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FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

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It has been the long standing reproach of Continental Freemasonry that its votaries have too often used the Craft as a cloak for political intrigue. Indeed, not a few of the popular writers of Germany, Italy, and France seem to have taken it for granted that there must have been a good and sufficient *raison d'être* for that unrelenting and persevering hostility which despotic governments have displayed towards the practice of our ceremonies and the spread of our principles. But the non-Masonic world must always remember that despotism is, and ever will be, antagonistic to Freemasonry, just as it is, and must be, antagonistic to liberty of conscience in every shape or form. Let them also bear in mind that it has not been the Freemasons nor the heretics of Roman Catholic lands who have persecuted their opponents—quite the reverse—and thus those whose lot in life has fallen in less pleasant places (in a political sense) than our own favoured land must not lightly be charged with a fundamental departure from the landmarks of our Order, simply because they have been, and still are, proscribed and hunted down, at the instigation of Jesuit priests, by despotic rulers, who so arrogantly claim a sovereign power, “by the Grace of God,” to trample upon all individual rights, and to crush out, with a so-called “Heaven anointed arm,” all freedom of thought and every vestige of conscience amongst their subjects.

We would not knowingly give a pretext for the slightest departure from those lines and landmarks which have hitherto guided, and we trust will ever continue to guide, Free and Accepted Masons all the world over; and one of the most deeply chiselled of these lines is that which enjoins the strictest avoidance of politics or sectarian dogma within the precincts of that chair in which the representative of K.S. presides over the practice of our rites. Indeed it cannot be too often or too forcibly proclaimed to the world at large that Freemasonry in its precepts, as well as in its practice, is tolerant to all men, and is essentially non-political and non-sectarian. It is all-embracing and tolerates every peculiarity of political opinion, as well as every shade of religious belief, however *outré* that opinion or that belief may be. Freemasonry repudiates nothing but Atheism. All reference to the affairs of the outer world, all personal distinctions, whether of social position, or creed, or politics, must cease the moment that the brethren enter the portals of a Masonic temple. Whether a man be a Jew or a Mahomedan, a Romanist or an Anglican Catholic, a Hindoo Buddhist or unsectarian Quaker; whether he is a believer in the Divine Right of emperors or kings, or is the most pronounced apostle of social democracy, he is a fit and proper person to be made a Mason, providing that he believes in a Supreme Creator (in the G.A.O.T.U., the All-seeing Eye), and is a just and upright man, free by birth, and of mature age; but on entering within the mystic circle he must leave behind him every rag and tatter belonging to his own individual faith or political creed. Thus the practice of our rites not only offers no inducement to, but emphatically repels all “political intrigue.” Moreover, a man from the moment he enters our Order is taught to keep ever in remembrance that as naked he came into the world, so, divested of every token which denominates riches or worldly possessions, he was received into Masonry, and he then finds within a Freemasons’ lodge all distinctions of persons do cease, and that he who is placed upon the lowest spoke of Fortune’s wheel is equally entitled to Masonic regard with a Royal brother, who for the nonce has exchanged the sceptre for the trowel. Every initiated one feels that he is equal to every other brother present; and he is taught to bear constantly in mind that liberty, equality, and fraternity should be the lot of every man, and that the time will come, and the wisest amongst us knows not how soon, when (not only amongst Masons, but also in the profane world) all distinctions, save those of virtue and of knowledge, will absolutely cease, and death, the great

leveller of human greatness, will reduce all men to the same level, and the grave will finally receive us into its cold bosom. Freemasonry teaches the useful lessons of natural equality and mutual dependence, but it also teaches that political rivalry and polemical discord must not, cannot enter within its portals—such being utterly without the sphere of Masonic work!—and, as a matter of fact, a brother belonging to a constitutional State, where the reign of law is the order of the day, whatever his nationality may be, will always be found in the foremost rank of loyal and law-abiding citizens; but where there is no law; where there are no constitutional rights; where an irresponsible despotism prevails,—what then? Must a man, because he has taken upon himself the obligations of our Order, thenceforward passively countenance inquisitorial torture, priestly surveillance, and (in fine) irresponsible absolutism in high places, which, were he not a Freemason, he would have an abstract right to resist and to overthrow? Does the obligations of a Freemason demand an abject submission to such a state of things? The G.A.O.T.U. forbid! It is hard to believe that the most orthodox upholder of Masonic landmarks will deny the right of oppressed nationalities to secure by force that civil and spiritual independence which is every man’s birthright; and, granted this abstract right to a people, who will dare to say that it must be denied to individuals, namely, to such as may have joined our Order?

Thus Freemasonry on the continent of Europe must not be vaguely stigmatised as being “a mere cloak for political intrigue,” because patriotic leaders, who have taken a foremost part in freeing their Fatherland from the Grand-Dukelings and Kinglings who formerly held them in political, moral, and spiritual thralldom, have been not only political liberators, but also members of our Craft; the truth being that such became political agitators, not because they were Freemasons, but despite the fact that they were Freemasons.

During a varied experience of free Masonic working abroad—in Austria, Prussia, Hungary, Italy, and Spain, as well as in the Spanish Republics of South America—it has often been a matter of surprise to the writer that our brethren whose lot has been cast in priest-ridden lands, or where revolution is rather the rule than the exception, have been able to hold themselves so fairly aloof from political intrigue. And nowhere without the Masonic limits of the United Kingdom have our brethren remained, as a body, more free from this stigma than in Spain!—although goaded on to desperation, and suffering expatriation, fine, imprisonment, death, for the sake of their Freemasonic faith.

We have already referred to the divided Masonic jurisdiction which now exists in the Peninsula; the Grand Orient of Spain (over whom presides at the present moment His Excellency Bro. Praxedes M. Sagasta) not having yet been acknowledged by all the “independent jurisdictions” claiming governing power. We named in a preceding number of the *Freemason* five distinct Masonic jurisdictions as intervening in the kingdom of Don Alphonso XII., but we omitted to include two jurisdictions more, viz., the Supreme Council of France and the Gran Consistorio Central Masónico, of Malaga. The former of these is, of course, a recognised Masonic power, but the latter juvenile Masonic corporation, just six months old (having created itself about the 28th of December, 1879), is, in all probability, now for the first time named to our readers. This “consistorio” is only “grand” in name, as it consists of two Craft lodges only, viz., the Lumen and the Decision, both of Malaga, who ceded during the month of November last from the obedience of Grand Lodge Lusitania, of Lisbon, and incorporated themselves as a grand independent Masonic body under the above high-sounding title.

Thus we have in Spain at the present moment eight distinct sources of Masonic inspiration and power. Of these it may be conceded that four jurisdictions, with their respective groups of lodges, are working in *proper form*, viz.:

1. El Gran Oriente de Espana, of which His Excellency Bro. Sagasta is *Ilustre y Poderoso Soberano Gran Comendador* of the Grand Council and *Muy Venerable y Ilustre Gran Maestro* over the Craft lodges. It includes on its muster-roll seventy-eight Craft lodges and sixteen chapters. To those we shall refer in detail on a future occasion.

2. Do Grande Oriente Lusitano-Unido of Portugal. The number of Craft lodges now active in Spain who work under the warrant of Grand Lodge of Portugal is thirteen. Of these seven conform to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the remaining, as, of course, most of our readers are aware, consisted originally of seven Degrees, viz., *Entered Apprentice, Companion, Master, Knight Elect, Knight Grand Elect, Knight of the East, and Prince Rose Croix*; the seventh corresponding to the 18° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. But at the present day the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Degrees (although still formally conferred) are not worked; and the *Rose Croix* Degree is practically the Fourth Degree, whilst the Philosophical Degree of Kadosch ranks as the Fifth and highest Degree, corresponding with the 30° of the Scottish Rite.

The lodges now working in Spain under warrant from Grand Lodge of Portugal are the Libertad, in Madrid, Worshipful Master, Bro. Luis Calvo Revilla; the *Hermanos de la Humanidad*, of Port Mahon (Balearic Islands), W.M., Bro. Geronimo E. Roca; the *Alianza*, of Santander, W.M., Bro. Serapio Sanz; the *Hijos de Hiram*, of Cadiz, W.M., Bro. Leonardo Restan; the *Caballeros de la Noche*, of Zaragoza, W.M., Bro. Mariano A. Gascue; the *Asylo de la Vertud*, of Ferrol, W.M., Bro. Francisco Suarez Garcia; the *Fraternidad*, of Malaga, W.M., Bro. Antonio Luis Carrion; the *Estrella Flamigera*, of Cordova,

W.M., Bro. Juan Guerra; the *Menoba*, of Malaga, W.M., Bro. Enrique Carbajal Martin; the *Amor*, of Madrid, W.M., Bro. Gabriel Garcia; the *Legalidad Lusitania*, of Linares, W.M., Bro. Adolfo Ventero Godos; the *Estrella del Sudoest*, of Ciudad Real; and the *Luz de la Verdad*, of Sabadell.

3. The Supreme Council of France, to whom four lodges in Spain owe their Masonic allegiance, viz.: the *Iris de Paz*, of San Sebastian, W.M., Bro. Juan Sanchez Diez; the *Fé y Abnegacion*, of Cadiz, W.M., Bro. Cayetano del Toro; the *Hospitalario*, of Madrid, W.M., Bro. Julio Jribe; and the *Piramedes*, of Cadiz, W.M., Bro. Diego Campos Gomez. These are doing quiet Masonic work, and are entirely *neutral* as regards all the other Masonic jurisdictions in Spain.

4. The Confederacion Masónica del Congreso de Sevilla, which now includes thirteen lodges, who, as we have said before, legally withdrew from allegiance to Grand Lodge of Portugal to place themselves under the official protection of the Supreme Council of Lausanne. The names of these thirteen lodges are the *Fraternidad Iberica*, of Seville, W.M., Bro. Vicente Santolino Jaen; the *Numantina*, of Seville, W.M., Bro. José L. Padilla; the *Tolerancia y Fraternalidad*, of Cadiz, W.M., Bro. José Arizmendi; the *Cosmopolita*, of Seville, W.M., Bro. Ramon Badia; the *Neptuno*, of Seville, W.M., Bro. Estéban L. Miniet; the *Verdad*, of Cadiz, W.M., Bro. Amado G. Bourlié; the *Esperanza de Orotava*, of Puerto de la Cruz (Canarias), W.M., Bro. Agustin Espinosa Estrada; the *Paz Augusta* of Badajoz, W.M., Bro. Juan Garcia Chaves; the *Fenix Graco*, of Seville, W.M., Bro. José Maria Valdespino; the *Fraternidad*, of Bornos, W.M., Bro. L. de Mesa; and the *Taoro*, of Orotava (Canarias), W.M., Bro. Lucio Diaz Gonzalez.

The whole of these lodges have been working hitherto in due Masonic form, and they resigned their allegiance to the Portuguese Grand Lodge in a *legal and loyal manner*. They were amongst the seventy-two lodges which have been duly warranted by Portuguese Grand Lodge, and which have worked under the protection and supervision of Portugal during the years 1868-1879 (inclusive). They withdrew in a body in November, 1879—at the same time as the Lumen and Decision (now incorporated as the Gran Consistorio Central, of Malaga). Brethren who may desire to ascertain more fully how this body of Masons have acted may consult the number for November, 1879, of the “Boletin Oficial do Grande Oriente Lusitano-Unido, Supremo Consello da Maconaria Portuguesa,” wherein they will find a decree (dated the 25th November, 1879) declaring that the above-named lodges, together with the Lumen and the Decision, had given in their resignation to Lusitanian Grand Lodge in a proper and constitutional manner, and that they were free to transfer their allegiance to any other duly authorised Masonic power, conformably, of course, with the general statutes and regulations of our Order. The decree further announced that all brethren then inscribed upon the roll of these lodges will be entitled to re-admittance at any future time should they, or any of them, desire to return to their obedience to the Grand United Lusitanian Orient.

Thus we think that the Confederacion Masónica, of Seville, the Gran Oriente de Espana, and those lodges now working under warrants from the Grande Oriente Lusitano-Unido and the Supreme Council of France, are all entitled to full and formal recognition by their brethren in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

We have now to deal with the remaining four Masonic bodies which claim jurisdiction over the Craft in Spain. Of these the so-called “Gran Orientes” of Bro. the Marquis de Seoane and of ex-Grand Master de la Somera may be dismissed from further notice, at any rate for the present, as they are too insignificant to be able in any way to influence the future consolidation of the Order under one national Orient and head. And as regards the innocent freak of the brethren belonging to the newly-fledged Gran Consistorio Central Masónico de Malaga, we believe that they may very safely be left to themselves for the present. The “Gran Consistorio” will assuredly find its own Masonic level; our brethren of the *Lumen* and the *Decision* are only influenced by an excess of Masonic zeal, desiring to keep themselves entirely aloof from any national Masonic jurisdiction until such shall have been formally recognised by the heads of the Order in the United Kingdom. So soon as the Gran Oriente of Spain shall have been so acknowledged there is little doubt but that both the Gran Consistories of Malaga and the Confederacion Masónica de Seville will collapse in a natural way, and the brethren now working under their shadow will become absorbed in the National Orient.

But the eighth and last remaining Orient, viz., that of Bro. Juan Antonio Perez, requires special attention at our hands. First of all it is necessary to state that Bro. Perez does not seem to have put in a claim to succeed to the chair vacated by Bro. Ruiz Zorrilla (the first duly qualified Most Worshipful Grand Master of a National Orient of Spain). On the contrary, he ignores the Grand Lodge, which was reconstituted in the spring of 1870, and claims to be not the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Spain, but the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Perez. Bro. Juan Antonio Perez, at the time when Bro. ex-Grand Master la Somera resigned the Grand Mastership on the 27th of December, 1875, was not a Mason of any standing in the Order. He was then in the chair of a lodge warranted by the Supreme Council of France. He was furthermore a member of the 30°. But when Grand Master Sagasta was regularly and solemnly elected to succeed Bro. la Somera, it began to be rumoured in Masonic circles in Madrid that Bro. Juan Antonio Perez had dubbed himself an Inspector-General of the 33°, and that he had

assumed the Sovereign Grand Commandership of a rival Grand Orient—the "Grand Orient of Perez." Of course he soon had followers, but it required more than his own individual prestige to make his "Orient" a success; so he took it into his head to supplement the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite with that of Misraim. He had previously (as we have said) conferred upon himself the rank of Grand Commander of the 31°, Sublime Prince of the 32°, and Grand Inspector-General of the 33°. What then would be easier than for him to continue the process of this self-appointment until he had got to the top of the ladder? It proved easy, indeed, for he took the remaining fifty-seven Degrees at a bound, and proclaimed himself as a solemnly and satisfactorily self-dubbed Soberano Gran Maestro Absoluto of the Ninetieth Degree. As a matter of fact there appears to be no evidence that he has got so fairly initiated into this maze of Misraimism as to have hazarded the actual appointment of officers for his Council-General of "Sovereign Grand Master Absolute;" nor has the writer ever heard that Bro. Perez has attempted to establish his own pretensions to absolute sovereignty over, and precedence of, Grand Councils of merely thirty-three Degrees, whether of the Peninsula or of any other part; but certain it is that Misraimism claims precedence over every other Masonic authority in the world.

This Rite of Misraim dates from 1805, in which year certain brethren belonging to the Grand Orient of Milan aspired to Grand Council honours without being able to obtain them. Being thus refused the 33° they concocted this Rite, with its ninety Degrees. The members of one Rose Croix Chapter (the Concordia) forthwith gave this Rite their countenance, and during the years 1814-1821 it was introduced into Holland, Switzerland, Belgium, and France. Bro. Juan Antonio Perez is the first to introduce it into Spain. It is divided into four series, viz., the Symbolic, the Philosophic, the Mystic, and the Cabalistic. The first series include the opening thirty-three Degrees, the second series include thirty-four to sixty-six, the third series sixty-seven to seventy-seven, and the last and final series, the remaining thirteen Degrees, viz., seventy-eight to ninety inclusive. Many brethren have joined lodges warranted by this redoubtable Master Absolute, who are very probably entirely ignorant of Misraimism, even by name. We have ourselves made the acquaintance of many good and zealous Masons who think they are in true Masonic form whilst giving obedience to the Grand Lodge of Perez, but such will be very much guided by the action which the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom finally take in regard to the official recognition of a Grand National Orient in Spain. Without desiring to assume that Bro. Perez' Grand Orient is informal, or otherwise, the writer may, perhaps, be allowed to express a hope that lodges under Perez, in which countrymen of our own form a not inconsiderable working element, will soon see their way to transfer their allegiance to the Grand Orient of Spain, which numbers under its jurisdiction so many active and zealous English, Scotch, and German brethren. We would more especially name the "Industria," a Lodge of Linares—which now works under Bro. Perez, and is at the present moment officered by some peculiarly zealous workers, two at least of whom are Englishmen. We should very much like to see the Lodge of Industry under the same Masonic banner as the veteran Lodge La Moralidad, which does so much honour to the Grand Orient of Spain. The interests of Freemasonry in general, as well as the interests—the best and truest Masonic interests—of the Lodge of Industry itself, would be greatly promoted by these two lodges in the important Masonic "Vallé" of Linares mutually supporting each other.

But there are always two sides to every question, and we are bound, as impartial narrators of "things Masonic" belonging to Spain, to give prominent expression to the undoubted fact that there are many accomplished and zealous brethren in Spain who are decidedly in favour of the continuance of a state of "divided Masonic authority." They urge that the country is not sufficiently consolidated under the restored Dynasty to allow all Spain (we mean Masonic Spain) to work harmoniously under one head, however competent that head may be. They point to a similar state of things as what now exist in Spain, as also existing in other countries, and they ask why Spain may not be allowed to follow the example of France and Germany, Italy and the United States of America, and even of the United Kingdom itself. They are fully aware that seven independent Craft Masonic jurisdictions work, entirely independently one of another, within the German Empire; Berlin being the Headquarters of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, the Grand Lodge of Germany, and the Grand and Royal Lodge of Friendship; whilst the Grand Eclectic Lodge holds independent jurisdiction at Frankfurt on the Main; the Grand Lodge of the Sun at Bayreuth; the Grand Lodge of Union at Darmstadt; and, lastly, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, in Hamburg itself. They know that France has two entirely independent Masonic jurisdictions, viz., the Grand Orient of France, and the "Supreme Council of France," whilst three Grand Craft Lodges exist in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; three Supreme Royal Arch Chapters; and three independent Supreme Councils of the Thirty-Third Degree; besides Grand Priorities, conclaves, &c., each one with an absolutely independent jurisdiction of its own.

Such being the state of things in other Masonic lands, it is evident that a very considerable latitude must be given to our Masonic brethren in Spain. The necessity for an official and cor lial recognition of one Grand National Lodge (the "Gran Oriente of Spain") is very apparent, but we trust that the remaining jurisdictions, without necessarily being formally acknowledged, may still receive a goodly share of international sympathy and fraternal support. We would not withhold the right hand of Masonic friendship and regard from any. The brethren of the Peninsula demand the moral support of English Grand Lodges, and the desire for immediate recognition is most painfully felt even now, in view of the reactionary tendencies which disquiet every well wisher to Spain, and uphold her good and worthy young King, Don Alphonso XIII. The fell shadow of Jesuitism is again lowering over the unfortunate land. The disciples of Ignatius Loyola, now being driven from republican France, are gathering, like birds of ill-omen, on the northern frontiers of the Peninsula. Madrid has already been selected as the headquarters of these relentless enemies of light. The famous monastery of Loyola, near the picturesque Azpeita, in the Basque provinces, where Loyola was born, has been restored to the Order of Jesus by the reactionary party now in power. The splendid palace of the Duke of Ossuna, in the suburbs

of Madrid, has been purchased, and is to be turned into a seminary for novitiates. Colleges are to be founded at once in Valladolid, Salamanca, and Callahorra; whilst palatial residences have been secured at Barcelona, Gerona, Manresa, Pampeluna, Puerto de Santa Maria, and Vigo, for some eight to ten thousand of these Inquisitors, who are forthwith to be let loose upon "Heretics," and on "Unbelievers" in the Divine Right of Rome to the souls and the consciences of men. Their aim will be to scraggle "liberty" in their hateful grasp; and can any one doubt what action they will take against our beloved Order? Thus the great moral force of English Freemasonry should be let loose with no sparing hand to encourage and support our Spanish brethren, should this terrible incursion be permitted to take place.

