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ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron, and Trustee in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. F. Nettleship, Thomas Goode, W. F. C. Moutrie, Jno. G. Stevens, F. Adlard, Charles Lacey, Richard Hervé Giraud, J. A. Farnfield, John L. Mather, John Constable, James Kench, T. Quitman, W. Clarke, G. Bolton, James Brett, J. Newton, John Bulmer, Thomas Cubitt, A. F. A. Woodford, A. H. Tattershall, J. R. Gallant, C. G. Dilley, Edgar Bowyer, Wm. Stephens, Charles Fredk. Hogard, Charles Daniel, Raynham W. Stewart, S. Rawson, J. M. Case, Henry G. Warren, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, William Hale, W. Hilton, Thomas Meggy, Rev. C. J. Martyn, H. C. Levander, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey, (Freemason.).

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and verified, the names of the following brethren as the Committee of Management of the Institution were read:—Bros. S. Rawson, A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell H. Clarke, Col. Burney, R. H. Giraud, Dr. Jabez Hogg, E. J. Barron, Capt. Phillips, W. F. Nettleship, James Kench, C. Atkins, James Brett, W. Clarke, Chas. A. Cottebrune, C. F. Hogard, W. F. C. Moutrie, G. Penn, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, James Willing, jun., F. Adlard, John Bulmer, C. F. Dilley, Thos. Goode, W. Hale, W. Hilton, Julius Quitman, L. Stean, W. Stephens, and Raynham W. Stewart.

The SECRETARY announced the deaths of certain annuitants, and then read the Warden's report, and the names of the successful candidates at the election on May the 21st, after which, authority was given for the Chairman to sign cheques for the first quarter of the annuities of those elected, viz., £210 to the men, and £208 to the female annuitants.

The next business was the appointment of the Finance House Committees, when Col. CREATON said that in consequence of his numerous Masonic engagements he was unable to fulfil his duties as he could wish on these two Committees of this Institution. He begged, therefore, not to be put in nomination again upon them. Thereupon Bros. W. Stephens, R. H. Giraud, W. Hale, H. G. Warren, and C. F. Hogard were elected the Finance Committee; and Bros. S. Rawson, Raynham W. Stewart, J. A. Farnfield, C. J. Perceval, and Thomas Cubitt the House Committee.

The brethren afterwards considered a letter from the late Collector, which was read by the Secretary, but adhered to the resolution come to at the last meeting.

The Committee gave their consent to the hall of the Institution being used for the annual summer entertainment to the aged inmates.

The day fixed by the House Committee for the visit of the Stewards of the late festival was next Wednesday, between one and four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of filling up the office of Collector was brought before the brethren, when some brethren suggested that that office should be abolished, and an extra clerk to the Secretary be employed in his place. It was, however, resolved to adopt the course followed on a vacancy occurring on Bro. Lane's death in 1877—refer to a Sub-Committee the whole question of the office, duties, and emoluments of the Collector, to be reported upon to the Committee at next meeting. Col. Creaton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, John Newton, John Constable, J. G. Stevens, J. L. Mather, C. Lacey, C. F. Hogard, and W. Clarke were afterwards appointed a Sub-Committee, after which the Committee adjourned till the 23rd inst. It was afterwards ascertained that this day would be inconvenient, as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent and several other important Masonic gatherings would take place on that day, and the Chairman authorised the Secretary to send out notices making the meeting Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at two p.m.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The General Committee of this Institution held its monthly meeting on Saturday last, Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. A very large number of brethren were present.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Committee, on the recommendation of the House Committee, raised the salary of the assistant master from £100 to £110 a year, and of the wardrobe keeper from £50 to £60 a year.

Plans were submitted from the Board of General Purposes for the new offices, for which £85 a year is proposed to be charged for rent by Grand Lodge, and £5 for coals, gas, and attendance, with the use of the Board-room when not required for Grand Lodge purposes. The propositions were accepted, power being reserved to suggest alteration in plans.

A letter was read from the W.M. of Lodge No. 700, complaining that the voting papers were not delivered in time for the late election. Bro. BINCKES explained that the proxies were posted to the only address known at which the lodge met.

Five petitions for placing candidates on the list for the election in October were received and passed.

An outfit of £5 was granted to a lad whose term in the School had expired, and who had since obtained a situation.

A letter was also received from one of the late pupils who had obtained a situation in Mexico, to whom an outfit had been granted, thanking the Committee for voting him an outfit.

The election of House Committee was then proceeded with. The poll was declared shortly after five o'clock, when the following was found to be the result:—

ELECTED.

Names.	Votes.
Bro. J. G. Chancellor	104
" W. Paas	101
" E. J. Rows	100
" Dudley Rolls	98
" Raynham W. Stewart	94
" W. Roebuck	93
" W. F. C. Moutrie	92
" S. Rosenthal	83
" H. W. Hunt	83
" W. F. Ramsey, M.D.	78
" Charles Sanders	77
" J. Joyce Murray	75

NOT ELECTED.

Bro. Thomas Cubitt	34
" E. B. Grabham	26
" Alfred Williams	23
" E. C. Mather	23
" R. P. Spice	21
" Alfred Durrant	15

The following brethren are the Finance and Audit Committee for the year:—

Bros. John Constable, Donald M. Dewar, Charles F. Matier, William Mann, Thomas Meggy, Charles E. Soppet, Alex. Wallace, R. B. Webster, and Henry Venn.

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

FESTIVAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The general arrangements, as approved by the Board of Stewards, on Monday, the 31st ult., for the eighty-second anniversary festival at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the 1st of July, are as follows:—

Stewards and their friends are invited to assemble not later than half-past four.

It is hoped that the Stewards, and company generally, will render every assistance in carrying out these arrangements, with a view to the comfort and enjoyment of all.

The concert room, in the Centre Transept, the enclosed corridor, and open balcony at the back, overlooking the grounds, will be exclusively reserved for the festival.

Brethren acting as special Stewards to be divided into two bodies:

- 1.—For tables numbered 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 2.—Ditto " 5, 6, 7, 8.

Stewards, ladies, and brethren will meet in the enclosed corridor and balcony adjoining.

Wands will be borne by special Stewards only.

On the arrival of the Chairman, he will be received by the Officers of the Board, special Stewards, and members of the House Committee of the Institution.

Stewards and their friends with tickets for the tables numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, on the right, will enter the banquet room by door marked "B," and take their places.

Stewards and their friends with tickets for the tables numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, on the left, will enter the banquet room by door marked "C," and take their places.

Visitors with complimentary tickets, and others for whom places are reserved at the cross table, will enter from the corridor by the door marked "A." Tickets for these seats are printed in black.

The company seated, the Chairman, accompanied by the Officers of the Board, Grand Officers, and House Committee of the Institution, for all of whom seats will be provided at the cross table, will enter the banquet room by door "A," in the centre.

Light refreshments—tea, coffee, &c., will be served throughout the evening, after the banquet, in the enclosed corridor.

The open balcony will be reserved for smoking.

Hats and coats will be taken charge of by attendants on each side within the concert room.

The doors of the concert room leading to the Centre Transept will be available for ingress and egress for those attending the festival after the banquet.

The grand exhibition of fireworks, &c., as advertised, will take place on this evening, and to witness this the enclosed corridor and open balcony will be reserved throughout the evening for visitors to the festival.

A special train for Victoria and Holborn Viaduct will leave the High Level Station at ten o'clock, after the fireworks.

Regulations as to clothing (by special command)—No Masonic clothing nor jewel shall be worn.

Brethren: Morning Dress. Ladies: Morning dress, with or without bonnets as may be preferred.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES,

V. Pres. (P.G. Steward), Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

THE STEWARD'S VISIT.

The annual fête, distribution of prizes, and visit of festiva Stewards and their friends, will be held at the Institution on Saturday, the 26th inst. Tickets and particulars can be obtained from the Secretary, 6, Freemasons' Hall.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Lion Hotel, under the auspices of the Isaac Newton Lodge, No. 859. The D.P.G.M., Bro. John Deighton, occupied the chair. Bro. T. Nichols was re-elected P.G. Treasurer. The D.P.G.M. then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Dr. D. Lithgow, 809 Wisbech	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Wilderspin, 441, Cambridge	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. Sumner, 809, and Rev. B. Boughton-Leigh, 859	Prov. G. Chaps.
" C. A. Smith, 88, Cambridge	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Haggis, 441	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Cole, 441	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. Gray, 859	Prov. G.J.D.
" A. R. Price, 859	Prov. G. Sup. W.
" M. Fowler, 859	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. M. Cann, 859	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" F. Piggott, 88	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" A. B. Louth, 809	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" W. Purchas, 88	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Cole, 441	Prov. G. Purs.
" W. W. Campion, 88	Prov. G.A. Purs.
" H. R. S. Callander, A. N. Campbell, E. Wayman, and E. C. Boughton-Leigh	Prov. G. Stewds.

In the evening there was a *recherche* banquet, at which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided. About seventy brethren were present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cambridgeshire was held at the Chapter Room, Cambridge, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present M.E. Comps. J. Dimmock, P.G.H.; E. Haggis, G.J.; C. F. Jarrold, G.R.; J. A. Dimmock, G.D.C.; T. Hunthubun, G.S.B.; W. C. Dewbury, G. Org.; T. Nichols, G. Treas.; Capt. Brownrigg; and several other companions. The Right Worshipful the Grand Superintendent of the province, Comp. J. Deighton, was then introduced with all due honours. After the routine business of the chapter had been disposed of he proceeded to make the following appointments:—

Comp. J. F. Hardy, 859	Prov. G.H.
" N. T. Caldwell, 859	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. G. Basham, 88	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. Carrick, 809	Prov. G.P.S.
" A. Robinson, 441	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. V. Jones, 441	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" T. Nichols, 88	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. R. Ling, 88	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. S. Hall, 88	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. E. Boughton Leigh, 859	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Bray, 809	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Dewbury, 441	Prov. G.O.

The Grand Chapter was closed in solemn and ancient form, and the companions, to the number of twenty-six, adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, held (by the kind permission of the Master and Fellows) in Sidney College Hall. The remainder of the evening was spent in perfect Masonic harmony.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTON, AND DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting and general communication of Mark Master Masons in this important province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., &c. The Fowke Mark Lodge, No. 19, was represented by Bros. S. S. Partridge, P.M., D.P.G.M.; G. Toller, P.M.,

P.P.G.W.; R. A. Barber, P.M., P.G.J.W.; R. Waite, W.M. elect, P.G. Treas.; J. M. McAllister, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Rev. C. H. Wood, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Taylor, P.G.M.O.; C. E. Stretton, P.G.J.O.; J. Young, P.G.D.C.; J. Jessop, P.G.I. of Wks.; F. J. Baines, P.P.G.R.M.; S. A. Marris, P.G. Steward; and others. The Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 30, by Bro. Dr. R. B. Smith, P.G.R.M., and others. The Simon de Montfort Lodge by Bros. J. T. Thorp, P.M., P.P.G.W.; H. Meadows, M.B., W.M.; Thos. Colman, S.D., P.G.I. of Wks.; S. Cleaver, Sec., P.P.G.S.; Rev. F. H. Richardson, J.W., P.P.G. Chap.; W. J. Curtis, Dr. Hammond, and others. The Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, by Bros. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., W.M.; N. T. Hewens, S.W.; Geo. Ellard, M.O.; and Henry Hill, Sec. The Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, was represented by Bros. W. Wynne Jeudwine, W.M.; Philip Le Gros, S.W.; Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe, P.M., G. Chap. of Eng.; E. C. Milligan, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Lancashire; W. L. Ball, M.O.; and J. O. Manton, Asst. Sec. Among the visitors were Bros. G. F. Parkinson, J.W. 32; and John Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. E. Lancashire.

The reports received from the various representatives indicated continued progress, and careful attention to the laws and constitutions of Mark Masonry in this province; and the officers of the recently-constituted lodges, the Simon de St. Liz and Duke of Connaught, have especially deserved the highest praise for the zeal and assiduity which has characterised their work during their term of office.

The principal incident in the business of the meeting was the unanimous re-election of Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., as Prov. G.M.M. He has discharged the important duties of this distinguished position since the constitution of the province—twenty-two years ago—and is now the senior provincial representative of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Bro. the Rev. Augustus Adam Bagshawe, M.A., R.D., P.M., Grand Chaplain of England, having been appointed Deputy Prov. G.M., the assembled Mark Masons manifested their esteem and regard for the good man and worthy Mason in a manner which must have afforded him considerable satisfaction.

The following brethren were appointed Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Clement Stretton, J.P., P.M.	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. C. Milligan, P.M., &c.	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. S. J. W. Sanders	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Wynne Jeudwine, W.M.	Prov. G.M.O.
" Dr. R. B. Smith	Prov. G.J.O.
" Robt. Waite, W.M.	Prov. G. Treas.
" Thomas Worthington, S.W.	Prov. G.R.M.
" J. M. McAllister, P.M.	Prov. G. Sec.
" N. T. Hewens	Prov. G.S.D.
" Philip Le Gros, S.W.	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. Young, J.W.	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Hill	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Jessop	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Samuel Knight	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Samuel Cleaver	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Brook Sampson, Mus. Bac.	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Spoor	Prov. G.I.G.
" Dr. Hammond, Bro. Geo. Ellard, } and Bro. W. C. Moore. }	Prov. G. Stwds.

At the banquet, which followed, Bro. CHADWICK, Prov. G. Sec. Lancashire, ably responded to "The Visitors" toast, and Bro. E. C. MILLIGAN, P.G.J.W., for "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

THE MASOINIC CEREMONY AT TRURO.

We give a further list of visiting brethren on the above occasion:—

T. Caultnan, 1402; J. H. Lloyd, S. 11, 1125; Col. Biddek, P.P.G.W., 1138; T. Gibbons, I.P.M., 1205; S. Hyne, P.M., 1205; J. H. Wells, 223; T. S. Bayley, P.M., 189, P.P.G.T.; J. Curgenven, 223; W. H. Mackey, W.M., 1091; J. R. G. Ellis, S.W.; J. Cobdick, J.D.; F. Henwood, C. D. Stentford, J.W., 159; J. Gibson, I.G., 1254; H. Whitley, W.M., 1284; W. George, J. Trelease, J. Browning, C. Babbage, P.P.G. Sec.; Sir. E. Lechmere, Bt. M.P., P.G.M., Worcestershire; C. P. Henty, P.P.J.G.W., Sussex; C. Briscoe, P.M., 311; E. Crossman, W.M., 1363; J. Summers, 137; S. Prout, G. Summers, 814; S. Hoskings, J. H. J. Petherick, 551; Rev. C. S. Smith, 371, Sussex; J. E. Jefferies, P.M., 1197; J. Bywater, 662; W. Ellis, 1338; T. S. May, J.D., 1099; S. Jew, P.M., 105, P.P.G.T.; F. Westlake, J.D., 70; J. Jerman, I.P.M., 39; J. Murrin, P.J.W., 1396; Richards, 1396; M. Jacobs, 1396; S. Carne, V.P., 1212; J. Bassett, W.M., 1212; J. Ripper, P.M., 1212; T. P. Jackson, P.M., 1212; W. Bickle, 1212; P. Rogers, 1212; P. P. C. Elliott, 1212; J. H. Trowce, P.M. and Sec., 1212; W. Pidsley, I.P.M., 1254; A. H. Wills, P.M., 1284; C. C. Kendrick, S.W., 1254; W. A. Gregory, J.W., 1254; J. Sampson, Chap., 1254; E. T. Fulford, W.M., 1254; H. Leigh, 70; F. Falk, W.M., 1358; J. Haynes, P.M., 70; R. Gorey, 230; W. W. Crowhurst, 70; J. Du Pré, 70; J. Beard, 70; J. Guard, 1486; W. Pitcher, J.W., 230; R. Cawsey, P.M., 230; R. T. Quance, 230; J. B. Witheridge, P.M., 223; B. Land, J.D., 1254; T. E. Peek, S.W., 1205; W. Brodie, P.M., 1254; G. Perkin, 1205; C. Tapscott, 223; G. Hirtzel, P.M., 112, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Deloe, S.D., 223; W. Powell, P.M. and Sec., 1205; H. Cameron, W.M., 1205; W. H. Hinit, J.W., 1205; Capt. G. E. Price, M.P., 1205; C. J. Howe, 954; W. S. Pasmore, P.P.O.P.; C. H. Cooper, P.M., and Sec., 105; Gray, 105; J. N. Valentine, W.M., 303; J. J. O. Evans, J.W., 303; R. Frost, 303; J. S. Kersteman, P.P.G.R., 303; G. N. Burden, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. H. Collins, P.M., 303; C. W. Rowe, 303; W. W. Hill, 303; S. Roach, P.M., 70; G. Sercombe, S.S., 70; J. M. Hilley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hogten, D. Cer. and Org., 223; C. W. H. Hulley, P.G. Chap., 1753; G. W. Gould, S.W., 1753; Haynes, P.M., 106; Legge, 106; Stone, 106; Lacy, 106; Bishop, 160; J. Cock, P.M., 421, P.P.G.D.; J. Roushley, 282; J. H. Westlake, P.M., 666, P.P.G.P.; E. Pearce, 1753; H. J. Ham, 1255; J. M. Scott, 610; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., 141, and 1512, P.Z., 1326; S. Chapman, 135; T. Hicks, 291; J. Nicholls, T. M. Humphries, P.M., 537, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Stafford; Rev. F. Gibbons, J. Westlake, W.M., 686, Bristol; W. Worlock, P.M., 1296; H. K. Gripps, J.W., 1296; E. F. C. B. Cave, P.P.G. Chap., Sussex, P.M., 40, and 3rd. Prin. R.A., 40; H. W. Batten, P.P.G.D.C.; W. E. Fulford,

663; W. Randell, P.M., 468, P.P.G. Chap., Warwickshire, P.P.G. Chap., Staffordshire; E. Bryant, 135; E. L. Hill, P.P.G.P., 906; W. H. Dill, P.P.G.A.P., 906; J. W. Evens, P.M., 1296; A. W. Beavens, W.M., 1271; D. Bell, P.M., 103; W. P. Pannell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. S. Stevenson, 156; R. R. Pengelly, 1205; M. Farrant, W.M., 112; W. Bowden, 230; J. P. Heath, W.M., 39; J. Powning, P.M., P.P.G.C.; J. R. H. Harris, W.M., 230; H. Ford, W.M., 1181; G. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.D., 1181; Rev. R. Swansborough, P.M. 1181, P.G.C.; Rev. S. R. Wigram, 214, P.G. Chap., Essex; M. Bawden, 220; Rev. T. Walters, D.D., P.G.C., South Wales; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., 1563, Isle of Wight; G. Jewson, J.W., 93; J. C. Yelland, P.M., 39, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. C. Walls, P.M., 1381, P.G.S.B., Middlesex; F. B. Alston, P.G.W.; Rev. N. Platt, P.P.G.C. of Devon; P. Kemp, 1615; R. R. Davis, P.M., 256; J. Roberts, 65; W. Walker, 65; Rev. S. Bent, P.G. Chap.; W. Hamilton, P.M., 34; W. W. P. Thomas, 45; J. H. Matthews, E. J. Cave, 1572; G. J. Baniser, P.G.S.B.; L. Bertrand, 1624; Major W. E. Williams, 162; F. B. Williams, 1537; F. Newton, P.G. Std., 5; R. C. Halse, 181; Rev. C. Martyn, P.G.C.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; H. Cotton, 554; L. Hirsch, W.M. 1818; W. Stephens, P.M. 1489; T. Cubit, P.G.P.; S. Knight, 90; Lord Ebrington, G. M. Devon; J. Pain, P.M. 339; G. Perrin, 11; A. C. Spaul, S.W. 1768; J. Ledger, W.M. 1586; E. H. Thielley, P.P.G.S.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D.; J. P. Smith, W.M. 271; H. Scott, J.G.D. Eng.; J. Hill, W.M. 850; W. Cawthorne, S.W. (acting); W. Silver Hall, J.W. 432; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; J. Bartle, I.G. 1642; W. Murlis, P.M. 1642; E. M. Landeer, W.M. 1642; Rev. J. Cox, P.G. Chap.; G. Bnt, P.G.A.D. of C.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; R. Gray, P.G.D.; E. Drysdale, 1820; T. Goodchild, 1793; C. A. Merton, P.G.D.; W. Mason, 1642; H. Carter, W.M. 92; J. Howle, Sec. 92; L. P. Metham, P.G.D.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.A.D. of C.; T. J. W. Marsden, 787; H. Godfrey, P.P.S.G.W. of Gloucester; J. Jeffry, P.S.W. 331; W. May, 589; F. E. Remfrey, 589; Rev. J. C. K. Sanders, P.M. 1286, and P.P.G. Chap. of Lincolnshire; T. S. Casey, Dunhus, Dublin; H. A. Gibson, jun., Tavistock; V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, and 732, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Sec., Sussex; C. J. Smith, W.M. and P.M. 1466, P.G. Stwd. Sussex; J. Rossiter, W.M. 40; G. E. Gardiner, Past Prov. G. Chap. Wilts.; T. R. Davies, 103; Luff, P.M., 622, and P.S.W. Weymouth, G. Carrick, P.M. and J. 809, P.P.S.G.W. Cambs.; R. C. Else, D.P. G.M. Somerset; J. C. Hunt, P.G. Sec.; J. B. Marwood, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. F. S. P. Scale, W.M. 135, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Brodie, P.M. 291; B. Greenhill, 135; J. Channon, 291; A. Woodhouse, 291; A. Villar, P.M., W.M. 261, P.P.J.G.W.; F. H. Woodford, P.M., W.M. 261, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Blizard, P.M., W.M. 261, P.P.G. S.W.; J. H. Smith, P.M., W.M. 261, P.P.G.S.W.; J. G. Vile, J.W., W.M. 261; W. Adams, P.M., W.M. 261; J. Showers, Treas., W.M. 261; F. Haynes, Sec., W.M. 261; W. Bidgood, 261; G. Strawbridge, 261; C. Allen, 261; H. Baker, 261; C. Sutton, 261; W. H. Cooksley, 261; G. Sanders, 261; T. J. Shephard, 261; W. Baker, 261; A. Bailey, P.M., J.W. 772, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Bailey, jun., P.M. 772; J. Thompson, W.M. 810, P.P.G. Std.; E. W. Coombs, 814; S. Lawrence, J.D.; J. W. G. Coombs, J. E. Willmott, W.M. 1222; F. Thomas, Treas.; W. E. Perrett, S.W.; S. Norton, H. Hyssett, 1222; S. Mills, S. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; S. Jones, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Matthews, Francis Travers, W.M. 137, P.P.G.S. Wks.; C. T. Marston, I.G. 137; N. Harvey Lodge, California; A. Campbell, 445, Peace and Concord Callas Perm. Grand Lodge of Scotland; H. Hicks, 156, Woodland, California, America; F. Hicks, 387, St. John Lodge, Dublin; W. B. Eldson, 48; W. Bristow, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec. Worcestershire; A. Brown, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treas.; J. Barber, P.P.D.G.M.; H. Cross, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Buck, Prov. G. Sup. of Wks.; J. M. Evans, Prov. G. Purst.; W. Barkley, J.W. 280; F. G. Williams, Org. 261; H. Newland, A. Lewis, J. R. Brittan, 1222; C. F. Gooch, 683; J. F. Sincow, W. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M. P.M. 112; John Brewer, P.M. 251, P.G. Sec.; Walter, Moon, 1550; T. H. Anderson, 39; T. W. Simon, P.P. G.C., P.M. 189; W. Ellis Warren, P.M. 1358, P.P.G. J. Org.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.M. 159; H. Rogers, 1099; J. Erskine Risk, P.P.G.C.; John Hussey, P.M. 847; John Read, P.M. 847; H. G. Beachey, P.M. 1138, P.G. Treas.; William Harris, P.M. 1138; Herbert Martin, P.S.W., 1138; Charles Pope, J.W. 1138; G. H. Hearder, Org. 1138; Charles Stevens, P.M. 1138; J. Olver, P.M. and Sec. 1138; Francis Sudling, J.D., 1138; B. R. S. Richards, P.M. 282; R. L. Rusden, 105; T. Berry, P.M. 1402, P.P.G.T.; W. A. Goss, jun., W.M. 1402; Anthony T. Blamey, S.D.; G. P. Pepprell, J.D. 1402; John Lane, I.G. 1402; B. Knight, and James Murray, P.M.

