stood to order to receive him, a large number of the Craft standing on either side of the room made way for him to his place. The Masonic costumes were of the most varied kind and, combined with the dresses of the ladies, gave a most pleasing appearance to the ball room. A change of a noticeable character was observable, as compared with the last Masonic Ball, namely, the great number of brethren decorated in the handsome sashes of the Royal Arch—an Order which has of late been largely on the increase in this city.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor opened the ball with Mrs. Finmore, and the dance once started was kept up with an amount of vigour which has not characterised an entertainment of the kind for a long time. The band of 60th Rifles played admirably throughout, and the lovers of dancing set to work with thorough enjoyment to get through the long programme before them. Waltzes of all kinds, from the old *Trois Temps* down to that remarkably slow and leisurely movement which is the most fashionable style now-a-days, formed the staple of the list, and most excellent was the time of the band, which kept up with the greatest energy through the whole evening. Among the most striking—nay, we may as well, at the risk of being personal and incurring the envy of his brethren, say at once the most striking costume was that of Ill. Bro. Terry, who had a coat and knee-breeches in dark blue, in the style of the costumes of George III. It belongs to one of the high Orders, of which he is a member. His jewels also were of the most striking and dazzling description. He was, however, pretty well equalled by Ill. Bros. Finmore and Francis, who had both very attractive insignia. The plain apron of an Entered Apprentice, so symbolical of innocence, was also conspicuous on account of its simplicity. Some of the ladies, to whom Masonic secrets had been most unwarrantably revealed, declared it indicated the highest rank in the room, and that the fact was that the Masons when they were initiated had the heavy and burdensome costumes put on them, and as they attained the higher Degrees these impediments were removed until they came down to the simple garb of the Entered Apprentice, and finally to the costume of ordinary civilized man.

It would of course be invidious for us to venture to criticize the costumes of the fair sex, and as we have no one on our staff possessed of the pen of a "Myra," we must do so with care. We may, however, be permitted to say that some of the prettiest and most tasteful dresses were to be seen last night that have ever graced a ballroom, and that it was a pleasure to see the pleasing contrasts occasionally made between the costumes of the ladies and the

striking, not to say gaudy, regalia of the brethren of the mystic tie.

H.E. the Lieutenant-Governor entered thoroughly into the spirit of the entertainment, and took part in several of the square dances, while the Commandant, Col. Steward, who appeared in a handsome blue collar, indicative of the high office he holds in the Craft, was indefatigable in dancing, hardly missing anything on the card. The Colonial Secretary, Captain Hime, and many of the popular patrons of the terpsichorean art, were also most energetic, and as to the ladies, they were evidently, one and all, bent upon verifying what a philosophical doctor once declared of them, namely, that it was a peculiar thing that ladies got tired by walking, but never became weary by any amount of dancing.

At about twelve o'clock the call was made for supper, when His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor led off Mrs. Finmore, illustrious Bro. Finmore taking Mrs. Mitchell. A very excellent repast was placed on the table, and we need scarcely say was done ample justice to. The wine and, indeed, everything was of the first-rate order, and the stewards of the ball were indefatigable in making it enjoyable to the guests, as they had been in the preparations. After supper (which was served in the new room just built for billiards at the Theatre Royal) dancing was renewed, and was kept up to a late, or rather early, hour. H.E. the Lieutenant Governor left at about 1.30 a.m., but did so quietly, so as not to break up the ball, but the remainder of the dance programme was taken in hand with an amount of determination which showed that there was no idea of allowing any of it to pass without full justice. At the time we left—about 2.30—dancing was going on with continued energy, which was kept up to the last.

Altogether, the Craft deserve to be congratulated on the thorough success of their ball, and we are sure all will join with us in thanking the Stewards for their indefatigable exertions. We understand that they had no little difficulty to contend against from the fact that Mr. W. Risley, who had undertaken the decorations, fell ill just at the time when his services were required.

CHINESE MASONRY.

One would naturally suppose there is enough of Egyptian Freemasonry to glut the market, but the "Heathen Chinee," with quite a savour of Yankee cuteness, comes to the front as follows:—

Among the visitors at Supreme Court Chambers, New York, February 24th, were five Chinamen—Wang A. Leeng, James C. Baptiste, Domingo de Luce, Wang Yee and Tom Yee—who appeared before Judge Lawrence as the incorporators of the "Long We Tong Eng Wi," which being interpreted, means "The Order and Brotherhood of Masons," the object of which is to "promote friendship, brotherly love, and service to the Supreme Being by mutual succour in distress and aid in sickness, poverty, adversity, and affliction." The certificate of incorporation was granted by Judge Lawrence. As the Celestial Masons were leaving the building a reporter of the *World* stopped and asked one of them what the work of the association was to be and whether it was to be affiliated with the Masonic Order or not. In reply Mr. Baptiste who speaks English fluently and reads it with perfect ease, said: "This association is what Americans would call a Lodge of Freemasons, and our object is to benefit and assist all mankind, Freemasons generally and Freemasons from China in particular."

"When did you first become a Mason?"

"I was first made a Mason in China long before I came to America."

"Have you ever been tried by an American Mason?"

"Oh, yes; more than once. In China we have had both English and American Freemasons in our lodges."

"Is there any very great difference observable in the examination by Americans of Chinese and vice versa?"

"No, none in the signs and grips. The great trouble is in the language, although both rituals mean the same thing, and our passwords, although different in sound, have the same significance."

"Have you any idea of the origin and antiquity of Masonry in China?"

"Oh, yes. I have studied the subject, but it is too much to discuss at this time, and under these circumstances; but one thing I will tell you, and that is, that the ritual used in China has been handed down unaltered for over a thousand years."

"Can you produce any evidence to substantiate that assertion?"

"I can, and will be happy to do so if you will call at my house at any time," and handing his card to the reporter Mr. Baptiste passed on. His lodge is the first established among Chinamen on the Atlantic coast.

Should anything more ancient and honourable be put upon the market we will give our readers the benefit of it.—*Looms' Musical Journal*.

AN IMPOSTOR.

Hall of Inyo Lodge, No. 221, F. and A. M., Independence, Inyo County, California, April 19th, 1880.

To the G.L. of Indiana, F. and A. M.

Brethren,—About one year ago a man giving his name as Hall was relieved by our lodge. Since then he has been roving over the Pacific Coast, and is now in the Eastern States passing himself off as Bro. R. W. Ford, of our lodge, and is receiving aid. When last heard from he was at Rockwood, Tenn., April 7th, 1880.

This man is a bilk and a scoundrel, and should be arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses. He is about sixty years of age, has gray hair, and limps a little. Please notify your subordinate lodges that they may not be imposed upon by this rascal.

A. R. CONRLIN, W.M.
(seal) HENRY M. ISAACS, Secretary.
—*Masonic Advocate*.

At Shanklin, Isle of Wight, a monument is about to be placed in the cemetery, in memory of those who lost their lives through the foundering of the "Eurydice" in Sandown Bay. It will be provided by public subscription, and will form a nautical design indicative of the fatal calamity of March 24, 1878.—*Echo*.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PILGRIM LODGE (No. 238).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. H. Furst, W.M.; Theodore Voight, P.M.; Karl Bergmann, P.M.; and thirty brethren. There were also six visitors.

Lodge having been opened, the initiation of Bro. G. Vogeler, of Bremen, was proceeded with. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Organist, presided at the organ, and the ceremony was, as usual, accompanied by choral singing of the Maenner Quartett of the lodge. For the banquet following a musical programme had been provided by Bros. Ganz and Muller, and Bro. Hartmann gave a performance on the zither, a new feature for the evening's entertainment.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The anniversary meeting of this lodge falling this year on Whit Monday, the members availed themselves of the holiday for an early discharge of Masonic business, so as to leave themselves free for other engagements at a later period of the day. In consequence the lodge was opened at the Balham Hotel, Balham, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the 17th inst., by the W.M., Bro. William Sheadd. There was a good muster of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. E. Mitchell, S.W.; W. Gunner, J.W.; Thomas Poore, P.M., Treasurer and Secretary; G. Lambert, S.D.; G. Mulley, J.D.; C. Glenister, D.C.; C. Richardson, I.G.; Past Masters James Stevens, C. P. McKay, and H. Payne; E. Gillemand, A. J. Barton, Max Brenner, W. Kerr, J. C. Lambert, G. Lilley, G. Treves, W. Saunders, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.G. J.W. Middlesex; W. Platt, P.M. 144; E. Kidman, P.M. 766; S. G. Aitchison, 1242; C. Everist, 1360; J. D. Arnold, 1586; W. P. Robinson and J. M. Gillingham, 1790.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the Auditors' report received and adopted, and a few matters of lodge business transacted, W. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Edward Mitchell, into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was marked by that careful detail in working for which Bro. Poore is justly renowned, and the assistance rendered to the Installing Master by Bro. Stevens, P.M., who officiated as D.C., further enhanced the interesting character of the proceedings. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows, viz.: Bros. W. Gunner, S.W.; G. Lambert, J.W.; G. Mulley, S.D.; C. Richardson, J.D.; Thomas Poore, P.M., Treasurer and Secretary; C. Glenister, I.G.; Max Brenner, D.C.; W. Kerr, W.S.; G. Treves, C.S.; and W. Steedman, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master, W. Bro. W. Sheadd, who was addressed in most congratulatory terms by the W.M., and who acknowledged the presentation in a few well chosen remarks. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed at about one p.m., and previous arrangements having been made for that purpose, the officers and members of the lodge, with their guests, were grouped in the grounds attached to the hotel, and a series of photographs were taken by Bro. Hall, one of the members, to be reproduced and distributed as mementos of the interesting events connected with the twenty-third installation meeting of the lodge.

Shortly afterwards the brethren sat down to luncheon, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts. The visitors were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction with all the arrangements made for their comfort and enjoyment, and Bro. Smeed especially congratulated the lodge on the perfection of working which had been displayed. Bro. Robinson also endorsed his remarks. As the afternoon passed away the several brethren departed, as their engagements elsewhere made it necessary they should leave, and just about the hour when under ordinary circumstances lodge work commences the Tyler was summoned, and the pleasant day's proceedings terminated.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The installation meeting of this well known metropolitan lodge, established in 1868, at the Head-quarters of the First Surrey Rifle Volunteer Corps, at Camberwell, was held Thursday, the 13th inst. The lodge has always been celebrated for its extremely correct and perfect working, and, as far as we have known, from the W.M. to the I.G. the officers have at all times been thoroughly proficient. In consequence, its meetings have always been most attractive to members of the Craft, and an additional attraction has resulted from the appropriateness of its Masonic furniture, and the gathering of its members in military uniform. These several features of good work, complete accessories, and personal appearance, combined with the increased order and discipline naturally resulting from the close association of men who "step together," were especially prominent on the occasion of the late gathering, when a very large muster of members and visitors assembled to witness the installation of Bro. W. C. Hale, who was initiated in this lodge in 1872. The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Charles Fountain, all officers being in their places, and there were present during work the following members, viz.: W. Bro. James Stevens, George Waterall, Newington Bridges, W. J. Messenger, and M. S. Larham, Past Masters; Bros. D. A. Ross, S.W.; W. Carlton Hale, J.W.; Capt. Arthur Styan, Treas.; Thos. A. Harper, S.D.; Lieut. C. H. Neville, J.D.; A. Youngman, D.C.; A. C. Bradley, I.G.; A. C. Woodcock, C.S.; A. J. Style, W.S.; S. Steed, Tyler; H. E. White, J. W. May, Patrick Clay, T. A. Fitzner, T. V. Turner, A. R. Cranch, C. T. Wildrem, C. W. Davis, F. P. Yonge, H. A. Price, A. H. Goggs, J. J. Curtis, W. S. Harvey, C. E. Goldring, E. W. Dubois, Herbert Cuff, C. J. Henton, T. V. Staley, J. Carpenter, and others. Amongst the visitors were W. Bro. Louis Hirsch, W.M. 1818; G. Mc. A. Low, W.M. 1670; J. G. Marsh, P.M. 28, P.G.P. Middx.; G. R. Hunt, P.M. 871; and Bros. J. H. Thompson, 1580; W. T. Royceop, 1669; G. R. Steel, 1; H. J. Bertram, 1426; G. Carrington, 1593; J. Wells, 103; T. Cull, S.W. 1446; Seymour Smith, 742; T. W. Syms and A. Hubbard, New Concord; J. S. Fuder, 1671; F. J. Gordon, Polish National, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick Peel Baxter, and, proving clear, that gentlemen was in-