And our brethren in high places need not hesitate to give their official countenance to such of our Spanish workers as belong to the Grand Orient of Spain, presided over by Bro. Sagasta. Thanks to the Masonic zeal and untiring efforts of his indefatigable Grand Secretary, Bro. Juan Utor y Fernandez, every one of the seventy-eight Craft lodges are in good working order. The fidelity of their Worshipful Masters and Wardens to the ancient landmarks is unquestionable, and much true brotherly zeal and harmony prevails.

In the capital—Madrid—there are now nine Craft lodges working under obedience to the Gran Oriente de Espana, of these the oldest, the Mantuana, has for its Worshipful Master this year that zealous brother, and Evangelical Pastor of the Protestant Church, the Rev. Juan Bautista Cabrera. Next ranks the Porvenir, presided over at the present time by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Juan Utor y Fernandez. Then there is the Acacia, presided over by Bro. Cuevasy Sanchez. Better and more correct working than the writer has often been privileged to witness in the Spanish capital cannot be found even in a large majority of our own lodges, and we have every reason to believe that the working and form of the other lodges of Madrid, viz., the Naphtali, the Armonia, the Sigilo, the Humanidad, the Razon, and the Constancia, are equally worthy of praise; we have frequently heard the tongue of good report speaking in their favour, but never the tongue of dispraise. The writer has often had the opportunity of joining in the labours of the Moralidad, at Linares, the Patricia, of Cordova, the Hijos de Hiram, of Carthagena, the Primera Luz de Aranjuez, at Aranjuez, near Madrid, and of the Libertad and Puritana of Valencia; and we can say that politics and everything but the strictest Masonic work is as carefully excluded as in the most jealously guarded lodge in England. And in the matter of work our brethren in Spain will put even our best blood well upon its Masonic metal, for Craft lodges in the Peninsula (as well in Portugal as in Spain) meet regularly one evening every week. There are also frequent emergencies. Moreover, our Spanish brethren do not supplement their sober Masonic work by passing to refreshment in substantial form after labour, as we in England are accustomed, and very properly accustomed, to do. Suppers after Masonic reunions are quite unknown to our frugal and abstemious Spanish brethren, and even one annual banquet (usually on St. John the Evangelist's Day) is rather the exception than the rule.

But let it not be supposed that weekly meetings mean, on the one hand, a wholesale admission of candidates, or, on the other, a rapid passing and subsequent raising of newly-fledged brethren. Far from laxity in either particular being the rule, we have often been amazed to see how many are the precautions taken to prevent the admission of unsuitable men; and the system adopted for securing correct and unprejudiced information concerning the private habits and the personal antecedents of those who present themselves for acceptance might be most advantageously adopted in England also. Furthermore, the probationary stages between proposition and initiation, and between one Degree and another, are very much longer than with us. Even after the name of a candidate, apparently of unexceptionable antecedents, has been formally brought before the lodge, a delay of months often occurs before the inquiries have elicited what is considered to be the requisite knowledge of the man; and then, when inquiries are concluded and prove fully satisfactory, three separate ballots have to be taken before the candidate is in proper form for actual initiation. After receiving his First Degree an E.A. is usually required to pass three months before he is considered properly prepared to be advanced another step, whilst a P.C. is rarely raised to the Sublime Degree until a further probation of six months has been gone through—making nine months of travel in all before an E.A. can receive the wages of a M.M.

Candidates for advancement in Spain are required to perfect themselves, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, in the signs, tokens, and perfect points of entrance, and in the other peculiar work which appertains to the First Degree. Candidates for the Supreme Degree are usually expected to prepare and deliver an address to the elders of their lodge, by which shall be duly demonstrated the thoroughness, or otherwise, of the search they have so far made into the hidden mysteries of nature and science. This examination is no mere form, and if a very patent knowledge is not demonstrated the candidate is turned back to continue his search, and another probation must be undergone before he is permitted to advance beyond the Middle Chamber, where he has been accustomed to receive his wages as a F.C.

Thus, our Spanish brethren, before being considered worthy to be entrusted with the solemn secrets of the Sublime Degree, have been taught very fully to appreciate the true importance of each separate step which they have taken in Freemasonry, and really to prize the peculiar secrets and privileges to which it leads. To newly initiated ones in Spain there is little fear that the concluding words of our own beautiful charge would prove mere hollow and sounding words, as the writer, when giving them from his chair, has often felt that they have a tendency to become, where all the Three Degrees are given, as a matter of course (having been paid for in advance in a lump); for not only "very commendable attention appears to have been given," but must be given, and thus the W.M. of a lodge working under the Gran Oriente de Espana may very truly declare to his newly-initiated brother that he is "led to hope that the said duly initiated one" will duly appreciate the full value of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on his heart the sacred dictates of truth, of honour, and of virtue." It is well to remark that the fees for each Degree are asked for separately, and are not, as with us, paid for in advance in a lump. Thus a candidate before actual initiation is not led to consider (as with us) that he becomes

entitled, as a matter of course, to his three Degrees (for has he not paid for them in advance?) We would ask the serious attention of English Worshipful Masters to these incidental remarks.

Then, again, great care is taken in Spain that those who have been fashioned into true Masonic form, and polished into comely corner stones, shall continue in form, and not be allowed too easily to drop out of the ranks when their first ardour cools. The admirable system of passwords adopted by all the Masonic jurisdictions of the Peninsula, as well as in Italy and other Continental lands, potently contributes to keep the brethren of a lodge well in hand. No one would think of going to his lodge if not in due possession of the word, unless he went for the express purpose of being again entrusted with it. This password is frequently changed. It is issued by the Grand Master, or Grand Principal, or other head, as the case may be, and is transmitted to every Master of a lodge. The Worshipful Master himself, of course, receives it in a written form, but he only communicates it by word of mouth to his brethren, and only within the precincts of a lodge, and when all are joined in the mystic circle. Thus, if a brother be even unavoidably absent at a time when a new word is communicated he cannot again pick it up without going to his lodge expressly to receive it. And without the word he is, to all intents and purposes, rusticated, and unable to claim Masonic privileges. Moreover, no brother is, under any circumstance, entrusted with the word if he is in arrears with his subscription, or under process for any kind of Masonic or moral delinquency. Thus this admirable system proves a potent check to Masonic mendicants, and to those who, although legitimately in possession of a Masonic certificate, have ceased to do their duty, either as working Masons or as good citizens, and who may be justly stigmatised as Masonic loafers. The system of passwords also proves deterrent with that class of worthy but too easy-going brethren, who are prone to get into arrears with their subscriptions, and to neglect the other duties which they owe to their lodge, through sheer slothfulness or forgetfulness, and who, when once they have dropped out of the ranks of the regular attenders, continue to absent themselves because they have thus got into arrears.

The writer has often wished for a fitting opportunity to urge the adoption of this password system on the governing jurisdictions of the United Kingdom, and the opportunity now presents itself. But we would suggest that the system should be made still more all-embracing, and become international and universal. What is needed there is now for a really efficient check being put upon spurious Masonry, and unworthy brethren who abuse their Masonic privileges, all the world over, certificate in hand. A federation of all the orthodox Grand Symbolic Lodges and of the Supreme Grand Councils of the Five Divisions of the Globe under a Supreme Masonic Triumvirate, or, perhaps, better still, under a Supreme International Council of Five, so that one member may be allotted to each division of the globe, would allow of a thoroughly efficient password system being adopted for the use of the universal Brotherhood, and thus we should in future hear less of the idle phrase, "once a Freemason always a Freemason," for an international password would of course only be communicated to those who to-day (now, at the present time) are entitled to the privileges of our Order, and the mere possession of a certificate, without the word, would thence and hencewards not avail to enable spurious impostors and "Masonic loafers" to prey upon our brethren and on the world at large, on the strength of the reputation which the mere fact of being a "brother" undoubtedly gives.

(To be continued.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERKS AND BUCKS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge for Berks and Bucks was held at Maidenhead, on Monday, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.

In consequence of the rebuilding of the Town Hall the lodge was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, which had been appropriately fitted up for the occasion. The various lodges in the province were well represented, and there were also a number of visiting brethren from other parts of the country present, the assembly including:

Bros. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M.; H. Poynter, P.J.G. Warden; Rev. E. DeEwer, P.G. Chap.; C. Stephens, P.G. Treas.; R. Bradley, P.G. Sec.; J. Adams, P.S. G.D.; R. Roberts, P.J.G.D.; J. Rutland, P.G. Org.; C. W. Cox, E. J. Shrewsbury, G. Davey, and W. Legge, P.S. Stewards; Colonel J. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Sec.; R. W. Hoskins Giddy, District Grand Master, Grixalund, South Africa; F. W. Buckles, P.G. Steward; H. D'Almaine, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Williams, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Dixon, P.P.G.D.C.; H. H. Hodge, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Muskett Yettis; A. Welch, P.P.G. Registrar; J. Bance, P.P.G.S.D.; H. F. Turner, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. McCubbin, P.P.G.W.; R. C. Harley; Oliver James Grace; W. Biggs, P.P.G. Sec.; J. Adams, P.G.D.C.; R. Ravenor, 574; Jos. Elmes, P.M. 1639; J. Reeve, P.P. G.S.D.; Edward L. Shepherd, P.M. 045; Dick Radcliffe, W.M.; H. D. Gooch, W. S. Cantrell, jun., P.P. G.D.; W. H. Cutler, P.P.G.J.W.; John Carter, P.P. G.D.C.; William King, P.P.S.; John M. Stedwell, P.P. G.S.; E. Revell, P.P.G.P.; Richard Bottom, A. Hapted, Samuel Bradley, W.M. 414; Charles Oades, I.P.M. 414; Lewis Poulton, J.W. 501; Arthur Riddle, W.M. Grenville, John Tomkins, W.M. 045; T. Taylor, W.M. 1410; John R. Wilmer, I.P.M. 340; W. F. Large, W.M. 840; Andrew Pears, S.W. 209; Gustaw A. Charnin, 501; W. J. Goddard, 771; Geo. Fountain, 771; H. J. Mount, W. Morris, 1566; W. H. Belcher, 574; Fred. C. Fuller, 574; John W. Martin, 414; J. S. Silver, D. Webb, 414; R. Silver, A. McDowall, S.W. 048; J. W. Walker, 1566; T. W. Robinson, W.M. 501; H. Jowett, J.D. 501; A. L. Cooper, 1560; Charles Luker, W.M. 1770; W. C. Sell, 1770; W. B. Wilson, J.W. 574; W. Hinckley, 209; L. O. Petts, D.C. 209; R. Clifton Davey, 1566; R. W. Tremson, 1560; W. G. Zetland, 511; W. W. Morgan, 211; L. L. Lichtwitz, 1642; W. B. Farr, P.G.S.W. Bengal; B. H. Fountain, P.P.G.S. 048; R. J. Barton, J. E. Danks, W.M. 1101; G. M. Knight, P.M. 574; C. A. Vardy, S.D. 1566; E. J. Blackwell, J.W. 1101; S. G. Hunt, P.M. 574; R. Nicholson, J.W. 1566; H. Perkes, 209; E. Jonas, J.S. 574; T. Westfield, S.W. 1501; W.

Ross Seator, S.W. 1787; S. Knight, W.M. 574; W. E. Beal, 1566; F. G. Bayliss, 1566; A. B. Barker, 209; W. J. Gough, 840; J. S. Holland, P.M. 748; W. A. Hart, 771; R. C. Mount, 414; G. J. Cosburn, 574; J. W. Dover, 591; R. Berry, 865; R. C. Pritchett, 1101; J. Ashby, 771; E. T. Biggs, 1566; W. Woodbridge, 1566; M. H. Trill, 1566; J. Batling, 1501; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*).

The Prov. G. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last Prov. G. Lodge were read by the PROV. G. SECRETARY, who also reported that a new lodge, the Greenfield, No. 1787, had been formed at Buckingham. The P.G. Sec. also read the Charity Fund account and the general account for the province—both being satisfactory.

Upon the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. G. MASTER, seconded by Bro. H. H. HEDGES, the sum of £31 10s. was voted from the Provincial Fund to the Charity Fund; and upon the proposition of the D.P.G. MASTER, seconded by the P.G. MASTER, it was resolved to make the following grants from the Charity Fund: To the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, £10 10s.; to the Union, No. 414, £10 10s.; to the Hope, No. 574, £10 10s.; to the Buckingham, No. 591, £5 5s.; to the Windsor Castle, No. 771, £21 (for two years); to the Scientific, No. 840, £10 10s.; to the Greyfriars, No. 1101, £5 5s.; to the St. Peter and St. Paul, No. 1410, £5 5s.; to the Wycombe, No. 1501, £5 5s.; to the Ellington, No. 1566, £10 10s.; and to the Watlingstreet, No. 1639, £5 5s.

The report of the lodges showed that there were 726 members in the province—169 being Past Masters. There had been 110 regular lodges held during the year, and nine lodges of emergency; forty-one new members had been initiated, and there were fourteen joining members. The various lodges had disbursed £242 4s. 6d. in charity, leaving a balance of £684 4s. 11d.

Bro. Charles Stephens was unanimously re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, the Prov. G. Master thanking him heartily for his past services in that capacity.

The Prov. G. Master then invested the following brethren with the Charity jewel: Bros. Dick Radclyffe, S.D. 209; S. Knight, W.M. 574; S. G. Hunt, P.M. 574; E. L. Shepherd, P.M. 945; R. G. Barton, J.W. 771; and C. W. Cox, W.M. 1566.

The PROV. G. MASTER then called the attention of the brethren to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, which it was proposed should be a sort of auxiliary Charity to the great existing Masonic Charities—the Girls' and Boys' Schools—by creating a fund which would enable the Committees of these Schools to assist the children and promote their welfare on their leaving the Schools. Bro. Dick Radclyffe had, he said, been instrumental in bringing this matter forward, and he wished it might prove a great success, and hoped that the brethren of the province would sympathise with the movement, and aid it by subscriptions. The Prov. G. Master then referred to the progress of Masonry in the county, and announced that the next annual Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. J. O'Carter, P.M. 209	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Reeve, P.M. 1639, and 840, Sec.	
1639	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. E. De Ewer, 1566	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. A. J. Riddle, W.M. 1787	Prov. G.J. Chap.
" Charles Stephens, 414	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. Oades, P.M. 414	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Bradley, P.M. 414	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. R. Wilmer, P.M. 1410	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. M. Knight, P.M. 574	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. E. Danks, W.M. 1101	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Biggs	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. W. Cox	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Tomkins, W.M. 945	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. W. Robinson, W.M. 591	Prov. G. Svd. B.
" H. Willis, W.M. 591	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Culverhouse, P.M. 840	Prov. G. Purs.
" T. Taylor, W.M. 1410; J. W. Poulton, 591; S. W. Slator, 1787; Gough, 840; Jowett, 591; Dover, 591	Prov. G. Stwds.

At the conclusion of the lodge business the brethren sat down to a *recherché* luncheon provided in the Schoolroom by Mr. Tyler, of the Bear Hotel.

The arrangements made by the Ellington Lodge for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge were deserving of praise.

SIR DANIEL GOOCH, Bart., P.G.M., occupied the chair, and at the conclusion of the banquet the cloth was cleared, and the toast list commenced with "The Queen and the Craft," after which the P.G.M. gave "The Most Worshipful the G.M. of England, Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Healths of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, Lord Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful the D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," and in doing so expressed the pleasure the brethren experienced through the presence with them that day of the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Shawell Clerke. (Applause.) He also remarked that they were pleased to see with them Bro. Giddy, District Grand Master of Griqueuland.

Bros. GIDDY and COL. CLERKE responded, the latter observing that while this was the first occasion on which he had had the pleasure of being present at a Masonic gathering in the Berks and Bucks Province, he hoped it would not be the last. (Applause.) This province shone most brilliantly among the other Masonic provinces of the country.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER in giving "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Sir D. Gooch, M.P.," said that the energy he threw into the work, and the efficiency with which he carried out his office, was characteristic of him, and gratifying to them all. (Applause.)

SIR DANIEL GOOCH, in responding to the toast, remarked upon the kindness always shown him by the brethren, and expressed the hope that he might long be spared to meet them on similar occasions. Whatever effort he could exert on behalf of Freemasonry would always be at the disposal of the brethren of the province, and he trusted that they might meet in future years in as large numbers and under as auspicious circumstances as the present. (Applause.)

"The Healths of the V.W. the D.P.G. Master, the P.D.P. Grand Masters, and the Past Grand Officers of the Province," were then drunk with enthusiasm, and

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER returned thanks, remarking that although he lived in Bucks he felt great interest in the progress of Masonry in all parts of the province, Berkshire included. (Applause.)

"The Visiting Brethren" was next proposed by the P. G. MASTER, and Bro. FARR replied.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Masonic Charities." These Charities always, he said, commended themselves to every true Mason who was connected with them. There were present with them that day Bro. Binckes, the hard working Secretary of the Boys' School, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe, who was promoting the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. (Cheers.)

Bro. BINCKES, in reply, thanked them sincerely for the support the Charities received from the Berks and Bucks Province, and expressed a hope that they would extend their generosity to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Fund. He concluded by making a special appeal on behalf of the Boys' School, which was more in need of support than the other Charities. He hoped the brethren of the province would attend the festival in its behalf in good numbers on the 1st of July next.

The P.G.M. then proposed "The Healths of the P.G. Senior and Junior Wardens, which was suitably acknowledged.

SIR DANIEL GOOCH next gave "The Prov. Grand Treasurer and the Prov. Grand Secretary," Bro. CHARLES STEPHENS and Bro. ROBERT BRADLEY returning thanks, the latter of whom referred to the large amount contributed to the Masonic Charities by the Berks and Bucks Province, Bro. Radclyffe having, as Steward to the Charities, taken up lists representing £500, and another brother in Greyfriars Lodge £200, besides the liberal sums collected by other Stewards.

The remaining toasts included "The Health of the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Ellington Lodge," who were specially thanked for the reception given to the Prov. Grand Lodge, and to this toast Bro. COX, the W.M., replied; "The Health of the P.G. Stewards," proposed by the P.G.M., and responded to by Bro. DICK RADCLYFFE; and the Tyler's toast.

CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN CHICAGO.

Among the many popular demonstrations of which Chicago will be the centre this summer, that surrounding and attending the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States will be the most extensive and imposing. The National Republican Convention will draw crowds of people and unquestionably provoke great popular enthusiasm, whoever the nominee may be, Washburne, Blaine, Grant, or the "dark horse." There will be some booming of cannon, some blare of music, some flights of the eagle, great crowds and great excitements, crowded hotels and streets, and an endless torrent of talk in lobbies, and street corners, but there will be nothing to catch the eye—no procession, no gay sights, no imposing turn outs, no pageantry. There is nothing of the decorative in politics. The wires which are pulled are secret. The machines which are set in motion run in the privacy of committee-rooms. The Exposition Building will be filled with a crowd of scheming, plotting politicians, working for their favourite candidates, but public enthusiasm will not culminate until some one of the candidates wins the prize. There will be a day's enthusiasm, and then the next morning or that night the multitude will seek their homes.

The Masonic conclave, on the other hand, will be in the nature of a pageant, for which preparations have been going on more than a year, with that gorgeous disregard of expense that always characterises Knights Templary. The Grand Encampment, composed of the supreme legislative body, numbering about five hundred, which meets here on Monday, August 16th, for business, and continues in session one week, will be the nucleus of this pageant, and around it will gather not far from 30,000 Knights, who will escort the Encampment to its head-quarters on the Lake-Front. The Exposition Building, gorgeously decorated, has been secured, and the entire Lake-Front from that building to Park Row will be dotted with the handsome tents of the Knights. They will represent every part of the United States and Canada, and many visitors from abroad will also be in attendance. On the 17th the parade will take place, and will eclipse anything ever seen before in this country in extent, brilliancy, and military precision and display, as the various commanderies pride themselves upon their drill, in which respect there has always been a very lively competition among them. It is calculated that the line will be over five miles in length, accompanied by 120 bands of music, embracing the finest musical organisations in the country. Elegant entertainments have also been provided for the visitors in the way of banquets, excursions, and social festivities. It may be said literally that every hall, theatre, and hotel has been secured for that week, in addition to all of which a ball will be given at the Exposition Building that will eclipse anything of the kind ever known before in this country. The entire building will be thrown open, carpeted, and decorated in the most gorgeous manner, so that when filled with gaily caparisoned Knights and ladies the sight will be a dazzling one.

It is fortunate that this monster gathering is to be held in Chicago, for two reasons: first, with her unrivalled facilities in the way of housing and entertaining people, she can easily accommodate them all; and, second, her citizens have that spirit of pride and enterprise which would not rest contented until all previous affairs of this kind had been set in the shade. She will extend a hearty and hospitable welcome to the thousands who will go there. She will meet them on the level and deal with them on the square. The great and universally acknowledged most attractive place of summer resort in this country will leave nothing undone to make their visit an occasion long to be remembered.