BRO. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT.

By the death of his cousin, Sir Robert Burdett, Bart., brother of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, our well-known and esteemed Bro. Col. Francis Burdett succeeds to the title. We know we are expressing the unanimous sentiments of the Craft at large when we say that they one and all congratulate him on his succession to the honours of so distinguished a family.

Col. Sir Francis Burdett is descended from Hugh de Burdett, the follower of William the Conqueror, and may claim the baronies of Berkeley, Tyes, Latimer, and Baddlesmere, in right of descent from the heirs female of these houses. He was born in 1813, and married first in 1842, Amelia, daughter of Major J. Sharp, of Kincairathie, Perth, and secondly in 1867, Mary Dorothy, daughter of Mr. J. Smith, of Cleatham, county Durham. He entered the army in 1834, became major in the 17th Lancers in 1845, obtained the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1849, and has since retired from the service.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett's services to Masonry have been varied and long. He was initiated in Ireland, and joined Lodge 255, Harmony, Richmond, 23rd April, 1867, and was first W.M. of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court, in 1869. In March, 1869, he was nominated Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, with rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of England, and in December of the same year received the appointment of P.G. Master of Middlesex, which he now holds, and he is also Prov. Grand Superintendent Royal Arch, Middlesex. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett is Prov. G.M. of Mark Master Masons for Middlesex; Inspector General Thirty-Third Degree, Ancient and Accepted Rite; Constable of the Grand Priory of the

Temple and Malta, and ex-officio member of the Council; Most Ill. Sovereign Red Cross of Rome and Constantine; Hon. V.P. of the Rosicrucian Society, and a member of the Supreme Council of the Princes of the Royal Secret, Thirty-Second Degree, Ireland.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF AMITY (No. 171).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, June 1st, 1880, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Present: Bros. Joseph Clever, W.M.; E. Phillips, S.W.; C. Harcourt, Treasurer; J. W. Clever, Secretary; Gooding, S.D.; Buck, J.D.; Fenn, I.G.; Smith, Tyler; and Cooper Batty Whiteley, P.M. Members: Bros. Wendover, Petrie, Tannahill, Toms, Brown, Bateman, Smith, Read, and Dodd. Visitors: Bros. Blake, 945; Richards, 1329; Russell, 77; Beckerton, 1329; Collard, 1704; H. Muggeridge, 1679; Cooper, 745; Elam, 569; Birkett, 569; Hollingworth, 63; Cope, 715; Terry, 228; C. E. Tinney, 1319; Faulkner Leigh, 404; and Herbage, 177. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bros. Wendover and Read were passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. E. Phillips was then presented as the W.M. elect for the ensuing year, and installed by Bro. J. Clever, W.M. Officers appointed: Bros. Bateman, S.W.; Gooding, J.W.; Harcourt, Treasurer; J. W. Clever, Secretary; Buck, S.D.; Fenn, J.D.; Petrie, I.G.; and Smith, Tyler.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday last at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.; Cohu, P.M., acting S.W.; Chillingworth, jun., J.W.; Kenning, P.M., Treasurer; Abbott, P.M., Secretary; Lorkin, S.D.; Pratt, I.G.; Arkell, I.P.M.; Gilham, Bright, Fisher, Cobb, Perkins, Kent, Cook, Norris, Williams, Perrin, and others. Mr. William Fox was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Williams was passed to the Second Degree. A nomination paper was signed by the W.M. and brethren for one of Mr. Wilkinson's daughters; also for one of Mrs. Smale's sons. A meeting was appointed to arrange for a summer banquet.

ASAPH LODGE (No. 1319).—Monday last witnessed a general assemblage of the brethren of this famous lodge, and the muster was such as one might have expected in response to a summons issued by that most popular of W.M.'s, Bro. Edward Swanborough. Young Masons in their earlier walks of life hear a great deal of what concerns other lodges, and it is a fact that the Lodge of Asaph has been quoted over and over again as a model and a pattern lodge, so much so that the young idea, learning how to shoot, has acquired a healthy curiosity as to how things are done in this and other equally famous lodges. And we may truly say that the visitor to 1319 must go away with feelings of "emulation," so admirably and excellently is the beautiful ritual of Freemasonry worked by the presiding W.M. and his officers.

But we are anticipating. Punctuality in the recognition of the call of time (as stated on the summons) is a *sine qua non* with the W.M. and brethren of Asaph Lodge, therefore, *cela va sans dire* in the matter of a prompt formation of the lodge, at the opening of which our note book records the presence of the following: Bros. Edward Swanborough, W.M.; C. Wellard, S.W.; Harry Cox, J.W.; Meyer Lutz, S.D.; J. Maclean, J.D.; Delavanti, I.G.; Gilbert, Tyler; P. M. Chamberlain, acting Sec.; C. Tinney, Org.; George Buckland, I.P.M.; Past Masters Bros. Edward Terry, T. S. Jekyll, G. Org.; G. Jenkinson, E. Frewin, W. A. Tinney; Bros. Harry Bracey, Fairchild, Silverberg, R. Soutar, Max Klein, J. R. Egerton—Egerton, and others; and amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. F. Walters, P.G.D. Mark; H. M. Levey, P.M. 188; Justice Strokirk, 188; Ernest Smith, S.W. 1559, and others, the whole attendance of brethren amounting to forty or thereabouts.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the opening having been extended to the Second Degree, Bros. G. Jenkinson and J. Strokirk (Lodge of Joppa) were introduced and examined. Their answers to the interrogatories of the W.M. proving eminently satisfactory (indeed, it was patent that they had made considerable progress in the science), they were entrusted, and withdrew, the W.M. in the interim opening his lodge in the Third Degree. Two candidates having duly passed through the hands of the Tyler, were admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The W.M., whose zeal in Masonry is well known throughout the Craft, was never seen to better advantage than in the present issue; indeed, Bro. Swanborough fairly rose to the occasion, and while thoroughly impressing the candidates by the solemnity with which he clothed the beautiful ceremony, delighted the brethren by his admirable working. His officers fulfilled their allotted duties in the most exemplary manner; indeed, the raising of the brethren in question may be characterised as perfect in its parts and solemn in its exemplification. The S.W. then proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., Bro. Edward Swanborough, for his having represented the lodge at the recent Masonic gathering in Cornwall, upon the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and he moved that the same be inscribed on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. Terry, P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Swanborough, in reply, stated that it had been remarked by his Bro. S.W. that he (the W.M.) had been at some pains and trouble in journeying some hundreds of miles into a remote corner of the United Kingdom in order that the Lodge of Asaph should be represented at one of the most important Masonic gatherings the world had ever witnessed. Now, he would say in reply that, having been a member of 1319 for some ten years, and having now reached the exalted position of W.M., he felt it incumbent to do all that he possibly could to keep up that high standard of excellence the lodge had attained in the Masonic world. That being so, having the time at his command, he had gone down to Truro to represent the lodge he loved so well; but must assure the brethren that so far from its being a labour (having reference to the long journey) it was really to him a pilgrim-

age of pleasure, for he had the satisfaction of knowing that 1319 had thereby taken part in this grand gathering of Masons. Bro. E. Terry, P.M., then proposed that a letter of condolence be written to the family of the late Bro. George Honey, a member of the lodge, which having been seconded, was carried unanimously. Letters of apology were then read from several brethren who were unable to attend this meeting of the lodge, notably one from Bro. C. H. Stephenson, who, after the expression of many good wishes towards the W.M. and brethren, he, with much fraternal regret, resigned his office as W.S., from conscientious scruples, feeling that press of business and other calls upon his time would prevent his fulfilling the duties attached to the office the W.M. had so graciously conferred upon him, and he, therefore, asked leave to make way for younger brethren who were anxiously and zealously endeavouring to work up towards the chair of K.S. There was a time when he (Bro. Stephenson) had hoped to attain that exalted position, and he had striven step by step in that direction, but the Fates had willed it otherwise, and he had now no option but to resign, the trust reposed in him and retire into private Masonic life, in the observance of which he should still continue to have the welfare of the Asaph Lodge nearest his heart. Bro. Stephenson enclosed proof sheets of a work he is engaged upon, "Epigrams for Everybody," the entire profits of which will be devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the Asaph Lodge, and the brethren present "to an odd 'un" forthwith subscribed to this excellent work. Matters referring to Asaph Lodge benevolence were then brought before the lodge, several cases being discussed and responded to with that characteristic spirit which has ever been associated with this lodge; indeed, we may quote from "The Tempest," and say that in the assemblies of 1319 when deserving cases are brought before the lodge the wish is to—

"Mark his condition and the event; and then tell me
If this might be a brother."

The W.M. having risen at the close of Masonic business, "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the visitors, and Bro. Strokirk (Joppa Lodge) thanked the W.M. for his kindness in having raised him to the Degree of a M.M., in reply to which Bro. Swanborough remarked that it was now some eighteen years since he first saw the light of Freemasonry, and that great benefit was conferred upon him in the Lodge of Joppa, his connection with which had been of such a pleasurable nature that he was only too delighted to render service in any shape or form to any of its members, and, so far as the occasion in question was concerned, he was only too pleased to have had the opportunity of further opening the eyes of such a promising young Mason as Bro. Strokirk.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where *Mes* "Mons. Philippe," the W.M., sat at the head of a convivial board, peace and harmony furnishing happy adjuncts to good appetite and contentment.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).

A very excellent gathering in connection with this representative lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on the 31st ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Charles Jacques, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 1381, S.W., W.M. elect; H. J. Lardner, J.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., I.P.M. and Sec.; M. Samuel, S.D.; Potter, I.G.; Hart, Organist; Strugnell, D.C.; and T. Clark, A.G.P.; J. Terry, P.P.G.W. Herts, &c.; J. C. Dwarber, P.M. 1589; W. Wellsman, P.M. 1589, &c. (honorary members); and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Collings, W.M. 22; Hunter, P.M. 1677; W. Martin, 475; Wassermann, D.C. 23, New York. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes (honorary member); H. Buss, A.G.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.W. Middx.; Dr. Brette, D.D., P.P.G.C. of Middx.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. of Cornwall; W. G. Brighton, P.M.; H. Dalwood, P.M. 1589; J. Dodson, P.M. 1589; G. Everett, P.M. 177 and 1381; and A. Tisley, Sec. 1589; and others. The minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jacques vacated the chair in favour of W. Bro. Clark, A.G.P., who kindly undertook the duties of Installing Officer in the absence of W. Bro. J. Terry. The latter brother, however, arrived before the conclusion, and assisted W. Bro. Clark as D.C., and he also impressively delivered one of the three addresses. The Installing Officer, upon his taking the chair, requested Bros. Wellsman, P.M., Dwarber, P.M., and Hunter, P.M., to act respectively as S.W., J.W., and I.G. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, which was most ably carried out, a vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to W. Bro. Clark and Terry for their valuable services. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Lardner, S.W.; Samuel, J.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treasurer; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M., Secretary; Potter, S.D.; Strugnell, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; Hart, Organist; Simpson, D.C.; Wildash, A.D.C.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was exceedingly well served under the management of Bro. Acland and assistants. At the termination of the banquet the long array of toasts were duly proposed and honoured. W. Bro. Clark, A.G.P., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers" in a very effective speech. "The Health of the W.M." was given by the I.P.M., and duly acknowledged. "The Visitors" followed, and drew in response from Bros. Collings, Wassermann, and Martin some very complimentary remarks. The toast of "The Masonic Charities" came next in order, and this pledge having been heartily received, Bro. Terry, in reply, made one of those stirring appeals upon behalf of those three great Institutions which are at all times a pleasure to listen to. He especially called attention to the ensuing festival in connection with the Boys' School, which, he hoped, would be well supported, and would achieve as great if not a greater success than the two charitable festivals that had preceded it. "The Health of the I.P.M." was received with excellent fire. In reply Bros. Jacques spoke briefly but pertinently, and, in conclusion, most gratefully thanked the brethren for having voted him the very handsome Grand Master's jewel with which the W.M. had decorated him whilst proposing his health. "The Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Lardner, S.W., brought the proceedings to a conclusion. A very excellent selection of instrumental and vocal music was given by Bros. Hart, Potter, Samuel, and others. Bro. W. Martin also furnished two very effective readings, which were delivered with a *verve* and dramatic force that

rivetted the attention of his hearers, who were sorry that time would not allow the reader to contribute other *morceaux* from his extensive repertoire.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, May 26th. There were present Bros. J. E. Williams, W.M.; A. Heald, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; H. Walley, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Waddell, Sec.; J. Senior, S.D.; G. F. Smith, J.D.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; B. Williams, jun., I.G.; J. Studd and W. Livesey, Stwds.; J. Kirk, Tyler; M. Roberts, J. Quance, J. Clemney, S. Davies, E. Russell, J. B. Sumner, J. Sutcliffe, W. Cowell, G. B. Kershaw, W. Clarke, P. Casper, W. Wolfensberger, and W. Livesey. Visitors, Bros. E. Jones, P.M. 1147, P.G. Treas.; E. Powers, 254. The lodge was opened in ancient form at five o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes Messrs. Augustus Saarbach and Arthur Horace Scott were balloted for, approved, and afterwards severally initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. H. Walley explained the working tools to both candidates.

The lodge was then called off, and after the brethren had partaken of tea, they re-assembled in the lodge room, and Bros. A. Hoffmann and B. B. Dakeyne were severally raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M's. The ceremony in each instance was ably performed by Bro. P.M. Rome. On the conclusion of work the lodge was duly lowered, and Bro. Salmon's motion, which had been placed on the circular, "That the meetings of the lodge be adjourned during the months of July and August," was put and carried. "Hearty good wishes" were then expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. Rev. J. H. Smith, M.A., W.M.; J. M. Mc. Alister, P.M., as S.W.; C. E. Stretton, P.M., as J.W.; C. Gurden, Treas.; T. Colman, Sec.; L. P. Chamberlain, S.D.; R. Michie, J.D.; W. L. Faire, D.C.; W. Tomlin, I.G.; Tanser and Dunn, Tylers; C. Stretton, P.P.S.G.W., P.M.; S. S. Partridge, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., P.M.; J. Vaughan, P.M.; S. Cleaver, P.P.G.A.D.C., P.M.; and Clark, P.M.; W. H. Lead, Fielding, Hiscock, S. A. Marris, Griffith, Clifton, W. H. Bastick, C. Knowles, S. Wand, J. Roadknight, Saml. Faire, and H. Clarke. Visitors: Bros. W. T. Rowlett, P.M. 523; T. A. Wykes, P.M. 523; Young, 523; W. H. Chamberlain, 523; W. Bream, 523; and J. H. McCall, 523.

The minutes having been duly read and confirmed, Bro. Saml. Faire was passed to the Second Degree, after which Mr. Henry Clarke, who had been duly elected, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the ceremony in both Degrees being most admirably performed by the W.M. Bro. W. T. Rowlett, P.P.G.O., by his able assistance at the organ very materially added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. A discussion then ensued as to the holding of a picnic in the course of the summer, and the preliminary arrangements were agreed to. The only other business was the appointment of a Preceptor for the Lodge of Instruction, and Bro. Cleaver was selected to fill the office. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, June 3rd. Present: Bros. Mark Vickers, W.M.; William Nicholl, S.W.; H. Walmsley, J.W.; Robert Tomlins, Secretary; J. Wilson, J.D., acting S.D.; R. R. Lisen (Freemason), acting J.D.; Halliday, acting I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; J. Bladon, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; J. R. Lever, I.P.M.; J. G. Elderton, G. D. Wenham, Jas. Gooden, R. B. Harper, Francis Hilton, Jas. Eckersley, and W. H. Hughes. Bro. Fredk. Davidson, 667, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened at six o'clock, and after confirmation of the minutes, Bro. R. B. Harper was interrogated as to his proficiency in the Second Degree, and, having replied, was forthwith raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history and presented working tools to the candidate. The lodge was afterwards worked down, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, was closed in peace and harmony at 8.10.

STONECLOUGH.—Lodge of Charity (No. 350).

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Grapes Hotel, on Thursday, May 27th. There were present Bros. Robert O. Mellwick, W.M.; Enoch Stott, S.W.; Edward Farrar, J.W.; W. Coope, Treasurer; Jacob Barlow, Secretary; George Coope, S.D.; J. Leewood, J.D.; W. Watson, I.G.; Ralph Brooks, Tyler; R. Whittaker, P.P.G. D. of C.; R. W. Sutton, Thomas H. Smith, P.M.; Robert Sephton, Titus Fletcher, Albert Fletcher, and W. Haworth. Visitor: Bro. R. R. Lisen (Freemason). The lodge was opened in ancient form at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Bro. Robert Sephton, being a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was interrogated, and after he had unhesitatingly answered, was, with all rite and ceremony, made a F.C. by the W.M., with whom no fault whatever could be found, and we were much pleased with the easy, natural manner in which he performed the ceremony. The S.W., Bro. Enoch Stott, explained the working tools, and Bro. Thomas H. Smith, P.M., gave the charge and delivered the lecture on the Second Tracing Board to the candidate at length. It was given splendidly, and we again call our Manchester brethren's attention to this admirable practice, which we should like to see done on all occasions when candidates are initiated, passed, or raised, instead of, as is invariably the case at present in most lodges, making the delivery of a lecture an event to be talked of before and after it takes place, thereby showing how seldom it is done. In lodges especially where no work has to be gone through, it would reflect great credit upon the officers if, by way of variation from the ordinary and somewhat monotonous routine of raising and lowering, one of them gave an explanation of the Tracing Board, or, after a little rehearsal with their fellow officers, previous to the regular meeting taking place, they worked some one or more of the Sections. In doing so they would simply be imitating the example of many of the suburban or country lodges, on visiting which we have, generally found something to admire and take

pattern by, and a greater desire manifested for Masonic study and worship than for the Fourth Degree. After the lecture was finished the lodge was closed down, and several matters came on for discussion, at the termination of which the W.M., in feeling terms, dwelt upon the loss the lodge had sustained through the death of two of its oldest members, namely, Bros. Bowker and Waters, who were recently buried within one day of each other. The W.M. spoke of the great interest they took in their lodge and in Masonic matters generally, and a vote of condolence to the widow of each of the deceased brethren was proposed, seconded, and unanimously carried. The W.M. next referred to the revised bye-laws, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the lodge for his perusal and favourable concurrence. The J.W. referred to each rule in succession, and, with the exception of some slight alterations and additions, the new laws were adopted by the members, subject to the approval of Prov. Grand Lodge. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried to the Revising Committee for their laborious efforts, which was suitably acknowledged. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.50.

