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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVON.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the Mark Master Masons of Devon was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse, under the banner of Lodge Brunswick, No. 48. The Temple, a handsome Masonic building, recently erected by W. Bro. Lose, P.P.G.S.D. and Past G.D.C. of Eng., for the purposes of Masonry, was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Business commenced with the opening of the Board of General Purposes. The following members of the Board were present: R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., P.G.M.M.; W. Bros. T. S. Bayley, P.P.G.S.W.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G.M.O.; Vincent Bird, Past G.M.O. of England, P.P.G.T.; Sec.; C. Godtschalk, P.G.M.O.; R. Rose, P.P.G.S.D.; and John Ingle, P.G.T.

A long and warm discussion occupied the Board in reference to the recommendations ultimately arrived at and given in the latter part of the Board's report, and that subsequently occupied the major part of the time of the Grand Lodge.

At two p.m. the Grand Lodge was opened by the Prov. M.M. (Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy), with the following officers of the year: R. W. Bro. J. E. Curteis, D.P.G.M. pro tem.; W. Bros. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., S.G.W.; Dr. H. Horton, J.G.W. pro tem.; John James, M.O.; the Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., P.G. Chap. pro tem.; John Ingle, P.G. Treasurer; H. G. Beachey, P.G. Registrar; Vincent Bird, P.G. Sec.; William Harris, P.G.J.D.; H. Miller, P.G.S. Wks.; John Horswill, P.G.D.C.; S. D. Nicholls, P.G. Standard Bearer; J. D. Barker, P.G.O.; H. R. Langmead, P.G. Purv.; T. C. Lewarn and B. S. Richards, P.G. Stewards; and James Gidley, P.G. Tyler.

The following Past Officers were also among the brethren present: W. Bros. C. Spence-Bate, P.P.G.S.W.; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G.S.W.; Lieut.-Col. Fitz Gerald, P.P.G. M.O.; E. Binding, P.P.G.M.O.; Samuel Jew, P.P.G. M.O.; R. H. Rac, P.P.G.T.; R. B. Twose, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.J.D.; Chas. Godtschalk, P.G.M.O.; R. Lose, Past G.D.C.; J. H. Stephens, P.P.G.S.B.; E. D. Parnell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Toms, P.P.G.S.B.; E. J. Knight, P.P.G.S.B.; D. Cross, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Pengelley, P.P.G. Std. B.; J. Lynn, P.P.G.O.; J. Bartlett, P.M. 48; A. Rowe, W.M. 91; J. P. Sawyer, W.M. 100; J. Jerman, W.M. 15; Bros. W. Densham, S.W. 15; J. R. Lord, J.W. 50; J. W. Trevan, J.W. 48; W. H. Mackey, S.W. 100; J. S. Saunders, S.W. 215; J. W. S. Trevan, M.O. 48; C. G. Vicary, J.O. 215; R. Lose, jun., S.D. 48; W. P. Elston, I.G. 48; W. H. Cawse, S.D. 16; John Algar, S.O. 15; W. Collings, J.D. 48; James R. H. Harris, M.O. 91; S. Chubb, D.C. 48; James Lose, O. 48; George R. Barrett, J.O. 35; W. H. Hunt, 135; Charles Rodda, 66; John S. Saunders, 48; J. H. Bennett, 76; E. Howard, I.G. 135; E. Langmead, 16; J. Benny, 16; Samuel Martin, 66; R. Selmon, 91; R. Dickson, 16; C. Marshall, 48; Simon Hyne, 169; and James Chapple, 15.

The Secretary reported that all the lodges in the province, with the one exception of No. 26, at Totnes, had made their annual returns with their accustomed promptitude and precision. That while the Degree in Devonshire had not made any rapid advance there had been no retrograde movement, the number, after deducting deaths, removals, and retirements, being eight in advance of the previous year. The brethren appointed at the last meeting had all assumed provincial rank and paid the fees accordingly, with the exception of Bro. George Mitchell, Steward, who had left the neighbourhood without leaving his address. The edition of the bye-laws printed in 1866 being exhausted, it would be necessary to have the authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge for a reprint.