MASONIC SONGS.—A selection of Masonic Songs, set to popular airs, written by Bro. E. P. Philpots, M.D., F.R.G.S., is now ready, forming a handsome volume bound in cloth, with gilt edges, 3s. Sent post free from the office of this paper on receipt of stamps or P.O.O. value 3s. 2d.—[ADVT.]

THE LORD MAYOR AND TRURO CATHEDRAL.

On Monday a deputation waited upon the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House, for the purpose of asking the co-operation of his lordship in the work of completing Truro Cathedral. There were present, amongst others, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe (Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall), the Earl of Devon, the Earl of St. Germans, Lord Falmouth, Lord Molesworth, the Bishop of Truro, and Sir M. Smith. Lord Mount-Edgcumbe first of all read letters of regret from the Bishop of Exeter, the Mayor of Truro, Lord Clinton, Lord Robartes, Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, M.P., and Mr. Borlase, M.P., that they were prevented attending the meeting. It was pointed out by the deputation that the estimated cost of the cathedral, which was the first erected in England since the Reformation, was £100,000; that £40,000 had already been subscribed, out of which, however, £10,000 had been expended in clearing the site; and that a sum of £70,000 was yet required. The whole, or greater part of this money had been collected in Cornwall. This was exclusive of the sum subscribed to found the bishopric, towards which Lady Rolle gave the magnificent sum of £40,000.

The LORD MAYOR, in reply to the deputation, said: I need hardly say that I take a very deep interest in this movement; no doubt owing to the fact that I was born at Truro and that all my relations and connections are Cornish people. My attention was drawn to this matter two or three years ago, but as I was about becoming chief magistrate of this City I took no steps with reference to it, thinking that I should appeal with more effect to the citizens of London and others as Lord Mayor; for I believe now, as I did then, that when the wants of the diocese of Truro were fully made known to the wealthy and benevolent and to the rich and liberal City Companies, there would be no difficulty whatever in raising the whole amount required. Therefore, I shall have very great pleasure in opening a fund at the Mansion House for the object you have in view. (Cheers.) I told you when I attended the ceremony in connection with the foundation of the cathedral at Truro, that I believed that in the City of London would be found a mine of wealth and a vein of gold untouched, which would yield abundantly to the efforts you were making to raise the money required. I most heartily grant your request, and trust that my expectations will be fully realised. (Cheers.) The deputation thanked his lordship and withdrew.

EXHIBITION OF CIVIC PLATE.

On Friday evening, the 11th inst., on the invitation of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, nearly 1500 guests attended a *conversazione* at the Mansion House, at which a remarkable collection of the gold and silver plate possessed by the Corporation of the City of London and the ancient City guilds was exhibited, together with various charters, records, and other documents of public interest. The plate collection included nearly 400 specimens, all of which were of ancient date, as attested not only by the hall-marks in each case, but, in many instances, by the quaint and curious inscriptions and devices upon them. This interesting exhibition gave some idea of the traditional wealth of the City companies, but the plate shown was not a tithe of that possessed by the various guilds, the articles exhibited having merely been selected from the much larger collection of modern or less ancient plate stored in their halls. Nearly all the guilds, with ready courtesy, placed their collections on loan at the disposal, for the evening, of the Chief Magistrate, only bespeaking that all necessary precautions against fire or robbery should be taken. The companies represented were the Armourers and Braziers, the Barber-Surgeons, the Blacksmiths, Broderers, Butchers, Carpenters, Clockmakers, Clothworkers, Coachmakers, Cooks, Coopers, Cordwainers, Cutlers, Distillers, Drapers, Fanmakers, Goldsmiths, Grocers, Haberdashers, Innholders, Ironmongers, Joiners, Leathersellers, Mercers, Merchant-Tailors, Needle-makers, Painter-stainers, Pewterers, Saddlers, Salters, Shipwrights, Skinners, Spectacle-makers, Stationers, Tallow-chandlers, Tilers and Bricklayers, Vintners and Weavers. The Fishmongers' Company were the only prominent guild unrepresented. The articles comprised magnificent loving cups, punch-bowls, tankards, épergnes, flagons, ladles, rose-water dishes, salt-cellars, coffee-pots, ewers, snuffboxes, apostle spoons, and beakless staves. Among the more conspicuous exhibits were a grace-cup and cover presented to the Barber-Surgeons' Company by Henry VIII. in 1523, and the Royal Oak Cup given to the same guild in 1676 by King Charles II.; a large mazer-bowl (hall-marked 1578) belonging to the Armourers' Company; a magnificent cup and cover of Nuremberg work exhibited by the Broderers' Company; a large and tastefully-worked cup and cover given to the Clothworkers' Company by Samuel Pepys in 1677; a cup presented by W. Lambardi to the Drapers' Company in 1578; a helmet-shaped ewer and great salver made by Paul Lamerie in 1741 for the Goldsmiths' Company; a silver-gilt standing cup, embossed with three scenes from the "Book of Tobit," and belonging to the Haberdashers' Company; a pair of mazer-bowls (15th century) belonging to the Ironmongers' Company; a grace-cup and cover given by Sir T. Legh to the Mercers' Company in 1499; a cocoanut cup, presented to the Saddlers' Company in 1627 by T. Laybourne; two Cokayne loving-cups bequeathed to the Skinners' Company in 1605; and three silver fish slices (shaped like bricklayers' trowels), exhibited by the Tilers and Bricklayers' Company. Among other quaint exhibits were four silver garlands or hats formerly worn by the Master and Wardens of the Carpenters' Company; the grant of arms to the Broderers' Company, dated 1558; a case of ancient watches contributed by the Clothmakers' Company; some interesting specimens of work in iron, lent by the Blacksmiths' Company; a gold lunette, or breast ornament, found on the Drapers' Company's estate in Ireland; the original ordinances of Dean Colet for St. Paul's School, lent by the Mercers' Company; two touch-plates of the Pewter Manufacturers, exhibited by the Pewterers' Company; the ballot-box, marked 1619, in use by the Saddlers' Company; a bill of fare of the Salters' Company in 1506; a bog yew chair, lent by the Skinners' Company; a grant of arms to the Tallow-chandlers' Company in 1446; a "Breeches" Bible and chained Bible, lent by the Tilers' Company; some ancient tapestry, lent by the Vintners' Company; and the Weavers' Company's charter, attested by Thomas à Becket. In addition to the companies' plate and

curiosities, other articles were lent by the Society of Antiquaries, Mr. J. R. Vallentin, Mr. W. Pitman, and L. H. Phillips, and there was an interesting collection of ancient and modern Japanese goods, lent by Mr. C. Pfoundes. In the Long Parlour there were exhibited the various charters granted to the Corporation of London by William the Conqueror, Henry II., Richard I., and John; various old books, records, and pictures; two cases of valuable autographs, including a deed signed by Shakespeare; the City jewelled sceptre, purse, and "S.S." chain used by the Lord Mayor on State occasions; and the valuable plate in use at the Mansion House. The articles were all chronologically arranged by a staff from South Kensington Museum, whose services were kindly lent by Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, in show cases contributed for the occasion by Mr. F. Sage; while the catalogue was prepared and the hall-marks verified by Mr. Wilfred Cripps and Mr. Soden-Smith. The arrangements for the collection were made by a Committee, of which Mr. Alderman Staples, F.S.A., acted as Chairman, and Mr. W. H. Cross, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, as Hon. Secretary; and to these gentlemen much of the success of the gathering was due.

The band of the Coldstream Guards played during the evening, and the guests, who included representatives from all the learned societies and the City companies, were received in the saloon on their arrival by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress. It was a source of much regret that the exhibition lasted only for that one evening. All the articles, without a single loss or mishap, were returned to their various owners next day.

Scotland.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

An interesting meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Kelso, in connection with Kelso Lodge, No. 58, on Monday evening, the 7th inst., the occasion being the celebration of the Golden Wedding of Bro. and Mrs. James Allan, Forest Field, who had completed the fiftieth year of their married life. Bro. Allan is highly respected by all classes of the community as a faithful and courteous public servant. He was for about twenty-five years one of the town letter-carriers, and for about forty-five years he has officiated uninteruptedly in the capacity of Tyler to the Kelso Freemasons. The brethren of the lodge, along with their lady friends, held a conversazione to celebrate suitably the rare event, and to express their respect for Bro. and Mrs. Allan. There was a good attendance, and tea was provided in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Slight, of the Border Temperance Hotel. After tea, a lady friend and several of the brethren, amongst whom was Bro. Nutton, of Durham Cathedral, on the invitation of the Chairman, Bro. Bulman, R.W.M., contributed to the harmony and pleasure of the meeting. During the evening Bro. Allan was presented with a purse of sovereigns and Mrs. Allan with a gold pellice brooch in testimony of the congratulations and goodwill of the brethren. Bro. the Rev. P. McKerron, the Chaplain, made the presentation, and in doing so alluded to the highly useful, blameless, and honourable, though humble and unostentatious, nature of Bro. Allan's career, and concluded by expressing the hope, which was joined in by all, that though he and his wife had already lived together for half-a-century, they might yet be spared for several happy years. Bro. Allan replied very feelingly and characteristically. Mrs. Allan and he were thankful that they had been so long spared to each other, and that their many kind friends had thus honoured them. They had climbed the hill together, they were now toddling down together, and they hoped to sleep together at the foot. He concluding by expressing the hope that those of his friends present who were not married would soon be so, and that all might live to celebrate their golden wedding.

The proceedings throughout were very pleasant, and were brought to a close shortly after ten p.m. by the whole company singing Bro. Burns's ever green "Auld Lang Syne."

Ireland.

CONSECRATION OF THE DOWNSHIRE LODGE, No. 662.

Freemasonry in the provinces appears to be making rapid strides—the latest proof being the establishment of a lodge under particularly promising auspices in Edenderry. This healthy state of things may be attributed, no doubt, to the harmonious working of the Prov. G. Lodge of the Midland Counties, and the undeniable popularity of its Grand Master, the Right Worshipful the Earl of Huntingdon. His lordship's interest in the latest addition to the lodge-roll was evidenced by his presence at Edenderry, attended by the P.G. Sec., Bro. R. J. Shepherd Birr, on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the Downshire Lodge, No. 662, so called from the title of the lord of the soil, the Marquis of Downshire.

The new lodge-room is situated in the Market House, and in every respect is most suitable for Masonic purposes, the large ball-room being capable of transformation into a commodious banqueting-room, while the lodge-room proper is a model of neatness and comfort. The establishment of the new lodge is due in a great measure to the Masonic aspirations of Bros. Walter Tyrrell, who occupies the office of Sec.; F. T. L. Dames, Q.C., W.M.; and J. T. Gallogly, Treas. To these gentlemen the labour was undoubtedly one of love, but the success of the proceedings more than repaid them, we are sure, for their previous toils. The assemblage of Prov. G. Officers was unusually large, and included the R.W. Bros. R. W. Sheckleton, Q.C., D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, representing His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master; Theophilus E. St. George, J.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; D. A. Bradley, P.G.O. Midland Counties; H. T. Love; V.W. Bro. Montgomery F. Barnes, P.G. Treas.; W. Bro. D'Arcy, P.P.G. Sec. Meath; and many others, the attendance of members altogether being close upon fifty.

Although by virtue of his office the D.G.M. was entitled to the honour of consecrating the new lodge, Bro. Sheckleton gracefully waived his privilege in favour of the Earl of Huntingdon, who performed the impressive ceremony most effectively. Business was then formally opened, and the new W.M., Bro. Dames, having taken the chair, with Bros.

George Dunne, as S.W., and H. M. Williams, as J.W., he congratulated the brethren on the fact that the Downshire Lodge, No. 662, started on its course with the very respectable number of eighteen members on its roll, while at the meeting a number of new names were submitted for ballot as well as for affiliation.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the ball-room, appropriately decorated, where a banquet was served up in the most admirable style by Miss Smith, of Edenderry. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts having been duly honoured, the company separated in "peace, love, and harmony," after a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CAVEAC LODGE (No. 176).—The installation meeting of this influential and prosperous lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday last, 12th inst. Present: Bros. Walter Neumegen, W.M.; Alfred West Thorpe, S.W.; P. A. Nairne, P.M.; Treasurer, Charles T. Dorey, P.M.; Secretary; E. F. Johnston, S.D.; William Kirkness, J.D.; Charles Browne, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Quihampton, P.M.; J. B. Sorrell, P.M.; J. B. Sorrell, jun., P.M.; W. Miller Goss, P.M.; W. J. Stride, P.M.; Robt. Sutherland, Aubrey Browne, Oscar L. W. Moore, Chas. J. Scott, Chas. Bischoff, Fredk. Elder, Guillermo A. Wilson, and Louis B. C. Will. Visitors: Bro. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary; Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Bro. Hogg, P.G.D.; Bro. Costa, P.G.D.; M. R. Morton, P.M. 263; John Charles, P.M. 19; A. Middlemas, P.M.; Harold Carter, W.M. 326; John G. Horsey, W.M. 1619; Chas. Atkins, W.M. 1260; H. B. Mughston, S.W. 1228; H. Paget, J.W. 194; S. Pollard, S.D. 19; C. H. Dorey, 160; W. W. Wartraby, 1330; Robt. Symington, 1330; J. L. Patisson, 2; F. R. Hales, 34; Buzzegoli, and H. L. Hancock, 143. Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock p.m. in due form, and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. L. B. C. Will, a candidate for raising, having been entrusted, retired, when lodge was opened in the Third, and he was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge having then been resumed in the First, the ballot was taken for Mr. E. C. Fielding, a candidate for initiation, which proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly admitted into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Alfred West Thorpe, S.W., presented for the benefit of installation by the D.C. The first portion of the ceremony concluded, the lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, a Board of Installed Masters formed, and the W.M. elect duly placed in the chair of K.S. Having been proclaimed, saluted, and greeted, he then proceeded to invest Bro. Walter Neumegen, the retiring W.M. and Installing Master, as I.P.M., and closed the Board. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in each of the three degrees. This portion of the ceremony over, the newly installed W.M., Bro. A. W. Thorpe, then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Edward F. Johnston, S.W.; Bro. William Kirkness, J.W.; Bro. P. A. Nairne, P.M., Treasurer; Bro. Chas. T. Dorey, P.M., Secretary; Bro. Wm. Geo. Elder, S.D.; Bro. Robt. Sutherland, J.D., and Bro. O. L. W. Moore, I.G. The Tyler having been re-elected and invested, the Installing Master then proceeded to deliver to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren the ancient charges. The W.M. then rose and said that he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., that of presenting to Bro. I.P.M. Neumegen a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed by the lodge in recognition of his services to the body during the past year. After the transaction of other business lodge was closed, and the brethren re-assembled at banquet. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were fully honoured. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Neumegen spoke of the high esteem in which Bro. A. W. Thorpe was held by the brethren of the lodge, and congratulated them on having at their head a Master possessed of such great zeal and ability, and under whose direction they might with certainty expect a successful year. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," spoke of the impressive manner in which Bro. Neumegen had rendered the ceremony of installation. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

NORTHERN BAR LODGE (No. 1610).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. There were present Bros. Samuel Pope, Q.C., W.M.; T. C. Tatham, S.W.; R. Luck, J.W.; Rev. F. K. Harford, Chaplain; L. W. Cave, Q.C., Treasurer; C. Churchill, P.M., Secretary; E. Macrory, S.D.; W. R. McConnell, J.D.; Campbell Foster, Q.C., D.C.; Edward Ridley, I.G.; T. Henry Baylis, Q.C., Std.; J. Edge, P.M.; L. Temple, Q.C.; Butler, Sowerby, Meek, Wormald, Lamb, Tomlinson, and Ord.

The following visitors were present: Bros. J. Pope, Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C.; F. B. Cunningham, R. F. Roberts, J. H. P. Leresche, Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, E. Lowringer, H. Sutherland, S. E. Butler, T. W. Suagge.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—The usual monthly meeting of the above old lodge took place on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-st., Bro. T. Hutton, W.M., in the chair, assisted by the following officers: Bros. C. Young, P.M.; G. D. Davies, P.M.; R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; G. W. Reid, P.M.; N. Brown, S.W.; H. S. Syer, J.W.; Oliver Hutton, Secretary; T. Hosgood, S.D.; R. Smith, J.D.; James Matvey, I.G.; and W. Bidgood, Organist. Among the visitors present were Bros. O. C. Symonds, 35; A. J. Rowley, 1536; Jas. Anderson, 1536; J. Ashworth, 1536; W. J. Harris, 700; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, and there being no other business before the lodge, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months was proceeded with. Bro. N. Brown, S.W., was unanimously elected to the important position of W.M., and returned thanks suitably; Bro. G. Davies, P.M., was, after a sharp contest with Bro. Chasleaneuf, elected Treasurer; and Bro. Lackland as Tyler. Bros. Reid, P.M.; Hodgkinson, P.M.; and Akers were elected to serve on the Audit Committee.

It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Hutton for the many and valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during his year of office. The lodge was then closed in due form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren partook of refreshments, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and "The Health of the W.M. elect" drunk with enthusiasm. It may be interesting to the many friends of this grand old lodge to know that on that night for the first time in the memory of the oldest Mason present the original banner of the lodge was displayed over the Master's chair. It is an exceedingly handsome one, of fine silk, with the name and number of the lodge in gold on each side, as also the emblems of Masonry. It was unearched from an old lumber closet in the ante room of the lodge, where it must have been laid up for many years past, for on our enquiring of Bro. Denton, P.M., the oldest living Past Master of the lodge, and an authority upon Masonic matters generally in this district, he assured us that he had never seen or heard of such a banner. It will not, however, soon return to its obscure receptacle, for the worthy J.W., Bro. Syer, in conjunction with Bro. Akers, have determined to have it properly hung on proper halberds by the installation meeting in July next.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, St. Leonard-gate, on the 9th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst the former being His Worship the Mayor of Lancaster (Bro. George Cleminson). Bro. W. Warbrick, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Jowett, as I.P.M. (in the absence of Bro. E. Cardwell); J. J. Crookell, S.W.; J. Atkinson, J.W.; Jas. Hatch, Treas.; John Hatch, Sec.; J. Pilkington, S.D.; B. Gregson, J.D.; T. Bayley, I.G.; and R. Stanton and R. Nicholson, Stewards.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree with the usual formalities, after which the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved to hold the festival of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., at the house of Bro. T. Longmire, West View Hotel, Morecambe. On the motion of Bro. Hatch (Treas.), seconded by Bro. Cleminson, a vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Sumner on the bereavement he had sustained in the loss of his wife. The usual proclamations were then made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Harbour of Refuge Lodge (No. 764).—The annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Church-street, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened at three o'clock, when a large number of brethren and visitors were present.

Among those in attendance were Bros. C. S. Lane, W.M., P.G.J.D.; G. Carter, S.W., W.M. elect; R. B. Harpley, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Mayson, S.D.; H. Baumann, J.D.; J. Stonehouse, I.G.; J. Quincey, Org.; E. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; W. Atkinson, Tyler; W. W. Brunton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; S. Gowley, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. W. Cameron, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Hodgson, P.M.; W. H. Fisher, P.M.; G. T. Pearson, P.M.; and W. D. Coxon, P.M., who occupied the chair of J.W., in the absence of Bro. G. Young, through illness. The visitors were Bros. W. Spofforth, W.M.; F. Bennett, I.P.M.; J. Horsley, P.M.; R. W. Lynn, T. Carter, J. Hockaday, J. Mowbray, 531; W. York, 1611; A. Iley, P.M. 509; A. Knowles, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Hutton, P.M., P.P.G.D., 940; Jas. Hall, W.M.; E. F. Wallace, 1418; A. Farmer, W.M. 1848; and F. Tovey, W.M. 1379, P.P.G.O.

The minutes of last regular meeting, confirming a vote of twenty-five guineas to the funds of the Girls' Schools, were duly read and approved, and a ballot was then taken for three candidates, which resulted in their being unanimously accepted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. G. Carter, W.M. elect, was duly presented to the W.M., and took the usual obligation regarding the government of the lodge. The lodge was then opened in the Superior Degree, and thence to the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. C. S. Lane, who had occupied the chair for the past two years, was the Installing Master, and performed his duties, with the usual solemnities, in an admirable manner. After placing Bro. Carter in the chair of K.S., the M.M.'s, Fellow Crafts, and Apprentices were, in due course, admitted, and saluted their new chief with the usual honours.