At the social board Bro. Robert Whittaker, P.P.G.D. of C., in responding to the toast of "The Past and Present Prov. Grand Officers," spoke of the recent honour that had been conferred upon one of their members, Bro. J. Varley, P.M., by Prov. Grand Lodge, in appointing him Prov. Grand Organist, and also on the great disappointment which that worthy brother's absence had caused to all present that evening, and trusted at their next meeting he should have the satisfaction of seeing Bro. Varley amongst them, and the pleasure of placing his new regalia upon him. Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, but, in consequence of the death of the two brethren before referred to, there were no honours or singing indulged in.

MARYPORT.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 371).

The feast of St. John the Baptist in connection with this flourishing Cumberland lodge was held on Tuesday last, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Maryport. There was an excellent attendance of members, including Bros. J. R. Banks, W.M.; W. Stoddart, J.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Armstrong, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Carey, P.M.; T. Mandel, P.M.; A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; T. Waite, Secretary; J. Smith, Organist; G. W. Thompson, W.M. elect; Jos. Thompson, F. Harrison, J. Kendal, J. Wilson, W. Skelton, P. Wedgwood, T. Weatherston, J. Abbott, and others.

The visitors also mustered strongly to do the W.M. elect honour, including Bros. J. Milligan, W.M. 119; J. Wood, P.M. 963; J. J. Coverdale, W.M. elect 962; J. Little, Organist 962; D. Reece, 962; H. Peacock, J.W. 1002; T. Mason, I.G. 1002; W. Shilton, P.M. 1002, Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer; J. Bolton, 1002; J. Hartley, W.M. 1400; D. Brown, Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, Leeds; G. Frazer, St. Abb's Lodge, Eyemouth, Scotland; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason), and others. The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. elect was presented for installation to Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas., and was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.G. Sec. The officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. J. Banks, S.W.; T. Waite, J.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M. Treas., (35th time); F. Harrison, Sec.; T. Weatherston, S.D.; W. Skelton, J.D.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Kendal and J. Thompson, Stewards; J. Messenger, Tyler. The brethren subsequently sat down to dinner and passed two or three hours very pleasantly together, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. G. W. Thompson.

JERSEY.—La Cesaree Lodge (No. 590).

The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Temple, in the presence of a goodly number of members and visitors. The business of the day commenced by initiating into the mysteries of the Craft Mr. Ph. Le Feuvre, according to the ancient rites and ceremonies, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. Phil. Messeroy, I.P.M., in the absence of W. Bro. H. E. le V. dit Durell, W.M., assisted by Bros. A. Gallichan, S.W. and W.M. elect; Thos. Le Seelleur, J.W.; and the several other officers of the lodge. After the ceremony of initiation, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of W. Bro. P. W. Binet, P.M. and Sec., P.P.G. S.D., for the purpose of installing Bro. Alfred Gallichan, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened to the Fellow Craft Degree, when the usual obligation, regarding the government of the lodge, was earnestly and solemnly assented to by the W.M. elect. The lodge was then opened to the superior Degree, and thence to the Board of Installed Masters. The W.M. elect was duly installed and inducted into the chair of K.S. in a most creditable manner by the Installing Master, whose devotedness for the Craft in general is worthy of imitation. The M.M.'s, Fellow Crafts, and Apprentices were, in due course, admitted, and saluted their new chief. The Installing Master proceeded to invest the officers, viz.: Bros. Thos. Le Seelleur, S.W.; C. Picot, J.W.; C. Marett, S.D.; John Hennequin, J.D.; P. A. Roissier, I.G.; J. Durell, Treas.; G. F. Perrot, D.C.; J. P. Deste Croix, Asst. D.C.; and G. Rogers, Tyler; the W.M. investing Bro. P. W. Binet as Secretary—all the aforesaid brethren forming an able and efficient staff. The lodge, whose working is carried on in the French language, was closed in peace and harmony at seven o'clock.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet hall, where a substantial repast was prepared by Bro. G. Rogers (guardian of the Temple). The usual toasts were proposed, and accepted with the usual spirit and respect. Bro. P. W. Binet, Installing Master and Secretary, was requested by the W.M. to propose the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by two visitors, viz., Bros. Arène and Harbury. Both these brethren contributed to the amusement of the evening by their beautiful recitations, which were delivered in a masterly style. Several other brethren enhanced the pleasure of the evening with good music and singing, thereby terminating the twenty-ninth anniversary of La Cesaree Lodge to the full satisfaction of all present.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened at six o'clock by the W.M., Bro. W. Brackenbury, supported by the following Past Masters and officers: Bros. D. Jackson, I.P.M.; Thos. Roberts, P.M.; Robt. Pearson, P.M.; L. Hirman, S.W.; C. Marsh,

acting J.W.; Thos. Clark, P.M.; P.G.S. of Wks, Treas.; Thos. May, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Galloway, P.G. Treas., M.C.; J. B. Bunting, P.M.; and J. Hocking, P.M. Amongst upwards of 100 brethren we noticed the following: Bros. Councillor J. Ball, J. F. Hall, Dr. Miller, Dr. T. Clarke, R. Whitehead, J. Babbington, D. C. Williams, S. W. H. Halse, D. J. Parry, J. Noble, J. Barker, W. Lake, J. Sampson, N. Thompson, W. S. Rose, T. R. Nickson, J. Potter, W. Braithwaite, Jas. Lowe, J. H. Stillings, and T. Routcliffe. Visitors: Bros. H. Skinner, P.M. 1276; W. Price, P.M. 1276; Jos. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; F. Barnett, I.P.M. 249; A. Bucknell, Hon. Sec. 667; B. E. Wood, 333; N. Worrell, 823; P. Buck, 1609; W. Gamble, 249; C. Campion, 1607; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. George Bennett and J. P. Marshall; they were declared duly elected, and, being in attendance, they were duly initiated into the privileges and mysteries of Freemasonry. Bros. Middleton, Nixon, Clarke, Berry, Hawley, and Macdonald being desirous of going forward, gave proof of their proficiency, were entrusted, and retired. The lodge having been opened up, the above-named brethren were re-admitted, and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. The lodge was then closed down, and the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and, upon the ballot being taken, proved in favour of the S.W. Bro. T. Clark, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the fifth time. Both brethren returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them, after which the usual routine business was transacted. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments, presided over by the W.M. The usual toasts were duly given and responded to.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Keswick Hotel, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. There were present Bro. W. Lamonby, I.P.M., in the chair, Bro. Wales, W.M., being absent through illness; D. Pape, S.W.; W. Hodgson, J.W.; T. Usher, S.D.; W. Thornton, J.D.; J. Scott, D.C.; J. Coward, I.G.; C. Thompson, Tyler; and G. Stampers. Bro. E. T. Payne, P.M. Royal Sussex Lodge No. 53, Bath, P.G.D. of England, P.G. Treas., Somersetshire, was also present as visitor. After the lodge was opened, and the minutes of the preceding ordinary and emergency meetings read and confirmed, Mr. E. M. Poole, also had previously been balloted for, was admitted, and initiated into Masonry by Bro. W. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. This was all the business, and the lodge was closed in form.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—Rutland Lodge (No. 1130).—A meeting was held on Thursday, 20th May, 1880, at the George Hotel. Present: Bros. Captain Hartopp, W.M.; A. Childs, S.W.; W. S. Black, J.W.; Geo. Austin, Treas.; R. W. Johnson, P.M., Sec.; Willan, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Whittle, I.G.; W. Turville, jun., Tyler; A. J. Dale, R. S. Hawks, J. Fletcher, and A. H. Marsh. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, Prov. J.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland, and J. D. Bennett, P.M. 1265, Prov. J.G.D. Leicestershire and Rutland. The lodge being opened in form, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Opening on the square then took place, and Bros. Hawks and Fletcher examined and found proficient in the Second Degree. Lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and those brethren were duly raised to the Sublime Degree in a most able and impressive manner by Bro. Thorp. Lodge was then lowered to the First Degree, and Bro. Marsh, a candidate for passing, was examined as an E.A. Being found fully qualified he retired, and the Second Degree was resumed, after which Bro. Marsh was readmitted and passed to the Degree of a F.C. by Bro. Thorpe in an equally efficient manner. The lodge being again lowered it was unanimously resolved that a letter of congratulation should be sent to Bro. Geo. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B. of England, on his recent appointment as D.P.G.M. for the province, an appointment giving universal satisfaction. The lodge was closed at eight p.m., and a banquet followed in Bro. Child's usual *recherché* style, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the only source of regret being the probable absence of the genial W.M. from this locality next season.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—The members of this flourishing lodge and their visiting friends assembled in force at the annual festival on the 8th inst. The meeting was called for three o'clock in the afternoon, and shortly after that time the W.M. (Bro. T. H. Sutton) and his officers assumed their respective positions, and the lodge was opened in the usual form.

There was a numerous and distinguished assemblage of members and visitors present, among whom were Bros. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. West Lanc.; Dr. Bowes, P.P. G.J.W. Cumb. and West.; D. W. Finney, Prov. G.D. Cers. West Lanc.; J. Tomlinson, P.M. 368; J. R. Young, P.M. 148; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B. West Lanc.; S. Saunders, 1609; J. Fineburg, 1609; C. E. Hindley, W.M. 148; J. H. Galloway, S.W. and W.M. elect; S. Wallhead, J.W.; T. Hutchinson, S.D.; W. Taylor, W. Richardson, P.M.; Woods, P.M.; Brierley, P.M.; Hawkins, P.M.; Domville, A. F. Brundritt, J. Shilcock, Baird, Farrington, Smethurst, John Jones, T. Barber, W. H. Jenkins, Massey, Fairhurst, J. O'Brien, G. Mackey, P. J. Edleston, P.M.; T. O. Speakman, Bolton, Barlow, H. Houghton, Heaton, J. H. Potter, J. Curry, W. Reid, D. Hooley, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, whereupon the lodge was advanced a stage. A Board of Installed Masters was formed in the proper place and at the proper time, Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., Prov. G.D. Cers., occupying the chair of K.S. as Installing Master; Bro. Brierley, P.M., the S.W.'s chair; Bro. Richardson, P.M., the J.W.'s chair; and Bro. Hawkins, P.M., I.G. Bro. John Herbert Galloway, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Edleston, P.M., and Sutton, W.M., and was duly and regularly inducted into his position in the E., according to ancient custom, after which he received the salutations and greetings of a numerous Board of P.M.'s. This part of the ceremony being over, and "cement" applied, the Board was dissolved, and the rest of the brethren were admitted, and offered their fraternal greetings. A pleasing feature among the first duties of the new W.M. was to present his predecessor in office, Bro. Sutton, with a

valuable and chaste Past Master's jewel, bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of his services as W.M. for the past year. Bro. Sutton made a feeling reply, after which the following officers were appointed and invested with the collars and badges of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. S. Wallhead, S.W.; T. Hutchinson, J.W.; W. Richardson, P.M., Treas.; D. W. Finney, P.M., Sec.; W. Taylor, S.D.; W. H. Jenkins, J.D.; J. O'Brien, I.G.; J. Farrington, S.S.; J. Jones, J.S.; and T. Domville, Tyler. Bro. Finney received a well-merited vote of thanks for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the whole of the beautiful installation ceremony.

After some other routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren, along with several others who had not put in an appearance at the installation, met for the banquet, which was of an unusually superb character, and was presided over by the newly-installed W.M. The amiable manageress of the "Lion" is to be congratulated upon her success in this part of the proceedings. Ample justice having been done to the good things—and they certainly were good—and grace said, the W.M. proceeded with the toast list. These were given and responded to in a manner to do credit to the Fraternity. The W.M., on rising to respond to the toast of his health, said: Brethren, I feel grateful to Bro. Brierley, P.M., for the very kind remarks he has made respecting me in proposing my health, and to you, brethren, for the enthusiastic manner in which you have received the same. I do not feel myself worthy of such marks of kindness at your hands; but it will be my earnest endeavour during my year of office, in some degree, to merit all the kind things you have said of me. I feel it to be one of the greatest honours to be placed in such a proud position as that of Master of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, and that by your almost unanimous vote, there being only one vote against me, and that, I think, placed there more in fun than anything else. Brethren, this speaks well for the good feeling at present existing in the lodge, and it will be my earnest and sincere desire to further cement that good and brotherly feeling. I trust it may exist not only during my year of office, but for many years—aye, long years to come. I am grateful to our worthy Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. Alpass) for his remarks respecting the Masonic Charities, and I assure him it will give me great pleasure if the fifty pounds or so which have already been raised for the Boys' School can be augmented, and anything I can do to further so desirable an object I shall most willingly do. I again thank you, brethren, for placing me in so exalted a position. The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren separated in perfect harmony.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—An emergency meeting of this prosperous and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Lion Hotel, Hampton. Bro. John Bairstow Shackleton, P.G. Middx., P.M. 1524, W.M., opened the lodge. The ballots were unanimously in favour of all the candidates for initiation. By the kind and courteous consent of the W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Secretary, who in an able manner initiated his eldest son, Mr. Tristram Frederick Edwin Walters, into Freemasonry. The entire ceremony was given, including the Lecture on the Tracing Board and the charge to the newly-initiated member. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, W.M., resumed the chair. He taking each candidate separately and going through the entire ceremony, initiated Messrs. William Born, Charles John Pratt, and Charles Toted; then he raised Bros. J. V. Willis and R. Follett. Business ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned. Refreshment followed labour.

There were present besides those named, Bros. J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M. 1423, J.W.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M.; T. W. Adams, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M., W.S.; F. Knight, D.C.; D. Steinhauer, J.D.; T. B. Robbins; L. Cohen, and some fifty others. Amongst a very large number of visitors were, Bros. W. Smeed, P.P.G.W. Middx., P.M. 946, &c.; W. Pennefather, P.M., S.W. 1623; T. Horton, 371, and very many others.

MORECAMBE.—Morecambe Lodge (No. 1561). The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was held on Friday afternoon, the 4th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Edward-street. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Longmire, through illness, the I.P.M., Bro. Thomas Longmire, presided. There was a fair attendance of both members and visitors present, including the following: Bros. Dr. Moore, T. Longmire, K. A. Stansfeld, W. W. Wilde, R. Bannister, A. E. Poole, T. Thornton, G. Bingham, J. Brown, R. Baxter, J. Schofield, J. Hutton, T. Atkinson, J. Shaw, T. Wilkinson, and Mawson, Morecambe Lodge; W. Warbrick, E. Simpson, J. Hatch, J. Jowett, and J. Atkinson (Freemason), Fortitude Lodge; J. Hannah, Rowley Lodge; J. Ellershaw, F. G. Dale, R. Wolfenden, W. Parker, and J. Acton, Duke of Lancaster Lodge.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities, and the W.M. elect, Bro. K. A. Stansfeld, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, was duly presented and installed by Bro. Dr. Moore, P.M., P.G.S.B. of England, &c. Subsequently the newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. W. Wilde, S.W.; R. Bannister, J.W.; G. Bingham, Secretary; A. E. Poole, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; T. Thornton, I.G.; J. Hutton and T. Atkinson, Stewards; and T. Wilkinson, Tyler. The investiture of Bros. W. Longmire, I.P.M.; R. Hartley, Treasurer, and the Organist was done by deputy, owing to the absence of those officers. The several officers were duly installed by Bro. Moore, the charge to the Master, Wardens, and brethren being given by Bro. Hatch. After transacting some business of a formal nature the lodge was closed.

On the conclusion of the lodge ceremonial, the brethren proceeded to the house of Bro. W. Longmire, the King's Arms Hotel, where the installation banquet was held. The worthy host has already earned for himself a reputation for catering, and the ample provision provided on this occasion was such as to keep up the character of his establishment. The newly installed Worshipful Master, Bro. K. A. Stansfeld, presided, supported on the right by Bro. Dr. Moore, E. Simpson, J. Hatch, H. Hannah, E. Cardwell, J. Ellershaw, and others, and on the left by Bros. T. Longmire, W. Duff, W. Warbrick, F. G. Dale, R. Wolfenden, W. Parker, and others. The duties of vice-chairman were ably discharged by Bro. W. W. Wilde, S.W., who was supported by the junior officers of the lodge. Dinner being concluded and dessert placed on the table, the Chairman gave in succession

"The Health of the Queen, the Duke of Lancaster," and that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," both of which were received with customary honours. Bro. E. Simpson, in terms of eulogy, proposed. "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M., Earl Lathom, D.G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and Officers of Grand Lodge," coupling therewith the name of Bro. Dr. Moore. Bro. Moore, who met with a most hearty reception on rising, briefly acknowledged the compliment, and in the course of his remarks gave a meed of praise to the officers named, many of whose Masonic workings he could speak of from personal experience and intercourse. Bro. Moore also referred to the recent appointment of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke, as Grand Secretary of England, stating that whilst they all regretted the retirement of the late Secretary, Bro. Hervey, on account of ill health, a gentleman more suited for his successor could not have been selected than Bro. Clarke, and that in his appointment the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, had shown that he had the interests of Masonry at heart by appointing a brother to the office who was almost unanimously accepted by the whole of the Craft. Bro. Duff gave "The Health of Col. the Hon. F. A. Stanley, D.P.G.M., and Officers of Provincial G. Lodge," coupling therewith the name of Bro. E. Simpson, as a member of that lodge, and by whom the toast was acknowledged. Bro. T. Longmire briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," as a brother who had resided amongst them for many years, and who was, moreover, one of the promoters of the Morecambe Lodge. Bro. Stansfeld had gradually worked his way up through the various offices, step by step, till he had got to the top, and if he filled the office to which they had that day elected him as well as he had done the lower chairs, and he, Bro. Longmire, had no doubt himself about the matter, none of them would have cause to regret the proceedings of that day. The toast was received with musical honours. The Chairman, who met with a most enthusiastic reception on rising to respond, heartily thanked Bro. Longmire for the kind way in which he had put his name before the meeting, and equally thanked the brethren for the kind way in which it had been received. He could only assure them that it would ever be his endeavour to do his best to carry out the Masonic duties pertaining to the office to which they had that day elected him. He had gone through the ceremonial of that day with much pleasure; and those who had experienced the honour conferred upon him would bear him out when he said the ceremonial was a pleasurable one. He considered himself honoured, too, in having a brother so well skilled in Masonry as Dr. Moore to act as his Installing Officer, and by the number of Past Masters who had been present on the occasion. After again thanking the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, Bro. Stansfeld gave "The Health of the Installing Officer, Bro. Moore," dwelling upon his abilities as a Mason, and personally thanking him for his kindness in coming down to undertake the duties, when the state of his health would have given him a good excuse for not being present. The toast was drunk in a bumper. Bro. Moore, acknowledging the compliment, regretted that the state of his health was such as to prevent him going through the whole of the ceremony, and that he had had to leave a portion of the work to be carried out by another brother. He had not the slightest doubt, however, that they would all agree with him that the work would not fail in being placed in the hands of their esteemed brother, John Hatch, who was a Past Master of some standing. He (Bro. Moore) had for many years back performed the duties of installation, and they would believe him when he said that on this occasion it was not from unwillingness, but because he was unable, that he did not conclude the work he had begun. Bro. Moore also regretted that his health of late had not been sufficiently good to enable him to attend the lodge meetings more regularly than he had done, and after a few remarks on matters pertaining to Masonry, and more especially to the working of the lodge, the worthy officer concluded by repeating his thanks to Bro. Hatch for his assistance, and to the brethren for the kindness with which they had received the toast. The Chairman said he had now to ask them to drink the health of one who, he regretted to say, was absent from them on account of illness. He referred to their late W.M., Bro. W. Longmire. That was no reason, however, why they should not wish him renewed health and strength, and hope that ere long he would be with them once more. The members of the lodge had subscribed amongst themselves for the purpose of presenting Bro. W. Longmire with a Past Master's jewel, as a token of their esteem and regard, and also in appreciation of the way in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past year. Although Bro. Longmire could not come to them they could go to him, and he would suggest that a deputation consisting of himself, Bros. Moore, T. Longmire, Duff, and Dale, should visit their brother in his bed-room, and present him with the jewel, and on their return he would call upon Bro. T. Longmire (his father) to acknowledge the compliment. The jewel was then handed round the room for inspection. It is a very handsome one, beautifully chased, and was inscribed on the back as follows: "Presented to Bro. William Longmire, I.P.M., by the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his services as W.M. of the lodge, June 4th, 1880." The deputation above-named then left the room for the purpose of presenting the jewel, and after a short absence returned, when Bro. T. Longmire said they had duly presented the jewel, and his son wished him to convey his best thanks to the brethren for the kind way in which he understood the toast had been received, and also for the liberal manner in which they had contributed to the jewel. He hoped to be out soon, and at the first opportunity would thank them personally in the lodge for the mark of their appreciation which had been presented to him. Bro. Dale proposed "The Health of the Wardens," in the course of which he offered a few words of advice and instruction to the brethren who had been appointed to that office, and which was fittingly responded to by Bros. Wilde and Bannister. Bro. Hatch proposed "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," to which Bro. Bingham responded, acknowledging the compliment also on behalf of Bro. Hartley, who was absent. Bro. E. Cardwell proposed "The Junior Officers," coupling therewith the names of Bros. Poole, Brown, Thornton, and Hutton, who severally responded. Bro. Duff gave "The Health of the Visitors," expressing, on behalf of the lodge, the pleasure it gave the members to welcome their brethren from the Lancaster lodges. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Ellershaw, W.M. of the Duke of Lancaster Lodge, who

responded. Bros. Hatch and Warbrick, in answer to repeated calls, also acknowledged the compliment. Bro. T. Wilkinson gave the Tyler's toast, which completed the list, and the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock after spending a very enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were enhanced by the harmony of several of the brethren present.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The third anniversary festival of this young Cumberland lodge was celebrated on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst. The brethren assembled shortly after six p.m. in the Masonic Hall, the following members being present: Bros. E. Clarke, W.M. and P.M. 1267; P.P.G. J.D.; R. Wilson, S.W.; George Dalrymple, J.W. and W.M. elect; D. Dixon, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; W. Martin, P.M.; J. Harper, E. Gibson, Geo. Lowden, J. Merritt, G. W. Harvey, and J. Banks.