The Treasurer presented his report, which, after setting forth the details of receipts and expenditure, announced a balance in hand of £27 18s.

Both reports were unanimously received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes reported that the accounts were audited and found correct, with a balance in hand of £27 18s. They recommended that 100 Prov. G. bye-laws be printed; that six additional jewels be obtained to complete the collars of the Prov. G. Lodge; that the votes of the Charities be sent to the Prov. G. Sec. for transmission to the G.M.M.; that the balance in hand after paying for the jewels be appropriated to the Benevolent Fund of Mark Masters.

W. Bro. R. H. RAE proposed and W. Bro. H. MILLER seconded that this report be adopted.

A long discussion ensued as to how the cash balance should be appropriated.

W. Bro. C. GODTSCHALK proposed an amendment to the report that £20 should be given to the London Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He pointed out that Devonshire was very largely indebted to the London Masonic Charities from the number of candidates from that province that had been elected on the funds of those Charities. At the recent elections, by strenuous exertions, he had been enabled to place another boy, a widow, and a decayed Mason upon those Charities. The annual amount drawn by Devon from those funds was far beyond the amount of the contributions of that province. Every exertion should, therefore, be made to increase the contributions, and he thought the £20 he proposed could not be better appropriated than by being awarded in the way he suggested; the Mark Benevolent Fund, he considered, was not in want of money.

W. Bro. R. LOSE seconded the amendment. He said W. Bro. Godtschalk had been a very valuable representative of the province in London, and proved most successful in getting their candidates placed on the funds of the London Charities. He thought he was, therefore, deserving of every support that could be given him by the brethren in increasing the contributions from Devon.

In answer to an inquiry as to what was the character of the fund to which it was proposed the balance should be given the P.G.M.M. explained that the Mark Master Masons' Benevolent Fund was well known in London. It was appropriated to the relief of M.L.M. A brother inquired if it had afforded relief to any distress case in Devon?

Bro. J. H. STEPHENS said, in answer to an application he had made for the relief of a Devon case, he had recently received £10.

W. Bro. R. H. RAE having ascertained that after meeting some necessary liabilities there would remain a balance of only about £15 to be awarded, said it was useless to propose voting away £20 when the funds would not meet that amount.

The amendment was then put and lost. Bro. W. DAVIES, to meet Bro. RAE's objection, proposed a second amendment that £15, or what the balance might prove to be, should be voted to the Girls' School.

W. Bro. JOHN LYNN seconded the proposition.

W. Bros. CURTEIS, JAMES, and RAE opposed that amendment, which was also lost.

W. Bro. RAE, to meet the views of both parties, proposed that the balance that should be realised should be equally divided between the M.M.M. Benevolent Fund and the Girls' School.

This proposal was supported by W. Bros. DAVIES and GODTSCHALK, and met with a larger support than either of the previous amendments, but, on being put, was lost.

W. Bro. DAVIES then pointed out that something at least should be surely given towards the London Charities to show that they were not forgotten, and to render some support to W. Bro. Godtschalk. He inquired if the lodge would give two guineas to the Girls' School.

W. Bro. RAE seconded that proposition, which, on being put, was also lost.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was then adopted. The following brethren were nominated as the elective members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year: W. Bros. J. E. Curteis, C. Godtschalk, J. B. Gover, Saml. Jew, and R. Lose, and the first four elected.

W. Bro. J. E. CURTEIS proposed W. Bro. Jno. Treeby as the Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and Bro. Treeby was unanimously elected.

W. Bro. JEW said if Bro. Treeby had not been named, he had himself a very deserving brother in view that he intended to have nominated—Bro. J. H. Stephens. That brother had been very actively engaged in Masonic work, and he hoped at some future time, perhaps next year, that would be considered.

The P.G.M.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year. He said he had again to regret that the returns of some of the lodges had been sent in so late that he had not had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the position and deserts of their prominent members. He hoped the lodges would see to this in the future. In looking over the records of the province he had lighted upon the name of a very deserving and distinguished brother, who had been appointed by his predecessor as P.S. G.W. as far back as 1866. That brother occupied a distinguished position outside the Order in scientific circles. He was in every way a credit to the Order, and he was much pleased to find that he had consented to become his Deputy.