The W.M. then appointed and invested as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. H. Baumann, S.W.; W. Mayson, J.W.; R. B. Harpley, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Sissling, Sec.; J. Stonehouse, S.D.; W. Roe, J.D.; W. Marley, I.G.; J. Quincey, Org.; E. Hudson, P.M., D.C.; and W. Atkinson, Tyler.

Bro. C. S. Lane was unanimously chosen as the representative of the lodge on the Charities' Committee for the province. "Hearty good wishes" being given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for the banquet to (Bro. Hobson's) Commercial Hotel, where, ample justice having been done to the good things, the W.M., who presided, proceeded with the toast list. These were given and responded to in a manner which reflected great credit to the Fraternity.

The W.M., in rising to respond to the toast of his health, said: Brethren, I have to express my sincere thanks to you for the very kind and hearty reception you have given me, and also for unanimously electing me to this exalted position. I do not feel worthy of so much kindness, but it will be my earnest endeavour to merit your confidence, and use my best services for the continued welfare and prosperity of the lodge. Bro. W. W. Brunton, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and, reverting to having proposed Bro. Lane's health last year on his accession to the chair for the second year, could compliment him most sincerely on the admirable manner in which he had performed his duties, and, more particularly that day, on the ceremony of installing his successor; and, as the oldest P.M. of the lodge, he felt certain that, whilst it contained such ardent Masons, it must be prosperous. Bro. C. S. Lane briefly replied, and thanked the brethren for the very hearty support they had given him during the past two years, and, if he had done his duty to the lodge, he was amply repaid in being able to leave the chair knowing

that the members were all working in love and harmony for the success of the lodge. Other toasts followed, and were duly responded to. The Tyler's toast, which completed the list, was given at ten o'clock, and the brethren separated after spending a very enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were much added to by the harmony of several of the brethren present.

DERBY.—**Repose Lodge (No. 802).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. Samuel Steele, W.M.; W. B. Hextall, as S.W.; W. L. Ball, J.W.; B. Burn, Treas.; E. Belfreed, Sec.; W. Butterfield, as S.D.; W. E. Tempest, J.D.; L. Smith, D.C.; H. Glover, I.G.; Waller, Stewd.; E. Holden, Tyler. A new code of by-laws were read and received, preparatory to their being presented at a regular meeting. Bro. W. J. Piper, of Derby, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

CHESHUNT.—**Gresham Lodge (No. 860).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., in the old baronial hall of Cheshunt Great House, Cheshunt Park, by the kind permission of Bro. the Rev. Charles Erskine Mayo, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, Herts, the chair being taken by the W.M., Bro. T. Chapman, in the presence of over fifty of the brethren and visitors. The lodge being open, the W.M. initiated into the light of our Order Messrs. W. A. Dingle, W. R. Wylie, and Thomas Duncan. The ballot having proved unanimously in their favour, the W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gompertz, who proceeded to pass Bros. Symonds, Knighton, and Jackson into the Second Degree of Freemasonry. The chair was then taken by Bro. Wilson Iles, M.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master of the province, to whom as installing Master the W.M. elect (Bro. Thos. Perry) was presented for the benefit of installation, and we are pleased to have to record the excellent way in which this beautiful and impressive ceremony was by him rendered, assisted by Bro. F. D. Rees Copstick, P.M. and Treas., acting as D.C., Bro. Etherington presiding at the harmonium. The ordinary business of the lodge being completed, the Treasurer brought forward the question of the proposed testimonial to Bro. Gompertz, and, in eulogistic terms, spoke of his long connection with the Gresham Lodge, in which he was initiated, and in which for many years he had acted as Secretary; and finished by proposing that the lodge should contribute five guineas thereto, which proposition was duly seconded, and carried unanimously, many of the brethren supplementing the amount with additional subscriptions, and placing their names on the committee. This brought the lodge business to a close, and the brethren adjourned to a good, substantial dinner, prepared on the premises by the Curator of the Hall, Bro. B. Mitchell.

We cannot do otherwise than record our satisfaction at the efforts made by the officers of the lodge to remove entirely from tavern influence. It need hardly be said that the task of providing a dinner for about sixty brethren is a difficult one; and, although some shortcomings must in the course of events be expected, the hearty welcome at all times given to visitors and the accompaniment of a good supply of wine, both varied and excellent, tend materially to render their meetings at all times satisfactory.

The usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to. The toast of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Halsey, M.P.," was drunk with enthusiasm, and that of "The Deputy Prov. G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers" responded to by Bro. Wilson Iles, who spoke of the warm interest he felt in everything connected with the province, and of the pleasure he felt in visiting the various lodges and joining in their ceremonies.

The officers appointed were Bros. Cheese, S.W.; Gompertz, jun., J.W.; C. A. Mayo, Chap.; T. D. Rees Copstick, Treas.; Gompertz, P.M., Sec.; Dixon, S.D.; Benard, J.D.; Dickie, I.G.; Mabey, Org.; and Holland and Clegg, Stewards.

The brethren present were Bros. Dr. Iles, Prov. D.G.M.; J. Dawson, Prov. G. Sec.; Casely, Prov. G. Chap.; J. Copstick, Prov. G. J.W.; Gilbert, P.P.G. J.W.; Dr. Mickleby, P.M. 499, Prov. G. J.D.; Malcolm, P.M. 1327, P.G.P.; H. Birdseye, P.M. 715; Bradstock, 1327; J. Robinson, 1327; James Stephens, P.M. 1216; Noyes, 1327; W. Gompertz, P.M. 1364; Beasley, 1524; P. D. Rees Copstick, P.M. and Treas. 860, P.P.G.S.B.; A. C. Wylie, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; James Forsyth, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks.; T. C. Chapman, W.M. 860, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Robt. Bruce, P.M. 860, P.P.G.D.; Etherington, P.M. 860, P.P.G.; W. E. Gompertz, P.M. and Sec. 860, P.P.G.P.; C. C. Taylor, P.M. 141; J. P. Allen, 1056; Arkell, P.M. 102; Dotteridge, P.M. 172; Philips, P.M. 1435; J. Harker, 1475; Postans, 1426; Trueman, 1435; Knight, 1327; Tydeman, P.M. 1327; Cordwell, P.M. 3; and Rudd, Enfield Lodge, and others.

JERSEY.—**St Aubin's Lodge (No. 958).**—The installation meeting of this highly esteemed lodge was held on the 18th ult., at the Masonic Temple. The brethren present were numerous, and among the visiting brethren were several officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.M., Bro. H. M. Walden, opened the lodge. The minutes were read and confirmed, and lodge opened in Second Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. Naylor, S.W., and P.A.G.D.C., was formally installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was most ably and impressively rendered by Bro. J. G. Pallot, P.M., Secretary. The W.M. having been duly saluted by the brethren, selected his officers—Bros. Campbell and Butterfield as Wardens—who were duly invested by the Installing Master. The lodge was then duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where a capital banquet was served by Bro. G. Rogers, Guardian of the Temple. The cloth being removed, the usual toasts were given and honoured. "The Health of the W.M., Bro. C. Naylor," was heartily received and responded to. "The Health of the Past Masters" was ably responded to by Bro. W. H. Chapman, the newly-elected Treasurer, who, in feeling terms, alluded to Bro. Oatley not wishing to continue in office on account of his health, but all the brethren expressed a hope that Bro. Oatley, who is highly esteemed in the province, might be spared for many years to the institution of which he has been an ardent supporter. The gathering was a truly happy one, and will not soon be forgotten by those who were present.

FOWEY.—**Fowey Lodge (No. 977).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms. Bros. Clunes, Treffry, and Parson having passed the required examination, were passed in the Second Degree, and Bros. Sennett and Slade were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bros. C. Slade, W.M. of this lodge, read several communications, which were duly considered by the brethren present. Amongst the number was one from Bro. E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec. of Cornwall. Bro. Carlyon had been instructed by the P.G. Master of Cornwall, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, to send bags to the various lodges in the county to solicit funds towards the new cathedral about to be erected at Truro. In consequence of this, Bro. Emra Holmes, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.D.C. of Suffolk, stated that it was a source of congratulation to the Masons of Cornwall that the weather had been so propitious on the 20th of May for the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M. of England, to lay the foundation-stone of the new cathedral, about to be erected at Truro; that the success with which this event passed off must excite the most pleasurable feelings in every brother present; that as many lodges in the county had on that occasion presented purses or otherwise sent in contributions to the P.G. Sec., and as Fowey Lodge had not an opportunity of having the matter brought forward previously, he had great pleasure in proposing that the lodge should vote the sum of five guineas for the purpose of placing some tangible memorial of Freemasonry in the new cathedral, whether as a pulpit, a screen, a throne, or a window; this would be an object which Freemasons might point at as done by their predecessors, &c., and would be a sufficient answer to those who stated that Freemasonry was allied to Atheism. The speaker also stated that individuals of the lodge had contributed as much as £50 or £100 each to the Cathedral Building Fund; that he himself fully recognised the importance attached to the wishes of the Prov. G.M., that the object for which these sums are being collected should be left to be determined at the next P.G. meeting. Bro. W. Tonkin, P.P.G.S. of W., in seconding this proposition, stated that he did so with the greatest pleasure; that he recognised the importance of the Freemasons of Cornwall coming forward as a body to aid in this grand work, and he hoped that Bro. Holmes' proposition would meet with the unanimous and most cordial reception by all the brethren of Fowey Lodge; that no proposition could emanate from Bro. Holmes but such as he conscientiously thought would be most conducive to the interests and welfare of Freemasons and Freemasonry. Bro. Holmes could not be too highly esteemed by the members of the lodge, and he is always ready in promoting any charitable fund for the relief of distressed Freemasons and others, both in contributing largely from his purse, and also by his writings, the proceeds of which he devotes to the same laudable object. Bro. H. W. Durant, P.M., in supporting Bro. Holmes, said that he did so with great pleasure; that Bro. Holmes had given to the Cathedral Fund £50, and that he thought it his duty to give this his most cordial support. On being put to the meeting, the vote was unanimously accepted. The lodge was then closed in due form.

MANCHESTER.—**Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1000).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. Geo. W. Wilson, W.M.; F. A. Huet, S.W.; R. Walker, J.W.; Geo. Carter, S.D.; T. C. Kenyon, J.D.; Geo. Hunt, Sec.; C. E. Austin, Treas.; E. Friend, I.G.; A. Marshall, P.M.; Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. Hartley, P.M.; G. E. Smith, P.M.; Rev. S. G. B. Bradshaw, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; F. R. Hollins, P.M.; J. Ellis, Henry Heap, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Church, 317, and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at seven o'clock, and after the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Geo. Hunt, the Secretary, gave an exhaustive lecture on the Second Tracing Board. The talented brother was listened to with rapt attention by all present, and gave the most unbounded satisfaction by the great ability and illustration of his power of memory in speaking without any reference to notes for thirty-five minutes. We trust this example will be followed by other brethren in Manchester. A vote of thanks was proposed, seconded, and carried to Bro. Hunt for his kindness. "Hearty good wishes" being expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.15.

LANCASTER.—**Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, under the Mastership of Bro. George Taylor, W.M., who was supported by his several officers. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. A. Stanley gave proof of his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, and was entrusted and retired. In his absence, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and subsequently Bro. Stanley was re-admitted, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., who went through the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The lodge was then closed down to the First Degree, and the usual proclamations having been made and responded to, the lodge was closed with the formalities of the Craft.

SHEERNESS.—**De Shurland Lodge (No. 1080).**—On Tuesday, the 15th inst., the installation of Bro. A. G. Archer, the W.M. elect, took place at the lodge room, Royal Fountain Hotel. Bro. John Saffery, as his last act in the chair, presented to the lodge a handsomely-framed coloured portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., as the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The W.M., being duly installed, invested his officers as follows: Bros. Johnson, S.W.; Keeler, J.W.; Murray, S.D.; Pollard, J.D.; and Ingleton, I.G. After the investiture Bro. Saffery, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, the inscription on the reverse reading, "Presented to Bro. John Saffery, P.M., by the brethren of the De Shurland Lodge, No. 1080, June 15, 1880." The lodge being duly closed, the brethren and visitors adjourned to banquet, the dinner being served in the host's (Bro. Howe's) excellent and satisfactory style. After the cloth was removed the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and enthusiastically responded to, the company separating after a very pleasant evening had been spent.

LIVERPOOL.—**Neptune Lodge (No. 1264).**—The members of this admirably conducted lodge, which embraces a large proportion of seafaring brethren, gathered in strong force at the Masonic Hall, on Monday afternoon, the 7th inst., to assist at the installation of Bro. Alexander Campbell Wylie, the W.M. elect. The interest in the occasion was shown by the presence of a good representation of Provincial Grand Officers, and other influential brethren in the Craft, the Tyler's book showing a total attendance of upwards of seventy visitors and members. The lodge was duly and punctually opened by Bro. A. Cotter, the retiring W.M., and amongst those who gave him support on the occasion were Bros. J. Korn, I.P.M.; J. Healing, P.M., M.C.; Hugh Williams, P.M.; A. C. Wylie, S.W.; T. H. Auden, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas.; C. Fothergill, Sec.; J. F. Warden, S.D.; G. Crute, J.D.; J. Tickle, I.G.; J. Ashworth, S.; J. Shaw, S.; and R. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. M. P. Fender, G. W. Dillon, R. Edwards, G. Barclay, J. Hughes, G. H. Mills, T. Grell, D. Schroeder, A. Soldat, J. W. Gaul, H. Ravenscroft, J. W. Burgess, P.M.; W. Davis, E. Lett, J. C. Fish, W. Faulds, C. Wadsworth, S. Oxten, and W. Fish. The list of visitors included the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; Major G. Turner, P.M. 823, P.P.G. Treas.; J. R. Goepel, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; Dr. F. J. Bailey, W.M. 786; R. Washington, P.M. 1094; Squire Chapman, Sec. 1013; Henry Firth, I.P.M. 667; J. H. Owen, 1609; J. H. Gregory, W.M. 667; R. Reader, W.M. 292; Dr. D. D. Costine, W.M. 216; A. Woolrich, W.M. 1356; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; J. Newell, P.G.S.W.; A. Samuels, P.M. 1350; Rev. P. Pinnington, P.M. 249; Thos. Peake, S.W. 667; Jos. Skeaf, P.G.O.; T. F. Hill, W.M. 220; E. Humphries, S.D. 220; J. Ellis, P.M. 667; J. Brotherton, 241; J. Hayes, P.G.S.B.; A. B. Swart, Org. 249; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M. 1325; T. W. Faithwaite, W. Heap, 1609, and 594; H. Coulson, 1505; J. Ballard, P.G.P.; Dr. Carmichael, 1620; J. Houlding, Prov. Grand S.; W. Savage, 241, and 1609; W. Williams, 1609; and M. Gotham, 823; Bro. A. C. Wylie was installed in the W.M.'s chair in a most impressive manner by Bro. A. Cotter, the retiring Master, and the following appointments were subsequently made: Bros. A. Cotter, I.P.M.; T. H. Arden, S.W.; C. Fothergill, J.W.; P. B. Gee, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the fourth time); J. F. Warden, Sec.; G. Crute, S.D.; J. Tickle, J.D.; J. Ashworth, I.G.; H. Williams, J. W. Burgess, S. Oxon, and H. Ravenscroft, Stewards; J. Korn, M.C.; and P. Ball, Tyler (re-elected). A handsome dining-room clock and valuable diamond pin were presented to Bro. A. Cotter, who had twice filled the position of W.M. in this lodge, the gifts being entirely subscribed for by the members of the lodge.

The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Bro. J. Healing, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, gave the toast of "The P.G.M. (Earl Lathom) and the P.G. Officers," to which Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec., replied. After paying a compliment to those who had been entrusted with the management of the affairs of the lodge, Bro. Alpass referred to the necessity for upholding the London Charities, and strongly impressed upon the brethren the desirability of sending up a substantial sum to the festival of the Boys' School on the 1st prox. (The W.M. undertook to act as a Steward on the occasion, and a subscription list was immediately started, and met with much success.) The toast was also acknowledged by Bros. J. Newell, P.G.S.W.; Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; J. Houlding, P.G.S.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; J. Hayes, P.G. S.B.; and H. Williams, P.G.A.D.C. Bro. A. Cotter, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M." (most enthusiastically received), and referred to the many admirable qualities of Bro. Wylie, which eminently fitted him to discharge the duties of the chair with satisfaction to the lodge and credit to himself. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, promising to employ his talents to the best purpose in maintaining the dignity of the lodge in every respect. Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was rendered, especially so by the exceedingly artistic vocalisation of Bro. W. Williams, other numbers being given by members of the lodge.

PLUMSTEAD.—**United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—This lodge, which is rapidly advancing to the head of the list of Kent lodges, so far as numbers are concerned, held its usual monthly meeting at the Lord Raglan, Buryage-road, on Friday, the 11th inst., and was well attended by both the brethren belonging to it and visitors from neighbouring lodges. The esteemed W.M., Bro. H. Shaw, was unable to attend through illness, and the I.P.M., Bro. H. G. Picken, took the chair in his absence, and, supported by Bro. W. Weston, P.M., and the under-mentioned officers, got through a rare programme of Masonic labour: Bros. C. A. Solb, Chap.; D. Deeves, S.W.; A. Morris, Treas. (*pro tem*); G. Kennedy, T. Holleyman, S.D., who, in the unavoidable absence of the J.W., filled his position on this occasion; C. Buckland, S.D.; Anderson acted as J.D.; and Moule, as I.G. Among those present were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M., of the Pattison Lodge, who are honorary members of the lodge; J. Warren, W.M. 700; T. Day, P.M. 1076 and a P.P. Officer for Essex; T. Hosgood, S.D. 13; O. Hutton, Sec. 13; T. E. Hassell, 13; E. Phillips, 13; H. Grice, 13; W. Lawson, 700; H. Hiscock, 700; Baker, 1307; T. Ilygett, 1050; R. Goode, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at six o'clock sharp, and, after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bro. E. Griss was admitted to fellowship as a joining member. The ballot was then taken for Sergeant-major W. Sayle and Sergeant G. Scott, which, proving unanimous, those gentlemen were initiated into Masonry in due form. Bros. Horton, Baker, Portch, and Tough were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Bailey, Williams, Wishart, and Weller were raised to the Degree of M.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. D. Deeves, S.W., was declared to be unanimously elected, amid the acclamation of all present. Bro. Morris, who had been Treasurer temporarily, was now confirmed in that position, vice Bro. Murphy, who retires, and Bro. Lackland was re-elected Tyler. These brethren having severally returned thanks, it was announced by the W.M. that Bro. W. Weston had been nominated by Lord Amhurst, Grand Master of Kent, to the office of Provincial Sword Bearer for the ensuing year, and he felt sure that

they, as well as Bro. Weston, must feel proud of the honour conferred on him and them. The announcement was received with great cheering. This brother is the third that has received grand honours in the five years of the lodge's existence; the others being Lieut. F. Pownall, P.M., and Col. A. H. King, P.M. The petition of a widow of a brother to the Lodge of Benevolence was then signed, and the case of a late officer of the lodge, who had lost the use of his limbs by paralysis, brought before the lodge, and the broken columns were passed round for his immediate relief, realising some three guineas. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, should be presented to Bro. Shaw, as a recognition of the many services rendered to the lodge by him during his year of office, and also as a mark of the esteem in which he is universally held by the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" having been cordially tendered by the representatives of lodges present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of a cold collation, capitably served by Bro. Tucker, and, on re-assembling round the social mahogany, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Much regret was expressed at the illness of Bro. Shaw, the esteemed and energetic Master, and many fervent wishes were uttered for his speedy recovery. Bro. Weston, in returning thanks for "The Past Masters," took the opportunity of referring to the purple honour awarded him, and averred that the honour was intended for the lodge as much, or even more than for him. He spoke with pride of the excellent manner in which Bro. Picken, at a moment's notice, had conducted the heavy duties of the evening. It was no more than the lodge expected; he felt sure they were proud of its Past Masters, who could so well, and did so well, fulfil the duties entrusted to them. "The Health of the W.M. elect" was drunk most heartily, and suitably responded to. The rest of the toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable gathering was enlivened with some excellent harmony.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, on Tuesday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. John G. Horsey, W.M.; S. Davison, S.W.; E. A. Head, J.W.; Chas. Sawyer, I.P.M., Secretary; W. Rudge, S.D.; J. G. Calway, J.D.; M. Ovenden, W. H. Brown, G. Mitchell, J. Cooper, George Berry, Thos. Carder, Henry Horsey, T. Betchley, C. Firband, and G. W. Holmes.

Lodge was opened at four p.m. Bros. G. Mitchell and W. H. Brown were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. This beautiful ceremony was rendered in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. George Berry was then passed to the Degree of F.C., and the lodge closed.