duced and initiated into the Order. The installation of Bro. W. Carlton Hale, the W.M. elect, was then proceeded with, the general custom of the lodge that each Master shall complete his work by installing his successor being fully complied with by the W.M., Bro. Fountain, whose manner of performing the ceremony was in every respect most excellent. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were Bros. D. A. Ross, S.W.; T. A. Harper, J.W.; Capt. A. Styan, Treasurer; W. T. Messenger, P.M., Secretary; Lieut. C. H. Neville, S.D.; A. C. Bradley, J.D.; A. Youngman, I.G.; Lieut. N. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Style, A.D.C.; Lieut. A. Woodcock, W.S.; and T. A. Fitzner, C.S. The Installing Master then delivered the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, and at the conclusion of his oration received the never better deserved expression of high appreciation by his hearers. The Auditor's report was then presented, and showed a goodly balance in favour of the lodge, notwithstanding its liberal donations to the Masonic Charities. The lodge was, after some trifling business details had received attention, closed, and the usual liberal banquet followed, the W.M., Bro. W. Carlton Hale, presiding. The toast list and music programme were duly observed. Of the toasts those requiring special notice were "The Worshipful Master," given by the I.P.M., Bro. Fountain, who congratulated the lodge, as well as Bro. Hale himself, on his accession to the dignified position of Master, and to which Bro. Hale made an effective response; "The Visitors," which called forth expressions of fraternal regard and encouraging remarks from Bros. Louis Hirsch, J. H. Thompson, G. Mc A. Low, G. R. Steel, and T. Cull on behalf of themselves and their numerous associates; "The Initiate," more than usually well responded to by Bro. F. P. Baxter; and "The Past Masters," in reference to whom the W.M. took occasion to observe how much the lodge continued indebted to them for general assistance at all times. The handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to W. Bro. Charles Fountain, I.P.M., who returned thanks for the honour conferred. W. Bro. James Stevens, to whom the lodge acknowledges its origin, was called upon to respond. His remarks were very few, as he evidently suffered from severe cold. They were, however, very congratulatory in respect of the progress of the lodge, and the honourable position it continued to maintain in the Craft. The subsequent toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary," to which Bros. Styan and W. J. Messenger, P.M., responded, and "The Officers of the Lodge," on whose behalf the Wardens replied. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a most agreeable reunion, which had been enlivened by the excellent vocal and instrumental abilities of Bros. Seymour Smith, T. W. Symons, A. R. Cranch, A. Hubbard, and F. J. Gordon.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual meeting of this grand old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Bro. T. Hutton, W.M., in the chair. The officers present were Bros. Past Masters G. B. Davies and R. Hodgkinson, N. Brown, S.W.; H. S. Syer, J.W.; O. Hutton, Sec.; T. Hosgood, S.D.; R. A. Smith, J.D. J. Mathey, I.G.; and W. Bidgood, Organist. The visitor present were Bros. R. Gooding, 1536; Jas. Anderson, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. There being no other work before the lodge, the W.M. gave the First Lecture on the Tracing Board, with illustrations, in grand style; his clear and eloquent delivery, and perfect knowledge of the matter in hand, made this one of the highest of intellectual treats to the student and lover of Masonry, and at the conclusion he was rewarded with unstinted applause by the brethren assembled. The W.M. then called upon the Secretary of the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction to read the bye-laws of that lodge, after which the following resolution was unanimously adopted, "That the sanction of the W.M. of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, originally given to the formation of the present lodge of instruction in 1874 by the then Master, be now confirmed." The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to refreshment, the W.M. giving the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and the brethren responding heartily to the call. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Syer in eloquent terms. He said the display of Masonic lore that night by the W.M. had pleased and delighted them all, and taught them to value a Master who had proved himself so capable of filling the high position he held. Bro. Hutton briefly replied, and thanked them, and said that if they were satisfied, that was all he desired. The post he occupied was one they all looked forward to, and now when the time was drawing near for him to vacate it, he could look back with pleasure to the past, and hope for the future. "The Visitors" were honoured, and the toast was responded to. "The Officers," and "Masonic Press," followed in quick succession, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant gathering.

BOLTON.—Antiquity Lodge (No. 146).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate. Present: Bros. James Dooley, W.M.; Wm. Cooper, S.W.; George Taylor, J.W.; Mattw. Burgess, Sec.; Joab. Roswon, as S.D.; Jas. Galloway, J.D.; John Morris, P.M., D.C.; Fred. Williams, I.G.; Jas. Kennedy, Stewd.; Hy. Broughton, Tyler; Horridge, P.M.; Wild, P.M.; and Ainsworth, P.M.; Skelton, Banks, Barton, and Rimmer. Lodge was opened at 7 p.m., and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, after which it proceeded to the Third Degree for practice. Mr. Arthur Jackson was proposed for initiation at the next meeting by Bro. John Morris, P.M. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 16th inst., Bro. A. Buckle, I.P.M., presiding in the absence of the W.M.; Bro. T. G. Hodgson acting as S.W., and Bro. Smith, as J.W. There were also present Bros. J. Todd, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; Haffner, P.M.; G. Kirby, Secretary; Rev. A. B. Day, Chaplain; T. Camidge, W. Draper, and other brethren. Bro. Hopkins, Organist, presented to the lodge library a copy of "Hone's Ancient Mysteries Described," for which he received a hearty vote of thanks. It was resolved on the recommendation of a Committee appointed to consider the matter, that

three handsome chairs should be procured for the W.M. and Wardens, and placed in the banqueting room as a memorial to the late Bro. Wm. Cowling, P.M. Subsequently a ballot was taken for a Life Subscribership in the Boys' Schools, which was won by Bro. Russell, who will probably represent the lodge at the next festival of the Boys' Schools.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The ordinary monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate. Bro. William Warbrick presided, supported by Bros. Cardwell, I.P.M.; Croskell, S.W.; Atkinson, J.W.; Stanton as S.D.; Nicholson, as J.D.; and Bayley, I.G. The lodge being called at a somewhat earlier hour than usual, there were not many members present. The lodge having been opened in due form and the routine business transacted, Bro. Sykes, who received his First Degree a few months ago, and circumstances having occurred to prevent his attendance in the meantime, now presented himself for examination as an Entered Apprentice, and this proving satisfactory he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and on Bro. Sykes being re-admitted into the lodge he was duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the working being well and efficiently performed by each officer. The working tools were presented by the S.W. The lodge was then closed down, and subsequently the meeting was brought to a close in a manner peculiar and in accordance with the rites obtaining among Masons.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, May 6th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. Mark Vickers, W.M.; John Roger Lever, I.P.M.; William Nicholl, S.W.; Harry Walmsley, J.W.; John Church, S.D.; James Wilson, J.D.; Robert Tomlins, Secretary; John Smethurst, P.M. Treasurer; J. Dawson, P.M. Registrar; John Bladon, P.M., D. of C.; P. Holmes, I.G.; W. Eckersley, Ludwig Oppenheimer, R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), and J. W. Edwards, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; James Gooden, G. D. Wenham, Francis Hilton, and R. B. Harper.

The lodge was opened with prayer at six o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. Harper having answered the necessary questions, was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and on the ceremony being concluded Bro. Geo. D. Wenham was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., the traditional history being given by P.M. Bladon. The lodge was afterwards duly lowered, and the W.M., in feeling terms, addressed the brethren on the loss the lodge had sustained in the much lamented death of Bro. J.B.M. Higginbotham. In the course of his remarks the W.M. informed the brethren that he and six other officers of the lodge attended the funeral of their deceased brother, and dwelt upon his excellent qualities and the respect in which he was held by all who knew him, and concluded by proposing a vote of condolence to the widow of their brother, to be compiled by himself and signed in the names of the officers of the lodge, which was unanimously carried. It is almost unnecessary to state that the lodge was put into mourning, and each brother present wore crape rosettes. A proposition made by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M., to give five guineas to the Boys' Institution, to be taken by Bro. W. Nicholl, was seconded by Bro. John Bladon, P.M., and carried without dissent. Bro. W. Nicholl, in thanking the lodge for their kindness on behalf of the Masonic Institution for Boys, also informed the brethren that he should be happy to receive a donation from each and all of them towards this deserving Charity, and we sincerely trust his appeal will not be in vain, and that at the next meeting every member will come prepared to give Bro. Nicholl a *douceur*, however small.

This concluding the business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30.

JERSEY.—Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 877).—The regular meeting of this lodge as well as the installation of W.M. and investment of officers took place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Temple, in the presence of a goodly number of members and visitors. The business of the day commenced by raising Bro. De La Taste to the sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by Wor. Bro. P. E. Sohler, W.M., assisted by Bro. E. Rivington, S.W. and W.M. elect.; Wor. Bros. General T. C. Kelly, C.B., P.M.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., who is also a P.M. of this lodge, W. Adams, P.P.G.S.W., and several other members and visitors.

After the ceremony of raising, the lodge was resumed to an inferior Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Wor. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., for the purpose of installing Bro. E. Rivington, W.M. elect. On this occasion Wor. Bro. Le Cronier gave another proof of the love he has for the Craft, by the admirable manner he performed the duties of Installing Master, and it must be a source of gratification to the W.M. of having had such an assemblage of brethren as there were present, the great majority of the most exalted Masons in the province having made it a point of duty to attend. After Wor. Bro. E. Rivington was regularly and in ancient form installed, he proceeded to invest his officers, viz.:—Bros. Luit H. S. Blaydes, S.W.; Dr. A. Godfray, J.W.; Henry Venables Vernon (Solicitor-General of Jersey), as Senior Deacon; Dr. P. Yates, Junior Deacon; A. J. de Veuille, I.G., and Bro. Tennyson as D.C., the aforementioned brethren forming as able a staff of officers as any W.M. need wish to have, and all of them imbued with the true spirit of Freemasonry. Under such favourable auspices the Royal Alfred must prosper.

After the installation the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Hall, where a repast of the most *recherché* style was prepared by the guardian of the Temple (Bro. G. Rogers). The usual toasts were proposed and accepted with the usual fraternal spirit and respect always demonstrated by the Craft. The W.M. proposed a toast "To the *Liberal Art and Sciences*," which was heartily accepted and responded to by a visitor, Bro. Harbury, of Egyptian Hall, London, who also contributed to the amusements of the evening by his beautiful recitations and accomplished singing. A French visitor, Bro. Horace Poussard, the celebrated violinist, played several pieces, and proved his reputation by the mastery skill he showed on his instrument; several other brethren also contributed to the entertainment of the evening, thus making the installation of W. Bro. E. Rivington

one of the finest recorded in the annals of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 877.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The duties of this lodge were transacted at the regular meeting held on the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Rooms, at the Athenæum, Bro. George Taylor, W.M., occupying the chair of King Solomon. The lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Arthur Stanley was then questioned as to his proficiency as an Entered Apprentice, and his answers proving satisfactory, he was entrusted and retired, and on being re-admitted was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being given by the S.W., Bro. Aldous. The working was well gone through. After the transaction of some routine business, the usual proclamations were made, which elicited "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—The first meeting of the year and season of this, the largest and most prosperous lodge in the Province of Middlesex, was held on Saturday, May 15th, at the Red Lion Hotel, Thames-street. Punctually at half-past three o'clock p.m., the W.M., Bro. J. B. Shackleton, P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1524, opened the lodge. The minutes of the last regular lodge, held on August 16th, 1879, and of the emergency meeting, held on Friday, August 29th, were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the W.M. The ballots, taken separately, were unanimous in favour of the admission of Messrs. Robbins, Ward, Sullivan, Robertson, and A. J. Smith. In a most impressive manner the W.M. first passed Bro. A. P. Driver to the Second Degree, and he initiated Messrs. John Henry Ewen, Thomas Brise Robbins, Arthur James Smith, Isaac Sullivan, and Alexander Robertson, each candidate being introduced separately, and the arduous task was wound up by raising Bro. Louis Cohen to the Master Mason's Degree. The notices of motion on the agenda paper fell through in consequence of the proposer being absent. Bro. J. C. Woodrow, P.M., was elected Steward for the festival of the Boys' School, 1881, and Samuel Page Steward for the Girls' School, 1881. Notice of motion was given to vote ten guineas to the Boys' School, and seven guineas for a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. B. Shackleton. A large number of names were given for initiation. The lodge was closed. Banquet followed. Present, besides those named: Bro. J. Hammond, P.G.J.D. Middx., P.M., S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M., J.W.; F. Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Sec.; H. Gloster, W.M. 1531, S.D.; D. Steinbauer, I.G.; F. Knight, D.C.; H. Potter, P.M. 11, W.S.; J. J. Marsh, Organist; W. R. Vassila, C.S.; J. T. Moss, P.P.G.R. Middx., P.M.; C. W. Fox, P.M.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; and some thirty members. Visitors: Bro. S. Watson, 749; Smith, 1566; and W. Johnson, P.M. 865, P.M. 946.

PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Bro. H. Shaw, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and visitors: Bro. H. Picken, I.P.M.; W. Weston, P.M.; D. Deeves, S.W.; W. Welding, J.W.; A. Morris, Treas.; G. Kennedy, Sec.; W. Holleyman, S.D.; H. Harding, Org.; W. A. Watkins, I.G. (the latter brother, in the unavoidable absence of the J.D., filled his place admirably); J. Warren, W.M. 700; J. McDougall, P.M. 913; W. Archer, S.W. and W.M. elect 1089; G. Beaver, S.D. 700; J. H. Roberts, J.D. 700; T. Hosgood, J.D. 13; O. C. Summers, 35; F. W. Oldstock, 511; E. Griss, 1307; W. Rees, 913; W. M. Stockviss, 1076; R. Beaver, 700; J. Aillud, 615; C. Bishop, 615; G. Hill, I.G. 1437; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. A. Hill, 176, as a joining member, which proving unanimous, that brother was received into fellowship. The following candidates were then balloted for: Serjeant J. Tough, Staff-Serjeant C. Porth, and Serjeant S. Horton, and the ballot proving unanimous, those gentlemen were, with Mr. Saml. Baker, who had been balloted for and approved of at a previous meeting, duly, and with the usual solemnity, initiated into Masonry. Bro. Williams, Wishart, and Weller were then passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Collett, Wright, Newberry, and Cossar were raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of this extraordinary night's work was done by the W.M. and his officers in a most admirable manner, very favourably impressing the large circle of visitors present. A stirring appeal was then made by the W.M. on behalf of a distressed brother, who had been a serjeant-major of the Royal Artillery, and taken his discharge in India, but was compelled to return home on account of ill-health; he was now appointed to a position in Scotland, but was hard-up in funds. He (the W.M.) had given a guinea out of the charity box fund, and Bro. Warren, W.M. of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, had promised him another from his box. Now, he should pass round the charity box when they went to the social board, and see if they could not make up a sum sufficient to help their distressed brother on his way. Bro. Jolly said he had no doubt that the W.M. of the Patition Lodge, Bro. Lloyd, would give another guinea. Bro. McDougall, P.M., said he would be answerable for that. Bro. Weston then spoke of a meeting he had attended in Kent, where arrangements were made to present a testimonial to their esteemed Grand Master, Lord Amhurst, the particulars of which he gave, and the announcement was received most enthusiastically.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a pretty little collation, prepared by Bro. Tucker with excellent taste and judgment. On re-assembling around the social board, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to heartily. Bro. Weston, in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., who was compelled to retire, briefly proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, he said, had showed them that night, by the careful and impressive manner in which he had worked the three Degrees, what he was capable of doing. He had that night done more work, that was to say in respect to numbers, than had ever been done by a W.M. in a lodge since its consecration, and it must be as gratifying to him as it was to them to see that under his guidance the lodge was so much increasing

in strength and efficiency. When they took into consideration that just at this time of the year Bro. Shaw was busy fitting out the district staff, Royal Artillery Band, and others, they might conceive that his mind was fully occupied during the day, and only one who had a real and true love for Masonry could stand the work that Bro. Shaw had so admirably gone through that night. Their W.M. worked both late and early for the good of the lodge, and they ought to be, and he was sure they were, proud of him. In reply, the W.M. thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and must confess that he had tried to do his best for the lodge. If he had pleased them that was his reward. As Bro. Weston had alluded to his duties outside the lodge, he must say that they were just now exceedingly heavy; so much so that he had not been able to have a single rehearsal of the ceremony for more than a month past, and those who were Masters or Past Masters knew what that meant. He trusted that those who knew him, both in Masonry and out of it, in India, or elsewhere, would always find Harry Shaw the same as he had been for the last ten or fifteen years—willing to do his duty and help a friend. The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and Bro. Horton modestly and briefly returned thanks. "The Visitors" were next toasted, and Bro. Warren, McDougall, Hosgood, and Archer responded. The charity box was then passed round, and the sum of three guineas collected, which sum, the Master announced, amid cheers, would be placed in the hands of the brother above spoken of, together with the two guineas promised by Bro. Warren and McDougall. The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Weston, who briefly responded. "The Officers" followed, and Bro. Deeves returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The second regular meeting of the season was held at the Abercorn Hotel, on the 5th inst., Bro. W. Shury Marshall, the W.M., in the chair of K.S., supported by his principal officers and many of the members, and Bro. G. Tidcombe, I.P.M. Visitors: Bro. Edis, 1158; Dicketts, 103; Ewerby, 1385; Ginney, 733; Westerby, 1613. The lodge was opened in solemn prayer by the W.M. at 4.45, and after confirming in due course the minutes of the preceding meeting, he called upon Bro. Loe to be examined prior to being passed, in which he acquitted himself in a highly satisfactory manner, and the W.M. having further opened the lodge in the Second Degree, enlightened the worthy brother and entrusted him with the privileges of a Fellow Craft. This being the only business of the meeting, and "Hearty good wishes" having been passed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.45.

The usual quiet banquet passed off with even more than the customary enjoyment, the charm of spring combined with a lovely evening enhancing the natural beauty of this delightful although somewhat remote part of Middlesex.

LEICESTER.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1560).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bro. Rev. F. H. Richardson, M.A., W.M.; J. F. L. Rolleston, S.W.; Clement E. Stretton, as J.W.; Capt. Goodchild, Treas.; Capt. R. S. Toller, S.D.; J. D. Harris, J.D.; S. S. Partridge, P.M.; D.C.; Albert Stretton, I.G.; W. Sculthorpe, P.M.; Stewd.; Dunn and Tanser, Tylers; W. Kelly, P.P. G.M., P.M.; F. Macaulay, W.M. 1339, P.M.; Rev. J. Bird, P.M.; Clement Stretton, P.M.; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523, P.M.; G. Toller, jun., P.M. 523; Miles, J. Walker, W. J. Freer, Capt. Millican. Visitors: Bro. Potter, 523; Lieut. Pickering, 523; and Dr. Johnston, 270.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, Mr. Samuel Wilcox and Mr. Thomas Carter, LL.B., both of whom were elected at a previous meeting, were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the ceremony being most carefully and impressively rendered by the W.M., and ably assisted by his officers. A resolution, congratulating Bro. G. Toller, jun., on his appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was passed by acclamation. An application for relief having received attention, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561).—The monthly meeting of the above lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street, on the 7th inst., Bro. Wm. Longmire, W.M., presiding, supported by his respective officers. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice of the members unanimously fell on Bro. A. K. Stansfeld, the Senior Warden. Bro. R. Hartley was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Wilkinson Tyler. It was decided to hold the installation meeting on the day fixed for the next regular lodge meeting, namely, Friday, the 4th of June. The Installing Officer will be Bro. Dr. Moore, P.G.S.B. of E., P.M., &c. The usual proclamations being made, the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, April 28th. The brethren assembled at 7.15, amongst whom were Bro. A. Painter, W.M.; A. B. Whittaker, S.W.; G. Macfarlane, J. W.; S. D. McKellen, S.D.; W. Brawn, J.D.; H. Bracewell, I.G.; G. Yates, Sec.; W. Bostock, P.M., Treas.; W. Leigh, P.M.; W. Byway, S.S.; P. Hayhurst, J.S.; J. Burrows, Tyler; James Steven-on, W. R. Waterhouse, W. Craven, J. Crowther, W. Robson, J. Aitchison, B. Peacock, W. Steven-on, A. F. Forrest, W. Lyon. Visitors: John Roberts, P.M., 204; J. Dawson, P.M., 317; H. Wainwright, J.W., 317; B. McCrick, W.M., 359; G. E. Luton, 1213; G. Ormerod, 1011; J. Squirrel, 1387; H. Jones, 1469; J. Meyer, 1789; and J. Little. After the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Robson and Aitchison gave proofs of their proficiency in the Second Degree, and were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., by Bro. Wm. Bostock, P.M. Bro. Whittaker, S.W., delivered the charge to Bro. Robson, and Bro. McCrick to Bro. Aitchison. The W.M. then resumed his duties, and the lodge having been lowered "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and it was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30.

At the social board after the usual formalities, "The Health of the Newly-raised coloured Brethren from Lagos, Western Africa," were proposed in glowing terms by Bro. S. D.

McKellen, and heartily responded to. Bros. Robson and B. Aitchison suitably acknowledged the compliment, and "The Health of Bro. J. Crowther," who had not made his appearance in the lodge for two years, was drunk with great enthusiasm, and replied to by that worthy brother in appropriate terms. The meeting after a pleasant re-union was brought to a close at 10.50.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square. There were present Bro. Nath. Nicholson, W.M.; William Blain, S.W.; J. W. Heywood, J.W.; George Ferguson, Treas.; J. Martin Rutter, Sec.; William Court, S.D.; Robert Latham, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G.O., M.C.; J. Barrett, I.G.; J. T. Holt, Org.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; J. H. Greenhalph, P.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D., P.M.; John Priestley, F. G. Harwood, Thos. Naylor, Cosgrave, Tong, Rimmer, 1146; and Mather, 163. Visitors: Bro. J. Walker, P.M.; Johnson Mills, W.M.; Rorke Pennington, S.W. 37; Rob Moir, 526; J. Dovey, W.M. 146; J. Boothroyd, J.W. 221; H. Stead, W.M. 221; O. Crompton, 191; McMillan, 163; Mont, 1354; and Burgess, 1161.

The lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes of the former meeting were confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, under the presidency of the W.M., and Bro. Heywood, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.M., and installed, proclaimed, and saluted as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The following brethren were appointed officers: Bro. W. Blain, S.W.; Court, J.W.; N. Nicholson, Sec.; G. Ferguson, Treas. (re-elected); J. W. Taylor, M.C.; Rob Latham, S.D.; John Barrett, J.D.; E. G. Harwood, I.G.; T. T. Holt, Org.; Cosgrave and Tong, Stewards; and J. W. Roiley, Tyler.

The charge to the W.M., officers, and brethren was given by Bro. Brockbank. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Nicholson, in token of approval of his services during the past year as W.M. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. J. M. Rutter for his service as Secretary during the formation of the lodge, and continued up to the present time, and the resolution ordered to be engraved and presented to Bro. Rutter. A silver square and compasses were presented to the lodge by Bro. Harwood, I.G.; a splendidly-bound volume of S.L. by Bro. Cosgrave, Steward; and a beautiful case of working tools, jointly presented by Bro. Priestley and Naylor. Bro. Ferguson was appointed charity representative. "Hearty good wishes" were offered by the respective visitors, and the lodge was closed at six o'clock, and proceeded to banquet.