W. Bro. C. Spence Bate then took the obligation and was invested as Deputy Prov. G.M.M.

The following is the list of the other officers:

W. Bro. W. M. St. Aubyn, M.P., 35 ...	Prov. G.S.W.
Chas. G. Vicary, 215 ...	Prov. G.J.W.
Chas. S. Willshire, 9 ...	Prov. G.M.O.
Jas. Jarman, 15... ..	Prov. G.S.O.
J. P. Sawyer, 100 ...	Prov. G.J.O.
Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., 35... ..	Prov. G. Chap.

W. Bro. Jno. Treeby, 76 ...	Prov. G. Treas.
C. Rodda, 50 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
V. Bird, 66 ...	Prov. G. Sec.
G. R. Barrett, 35 ...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
E. J. Knight, 16 ...	Prov. G.S.D.
F. Littleton, 48 ...	Prov. G.J.D.
B. B. S. Richards, 23 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
T. C. Lewarn, 76 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
A. Rowe, 91 ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
J. W. Collins, 16 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
F. J. Pratt, 100 ...	Prov. G. Std. B.
James Lose, 48 ...	Prov. G.O.
R. Dickson, 76 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
John Turner, 23; W. Bro. C. Stephens, 215; and W. Bro. W. Densham, 15	Prov. G. Stwds.

Bro. James Gidley was re-elected Prov. G. Tyler. W. Bro. H. G. BEACHEY proposed R.W. Lieut.-Col. Tanner Davy for re-appointment as the P.G.M.M. of Devon for the ensuing three years.

This was seconded by W. Bro. Admiral GLASSE, P.P.G. S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. BATE, in supporting the proposition, said for reasons best known to himself he had for some time been backward in his attention to Masonry. He had, however, been quite unable to withstand the courtesy and attention shown him by the P.G.M. He was now returned among his brethren, and hoped for the future to give a closer attention to his Masonic duties than he had lately. Bro. Colonel Tanner Davy had been to him until recently a stranger beyond repute, but from what he had seen of him, and the manner in which he had managed matters in his case, he must consider him a most eligible brother to rule the province.

This concluding the business the Prov. G. Lodge was closed with the usual formulas.

In the evening the brethren dined together at Walter's, Farley Hotel, under the presidency of the P.G.M.M.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT LANDPORT.

The dedication of the new lodge room which, with a spacious banqueting room and offices, has been added to the Masonic Club at Landport, took place on Wednesday, the 14th inst. The R.W. P.G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.) attended, and was supported by a large number of the Prov. G. Officers. The club has a good muster-roll of members, and the shareholders, at a meeting held just prior to the ceremony of dedicating the new lodge room, under the presidency of the ex-Mayor (Bro. Alderman W. D. King, J.P.), chairman of the directors, determined, by a large majority, that the club shall in future be open to members from seven till ten o'clock on Sunday evenings. Space for the additions to the club was obtained by the purchase of the Roman Catholic school, and an adjoining cottage in the rear. The school was unroofed, the tower removed, and the building raised to the extent of nine feet. The banqueting-room extends from the back of the club proper to Spring-gardens, having a length of 63ft., a width of 20ft., and a height of 13ft. Adjoining the banqueting room are a cloak room, kitchen, scullery, and hall-keeper's sitting room, all these being on the ground floor. Over the banqueting room is the lodge room, of the same dimensions as the former, save as to the height, which is 17ft.; it has a prettily-arched roof, with a stencilled cornice running around, the handsome apartment being lighted from the ceiling by about ninety gas jets. Contiguous to the lodge room on the first floor are two reception rooms, hall-keeper's bed room, &c. These additions to the club have been built from the plans and under the superintendence of Mr. E. J. Smith, architect and surveyor, and the contractor was Mr. D. M. Lewis. The internal decorations have been deferred on account of the building having been but recently completed. Three lodges—the Royal Sussex (whose marble tablet, bearing the names of the Masters from the establishment of the lodge, has been fixed in a conspicuous position in the approach to the lodge); the Landport; and the Duke of Connaught—have already removed to the new lodge room, which on Wednesday afternoon was inconveniently crowded, the muster of brethren being unusually numerous. The P.G.M. was accompanied by the V.W.D.P.G.M. (Bro. W. Hickman), and at the opening of the lodge each received the Masonic honours due to his rank.