A number of brethren were absent through illness. The muster of visitors, by the bye, was remarkably large, no doubt by reason of the popularity of the W.M. elect in West Cumberland, for there were close upon forty who assembled to do honour to the occasion. These were Bros. Dr. Henry, P.M. 119, P.P.G. J.W.; J. M. Salisbury, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Tyler; Rowland Baxter, W.M. 1267; W. H. Atkinson, W.M. elect 119; J. Milligan, W.M. 119; W. Sandwith, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Tyler; W. B. Cowman, P.M. 872; F. Hodgson, W.M. 872; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Miles, J.W. 119; M. Golightly, I.G. 119; G. Sparrow, 119; D. Bell, 371; T. J. Wainson, 1267; G. W. Harris, S.D. 872; J. T. Ray, 872; J. Cooper, Org. 119, P.P.G. Org.; J. Winter, 872; F. White, Sec. 1267; J. Angus, I.G. 872; J. J. Rothry, 119; S. Blenkhorn, 872; J. F. Kirkconnel, 1267; W. Jackson, S.D. 119; W. H. Rayson, 119; J. M. Gowan, 872; J. McGill, J.D. 872; C. H. Hooper, 119; J. S. Braithwaite, S.W. 872; J. Cramond, 1267; W. Hughan, 119; O. Crawford, Lodge Australasian Kilwinning, No. 337, Melbourne, S.C.; John Gordon, 62; Isaac Mills, 252; W. Forster, P.M. 354; and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002 and 1073, P.P.G. Reg. (Freemason).

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. John Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D., was invited to take the chair, when Bro. George Dalrymple, W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed in the chair of K.S., in the presence of fourteen Past Masters. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Dr. Lace, S.W.; J. Harris, J.W.; J. Harper, Treasurer; E. Gibson, Secretary; D. Dixon, S.D.; B. Craig, J.D.; J. Banks and J. Merritt, Stewards; G. Lowden, I.G.; and G. W. Harvey, Tyler. Both the S.W. and J.W. were invested by proxy, the former being absent through illness, and the latter through domestic bereavement. The addresses having been delivered by the Installing Master, a round of "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the whole of the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, spread in the hall, at the invitation of Bro. Dalrymple, W.M., who presided. A glorious evening's enjoyment was spent by all, and it were hard to discriminate between the speaking or singing, the excellence of both being quite above the common order. Bro. Cooper, of Lodge No. 119, took charge of the music. The festivities were not closed till the "witching hour," and so thoroughly had each and every brother enjoyed themselves, that it was clearly a case of "sorry to part," even with the seven miles' drive to Whitehaven that many had to undertake.

CROYDON.—Old England Lodge (No. 1790).

The first installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath. There were present Bros. W. Foulsham, W.M.; B. Buckworth, S.W. (W.M. elect); Rev. J. H. Roberts, P.M.; C. Daniels, P.M.; Bush, P.M.; H. Harland, J.W.; W. P. Robinson, Sec.; F. C. Pascall, S.D.; E. Whitaker, J.D.; Ino. Taylor, I.G.; J. Sergeant, J. F. Page, H. Legg, H. Baber, J. W. Russell, T. Young, M. Taylor, J. Shakespeare, V. J. Abraham, R. J. Fleming, M.D.; W. H. Ranson, J. Clarke, and the following visitors: Bros. W. R. Sheadd, I.P.M. 720; J. Bennett, P.M. 234; Volney Keen, Templar Lodge, New York, 203; G. Adamson, P.M. 1728; B. Haynes, P.M. 27; W. Steedman, P.M. 754; and Edwd. Brinn, 1571.

The W.M. having summoned his officers to their respective places, the lodge was opened by prayer, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The auditors' report was produced, from which it appears that the lodge is in a very satisfactory position, considering that heavy expenses have been necessarily incurred during the first year of the lodge's formation, which will not occur again. The result showed a balance of a few pounds only due to the Treasurer, which was considered highly creditable to the forethought and management of the W.M. During the year twenty members have been initiated, and there have been four joining members, therefore the lodge bids fair to become a highly prosperous and successful branch of the Craft. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. Foulsham, the W.M. elect having been presented by Bro. C. Daniels, the duties of D.C. being carried out most efficiently by Bro. Adamson, P.M. 1728.

Bro. Buckworth having been duly installed in the chair of K.S., and proclaimed in the usual manner, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Harland, S.W.; Pascall, J.W.; Foulsham, Treas.; Robinson, Sec.; Whitaker, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.D.; J. Sergeant, I.G.; Bavin, P.M.; Tyler; the Rev. J. H. Roberts, D.C.; Fleming, W.S.; and H. Legg, A.W.S.

The W.M., at the close of the ceremony, presented to Bro. Foulsham, I.P.M., a handsome jewel, as a slight memento of the valuable services he had rendered, and the zeal and ability with which he had worked the lodge during the first year of its formation. The jewel had been purchased by the ready subscriptions of the members, an additional testimony, if one was needed, of the high esteem in which Bro. Foulsham is held by the lodge, and the movement had been kept so profoundly secret, that Bro. Foulsham was no less surprised than gratified when the W.M. affixed to his breast the well-earned tribute of respect. In reply, Bro. Foulsham said he had had the honour of founding three or four lodges during his Masonic career, but he looked upon Old England Lodge as his pet child. He had taken a deep interest in its welfare, and should continue to do so whilst the G.A.O.T.U. blessed him

with health and strength. He should cherish this jewel to the latest moment of his life, not so much for its intrinsic value as for the kindly feelings which had prompted the members in presenting it to him, and it would act as an incentive to still greater exertions for the good of the lodge. The W.M. having risen for the first, second, and third times, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the room above the hall, where an elegant repast had been prepared, the post-prandial proceedings commencing with the time-honoured toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was proposed in loyal terms by the W.M., followed by "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which was received with a well-directed "fire." "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M.; and the Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers," was proposed, and received due acknowledgment. "The Healths of the Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Buckworth, and the I.P.M., Bro. Foulsham," were proposed and received in true Masonic fashion, followed by "The Visitors," who complimented the officers on the working of the lodge, and the admirable manner in which its proceedings were conducted. The Tyler's toast brought to a termination a very pleasant meeting.

INSTRUCTION.

STOCKWELL LODGE (No. 1339).—A lodge of instruction having been formed under the warrant of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, at Bro. Arnold's, the Crown, Albert Embankment, it was determined by the members to inaugurate the event by the rehearsal of the ceremony of consecration. Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, was accordingly requested to perform that ceremony, and on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the inauguration took place. A large number of brethren were present, hailing from all parts of the metropolis, while the provinces of Surrey and Middlesex contributed their quota. Bro. Frances having appointed Bros. J. Hammond, P.G.D. Middx., S.W.; and Phillips, W.M. 746, J.W., the lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of the evening proceeded with. In the course of the oration, which was listened to with much attention by the members, Bro. Frances took occasion to impress upon the brethren the necessity of a thorough understanding of the ritual, in order that it should be impressively rendered by the officers of a lodge, and thus fulfil the intention of conveying Masonic light and knowledge to the candidate; and in no place can the duties be so well learnt as in a well conducted lodge of instruction.

The musical arrangements under Bro. J. Stock, 1586, were admirable, and he, assisted by Bros. Sudlow, Marsh, and Bartlett, gave the two anthems with which this ceremony is embellished in a manner which afforded extreme pleasure to the hearers.

On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Frances installed Bro. Ayling (who has taken deep interest in founding this lodge of instruction), a portion of the ceremony being omitted, Bro. Ayling being ineligible to receive it. At the conclusion Bro. Frances received a cordial vote of thanks, which compliment was also accorded to the Masonic brethren who so kindly volunteered their services.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH MASONIC CLUB.

The lodge of instruction attached to this club (working under the sanction of 1541) held its weekly meeting of instruction on Saturday last. After the ceremony of initiation and the sections attending same had been worked in a very able and efficient manner by Bro. J. Hentsch, under the guardianship of Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M., the very distinguished Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, a notice of motion, given by Bro. H. Baldwin, was brought forward and fully discussed, when it was unanimously decided that the hour of meeting should be altered to eight o'clock, instead of half-past seven, during the summer months, for the greater convenience of the members. Bro. Baldwin, the acting J.W., was duly elected to fill the chair of K.S. on the 12th instant, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed and the sections worked in connection therewith. It is intimated that Bro. J. Lee, W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, 1541, will render the magnificent ceremony of installation on Saturday, the 19th instant. The rooms of the above club are situated in the Station Approach-road, directly opposite the booking-office of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, and have recently been very much enlarged for the greater convenience and comfort of the increasing number of members. Brethren desirous of obtaining sound Masonic knowledge and instruction are cordially invited to attend.

Royal Arch.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER.—(No. 1589).

A successful meeting in connection with this new chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, 28th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. H. Dalwood, M.E.Z.; J. Dodson, H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, J.; Lieut.-Col. Ratcliffe, hon. member, acting I.P.M.; A. Tisley, S.E.; Turner, P.S.; G. Manners, 1st Assistant; W. Farrington, Junior Org., and Gilbert Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, letters of apology were read from Comps. W. Wellsman, I.P.Z.; Lake, P.P.G.R., of Cornwall, S.N.; and others.

Bro. Robert Skelton, 1589, who had been previously balloted for, was then introduced and was duly exalted to the degree of a R.A., Mason. The first and second lectures were delivered by Comp. Lieut. Col. Ratcliffe. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which reflected great credit upon the caterer, Comp. Clewlow. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in highly complimentary terms by Comp. Lieut. Col. Ratcliffe, and this toast having been received most warmly, Comp. Dalwood returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences. "The Health of the Exalted" followed. Comp. Skelton, in response to this toast, said that he had been exceedingly impressed with the ceremony of exaltation, as it contained so many interesting details of a Biblical and Masonic nature. In conclusion he returned his best thanks to the chapter for having given him the opportunity of becoming a member of so excellent a Degree. "The Second and Third Principals" came next in order, and this pledge was duly acknowledged by Comps. Dodson and Walls. "The Health of the Past Principal," in the unavoidable absence

of Comp. Wellsman, was coupled with the name of Comp. Lieut. Col. Ratcliffe his *locum tenens*, who modestly expressed his acknowledgments for the honour conferred. The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Comps. Tisley and Turner brought the proceedings to a conclusion. The entertainment of the companions was enhanced by the vocal contributions of Comps. Dodson, Tisley, Farrington, Beddingfield, and others.

Mark Masonry.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Lodge (No. 54).

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at which the ballot was taken for Bros. G. K. White, and F. H. Johnson for advancement, and Bro. Pomeroy and Croisdale, as joining members, which proved unanimous in each case. The former not being present, Bro. Geo. Douglas, W.M. elect, was presented for installation, which ceremony was performed by Bro. F. Binckes in a most able manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. P.M. Benham, I.P.M.; Hacker, S.W.; Kerehoffer, J.W.; Smith, M.O.; Stone, S.O.; Fairbank, J.O.; Cossey, R.M.; Croisdale, S.D.; Phillips, J.D.; Sherer, I.G.; Burnes, Tyler. It was proposed by Bro. Selwood, and seconded by Bro. Hacker, that the P.M. be presented with a Past Master's jewel for the great interest he has always taken in the lodge, which was put to the vote, and carried unanimously. The members then accorded a vote of thanks to Bro. Binckes, as their appreciation of his services as Installing Master. After closing, the brethren dined together, when the usual toasts were duly honoured, and an enjoyable evening spent. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings about 10.30 p.m.

HEREFORD.—St. Ethelbert Lodge (No. 243).

The first anniversary of this youthful but flourishing lodge was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Monday, the 31st ult. The lodge was opened shortly after one o'clock by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Gregg, assisted by the following officers: Bros. W. Williams, S.W.; T. Lane, J.W.; A. M. Dallas Hill, M.O.; W. Rowe, S.O.; W. Groom, acting as J.O.; H. Gurney, Treas.; T. Blenkhorn, Sec.; J. Barnes, acting as S.D.; J. L. Lewis, Org.; J. Davies, D.C.; J. Merchant, I.G.; E. James, Tyler; E. J. Baker, E. George, and James Pembridge. Visitors: Bros. W. Denby, J. 10; Alfred Taylor, 109, P.P.G.S.W.; J. C. Sladen, I.P.M.; 28; Thos. J. Smith, W.M. 59; and H. Rowe, W.M. elect. 59.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. E. Shaw, 120, which being unanimously given in his favour, he was duly advanced to the honourable Degree of a Mark Mason. Votes of thanks were passed to the visiting brethren for their attendance, and to the retiring Master for his services, so efficiently discharged during his year of office, a handsome jewel, specially designed for the lodge, being presented to him. Bro. Williams having been duly installed W.M., invested his officers for the year, as follows: Bros. J. C. Gregg, P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; T. Lane, S.W.; A. M. Dallas Hill, J.W.; W. Roe, M.O.; Orlando Shellard, S.O.; Thos. Blenkhorn, J.O.; H. Gurney, Treas.; Jas. Pembridge, Sec.; J. Davies, Reg. of Marks; E. Gregg, S.D.; J. Merchant, J.D.; W. Groom, D.C.; J. L. Lewis, Org.; E. J. Baker, I.G.; J. Barnes, S.S.; E. George, J.S.; and E. James, Tyler.

The lodge being closed according to ancient custom, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and a most enjoyable and pleasant evening was brought to a close a little after seven o'clock.

The lodge being then closed according to ancient form, the brethren adjourned to banquet. Toasts, songs, and humorous speeches, with the very excellent catering of the manageress of the Hotel, contributed to render this first anniversary, a precedent of what we earnestly hope future anniversaries will be.

Rosicrucian Society.

YORK.—York College.—On Wednesday,

the members of this active college met at the town of Thirsk, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, an invitation having been extended to them by the W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge of Freemasons to join in an archaeological excursion with them to several places of interest in the neighbourhood. The result was a most pleasant day. Arrangements were made for ladies to accompany the party, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the scene. Accordingly the members of the college from York and Hull, accompanied by several ladies were conveyed in a special saloon carriage from York to Thirsk station, where they were met by the contingents from Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, Darlington, &c., and were conveyed in carriages to the Masonic Hall, where they found the W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, Bro. W. Colman, with his Wardens, and many brethren waiting to give a cordial and hospitable welcome. After a short interval for introductions, &c., the party were seated in open carriages, and were driven over some of the prettiest ground in the county, being part of the fertile vale of Mowbray, passing Thirskley Park (Sir William Galloway) and finally arriving at the romantic village of Coxwold, once the residence of the author of "Tristram Shandy," and whose house, "Shandy Hall," was pointed out at the entrance of the village. At the church the visitors were met by the Rev. G. Scott, vicar of the parish, who courteously pointed out the principal objects of interest. The church possesses a very fine western octagonal tower, and an open parapet and gurgayles, and in the chancel are several very elaborate monuments and effigies of the Bellasyse (Faucenberg) family, once the lords of the soil. A descriptive paper was read by Frater T. J. Wilkinson, who is also a P.M. of the Falcon Lodge, and the party met at lunch at the village hostelry. At its conclusion Frater Wilkinson read a paper on Byland Abbey, a ruin in the immediate neighbourhood, where it had been intended to have luncheon, an arrangement which was altered in consequence of the showery weather. The journey being once more resumed, a few minutes brought the carriages to Byland Abbey, the remains of a once wealthy Cistercian House, founded about 1177, and whose magnificent ruins testify to its former beauty and grandeur. One of its principal features is the remains of an enormous circular window in the west-end, together with three western doorways in different styles of architecture. Nestling under

the very shadow of the Hambleton Hills, whose slopes are covered with beautiful woods, in the midst of green meadows, and almost encircled by a brawling stream, the ruins present a most enchanting spectacle. The visitors were driven round the ruined pile, and, after a short stay, proceeded on their route, along the foot of the Hambleton Range, passing Oldstead Hall, the "White Horse," Sutton-under-Whitstonecliffe, Bagby, and Kilburn, obtaining a series of splendid views over the extensive vale of Mowbray, finally arriving at Thirsk about three o'clock p.m. The members of the York College at once proceeded to the Masonic Hall, and formed the M.C., the following being present: R.W. Fra. T. B. Whythead, VIII., Ch., Ad.; W. Fra. John S. Cumberland, VII., Celebrant; Rev. W. C. Lukis, VII., Suffragan; Rev. J. Blake, V., Prov. Sec. Genl.; T. J. Wilkinson, VI., Primus A.; W. Rowley, VI., Secundus A.; E. P. Petersen, V., Tertius A.; T. M. Richey, III., Quartus A.; C. L. Mason, V., Cond. of Novices; J. Maffey, IV., as Guardian of T.; A. B. Turner, II., as Torch Bearer; and others. Successful ballots were taken for nine aspirants, and Bros. S. Middleton, P.M. (Scarbro'), A. C. Bamlett, P.M. (Thirk), J. C. Thompson (Hull), T. Thompson, P.M. (Hull), J. M. Meeke, P.M. (Darlington), J. T. Atkinson, P.M. (Selby), and J. F. Taylor (York) were admitted into the M.C. The report of the Bye-laws Committee was read and adopted, and the W. Suffragan read a very learned paper on "Some Modern Errors in the Illustrations and Elucidation of the Ancient Tenets of the Rosicrucian Order," in which he showed the erroneous ground taken up by some expounders of theories as to the objects and aims of the Old Rosicrucians. A vote of thanks was accorded, and the paper was ordered to be printed in the transactions of the college. Votes of thanks were passed to Fra. Wilkinson for his very perfect arrangements for the day, and to the W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge for their courteous hospitality, and the M.C. was dissolved. Meantime the ladies, under the guidance of the vicar, the Rev. C. E. Camidge, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., had visited the splendid church of Thirsk, and an organ recital had been given by Bro. Walton, the Organist. Thirsk Church is a noble structure, and has lately been restored by Mr. Street. At six o'clock the entire party met at tea at the Three Tuns' Hotel, and at eight o'clock carriages conveyed the visitors to the railway station. The catering arrangements were under the superintendence of Bro. Long, of the Three Tuns' Hotel, and were in every way excellent.

Tunis and Malta.

TUNIS.—Lodge of Ancient Carthage (No. 1717, E.C.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th May, 1880. Present: W. Bros. Dr. Perini, W.M., and Broadley, P.M. and Sec.; Bros. Souiller, S.W.; Pentecost, J.W.; Barsotti, Treas.; Bokobsa, D. of C.; Le Gallais, S.D.; Andry, as J.D.; Sessing, as A.D. of C.; Chaigne, Silvera, and Memmi, Stewards; Commander Bridger, R.N., Org.; C. Carriglio, I.G.; Eymon, Tyler, and a very numerous attendance of members and visitors. Amidst the latter were W. Bros. Sulema, 30, and Mugnaini, 32 (P.M.'s of Italian lodges), Rev. E. B. Frankel, P.D.G. Chaplain Malta, and others. On an alarm being given the following distinguished brethren were received with grand honours, viz., R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Dorsetshire; W. Bros. Charles Hambro, D.P.G.M. for Dorsetshire; and Edward Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis. Bro. Guest having declined the good proffered to him, Bro. Rosenbusch accepted it, and the minutes of two past meetings were confirmed. At the request of Bro. Rosenbusch, Bro. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M., assumed charge of the lodge and passed Bro. Chevalier to the Second Degree. The work being resumed in the E.A. Degree a letter was read from the Italian lodge in Tunis announcing the death of the G.M. of Italy, Senator G. Mazzoni. It was afterwards resolved to write our Italian brethren a letter of condolence and place the lodge in mourning till the summer vacation. The P.D.D.G.M. alluded at some length to the pleasure experienced by the lodge at the presence of the three distinguished visitors at his side, and presented Bro. Guest and Hambro with bound and inscribed copies of the Italian edition of the bye-laws and "Book of Constitutions," published by the lodge. On the proposition of W.M. Dr. Perini, seconded by the S.W., these brethren were unanimously elected honorary members, and presented with the lodge diploma as such. Bro. M. Guest returned thanks in an eloquent and instructive speech. He told the brethren that the great interest which their excellent working and the harmonious feeling prevalent amongst them would have, under any circumstances, excited in his mind, was if possible increased by the fact that the founder of this lodge, and first W.M. now in the chair, was a Dorsetshire Mason. Bro. Perini had continued the good work commenced by Bro. Broadley, and he exhorted them one and all to persevere in their endeavours to maintain and propagate English Masonry in the midst of a foreign country. Bro. Guest resumed his seat amidst tokens of approbation, and Bro. Hambro, in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed his satisfaction with all he had seen of Masonry in Tunis, both in and out of the lodge. The P.D.D.G.M. then brought before the lodge an appeal for aid. He said that a few nights ago the British S.S. Mary Driver foundered off Cape Bianco, on the Tunisian coast. The captain, Bro. James Lowrie Wood (whom he had reason to believe was an old Mason belonging to the Lion Lodge, 312, at Whitby), was drowned, but the chief mate, Bro. Reuben Lee Webster, of St. John's Lodge, 175, at Greenock, Scotland, was rescued and present amongst them that evening, though he had just quitted the hall. He asked the brethren to give some aid to Bro. Webster to enable him to proceed with some degree of comfort to his native land. The D. of C. circulated the "sac de bienfaisance," which yielded £2 14s. Bro. Webster re-entered the lodge, and had the sum handed to him. He returned thanks to the brethren, and said that as soon as he regained his former position he would take care to devote the sum he had now received as a distressed Mason to relieve the afflictions of some equally unfortunate brother. The lodge then adjourned, and Bros. Guest and Hambro retired. On work being resumed Bro. Babian was raised to the Third Degree, and the lodge was closed down. Before closing a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Rosenbusch, for his kindly visit to the lodge he had virtually founded. Bro. Rosenbusch expressed his satisfaction at their progress, and promised to further assist Bro. Webster in Malta if necessary. He entreated them to

redouble if possible the exertions they had put forth during the past three years. The lodge was then closed at a somewhat late hour.