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MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER (No. 73).—The regular convocation and installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Comps. J. E. Mason, M.E.Z.; M. D. Loewenstark, H.; A. J. Ireton, J.; F. Walters, P.Z., S.E.; J. T. Moss, P.Z.; J. W. Baldwin, P.Z.; J. Stevens, P.Z.; T. W. Adams, Z. Comp. E. Jacobs, P.Z., opened the chapter. The companions were then admitted. The minutes of the election meeting were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and agreed to be entered upon the chapter minute book. The ballots, taken separately, were declared to be unanimous in favour of Bro. Walter Williams, 1668, and Chas. Patrick, 1227, as candidates for exaltation; also for Comp. Edward Jacobs, P.Z. 1348, P.M. 1614, W.M. 1348, as a joining member. The father of the chapter, Comp. Fred. Walters, P.P.G. 1st A.S. Middx., P.Z. and S.E., assuring the companions he felt too ill to do (as was his usual custom for so many years past) the all-important ceremonies of installations, Comp. James Stevens, in the kindest manner, yielded to the solicitations of that companion (who is now in his twenty-fifth year of Royal Arch Masonry) and others who were present by carrying out their unanimous wishes by doing the ceremonies of installations. This was indeed a very great treat, for, in a manner not to be surpassed, he installed Comps. Marcus David Loewenstark, M.E.Z.; Arthur John Ireton, H.; and John Bairstow Shackleton, J. So pleased were all the companions with his admirable working, that on motion made by Comp. E. Walters, P.Z., seconded by Comp. J. W. Baldwin, it was unanimously resolved, "That the best thanks of the chapter be voted and given, as well as honorary membership, to Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., for his correct rendering of installation ceremonies, and the many essential services he had rendered to the chapter." Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., in a suitable speech, thanked the companions for these votes. Having other important business at another lodge he withdrew, carrying with him the "Hearty good wishes" of all who were present. The business was then proceeded with. Bro. Walter Williams was exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry, the ceremony being beautifully rendered. The officers appointed and invested were Comps. J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., Treasurer (re-appointed); F. Walters, P.Z., S.E. (re-appointed); B. Isaacs, S.N. (re-appointed); W. H. Goodall, P.S.; W. Pennefather, 1st A.S.; E. Jacobs, 2nd A.S.; J. S. Swasey, W.S.; and C. T. Speight, Janitor (re-appointed). The usual P.Z.'s jewel, of the value of ten guineas, was presented, by the M.E.Z., Comp. M. D. Loewenstark, on behalf of the chapter, to Comp. J. C. Mason, P.Z., who in an efficient manner acknowledged this unanimous gift from the chapter funds to him. Several names of candidates for exaltation were given in to the S.E. This ended the business of the chapter, the visitors present being Comps. T. W. Adams, Z. 1623; A. H. Tattershall, P.Z. 140; W. T. Lover, 176; S. Ponneche, H. 157; H. Keeble, P.Z. 1275; A. D. Loewenstark, P.Z. 73; and others. Banquet and dessert followed.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).—The members of the above chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 7.30. Present: Ex. Comps. Bearn, Z.; Williamson, H.; Howes, J.; Hill, I.P.Z.; Past Principals Rubie, Reeves, and Montrie; Dr. Hopkin, P.Z. 228, 287, 710; Stuckley, E.; Eckert, P.Z., 25; N.; Radway, P. 501; Mercer, Sen. Sol.; W. H. Young, as Jun. Sol.; Bigwood, Janitor; Comps. F. Brown, Glover, Robinson.

The Board of Installed Principals having been opened, the companions were admitted, and the chapter was duly opened. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The chief business of the evening was the exaltation of Bro. Chas. Wilkinson, previously admitted by ballot, for which ceremony the Principal and Senior Sojourners changed places. After the entrance of the candidate he was duly exalted by Ex. Comp. Hearne, Z. The Second and Third Principals gave the lectures of their respective chairs, and the Mystical Lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins. Rarely is a ceremony so well conducted as it was on this occasion, all the officers being most correct and effective. A vote of thanks was passed to Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins for his assistance, and another expressive of condolence on account of his late domestic bereavement. Several matters were discussed, and Bro. Holmes was proposed for exaltation. The chapter was closed at ten o'clock.

TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).—The installation meeting of this well-known chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst. Those present were Comps. W. Bradnee, M.E.Z.; J. Hurrell, H.; B. Fullwood, J.; J. Murray, P.Z.; W. J. McLean, P.Z. 24; J. Dodge, S.N.; W. Taylor, Treas.; W. A. Goss, junior, P.S.; Ellis, 1st Asst.; Probert, 2nd Asst.; C. Johns, A. T. Blamey, B. Knight, J. Lane, and C. Emmett. The chapter having been opened in due form the M.E.Z. said he regretted the absence of Ex. Comp. Thos. Perry, P.Z., who he was sorry to say was prevented through ill health from attending. Ex. Comp. W. E. Warren, P.Z., whose engagements called him from home, and many other companions were unavoidably prevented from attending. The M.E.Z. added that he fully recognised the difficulty experienced in attending on such an inconvenient day, but owing to the forthcoming ceremony at Truro next week—viz., the laying the foundation stone of the Cathedral by the First Grand Principal, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and for other cogent reasons—it was thought best to hold it on that day. The Treasurer's account was then submitted to the chapter, which was considered highly satisfactory, the balance sheet revealing the pleasing fact of the balance being on the right side. The report was received and adopted *nem. con.* The installation of principals was then proceeded with, Ex. Comps. W. J. McLean, P.Z. visitor, volunteering his kind assistance, and Comp. Hurrell was duly installed as M.E.Z.; B. Fullwood, H.; and John Dodge, J. On the completion of this most important ceremony the companions were admitted, and the following were inducted into the several offices, the M.E.Z. accompanying each investiture with fraternal congratulations. Comp. W. A. Goss, junior, was invested as S.E.; W. Taylor, S.N. and Treas.; Ellis, P.S.; Probert, 1st Asst.; Mortimer, 2nd Asst. (by deputy); B. Knight, Registrar; C. Johns, Sword-Bearer; A. T. Blamey, D. of Cer.; J. Lane and C. Emmett, Standard-Bearers; G. J. Pepperell, Organist, and W. Chennecour, Janitor. The convocation was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer. The companions afterwards dined together at Comp. Bolt's, Queen's Hotel. The catering was of the best character and reflected great credit on the capabilities and kindness of the proprietor. The usual toasts were proposed. Some capital speeches were made, and excellent singing rendered. The companions separated in love and harmony at 10 o'clock, a most enjoyable evening having been spent.

BATH.—Tynte Chapter (No. 379).—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday, May 12, at 8 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of Z., Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins was requested to take the chair. Ex. Comp. Davis was present, but by his wish his duties as H. were performed by Ex. Comp. Williamson, H. 41. Ex. Comp. Becket was in his place as J.; also Comps. B. H. Watts and Reeves, Scribes E. and N. Ex. Comp. Hill, P.Z., acted as Principal Soj., and Ex. Comp. J. I. Dutton, P.Z., as Senior Soj.; Comp. Bigwood, Janitor. Ex. Comps. Hearne, Z. 41, and Montrie, P.Z. 41, were present as visitors. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. S. Watts as a candidate for exaltation, and this proving favourable, he was introduced, properly prepared, and exalted to the Supreme Degree by the acting Z., who also gave the Historical and Mystical Lectures, the Symbolical Lecture being delivered by the acting H. A vote of thanks was passed to the visiting brethren who had rendered assistance in the ceremony. Ex. Comp. Hearne closed the chapter at 10 o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst. Present: Bros. R. Robinson, W.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.G., Sec.; W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W., P.G. Org.; Capt. Sewell, J. W., P. G. Reg.; T. C. Robinson, S. O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., and R.M.; W. Paisley, J.D.; T. Mason, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes being read and confirmed, the Provincial officers were presented with their certificates. Bro. T. Bird, W. M. Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was then proposed as a candidate for advancement to the honourable Degree. Bro. Lamony mentioned the subject of his stewardship, on the occasion of the forthcoming festival in connection with the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a subscription was thereupon opened. Subsequently Bro. Lamony read Bro. T. B. Whythead's recently published and most interesting pamphlet on the history of the Mark Degree, and he announced his intention to prepare a framed sketch of Mason's marks from Kilwinning Abbey and Cockermonth Castle (amongst the former of which is a quintuple pointed star), as an addition to the ornaments of the Masonic Hall. The lodge was then closed.

NORTHAMPTON.—Simon de St. Liz Lodge (No. 245).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, when Bro. the Rev. S. I. W. Sanders, LL.M. and M.A., was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in the presence of a large assembly of the Craft of this Degree. The duties of Installing Master were very ably discharged by Bro. J. T. Horn, P.P.G.S.W. of Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire, and I.P.M. of the Simon de Montfort, 101, and were performed with the usual clearness and per-

fect ceremony for which this brother is so greatly distinguished. After the presentation of the warrant, &c., Bro. Sanders, W.M., appointed and invested his officers in the following manner: Bros. J. H. Hale, I.P.M.; N. T. Hewens, S.W.; H. J. Atkins, J.W.; George Ellard, M.O.; Eli Morris, S.O.; H. Spoor, J.O.; Rev. T. C. Beasley, M.A., Chaplain; W. C. Shout, Treas.; H. W. Parker, R.M.; H. Hill, Secretary; G. H. Percival, S.D.; T. V. de Denne, J.D.; H. Brown, Dir. of Cir.; E. Hale, Asst. D. of Cer.; Richard Croft, Organist; Brook Sampson, I.G.; S. Dumbleby and G. Butcher, Stewards; and W. Kirby, Tyler. The usual addresses to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren were then given by the Installing Master, and the newly appointed W.M. at once gave evidence of his working powers (for which he is so well known) by ably advancing Bros. J. Manning and T. Emery to the Degree of Mark Master Masons.

At an excellent banquet which followed the usual toasts were duly honoured. The whole proceedings were throughout most agreeable, and the brethren separated, highly pleased with the work of the evening.

Knights Templar.

TEMPLE CRESSING PRECEPTORY (No. 45).—The above preceptory held its regular meeting at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th inst., at six p.m., under the command of the E.P. Sir Knt. the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway, M.A. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a joining member was balloted for, and unanimously elected. The E.P. then proceeded with the installation of the E.P. elect, Sir Knt. Lieut.-Col. G. H. J. Haldane, who, having been duly enthroned, appointed as his officers Sir Knights Rev. C. Ridgeway, P.E.P., Prelate; Macrory, Constable; F. C. Compton, Marshal; Farran, P.E.P., Treas. (elected) and Reg.; Harrison, P.E.P., Sub Marshal; and Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.P. Essex. Capt. of the Guard. Other business was then transacted, and the preceptory was closed in due form.

South Africa.

PORT ELIZABETH.—Lodge of Good Hope (No. 863).—The installation of the W.M. of the Lodge of Good Hope, and the investiture of his officers for the ensuing year, took place in the Masonic Hall on the 15th ult., in the presence of an unusually large attendance of the brethren. Bro. S. Bain, D.D.G.M., officiated as Installing Master, and performed the duties of that important office with his usual skill and ability—in fact, the proceedings throughout were most impressive. The lodge is now constituted as follows: Bros. C. Dickinson, W.M.; J. W. C. Mackay, I.P.M.; W. Holmes, S.W.; E. E. Jostling, J.W.; P. Finlay, Treasurer; E. R. Smyth, P.M., Sec.; W. Creswell, S.D.; — Davis, J.D.; G. Smith, Organist; G. Cooper, I.G.; J. Lewis and W. A. Phillips, Stewards; and J. Henderson, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, and sat down to a repast prepared in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon the caterer and the Banquet Committee. In giving the usual Masonic toasts the newly-installed W.M. dwelt upon that of the D.D.G.M., Bro. Bain, and highly complimented him on the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings and the warm interest he took in everything that concerned the welfare of the Craft. Bro. Bain, after responding, proposed "The Health of Bro. C. Dickinson," and testified to the confidence he experienced in installing him into the chair of the lodge. The toast was well received. The W.M. having replied, "The Health of the newly-installed Officers" was proposed by Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Holmes, S.W. Bro. James Kemsley, P.M., gave "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. W. C. Mackay," which was suitably responded to. The other toasts given and appropriately acknowledged were "The Retiring Officers," "The Lodge of Goodwill," "The Southern Cross Lodge," "Visiting Brethren," "Past Masters," "Sweethearts and Wives," "The Banquet Committee," and "Poor and Distressed Brethren." The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