Among the brethren present were Bros. F. Newman, P.M., P.G.S.W.; M. E. Frost, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.M., P.G. Sec.; A. Platt Wilks, P.P.G. S.W.; G. S. Lancaster, P.P.G.W.; H. M. Emanuel, P.P.G.W.; W. H. Ford, P.P.G.W.; G. A. Green, P.P.G.J.D.; S. S. Pearce, P.P.G.S.D.; W. D. King, W.M. 1776, P.P.G.D.; H. Threadingham, P.P.G.W.; J. T. Craven, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wallingford, P.P.G.W.; J. Parker, P.P.G.S.B.; G. N. Helsdon, P.G.D.C.; T. Francis, P.M. 804; R. J. Murrell, I.P.M. 1776; G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.D.; G. R. Strick, W.M. 1428; E. D. Godwin, P.M. 76, P.G. Reg.; H. Cawte, P.M., P.P.G. S.W.; J. Clay, P.M. 804, P.G.S.; J. M. Willmott, P.M. 342, P.G.S.; G. Wilkins, P.M. 342; A. R. Holbrook, W.M. 309; Rosoman, W.M. 1461; J. Tayler, P.M. 309; Rev. C. G. Browne, P.M. 95, P.G. Chap.; Rev. A. C. Hervey, Chap. 309; Rev. P. H. Good, E. S. Main, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Dart, W.M. 804; Grant, W.M. 1705; E. Barnes, W.M. 342; Mitchell, W.M. 903; R. J. Rastick, P.M.; C. J. Phillips, P.M., P.G.S.; T. R. Williams, W.M. 257; H. T. Cecil, P.P.G.S.; T. Batchelor, P.P.G.S.; G. Rake, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; E. Groves, P.P.G.D.C.; C. B. Whitcomb, P.G.D.C.; Johns, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Dr. C. Knott, S.W. 342; J. R. Hayman,

S.W. 257; Laverty, J.W. 1428; Friedberg, P.P.G.P.; Weeks, P.M.; J. Winterbottom, W. E. Atkins, J. W. Stroud, S.W. 903; G. H. Noel, G. L. Green, D. Whitehall, H. J. Andrews, J.W. 1776; T. Good, S.W. 1834; G. Mason, J.W. 1834; W. C. Bland, G. Whitehall, T. Mares, Robert Mare, 126 (St. Mary's, U.S.); P. Murch, J. Gieve, J. G. Jones, J. Arnold, T. J. Hooper, G. T. Cunningham, T. H. Williams, W. Gunnell, J. W. Boughton, J. S. Gardner, D. Gilmour, Hill, Maybour, Chamberlain, De Rheims, J. S. Dyer, J. E. Buck, Banning, and others.