GREAT STANMORE.—Sub-Urban Lodge (No. 1702).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 11th inst., at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, and in consequence of the fineness of the day was very numerously attended. Bro. A. F. Roberts, W.M. presided; Bros. Redford, S.W. and W.M. elect; J. D. B. Wall, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; C. Hawksley, Sec.; W. T. Buck, S.D.; J. F. Hepburn, J.D.; C. S. Buck, I.G.; W. R. Street, W.S.; G. H. Carter, Stwd.; and there were also present the following visitors: Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, and Prov. G. Sec. for Middx.; W. C. Maddever, P.M. 504; Robt. Wright, P.M. 504; W. J. Foster, P.M. 109; H. W. Ruff, W.M. 05; G. N. Watts, P.M. 104; A. Buck, J.D. 453; R. G. Webster, P.M. 570; W. G. Watson, I.G. 633; E. C. Kilsby, 871; Dr. J. E. Carpenter, P.M. 1196; J. Pearson, P.M. 1196; J. Heath, W.M. 1196; F. Redford, 1196; F. Eckstein, 1196; G. H. Hunter, W.M. 1298; J. F. Fillary, 1385; W. S. Marshall, 1540; W. S. Whittaker, 1572; T. Gates, 1599; and H. Thompson, 1426, and P.M. 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed, a ballot took place for Mr. W. B. Andrews, a candidate for admission, and it resulting unanimously in his favour, he was introduced, and impressively admitted to the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The next business was the installation of Bro. Redford, W.M. elect, upon which occasion Bro. Tickle, P.M. and Treasurer, took the chair, and that brother was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a large body of Installed Masters. After the usual salutes, he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Wall, S.W.; W. T. Buck, J.W.; J. Tickle, P.M., Treas.; C. Hawksley, Sec.; J. F. Hepburn, S.D.; C. S. Buck, J.D.; Shutt, W.S.; G. H. Carter, I.G.; Eaton, Stwd.; Ritchie, D.C. One of the addresses was delivered by Dr. Carpenter and the others by the Installing Master. The installation ceremony having been concluded, the next business was the initiation of Mr. Robert Watson, jun., and that ceremony was most ably performed. A motion for the increase of the annual subscription was put and carried, as was one by Bro. Tickle "That the lodge shall be held in the months of January, March, May, June, and October, instead of as at present, and that the bye-law be altered accordingly." An interesting incident here took place in the proceedings of the meeting, which was the presentation to the lodge by Bro. Milbourne, the architect engaged in the restoration of the Church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, built by Sir Christopher Wren, of a maud of old oak, beautifully polished, formed out of one of the rafters of the old church, and it was looked upon as a relic of great interest. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Milbourne for his valuable gift.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren for some time amused themselves by inspecting the beautiful gardens attached to the hotel, or viewing the charming country by which the hotel is surrounded. On re-assembling they proceeded to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. in giving the first toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said she had endeared herself to all her subjects, and more particularly so to Freemasons. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," and as his merits and the interest His Royal Highness took in all that concerned the Craft were so well known and appreciated, he should offer no further observations, but at once call upon them to drink his health, a request that was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master,

and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." All the Grand Officers were supporters of their Masonic Institutions, and had the interest of them at heart; their merits were well known, and they were always in attendance to promote the welfare of the Craft. He would say no more, but propose their health, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Buss, in responding, said the W.M. had placed him somewhat in a difficulty in having to return thanks for the Grand Officers, as he regretted that there was no one more eminent amongst them present to return thanks for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He thought, however, that they would agree with him when he said that they were the right men in the right place, as there were no men who could devote more time and trouble than they did to promote the interests of the Craft, and in their name he returned thanks for the honour they had conferred upon them. The W.M. said the next toast he should ask the brethren to drink was "The Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers." They were particularly fortunate in meeting on the most charming spot in Great Britain, and he regretted that their Prov. Grand Master was not present with them that evening, but hoped in the future he would honour them with his company. They had had the pleasure of a visit from him once, and one of their members (Bro. Tickle) he had appointed as one of his Grand Officers. He should couple with the toast the name of Bro. Tickle. Bro. Tickle said, in responding, that he was sorry the Prov. Grand Master was not with them that night to see with his own eyes what was passing there, and it was a great misfortune to them that he was not amongst them. In the name of the Provincial Grand Officers he begged to return thanks for them. The W.M. said the next toast he should have the pleasure of bringing before them that evening was a very pleasing one to him. He had had the pleasure of introducing two gentlemen into the Order, and he was sure that both of them would do credit to the lodge. He had known Bro. Andrews for some time, and had therefore great pleasure in introducing him to the lodge, as he was sure that he would be a credit to it. Having passed a warm compliment upon Bro. Watson, he concluded by proposing the healths of their newly initiated brethren, Andrews and Watson. Bro. Veal gave with good effect "The Entered Apprentice's" song. Bro. Andrews said he was unaccustomed to speak in public, and he would only say that he would endeavour to carry out the tenets of Freemasonry to the best of his ability. Bro. Watson said he thanked them from his heart for the very kind manner in which they had drunk his health, and the ceremony he had gone through was so deeply impressed upon him that he could not express himself in proper terms, but he would do his best to prove himself a worthy Mason. Bro. Roberts, I.P.M., said he had with the utmost pleasure to propose the next toast, and it was one that he was sure would be reciprocated by every one in the lodge. It, however, was an easy one, as it was "The Health of the W.M.," who was so well known to them, and his good qualities were admitted by all. He was a most worthy brother, and he was sure that every one in the lodge was proud of him as W.M. Wishing him a prosperous year he asked the brethren to drink his health, hoping that for many years he might be spared amongst them. The toast was cordially received. The W.M. thanked Bro. Roberts for the very kind manner in which he had proposed his health, in terms far exceeding his deserts, and he was thus put in an awkward position. He could assure them, however, that if he should fail in giving them satisfaction it would not be from want of inclination but from want of ability. The next toast he had to propose was "The Past Masters," and after alluding to the services of Bro. Tickle said that Bro. Roberts, contrary to the advice of his medical man, had at great inconvenience come amongst them to carry out his duties as W.M. He had great pleasure, in the name of the lodge, in presenting him with a jewel, trusting that for many years he might be a member of the lodge, and give them the benefit of his advice and good counsel. Bro. Roberts returned thanks, and after some other toasts had been given the proceedings were brought to a close, and most of the brethren returned to town, having spent a day of unmixt pleasure.

INSTRUCTION.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 8th inst., at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Cubitt-town. The proceedings of the lodge were the working of the Fifteen Sections by the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, who were invited by the above lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren. Amongst those present we noticed Bros. Hodges, P.M.; Carnaby, P.M.; Delves, P.M.; Scarell, P.M., and Balding, P.M., Secretary; Clark, Stapleton, Millington, Raker, Milton, Howell, Doring, Galloway, Morrison, and Bonner, of 1382; Mace, of the Zetland; McFarlane and Mackie, of the Temperance; and Mills, No. 802. The lodge was opened punctually at 6.30 by Bro. J. S. Brown, J.W. 862, W.M., assisted by Bro. R. P. Tate, S.W. 862, S.W., and W. H. Marston, W.M. 55, J.W. After the minutes were read the lectures were rendered by the following brethren:

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Brocklehurst.
2nd "	...	...	" Collinson.
3rd "	...	...	" Gates.
4th "	...	...	" Abell.
5th "	...	...	" Larchin.
6th "	...	...	" Tate.
7th "	...	...	" Lardner.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Lardner.
2nd "	...	...	" Marston.
3rd "	...	...	" Fox.
4th "	...	...	" Gush.
5th "	...	...	" Pate.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	...	Bro. Tate.
2nd "	...	...	" Fox.
3rd "	...	...	" Larchino.

The rendering of the sections was of unusual excellence, and called forth deserved congratulations from the numerous brethren present to those who so admirably worked them. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. J. S. Brown for the able manner in which he had presided on the occasion, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. Bro. Brown, on returning thanks

for the honour conferred upon him, congratulated the brothers on the manner in which their working had been done. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until next Tuesday, at seven o'clock, p.m.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, on the 31st ult., in the following order:—

Bros. C. Lorkin, S.D. 1524, W.M.; W. Wallington, P.M. 860, S.W.; and Brasted, 1524, J.W. Lodge opened at seven o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Sections were proceeded with.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. F. Carr, I.G. 1607.
2nd "	...	" C. Smyth, Treasurer 1524.
3rd "	...	" T. Clark, I.G. 1711.
4th "	...	" W. Wallington, P.M. 860.
5th "	...	" Forss, 554.
6th "	...	" Webb, P.M. 1607.
7th "	...	" Barnes, P.M. 933.

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Clark, I.G. 1711.
2nd "	...	" Fieldwick, W.M. 1364.
3rd "	...	" Forss, 554.
4th "	...	" Barnes, P.M. 933.
5th "	...	" Moss, 1275.

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section	...	Bro. Brasted, S.W. 1524.
2nd "	...	" Webb, P.M. 1607.
3rd "	...	" W. Wallington, P.W. 860.

The working occupied upwards of two hours, and on the W.M. rising to enquire for the good of Freemasonry, received for the second time the thanks of the brethren. The Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather, P.M., S.W. 1623, complimented the Dalhousie Lodge on the admirable manner the Sections had been worked, and further remarked that in his opinion if lodges of instruction would only foster the idea and carry out the practice that was now growing so prevalent—that is to say, meeting in each other's lodges of instruction, and working the ceremonies and Sections from time to time—it would doubtless do more to further Masonic comparison and correct any irregularities of working by mutual meetings of this description than all the colleges of preceptories that were being attempted to be established over them. He yielded to none the love he entertained for Freemasonry, but thought that Masonry should not be made irksome and tedious, but pleasant and entertaining; where they could meet and practise their ceremonies as they were now doing, and he entirely agreed with Grand Lodge in their determination not to admit innovations, quite unnecessary in the present system of working. They had that evening amongst them a P.M., the estimable Bro. Barnes, who had done so much in his time to make Freemasonry pure and popular, and he felt gratified to see him amongst them for, he believed, the first time, but hoped it would not be the last. Bro. C. Lorkin had proved his proficiency for the chair of his lodge in presiding over them that evening. He felt very grateful for the able manner he had carried out his duties, also for his efficiency and ability, and trusted shortly to hear of his election as Master of his lodge. Bro. Wallington, an old P.M., their S.W., was too well known and appreciated to require any very lengthy comments from him, but he might say he felt great pleasure in seeing him industriously using his knowledge as a P.M. for the benefit of the young members and the Craft at large, for while we had such P.M.'s, who were willing both to give their time and experience for the instruction of those in search of it, there was no fear of Masonry flagging, and he trusted to have the gratification of meeting him again at an early date. Their J.W., Bro. J. Lorkin, was holding the positions of S.W. in Lodge 1679 and S.D. in Lodge 102; this fact was quite sufficient recommendation of itself. He felt unusual satisfaction that the brethren of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction had selected and deputed such excellent workers to represent them. As he felt he was trespassing too much upon their time, he would at once, therefore, revert to the object of his visit, being convinced the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge would support him in the proposition he was about to make, which was that the W.M. and S.W. of the evening, and also Bro. Barnes, P.M. (who came amongst them more as an instructor than to be instructed), should be elected honorary members of the lodge. The proposition was seconded and carried unanimously, the brethren elected individually returning thanks. It was then proposed and seconded that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minute book to the members of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction for the able manner the Sections had been worked, which was carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in due form. The members assembled to meet the visitors were Bros. J. Howes, W.M. 1623; Caton, Corke, Mackay, Milton, Greenwood, T. Butt, and others. The comforts of the brethren were well looked after by the Bros. Butt.

Royal Arch.

GRAVESEND.—Hermes Chapter (No. 77).

A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at the Clarendon Hotel. There were present Comps. Woodward, M.E.Z.; Holden, H.; Cameron, P.Z., J.; E. J. Scott, P.Z., Treas.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Hall, S.N.; Murley, P.S.; Martin, Janitor; B. H. Swallow, P.Z.; Pratt, P.Z.; Dixon, P.Z.; M. Crook, Docker, Festa, Skilliteer, Coe, and others. Visitors: Comps. E. Farwig, 180; J. E. Shand, 25; Parker, 733; and J. E. Edmunds, 1507.

The chapter was duly opened, and the minutes of last convocation were confirmed. The election and installation of officers then took place as follows: Comps. Holden, M.E.Z.; Woodward, I.P.Z.; Cameron, P.Z., H.; Murley, J.; Cottebrune, P.Z., S.E.; Scott, Treas.; Döcker, S.N.; Hall, P.S.; Skilliteer, 1st Asst. S.; and Festa, 2nd Asst. S. The ballot was taken for Bros. E. Curtice, 22, and F. Farr, 1687, and, both being favourable, they were duly and impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. Rev. P. M. Holden, M.A., M.E.Z. The addresses to the three chairs were accurately delivered. The chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together, the usual toasts being given, and afterwards returned to town by rail, a very pleasant day having been spent.

HALIFAX.—Regularity Chapter (No. 448).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when Comp. C. T. Rhodes was installed as First Principal; Comp. Councillor Richard Worsick as Second; Comp. Holdsworth as Third, for the ensuing year. The other officers invested by the First Principal were Comps. W. Cooke, P.Z., &c., as S.E.; W. Swale, N.; Spencer, P.S.; J. G. Lee, 1st A.S.; Sutcliffe, 2nd A.S.; G. Normanton, P.Z., &c., as Treas.; J. Haigh, M.C.; Thomas Whittaker, Org.; R. Jessop, P.Z., and A. Roberts, P.Z., Stewards; John Greenwood, P.Z., Janitor. There was a numerous gathering of the companions from the various chapters in the district, amongst those present being Comps. John Fisher, J.P., P.P.G. Treas., &c.; Thomas Perkinson, P.Z., &c.; John Marshall, P.Z.; W. Gaukroger, M.E.Z., and P. Dickinson, 61; E. Comps. J. C. Monckman, Atherton Riley, Crabtree, and Crowther, 600, Bradford; H. Beaumont, and others. After business the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and altogether the meeting was considered the most successful one ever held in connection with the chapter.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton. There were present Comps. W. Hammond, P.Z., as M.E.Z.; J. Hammond, H.; F. Walters, P.Z., as J.; E. Hopwood, P.Z.; Moody, 1st A.S.; Errington; and several others.

The minutes of the last chapter were read, unanimously confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. The bye-laws were read. The elections were unanimous in favour of Comps. J. Hammond, as M.E.Z.; J. B. Shackleton, H.; J. C. Woodrow, J.; S. Wickens, P.Z., Treasurer (re-elected); W. Hammond, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected); Moody, S.N.; Davey, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor (re-elected). The usual twelve guinea P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Edwin Gilbert, M.E.Z. Comp. T. W. Adams, M.E.Z. 1623, West Smithfield Chapter, was proposed as a joining member. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation.

Business ended the chapter was closed, and the usual banquet followed.

PAIGNTON.—Torbay Chapter (No. 1358).—The regular quarterly convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. There were present Comps. J. T. Goodridge, M.E.Z.; Rev. R. Bowden, P.Z. 106, 328, 1358, &c., the I.P.Z., as H.; and J. Hurrell, Z. 328, as J. (in the absence of Ex. Comps. Piggott and Greenfield, who were prevented from attending); W. E. W. Warren, P.Z., who acted as S.E. for Comp. Dr. Alexander, most ably performed the duties of P. Soj. in the ceremony; West, S.N.; W. Taylor and C. Emmett, Asst. Sojs.; F. Palk, J. T. Tozer, and others.

Two of the three brethren balloted for at the last chapter meeting were in attendance, viz., Bros. W. W. Ellis, Sec. 1358, and Owens, Warden of 707, and they were duly exalted by Ex. Comp. Bowden, acting for the M.E.Z. The three lectures were respectively delivered by Ex. Comps. Warren, Goodridge, and Bowden. Comp. J. Bradford, of Royal Alfred Chapter, Oxford, was favourably balloted for as a joining companion, and, after the usual enquiries, the chapter was closed in due and ancient form.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held on the 14th inst. Bro. Lieut. Kenison, R.A., being a candidate for advancement, his name was submitted to the ballot, which proved unanimous; he was then introduced, and duly exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, which ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Fenn, M.E.Z. Bro. Chesterton was proposed for exaltation, subject to the ballot. Nothing further being offered for the advancement of R.A. Masonry, the chapter was closed about 8.30.

Mark Masonry.

ERA LODGE (No. 176).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, South, wark, on Friday, June 11th. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wm. Hammond, P.I.G., W.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, unanimously confirmed and signed by the W.M. The new list of officers was arranged, and comprised the names of J. Hammond, S.W.; J. B. Shackleton, J.W.; T. Horton, P.M., Treasurer; W. Pennfather, Sec.; T. W. Adams, G.S., P.G.I.G. Middx. and Surrey; J. Allsops, R. P. Tebb, H. Meyer, Edwin Bowley, and others. The names of several candidates were given in for advancement. It was arranged to meet in future at 2, Red Lion Square, Holborn. Business being completed, the lodge was closed. No banquet or refreshment followed.

HEREFORD.—St. Ethelbert Lodge (No. 243).—The first anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Green Dragon Hotel, when the W.M. designate, Bro. W. Williams, was installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. J. C. Gregg, P.G.D., &c., who performed the ceremony very impressively. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. C. Gregg, I.P.M.; Theophilus Lane, S.W.; W. M. D. Hill, J.W.; W. Rowe, M.O.; Orlando Shellard, S.O.; T. Blinkhorn, J.O.; H. Gurney, Treas.; J. Pembroke, Sec.; J. Davies, Reg. of Marks; G. Gregg, S.D.; J. Marchant, J.D.; W. Groom, D.C.; T. L. Lewis, Org.; E. J. Baker, I.G.; J. Barnes, Senior Stwd.; E. George, Junior Stwd.; E. James, Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. C. Gregg with a handsome P.M.'s jewel, designed expressly for the St. Ethelbert Mark Lodge and bearing the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of St. Ethelbert Lodge, No. 243, to P.M. Bro. J. C. Gregg, the first W.M." The lodge being closed, the brethren retired to an excellent banquet, several distinguished visitors being present.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 299).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. There were present: Bros. R. Robinson, W.M., P.G. Swd. Br.; W. H. Lewthwaite, S.W., P.G. Org.; Capt. Sewell,

J.W., P.G. Reg. M.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.G. Sec.; R. W. Robinson, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.O.; J. Black, Sec., Treas., and Reg. M.; W. Shilton, S.D.; W. Paisley, J.D.; T. Mason, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the P.G. Secretary took the chair, on the invitation of the W.M., when the name of Bro. T. Bird, W.M. Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, was put to the ballot for advancement, and he was unanimously accepted. The candidate was then admitted, and regularly advanced to the Honourable Degree, with the incidental music in full. The W.M. in the chair mentioned that he had recently had an interview with the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Col. Whitwell, M.P., in London, and it was in every way likely that the Provincial Grand Lodge would assemble under the banner of the Faithfull Lodge in the first week of September. The lodge was closed with the usual address.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LEICESTER.—Byzantine Conclave (No. 44).—A regular assembly of this most flourishing conclave was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of enthroning the M.P.S. elect, Sir Knight Clement Edwin Stretton, and for the transaction of the general business of the conclave. Amongst those present were M. Ill. Sir Knight W. Kelly, Chief Intendant Gen.; Ill. Sir Knight G. Toller, G.C.; Sir Knights S. S. Partridge, K.G.C.; Clement Stretton, P.S.; F. J. Baines, P.S.; J. T. Thorp, P.S.; T. Colman, T. Worthington, W. L. Ball, S. Knight, J. Hanger, H. Meadows, M.B.; and T. R. Pickering.

The conclave having been duly opened, a College of Viceroy, and subsequently a Senate of Sovereigns, were formed, in which latter the E. and P. Sir Knight C. E. Stretton was in due form enthroned as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, after which, the other knight companions having been admitted, he at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, and subsequently to instal Bro. J. D. Harris, of the Albert Edward Lodge, 1560, and Bro. F. Griffiths, of the St. John's Lodge, 279, as knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, in which latter ceremony he was ably assisted by Sir Knight Thorp and the Ill. Chief Int. General, Sir Knight W. Kelly, the latter of whom delivered to the newly-installed Sir Knights, in a most impressive manner, the charge of the Order—a most beautiful address composed by the late esteemed Sir Knight the Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D., and peculiar to this conclave. The Treasurer's account was then received, and adopted with the usual vote of thanks. The account again bears evidence of the continued prosperity of the conclave financially, and, under the able directions and influenced by the zeal and assiduity of the M.P.S., it is certain that the high position of the conclave will, during the ensuing year, be maintained and advanced. The remaining business having been transacted, the Sir Knights retired to the refectory, where an excellent banquet was served.