TUNIS.—Kingston Lodge (No. 222).—A meeting of this lodge of Mark Masters was held on the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present W. Bro. G. Pentecost, P.G. J.W., W.M.; Bros. Dr. Perini, S.W.; Professor Souiller, J.W.; Professor Clement, M.O.; Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch (P.G. Reg. and D.D.G.M., Craft), S.O.; A. Bokobsa, J.O.; Rev. E. B. Frankel, Chaplain; J. Barsotti, Treasurer; C. Carriglio, as Secretary and R.M.; S. Sessing, S.D.; J. B. Cassar, J.D.; Commander Bridger, R.N., Organist; T. Boccara, I.G.; and J. Eymon, Tyler. Bros. T. F. Reade (33, Turkey, British Consul General and Political Agent at Tunis); Delsol, Chagnon, Cassuto, Lombroso, and others. Bro. B. C. Hannen, 248, was a visitor. The lodge being duly opened, W. Bro. C. J. T. Hambro, of Milton Abbey, Dorsetshire, P.M. of Lodge Honour and Friendship, No. 1266, Blandford, and D.P.G.M. of Dorsetshire, was unanimously approved of as a candidate for advancement. On an alarm being given R.W. Bros. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. for Dorsetshire, and A. M. Broadley, P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta, entered the lodge, and were received with grand honours. The P.G.M. assumed the gavel and advanced Bro. Hambro to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., Bros. Frankel, Bridger, and Sessing discharging with great credit to themselves the duties attached to the onerous posts of Chaplain, Organist, and S.D. respectively. The ceremony being concluded, the P.G.M. expressed the keen pleasure experienced by the lodge in general, and by himself as a Dorsetshire Mason in particular, in receiving R.W. Bro. Guest as a visitor, and his deputy, Bro. Hambro, as a candidate. He then gave Bro. Guest a short account of the rise of speculative Mark Masonry in Tunis, and of the various circumstances which gave an additional and peculiar interest to the Degree as worked on the site of the great architectural achievements of their operative predecessors—the Phoenicians. On Bro. Broadley terminating his remarks, the P.G.M.M.M. for Dorsetshire expressed the surprise and pleasure he experienced at all he had witnessed, and the satisfaction he felt at knowing how

great a share a Mason of his own province—their P.G.M.—had had in bringing about the extraordinary success of Mark Masonry both in Tunis and Malta. He should certainly return to England much enlightened on the subject of Mark Masonry, and fully determined to profit, both by the example he had seen of efficient working on the one hand, and the explanations he had heard of the archaeological associations connected with the Degree on the other. He would certainly do his best to further the prosperity of the Degree in his own province, and he hoped before long that his colleague, their P.G.M., would address Mark Grand Lodge on the important topics he had spoken of on this occasion, especially as to the antiquity of the Degree. He very warmly thanked the brethren for the reception accorded him, and above all for giving him a new help in Bro. Hambro, now a member of the Order. The P.G.M. having thanked Bro. Guest for his kindly commendations, that brother was duly elected an honorary member of the lodge. The charitable collection being made with a very satisfactory result, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

Reviews.

A HANDBOOK OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES. By A. ROSENGARTEN. Translated from the German by W. COLLETT SANDARS. Chatto and Windus, Piccadilly.

We have in this book a most interesting work on architecture, pleasant to read, and valuable to study. It is enlivened by 639 illustrations, and though we do not believe in infallible writers on architecture, or anything else, and though there are points on which we may honestly differ with Mr. Rosengarten, we have no hesitation in saying that it is in all respects a book worthy of note and perusal. It alludes to the Freemasons' Guilds.

THE DERBYSHIRE GATHERER. Edited by Bro. WM. ANDREWS. Buxton: T. G. Bates, Advertiser Office.

We hail an amusing and interesting little collection of old customs and odd ways, of antiquarian lore and archaeological jottings. It is impossible for us all to carry in our heads much which, whether general or local, is of much interest to us as students and travellers on the "dusty byways and beaten highways of Time," and, therefore, such *aide memoires*, as the French put it, are very useful and valuable. We have ourselves read it with much pleasure and profit.

THE COMPLETE ANGLER. By Elliott Stock, 62, Paternoster-row.

This is a reprint of the first edition of "honest" Izaak Walton's immortal work, in 1630. Since then the book has gone through countless editions almost; but we who write in a room where "Izaak" himself wrote (198, Fleet-street), are grateful to Mr. Stock for this reproduction of our old favourite. The original of the work belongs to W. R. Halford, Esq., who has lent it for the purposes of this special edition, and Mr. Stock has imitated the original issue, in the binding, type, paper, and even "marbling" of the edges of the leaves. All lovers of the good old "Piscator" will like to have this "reprint," whether as an edition of "Luxe," or as a more humble reminder of an old friend and a pleasant writer.

THE LIBERAL FREEMASON. Boston, Mass., U.S. This magazine, edited by Bro. A. F. Chapman, maintains its prestige.

THE LANCET. This medical journal for May the 8th is the largest number ever issued, and is full of interest for medical students and proficient.

THE MASONIC NEWSPAPER, No. 6, Vol. II., April, New York. It is a very well printed and edited journal. We wish it all success.

THE FREEMASONS' MONTHLY. Kalamagoo, Mich., U.S.

This monthly, No. 3, of Vol. II., is edited by Bros. W. L. Youngs and Robert Ramsay, and is a credit in all respects to our current Masonic literature. May it progress.

CATALOGUE DE LIVRES ANCIENS. Albert Cohn, 53, Mohren Strasse, Berlin.

This catalogue, No. 132, is well worthy the study of book collectors. It contains some very curious book and MSS.

EIKON BASILIKE. E. Stock. A skilful reprint of the edition of 1648, edited by J. Scott, M.A., Oxon., and Asst. Keeper of MS., British Museum. It is very well done, and interesting for all who have looked into the question. "The Nemesis" of time has vindicated the Royal authorship of King Charles I., and exposed the "poor pretences" of Gauden, who thus died with a "lie in his mouth."

The council of the Society of Arts have awarded the Fothergill Gold Medal, offered for the best means of protecting ships from loss by fire or by sinking, to Mr. Donald Currie, M.P., for the improvement he has introduced into his passenger steamers, having for their object the prevention of loss of life at sea from fire or accident; and exemplified in the ship Grantully Castle, of the Castle Line of Packets. They further recommend that a Society of Arts Silver Medal be awarded to Mr. J. W. Wood, for his leak-stopper. In answer to the invitation offering the prize, thirty-two applications were sent in. These were considered by a committee, which has reported on them, and recommended the above awards.

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TER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF
THE BRITISH CROWN.**

The Right Hon.
THE EARL OF LATHOM,
M.W. Grand Master.

The Right Hon.
THE EARL OF DONOUGHMORE,
R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

The Summer Half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master,
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

N.B. A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken on that day, and it is requested that every brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 29th of May.

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To Correspondents.

AN ORTHODOX FREEMASON.—We see no objection as we understand the query.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Empire," "New York Dispatch," "Die Baubutte," "Boletin Oficial," "The Citizen," "Der Long Islaender," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Yorkshire Gazette," "The Freemasons' Monthly," "Masonic Advocate," "Hebrew Leader," "Egyptian Gazette," "Sunday Times," "Croydon Guardian," "Keystone," "Le Monde Maçonnique."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1880.

We give elsewhere a telegraphic summary of the proceedings at Truro, from our "Special Correspondent;" the full and complete account will appear in our next issue.

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EVERYTHING seems to have gone off admirably at Truro, and we congratulate the Local Committee and the Masonic authorities on the completeness and effectiveness of their arrangements.

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We hear that a good deal of excitement prevails as to the election of the House Committee of the Girls' School, on Thursday, the 27th inst., but we are expressing, we fancy, the universal feeling, that it is very wrong to give the Life Governors so much trouble and annoyance to gratify personal pique, and thus to enforce the attendance, much to their inconvenience, of so many brethren.

We publish elsewhere a circular which will, indeed, tell its own tale, and appeal on its own merits. It is a modest and manly circular, setting forth the claims and services of the present House Committee, and appeals to the generous and Masonic sympathies of subscribers to the Girls' School to protect them from a sudden and imperious dismissal from those who, in our opinion, had much better remain in their own proper insignificance.

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It is the undoubted privilege of Life Governors to propose new members, and it is good, we admit, at times to infuse a little new blood into all Committees, Masonic or un-Masonic. But we seldom remember a case when with so little justification it was proposed to turn out a House Committee *en masse*, and replace them by an entirely new body of Committeemen.

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SUCH proceedings are never resorted to except on grave questions of principle, or when it is desired to exhibit a want of confidence in the Committee.

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THE movement appears to us to be influenced by a desire for a petty revenge for a previous defeat, and thus practically to reject the decision of the Quarterly Court and the approval of the Grand Festival. It is, in our opinion, a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself, and deserves to be signally defeated by a large and influential majority, as we fancy it is pretty sure to be.

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STILL we would urge upon all who have confidence in the House Committee, and wish to maintain the high character, efficiency, and honour of the School, to express, by their presence and vote, their complete and unchanged approval of the past proceedings and present management of the House Committee.

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ONE of the great objections which we have raised to the system of constantly visiting lodges and appealing on behalf of the Charities, arises from the fact that the present system does not affect either the majority of the brethren, or a majority of the lodges and chapters. In both cases it is still only a minority, (let us hope an increasing one), which manfully gives year by year such kindly support to our great Benevolent Institutions. And thus, when we consider the wear and tear and expense of such a system, it is far better, we humbly conceive, to allow the Charities to appeal on their own merits. We must never forget that we are in a very different position as regards the Charities than we were twenty years ago. No doubt then the Craft wanted "stirring up," but now, what with the Masonic press and other publications, the provinces know all the claims of the Charities, and are quite as alive to their benefits as their metropolitan brethren. There may be two sides to this as to every other question, but they are matters at any rate for fair and full discussion, and to be overbearingly "snubbed, or dogmatically dismissed.

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How strange it is to note that dislike to the "Press" as an institution, which "crops up" even in Masonry. If the Press is subservient to a party and the echo of a clique all is well, but if it desires to seek to be honest, impartial, and independent, what a "change comes o'er the spirit of our dream" immediately.

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THE *Freemason* has outlived opposition, has laughed down childish criticism, and intends to pursue the "even tenour of its way" in its straightforward and manly career, neither impeded by hostility, annoyed by sarcasm, or intimidated by antagonism. It appeals simply on its own merits to a Cosmopolitan Craft, and it believes that the zealous endeavour of its proprietor to establish and keep up a thoroughly readable, rational, and Masonic paper is alike appreciated at home and abroad.

We notice that at the last meeting of the Society of Antiquaries Mr. JOHN PARKER, C.B., produced an illustration of a mosaic pavement at Pompeii, which he held to be clearly Masonic. It seems from a correspondence with Mr. Parker, that there is however, some doubt as to the genuineness of the Mosaic.

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We have read with great pleasure the "Monde Maçonnique" for May. It contains several very interesting articles. We shall recur to it in our next.

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We are especially glad to see in it a declaration that the Grand Orient of France has nothing to do with some clandestine French bodies in America. We somewhat doubted it from the first, and we are rejoiced to see our doubts confirmed by such good authority.

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We have been informed that a very large assemblage of Life Governors will be present at the next monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School, to express by their presence and vote their unabated confidence in the House Committee.

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As the election for the House Committee of the Girls' School will take place before the next appearance of the *Freemason*, we beg respectfully to urge upon all Life Governors to be present and record their votes between 4 and 5 on Thursday next, at Freemasons' Hall.

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We have received information upon which we can rely, that more than one of the brethren named on the new Committee of the Girl's School does not wish to be elected in opposition to the present Committee.

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We hear of one brother who is taking a very active part as regards the Girls' School Committee, election, who, to say the truth, has, we should have thought, to use a common expression, "other fish to fry."

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We are deeply struck, as all our readers will be with the following extract from the *New York Dispatch*. We give it without note or comment, and make no sign.

THE CIVILITIES OF LIFE.

"I never was arrested before," said Mr. Frank McGowan.

"And that was once too often," said the Court.

"But the arrest was a mistake," said the accused, as he made a sign of his hands on his breast.

"Don't make any Masonic signs here to the Court," said Justice Duffy. "That is wrong. Why did you steal that man's coat?"

"I didn't stole it. I jist borrowed it."

"Did you know the complainant?" asked Justice Wandell.

"Yes sir, we were Christian Brothers."

"Healthy Christian Brothers, to steal a room-mate's coat. Six months," said Otterbourg.

"Five months, for Christian charity's sake," said Wandell.

"A month," said Duffy, "don't you see he has raised the sign of distress."

And a month he got by a lawyer leaving him a six cent cambric, telling him to wipe it across his nose six times before sentence was imposed. The signal had the desired effect.

**LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF
THE NEW CATHEDRAL AT TRURO.**

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

In right royal weather, and in the presence of the most brilliant assemblage ever congregated in Cornwall, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has laid the foundation stone of the new Cathedral. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at ten a.m., and at that hour about 600 brethren assembled, representing all the lodges in the county, and formed an imposing spectacle. The Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall by the deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and a procession having been formed proceeded to Southleigh, where it was joined by the M.W. Grand Master. The United Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge then

marched to the Cathedral enclosure, where, in the presence of the Princess of Wales, Princes George and Albert Victor, and a large concourse of the nobility, clergy, and public, the two stones were duly laid; the one in the north-west with Masonic ceremony, and that in the north-east ecclesiastically.

A public luncheon afterwards took place at the Market House. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, presided as Lord Lieutenant of the county, and was supported by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Earl of Lathom, the Bishop of Exeter and Truro, the Lord Mayor of London, and most of the county magnates. The whole of the proceedings were of the most satisfactory character, and reflected the greatest credit on the city authorities.

The LORD MAYOR, in acknowledging the toast of his health, intimated that he hoped before quitting office that he might be able, on behalf of the citizens of London, to do something to assist the citizens of Truro to raise the Cathedral. We understand that the Lord Mayor himself has intimated his intention of presenting a window to the Cathedral. A full report is being prepared, and will appear in the next number 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.]

PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I think that a great evil is increasing amongst us, I let off the "steam" and expose my complaints in your impartial pages. I need hardly say that I allude to that display of party spirit and personal feeling which lately has been so conspicuous amongst us, and which threatens such evils to English Freemasonry. Indeed, he must be a very careless spectator of Masonic proceedings, or an indifferent reader of the *Freemason*, who does not realize both what I mean and say. For some time past a "cabal," or "clique," has been seeking to establish a power and influence in various ways in metropolitan Masonry, which, were it to succeed, would be deplorable, and were it not to be checked must be productive of annoyance to us all, and a lasting injury to Masonry itself.

Those of us who will reflect on the events of the last few months, will recognize the movements of a "clique" in resolutions, and counter resolutions, in circulars and mendacious calumnies, and in numberless other measures and threats, which are positively a disgrace to our very Masonic profession.

Even if this "clique," or "cabal," or "camarilla," or "caucus," call it by what name you like, were in the possession of every public and domestic virtue, such a system would be unendurable, as English Freemasons are too independent to be governed by a "coterie," or dictated to by a "cabal."

But, certainly, if you may take the common estimate of this "new party," which affects to dictate to Grand Lodge, and to rule our Institutions, keeping up a perpetual fermentation, it is not distinguished by any superior characteristic to the rest of its humbler and less self-asserting brotherhood. It certainly is not superior in morality or intellect, in Masonic zeal, in kindly sympathies, in knowledge of Masonry, in reverence for truth, in love of religion, to those who are anxious to avoid the debasing animosities of party and personality, and it has, therefore, no claim whatever to be heard, to be considered or to be obeyed.

I for one trust that so much public spirit yet remains amongst us, that by a determined and united effort we may be induced, Masons of all ranks and ages, to "put our foot" upon this audacious effort to hand over Masonry in the metropolis to this "outcome" of personality and malevolence, the intrigues of a petty clique, or the arrangements of an audacious "caucus."

Yours fraternally,

B. F.

[We insert this "strong meat" for "babes," as we are not insensible to the threatened evils "B. F." speaks of.—Ed.]

ELECTION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am utterly at a loss to understand the animus of your remarks in three detached paragraphs on this subject in your leader of the 15th inst. As one of the twenty-four nominated, and one of the "new blood" suggested to be infused into that Committee, permit me to say, at once, that I know of no "clique" who are pulling the bobbins to effect revolutionary changes. That I am equally ignorant of "this movement" being the result of any "petty cabals;" in fact the question of this election has never assumed in my eyes the proportions of "a movement." Nor have I any conception to what you allude as "the malevolent assertions of deliberate slander." My Masonic instinct keeps me clear of the very border lands of such volcanic ground.

From my utter ignorance of all the pernicious and un-Masonic influences to which you have alluded I am left to conclude that I am one (to use your elegant words) of the "worthy brethren," to "become a cat's paw."

In a long Masonic experience of active work in England and Ireland I have never occupied that undignified position, and I never shall.

My position is simply this. Asked by a brother distin-

guished for the good work he has done for our Masonic Charities whether I would serve, if elected, on the House Committee, I have consented, and, believing that all our Committees would be sensibly improved by a modicum of fresh blood being introduced every year, I shall go to the poll. If successful my purpose is to serve the Institution, not a "clique;" if unsuccessful, my hope that it may be better served by someone else, my abiding regret in connection with the matter being that you should have thought it necessary to impart such rankerous expressions into your remarks, and invest the contest for a "labour of love" with as much invective as an "Eatanswell election" manifests.

If the independent Mason seeking—nay, not even seeking, but willing to work when sought out—is to be permitted to take office on the Committee's four Charities, except by the consent of an organised clique, then I am ashamed of the "English" Masonry to which I have attached myself so ardently, and must seriously contemplate retirement from an Institution untrue to its professions.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. SOUTHWOOD,

P.M. and Sec. 1260, Z. 1260, P.M. 120, Irish Constitution, Steward for Girls' School, 1876; Steward for Boys' School, 1877; Steward for Benevolent Institution, 1878; and Steward for Girls' School, 1879.

[With all esteem and respect for my excellent Bro. Southwood, it is just possible that we of the *Freemason* may know a little more of what is going on "behind the scenes" than he does. Our remarks do not, of course, apply to him.—Ed.]

ADMISSION INTO ENGLISH LODGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think you must surely have been made the subject of a hoax, for I can hardly credit the statements contained in a letter in your issue of the 15th inst., purporting to be written by a brother named "Fowler" as to his having been refused admission to five or six lodges meeting on one evening at the Freemasons' Hall in the month of October last. Allow me to state that at the meeting of one of my lodges in November last (the University, No. 1118), an American brother, unknown to any member of the lodge, came and requested permission to attend our meeting. The Worshipful Master instructed me to go out and examine him, and to see if his papers were in order. The examination of the brother himself proved in every respect satisfactory, and his papers being in perfect order, he was at once admitted to the lodge, paid every honour while there, and invited to attend the banquet when the lodge was over; and he left us expressing himself very much gratified at the way in which he had been received.

These facts show that all London lodges do not follow the course so justly complained of, and I must therefore ask you kindly to send a copy of the *Freemason* in which this letter appears to your American correspondent.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HUGH H. RIACH,

P. Prov. G. Sec. Oxon, P.M. 874 and 1523, Sec. of the University Lodge, No. 1118.

Pall Mall Club, S.W.,
20th May.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent last week in his complaint that he was refused admission to lodges which he desired to visit as a stranger only expressed an almost universal misconception of our laws on the subject.

Yet the Book of Constitutions is very clear. Art. 1 of Visitors says: "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination, by one of the present brethren." No. 15 of the Ancient Charges and Regulations, subscribed to by every V.M., says: "You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge."

It follows, therefore, that to entitle a brother to enter a lodge as a visitor he must produce his voucher (his certificate), be duly examined, and find some one to whom he is personally known, or who will recommend or vouch for him. This is very different from an indiscriminate admission of every one who can pass an examination.

Yours fraternally,
May 19th.

P.G. SEC.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC JEWELS.

Bro. Broadley (D.D.G.M. Malta and Tunis) writes, "In 1823-24 the brethren of Lodge St. John and St. Paul (Valletta) assumed a distinctive jewel—what was its description?" It is possible, though not probable, that Bro. Hughan, or some former member of this lodge, may be able to supply particulars. Bro. Broadley also puts another query, which I trust some reader of this column may be in a position to answer, viz.: "What was the locality of a monument erected by the Masons of Malta in 1857 to their brethren who fell in the Crimea?" So far as I can recollect, having been stationed with my regiment (the 31st) at Malta during the first half of that year, no Masonic monument was erected up to June, 1857.

R. F. GOULD.

BRO. FRANCIS DRAKE.

Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, who is editing a volume of correspondence for the Surtees Society, has forwarded to me two extracts from letters addressed by Francis Drake, Junior G. Warden of the Grand Lodge of All England, to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Stukeley, which are not without a certain amount of interest.

The first is dated July 15, 1753, and says, "I heartily wish more unity amongst our brethren."

The second is dated May 25, 1754, and says, "I am sorry for the dissensions amongst our brethren. Strange, that this new charter, which surely was designed as a stronger cement to bind them faster together, should make them so loose and ungovernable."

Dr. Stukeley was a Cambridge student of medicine, and practised as a physician at Grantham. Where he was made a Mason I know not, but in a letter written to Samuel

Gale, Esq., dated from Grantham 6th February, 1726-7, he says: "We have likewise erected a small but well disciplined lodge of Masons, the recommendations of some of my good friends at London." In 1729 Stukeley took Holy Orders, and was presented to the living of All Hallows, Stamford. His patron was the Duke of Montague, who was Grand Master in 1721. His brothers-in-law, Roger and Samuel Gale, were also Freemasons.

What lodge at Grantham is referred to by Stukeley? The present lodge seems to have been warranted in 1820. Have the Grantham brethren any records of an older lodge? I do not find mention of any in the published lists.

And what does Drake refer to when he speaks of "dissensions" and a "new charter?" Is he referring to the first Constitutions, and the division between the "Moderns" and "Ancients?"

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

JOSEPH AMES.

Bro. Samuel Poynter's note of last week affords much welcome information respecting the responsible editor of the *Parentalia*, and I look for the promised transcript of his epitaph with much interest. According to Nicholl's *Literary Anecdotes* (1812, vol. v., p. 256), Ames attended Dr. Desaguliers' lectures in 1720, and after twenty-five years' labour in collecting and arranging his materials, brought out in 1749 his "*Typographical Antiquities*," being an historical account of printing in England, with some memoirs of our ancient printers, and a register of the books printed by them, from the year 1471 to the year 1600.

In a letter from Sir Peter Thomson, F.R.S., to Dr. Ducarel, dated 12th May, 1762, the following appears:—"In 1755, in the summer of that year, Mr. Ames pleased me with his company here (Poole) about three months. That was the time he copied as much of Mr. Hutchings' abstract from Aubrey's MS. as he chose, on his return to London he formed it into a book of an octavo size," &c.

Taking all circumstances into consideration, viz., Ames' acquaintance with Desaguliers; his editorial (?) supervision of the *Parentalia*; the interest he evinced in a MS. of John Aubrey's; and his membership of the Royal Society, in whose library reposed the especial Aubrey MS. which treats of Wren's initiation, I think it is fairly inferential that Ames must have *deliberately rejected* what is now known as the "1691 theory" of Wren's admission into the Society. I am imperfectly acquainted with the "*Typographical Antiquities*," and other works of Joseph Ames, but I incline to the opinion, that if their phraseology is compared with that of the *Parentalia*, the same ruggedness of style, and other noticeable peculiarities, will strike the reader as being common to both—thus, it may be, justifying the impression that the *Parentalia* was not only *edited*, but *actually written* by Ames.

R. F. GOULD.

INIGO JONES.

I am now in correspondence about the best method of ascertaining the exact value of Inigo Jones' MS., and hope, in a number or so of the *Freemason*, to report progress. The evidence is, of course, so far "inferential," but if it can be authenticated, it supports collaterally the verity of the Masonic traditions. It is just possible we shall not arrive at more than this, though I do not give up the hope of yet stumbling on some 17th century Masonic documents.

A. F. A. W.

TRAVELLING MASONS AND MARK BUILDERS.

In W. Collett Sandars's translation of Rosengarten's "*Architectural Styles*," which I have reviewed more fully in the "*Masonic Magazine*," there occurs at p. 289 the following passages: "Besides the social revolution of the 12th century, with its efforts to extricate society from the bonds of the Church (of Rome), the fraternities, or guilds, of Masons, from whom the Freemasons derive their origin, may have contributed greatly to the completion of the pointed arch, the system on all its parts, as well as the unity and harmony of its entirety, being passed from fraternity to fraternity. These fraternities were probably formed as early as the period between the Romanesque and the pointed styles in order to afford counterpoise to the organization of the priesthood. For until the twelfth century architecture in the north of Europe was in the hands of the monks and the clergy, whose prejudices led them to cling to the Romanesque round arch, even in the period of transition, &c. I am not convinced with the exact correctness of such views, but I make a "note" of the subject.