TUNIS.—William Kingston Lodge (No. 1835).—The annual meeting for the election of W.M. took place on May 14. Present: Bros. Barker, W.M.; Carletto, S.W.; Engerer, Secretary, as J.W.; Broadley, P.M., Treasurer; Attard, S.D.; Perkins, J.D.; Castelli, D. of C.; Vaux, I.G.; Pagano, Tyler; several brethren of the lodge, and visitors, Commander Bridger, 1717, and B. C. Hannen, 349. Bro. Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M., was announced and received with grand honours. The ballot for W.M. resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. A. W. Broadley, P.M. and P.Z. 1717, and P.D.D.G.M. of Malta. Bros. Durazzano and Pagano were elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Gaetano Testa was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Rosenbusch then gave an interesting address on the principles of English Masonry, and exhorted the brethren to persevere in their endeavours to maintain the prestige of the lodge they had founded and furnished with so much taste. He felt sure their destinies were safe in the hands of his friend and predecessor, Bro. Broadley. The lodge was then closed.

The following circular has been issued by the P.D.D.G.M. of Malta:—

"This Tunis, Sir, was Carthage."—Shakespeare.
"Tunis, May 17th, 1880.
"Craft Lodges Ancient Carthage, 1717, and William Kingston, 1835, Tunis; Mark Lodges Kingston, 222, and St. Louis, 254, Coletta; and Royal Arch Chapter, 1717, Tunis."

"The English Masons in North Africa send their fraternal greetings to their brethren in Malta, and invite their presence at the Masonic labours set forth below, offering to one and all a cordial welcome, and assuring them that no effort will be spared to show them all that is interesting, both as regards the past and present of this city and its neighbourhood.

"A. M. BROADLEY,
"P.M. 1717, W.M. elect 1835,
P.D.D.G.M. Malta.

PROGRAMME.

"Wednesday, June 9th, at 6.30 p.m., reception in Lodge 1717."

"Thursday, June 10th, at 11.30 a.m., excursion to Carthage. Special meeting of P.G. Mark Lodge in the ruins, if practicable.

"Friday, June 11th, at 8 p.m., installation of Bro. Broadley as W.M. of the Lodge 1835, at Coletta.

"Saturday, June 12th, at 6.30 p.m., installation of the W.M. elect of the Mark Lodge, 222, at Tunis.

"Monday, June 14th, at 6.30 p.m., Royal Arch Chapter, Ancient Carthage."

South Africa.

NATAL.—Natalia Lodge (No. 1665).—This lodge held a meeting on the 20th April last, when they were honoured with the presence of His Excellency Sir Garnet Wolseley, who is a member of the Craft. After the Masonic business was over, the brethren, of whom a large number were present, sat down to a supper, the chair being taken by Bro. Major Terry, the Master of the lodge, His Excellency Sir Garnet occupying the seat of honour on his right. There was a large number of visiting brethren present, and a considerable array of Past Masters. The usual loyal toasts being drunk, the chairman proposed "The health of His Excellency Sir Garnet Wolseley," who, in responding, said that he would carry with him no more pleasing recollection than that of meeting the Masons that evening. At the request of the W.M., Sir Garnet proposed a toast to the success of Masonry generally, and of the Craft in Natal particularly. In the course of an eloquent speech, he bore high testimony to the practical benevolence exercised by Masons in all parts of the world. This was alone sufficient to commend the Craft, but it had other elements in it which were equally praiseworthy, not the least being the manner in which it formed a bond of union with the old country, and so kept up a feeling of love for their native land among Masons in all parts of the world. His address was warmly received, and was responded to by W. Bros. Roseveare and Duleken. "The health of W. Bro. Terry," proposed by W. Bro. Cook, was very heartily received, and gracefully acknowledged. W. Bro. Finnemore was requested to propose the toast of "The Masonic Benevolent Association," which he did in very appropriate terms. "The Past Masters," some other toasts were duly honoured, and some good songs were sung during the intervals, a most pleasant and sociable evening being spent. On his departure, His Excellency Sir Garnet Wolseley was greeted with three hearty cheers, and in bidding him farewell the various brethren expressed their appreciation of his courtesy, and the best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND.

The annual installation of officers of the Pacific Lodge of Hokitika, No. 1229, Westland, was held at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, on Tuesday, February 24th, at three o'clock p.m. The lodge-room was very tastefully decorated on this occasion, and presented a most pleasing effect. The walls were hung with bannerettes bearing familiar Masonic mottoes, executed in church texts, with illuminated capitals, the handiwork of the D.D.G.M., Bro. John Bevan, and presented by him to the lodge. Evergreens, ferns, and flowers completed the decorations, which formed quite a feature in the interest in the proceedings; setting off the pretty lodge furniture to great advantage. Punctually at the appointed time for meeting, the W.M., Bro. James Bevan, opened the lodge, and shortly afterwards the V.W. D.D.G.M., Bro. John Bevan, and the D.G. Officers were announced, and admitted with the customary honours. The D.D.G.M. expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be called upon to perform the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Henry Hyams was then presented by Past Masters Bros. Bramwell and Benning, and was duly installed, according to ancient custom, into the chair of King Solomon. The following officers were then invested, viz.: Bros. J. Anderson, S.W.; W. Thompson, J.W.; J. P. Klein, Treas.; J. J. Clarke, Sec.; R. Gosson, Org.; George

Hills, J.D.; Senior Deacon absent; O. Sander, I.G.; and H. Wales, Tyler. The D.D.G.M. also, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. George Benning, P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and, in doing so, expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him, observing that it was at all times a great honour for any man to receive the special recognition of his fellow men; but it became doubly so to a Mason to receive from his brethren such a handsome mark of their respect and esteem, for a recognition of this character was not of a fleeting nature; it honoured the brother at all times, it was a memento of personal worth and merit, and gained the recipient distinction amongst the brethren. He hoped Bro. Benning would long be spared to wear the jewel and enjoy the confidence and good opinion of his brother Masons. Bro. Benning, who was much affected, briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, feeling that he could not adequately express himself under the circumstances, and the kindness shown him. The jewel was a massive piece of workmanship, and reflected great credit on the skilful craftsman who executed it. At the conclusion of the lodge business, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the D.D.G.M., on the motion of the W.M., Bro. Hyams, for the very eloquent, earnest, and impressive manner in which he had conducted the beautiful ceremony of installation. The D.D.G.M., in replying, stated that Masonry with him, for many long years, had been a labour of love, and he rejoiced to find his work appreciated. He always felt it to be a first duty to respond to the wishes of his brethren, and hoped he might long continue to enjoy the good opinion which they had formed of him during the past fourteen years.

About fifty brethren attended the lodge, amongst whom were Bros. J. R. Hudson, P.M., P.D.S.W.; J. E. Cuddeford, P.M.; F. Eisfelder, P.M., P.D.G.S.W.; W. Williams, W.M. Lazar Lodge; H. Michel, W.M. Kilwinning Lodge; P. Johnson, P.M. Futura Lodge; D. Lindeman, P.M. Kilwinning Lodge; and several other visiting brethren. Apologies were read from several brethren, one also from the D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. E. E. Chambers, regretting their inability to be present on so interesting an occasion.

In the evening the brethren sat down to a *recherché* banquet, held in the lodge-room, under the superintendence of Bro. Hudson, the worthy and respected host. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said: "This noble lady, the mother of our illustrious Grand Master, claims our love, our devotion, and our admiration, and, therefore, let us drink her health with all the enthusiasm that loyal hearts can give, although we are 16,000 miles away from dear old England—(rapturous applause)—the brethren all singing the "National Anthem." The next toast, "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was received with the same enthusiasm. "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland" were next drank. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the D.D.G.M., Bro. John Bevan," and, in doing so, called upon the brethren to drink to him in bumpers. He felt he could not adequately express himself, or do justice to the toast, for no one who had heard the D.D.G.M. that day delivering the grand old charges of the beautiful installation ceremony, and his own particular orations on Masonry, but must feel proud of having such a worthy and able brother presiding over the Craft. He had known Bro. Bevan for many years, and had always found him ever foremost in Masonic and other good works. It mattered not whether it was his purse or his talents that were required, he was ever ready to display the true principles of the Craft either to his brethren or his fellow citizens, and he hoped, indeed, the day was not far distant when they would all be able to greet him as the able successor to their dear departed D.G.M., the late Bro. John Lazar. (Cheers.) Song by Bro. Williams. The D.D.G.M., in rising to respond, was received with deafening cheers, and said: "Brethren, you overwhelm me with kindness, and awaken emotions in my mind to which it is difficult to give utterance, especially when I see around me such a large gathering of happy faces, the heart naturally reverts to former scenes, and to-day we miss from amongst us those with whom we were wont to share our joys, and so I presume it will be to the end of time. Our own place will some day be vacant, but this is no time to dwell upon a subject of this nature, although to a great extent it is called forth by looking upon that picture (pointing to the late District Grand Master's), which appears to regard so benignly our festivities, and the lodge room itself calls forth a long chapter of such recollections, intermingled with pleasure and pain, therefore I trust you will pardon me this digression, in this, our first festive meeting since the death of our lamented District Grand Master. I heartily appreciate the manner in which you have received the toast of my health, for it has been given with that sincerity of feeling which renders it doubly complimentary. I can assure you that, in the exercise of my responsible trust, I deem it my first duty to place my services at all times at the disposal of the brethren, and it will ever be my study to promote the best interests of our time-honoured Craft, for the happiest moments of my life have been spent in Masonry. I can look back upon the last twenty-one years of my experience of it with the most profound pleasure, and I question very much indeed whether any other institution of the outer world could have produced me so much happiness as that which I have found in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge. (Cheers.) The next toast, that of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Hyams," was proposed by the D.D.G.M. in the following terms: "Brethren, I call upon you to drink heartily the health of our genial, generous friend and brother, your W.M., Bro. Hyams. I have known him for many years, and have watched his Masonic career with great interest. He has displayed wonderful ability for so young a Mason. Ever since he was initiated, Masonry, with him, has been an ever enduring theme. Morn, noon, and night Bro. Hyams has enriched his mind with the contemplation of it, and the result is the honourable position he this day enjoys. This much is certain, brethren, that before he was initiated he displayed in his daily life all the grand principles of the Order. He is, therefore, so to speak, a natural born Mason, one whose whole soul is wrapped up in its progress and prosperity, and one in whom you can safely repose your most sacred trusts. (Prolonged applause.) Musical honours. The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the brethren sincerely for all the kind sentiments which had been expressed. It was the greatest honour he had ever received, and he felt extremely proud of being the W.M. of his mother lodge, which was due certainly to his

constant attendance at the lodges of instruction. He was greatly indebted to Bro. Hudson, P.M., and other Past Masters, for the assistance at all times given him. No efforts would be spared on his part to render his year of office equally as satisfactory to the brethren as his predecessor's had been. He was deeply sensible for all the kindness shown him. The toasts of "The Worshipful Masters of the Lazar Lodge," "Kilwinning Lodge," and "Other Sister Lodges" were proposed and suitably responded to, also "The Past Masters of the Pacific Lodge," "The Newly-Installed Officers," "The Visitors," "The Masonic Press," "The Host and Hostess," &c., &c., all of which were duly honoured, and many excellent speeches made. In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Dr. Robt. Bakewell said: I presume I have been selected to respond to this toast because I am the greatest stranger amongst you, if such a term is admissible. To say that I am gratified would ill express my feelings. I certainly never expected to see such a splendid Masonic gathering. The tout ensemble of your lodge, room, brethren, is proof positive that not only have Masons' hands been at work, but Masons' hearts as well, for the effect is most striking, and is worthy of all praise. Freemasonry is truly a glorious institution, her doctrines are of the highest order; she teaches us the grandest lessons, exalts our ideas, and lends an enchantment to life by the majestic principles which she inculcates. How gratifying it must be to the heart of every true Mason that the Grand Lodges at home should discountenance the doings of the Grand Orient of France, in consequence of that body seeking to remove one of the greatest bulwarks of our Masonic faith, the Word of God, from our Masonic altar. Such an innovation would produce disastrous consequences, but we must hope that wiser counsels will yet prevail in that foreign branch of our Order, for Masonry can never consistently secede from the holy influences of religious belief and recognition of the inspired writings of the ancients. Her good works must continue to be glorified by her sacred alliance with those grand doctrines of faith and belief which all good men approve and reverence, and which is in reality the foundation of her existence; for although Masonry may not assume to be absolutely a religion, still it is admitted to be a powerful ally, and the faithful handmaiden of its holy precepts and teachings; and, therefore, we, as Englishmen and Masons, must ever uphold this powerful influence in our Masonic institutions, and then we shall continue to prosper and extend the untold benefits of our great and benevolent Order. (Cheers.) This toast was also responded to by Bros. Block, Ford, Barnett, Crump, Clarke, and others. The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most successful Masonic celebrations ever held in Hokitika, and the brethren will long remember the installation of 1880.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the performances of Bro. Gosson, D.G. Organist, recitations, and the singing generally, many good voices contributing to the enjoyment of the festivities.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF THE MERCHANTS' LODGE, No. 241.

The members of this lodge, of which Bro. Thomas Salter is the present W.M. (which holds its meeting at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool), will, by special permission of the Grand Lodge, celebrate their centenary festival on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, and subsequently at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool. The lodge is one which has long held a high place in the Province of West Lancashire on account of its deeds of charity and labours of love, and the event is looked forward to with more than ordinary interest by those more intimately associated with the old lodge. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, has promised to be present on the occasion, when he will be made an honorary member, and be presented with a centenary jewel. It is also fully expected that Bro. Colonel Stanley, Dep. G.M. of West Lancashire, will be able to attend and take part in the proceedings. The centenary banquet will take place at the Adelphi Hotel, where an attendance of about 200 brethren is expected. A special programme is being prepared for the centenary celebration of the lodge.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Wednesday, the 16th inst., has been appointed for the visit of the Stewards to the above Institution. Luncheon will be provided from two to four.

THE THREE NUNS' HOTEL, ALDGEATE.

If within the memory of comparatively young men changes so numerous and extensive have taken place that neighbourhoods with which they were familiar in their boyhood are now almost as strange as if they had never traversed them, it is easy to imagine how different the London of our day must be from the London of former times. Many of our principal streets, of our largest buildings, of our most fashionable squares, are but of yesterday, while as regards Old London, its landmarks are rapidly diminishing in number, so that a quarter of a century hence it is just possible that there may be hardly a vestige left to tell us what our great metropolis was like in the days of the Merry Monarch. But, fortunately, there have been laborious writers, such as Stow, Strype, &c., &c., whose chronicles enable us to learn something of the antiquities of London, of its walls and gates, its streets, churches, public buildings, the famous people who dwelt in it, and much else that cannot fail to prove attractive reading to the vast majority of our countrymen. Nor has the love of antiquarian research and compilation quite departed from amongst us, for many a guide and history is now and again published, in which the great city, from the earliest to the present times, is placed before us as in a picture, so that when we wander through its broad, spacious streets, though there is very little in the shape of relics to remind us of bygone days and people, we know the ground we are passing over has been made memorable as having been the scene of some important civic event, or the abode of some distinguished personage. Of course the City proper and its immediate neighbourhood offer the greatest attractions to the enthusiast in antiquarian studies, and, as most of our readers know, hardly the least attractive parts are to be found in eastern London, whence

rank and fashion have long since taken their departure, and where now are to be found only houses of business, store and warehouses, shipping agencies, &c., all testifying clearly enough to the commercial fortune of our metropolis, but with nothing picturesque about them from an architectural point of view. Who, for instance, would for a single moment imagine that Aldgate, with its historic pump, and the Minories, with which is usually associated the name of one of the earliest of our great retail clothiers, were classic ground, and that in the narrow thoroughfares close by lived great lords and ladies, who if they flourished in this prosaic age would have about as much knowledge of these parts as of Central Africa? Yet a perusal of the pages of that famous old chronicler, Stow, and other writers, will show that formerly Aldgate would compare well with other parts of the City, not only in the wealth but also in the importance of its inhabitants.

Aldgate, or Ealdgate—that is, the Old Gate—stood formerly just about where Duke's-place enters Aldgate-street (on its northern side), and, therefore, some little distance before Houndsditch is reached. It was thus called from its age. The date of its foundation is uncertain, but it is known to have been in existence in 960, in the reign of the Saxon King Edgar, and stood there afterwards during close on six centuries, when it was pulled down and rebuilt. When the former event happened, which was in 1606, and search was made among the rubbish, previous to laying the foundations of the new gate, a number of Roman coins were found, of two of which, by order of Mr. Martin Bond, copies were made and placed on the east side of the gate. The same Mr. Bond laid the first foundation stone on the 10th April, 1607, and the gate was completed in two years from that time. Stow gives a very elaborate description of the gate, with its "golden sphere with a goodly vane on it" on top, and on the upper battlements figures of two ancient soldiers—"as vigilant Centinels, and, as it were, kept waking by Fame's Golden Trumpet"—each holding a stone ball in his hand wherewith to keep off enemies; a figure of James I., on one side, and the Royal arms, with figures of Fortune, Faith, and Charity, the last two being copied from the afore-mentioned Roman coins, on the other, there being underneath the inscription: "Senatus Populusque Londinensis, 1609, Humfrey Weld, Mayor." It was through Aldgate that in the year 1215, by favour of the citizens, the barons under "Robert Fitzwalter, Jeffrey Magnaville, Earl of Essex, and the Earl of Gloucester" entered with their forces, and the gate, which was in a very ruinous condition, was at once repaired with "the stones taken from the Jews' broken houses." In 1471, in Edward IV.'s reign, the bastard Faulconbridge, having failed in his attempt to gain a passage on the Thames side of the City, attacked Aldgate and other gates, with a rabble of some 5000 men. They won the bulwarks and forced an entrance, but the portcullis (portcullis) being let down, those who had done so were slain, and then Robert Basset, Alderman of the ward, and the Recorder "commanded in the name of God to draw up the portcullis; which being done, they issued out, and with sharp shot and fierce fight, put their enemies back so far as St. Botolph's Church, by which time the Earl Rivers, and the Lieutenant of the Tower, was come with a fresh company; which joining together, discomfited the rebels, and put them to flight; whom the aforesaid Robert Basset, with other citizens, chased unto the Mile's-end, and thence, some to Poplar, and some to Stratford; slew many, and took many of them prisoners." In 1760 the old City gates, with the exception of Temple Bar, were taken down, in order that the streets might be widened, and Aldgate was bought by a Mr. Russell, of Bethnal Green, a zealous antiquary, who lived in a house belonging to Lord Wentworth, which had been built in James II.'s reign. Mr. Russell had this gate rebuilt on the north side of his mansion, to which henceforth he gave the name of Aldgate House. It should be added that among the City records is a lease, dated 1374, granting the whole of the house above the gate to the poet Chaucer; that in the chambers over the postern gate on the north side lived one of the Lord Mayor's carvers, who was also one of the Sergeants of the Chambers for the time being; and that after the Great Fire, the prisoners from the Poultry Compter were lodged until the prison could be rebuilt.