The P.G.M., addressing the assembled brethren, congratulated the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the success which had attended their efforts. It was not very long since that he had the pleasure of attending and seeing the then Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Alderman W. D. King) lay the foundation stone of that building. A very short time had elapsed before the building had assumed the proportions which they saw that day, and the result of the exertions that had been put forth had been to produce a structure which he thought all would admit was adequate to the occasion. Therefore he thought he had every reason to congratulate the Freemasons of Portsmouth on the very successful efforts they had made for the propagation of the art by producing a building in which it was fitting that Freemasonry should be carried on. They had heard that in former days it was the custom of Freemasons to join together for the erection of great buildings; that Freemasons skilled in the art laid the foundations of buildings and carried them into execution. They knew this by tradition, which they revered, and also by certain indications in the buildings, which a Freemason could never mistake. Encouraged by the efforts of their brethren in former times, the Masons of this age, though they had to a great extent relinquished the operative arts of their predecessors, did not relinquish the interest which they felt in all great and important buildings. They were anxious to show the interest which they felt in them by contributing by every means in their power to their erection and support. They had had of late a very gratifying and important occasion, when the head of their Order went down to a remote part of England and laid the foundation stone of a cathedral. It was the first foundation stone of a cathedral that had been laid for several hundred years, and he thought they, as Masons, had reason to congratulate themselves that the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Freemasons, was selected to perform that great and important ceremony. Many Freemasons rallied round him on that occasion and showed their loyalty to the head of the Craft by taking a part in that interesting ceremony, and he was sure it was the wish of all present, as it would be the wish of all Freemasons, that upon the foundation stone laid that day would be reared a building worthy of him who laid the stone and worth of the Freemasons of England. He thought that that event showed that the Freemasons of the present day were glad to evince to the outer world that there was still some harmony, still some union, between them and the operative Masons. But though they were called upon to acknowledge their unity with Masons of former days, yet they had based upon that something which was still more important, still more essential to their existence as an Order. They had grafted upon that unity certain principles which they desired and did their best to inculcate in the heart of every new made Mason. They desired to impress upon the neophyte and upon him who had made progress in the Order that the lessons which Freemasons desired to inculcate were of the most important and beneficial character, and while they were glad to recognise the progress which brethren had made in the Order by the decorations which glittered on their breasts, they trusted there was something far more enduring and important than any external decoration—those principles which should be laid to heart, which they believed to be essential, and which every true Mason desired, to the best of his ability, to carry out in the work of his outer life. Let them strive their best to do something in their day and generation to propagate those principles and to do something for the benefit of that Order which he trusted they all loved so well. There had been times when their Order had been assailed, as it was in the present day. Let them remember that they should do something to prove that the accusations of those who assailed them were baseless and destitute of foundation. If they did this they should have reason to congratulate themselves, and should earn the approbation of their brother Freemasons. And they would earn what was far more important than any approbation that could be given them—the testimony of good conscience. He once more congratulated them upon the erection of that building, and he trusted that within those walls pure and ancient Freemasonry would be carried on, and that the hall which was to be dedicated that day might be fraught with advantage and blessing to the Freemasons of Portsmouth and its vicinity. (Applause.)

The P.G. CHAPLAIN having delivered an oration on Masonry, the ceremony of dedication was performed according to ancient rites.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the P.G.M., at the request of Bro. H. Cawte, presented Bro. H. M. Emanuel, P.P.G. Senior Warden, with a handsome 18-carat gold jewel, with five bars, bearing the names of the Phoenix, Royal Sussex, Portsmouth, United Brothers, and United Service Lodges, who had joined in this mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Emanuel, during a period of sixteen years, as their almoner. The presentation was made in eulogistic terms by the P.G.M., and feelingly acknowledged by Bro. Emanuel, who was appointed to his high provincial rank by the late Admiral of the Fleet Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., Bro. Beach's predecessor in the chair of the province.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room. Bro. W. D. King presided at the banquet, supported by the R.W. Prov. G.M., and the Present and Past Officers of the P.G. Lodge, and by several W.M.'s and P.M.'s of the Craft; the vice-chairs were filled by Bro. E. Barnes, W.M. 342, and Bro. H. Cawte, W.M. 1834. The dinner was served under the superintendence of Bro. George Wilkins, who was afterwards highly complimented on the success of his efforts.

The usual Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the CHAIRMAN gave "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P.," alluding to the great interest he had shown in the welfare of the Craft. He expressed a hope that at no distant date the P.G. Lodge would be held in their new building.