MASONIC STUDENT.

COLE'S LIST OF 1770.

Is it worth while to re-publish this list?

I note that it seems to recognize No. 54, Royal Exchange, Boston, founded in 1733, as the oldest American lodge. It also contains Solomon's Lodge charter form, South Carolina, founded 1735, a lodge at Savannah, Georgia, founded in 1735, a second lodge, No. 128, founded at Bolton, 1749.

What does Bro. Hughan think of this list?

MASONIC STUDENT.

"OUR ENGLISH RITUAL," No. 1.

The editor of the *Freemason* has written "Notes on our English Ritual" in two parts, and after considerable research as to titles and figures, &c., has given us a rapid resumé of the various MSS. and works said to treat of the subject from early last century. In fact, the sketch itself begins before there were Masonic Degrees, and ends at a period when one more Degree was added to the simple "English Rite." I say one more, with the full knowledge that it is considered by many not to be a Degree, but the completion of three previous Degrees.

It is simply impossible to consider the extensive subject treated by the Rev. Bro. Woodford in the pages of a Masonic paper, or, indeed, other than orally, and hence it is equally impossible to answer some of the queries mentioned in the articles referred to in print, as they should be done, to explain our position. Many of the works alluded to are of value, and still more are, if not utterly, certainly ritualistically, entirely worthless. I have long studied the various so-called rituals or exposés, as others have done, and each time with the growing conviction of "their being the same, only different," as the old saying runs, or, in other words, all start with the original "skeleton sermon," and vary only in the clothing. The subject can easily be considered bibliographically, in that respect presents few difficulties, and is one of pecu lia

interest to such of us as delight in such matters. "Jaclin and Boaz" did not appear at first in 1750, but in 1762. Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, agrees with me on this point, and it is important to hear the latter date in mind. It and the "Three Distinct Knocks" of the same year were the un-Masonic heralds of quite a batch of imitations, which have been circulated by thousands, even down to the present day, under the foregoing titles, or others still more striking in character. In fact, their circulation over the globe has doubtless far exceeded that of the regular works of the Craft.

I do not consider the Rev. Dr. Oliver a safe guide to follow as to the so-called rituals of our ancient brethren, if only from the fact that they never left any for posterity to examine, and neither is he accurate as to dates on the subject.

Many of the editor's remarks or notes as to several of the leading Masons of last century are worthy of a careful perusal, especially when it is remembered that all we know of their ritualistic proclivities is mainly due to the fanciful statements of brethren during the present century. As to Dunckerley, I fancy if we have erred at all, it has been in making too much of him. Bro. Gould has discovered lately the date of his initiation, viz., Jan., 1754 (which is of value), and, after patient examination of the records, has failed to find much about him, and our labours have terminated in the same way. It is useful to subject all the declarations of Masonic writers to a careful scrutiny, for there is often more chaff than wheat.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE MARK DEGREE.

Whilst thanking the editor for his kindly notice of my "Notes on the History of the Mark Degree," I would respectfully submit that, although he says he does "not altogether go with the writer" of those notes, yet he and I are, on the contrary, quite in accord, if I may judge from his review of the matter. The editor admits that Masons' marks are found in Scotch minute books late in the seventeenth century, but none in England until late in the eighteenth century, and that the difficulty is to connect the operative "marks" with any actual working of a Mark Degree. This is exactly what my difficulty has been, as I have stated in my notes, but I have attempted to throw out a theory in this wise. We know that some of the Scotch lodges were both of an operative and speculative character, and gradually lost the former element, becoming altogether speculative. It was probable that at this transition period they preserved a kind of ceremony, combined with moral teaching (like their Craft working), in connection with the selection of a mark by each brother, and that this system was imported into this country by brethren who had visited Scotch lodges and taken a fancy to the working. The present Mark lodge at York, for instance, was inaugurated by a few Scotch Mark Masons belonging to a regiment quartered at York. The "Old York" Mark Lodge at Bradford was worked for many years in connection with the Hope Lodge (Craft) in that city, but unfortunately no minutes appear to have been kept of its proceedings. The Hope Lodge (No. 302) was "warranted" (?) by the Moderns in 1774, and now works under the "Dispensation" then granted and signed by the Grand Secretary at York, for they have never had a "warrant" granted to them to this day. This dispensation I had the pleasure of perusing Wednesday week at Bradford on the occasion of the meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire holding its annual meeting in the Masonic Hall. I had hoped to have been able to see some Mark records of antiquity belonging to the Hope Lodge, but although Bro. J. C. Taylor, P.M., and several other old members of the lodge had carefully examined the minute books, they had been unable to discover any note of the Mark working. In my "Notes" I referred to the Minerva Lodge at Hull, and to the working of the Mark Degree there as early as 1802. Bro. Peck, the Secretary, calls my attention to the fact that on March 2nd, 1814, an entry occurs in the minutes to the effect that "Bro. F. Appleyard, P.M., illustrated the Mark Degree in a very masterly style," showing that in that year there was an elaborate ritual. Bro. Gould writes me that in a minute book of Lodge No. 163 (1737), now defunct (referred to in his most valuable work), he discovered an entry dated January 5th, 1744, and signed by twelve members of the lodge, opposite one signature being a figure like a large 2 (numeral), and the words "his mark." As Bro. Gould says, this of course might mean that the brother in question was unable to write, but it happens that in the same minute book, under date of 20th February, 1745, only a year later, occurs amongst the signatures that of the same brother (J. Pecker), who signs without a mark. Unless, therefore, during the intervening twelve months this brother acquired the art of writing "his mark" must have been a Masonic mark appended to his signature. All "rituals" are modern, of course. So are all "Degrees," and the "crux" with all Masonic writers has been the connecting link. Masonry shares with most family pedigrees the trouble of a missing link, which we are all anxious to find.

T. B. WHITEHEAD.

MASONIC MOSAICS AT POMPEII.

Can Bro. Findel, or any German brother, help me to a pamphlet on this subject, published some time back?

EDITOR FREEMASON.

KRAUSE, K. C. F.—Well known in the archaeological and literary history of Freemasonry; was born in 1781 at Eisenburg, and died at Munich, not in prosperous circumstances, in 1832. Krause, who was educated first at Dandorf, the "Handbuch" tells us, from 1797 studied philosophy under Schelling and Fichte in Jena, and left the university in 1802, intending to devote himself to private tuition. He was initiated into Masonry in April, 1807, in the Lodge "Archimedes zu den drei Reichthumern," in Altenburg, and affiliated in October, 1805, to the Lodge "Zu den drei Schwertern," &c., at Dresden. He seems to have become the Orator of the lodge, as in 1809 he published "Vier Reden, nur für treue Brüder," at Dresden, as the "Redner" of the lodge. In 1811 he issued "Höhere Begeisterung, &c., in zwölf Logen Vorträgen, so wie sie in den Jahren 1808, 1809, 1810, gehalten worden sind," and "In den hiedien vereinigten Logen z. d. 3 Schw. und der vereinigten Fr." He also in 1810 published his "Idee der Menschheit;" in 1811 "Das Urbild der Menschheit;" and he also edited in 1811 a "Tagblatt der Menschheit," which he laid to the fifty-second number. In 1810 he had put forth his very remarkable work, "Die drei ältesten Kunsturkunden der Ermaurten Bruderschaft," which

marks a new era in Masonic archaeological investigation and historical research. At least, the first part appeared in 1810 (Arnold, Dresden), the second part in 1813. We may observe that we have the 2nd edition, of which the first volume was published at Dresden in 1820, and the second in 1821, and which we have used all through this work. The publication of the first part appears to have aroused the wrath of the German Masonic Dryasdusts and the partisans of the uncritical school (like us with us), and Krause and Massdorf were excluded from the Lodge "Zu den drei Schwertern," &c.—a most unwise and intolerant proceeding. Indeed, Krause seems to have suffered for the rest of his career from this outburst of ignorance and bigotry combined. We to-day, who have profited by Krause's labours, and learning, and scholarship, and scientific study of evidences,—we feel bound to record the gratitude and respect which all Masonic students feel for Krause's memory. Whether Krause was right or wrong in his theory is not the question; as to whether the system of publication he adopted was ipso facto justifiable, we do not think it needful to express an opinion. It is evident that Krause looked on the matter as an archaeological and historical question alone, and sought to give clearness and consistency to the hopeless dullness of meaningless exposition, and the mournful anachronism of perverted tradition. So let us honour his name, and speak kindly of his works, in the scientific and intellectual interests of the Order to which we belong. We can safely assert, from long study, the great artistic value of Krause's Masonic researches.

FANATICISM is one of those peculiar outbreaks of ill-regulated minds which seems periodically to affect humanity. It has marked human nature curiously enough from the first, and has even disgraced religion. Of course, to some, religion itself is fanaticism; but we are speaking of that hopeless and excited and intolerant spirit which denies to another the right of private judgment, which sees nothing good in any who happen religiously or politically to differ from it, and which bans instead of blessing, and hinders instead of advancing, the progress of religious toleration and of the liberty of belief. Freemasonry has suffered much from fanaticism and fanatics in past times and at the present hour, but knows nothing of it itself, disavows it, and condemns it. Freemasonry avows toleration for all, and wishes ever to lay down the great though sometimes forgotten truth, that the world is wide enough for all religious bodies, and that instead of fighting with one another, and cursing one another, they had better join in one common crusade against evil, ignorance, suffering, sorrow, want, and wretchedness, lying like Lazarus at their very doors. *Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

Amusements.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—The Alexandra Palace started upon a fresh career on Saturday last, under the lesseeship of Bro. James Willing, who, we see, has wisely retained the services of Mr. W. H. Jones, as manager, that gentleman having had great experience of the public requirements, and he is understood to have a wide discretion given him in the provision of a very liberal programme. Reforms have been introduced which can hardly fail to be greatly appreciated. There are five seats at all the entertainments. In the refreshment department a new tariff has been arranged; monthly and quarterly tickets are now issued at a low rate, and a better service of trains at lower fares has been organised. The palace has only been a fortnight in the possession of the new lessee, therefore there has not been much time to make arrangements, but several prospective events of an interesting character are already fixed; whilst the programme for the Whitsuntide holidays presented a good prospect of what the public may reasonably expect in the future. Myer's Circus and Hippodrome is a prominent feature in the amusements, at which a number of graceful and daring feats are displayed by lady and gentlemen artistes, whilst the elephants and lions (the latter exhibited by Mr. J. Cooper) caused much amusement and wonder. On Monday last (Whit Monday) Byron's burlesque, "Little Doctor Faust," was given in the theatre, a selection of national airs was contributed by the band of the Grenadier Guards, and the programme also included performances on the great organ and by Mr. Jansen's band, and a fireworks display by Bro. James Pain on the great lake. The Japanese village and famous grove were illuminated in the evening. The grounds presented a charming appearance, the trees and shrubs being clothed in the freshest garb of spring. There was an immense gathering on Monday, and on Tuesday a very large share of the patronage of those who were holiday keeping was accorded to the palace. Altogether there seems to be every prospect of a very successful future for the Alexandra Palace, under the new lessee, which, considering the very liberal programme tendered by Bro. Willing, he well deserves.

Mr. Alfred J. Eyre has been appointed organist to the Crystal Palace, in place of the late Bro. James Coward.

"High Life Below Stairs" was played at the Gaiety on Wednesday afternoon on the occasion of Miss Farren's benefit.

Miss Eleanor Burnett's morning concert will take place this day (Saturday) at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, Portman-square, commencing at half-past three o'clock.

On the occasion of Miss Ellen Terry's benefit, at the Lyceum Theatre, on Thursday last, she appeared in an idyll adapted by Bro. W. G. Wells from Henrik Herz's poem, "King René's Daughter," and entitled "Iolanthe," and as *Portia* in the "Merchant of Venice" (terminating with the trial scene).

The fourth representation of "Madame Favart" at the Strand took place on Monday last, and a fresh start is made, with new dresses, new furniture, new decorations, and new scenery, but happily not with new performers, at least so far as Miss St. John, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Marius, Mr. Harry Cox, Mr. Bracy, and Mr. Lewens are concerned.