Duke's-place, of which mention has been made, was so called after Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, who was beheaded in 1572 for his intrigues on behalf of Mary Queen of Scots, to whose hand he had aspired. It is of this nobleman that Strype says, "I find the said duke, anno 1562, with his duchess, riding thither through Bishopsgate-street to Leadenhall, and so to Cree Church, to his own place, attended with a hundred horse in his livery, with his gentlemen afore, and four heralds, riding before him, namely, Clarencieux, Somerset, Red Cross, and Blue Mantle." His Grace inherited this property by his marriage with the daughter of Sir Thomas Audley, formerly Lord Chancellor, to whom Henry VIII. granted it with the rest of the precinct of the Priory of Holy Trinity, founded by Matilda, Queen of Henry I., who gave to it the Port of Aldgate, with the soke or franchise belonging thereto; hence Portsoken Ward. The Earl of Suffolk sold this Priory precinct, and the mansion of his mother to the City. When in 1650 the Jews were allowed to return to England, many settled in Duke's-place, and later on in the same century many Polish and German Jews came thither, one of the latter, named Moses Hart, building a synagogue there in 1692.

Houndsditch, one end of which leads into Aldgate, and now a good broad thoroughfare, was formerly a ditch, whence, and because it was made a receptacle for all kinds of filth, especially dead dogs, it derived its name. Here, in the present day the Jewish element musters in great strength. Stow speaks of it as "taken up by brokers, joiners, braziers, salesmen, and such as deal in old clothes, linen, and upholstery ware." Here, too, he remembers to have seen in his youth devout people walk expressly to bestow their alms on the bedridden folk who lived in certain cottages close by. These poor people lay in their beds with the windows opened, so that any one could see them. A clean linen cloth and a pair of beads were in each window to indicate that "there lay a bedrid body unable but to pray only." In the latter part of Henry VIII.'s reign—Houndsditch was first paved in 1503—three gunfounders obtained ground for building thereon, and to enclose for casting brass ordnance, and others gradually built there, so that in time the poor people were worn out, and their cottages gave place to houses that did "rather want room than rent," while the rest of the ground, which had been a field, was in the last year of Edward VI.'s reign parcelled out into gardens. The great bane of the place, however, were the people—"monsters in the shape of men"—who pro-

fessed to live by lending, and yet "lent nothing but upon pawns at from 50 to 80 per cent."

Near Aldgate "antiently on the wall was a turret whereon was placed an hermitage, which in the reign of Edward I. was presented to the king's judges at an inquisition in the Tower." Near it also was erected in 1535 a conduit, the water being supplied from Hackney, but, owing to the nuisance caused by the crowd of water carriers waiting with their pails and other vessels to obtain water, the conduit was removed into a side court.

Of St. Botolph's Church we should like to speak at some length, but, instead of doing so, we content ourselves with remarking that it is set down in Peter Cunningham's "Handbook to Modern London" as the richest living in London, being worth over £2200 per annum. Aldgate Pump needs little comment, save that some time ago, so the late Mr. Walter Thornbury tells us, when workmen were excavating near, they came across some very curious arches, resembling the cloisters of an ancient abbey. As to the Minories, which runs out of Aldgate, just opposite St. Botolph's, and extends to Little Tower-hill, here in the Middle Ages was founded in 1293 by Edmund, Earl of Lancaster, brother of Edward I., an Abbey of Nuns of the order of St. Clare, while the Church of the Holy Trinity in the same district was founded in 1108 by Henry I.'s queen. It escaped the Great Fire, but had become so ruinous that it was taken down and rebuilt in 1706. Then both within and without Whitechapel Bars were many butchers, who drove a considerable trade and killed excellent beef, veal, mutton, and lamb, and close at hand was a hay market, held three times a week. Thus not only is Aldgate of great antiquity, Portsoken as a guild tracing back its origin to over a century before the Conquest, but there is an air of religion and high respectability about the neighbourhood, with its Priory of the Holy Trinity and its Abbey of Nuns of St. Clare on the one hand, and its dual and other noble inhabitants on the other. Houndsditch, albeit nowadays a crowded and thriving place, is suggestive of less savoury reminiscences, and De Foe mentions that not very far from where Aldgate Station now is was the "dreadful gulf, for such it was rather than a pit," where in the fortnight between the 6th and 20th September, 1666, the bodies of no less than 1114 persons were buried.

Few, perhaps, give heed to these things as they move along through the crowded thoroughfares, or hurry in or out of Aldgate Railway Station, which has been opened now for some little time, and is found a great boon to the public. It has brought this district into rapid communication with nearly the whole of London, a point on which more than usual stress must be laid, having regard to the difficulties of locomotion in the great business thoroughfares of the City. But the station does not stand alone in its glory. On its western side is an hotel occupying the site, or a part of the site, of an old coaching-house, with the somewhat unusual sign of "The Three Nuns." Larwood and Hotten in their "History of Signboards" speak of this as having been constantly used by drapers, "because the holy sisterhoods were generally very expert in making lace embroidery, and other fancy work—as the handkerchiefs made by the nuns of Pau, and sold by our drapers fully prove even at the present day." How it came to be associated with this particular inn, which was a well-known coaching and carrier's inn in the sixteenth century is not clear, though we would suggest that it may have had its origin in the Abbey of St. Clare nuns already mentioned. Be this as it may, Strype, in his edition of Stowe, bearing date 1720, in his list of coaches and carriers plying between London and the provinces, transcribed from a list printed in 1707, gives the following as starting from "The Three Nuns," and their days of running:—

"The Barkin Coach," every day.
 "The Brentwood Carrier," Saturday.
 "Chippinonger Carrier," Tuesday and Friday.
 "Low-Leyton Coach," every day.
 "Ongar Carrier," Tuesday and Friday, and "Ongar Coach," Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
 "The Rumford Coach," Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

The "Woodford Coach," every day.
 Indeed, "The Three Nuns" seems to have been the starting point and goal of many of the Essex coaches and carriers, and was accordingly well furnished with excellent accommodation for travellers visiting London. But spacious as the rooms in the old house may have been in its most flourishing days, we question if they approached in any way, as regards comfort and completeness of fitting and other necessities, those in the present "Three Nuns" Hotel, which for a twelvemonth or so has been open to the public under the able management of Mr. Samuel East, jun., the enterprising and experienced proprietor. On the ground floor is a spacious dining room, where any reasonable number can dine at any hour of the day. The tables are covered with dazzling white napery, glass, and cutlery. Over the fire place is the old sign representing "The Three Nuns" as it hung before the former house—evidently a copy of an older sign, as it bears date 1823 only. On the first floor and above this is the principal room, which may be used either as a dining or ball room. This, too, is handsomely fitted and furnished, but with a view to cosiness and comfort rather than for purposes of display. There are sitting and bedrooms, a large billiard room, a spacious kitchen, with all the latest and most approved appliances. There is ample cellarage below, while in the portion of the building that is used as a tavern there is plenty of room to spare for the hungry or thirsty passer-by who may wish to refresh himself comfortably. Indeed, the building, which externally seems far more picturesque than the majority of our modern hotels, has been excellently well set up, while the interior arrangements both as regards furnishing and appointments are most satisfactory. Both Mr. East and his manager Mr. J. Privett, are untiring in their efforts to meet the wishes of their guests. The service is excellent, and the viands, as well as the wines, &c., &c., would do credit to many older hotels in the more favoured districts of London.

One or two remarks must be added. We believe the "Three Nuns" is the only house in the city which has a license for music, singing, and dancing. Moreover, not only is the accommodation good, and the food, both solid and fluid, good, but the charges are extremely moderate, and no one who may think of patronising "The Three Nuns" Hotel need have any fear of being charged a shilling for looking at the landlord, or sixpence for asking for a candle. We hope Mr. East, jun., will find in the liberal patronage of the public a just reward for the enterprise and determination to please he has exhibited during the thus far brief period of his proprietorship.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY
FESTIVAL,
CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM, THURSDAY, 1ST JULY, 1880

The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM, R.W. Dep. G.M.,
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With 260 other brethren, representing Lodges and Pro-
vinces, to which additions are still earnestly solicited. The
services of brethren will be gratefully acknowledged.

Musical Arrangements:

Miss Mary McLean will sing two Songs. Miss Hopekirk
will play Pianoforte Solo. Pupils' Choir, with Professional
Assistants, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Holmes,
Musical Instructor. Pupil's Band, conducted by Mr. W.
Whare, Bandmaster.

Tickets—Ladies, 15s.; Brethren, 21s.

Dinner on the Table at Five o'clock precisely.

Every information may be obtained at the Office of the
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FREDERICK BINCKES, V.-Pres. (P.G. Steward),
Secretary.

7th June, 1880. Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

**THE ANNUAL PROVINCIAL
GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE, OF
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,**
Will be holden (D.V.) at Lincoln, in the MASONIC HALL,
on THURSDAY, the 24th JUNE next, on the invitation
of the Lodges Witham, No. 297, and St. Hugh, No.
1386, at High Twelve punctually, when and where the
P.G. Officers and Past Officers, with the W. Masters and
Past Masters, and the acting Wardens in the Province, are
hereby convoked to attend, and at which all Master Masons
are invited to be present. By order of the R.W.P.G.M.

FREDERICK D. MARSDEN,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Louth, June 8th, 1880.

PROVINCE OF KENT.

Dear Sir and Brother,

The ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
of Kent will be held at the FORESTERS' HALL, Union
Crescent, Margate, on Wednesday, June 23rd, when and
where the Provincial Grand Officers and Past Officers, with
the Worshipful Masters, and Wardens of the Lodges in
the Province are hereby convoked to attend.

By order of the R.W.P.G.M. VISCOUNT HOLMESDALE.

ALFRED SPENCER,
Maidstone, May 27th, 1880. Prov. G. Sec.

The arrangements of the Committee at Margate for the
Festival are:

LODGE at the Forester's Hall	12.0 noon
SERVICE at St. Paul's Church, Cliftonville	1.30 p.m.
BANQUET at the Assembly Rooms, Cecil Square,	
Tickets 10s. 6d. each, including Wine,	
Dessert, and Waiters	3.30 ..

**ROYAL MASONIC BENEVO-
LENT INSTITUTION**—Bro. JOHN BENNETT
begs to return his sincere thanks to the brethren and friends
who so kindly assisted him in his candidature for the above
(he being second on the poll), not only in the Metropolis
and Suburbs, but various parts of England, including Cam-
bridge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and extending to India and
Newfoundland.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe.
In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland,
and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respec-
tive Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic
work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

The vast accession to the ranks of the Order during the past few
years, and the increasing interest manifested in its doings, has
given the *Freemason* a position and influence which few journals
can lay claim to, and the proprietor can assert with confidence that
announcements appearing in its columns challenge the attention of
a very large and influential body of readers.

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six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

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To Correspondents.

Bro. POYNTER's letter is under consideration.

We have received several letters with respect to Truro,
for which we thank our correspondents, but think it better,
for many reasons, to close the discussion.

We have also received several letters with respect to the
Ritual question, but for special reasons that will be patent
to our readers we must decline to allow them to appear in
our columns.

The following communications stand over for want of space:
Reports of Lodge Meetings:—No. 243; No. 477; and
No. 958.

Lodges of Instruction:—No. 1382 and No. 1623.

Freemasonry in Spain.

Freemasonry in Edenderry.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Egyptian Gazette," "The Jewish Chronicle,"
"Sunday Times," "Orient," "Canadian Craftsman,"
"The Freemason" (Sydney); "The Voice of Masonry,"
"Hull Packet," "New Zealand Freemason," "Boletín
Oficial de la Gran Logia Unida de Colón Isla de Cuba,"
Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5; "Boletín Oficial de la Masonería Simb. de
Colón," "La Chaîne D'Union De Paris," "Broad
Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Report of Grand Lodge of
Ireland" (by favour of Bro. J. H. Neilson).

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1880.

OUR readers will have perused LORD MOUNT
EDGECUMBE's explanatory letter in our last, and we
fancy that we are expressing the feelings of all when
we say, that we think the controversy had better
now cease. It is never a good thing in this world
to open out personal grievances, or individual
complaints, especially on a transaction past and
gone, and in Masonry above all it is most preju-
dicial to that forbearance, consideration, and har-
mony which ought always to exist among Masons.

LET us hope that the Cathedral about to be
erected at Truro may prove "perfect in all its
arts," and "honourable to the builder," a landmark
of architectural beauty and grandeur, and a means
of peace, hope, blessing, and salvation to all who
shall enter its consecrated walls.

WE hear, with some regret, though we hope the
report is a "canard," that there is an idea of
reviving in some form the Masonic lotteries for
both or one of the Charities. We trust that our
brethren will pause and think before they again
countenance any such scheme. Admitted, if you
will, that it raises money—money is not the end of
everything, and any such scheme introduces at the
same time the most vitiating principles of action
as regards Masonic charity. People do not give
for the sake of giving, but practically to obtain at
a cheap rate the privilege of a Life Governorship,
value £10 10s., for which they pay one shilling,
or any other sum. We can see no es-
sential difference between this line of action
and an illegal lottery, and it is thus that
a lower view of what Masonic charity really
means is fostered and foisted upon the Craft. We
are of those who think that all lodges and chap-
ters, nay, and all Masons, if they can afford it,
should subscribe to our Charities, but we object to
a system which positively lowers the whole theory
of giving, for charity's sake, into a mere adver-
tisement, and too often individual notoriety at the
expense of others.

HAVING said our little say by way of protest
against the Boys' School circular, which we con-
ceive to be most unjust to the *Freemason* in every
respect, and utterly unwarranted and uncalled for,
we are anxious to express our hope and wish that
the coming Festival of that Institution may
be a signal success. We are well aware
of the need and value of the Boys' School,
and can gladly testify how, under Bro. Dr.
MORRIS's direction, it has maintained and de-
veloped its prestige, usefulness, and importance.
We wish the School all prosperity, and shall truly
be rejoiced to chronicle a goodly return from the
Stewards in these friendly pages.

BRO. DAVIS's letter, which we printed last week,
is a very creditable one to a very worthy Mason,
and is duly appreciated, we know, by many of
our readers. It is a most amusing commentary—
is it not?—on statements and counter statements,
canards and circulars, assertions and declarations,
and, above all, on that "discreet silence," which
have marked in succession the proceedings in re-
spect of the recent most unwise attempt to unseat
the whole Committee of the Girls' School.
Verbum sat.

At the monthly Committee of the Boys' School
the whole of the old House Committee, with two
new members, Bros. DR. RAMSAY and SANDERS,
were elected by large majorities. There was not
quite such a gathering as had taken place the week
before at the Girls' School, but a larger number of
Life Governors than usual attended. We do not
object to see a little "life" thrown into such
meetings.

By a pure editorial oversight, owing to much
thronging matter of various kinds, two reports
anent the so-called "Grande Loge Symbolique,"
Paris, have found their way into the columns of
the *Freemason*. We regret the occurrence, as we
cannot, and do not, in any way recognize the
legality of this schismatic movement, nor the
reality of the position assumed and claimed. We
have written to our esteemed correspondent at
Paris to say that similar reports cannot be in-
serted in the *Freemason*, though we are always
happy to hear of lawful French Freemasonry.

THE *Craftsman* tells us that the "Council of the
Grand Orient of France is said to be preparing
"an appeal to the Grand Lodge of England
"against the exclusion of its members from the
"English Masonic Fraternities. The exclusion
"rule of the English and Scotch lodges is repre-
"sented to have been felt by French Masons in
"many parts of the world, the ruling having ap-
"plication in almost every English-speaking lodge.
"Many complaints have reached the Grand
"Orient, accompanied in some instances by ap-
"plications for charters to start lodges. Unwilling
"to widen the breach in the Masonic circle, the
"Grand Orient has hitherto declined those char-
"ters, but should the English Grand Lodge con-
"tinue to refuse fellowship, the Council of the
"Grand Orient will grant those charters. The
"English body will, of course, refuse to admit
"the validity of a right which excludes the recog-
"nition of the Deity, and we shall then have
"established in London several lodges under
"the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient." This
is news to us in England. The truth is, that
we do not concern ourselves about it. We have
said our say, and there the matter ends. The effect
of any such clandestine lodges on Masonry in this
"country would be utterly nil," so that the truest
policy is to take no notice of them.

MASONIC history and Masonic criticism, like all
other human studies, has its fluctuations. Just
now we have arrived at what the Germans call a
"standpunkt," a standpoint, when we require to
"collect our scattered thoughts." It has been
assumed for some time that the "Guild theory" was
the only true explanation of Masonic history. But
as all who study the question know, it has its diffi-
culties. One of its most earnest propounders in
this country has never concealed this fact, and has
from the first pointed it out. Such hesitation and
uncertainty are well expressed in "Kenning's
Cyclopædia," which our readers who have it may
consult "passim," and those who have it not, even
in its cheaper issue, may well at once procure and
study. Circumstances which have lately arisen
have made several students pause and look back on
the way they have gained. It is now quite clear
that the theory of ascribing to RAMSAY all
Chivalric and Hermetic Masonry must be
abandoned. If, then, Hermetic Masonry existed
contemporaneously with the re-establishment of

the Grand Lodge in 1717, how did it exist? Under what condition? in what name, avowed or secret? An old friend of ours, S. BARTON WILSON, always asserted to the last that Masonry was Egyptian in its origin. Is there then some truth in OLIVER'S theory, of Masonry originating with primæval truth, and being handed on in pure and partly impure mysteries? Is OLIVER'S view to be modified, and can it then be accepted as an explanation of the existence of Masonry? These are all questions which are now before us, and in the interests of Masonic truth, criticism, and evidence, cannot be contemptuously ignored, or dogmatically dismissed.

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WE have now, thanks to the courtesy of Bro. GOULD, seen a catalogue of the Grand Lodge library, arranged by Bro. HEMSWORTH in 1869, but "printed for private circulation only." Curiously enough few Grand Officers or Past Grand Officers know of its existence, and though we do not profess to understand the little "mystery" which seems to hang around our Grand Lodge library, we trust that the allusion in the last report of the Board of General Purposes, to an "excellent" and "valuable library" is *auspicium melioris ævi* for Masonic students generally. We refer our readers to a specific report of it elsewhere.

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AT a meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday, the collectorship was declared vacant, and a Sub-Committee appointed to report "there anent" to an adjourned meeting, June 22, at 3.

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BRO. WM. ROWBOTTOM, of Alfreton, who has written much and well on the Pyramids and Masonry, and has recently issued, as one of the reviews tells us to-day, a lecture for Masons only, entitled "The Origin of Masonic Ritual and Tradition," is now in London, and would, we understand, be happy to give a lecture to a lodge or chapter or brethren assembled. He can be heard of at the office of the *Freemason*.

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WE understand that there are now 260 Stewards for the Boys' School festival, which, as we may remind our readers, will take place at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, July 1st.

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THE *Keystone* makes the statement that at the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, measures were taken which will in a short time, it is hoped, bring about peace and harmony between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We have ourselves not heard of them, and judging from the position which our most esteemed contemporary has taken in respect of this controversy, the "wish" is probably the "father" to the "thought." Still, in the interests of Masonic peace, a friendly arrangement, as we ventured to point out from the fact, was the only possible and safe solution of the matter. The "pretensions" which have been put forward, and called "Masonic law," are utterly unfounded and untenable, and what is termed the "American view" is not, and will be accepted "inter nos." We almost wonder that our acute brethren in America do not see that they are practically throwing away the whole foundation of Craft Masonry, the soundness of lodge life, as given by the original lodge charters.

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WE are glad to see the fashion of "lectures" again setting in. Bro. NATHAN gave, on Monday last, at Golden-square, a learned explanation of the landmarks of Freemasonry. The great point of interest was the manner in which he handled the Hebrew Cabala. We hope that Masonic "lectures" may be revived in our "little village."

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THE important question of the right of non-confirmation has again cropped up, owing to a "de-livrance" accidentally, by our distinguished brother, the President of the Board of General

Purposes at last Grand Lodge. We do not, we confess at once, agree with his view on the subject. We contend, as we have always have contended, and always shall contend, that Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodges, and Private Lodges, have a right by the common law of English Freemasonry to non-confirm any portion of the minutes. When we say this we wish to guard ourselves within the laws of common sense. There are certain matters, "purely ad hoc," which can neither be confirmed or non-confirmed. But the Book of Constitutions giving the special right of "confirmation" in certain special instances, *exceptio probat regulum*, this very exception proves the rule, and, therefore, the proper word to use is simple "confirmation" of the minutes. The expression "correctly entered" cannot apply when it becomes the question of the confirmation of a W.M., the alteration of a law, or a vote of money. The Pro Grand Master, in our humble opinion, laid down the law most correctly, and lucidly, and constitutionally, as he always does.

Original Correspondence.

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

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON'S COMPLAINT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I agree with your correspondent, "A Life Governor of the Boys' School," that it is "passing strange" that Bro. Barton Wilson having a grievance against certain members of the Committee, should himself nominate certain others to replace them.

I consider the system on which nominations are made is most objectionable, and some means should be adopted to put it on a different basis. I have, as we all have, known brethren nominated on our Committees without regard to their fitness for the post, or their knowledge of the duties. I might further suggest whether there should not be some restrictions as to the notices of motion given at our different Courts, many of which are given without consideration, and are afterwards withdrawn, thus putting the Institutions to a great deal of unnecessary expense. I think, to avoid this, all notices of motion should be submitted to a Committee of first instance, to determine as to their expediency or not.