The P.G.M., in responding, promised that in making arrangements for the P.G. Lodges, Portsmouth should not be forgotten. "The D.P.G.M. (Bro. Hickman), and the

Officers of P.G. Lodge," was the next toast, and was acknowledged by Bros. HICKMAN, D. Prov. G.M., F. NEWMAN, P.G.S.W., M. E. FROST, P.G. Treasurer, and J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.G. Secretary, the latter remarking that that day practically made his last public appearance as P.G. Secretary, he having found that the duties required more attention than he was able to give to them. The remaining toasts were "Success to the Freemasons' Hall and Club," to which the CHAIRMAN and Bro. E. S. MAIN, the Secretary, responded; "The W.M.'s and Officers of neighbouring Lodges," and "Masonic Charities."

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Joshua Nunn, S.V.P., as President; James Brett, J.V.P., as S.V.P.; and S. Rawson, as J.V.P.; H. Garrod, Constable, T. Cubitt, C. F. Hogard, W. H. Perryman, C. A. Cottebrune, W. Stephens, G. P. Britten, Rev. R. P. Bent, M. Ohren, Griffiths Smith, J. D. Collier, F. R. Spaul, J. Markham, T. G. Vohmann, A. W. Duret, T. B. Gowran, E. H. Sugg, W. Ackland, M. Helliwell, C. H. Webb, W. A. Dawson, T. W. Murley, W. A. Weston, W. Radclyffe, G. L. Moore, A. McMillan, F. Spurrell, W. Spencer, J. T. Gavin, A. D. Lowenstark, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Grants to the amount of £475 made at last meeting were first confirmed. The new list contained twenty cases. Of these, two petitions were deferred. The remaining eighteen were relieved with a total of £575. One received £100; three £50 each; one £40; five £30; one £25; four £20; and three £10. Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Priory of Hampshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of the M.E. Sir Knight W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Prior, when the following Sir Knights were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knight W. Hickman... Prov. G. Sub Prior.

"	"	P. Best	...	Prov. G. Chancellor.
"	"	J. E. Le Feuvre	...	Prov. G. Constable.
"	"	F. H. McCalmont	...	Prov. G. Marshal.
"	"	R. L. Loveland	...	Prov. G. V. Chancellor
"	"	H. M. Green	...	Prov. G. Registrar.
"	"	E. Groves	...	Prov. G. Chamberlain.
"	"	H. P. Aslatt	...	Prov. G. Herald.
"	"	J. R. Hayman	...	Prov. G. Capt. of Lines.

SUMMER BANQUET OF THE WESTBOURNE LODGE, No. 733.

The summer banquet of this lodge was held at the Catherine Wheel, Henley-on-Thames, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Amongst the brethren and friends present were Bro. Welford, W.M., Mrs. Welford, Miss Annie Welford, Mr. and Mrs. R. Welford; Bro. E. J. Allen, P.M., and Mrs. Allen; Bro. Cottebrune, P.M., and Mrs. Cottebrune; Bro. Goodwin, P.M.; Bro. S. R. Walker, Hon. Sec.; Bro. Arrowsmith; Bro. Burley and Mrs. Burley; Bro. Beckham and Mrs. Beckham; Bro. Joy, Mrs. Joy, and friends; Bro. Drew, Mrs. Drew, and friends; Bro. Smith and Mrs. Smith; Bro. Burne and Son; Bro. Rees and Mrs. Rees; Bro. Rider and Mrs. Rider; Bro. Stevens and friend; Bro. A. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts; Bro. Price and friend; Bro. Abrams; Mr. and Mrs. Davy; Mr. and Master Lowe; and many others.

The company left Paddington (G.V.R.) at 10.30 a.m., arriving at Henley about noon. After lunch had been served, a steam launch was chartered, which took the company to the old ruins of Medmenham Abbey; the trip on the water and the beautiful scenery was enjoyed very much.

On returning to Henley the company adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet was served. After the usual loyal toasts had been drunk, Bro. COTTEBRUNE, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Welford," who replied that he hoped the ladies had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that they would not go home with the idea that Freemasonry was one-sided, but that when an opportunity presented itself, they were only too happy to have the ladies with them.

Bro. WELFORD then proposed "The Health of the Ladies," to which Bro. A. ROBERTS replied in a suitable manner.