Old London Wine and Spirit—L. F. Smith & Co., Wine Merchants, Experts and Valuers, 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—(F.A. 11.)

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

George Sand's correspondence is being collected for publication.

Dr. Gaisford's philological library has recently been sold by Messrs. Sothely and Co.

Mr. G. O. Trevelyan's new work, "The Early History of Charles James Fox," is now in the printer's hands.

In the *Victoria Magazine* for the current month will be found a highly interesting paper on "Swallow Superstitions," by Mr. H. C. Appleby.

Mr. Edward Lamplough is writing for the *Hull Miscellany*, a series of able articles under the title of "Cameos for the Chronicles of Hull."

In the smartly conducted *Press Gazette* will be found numerous well written articles and interesting literary and press gossip. The journal is well edited.

It is stated that Mr. John Morley, the editor of the *Fortnightly Review*, and an unsuccessful candidate last month for Westminster, is to be the new editor of the *Pall-Mall Gazette*.

The *Athenaeum* states that the Society of Painters in Water Colours has finally determined to alter the constitution of the society so far as to make 40 instead of 30 the number to which full membership shall be limited.

It is understood that the duties of conductor at Her Majesty's Theatre during the coming Italian opera season will be shared between Signor Arditi and Herr Hans Richter, the latter officiating as often as his other engagements will permit while he remains in London.

The National Portrait Gallery has just received Haydon's large picture of the Anti-Slavery Convention held at Freemasons' Tavern in 1840. The painting includes more than a hundred portraits of those who were prominent in the abolition of slavery. Among others there are portraits of Clarkson, Dr. Lushington, Lady Byron, Mrs. Opie, and Daniel O'Connell.

An announcement in the *Times* states that on the 5th inst. Mary Ann Evans Lewes, of the Priory, North Bank, Regent's Park, was married at St. George's, Hanover-square, to John Walter Cross, of Weybridge, Surrey. Mrs. Cross is the celebrated novelist who writes under the *nom de plume* of George Eliot.

Numerous entertaining and well written papers will be found in the *Masonic Magazine* for May. Mr. J. H. Leggott writes on "The Rod in and out of School," Mr. Trowsdale on "Whitsuntide Customs," and Mr. Appleby on "Superstitions and Customs of Judas Iscariot." Other articles of merit appear.—*Duxton Advertiser.*

Herr Makart, the Austrian painter, is now finishing another colossal picture, "The Hunt of Diana," which has lately been exhibited at his studio in Vienna. The work represents Diana and her nymphs suddenly arrested in their pursuit of a stag by the animal plunging into a lake, whose Naiads rise from the waters to protect the hunted creature.

The article on "Queen Victoria and Art," illustrated, by permission of the Queen, with copies of sketches by Her Majesty and the Prince Consort, will appear in the June part of the *Magazine of Art*. This will form the first of a series of articles to appear in this magazine illustrating the interest taken in art by members of the Royal Family.

A series of papers entitled "Yorkshire Family Romances," which Mr. Frederick Ross, F.R.H.S., a delightful descriptive writer, and the author of many valuable historical works, is contributing to the weekly supplement of the widely circulated *Leeds Mercury*, are being read with much interest. Mr. Ross has the gift of clothing the chronicles of the past with all the charm of a fascinating story, and at the same time adhering with accuracy to historical fact.

Referring to Mr. W. H. Hatton's latest contribution to historical literature, the *Hereford Times*, in a long and flattering notice, says:—"A series of papers on the Battles of Chesterfield, from the pen of Mr. W. H. Hatton, F.R.H.S., are especially valuable from an historical point of view, and evince a profound acquaintance with the records of the past." Mr. Hatton has just been admitted a member, on the recommendation of Dr. Rogers, of the British Topographical Society, the headquarters of which are at Grampian Lodge, Forest Hill, London.

We are pleased to notice a still increasing interest in matters antiquarian. The *Bedfordshire Times and Independent* has recently commenced a column for the collection of "Local Notes and Queries;" and we find it announced in the smartly-edited *Gloucester Journal* that it is intended henceforth to publish a weekly column of the same description in that paper. Mr. Thomas B. Trowsdale is writing for the *Gloucester Journal* a series of interesting papers entitled "Gleanings of Gloucestershire Lore." His lucid and picturesque descriptions of local historical episodes, antiquities, &c., are attracting much attention.

According to the *Academy*, Lord Ashburnham, yielding to the representations of M. L. Delisle, has generously presented to the Library of Lyons the leaves of the famous Pentateuch, which, under painful circumstances, had been taken from that library and carried off to England. This is a generous and liberal act which has caused general congratulations, and for which French scholars owe a debt of gratitude to the noble donor. Mr. Greville Chester has recently returned from a journey, undertaken at the request of the committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, to the principal Biblical sites in Lower Egypt, and in particular from the tract of country between San, the ancient Zoan, and the Serbonian Lake, through which, according to the theory taken up and advocated by Brugsch-Bey, and since accepted by Professor Sayce, the Israelites passed at the time of the Exodus. The result of Mr. Chester's explorations will be published in the next Quarterly Statement of the Palestine Fund. The *Academy* hears that he has been compelled to abandon this theory, as he has discovered that the geographical and physical features of Serbonic are in actual conflict with it, and utterly incompatible with any tract of water bearing the name Jam Suf.

Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 4, Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
165, Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hot.
259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
255, Iris, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
Rose Croix Chap. 28, Palestine, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
507, United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell.
753, Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's H., St. John's Wd.
754, High Cross, Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham.
898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.
1017, Montefiore, S. Air-st., Regent-st.
1828, Shepherd's Bush, Richmond Hot., Shepherd's Bush-rd.
Chap. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W. at 8.15.
Peckham, Maimore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl, Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 51, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
861, Finsbury, Rosemary Branch Tav., Hoxton.
1525, Duke of Connaught, Moorgate Stn. Restaurant.
1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
657, Canonbury, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
706, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.

Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Lodge 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
1601, Ravensbourne, Lewisham Town Hall, Catford.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 29, 1880.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Lodge 1609, Liverpool Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
1675, Antient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants' L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of L., 80, N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston,
724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
730, Ellesmere, Royal Oak Hot., Chorley.
1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 605, Pe Tabley, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
1052, Callender, Public H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of L., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
1313, Fernor, M.H., Southport.
1595, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 202, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of L., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Chap. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, May 29, 1880.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

Lodge 467, Tudor, Red Lion Hot., Oldham.
999, Robert Burns, M.H., Manchester.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

Lodge 126, Silent Temple, Exchange Hot., Burnley.
1744, Mellor, Railway Hot., Guide Bridge.
Mark 136, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

Lodge 128, Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury.
163, Integrity, F.M.H., Manchester.
210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.
274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head, Newchurch.
303, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
1083, Townley Parker, Mosley Hot., Beswick.
1219, Strangeways, Empire Hot., Strangeways.
1392, Egerton, Stanley Arms, Bury.
1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., Gorton.
1033, Avon, Denmark Hot., Greenheys.
1723, St. George, Commercial Hot., Bolton.
1775, Leopold, M.R., Church near Accrington.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Lodge 78, Imperial George, Assheton Arms, Middleton.
215, Commerce, Commercial Hot., Haslingden.
286, Samaritan, Green Man, Bacup.
346, United Brethren, Windmill Inn, Samlesburg.
348, St. John, Bull's Head, Bolton.
350, Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough.
369, Limestone Rock, M.H., Clitheroe.
462, Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms, Accrington.
935, Harmony, M.H., Salford.
1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-under-Lyne.
Chap. 42, Unanimity, Derby Hot., Bury.
Mark 32, Union, M.H., Manchester.
K.T. Precep. 8, Plains of Mamre, Bull Hot., Burnley.

FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Chap. 152, Virtue, M.H., Manchester.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CLARK.—On the 15th inst., at the White Hart, Giltspur-street, E.C., the wife of Mr. Donald Clark, of a daughter.
DEED.—On the 16th inst., at St. Albans, the wife of the Rev. J. G. Deed, of a daughter.
DEVAS.—On the 14th inst., at Strathmore-gardens, Kensington, the wife of C. S. Devas, Esq., of a daughter.
DICKSON.—On the 15th inst., at Eastchurch, the wife of the Rev. R. H. Dickson, of a son.
FENZI.—On the 16th inst., at the Villa Fenzi, Rusciano, Florence, Evelina Fenzi (née Douglas-Galton), wife of Signor Cammillo Fenzi, of a son.
FISHER.—On the 17th inst., at Hayter-road, Brixton-rise, the wife of A. Fisher, prematurely, of a son, who survived his birth only a few hours.
FOLLIT.—On the 17th inst., at Rosedale, the wife of W. H. Follit, of a daughter.
FRASER.—On the 17th inst., at Park-circus, Glasgow, the wife of R. H. Fraser, Esq., of a daughter.
GARDNER.—On the 18th inst., at Kingston-hill, Surrey, the wife of F. Gardner, of a daughter.
GRANT.—On the 14th inst., at Staull House, Elgin, N.B., the wife of A. Grant, of a son.
HAMILTON.—On the 15th inst., at South Barrow, Bickley, Kent, the wife of J. J. Hamilton, of a daughter.
HAYWORTH.—On the 17th inst., at Cazenove-road, the wife of W. W. Hayworth, of a son.
HENNIKER.—On the 15th inst., at Buckland's Hotel, Brook-street, the wife of Captain F. Henniker, of a son.
LAYTON.—On the 15th inst., at Carlton-road, Sidcup-park, Mrs. E. J. S. Layton, of a daughter.
MOORE.—On the 11th inst., at Alnmouth Vicarage, the wife of the Rev. D. Moore, of a daughter.
WOOD.—On the 15th inst., at 18, the Avenue, Blackheath, the wife of T. Daynes Wood, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BODE—LEWIN.—On the 12th inst., at St. Matthias', Stoke Newington, C. F. Bode, M.A., Oxon, to Sophia, daughter of the late S. Lewin, Esq., of Womaston, Radnorshire.
BROWNE—COMPIGNE.—May 15, at St. Ann's, South Lambeth, Ernest Frederick, son of J. Browne, Esq., of Freemantle, Southampton, to Henrietta, daughter of A. L. Compigne, Esq.
MONEY—WALL.—On the 18th inst., at St. James's, Westminster, Major-General E. K. Money, to Martha, daughter of the late J. J. Wall, Esq.
WATT—WELSTEAD.—On the 8th inst., at All Souls', St. Marylebone, Hugh, son of J. Watt, Esq., J.P., of Maryfield, Ayrshire, to Julia, daughter of C. M. Welstead, Esq., of Whatlington, Battle, Sussex.
WILEY—BELL.—On the 13th inst., at Christ Church, Southgate, Arthur John, son of T. Wiley, Esq., of Dawlish, to Gertrude Mary, daughter of the late P. Bell, Esq., of Stiffkey, Norfolk.

DEATHS.

COLLENS.—On the 16th inst., at Holme-lodge, Romford, Ann Collens, aged 43.
CROFT.—On the 16th inst., at Canterbury, Cecilia Fanny, daughter of the late Archdeacon Croft, and granddaughter of Charles Manners Sutton, late Archbishop of Canterbury, aged 56.
GILDER.—On the 13th inst., at Effingham, Surrey, Frederic Wilkie, son of the late F. Gilder, of the Coldstream Guards, aged 34.
HAYMAN.—On the 15th inst., at Wellington Cottage, Ryde, Isle of Wight, Mr. R. Hayman, aged 79.
LANGTON.—On the 14th inst., at Claremont-park-road North, Birkenhead, H. C. Langton, aged 78.
MARSDEN.—On the 15th inst., at Earl's-terrace, Kensington, Marion M. Marsden, widow of J. G. Marsden, of Gibraltar, aged 69.
SIMMONDS.—On the 16th inst., at Lavender-hill, Clapham, F. Simmonds, aged 54.
SMILES.—On the 15th inst., Francis Smiles, of Buenos Ayres, son of the late Dr. W. Smiles, of Shipton-on-Stour, Worcestershire, aged 41.
SMITH.—On the 17th inst., at Bellevue-crescent, Edinburgh, Euphemia Mackay Smith, daughter of the late P. Smith, Esq., senior, Glasgow.
SPOONER.—On the 16th inst., at his residence, Walton Lodge, Stafford, W. Spooner, Esq., aged 69.