Yours faithfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

THE LAST QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I think that very few who were present last Wednesday week in Grand Lodge but retired humiliated and annoyed by the "scene" they had witnessed, alike derogatory to the dignity of Grand Lodge, and most disrespectful to the chair. Surely there might be a law, (not a resolution), by which the time and temper of worthy brethren are not to be wasted and tried by any one who will in the course of six months, against all entreaties, take the opinion of his brethren twice on a thoroughly idle and hurtful agitation. In all civilized societies there is a rule that the same subject shall not again be discussed except at a proper interval.

If we had had so wise a section in our estimable Book of Constitutions, we should not have been all hurtful by the melancholy scene of June 2nd.

Yours fraternally and obliged,

MASONIC RITUAL.

ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I was present at the election of the House Committee of the Boys' School on Saturday last, and it appeared to me to be carried on in a very loose and inefficient manner. If the Committees are to be elected by open voting, I say by all means let us have open voting ruled by the Chairman, but if we are to vote by ballot don't allow one brother to fill in more than his own balloting paper. I make these observations because my attention was called to a prominent member of the old House Committee who was seen to fill in upwards of twenty balloting papers, and I myself saw him with a goodly pile on which he was very busily engaged.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27, Walbrook, E.C.,
7th June.

BRO. MONCKTON AND MASONIC LAW.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I have heard a good many astounding statements from the Dais of Grand Lodge in times past, especially when a victory over a blue collar was to be gained, but of all the amazing deliverances ever enunciated I think that of the President of the Board of General Purposes is the most wonderful, with reference to Bro. James Stevens' motion for non-confirmation of part of the minutes of the last Grand Lodge. That motion was plainly irregular, because you cannot move to non-confirm a non-confirmation, or obviously the process might go on for ever. Bro. Monckton, however, missed the true point, and in his hurry to put down an unpopular motion, he stated that "the ordinary proceedings of Grand Lodge did not by the Constitutions require confirmation, they merely came up before Grand Lodge on the question whether they were correctly recorded,"—and the Grand Registrar sat "mute as Minerva's bird," and allowed the statement to pass uncontradicted. Why,

what happened in 1856, to quote a famous instance? It was recommended by a Committee that the Mark Degree should be incorporated in the Craft. This was approved by the Grand Master, and unanimously adopted at the Quarterly Communication in March. In June, a Past G. Registrar (Bro. Handerson) moved the non-confirmation of the minutes relating to the Mark Degree, as being contrary to the articles of Union, and the minutes were non-confirmed accordingly; to the great benefit, I have no doubt, of the Mark Degree. Innumerable instances of the same kind have occurred since. It is to be hoped that the constitutional knowledge displayed in Grand Lodge is not a fair sample of that which regulates Masonic discipline in the Board-room.

I am yours fraternally,

A MARK MASTER.

THE RAISON D'ETRE OF ENGLISH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The very kind and fraternal interest you have taken in my researches in regard to the connection between Great Pyramid, science and symbolism, and English Masonry, gives me every assurance that you will assist me in bringing a subject of so great interest to the Craft before the London lodges. From the peculiar nature of the subjects treated upon it is possible to convey in a lodge lecture, in a clear, yet brief form, an easy and intelligible explanation of many important points of Masonic ritual and tradition; and even brethren who have not had leisure and opportunity, or, may be, inclination, to follow up Masonic lore, are able to realise and fully grasp a great and fundamental principle when presented to them through the medium of well-known rites and ceremonies.

That much apathy exists among many brethren with regard to the due performance of Masonic duties in lodge may be traced, I venture to submit, to a lack of a right interest in our ceremonies themselves. Mere curiosity and novelty will not long prove attractive forces, and many weary of Masonry by forgetting the all-important fact that, while giving due heed to "the letter," they must also realise "the spirit" of the ceremonies if they would know what Masonry is; and, above all, that he cannot search out truth who has not faith in the power of truth to make itself manifest.

Many shrink from this subject as too deep for them, yet how often truth presents itself in simple form. To understand the essence of Masonry it is not necessary to know all philosophy. Without that light which illumines the path of every true Mason philosophy often wanders from its goal. English Craft Masonry must have an origin as distinct from a mere philosophic source as its tenets are free from abstract speculation. Philosophy, if our accepted teaching be right, is the wayward child of Masonry—not its parent. We may thus seek for evidences of the existence of Masonic teaching in the works of ancient philosophers, but not for its origin. That in them will be found evidence pointing to its origin is possible, but, even on this point, Hebrew tradition is a surer guide, and the volume of the Sacred Law the one and only safe landmark.

Into the realms of philosophy few may feel called to enter; but, surely, every brother who has stood upon the square and been bid to learn the mysteries of nature and science is interested in knowing why and wherefore Masonry and geometry were in early days synonymous terms.

Most of the London lodges are now bringing their labours to a close for the present season; but in the interval which will ensue before those duties are resumed, I shall be happy to arrange to deliver a lecture on this intrinsic characteristic of English Masonry in open lodge. As the delivery of the lecture occupies nearly fifty minutes, it is desirable that the regular work of a lodge for the same evening should not be heavy.

Letters addressed to the *Freemason* office, 198, Fleet-street, or to Alfreton, Derbyshire, will be forwarded me.

Apologising for occupying so much space, I remain, very fraternally yours,

WM. ROWBOTTOM.

NON-CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am very much struck with the casual ruling on this head proffered by our esteemed Bro. the President of the Board of General Purposes on Wednesday week, and as I do not myself agree with it, I venture, in all deference and humility, to send these few lines to the *Freemason*.

I said that the ruling was "casual." It arose out of a discussion on a most puerile proposition, whose absurdity was inherent and self-evident—but still there it is. If Bro. Monckton's words are correctly repeated (which fact I doubt not), he would contend that, with the exception of certain definite points, no non-confirmation of Grand Lodge minutes, except on those points, and on the ground of incorrect entry, is legal.

Where our distinguished brother obtains the law on this subject I know not; it is quite new to older Masons. He certainly cannot allege precedent, for numerous precedents can be produced on almost every conceivable subject where Grand Lodge has exercised, under Lord Zetland especially, without a doubt as to the legality or usage, the absolute right of non-confirmation.

Feeling myself convinced that this right of non-confirmation is essential alike to the liberties of the Craft and the dignity of Grand Lodge, I hope that we may see the subject fully discussed in your pages. I am aware that there is a new idea of "correct entry" going round, but the older view was one of simple confirmation and non-confirmation of minutes.

I say no more to-day, and am, yours fraternally,

A VERY OLD MASON.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO TRURO.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In your paper of May 29th "A Past Grand Officer" brings certain grave and specific charges against the Committee of Management, the Provincial Grand Officers of Cornwall, and the clergy who severally took part in the arrangements and the ceremonial of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral. The greater number of these allegations are either explained or flatly contradicted or clearly disproved by Lord Mount Edgcumbe in his letter inserted in your paper of June the 5th, but there is one part of the letter of "A Past Grand Officer" to which it would seem that his lordship should have especially

alluded, and if possible have contradicted. I quote the passage verbatim: "Here a similar line of action to that in the eastern enclosure was taken by the clergy, even with still more marked manifestation of antipathy. They positively swarmed over the dias, and indicated by their manner that the second stone should, after all, be laid *Ecclesiastically*, and not *Masonically*! Again, Bro. Penn, nothing daunted, came to the rescue, and by insisting that if the Prince of Wales did not lay the second stone as M.W.G.M., he (the Prince) with his Grand Officers, would there and then remove their clothing and leave the place. This "did not suit their book," and common sense was thus permitted to prevail over bigoted hostility."

This is no surmise, it is not the statement of an impression, it is the assertion of a fact. Is it true or is it not? Did Bro. Penn hold out the threat that "the M.W.G.M. and his Grand Officers would remove their clothing and leave the place?" If he did he must have had full authority for doing so, and he would not have been authorised to threaten so extreme a course of action on the part of the Prince of Wales unless good and sufficient reasons existed. Bro. Penn is the one of all others best qualified to give an answer, and fully to explain the circumstances of the case. In the hope that his attention may be called to this communication,

I remain, yours fraternally,

P.P.G.R. ONON.

H.M.S. ATALANTA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It may interest your readers to know that Bro. G. H. Wyatt (late of this ship), a contributor to your magazine, is one of the unfortunate men who are missing in H.M.S. Atalanta, and of whose untimely end there can be little doubt. He exchanged from the Lord Warden to the Atalanta in the latter part of 1879.

Can an appeal be made in your columns in behalf of his widow and three children, who are now left destitute, and which will be the more severe as Mrs. Wyatt expects to be confined this week or next? Doubtless a fund will be established for their relief, as in the cases of the Captain and Eurydice, but in the meantime she is without funds to support herself and family in her trouble.

Trusting you will see your way clear to establish a small subscription list for her by an appeal to your readers,

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

WILLIAM H. HINKS, M.M.

H.M.S. Lord Warden,

Portsmouth Dockyard, June 8th.

Appended is the address of Mrs. Wyatt for further enquiries: 23, Eldon-terrace, Windmill Hill, Westminster, Bristol.

Reviews.

THE ORIGIN OF MASONIC RITUAL AND TRADITION. By Bro. Wm. ROWBOTTOM, Alfreton.

This is a "Lecture," based, to some extent, on articles which have already appeared in the "Masonic Magazine," and is very ably put together, and suggests many serious considerations. The "Pyramidal School" is increasing rapidly, if we may judge by the works produced, and in that school Bro. Rowbottom holds a not undistinguished place. To say that we agree in all his arguments and conclusions would not be justifiable, as we own that much may be said "pro and con," but we do heartily commend the clearness and ability, and evident sincerity of the writer, in propounding his views on a most interesting, almost exciting subject. We are happy to note, for reasons patent to all who peruse the work, that it is only sold to professed Masons, that it can only be obtained from the author, that it is not to be advertized, and is not intended for the trade. Bro. Rowbottom, who deserves equal credit for his lecture and his Masons view of his duty in this respect, has recourse to an older habit of Masonic writers, to write "Ad Latomos" only, and not for the public.

Latterly we have seen in this respect of publication a strange forgetfulness of the first duties of a Freemason, but Bro. Rowbottom more wisely and Masonically publishes a lodge lecture, which is much appreciated, and proposes to communicate it *only* to the Craft. Had this not been so we should have felt it our duty to make one or two remarks, which are now entirely needless, on this subject of publication, but we can conscientiously commend the lecture to the attention of our readers, and of Masons alone, leaving out any possible points of doubt or question. What the pyramids really were intended to be is still a "Crux" for the learned. We have always held to the opinion of certain able men that they were "centres of initiation," and though other views are propounded we see no reason to change the opinion which was entertained by Belzoni, Caviglia, and Spineto. Let our readers obtain Bro. Rowbottom's lecture, and think and judge for themselves. We may add that the work can only be obtained from Bro. William Rowbottom, Alfreton, or by writing to him at 198, Fleet-street, E.C.

THE CRAFTSMAN. Canada.

Is in very good form this month.

THE LIBERAL FREEMASON, Boston: THE MASONIC AGE, Louisville, US.; THE FREE-MASONS' MONTHLY, Kalamazoo, U.S. Are admirable monthly magazines.

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, BOLTON. By Bro. G. P. BROCKHURST. Bro. Morris, Oxford-street, Bolton.

Like Bro. Hughan, who has written an able preface, we commend this publication of lodge histories. For we shall only in this way be able to reach to a true "diagnosis" of the real facts of Masonic history. It is from the realities of lodge foundation, archives, and work that we shall be able eventually to draw a consistent whole of true Masonic history. At present that is in an inchoate state only, or, rather, very fragmentary, partial, chaotic, and unverified.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MISSOURI.

This is the report of the sixty-seventh annual convention, and is interesting to Royal Arch Masons. The more we read of American proceedings the more we feel how much stronger Freemasonry would be in America with an American Grand

Lodge and Grand Chapter. But we are aware of the difficulty; still, according to our view, it is not insurmountable. But probably our American brethren know best what is good for themselves.

GREENHOUSE FAVOURITES. Part 11. London: Groombridge and Sons.

This elegant publication still keeps up its high character. Two magnificent illustrations are given this month of the Tea Rose (Perle de Lyon) and the Bourbon Rose (Rev. H. Dombain). The letterpress deals with the Hydrangea and the Pleroma.

A CATALOGUE OF RARE OLD BOOKS. Ellis and White, 29, New Bond-street.

Messrs Ellis and White may justly so term their catalogue, No. 45. It is one of the most interesting we have read for a long time, and will well repay the study of the book collector, and, if you like, the "bibliomaniac." Indeed, whatever page you turn over you find something to arrest your attention, to excite your longings, and to affect your sympathies. For the love of books is a good thing, per se, and it opens out for us all refined tastes, elevated aspirations, and pleasant occupation. This catalogue is in itself a study.

AN EAST END CHRONICLE: ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST PARISH AND PARISH CHURCH. Compiled from various sources by the Rev. R. H. HADDEN, B.A., Curate. With introduction by the Rev. HARRY JONES, M.A., Rector. London: Hatchards, 1880.

Although only two names appear upon the title page of this interesting contribution to our metropolitan topographical literature, in reality it is the work of a trinity, and it is our province as reviewers to indicate the parts played by each of the three collaborators, and to award respectively their due meed of approbation or correction, and, if needful, wholesome censure. The contributor whose name does not appear upon the title page, an omission of which we are sure he would be the last to complain, more especially as his assistance is gracefully acknowledged more than once by the reverend compiler, is Mr. T. G. Harrison, the vestry clerk of the parish, who brings to his share of the work considerable literary ability enhanced by long experience, made available by a most retentive memory. However, in point of dignity, though his name is not placed first on the title page, we must give priority to the rector, the Rev. Harry Jones, M.A. This energetic ecclesiastic is already favourably known in literary circles by his thoughtful work "East and West London," which is before us as we write. His part in the volume now under review does not constitute any material factor in the sum of the production. It is limited to a well written prelude, dated from Palestine, where the hard worked east-end clergyman is presumably taking a tour for recreation, which, to a man of his temperament, is more likely to entail an accession of intellectual labour than a recuperative result of repose. The gist of the East-End Chronicle is the narration by Mr. Hadden of the history of this little-known—we are afraid we must say somewhat despised—but we venture to assert—highly interesting, Parish of St. George's in the East. Passengers up the Thames, shortly after passing Wren's splendid pair of domes at Greenwich, will observe upon their right a conspicuous landmark in the shape of a magnificent campanile displaying an illuminated clock face, the gift of the munificent Lady Coutts, for the convenience of the sailors of the Port of London. That superb pile belongs to the fine old church of St. Anne, Limehouse. The next bold tower on the same side of the river—a dignified group of pillars, and turrets, and battlements—apartains to the Parish Church of St. George's-in-the-East. Like that of Limehouse, it is a renowned landmark, and, perhaps, few Londoners know from how many points it may be advantageously seen. The present writer, who is not ashamed to own to affectionate associations with it, has it under view for some minutes, morning and evening, every day of his life, from the lofty line of the South-Eastern Railway on the opposite bank of the river. The other morning in this delicious springtime, or, rather, we should say, in the genial spring weather that seems to have left us, he who pens these lines "stood on the bridge," not at midnight, but, on London Bridge, between five and six of the clock, and, looking over its eastern parapet, saw the turrets of William Rufus's white tower stand boldly out, black against the ruddy blaze of the rising sun, and, there, to the left, he beheld the well-remembered battlements of Hawkesmore's, by no means *jeune*, production. St. George's-in-the-East was an outcome of the act of Parliament, passed in Queen Anne's reign, for providing additional parish churches in the metropolis—a piece of legislation of which it fairly might have been said with Horace, *Parturit montes, nascitur ridiculus mus*, so grand was the scheme, so wholly disproportionate were the results. Queen Anne had been in her grave, however, fifteen years before this by no means insignificant mouse was fairly born, for it was not until 1729 that St. George's was consecrated and had a rector inducted to it, and was duly opened for Divine service. Before this time the district—then by act of Parliament constituted a separate and independent parish—had formed part of the extensive cure of St. Dunstan, Stepney. Now it became the parish of St. George, Middlesex, for years afterwards popularly known as St. George's-in-the-Fields, inasmuch as it stood then in the midst of meadows. Spice Island, so-called on the *lucus a non lucendo* principle—for the refuse of the 'east end of London' was deposited there—and Sun Tavern Fields, to the east, Goodman's Fields to the west, Mile-end Fields to the north, and Fawdon—corrupted by the vulgar to "Farthing"—Fields to the south; the latter skirting the river opposite Redriff. Now it (the parish) is generally known, and, we believe, has received the sanction of legal nomenclature as St. George's-in-the-East. The purely parochial history of the church and locality is very well sketched by Mr. Hadden in the work before us. We venture to assert that this gentleman has rendered really good literary service in indicating the salient circumstances in the careers of two or three ancient parishioners of this—as we have implied—rather slighted parish. It is but the other day that that Siamese twin-like, delightful pair of authors, Messrs. Besant and Rice, rather inconsiderately propounded that no—not merely great—but even ordinarily clever, man had ever been produced from the east-end of London. This rash theory was advanced in a novel, the

scene of a considerable part of the tale being laid in the parish, the chronicles of which are now under our notice. ("The Seamy Side"—Time 1880.) Our space will not permit us, nor our inclinations dispose us, to controvert here a doctrine which we must be permitted to regard as essentially unsound; but we are indebted to Mr. Hadden for his partial exposure of its fallacy, and, as a ready illustration, we may refer our readers to our impression of the 15th inst. (page 224), where, in a note from the pen of Bro. Samuel Poynter, some considerable amount of Masonic information as to a learned east-end celebrity is derived from the very work we are now examining. Essentially complementary to Mr. Hadden's record is the paper supplied by the Vestry Clerk, who narrates graphically the laudable public spirit and energy displayed by the officials of the parish, supported by the inhabitants, in adopting and adapting Sir Benjamin Hall's (the late Lord Llanover's) Act of 1855, and readily accepting the new *regime* of improvement in metropolitan local life then happily inaugurated. Mr. Harrison's modesty, of course, precludes him from informing his readers how much of the success of the adoption and adaptation was due to his own indefatigable exertions. This "East End Chronicle," however, is not without its faults. Its chief one may, perhaps, more properly, be designated its misfortune. It is too bald, too *jeune*—more might have been made of it—but we all know that the hard conditions imposed by *res angusta* apply to books as well as to homes—so let that pass. The main defect is inattention to revision. The typographical errors are sufficiently numerous to demand a close re-reading should a second edition be called for, which, we hope, will be the case. For instance, surely the word "pensioner" (line nine, up from the bottom, page 20), should be "parishioner;" the reverend learned compiler has probably misunderstood an ordinary abbreviation in the MSS. of the vestry minute book. The quotation, too, at page 74 is faulty. Mr. Harrison might have stated that, what he calls an "old couplet," was from a tolerably well-known work, Dryden's "Absalom and Achitophel," and the poet did *not* illustrate the character of the crafty Shaftesbury by the rather halting verse:

"Great wit to madness is so near allied,
A hair's breadth scarce the twain divide."

But, in fact, wrote:

"Great wits are sure to madness near allied,
And thin partitions do their bounds divide."

Which, we venture to assert, makes all the difference. To sum up our corrections of matter, Mr. Hadden is, in our judgment, in error in deriving the word—the name—Limehouse, from a place "where the limes were many" (page 5). Here there is evidently some mis-association with Fitz-Stephen's description of the environs of London, written so long ago as the reign of Henry the Second, wherein the author essays to describe the "vast forest" that came up almost to the walls of the splendid "Augusta." Probably the derivation of Poplar from "where the poplars grew" is sound, but we fear that the lime was of too late an introduction to England to warrant its use as giving a nomenclature to a locality. A much more prosaic theory, which we have somewhere read, but for the moment we cannot lay our hands upon the reference, that Limehouse owed its title to its being the place where lime was burned for the purpose of making the necessary mortar for the building of the then rapidly growing London, seems to us considerably more plausible. The reverend compiler errs too in supposing that the title of "Garrick" has only recently been applied to the small theatre in Goodman's Fields (page 23). That playhouse has borne the name, within the writer's certain knowledge, for fifty years, and probably for fifty years before that. Again, as a really final qualification of the excellence of this little—all too little—work—and yet that is only apparently a qualification which must necessarily partake of the character of a compliment, and so the correction cannot be considered altogether ungracious—we object to the needless self-depreciation involved in the expression on page 3, that "this volume, such as it is, is strictly an emanation of what has been called 'the parochial mind.'" Here, it seems to us, that the phrase quoted is misapplied, because—by no means unnaturally—misunderstood, by the reverend gentleman who employs it. By the "parochial mind" is commonly meant a narrow, selfish, mean, paltry, and—so to speak—starved, intellectual standard, by which all public matters are regarded, and the expression is generally used in contradistinction to its antonym "an imperial mind" a large and extended, a generous, a lofty, and comprehensive habit of thought. Mr. Hadden must surely see that the whole tenor of this review infers that his work comes within the latter rather than the former classification. If we are accused of having been strict in our few censures we must plead in our defence the well-chosen and modest invitation placed in the front of this ably-written and useful record, in the manly words of honest old Chaucer—words that, to use the expression of a poet of our own time, come back to the mind "like an odour of brine from the ocean," and which we may surely be excused, if not thanked, for reproducing here—

"Go, little book, God send thee good passage,
And specially let this be thy prayer
Unto them all that thee will read or hear,
Where thou art wrong after their help to call
Thee to correct in any part or all."