France.

PARIS.—The Alliance Lodge (No. 70, S.R.).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 2nd, at the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau. The hour set down on the summons for the commencement of ordinary Masonic business was eight o'clock, but it was after nine o'clock before work began. This was owing to the fact that the lodge should have met in committee the same evening at seven o'clock, but, as the brethren did not begin to assemble until half-past seven, the committee meeting was not concluded until nine o'clock. English lodges are not perfection as regards sharp time, but they are far and away in advance of French ones, for here no one seems to attempt to put in an appearance until half an hour after the advertised time, and, as often business goes on slowly at the commencement, the result of this want of punctuality often is, that some of the work set down has either to be postponed until the next meeting, or, worse still, hurried over. This last alternative occurred last week at an influential lodge under the Grand Orient, where the Second and Third Degrees were conferred "by steam," as the W.M. himself expressed it, addressing a visiting brother, and even this expression, good figure though it be, cannot convey an adequate idea to an English Mason of the terrific speed with which the ceremonies were hurried through. However, the Alliance Lodge, as we were going to say, was a little after nine o'clock opened in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. in the First Degree. There were present Bros. Saunier, W.M.; Ferrand and Decourcelle, Wardens; Pierron and Delvert, "Experts;" Herbert, Orator; and Ferrand, Secretary, together with a fair assemblage of other brethren—amongst the visitors, Bro. G. C. Dickey, 1744, England. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed, and the correspondence read by the W.M. Among other communications was a circular from Grand Lodge formally disavowing the newly-formed Grand Lodge Symbolique. The W.M. explained, in answer to a question put by one of the brethren present, that an application which had been made by a brother to be admitted a joining member of the lodge must be refused, as such admission would be directly opposed to the Constitutions of Grand Lodge, one of which distinctly states that no brother can be admitted a joining member of any lodge if he, at the time of seeking such admission, be an active member of any other Masonic body, and the brother who was seeking admission amongst them being in this position, however much it might be regretted, they had no alternative but to act as he (the W.M.) had indicated, as a dispensation would not be granted. We cannot but pause to point out that this law of Grand Lodge is not altogether in keeping with the broad principles of Freemasonry, and, besides, is really inconsistent with other laws and usages which apply generally to foreign brothers, for a foreign brother may visit any one of the lodges whenever he may wish to do so, and is always well and freely received, and often he is allowed to vote as to the admission of a "profane," and is even permitted to put questions to the proposed member on his initiation, and yet such visiting brother cannot join that lodge if he continues his allegiance to another dispensation. The use or reason of this law, considered from a Masonic point of view, we fail to see, and cannot but think that Grand Lodge would do well to take

into serious consideration the revision of this and perhaps some others of its statutes, as there can be little doubt that the expunging of the one in question would add to the prosperity of Masonry in France, and would secure the approval of true brethren the world over. The business of the lodge was then continued by the reading of the papers referring to the initiation of M. Parrain, and "Lowton" Emile Levy (the term Lowton, English Masons may be aware, is used in France to designate the son of a Mason), after which the third ballot was taken and declared to be in favour of their admission. They were accordingly at once admitted, and, after a few preliminary questions, were conducted through the First Voyage, the symbolic meaning of which was concisely explained by the W.M. After more questions the Second Voyage was taken and explained, and then the Third Voyage made, after which the candidates were unanimously declared worthy of reception, and were, therefore, entrusted, and received the fraternal accolade from the W.M., and a triple battery was fired in their honour. The W.M. then called upon the brethren to welcome the visitors in the same manner, which was done most heartily. It being now half-past eleven o'clock it was announced by the W.M. that the ceremony of raising, which should have been worked that evening, on account of the lateness of the hour would be postponed until that evening fortnight, when a meeting of emergency would be held. The lodge was then closed in the usual manner.

On Sunday, May 30th, at the Théâtre Chateau d'Eau, a grand *fête de famille* was given by the Lodge "La Liberté Masonique" for the benefit of the widows and orphans. During the entertainment the poem "Pour les Pauvres," by Victor Hugo, was finely recited by Madame Marie Laurent.

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

At a meeting of the Council of the Tonic Sol-Fa College on Saturday, the 12th inst, Mr. J. Spencer Curwen was unanimously elected president in place of his father, the late Mr. John Curwen.

M. Tourguenieff, the Russian novelist, has been seriously ill, and has been obliged to leave Paris, where he usually resides, for his native air. He is now recovering.

The Sydney Exhibition realised £45,000, and though the receipts are £5000 below the estimate they will probably cover the working expenses. The number of admissions amounted to 1,022,000, and exceeded all expectations.

A Parliamentary paper has been issued containing the copy of a report from the inspectors of experiments on living animals showing the names of all persons who held licences and certificates under the Act 39 and 40 Vict., cap. 77, during any part of the year 1879, together with the registered places at which the experiments were performed; also the total number of experiments performed under the provisions of the Act during the same period, and the number of experiments in which there is reason to believe that any appreciable suffering was caused.

We are informed that the Brighton Railway Company, through their agent, Mr. Hudson, have for these last ten years conveyed sea water from Brighton to London for the use of private families and large establishments, including a supply for several years since of many thousands of gallons of Brighton sea water to the Crystal Palace and Westminster Aquarium, and a regular monthly supply to the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park.

Angling for coarse fish re-opens on the 16th inst., the fence period ending on the 15th at sunset. It is often supposed that the angling can commence on the 15th, but the Act of Parliament makes the fence period from the 15th of March to the 15th of June, "both dates inclusive."

Cologne Cathedral is now the highest building in the world, the towers, though still 51 ft. short of their definitive altitude, being 5 ft. above the Church of St. Nicholas, Hamburg, which has hitherto been the loftiest of the globe. The cathedral towers are now 524 ft. 11 in. high from the pavement of the cloisters, or 515 ft. from the church floor, while St. Peter's, at Rome, has a height of 469 ft. 1 in., and the Pyramids of 449 ft. 5 in.; St. Paul's is 365 ft. 1 in. high, and Notre Dame at Paris 232 ft. 11 in.

A descriptive catalogue of the helmets lately exhibited at the rooms of the Archaeological Institute is being prepared by the Baron de Cosson and Mr. W. Burges. It will be illustrated with plates copied from photographs, and will probably contain representations of about eighty or ninety specimens. The book will be published by subscription among members of the archaeological and antiquarian world.

The Educational Committee of the Privy Council have issued a new code of the minutes of the Education Department, containing regulations for the present year. All articles modified and all new articles are shown separately in an appendix. Other appendices contain the regulations as to payment of school fees for children holding honour certificates and the revised regulations as to certificates for school attendance, and proficiency.

Herr Makart's picture of "Diana," which has only recently been finished, has been sold to a Munich dealer for £5000.

An appeal on behalf of the "Oldest man in Scotland" is made to us by Mr. Chalmers of Dunoon, who states that Archibald M'Arthur is now 103 years of age, and has never received parish relief. Though still in good health and able to work in his garden, this centenarian needs support in his declining years, and contributions will be received by Mr. Chalmers.—*Graphic*.

An Alfred de Musset Museum had been formed by the poet's brother, Paul de Musset, who died last week in Paris. One of his apartments was filled with portraits, busts, and medallions of the young writer, a cabinet having its panels painted with portraits of Alfred at divers ages, while his bust as a child stood on the top, a life-size portrait surmounting a figure of Fame on the mantelpiece, and over the writing table hung an autograph sonnet composed in 1844.

Sir Richard Wallace's collection of pictures and curiosities in Paris is to be opened to the public once a week.

N.B.—ALTERATION OF DATE AND PLACE OF FESTIVAL.

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With 276 other brethren, representing Lodges and Pro-
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services of brethren will be gratefully acknowledged.

Musical Arrangements:

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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. 207, 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 "

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P.P.G.J.W.—We cannot interfere with the decision.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

“Recherches Sur Le Rite Ecossais Ancien Accepte,”
“Allen's Indian Mail,” “Keystone,” “The Seven Sisters
and Finsbury Park Journal,” “Broad Arrow,” “Sunday
Times,” “Die Bauhutte,” “The Egyptian Gazette,”
“The Empire,” “Hull Packet,” “Der Long Islaender,”
“The Corner Stone,” “The Jewish Chronicle,” “The
Croydon Guardian,” “Hebrew Leader,” “Moore's Ma-
sonic Messenger.”

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1880.

WE understand that the rumour we alluded to last
week, in respect of a new Masonic “sweep,” is
now a reality. We deeply regret to hear of it,
and to realize it. Independently of its utter ille-
gality—and Freemasons profess to obey always the
laws of the country where they reside—any such
system has a most debasing tendency, in that under
the spurious name of charity, it appeals to all our
selfish, and even gambling propensities. It seems
very hard on the honest giver, who secures his Life
Governorship often at some personal sacrifice, that
any one who can organize a “sweep” and obtain
sufficient support from a cheap exhibition of
Masonic giving, is to be entitled to honours which
years of honest personal effort and liberality have
not secured to some of the worthiest Masons and
most earnest brethren amongst us. All such pro-
ceedings as these lotteries are a parody on Masonic
professions, and make the loyal Mason ashamed of
the current frivolity and perverted sentiments of
the hour of very many amongst us in such matters.

WE trust that the Grand Lodge authorities will put
a stop to the system of cliques, circulars, and
cabals, in respect of our Grand Lodge voting,
which has become a great nuisance, and threatens
greater evils to our whole Order. We beg respect-
fully to suggest that on the next occasion an official
list or voting paper, or lists and voting papers, as
the case may be, with the names of all the candi-
dates, shall be given to all Masons entering Grand
Lodge and all Grand Officers, and that all private
lists or canvassing papers be strictly forbidden, and
declared illegal. This will not prevent private cir-
culars before the Grand Lodge meeting, (for no
steps we can take can do that), but it will prevent
the members of Grand Lodge being insulted by
the suggestions of a clique, which amount, in re-
spect of liberty of Masonic suffrage, to impertin-
ent dictation on the one hand, and often most
recent unfitting recommendations on the other.

THERE is in America just now a good deal of com-
plaint about “demitted Masons,” as they term
them, and which has, no doubt, much truth in
it. By demitted Masons they mean Masons who
do not subscribe to lodges. One writer thus
testifies in respect of this, to him, great evil:
“In Kentucky we are weighed down with *deadwood*
“of demitted Masons. At our last Grand Lodge
“session they swarmed in the hall. At feasts,
“frolics, and funerals they outnumber the faith-
“ful. Their lobby influence, upon mooted ques-
“tions that come up, outdoes the legitimate vote.
“They claim charity when sick, and, being dead,
“their families claim it in their names. We are
“compelled to bury their *cadavera*, often at large
“expense to our lodges. Their drunkenness, pro-
“fanity, and pistolling is all charged, by outsiders,
“to the principles of Masonry, as represented in
“our lodges. They ride us as Sinbad was ridden
“by the old man of the sea. Acknowledging no
“claim that we have upon them, they enter our
“shells, crab-like, and suck out our vitals. They
“are a standing premium upon demitting.” This,
no doubt, as another writer puts it, “is strong
language,” but it is, we apprehend, true, and as
the evil is, to some extent, existent in England, we
call attention to this forcible utterance.

It must strike us who attend to such matters
from what a large proportion of Masons who have
not subscribed for years to our lodges come to-
day the application for relief by our great Char-
ities. It is no uncommon thing to have applications
from the children of those who have lived out of
Masonry for years and died out of it. If this evil
increases, it appears to us that some law must be
passed, by which, with the exception of specified
cases as at present, the fathers of applicants must
have had so many years “consecutive” subscrip-
tion. We have quite come round to the idea of
the actual necessity of consecutive subscriptions.

WE have had our attention called to the evil and
the nuisance of brethren using Masonic emblems
for trade purposes. We quite feel that this is an
unworthy obtrusion on the outer world of the fact
of our membership, and we hope that this use of
Masonic emblems may be more and more dis-
couraged among all right thinking Masons. The
only possibly permitted use of Masonic emblems
is in Masonic advertisements in a bona fide Ma-
sonic paper or magazine. But even then we, our-
selves, should think it “better form” and more
Masonic not to make use of such emblems.

As will be seen elsewhere our good Bro. Hughan
kindly takes us to task for using the word
“mystery” as regards the catalogue. We plead
guilty at once for not knowing anything about the
report of the Board of General Purposes in 1869.
We were ourselves travelling, so probably that is
our reason of and excuse for ignorance. But the
curious fact is, explain it as you will, that a great
many brethren in London know nothing whatever
of the catalogue, and finding this to be the case,
we used the word “mystery” but in no invidious
sence.

SOME of our readers may remember an amusing
account of the “Clique” in “Blackwood.” We
Freemasons are laughing heartily just now at the
idea and the reality before them, visibly, tangibly,
and so very considerate as to propose to tell us all
in London and elsewhere how we are to vote, and
for whom we are to vote, on every possible emer-
gency, and on any important or unimportant Ma-
sonic occasion. It is really too good and kind,
and most affecting.

WE have received a circular by which it appears
that a Grand Bazaar and Fancy Fair, in aid of the
Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, will be
held at Freemasons' Tavern, on June 29th and
30th, and July 1st and 2nd. It is to take place
under most distinguished patronage, as appears
elsewhere. Unfortunately, owing to our previously
expressed opinions on the subject, shared in as these
are by a large number of leading Masons, we can-
not conscientiously say that the “outcome” of the
movement justifies our support of it. We origi-
nally expressed our opinion favourable to the plan,
on our distinguished Bro. Lord Rosslyn's sugges-
tion, of “Exhibitions” for scholars leaving both
the Schools. But we cannot profess to enter into
the “procuring of situations,” or the “purchase
of tools and outfits,” the “residuum” of former
somewhat extravagant proposals. The Schools at
present provide “outfits,” and if the grant is not
large enough it can be increased. Still we have
all a right to our opinions in this world, and we
are sincerely sorry, with such auspicious names
to encourage the movement, including some of the
most distinguished of our brethren, and such fair
patronesses, we can do nothing more than record
the fact. There is one point to which we shall
allude next week at some length, the policy and
actuality of what must become a fourth charity.

THE candidates for the vacant Collectorship,
R.M.B. Institution, are now Bros. WEBBE,
RECKNELL, WORRELL, TAYLOR, DAVIS, and JOHN
MASON. The Sub-Committee reports on Tuesday
next at three o'clock.

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.]

REPLY TO A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been directed to a letter in the *Freemason*, signed "P.P.G.R. Oxon," in which I am called upon to reply to a certain statement made in a letter published the previous week.

From the extract quoted it would appear that on the day of the ceremony, on entering the western enclosure, I, then and there, insisted on something or—to use the words of the "P.P.G.R."—*threatened* to do something very absurd. There were so many Present and Past Grand Officers around me during the whole of the time that I should have thought a contradiction unnecessary. I am not aware that I opened my lips except to give directions to my friend Bro. Robert Grey, who kindly acted as my assistant, or perhaps to a Grand Officer who had some duty to perform.

The statement alluded to was probably founded on an incident that occurred on the *previous day*, when there was some misunderstanding of orders on the part of the clerk of the works, which led me to remark on the inconsistency of the Grand Master and the Grand Officers appearing on the platform in the western enclosure, in Masonic clothing, if the stone was not to be laid in Masonic form by His Royal Highness as Grand Master of Masons, but the apparent difficulty was speedily removed, and orders were issued in conformity with the printed programme, which I had been instructed by Sir Albert Woods to carry out.

Yours fraternally,

T. FENN.

Reviews.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, 1880.

This is a report which all intending emigrants to the United States should read. It has a map of the State, which is a new one, and not yet fully reclaimed, and somewhat ominously near the Indian reserves. However, the operations of the Board are very striking, and its report most interesting, for it deals with pure agriculture, farms, cattle, sheep, &c., and also touches upon horticultural matters, and tells us much and pleasantly about fruits and vegetables, and also fowls, and "such like." We confess we like the facts thus outrolled before us, and for all who wish to make either a fresh start in a new land, or to find plenty of elbow room, and the necessaries of life, leaving our over-crowded marts at home, there is much to recommend in Nebraska. One point we would urge upon all—do not go without capital. The old French proverb is still true, that "the man who knows how to wait, wins," and if only the settler can make his "footing" good, and surmount the difficulties of a first location, he is pretty certain to do well.

APPARITIONS, &c. By the Rev. B. WRAY SAVILLE, M.A. Second edition. Longmans and Co.

This work strikes us, on the whole, though we note that it has reached a second edition, as weak and retrograde. It inserts many stories which seem to have little point, omits some which are much more *ad rem*. But the truth is, we fancy, the inherent weakness of the case it is which renders all such works incomplete and unsatisfactory. The compiler is headed at every step he takes by those conditions, both of thought, belief, and experience on the subject, which Johnson summed up so well in the last century, and which still remain as a striking proof of the clearness of his vision and the soundness of his philosophy. "It is wonderful that nearly 6000 years have now elapsed since the creation of the world, and still it is undecided whether or not there has ever been an instance of the spirit of any person appearing after death. All argument is against it, but all belief is for it. The idea of the deceased re-visiting the scenes on earth, where in the flesh they had either suffered or rejoiced, seems to have been grafted into the mind by the Creator." In *Rasselas*, always pleasant to read, the sage thus further expounds his views: "That the dead are seen no more I will not undertake to maintain against the concurrent and unvaried testimony of all ages and nations. There are no people, rude or learned, among whom apparitions of the dead are not related and believed. This opinion, which perhaps prevails as far as human nature is diffused, could become only universal by its truth. Those that never heard of another world would not have agreed in a tale which nothing but experience could read as credible." Lord Byron writes:

"I merely mean to say what Johnson said—
That, in the course of some 6000 years,
All nations have believed that from the dead
A visitant at intervals appears;
And what is strangest on this strange head
Is that, whatever bar the reason rears
Gainst such belief, there's something stronger still
In its belief; let them deny who will."

Admitted then the possibility of a spiritual reappearance, what shall we say as to the probability? And there it is where we join issue with Mr. Saville, and all who think with him. If you might say that there was little reason in the "Beresford Ghost Story," the remaining stories have really no apparent meaning in them at all. The *cui bono* surges up inevitably again and again, and the general result seems to be that all such stories, for the most part, are to be relegated by the sane and the reasonable to the "limbo" of a disordered stomach, a weak head, and an excited imagination. That the popular belief in "ghosts" is as strong as ever we do not deny, but if we admit the fact, *qua* a fact, we can neither affect to sympathize with its existence, or admit its reasonableness.

ENGLISH SOUNDS AND ENGLISH SPELLING. By F. G. FLEAY. Collins.

This is a work which is published by the firm which puts forth the useful "Collins' School Lives," but about which many and contradictory opinions may be formed. Mr. Fleay professes that it is the exposition of arguments in favour of spelling reforms, and the adoption of a phonetic system. He adds that "the sneers to which its advocates

have long been accustomed must now give way to a calmer and more judicious method." But we agree with our contemporary, the *Guardian*, and doubt whether its grave peculiarities will ever allow its acceptance by English public opinion. Do our readers, as the *Guardian* so lucidly points out, realize the change, for instance, which is advocated in our familiar cherished "Lord's Prayer?"—

"Our Fadder which art in heaven, Halowed bee dhie naim. Dhie kingdom kum. Dhie wil be dun in erth, as it iz in heaven. Giv us dhis day our daily bred. And forgiv us our trespesez, az wee forgiv dhem dhat trespas agenst us. And leed us not into temptayshun, but deliver us from evil: for dhien iz dhe kingdom, and dhe power, and dhe glori for ever. Amen."

And we may note that this change, great and, we will add, mournful as it is, only after all represents the result of partial "reform," without the introduction of new signs for *wh, ch, sh, th, dh, ng, and oo*, as is recommended by some fanatics. But we think it fair to add that to those who are bitten by this "craze," for it is positively a craze, Mr. Fleay sets out his argument in favour of "phoneticism in a most clear and compact form."

MATRIMONIAL BONDS. By FLORIAN. Three vols. J. and R. Maxwell, London.