The company were then compelled to leave Henley at a somewhat early hour, eight p.m., on account of the last train going at that time. Every one appeared to have enjoyed the day thoroughly, and the party arrived at Paddington about half-past nine o'clock. The whole of the arrangements were entrusted to the Secretary, Bro. Walker, who carried them out with his usual ability and satisfaction to every one present, and to whom great praise is due.

The Comédie-Française will celebrate the second centenary of its foundation on August 25th. On August 25th, 1680, the two troupes of the Hôtel de Bourgogne and the Rue Mazarine were united for the first time before the public. The troupe of the Rue Mazarine was that of Molière, and the fusion of the companies had taken place in compliance with the King's express orders. This first performance, on August 25th, 1680, consisted of *Phèdre* by Racine, and *Les Carrosses d'Orléans* by M. de Lachapelle. The Comédie-Française will probably celebrate the centenary by playing the *Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, with Lulli's music.

A free Exhibition of Pictures, Drawings, Sculpture, &c., is open daily, from 2 till 5 and 7 to 9.30 in the rooms of the Working Men's College and Free Library, 143, Upper Kennington Lane. The secretary will be glad to receive offers of works of art on loan. Donations of money towards the expenses are also especially desirable. South London is quite destitute of any museum or art gallery, and that the inhabitants of the poor and crowded neighbourhood of Lambeth will value such a collection as has been made is certain from the very large attendance during the free exhibition of last year, one of a very high character, and the first ever held in South London.

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

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

At the meeting of the Alliance Lodge on the 12th inst., after the lodge had been duly formed and opened, the I.P.M. (Bro. G. N. Johnson, P.G.S.), rose, and addressing the Worshipful Master said it would be in his recollection, and that of the brethren, that at a previous meeting it had been unanimously determined that a resolution of congratulation on the recent bestowal by Her Majesty the Queen on Sir John B. Monckton of the honour of knighthood be ornamentally emblazoned on vellum, handsomely framed, and presented by the lodge to their W.M. The work had been done he trusted to their satisfaction, and he now had the great pleasure in the name of the lodge of asking the W.M.'s acceptance of it, as a small testimony of their sincere and fraternal regard, and in proof of the great gratification with which the lodge regarded the honour done to their first Master.

These remarks and the accompanying presentation were received with loud cheering.

Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, in accepting the gift, said he was considerably touched by this most gratifying mark of good and brotherly feeling on the part of the youngest of the many Masonic bodies to which he was attached. So far as regarded the honour itself, it was undoubtedly a great one when bestowed by the Sovereign on a very ordinary member of society, but its greatest value to himself arose from the large amount of kind and friendly sympathy it had evoked.

The following is a copy of the emblazonment:
The Alliance Lodge,
(No. 1827.)
Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,
V.V.

Brother Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON
(P.M., P.G.D., and President of the Board of General Purposes), W.M.

At a meeting of the lodge held on Wednesday, May 5th, 1880, it was proposed by Bro. G. N. Johnson, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Littell, S.W., and carried unanimously:

"That this lodge desires to offer its sincere congratulations to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, one of the founders, and the first Master, upon receiving at the hands of Her Majesty the honour of Knighthood, which has been recently conferred upon him, and to express an earnest hope that he may long live to enjoy this well-merited distinction."

It was also proposed by Bro. J. P. Godfrey, seconded by Bro. Ashford, and carried unanimously, "That the above resolution be emblazoned on vellum and presented to the W.M."

By order of the lodge,
JOSEPH E. TURNER, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

A meeting of this council was held at No. 2, Red Lion-square, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. Wm. Roebuck, W.M.; Walter Spencer, P.M. and S.W.; Samuel Rawson, J.W.; D. M. Dewar, Sec.; Alfred Williams, Conductor; J. E. Anderson, as I.G.; C. F. Matier, D.G.M.; Capt. Chas. Hunter, D.G.M. Scotland; S. Rosenthal, P.M.; and a large number of brethren. Stone: Bro. J. S. Cumberland, of York. Bros. Tagart, Stone, Greenway, and Dr. Ramsay were admitted into the venerable Order of St. Lawrence the Martyr, and the Degrees of Knights of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and Grand High Priest were afterwards conferred on twenty-two candidates, the ceremonies being performed by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Matier.