THE EXPORTERS' DIRECTORY, 1880-81.—Thomas Jones and Co., office of the "Exporter," Australian Avenue, London, E.C.

If there be any amateur political economist who is inclined to think lightly of our trade with the Colonies, this bulky volume will quickly undeceive him. In its 1500 pages will be found a mass of statistics and information bearing upon the trade of Great Britain with her Colonies and Foreign Countries. 900 pages are filled with a review of the various Markets, Colonial, Continental, and Foreign, through which British manufactures reach buyers or consumers, for the information of merchants and manufacturers alike. The work is a marvel of industrious compilation, and is indispensable to all traders who "go down to the sea in ships." The publishers, in their preface, have the following "warning note," ancient the position of England as a manufacturing power, which we think is worthy of serious consideration. "The pre-eminence of Great Britain as a manufacturing power is perilously uncertain, if other countries continue to advance in the same ratio of competition evidenced in the last decade. More knowledge of facts connected with commercial geography,

such as the wants and resources of other countries, are required both to stimulate enterprise and energy, if not to check the self-complacency peculiar to the possession of prestige and capital."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

JACHIN AND BOAZ, 1750 or 1762.

I differ from my learned Bro. Walter Spencer, F.R.G.S., only because my researches have led me to set no value on the statement of the Rev. Dr. Oliver's as to the J. and B. of 1750. Bro. Spencer has had, and still has, exceptional opportunities as to Masonic bibliography; but, withal, I am still confident that the work in question is *pre-dated* by him, and by the Rev. Bros. Oliver and Woodford, by some *twelve* years. Doubtless, some brethren will reply, "What matter?" Now, it would not matter much as to some works, but as to this one it *does* matter *very considerably* on *esoteric* grounds, about which I intend to write the Rev. Bro. Woodford; but, first of all, let me state *why* I do not accept the year 1750 for its first publication on bibliographical grounds:

1. No catalogue that I know of, published either in the *old* or the *new* world, of Masonic works *actually in existence*, gives any edition of "Jachin and Boaz" before 1762.
2. None of the valuable catalogues issued by the lamented Bro. Richard Spencer contains any copies of the work of the sixth decade of the last century.
3. In the great sale of Masonic works in 1875, offered to the public by our good friend and Bro. Walter Spencer, the same statement has been made.
4. Neither in the library of the Grand Lodge of England, nor the "Supreme Council," nor any other library of which I have any information, is there an edition before the year stated by me (viz. 1762).
5. None such have occurred for sale in any catalogue of "second-hand books" to my knowledge for the last twenty years or so.
6. The noted Masonic bibliographers, Bros. E. T. Carson (of Cincinnati, Ohio) and R. F. Bower (of Keokuk, Iowa), have copies of "Jachin and Boaz" of 1762, which appear to be *first* editions, there being no notice thereon as to their being *second*, or any subsequent issues; both these brethren, who have the largest private Masonic libraries in the world, consider their copies of A.D. 1762 to be *first* editions, and the former carefully makes note of the error of Drs. Oliver and Mackay, in stating there were earlier editions, in his "Masonic Bibliography."

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE CEREMONY AT TRURO.

I notice one error in your excellent account of the Special Grand Lodge held at Truro on the 20th ult. As, however, it is one into which all the special correspondents have fallen, and from its nature so easily explained when the solution is given, that I am pleased to be able to furnish the correct statement sent to me by an esteemed correspondent.

In laying the second, or memorial stone, the maul used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., was not the one in the possession of the Lodge of Antiquity, but one having two silver shields thereon, and encircled with a silver band, with the following inscription engraved:

"This maul and square, used by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort in laying the foundation stone of the Orphan Asylum, at Wanstead, Epping Forest, on the 24th day of July, 1841, was presented to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1151, by the Rev. George Ross, M.A., P.M., and P.G. Chaplain, Vicar of Tywardreath, and founder of St. Andrew's Lodge, on the 25th January, 1872, A.L. 5872."

The fact of the maul being thus used in 1841 by H.R.H. the Prince Consort, and some thirty-nine years later by his son, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is surely worth chronicling. The St. Andrew's Lodge intend having another shield added to the maul, with a suitable inscription in commemoration of the event.

RES NON VERBA.

BRO. WHYTEHEAD'S "NOTES ON THE MASONIC DEGREE."

Bro. Whytehead has done well in his notes on the *Mark Degree*, and I hope that the example thus set so ably by him will be followed by several brethren who have the means at their disposal to furnish evidence of the customs and laws respecting *Mark* Masonry, or Freemasonry generally. In the review of these "notes" by the Editor of the *Freemason*, friendly and appreciative withal, the statement is made that "neither south or north, in London or in York, is there any proof of marks being known to Masons in these English limits until late in the 18th century." In the *Freemason* of January 21st, 1871, in an article by me on the "Records of the Alnwick Lodge," will be found particulars of marks in the minute book of that lodge *early last century*, and doubtless we shall be correct in accepting the paucity of *Mark* books in England as due to the few operative lodges working in the first half of the 18th century as compared with Scotland. However, these records commence in the year 1701. One hundred years is considered a pretty good age for some Masonic Degrees now-a-days other than those recognised, and, certainly, by that test *Mark* Masonry and customs can hold their own, and have a large margin to spare, even if another century be added, or more. As a Masonic Degree, however, it must be placed after "the three first," though, as a custom for the Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to select their marks, it appears to me to pre-date all Masonic Degrees. In connection also with operative Masonry, and especially as illustrated and symbolised in our Masonic lodges, the selection of marks is surely well retained.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM."

"IMPORTANT MASONIC MANUSCRIPT ROLL."

"The first manuscript purchased by the Board of General Purposes, to be deposited in the library and museum, is very curious and interesting. It bears date 25th December, 1183, in the twenty-ninth year of Henry II.; and that this date is nearly correct may be inferred from the writing, which is the court hand of that time.

"This document consists of a short prayer, six sections, historical and explanatory, the ancient charges of the Order, as agreed on at the Grand Lodge held at York, A.D. (about) 926, and a final exhortation to the brethren to abide by and strictly enforce and obey them.

"This M.S. is probably a copy of the records and rules of the aforesaid Grand Lodge, possibly made by authority,

for the use of some subordinate lodge. The style of writing and its general appearance would induce a belief that it was an official document. * * * * *

"Dr. Oliver, to whom the document was shown by Dr. Crucefix, is of opinion that the court character of the writing is as late as the time of Elizabeth, in this respect differing with the writer of this article; the doctor is probably correct, as his intimate acquaintance with the character of different eras is unquestionable.

"The document is most important to the Order, and the occasion of its having reached the head-quarters of Freemasonry may not be out of place. Miss Siddall, an elderly spinster, granddaughter to the second wife of the late Bro. Dunckerly, having mentioned to Bro. the Rev. H. R. Slade that she possessed an interesting Masonic relic, which she wished to dispose of, he offered to place it in the hands of Dr. Crucefix, for examination. The doctor, after perusal, considering that it ought not to fall into other hands than the Grand Lodge, entered into an arrangement with the Board of General Purposes, in 1839, for twenty-five pounds, which sum was a very acceptable relief for Miss Siddall.

"* * * * * "FIDUS."
—*"Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, vol ix., 1842, pp. 149-50.

This is an old "extract" in my friend Bro. W. J. Hughan's handwriting. Can any one throw light upon it? Perhaps Bro. Gould can?

MASONIC STUDENT.

Will T.F. kindly communicate with me at 108, Fleet-street, E.C., with respect to Palsen's work, and oblige much.
EDITOR "FREEMASON."

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

In a late edition of Jachin and Boaz which I possess I see that allusion is made to an edition of Nichol's, but date not given. I shall be obliged by any brother who possesses an early copy of Jachin and Boaz communicating with me at the office, as I am inclined to think that Oliver is right, and, like Bro. Walter Spencer, feel sure that he saw the books he mentions.

EDITOR "FREEMASON."

HERMETIC FREEMASONRY.

Will any brother who possesses a copy of "Long Livers," a very early Hermetic work, kindly put himself in communication with me. The whole question of Hermetic Masonry deserves great consideration.

EDITOR "FREEMASON."

THE CALENDARS OF 1781-2, 3 (re "FOUR OLD LODGES.")

A slight correction may be needful as to the above, in what relates to them by Bro. R. F. Gould, S.G.D., in his "Four Old Lodges and their Descendants." The notice therein is as follows:—"The lists for 1781-2 are to a considerable extent just one number behind the edition for 1788." The discrepancy first appears after No. 85 (Maid's Head, Norwich), which is the same in all editions. No. 86 is shown as the Bear and Ragged Staff, Norwich, in 1781, and as the Prince George Lodge, Plymouth, in 1788. 432 (St. George's, Doncaster), the last on the 1781 list, appears as No. 433 in 1788."

The foregoing applies only to the list of A.D. 1781, that for 1782 having the alterations of the numbers from 86 (Prince George's Lodge, Plymouth) down to 433 (St. George's Lodge, Doncaster). I have compared the Calendar of 1782 with the list of 1788, as given in the "Four Old Lodges," and find they agree mainly throughout; the latter, however, having several names of lodges absent in the earlier edition, which has simply the places of meeting, &c. For all practical purposes then, it is better to describe the numeration as that of 1782-91, leaving out of the question the erroneous one of A.D. 1781. All changes from 86 to 432 in the 1781 were necessary, in consequence of the omission of the "Prince George Lodge," from the revised Roll. This lodge owed much of its prominence in Devon to the fact that H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence (afterwards His Majesty King William IV.) was initiated therein. The lodge succumbed.

My claim, briefly stated, is, that the change Bro. Gould speaks of as taking place in 1788 or after 1782, is in reality to be found in the 1782 Calendar.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE CHARGE AGAINST BRO. WALTER GOMPERTZ.

We have no doubt many of our readers have noticed in the Daily Press reports of a case in which Bro. Walter Gompertz was at first a witness, and subsequently a defendant, in an action for perjury. We have refrained hitherto from noticing or commenting on the case, feeling sure that the result would prove that our belief in his entire innocence would not be unfounded. We are happy to say that such is the case, and we are sure that his many good friends will be rejoiced at the fact of his freeing himself from such a serious and unfounded charge. We take the following report from the Daily Press, which fully records the evidence in the case, and which may be briefly summarised.

A dealer in sewing machines named Alfred Stafford Wright was summoned to the Worship-street Police Court for having obtained a sum of £6 10s. by false pretences, by pretending that a certain sewing machine was a "Wheeler and Wilson" machine. Bro. Gompertz gave evidence on that occasion that the machine was not manufactured by the company he represented, and further that it was "not usual to sell such machines as Wheeler and Wilson," the words quoted being the particular portion of his evidence upon which the charge of perjury was preferred. On this evidence the defendant Wright was committed, but acquitted on the trial on evidence being submitted to the Court that there was a sewing machine known in the trade as Wheeler and Wilson's, and sold as such, which was not manufactured by the Wheeler and Wilson Company.

It was explained in the course of the hearing that the patents which originally protected the manufacture of the Wheeler and Wilson Company had expired, elapsing in 1866, and that certain machines made on their plan were called "Wheeler and Wilson," but not "made by Wheeler and Wilson."

The machine in question bore the letters "W.W.'s," but it was said that the "s" was intended to represent the word "system," the initials standing for the description "Wheeler and Wilson System." At the adjourned trial

Mr. Bushby, in dismissing the summons against Bro. Gompertz, said that the evidence of Gompertz, both at the court and at the sessions, was reconcilable, and that what he said at the trial was not an alteration of his previous testimony, but a disqualification. Had he made that qualification at first Wright would not have been committed.

The *Sewing Machine Gazette*, in commenting on the case, says:—"The whole of the proceedings both against Mr. Wright and Mr. Gompertz have arisen from the reprehensible practice of attempting to pass off the goods manufactured by A under the name of B, who has by long patience and enterprise obtained in the market a good reputation for his manufactures. If Mr. Wright had been content to sell his machine to Mrs. Oliver for what it really was, namely, a German made spool machine, and not a Wheeler Wilson at all, his customers would have had no cause of complaint against him on the score of representation; he would not have had to endure the pain and annoyance of standing in the dock at the Sessions House; Mr. Gompertz would never have been called away from his peaceful avocations in Queen Victoria-street, and he would, consequently, never have run the risk of figuring as a defendant in a perjury case."

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

(COMMUNIQUE.)

"A Catalogue of Books in the Library at Freemasons' Hall, London, arranged by Bro. H. W. Hemsworth," is now lying before us.

It seems to have been put together in 1869, but "many books are omitted, and many added, since," we are informed. Indeed, when we come to look at it with the eye of an expert accustomed to books, we are struck with this fact, which must be patent to all who understand books—that the well-intentioned and zealous compiler of this catalogue was not an "expert" in "bibliography."

But still, as "half a loaf is better than none," we hail this catalogue as an omen of better days for Masonic literature in England, as pointing to a Masonic library, and as the precursor of a truly scientific catalogue. We may add we do not profess to understand why the existence of this catalogue has been so far "kept in the dark." It is very creditable to Grand Lodge to possess such a catalogue, and it is this reticence, with all deference we say it, a most mistaken policy, which has kept back Masonic studies in England.

And one further remark we would make—if this library is to be used, it must have a proper room. It is hopeless to put the library in a room which is not set apart for that special object.

Surely, in the re-arrangement now going on, a library might be squeezed out, which would be a library, and a library alone. But, to resume. The library now, at a rough guess, probably will contain (with its latest addition) over 1000 volumes. It possesses, as we said before, most of the works of Taylor, the "Platonist," and Godfrey Higgin's *Anaclypsis*. It has the Constitutions of 1723, 1738, 1756, 1767, and 1784.

There is mention also of an old copy of the Constitutions, first part only; no author or date. This, perhaps, ought to be looked into. The library contains a good many foreign and other printed works. Among them may be noted "The Hebraische Mysterien," of Decius, 1788; "Eleusian and Bacche Mysteries," Amsterdam, no date; "Voile levé pour les Curieux," 1792; "Order of the Freemasons, History of, Leipsic, no date; "Orations of the Emperor Julian;" "History of the Reign of Queen Anne, 1705; "The Philosophy of Masons," 1790; "Floyer's Sybilline Oracles," 1713; Bacon's Advancement of Learning," 1674; "Histoire Critique du Manichéisme," 1734; "Laws and Constitutions of the Friendly Brethren of St. Patrick," 1808; *Ægypti Symbola*, 1631; "Cosmologia Sacra," 1701; "Critica Hebraea," 1767; "Cudworth's True Intellectual System," 1678; "Chishull Antiquitates Asiaticæ 1728.

The library is very deficient in MSS., though among the few may be mentioned the "Fountain of Regeneration," an old MS., probably Hermetic; the Grand Lodge minutes of 1776, and the minutes of the Lodge of St. George, of which, it may be observed, a copy, in whole or in part, also exists in the British Museum.

The library is also gravely deficient in all that relates to the archaeology of Masonic ceremonies, and it possesses, apparently, few Hermetic works. But, still, there it is, and it only remains for us to utilize it, to augment it, and to make it known.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY MISKIN.

We regret to have to announce the death of Bro. Henry Miskin, who was suddenly called away on Saturday morning last at a few minutes before eight. The melancholy event has cast quite a gloom over Canterbury, and particularly among his brethren in the Craft. At the time of his decease he held the offices of Worshipful Master and Charity Representative of the Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, as well as Junior Warden in St. Augustine Lodge, 972, the last named being his mother lodge. He was, in addition to the foregoing, a Royal Arch Mason, and was elected Scribe E. at the last meeting of the Bertha Chapter, No. 31. He was also a Mark Mason. Deceased took a good deal of interest in public affairs generally, and was a member of the Town Council as well as of the Board of Guardians. In 1877 he was unanimously chosen sheriff for the city and borough of Canterbury, all of which offices he carried out with credit to himself and to the welfare of the city. He was buried in the new cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral obsequies being attended by a large number of his brother Masons, several members of the Town Council, and many of his private friends.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In all sores, wounds, bad legs, and sprains of any kind, this Ointment is the most efficient application. It at once gives ease by allaying inflammation and moderating the flow of blood to the part. Whenever the malady has been of long standing the Ointment should be assisted by Holloway's purifying Pills, which act upon the stomach and liver, guarding digestion from falling into that disordered state which the pain, restlessness, and fever attending these ailments is apt to produce, and which much retards recovery, and sometimes even makes serious the slightest case. No mother or nurse should be without these noble remedies; they are equally applicable to all ages and constitutions. They purify the blood, regulate its circulation, renew diseased structures, and invigorate the system.—[Advrt.]

Masonic and General Tidings.

Miss Helen Hopekirk will play a solo on the Pianoforte at the Crystal Palace Ballad Concert on Saturday, the 12th June. She is also engaged as one of the artists for the Royal Masonic Festival (Boys School) to take place at the Crystal Palace on the first of July.

By the way, the Cabbell Lodge meetings here are of a most harmonious character under the gavel of Bro. S. N. Berry. Assisted by Bro. Arthur, a regular glee party has been organised, and Thursday week upwards of fifty brethren enjoyed a most pleasant musical evening in the large annexe, after witnessing some excellent working in the lodge. Every effort was made by Sec. G. Baxter and Bro. Reeves for the comfort of all.—*The Norwich Argus*.

Bro. C. H. Stephenson, the comedian, of the Asaph Lodge has in the press a work entitled "Epigrams for Everybody" which should form an amusing and useful collection of facts. The entire profits of the work will be devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the Asaph Lodge. The book will be published at 3s. and should not only command a ready sale amongst the fraternity, but likewise outside its pale.

A Lodge of Instruction was opened on the 3rd inst. under the warrant of the Stockwell Lodge, No. 1339, at Bro. Arnold's, the Crown, Albert-Embankment, to meet every Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, has been unanimously elected Treasurer of the Sons of the Clergy Corporation.

We regret to record the sudden death, from apoplexy, of Bro. Henry Miskin, W.M. Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449, Canterbury, on Saturday last. Bro. Miskin had been a member of the Corporation for some years, was a poor law guardian, and had filled the office of high sheriff.

The Loughborough Lodge of Instruction (work under the sanction of the Neptune No. 22),—have adjourned their weekly meetings, over the Summer season, until the first Monday in October next when they hope to meet as heretofore at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough-junction, S.E.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey, will be held on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at the Greyhound, Hampton Court, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., in the chair.

The death of Bro. Sir Stephen Cave is announced this week. He was initiated into Masonry in 1842, but his busy professional and parliamentary life appears to have left him little time for Masonic duties, he was, therefore, little known to Masons of the present day. Sir Stephen, who was only recently created a baronet, leaves no family.

The consecration of a new Preceptory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, to be called the Black Prince Preceptory, took place at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, on Thursday last. E. Sir Knight H. Ward, 30th, was installed as E.P.

The installation meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Friday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Dick Radclyffe was installed as W.M.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday evening.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 18, 1880.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 12.

- Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1445, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hot., Battersea.
 " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bdg.
 " 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, N.
 " 1637, Unity, Abercorn Arms Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1685, Guelph, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd., at 7.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Sphinx, Stirling Castle, Camberwell.
 Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

- Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 " 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
 " 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound, Hampton Court.
 Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
 " 239, Royal Naval, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H. Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.
 " 1095, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., N.
 Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
 " 186, Industry, F.M.H.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1348, Ebury, 58, Grosvenor-rd., S.W.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 244, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
 Rose Croix 45, Oxford and Cambridge U., 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.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
 Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 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 7.30.
 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, JUNE 16.

- Lodge 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
 " 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
 Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 Rose Croix, 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
 " 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
 Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.

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, JUNE 18.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 1118, University, F.M.H.
 Chap. 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.
 Mark 104, Maedonald, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 K. T. Precep. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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.
 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, June 19, 1880.

MONDAY, JUNE 14.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
 " 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
 " 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bdgs., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1496, Trafford, Northumberland Hot., Old Trafford.
 Red Cross Conclave of Instruction, M.H., Liverpool.
 Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

- Lodge 293, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse Hot., Kirkham.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- BURTON.—On the 3rd inst., at Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burton, R.E., of a daughter.
 MAYNARD.—On the 4th inst., at Aubrey Villa, Croydon-road, Penge, S.E., the wife of Mr. Haydon F. Maynard, of a son.
 PHILLIPS.—On the 6th inst., at St. Leonard's, West Malting, Kent, the wife of Mr. George Phillips, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

- DAVIES—BACHELOR.—On the 8th inst., at Highbury Congregational Chapel, Cheltenham, William H. Davies, M.R.C.S. Lon., R.C.P. Lon., and L.S.A., eldest son of W. J. Davies, Esq., J.P., F.R.C.S., of Penner House, near Newport, Mon., to Amelia, eldest surviving daughter of the late T. B. Batchelor, Esq., of Newport, Mon. No. cards.

DEATHS.

- BURDETT.—On the 7th inst., at his apartments in the Albany, Sir R. Burdett, Bart., brother of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, aged 85 years.
 MISKIN.—On the 5th inst., suddenly, Bro. Henry Miskin, W.M. 1449, Canterbury.
 PHELPS.—On the 6th inst., at Lexden-terrace, Tenby, the Rev. John Phelps, M.A., aged 73.
 RENNY.—On the 7th inst., at 1, Argyll-road, Kensington, W., Mr. David Henry Renny, in his 92nd year.

Old Matured Wine and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[ADVT.]