Though we do not often review novels, for this is a novel, we feel bound to say that we cannot recommend this one to our fair readers, though, perhaps, for that very reason they will wish to see it. Its aim is apparently to interest "many who have failed in the matrimonial speculation, and who bear the penalties attached to such failure." Then they are asked to peruse the pages of this work, and give what help they can towards obtaining "equal facilities for both sexes in the loosening of the marriage bonds." This is not a healthy idea, nor can it be profitable reading for any, and we are sorry that any such view should be commended to the sympathy of young or old. Marriage is no doubt a serious venture, a great lottery, and a grave problem, all combined, but nothing can be conceived more prejudicial to the best interests of society than any lax dealing with that most sacred of earthly ties, which is alike the best guarantee for and the real development of man's truest happiness and comfort here below.

MAGAZINES FOR JUNE.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for June is a very remarkable production. We are not saying too much when we add, it has in its actual "form" no equal in this country. We are glad to hear that it is growing in favour with English readers.

MASONIC MAGAZINE.

Despite the partial anomaly of reviewing in the *Freemason* a "serial" of the same active publisher's, owing to the importance of the subject we think it right to call the attention of the brethren to this number in respect of Belzoni's MS., and the Egyptian illustrations. By Bro. Wilde's kindness an interesting paper, and these striking illustrations have been put before the Craft, and while we thank Bro. Wilde for his fraternal consideration, we think it right to call the attention of Masonic students to this new "theory" of Egyptian Freemasonry.

As regards the greater portion of the magazines which appear month by month, for various reasons we are unable to review a large proportion of them in the *Freemason*, but we can speak most favourably of "Aunt Judy," "Golden Hours," "Young England," "Cornhill," "Fraser," "Good Words," "New Monthly," "Sunday at Home," and "Boy's and Girl's Own Paper," Blackwood, "Time," &c., &c.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Strictly speaking, I find there are two collections of books, one in the Grand Secretary's room, the other in the so-called library; that in the Grand Secretary's room is not, I understand, as yet catalogued, but is valuable to English Masons, as containing the "Lists of Lodges" and other curious books. I still repeat my regret that the library is not a permanent institution of the head-quarters of English Freemasonry. Under the proposed rearrangement of the offices at Freemasons' Hall, the library, *qua* a library, is fated apparently.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY, &c.

It seems strange to me that the Editor of the *Freemason* knew not of the catalogue of the library of the Grand Lodge until shown a copy by Bro. R. F. Gould, S.G.D. I have long had one, and considered the Rev. Bro. Woodford had one also. There was no "mystery" about it, and it was duly announced in the report of the Board of General Purposes, dated 16th November, 1869, as follows: "The Board have had a catalogue of the books in the library at the hall prepared under the supervision of Bro. Henry W. Hemsworth, a member of the Board, who kindly undertook the duty. The catalogue has been printed, and copies are deposited in the office of the Grand Secretary." It is quite destitute of merit as a catalogue, however, for students of Masonic bibliography. The MS. about which "Masonic Student" enquires is the "Grand Lodge MS.," which I transcribed in full, and had printed in my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," through the kindness of our dear Bro. Hervey. Since then I discovered its origin, &c. It is not older than the sixteenth century; in my opinion 1132, being likely enough 1532. There are virtually two Grand Lodge libraries, the catalogue only referring to that popularly known as the library, but the other, in the Grand Secretary's office, has the richest and finest collection in the world of Masonic engraved lists, calendars, and Constitutions; also three old MS. charges.

W. J. HUGHAN.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

There is great force, undoubtedly, in all Bro. W. J. Hughan's remarks, but there is equally much point in Bro. Walter Spencer's statement that he believes he saw a copy of 1760. For if that fact be correct, all Bro. Hughan's able "building" falls to the ground. It will be patent to all that if Bro. Spencer saw a copy of 1760,

the first edition could not be published in 1762. I was talking the matter over with a most intelligent bookseller on Friday week, and agree with him, that though you might, perhaps, think that Oliver's statement of 1750 was an error for 1762, yet you cannot get over the fact of Bro. Spencer's edition of 1760 or Bro. Dr. Oliver's assertion of a fifth edition in 1764. For let us note how categorical is the doctor's statement—see "Revelations of a Square," page 82, and note "Jachin and Boaz," &c., London, 1750. Fifth edition, Nichol, 1764; other new editions by the same printer in 1776, 1777, 1779, 1788, 1791, 1794, 1797, New York: Berry, Rogers, and Berry, 1793; London: Newbury, 1800. The twenty-first edition, Dewick, 1805, and other editions were printed in London in 1811, 1812, 1814, and 1825. There are many country editions. I possess several copies, one printed in 1779, for W. Nicol, 51, St. Paul's Churchyard, and F. Newberry, the corner of Ludgate-street. This is said to be a new edition, greatly enlarged and improved. The plate and frontispiece is of date August 10th, 1776, by W. Nichol. You might on this argue fairly enough, *primâ facie*, that the first edition was published in 1776. But yet, as we know, Bros. Carson and Bower possess undoubted copies of 1762. There is an edition of 1811, twenty-fourth edition, by Crosby and Co. and J. Harris. The plate is said to be by E. Newberry, Sept. 1st, 1797. Krause uses, we note, a copy of 1776. I also observe that he mentions, which Oliver does not appear to observe, that the edition of 1793 has this statement: "Improved, New York; printed by Berry, Rogers, and Berry, No. 35, Hanover-square, 1793." Esoterically, if I remember rightly, with all due deference to Bro. Hughan, the argument is decidedly in favour of the earlier than the later publication. I am now endeavouring to obtain a 1762 edition, and to ascertain if there be an earlier one. EDITOR "FREEMASON."

In your note of the 12th inst., I observe that you state that "in a late edition," which you possess, "allusion is made to an edition of Nichol's, but date not given." I am in possession of a copy published in 1788—"Printed for W. Nicoll, at No. 51, St. Paul's Churchyard"—which may possibly be the one alluded to. I also possess a copy published in 1807, which is described as the "twenty-second edition, greatly enlarged and improved." This latter may perhaps be the edition which you have, as allusion is therein made to a letter (of which a verbatim copy is given), "For R. S., at Mr. Wm. Nichol's, at the Paper Mill, St. Paul's Church Yard, London." The former contains a list of lodges, "brought down to the year 1788," and the latter to 1806, with a list of the "Officers of the Grand Lodge of England from its revival A.D. 1717 to the present time" (1806).

I have not seen an earlier edition than the one of 1788, but I have in my possession a pamphlet, published in 1762, entitled "A Free-Mason's Answer to the Suspected Author of a Pamphlet entitled Jachin and Boaz," &c.

B. BROUGHTON.

MASONS' MARKS.

Bro. Hughan is quite right in calling attention to a little slip of mine. What I ought to have said was this: "South of the Trent there is, so far, no known use of marks discovered in the lodges until the end of the eighteenth century. North of Trent, though, there is no trace of such usage at York, there is at Alnwick, thanks to Bro. Hughan's researches, in 1701. This, I think is the true state of the case. At the same time more evidence may accrue on the subject."

YOUR REVIEWER.

OLD MASONIC BOOKS.

I have a pamphlet published at Frankfort and Leipsic, in 1736, called "Le Franc Maçon. Dans la Republique, des Reflexions Apologues sur les persecutions des Francs Masons, par un membre de l'Ordre, Avec une Lettre a Madame de ou — P'on invite plusieurs auteurs celebres d'entrér dans le dit Ordre." This little work is dedicated to the Count de Bruhl. It is translated in "Scott's Pocket Companion" for 1754, partially, with an address to which I will call attention next week.

MASONIC STUDENT.

NAPOLÉON I.—Is said to have been made a Mason at Malta between June 12 and July 19, 1798. Be this as it may, the lodge "La Vraie Fraternité," at Strasburg, always gave as their first health, "Notre cher frère Buonaparte, Chef de la Nation." The "Abeille Maçonique" of 1829, and Clavel in 183c, declared that incognito he visited a lodge in Paris; and most certain is it that not only did he appoint Joseph Buonaparte in 1804 Grand Master of the Grand Orient, but under his régime French Freemasonry flourished and was protected.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

[At Golden Square is an apron which is said to have been worn by Napoleon 1.—Ed. *Freemason*.]

LODGE NUMBERS, 1781-91.

As to Bro. Hughan's suggestion that in citing the numeration of 1781-91 we should distinguish by a separate reference the lodge numbers of 1781 from those borne in 1782-91. This, I think, would cause great confusion, besides conflicting with the method adopted by Grand Lodge.

Lodges Nos. 163 (London) and 319 (Blandford) were brought forward from the numbers they had previously borne on the numeration of 1770-80, and being shown as Nos. 163 and 319 respectively on the list for 1781 (at the alteration of numbers)—in the same year were erased and *altogether disappeared* from the roll of lodges. In the later lists, however, of the same numeration (1781-91) the lodges in question were designated as Nos. 164 and 320 in the "List of Lodges Erased," the official calendar thereby attaching to them numbers they had never actually borne, but which represented the order of precedence in which they would have stood in 1781, had not the Plymouth Lodge (No. 86) been accidentally omitted from the list of that year. In my prefatory note to list No. 16, on page 68 of "The Four Old Lodges" I sought to convey that the earlier lists of the 1781-91 numeration were unreliable, as in many respects I found them to be. If, however, I ever attain the distinction of a second edition, and my life should be providentially spared to witness the event, I will ask the enterprising publisher of the future to omit the head note to list No. 16, which as it has misled our Bro. Hughan, I can now hardly think has fulfilled the purpose for which it was inserted. R. F. GOULD.

Obituary.

BRO. ABRAHAM JESSUP.

We have with much regret to record the death of Bro. Abraham Jessup, of the Globe House, Eglinton-road, Plumstead, Kent, who died on the 31st ult., aged fifty-three years, after a long and painful illness, of bronchitis and disease of the heart. Our deceased brother was for many years Treasurer of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, and also Treasurer of the Pattison Chapter, No. 913, and his handsome presence and cheering welcome made even the strangest of strange visitors to the lodge feel that they were indeed at "home;" while his irresistible wit and fund of anecdote at the social board kept the table in a roar of laughter. No one had a more open hand or kinder heart, and an appeal to his pocket in the cause of charity was never made in vain. He was for many years a member of the Woolwich Board of Guardians, and Plumstead Board of Works. He was also overseer for Plumstead, and in him the parish has lost a good servant, and the poor a generous benefactor and friend. He was laid in his last resting place in the family grave at Ryarsh, a quiet little country churchyard near Snodland in Kent, on Saturday, the 5th inst., beside the coffins of his parents, and two of his young children. The following members of the Pattison Lodge attended to pay their last respects to the deceased, viz.: Bros. W. Tongue, P.M., and P.P.G.W. Kent; E. Denton, P.M., and P.P.G.D.C. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; and Bros. H. Pryce, W. Lock, and D. Capon. Mr. T. Moors, his brother overseer, also attended, and when the solemn service for the dead was over, they took one last look into the grave of their beloved and lamented friend and brother, and silently and sorrowfully left him to his rest.

BRO. DR. ROBERT HAMILTON.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death, on the 20th ult., at his residence, Clifton Mount, Jamaica, of R.W. Bro. Dr. Robert Hamilton. Our brother was well known to a very large circle of Masonic friends as an ardent labourer in the Craft, and a man of high intellectual attainments and cultivated tastes. Dr. Hamilton was District G.M. and Grand Supt., R.A., for Jamaica, and also Prov. G.M.M. in that Island. He was also a Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, and held other high and prominent positions in the Masonic Order, to which he was a faithful adherent to the last. Our deceased brother was a Member of the Legislative Council in Jamaica, where his death, says a local paper, has "produced a feeling of deep sorrow among all classes in the community."

The *Tri-Weekly Gleaner* has the following notice of Bro. Dr. Hamilton.

We have to record with deepest regret the death of the Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, M.A., M.D., M.L.C., at Clifton Mount, St. Andrew, on the 20th ult., at 2.30 p.m. Dr. Hamilton was born on the 11th November, 1820, and was therefore close upon sixty years of age. He was a Cambridge M.A., studied medicine, and came out to Jamaica soon after obtaining his diplomas. He inherited most of his Jamaica property from a grand uncle, Mr. W. Hamilton, who was an English merchant in Kingston, and was colonel of a Kingston regiment of Militia. This gentleman, withdrawing from business, sought retirement at Clifton Mount, a coffee estate which he settled. As we have said, Dr. Hamilton when about thirty came out and took possession of this property. He also practised medicine to a limited extent in the surrounding country. He led a quiet, unostentatious life, that of a typical English country gentleman, for several years, until, in 1864, he was offered a seat in the old Legislative Council, by Sir Charles Darling; and he accepted. Soon after he was appointed a member of the Executive Committee during the Jordan-Westmorland Administration. He continued to fill his responsible place until the abolition of Constitutional Government, after the troubles of 1865. While he sat in the Council he accepted the office of Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St. Andrew. This he resigned about the same time, being succeeded by the Hon. Mr. McDowell, and he returned to England. He spent a considerable time on the Continent, and waited again for personal gratification the hospitals of England and France. Upon his return to Jamaica, he was called to the present Legislative Council by Sir Anthony Musgrave, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Hon. Robert Nunes.

Dr. Hamilton took active part in the volunteer movement here, and became Major of the St. Catherine's Administrative Corps, composed of Artillery of that Parish and of Kingston. But his honours as a Mason were perhaps more distinguished than any, though honours of all kinds fell thickly and worthily upon him. Dr. Hamilton was for several years District Grand Master of Jamaica. He was also Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry. The Hamilton Lodge in Spanish Town is named after him. The Mark Lodge is named "Clifton Mount Keystone" after his property. He was one of the founders of a foremost English Lodge, the "Friends in Council," 33, Golden-square, London. He assisted in installing the Earl of Carnarvon as Grand Superintendent, and took a prominent part in the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England. Dr. Hamilton was greatly esteemed in the highest Masonic and social circles at home, was equally esteemed by his brethren of the Scotch Constitution here, and took the warmest interest in all that concerned the Craft. He was deeply versed in Masonic lore, and was frequently consulted on disputed and difficult points. Dr. Hamilton was also a member of Her Majesty's Body Guard.

In addition to his property here, which produced coffee proverbial for excellence, Dr. Hamilton also possessed property in Ireland. But his thoughts and affections belonged to Jamaica solely, and he strove to serve with singleness of eye the country of his adoption. He took great interest in medical and educational matters, and his notable speech on the Medical Practitioners Law showed how anxious he was that Jamaica should produce her own medical men.

Dr. Hamilton was a man of geniality and tenderness, hospitable, and generous. He had an immense fund of information, from which he drew at will with pleasure to his hearers. It may be stated, as characteristic of him, that while a medical student in Paris at L'École Polytechnique, he took part in the Red Revolution of 1848, when he sided with the popular party and dressed the wounds of the insurgents. At a later stage of the disturbances he shouldered a

musket and fought side by side with his French fellow-students behind the barricades. Still he was an ardent lover of social order, and played this part only because he desired to help the downtrodden.

Although Dr. Hamilton tried to restore his health by change and travel, it became apparent latterly that the end was nigh, and the news of his death will not, therefore, fall so heavily. But the loss cannot be lessened, and Jamaica loses in him a man who cannot be replaced. Dr. Hamilton married twice, and dies without offspring.

The funeral will take place on Sunday next in the quiet little grave-yard at Craighton Church, where he attended. Friends from Kingston attending the funeral may meet the procession to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, at Middleton, (two miles above the Gardens).

We have been requested by the Deputy District Grand Master to state that he will send an Express at twelve o'clock to-day from the Model Grocery, 23, King-street, to Messrs. Bolton and Duval to bespeak such horses as may be required to attend the funeral of the late R.W. District Grand Master of East Jamaica, the Hon. Dr. Hamilton, on Sunday morning.

To the Members of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, and Members of the Subordinate Lodges thereunto attached:

Brethren:—

Having learned at a late hour this evening of the death of our distinguished District Grand Master, the late Right Worshipful the Honourable Dr. Hamilton, whose worth as a man and a Mason was generally known and appreciated, it is unnecessary for me in this address to attempt anything approaching eulogy on the character of one whose name is a bright ornament in Masonic history. The last sad duties must be performed, and the remains of him who was so illustrious in life will be consigned to their last resting place at Craighton Church, St. Andrew, at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, the 23rd inst. The company will assemble at an earlier hour at Middleton, so as to leave and be at the burial place at the hour named. I have to request that the Officers of the District Grand Lodge and such members of the subordinate lodges as desire to pay the last tribute of respect will meet me at Middleton, where by our presence we can, although feebly, demonstrate the high esteem in which so worthy a man and brother was held by those at whose head he presided as their chief for so many years.

In reference to wishes which we are bound to respect, there will be no Masonic demonstration other than the customary sprig of myrtle. Brethren will not therefore appear in Masonic costume.

Fraternally yours,

AL. T. DECORDOVA,
Deputy District Grand Master East Jamaica.
Rac Town, 21st May, 1880.

The Garden's House, St. Andrew,
21st May, 1880.

To the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, in Jamaica, and the officers and members of the subordinate Scotch lodges.

It is with inexpressible regret that I have heard of the death of the esteemed District Grand Master of Freemasons for East Jamaica, the Right Worshipful Dr. Hamilton. This regret will be deeply shared by the whole community, but it will be specially felt by the Freemasons of the whole province, whether working under the English or Scottish Constitutions. Without doubt the most learned and distinguished Freemason in Jamaica has departed from us. I have been informed by those who have made arrangements for the funeral that it has been considered desirable not to have any Masonic demonstration on the occasion. I would, however, request the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland in Jamaica, and the officers and members of the subordinate Scotch lodges, to join me in attending the funeral, which will take place at Craighton Church, St. Andrew, on Sunday morning next, the 23rd inst., at ten o'clock.

The brethren will, I am sure, feel it to be a melancholy duty in this way to tender their last tribute of respect to our worthy and distinguished Grand Master.

S. CONSTANTINE BURKE,
Prov. G.M. for Jamaica, Scottish Constitution.

Cryptic Masonry.

TUNIS.—Raymond Portal Council (No. 9).—A meeting of this council was held at Tunis on the 7th inst. Present: Comps. A. M. Broadley (P.G.M.), T.L.M.; Perini, D.M.; Sessing, Recorder, as P.C. of W.; Pentecost, Capt. of G.; Dyer, Cond. of C.; Commander Bridger, D. of C.; and Barsotti, Sentinel.

The Council being duly opened, and two candidates elected, the Four Degrees of the Order were successively conferred on M.E. Comp. William Reade, P.G.S.W. (Mark), and P.Z. 349; and M.E. Comp. Charles Thompson, W.M. and P.Z. 387 (Mark and Royal Arch), J.C. On the completion of the ceremony the candidates expressed themselves much pleased with the Degrees, and personally thanked the P.G.M. for the trouble he had taken in introducing Cryptic Masonry to the district.

Bro. E. C. Mather writes us that his name appeared in the Boys' House Committee list without his authority or knowledge.

Our attention has been called to an unintentional inaccuracy in the notice of the W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett's Masonic career. We stated that Bro. Francis Burdett was initiated in Ireland, but we now learn that it was at Bangalore, East Indies, in Lodge 400, under the Irish Constitution, October the 11th, 1836. He was an honorary member of the Lodge of Harmony, Richmond, as far back as 1852, and has been Representative for Grand Lodge of Ireland since December, 1868. We might also add that he was also first Grand Sovereign of Red Cross Order in Scotland, and was enthroned in Edinburgh, August 21st, 1870. Served three years, when he was succeeded by Lord Inverary.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—The annual Stewards' visit took place on Wednesday last. The proceedings which were of a very interesting character, we hope to report fully in our next.

At a meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, held a few days ago in London, the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of England was conferred by the Grand Master upon Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, of Lancaster.

Bro. T. H. Sheen was on Tuesday week elected the W.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, and at the same meeting Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M., Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, was elected an honorary member. The brethren met on Wednesday last, the 16th inst., for installation purposes and for the celebration of the centenary of the lodge. An account of the proceedings will appear in the *Freemason* in due course.

The Islington Lodge of Instruction is held every Tuesday evening, at Bro. Kent's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at seven p.m., under the able preceptorship of Bro. J. L. Mather, when the attendance of brethren will be welcomed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 21st inst. Bro. T. H. Pulsford, P.M. 1158, will preside, and will be assisted by Bro. Charles Wise, P.M. 1158, as S.W. The lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

On June 29th and 30th, and July 1st and 2nd, a grand fancy fair and bazaar will be held at Freemasons' Tavern in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. The Pro G.M., the Earl of Rosslyn, the Countess of Lathom, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs will open the bazaar on June 29th. There is a long list of lady patronesses.

The Panmure Lodge of Instruction meets every Wednesday evening at seven p.m., at the Balham Hotel, Balham. Preceptor, Bro. T. Poore.

The installation meeting of the Macdonald Mark lodge takes place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, this day (Saturday). Our well-known and esteemed Bro. F. H. Cozens is the W.M. elect. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The installation meeting of the Mallory Abbey Lodge, No. 1063, took place at West Malling on Wednesday last. Bro. F. J. C. May was very ably installed as W.M. by Bro. B. F. S. Wilmot, P.G.R. The Hon. Sec., Bro. W. Page, P.M., &c., was presented with a testimonial, in recognition of his personal worth and the many valuable services he has rendered to the lodge and Freemasonry in general. Bro. Page is well-known and highly esteemed by a wide circle of London and provincial brethren.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have signified their intention to be present at the Handel Festival at the Crystal Palace on Monday next.

The Bank rate was on Thursday reduced to 2½ per cent.

Mr. Vicat Cole, painter, and Mr. John L. Pearson, architect, have been elected Royal Academicians.

Saturday, the 26th inst., has been fixed as the date for freeing of the Fulham, Wandsworth, and Hammersmith Bridges.

The King of the Hellenes will not leave England until after the return of Her Majesty from Balmoral.

The National Belgian Exhibition was opened on Wednesday at Brussels by the King and Queen, amid great popular enthusiasm, and after the performance of a cantata composed for the occasion.

The *British Medical Journal* says that a benevolent gentleman offers a premium of £50 for the best essay on the medical means of counteracting the effects of opium-smoking in China. Dr. Sieveking and Sir J. Fayrer have consented to act as adjudicators.

The condition of Mr. Tom Taylor's health (the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says) gives grave cause for anxiety to his friends.

THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—A new list of members has just been issued, from which it appears that there now on the books 1,217 members, 1,299 associate members, 579 associates, 18 honorary members, and 657 students, together 3,770 of all classes. At the same period last year the numbers of the several classes were 1,148, 1,200, 622, 17, and 591, making a total of 3,578, showing an increase at the rate of nearly 5½ per cent.

The Royal Commission on the Defence of British Possessions and Commerce Abroad met on the 8th and 10th inst. There were present the Earl of Carnarvon in the chair; Sir Henry Holland, M.P., K.C.M.G.; Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, G.C.B.; General Sir Lintorn Simmons, G.C.B.; Sir Henry Barkly, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.; Mr. R. G. G. Hamilton; and Captain Herbert Jekyll, R.E., Secretary.

A great popular entertainment will be given at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday, June 26th, on behalf of the relatives of those lost with H.M.S. *Atalanta*, under the patronage of Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, who will attend in state.

The income-tax, to be now raised to 6d. in the pound, has been levied at that rate in only three of all the years since the tax was imposed by Sir R. Peel in 1842. He fixed it at 7d. in the pound, and for twelve years that rate remained unchanged. The war with Russia caused this tax to be raised to (for two years) 1s. 3d. in the pound (on incomes of not less than £150), and in the twenty-six years since the change from 7d. the income has been above 6d. in nine years, and below 6d. in 18 years, 2d. being the lowest. It was 6d. in the financial years 1864-65, 1868-69, and 1871-72. It was but 2d. in 1874-75 and 1875-76.

ROYAL ACADEMICIANS.—At a general assembly of the Royal Academy, held on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., Mr. Vicat Cole, painter, and Mr. John L. Pearson, architect, were elected Royal Academicians.

Mr. J. C. Burrow, of Camborne, the Secretary of the Mount Edgcombe Lodge, who was appointed to take the official photographs of the ceremony of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, has forwarded copies of the series to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who has been graciously pleased to accept the same, and has, through Colonel Knollys, sent a letter thanking Mr. Burrow for them, and expressing his appreciation of the merits of the pictures.—*Western Morning News*, June the 7th.

In the current number of the *Masonic Magazine* will be found reprinted the Belzoni Masonic manuscripts, which were bound "into two several copies," of his celebrated work on Egypt, and after his death were given by his widow to Sir William Wilde, whose son has lent them to Mr. Woodford for publication. They contain remarks dedicated to the Masonic brotherhood generally, descriptions of the royal Egyptian Masonic aprons, and of the tomb of Pharaoh Ousirei, and conclude with observations on the origin of the level and the perpendicular.—*Broad Arrow*, June 12, 1880.

The Prince and Princess of Wales picnicked at Virginia Water on Saturday evening, accompanied by the King of the Hellenes, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Teck, Princes Albert Victor and George, and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud of Wales. There were also present the Marchioness of Ailesbury, General Hardinge, Colonel Ellis, and the rest of the visitors at Titnes. Boats were moored near the Fishing Cottage, and in these some of the Royal party embarked, and remained upon the lake till sunset. After dining in the Fishing Cottage the party returned to Titnes.

TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES.—Although the great majority of telegraph offices closes at eight p.m., most of these are in direct telegraphic communication with "always open" offices, such as exist wherever daily newspapers are published. Any postmaster is permitted, on receiving 2s. extra fee, to send a message after ordinary closing hours; but hitherto some previous notice of an intention to do this has been necessary. Acting upon representations made to them, the postal authorities have just issued a circular to all "always open" offices directing that attention shall be given precisely at each hour and half-hour to all the receiving instruments in the office. It will thus be practicable henceforth to send messages from most of the smaller towns to any of the chief centres of population at any hour of the night, or on Sundays, providing the postmaster or clerk can be found and satisfied. This arrangement will be of great practical value, especially in view of the importance of promptly obtaining medical aid, or help for fire or wrecks.

Our London Correspondent, with an eager eye for everything Cornish, writes: Passing from the Temple to pass up the historic Chancery-lane I was arrested by two very splendid photographs exposed to view in the window of the office of the *Freemason*. They represented the now historic scene of the 20th of May at Truro, and the one which was a view of the Masonic ceremony is the finest yet produced. The faces are so clear and distinguishable, and the three Bishops are all so solemnly dedicating the stone as they stand with bowed heads, and their hands upon it. Cornishmen may indeed be proud when the Londoners have to exhibit their photographic skill; and the artist's name upon these splendid works of art was Mr. J. C. Burrows, photographer, Camborne.—*The Cornishman*, June 11th.

The following is a copy of a handbill which was hung up as a curiosity in the Coffee-room of the Black Swan, at York:—"York four days' stage-coach; begins on Friday, the 12th April, 1706. All that are desirous to pass from London to York, or from York to London, or any other place on that road, let them repair to the Black Swan, in Holborn, in London, and the Black Swan in Concy-street, in York. At both of which places they may be received in a stage-coach every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, which performs the journey in four days (if God permits), and sets forth at five o'clock in the morning, and returns from York to Stamford in two days, and from Stamford by Huntingdon to London in two days more; and the like stages on their return—allowing each passenger 14lbs. weight, and all above, 1d. a pound. Performed by Benjamin Kingham, Henry Harrison, and Walter Baynet. Also, this gives notice that the Newcastle stage-coach sets out from York every Monday and Friday, and from Newcastle every Monday and Friday."—*Hull Miscellany*.

EVENING STAR LODGE.—The installation meeting of this lodge will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst. In addition to the usual business, the retiring W.M., Bro. John Aird, P.G.S., is to be presented with a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten pounds; and the following appears on the agenda paper: "That to mark the occasion of the Secretary of the lodge being appointed Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England, that it be referred to the 'Standing Committee' to consider the question of a suitable presentation to the W. Bro. Magnus Ohren, for his exertions as Secretary at the foundation and the consecration of the lodge, and for the efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of that office during the time the lodge has been in existence."

In the current issue of the *Masonic Magazine* which is charming change for sixpence, we notice among other good things two vigorous contributions by Thomas B. Trowsdale, an experienced and brilliant writer; a paper from the scholarly pen of Henry Calvert Appleby, and a bright article on "The Rod in and out of School," written by J. H. Leggott, who supplies much valuable information bearing on the subject. We shall at all times be glad to receive the *Masonic Magazine*, which, we may add, abounds in interesting reading matter for outsiders as well as those to whom the Eleusian mysteries of the Craft have been imparted.—*Derbyshire Times*.

Viscountess Strangford has made an urgent appeal to the public to enable her to send another £2000 at least to relieve the terrible suffering now prevailing through the famine in Kurdistan, Armenia, and Western Persia, where Colonel Clayton reports that "40,000 persons must be fed for two months if they are to be kept alive." Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Alfred Henriques, 95, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park; to the London Joint Stock Bank, Craven-road, W.; to Mr. James Bryce, M.P., 7, Norfolk-square, W.; or to Viscountess Strangford, 10, Chapel-street, Park-lane, W.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—Up to last Wednesday evening the Lord Mayor had received about £12,000 in aid of the Hospital Sunday Fund. Among the larger donations forwarded yesterday were the following:—St. Jude's South Kensington, £389 6s. 5d.; St. Paul's, Wilton-place, £191, 1s. 3d.; Brompton Church and Chapel, £150 4s. 7d.; St. James's, Paddington, £150 13s. 5d.; St. Mary, Bootle, £83 5s. 8d.; Bloomsbury Chapel and Mission Hall, £60 13s. 8d.; Lock Hospital Chapel, £64 13s. 8d.; Dulwich College Chapel, £55 11s. 3d.; St. Mary, Balham, £75 12s. 4d.; Christ Church, Hampstead, £60 18s. 6d.; St. Paul, Vicarage-gardens, Kensington, £76 11s. 9d.; Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, £84 11s. 9d.; St. Michael and All Angels, Blackheath-park, £74 5s. 2d.; Battersea churches, £69; St. Matthew, Denmark-hill, £65 15s. 1d.; St. Bartholomew, Sydenham, £78 4s. 8d.; St. James, Norlands, £64 2s. 8d.; St. Mary, North-end, Fulham, £53 10s.; and St. Mark's, Dalston, £86.

THE KING OF THE HELLENES IN THE CITY.—His Majesty the King of Greece was on Wednesday the honoured guest of the Corporation of London, at the Guildhall, and was presented with an address of congratulation and welcome. He was afterwards entertained at a sumptuous breakfast. The Lord Mayor in very felicitous terms proposed the health of the distinguished guest, which, with that of the Prince and Princess of Wales, was enthusiastically received. Mr. Gladstone proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor and Corporation," and in the course of his speech referred to the conference now taking place, in which Greece was so much interested. The Lord Mayor, in reply, said that the citizens of London felt they could never do a greater duty to their country than when they were the means, on such occasions as these, of knitting nations together, and of uniting peoples.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have signified their intention of being present at the Handel Festival on Monday next, the 21st inst. ("Messiah" day). Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck and his Serene Highness the Duke of Teck have signified their intention of attending on the selections day, the 23rd inst. The Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Duke of Rutland, the Duke of Argyll, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Cairns, Stradbroke, Chichester, the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for War, the President of the Board of Control, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and about seventy Mayors of provincial towns, the Sheriffs of London, and very many other distinguished gentlemen, will also attend the festival. An interesting feature of the present occasion will be the presence of a number of eminent foreign musicians, among whom may be named Messrs. Jules Massenet, Jules Cohen, Lamoureux, Herren Gernsheim, Gehring, Verhulst, Meyer, and others.

In Norwich it is understood that the club at 23, St. Giles'-street is to be turned into a limited liability company. This is better than obtaining money by charitable contributions. Bro. J. Stanley, after a struggle, has been appointed solicitor to the company, and shares may be expected at par directly.—*The Norwich Argus*.

THE CITY CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD PROTECTION SOCIETY.—A deputation waited recently upon the Lord Mayor, introduced by Bro. Henry Wright, Honorary Secretary, consisting of the Chairman of Council, Mr. H. C. Richards, of Gray's Inn, and Rev. Minor Canon Shuttleworth, to ask the Lord Mayor to grant the use of the Mansion House for the first public meeting of the Society. Bro. Wright apologised for the absence of the President, Lord Devon, and then briefly stated the work the Society had done since its formation in 1879, and that its members include many of the highest in the land, members of both Houses of Parliament, Poet Laureate, President of the Royal Academy, heads of houses at Oxford, the Dean of St. Paul's, Mr. Holman Hunt, and several of the aldermen, and many of high rank in Freemasonry, the Earl of Lathom, and the Lord Mayor, both being Vice-Presidents. The Lord Mayor at once granted the Mansion House. The meeting will be held on June 23, at 4.30, when a paper on "City Churches" will be read by Mr. Scott, written by his late father, Sir Gilbert Scott. Tickets of admission will be necessary, and may be had in writing from the Hon. Secretary, 22, Charterhouse-square, E.C. Several well-known speakers are expected to address the meeting. The Society has just saved another City church from demolition by the same Railway Company's Bill which scheduled it in the line of deviation. A saving clause similar to St. Mary Hill's clause has been inserted in the Bill with the consent of the solicitors and engineers.

A correspondent at Maritzburg states that during the Empress Eugénie's stay in Natal she was presented with an interesting memento. Shortly after the funeral service held over the body of the Prince Imperial at Pietermaritzburg, a small piece of lead was detached from the coffin, and this has since been worked up into the form of a cross and mounted with Transvaal gold. On hearing of the nature of the presentation her Majesty was much affected.

The deposits received by the Post Office Savings Banks during last year amounted to £9,887,168, and the repayments to £9,030,173. The balance brought forward from the previous year was £30,411,563, and the interest added to the principal during the year was £743,636. The balance due to depositors at the close of the year, exclusive of interest, was £32,012,134.

The *Indo-European Correspondence*, a Roman Catholic paper published in Calcutta, rejoices at the appointment of Lord Ripon as the Viceroy of India. It concludes an article thus: "We thank God that there should come an English Viceroy to India who has cast loose from heresy and Freemasonry, and who, by the mere prestige of his position, will do much to rescue Catholicism from the degradation entailed on it by Pombal and his Masonic fellows."

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

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.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Debilitated Constitutions.—When climate, age, or hardships have undermined the health, skin diseases are prone to arise and augment the existing weakness. Holloway's medicaments daily prove most serviceable, even under the most untoward circumstances. This well-known and highly-esteemed unguent possesses the finest balsamic virtues, which soothe and heal without inflaming or irritating the most tender skin or most sensitive sore. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible for curing bad legs, varicose veins, swelled ankles, erysipelas, scaly skin, and every variety of skin disease. Over all these disorders Holloway's remedies exert a quick and favourable action, and, where cure is possible, gradually but certainly arrive at that consummation. They are invaluable in the cure of scrofula and scurvy.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, June 25, 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 19.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

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 21.

Lodge 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
K. T. Precep. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-sq.

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., Atherst-rd., Hackney, S.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.
West Kent, Forest-hill Hot., Forest-hill, at 7.30.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
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, S.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 250, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Twickenham.
" 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot.
" 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
Chap. 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1339, Stockwell, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
Mark 3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant, at 7.30.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., 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 S.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at S.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at S.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at S.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
" 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
Chap. 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
K.T. Precep. 140, Studholme, 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, S.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at S.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at S.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W. at S.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at S.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at S.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at S.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at S.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at S.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at S.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at S.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, S.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 858, South Middlesex, Beaufort Hot., Fulham.
" 1383, Friends in Council, 31, Golden-sq.
Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
Mark 118, Northumberland, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-st.
K.T. Precep. D. Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

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 S.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at S.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at S.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at S.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at S.
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 S.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at S.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at S.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amburst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at S.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at S.
St. Michael's, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at S.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

Chap. 749, Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at S.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at S.
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 S.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at S.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at S.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at S.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at S.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at S.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at S.
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at S.
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 S.
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 26, 1880.

MONDAY, JUNE 21.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Lodge 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1675, Antient Britons, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., So, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby M.H., Liverpool.
" 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 605, De Tabley Concert H., Liscard.
" 1502, Callendar, Public H., Rusholme.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon L. of I., So, N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1313, Fernor, M.H., Southport.
" 1595, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 216, Sacred Delta, M.H., Liverpool.
Encampment, William de la More, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

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

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

ALLPORT.—On the 12th inst., at Buckhurst-hill, the wife of Mr. R. C. Allport, of a son.
BELLAMY.—On the 13th inst., at Streatham, the wife of Mr. A. B. C. Bellamy, of a son.
BOWRING.—On the 10th inst., at The Beech, St. Michael's, Hamlet, Liverpool, the wife of Mr. Charles Bowring, of a daughter.
DAVIDSON.—On the 8th inst., at 9, Manor-road, Newcross, S.E., the wife of Mr. George Davidson, of a daughter.
FISHER.—On the 14th inst., at 2, Stockwell-villas, South Lambeth-road, the wife of Mr. Frederick Fisher, of a daughter.
HORSEY.—On the 11th inst., at Westbourne-road, Forest-hill, the wife of Mr. Frederick Horsey, of a daughter.
SAUNDERS.—On the 12th inst., at Memel House, Ramsgate, the wife of Mr. Walter Saunders, of a son.
WILLIAMSON.—On the 12th inst., at 53, Finchley New-road, Hampstead, N.W., the wife of Mr. James G. Williamson, of a daughter.
WILSON.—On the 13th inst., at 27, Oakley-square, N.W., the wife of Mr. Thomas Wilson, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BILLINGHURST—WILKINSON.—On the 12th inst., at the Parish Church, Lewisham, by the Rev. H. Godwin Billingham, M.A., brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. F. B. Watkins, B.A., cousin of the bridegroom, William Bennett, son of Mr. Henry Billingham, M.D., of Dartmouth-row, Blackheath, to Mary Anne, daughter of the late Rev. Alfred Wilkinson, M.A., of Poole, Dorset, and Rural Dean.
GRANT—ARDEN.—On the 12th inst., at St. Mary's, Bryanston-square, by the Rev. G. Arden, assisted by the Rev. th Hon. W. H. Freemantle, the Rev. Chas. R. A. Grant, B.A. Magd. Coll. Oxford, son of the late Mr. W. C. Grant, of Hillersdon House, Cullompton, Devon, to Mary Evelyn (Minnie), daughter of the Rev. G. Arden, M.A., Vicar of Dunsford, Devon.
JENNINGS—WALE.—On the 10th inst., at Little Shelford Church, by the Rev. Henry John Wale, assisted by the Rev. George Fyler Townsend, D.C.L., the Rev. Arthur Charles Jennings, Vicar of Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, to Georgiana Isabella, daughter of Colonel R. G. Wale, of Little Shelford, Cambridgeshire.
TALBOT—WILLIAMS.—On the 9th inst., at the parish church, Manafon, by the Ven. Archdeacon Ffoulkes, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Roberts, John Arthur Talbot, of Milford, Newtown, to Alice Buckley, daughter of Mr. John Buckley Williams, Glyncofen, Montgomeryshire.
TAYLOR—BATTYE.—On the 10th inst., at the Birstall Parish Church, by the Rev. R. F. Taylor, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. John Kemp, Robert Fetzter Taylor, Vicar of Gomersall, to Elizabeth Hannah, daughter of Mr. John Battye, Birstall.

DEATHS.

CLARK.—On the 13th inst., at Clifton House, Mall-road, Hammersmith, Mr. Frederick Lambert Clark, in the 78th year of his age.
FERGUSON.—On the 13th ult., at Carlyle, Mr. Joseph Ferguson, J.P., and D.L. for the county of Cumberland, aged 85 years.
FRASER.—On the 11th inst., at 9, Greenhill-place, Morning-side, Edinburgh, Mr. Roderick Fraser, M.D., in his 65th year.
MACFARLANE.—On the 11th inst., on board the ship Orthes, off Harve, on her homeward voyage from Australia, in her 19th year, Helen, daughter of Capt. Macfarlane, Glenclune, Port Glasgow.
MARKWICK.—On the 12 inst., Mr. William Markwick, late of East Acton, Middlesex.
TURNER.—On the 12th inst., at Holly Bank, Pendleton, Mr. Wright Turner, J.P., in his 70th year.
WHITTAKER.—On the 12th inst., at St. Leonard's, the wife of Mr. Chas. Gus. Whittaker.

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Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES E. KEYSER,
Merry Hill House, Bushey, Watford. Hon. Sec.

AGENDA.

To consider the following Resolution and Amendment:—

"It having come to the knowledge of this Committee that Sir Edmund Beckett, Bart., has intimated his willingness to restore the three Western Porches—

"It is the opinion of this Committee that it is now advisable to restrict its operations to the filling up the Great West Window with stained glass."

Moved by Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.

Seconded by Bro. I. N. Edwards, P.M. No. 1479.

AMENDMENT.

"That the Funds received and promised not being sufficient to carry out the original scheme—

"It is the feeling of this Committee that its efforts should be devoted to the Restoration of the Central Porch, or, failing the whole, some special portion be undertaken."

Proposed by Bro. F. Sumner Knysvett, P.G. Steward,

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Seconded by Bro. C. E. Keyser, S.W. No. 404.

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