After the council was closed, the brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant. This council now numbers upwards of a hundred members.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lancashire and Cheshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 15th inst., under the presidency of R.W. Bro. T. Hopwood Hutchinson, Prov. G. Master. Three candidates were received, and the officers for the year were appointed, V.V. Bro. Entwistle being placed in the chair of Deputy Prov. G. Master. It was resolved that a suitable address of thanks should be prepared and presented to V.V. Bro. C. F. Matier, who for several years had worthily filled the office of Deputy. The members subsequently dined together at the Queen's Hotel.

COMMUNIQUE.

We note that one of our contemporaries, the *Graphic*, indulges in some very severe remarks about the Metropolitan Police. We who live in our "little village" from year's end to year's end, despite all such depreciatory criticism, know full well that the "Force," qua a "Force," forms a very admirably behaved and well disciplined body of men, always ready for duty, hard working, sober, intelligent, and considerate. That occasional indiscretions, of too much "zeal," and misconduct which occur among several thousands of men, is not to be at all wondered at, and must, humanly speaking, be expected; but that actual well-founded complaints are so few, says a great deal for the intelligence and propriety and conduct of the whole body. That some improvements may be needed in its detective arrangements we do not deny, but in England we have one difficulty to contend with, which is unknown abroad—the peculiarity of the English laws, as well as the intense importance we properly attach to the liberty of the subject. Two special fallacies, however, underlie recent statements, to which we think it well to advert. The one is that London is not peculiarly favoured as a residence of criminals, whereas the very reverse is the case. In truth, the safest place for criminals is mostly London itself, owing to its immense size, its rapid extension, and its abnormal population, its means of concealment, and its ease of water communication. It has been often said that you can prove anything by "statistics," but as regards London crime and London criminals it is quite clear, we think, that these must always represent, not only a completely exceptional state of affairs, but, as algebraists would say, an "unknown quantity."

In the second place, it is equally undoubted that the crime of "burglary," which is the staple of London crime, and its most alarming ingredient, is simply dependent on the expanding over growth of an overgrown metropolis. No allowance seems to be made for uninhabited houses, for new buildings, for the carelessness of servants, for the recklessness of householders, but all is hastily summed up, and put down to the *laches* of the police.

This is not fair, and it is here where, as we see it, the police have an ample defence, and much to allege in favour of their proved worth and acknowledged vigilance.

As a preservative of order the Metropolitan Police is certainly second to none, and all that it needs, in our opinion, to make it as detective and preventive of crime, is to re-organize the detective system. One point which has been recently brought prominently forward, in more ways than one, is that there is now side by side with our detective force a special agency system, which apes the name, duties, and even functions of the police.

From what our Judges have said, no more demoralizing system has ever been invented or organized, and it is much to be feared that from old associations, or other reasons, many of such worthless characters get to know far too much of what is going on at head quarters.

We need hardly point out, if this be the case, where such a system might lead to, and no one could fail to be struck at the last great trial of the detectives, with the unwholesome appearance of an under current of special agency at work at the same time.

With these remarks we leave the subject for the present, only premising, that we cannot concur in the expressions of condemnation, which our excellent contemporary, and other writers, have thought well recently to apply to the Metropolitan Police.

Obituary.

THE MARQUIS OF DALHOUSIE.

We have to announce the death of the Marquis of Dalhousie, which took place on Tuesday morning last at Dalhousie Castle, near Edinburgh. The deceased peer, George Ramsay, twelfth earl, was a son of the Hon. John Ramsay, by Mary, daughter of Mr. Philip Delisle, of Calcutta. He was born April 26th, 1806, and succeeded his cousin in 1874. In December, 1820, he entered the Royal Navy, became lieutenant in April, 1827; commander, January, 1837; captain, March, 1843; rear-admiral, 1867; C.B., 1856; vice-admiral, 1873; and admiral, 1875. He served in the Mediterranean, South America, North America, the West Indies, Ireland, the coast of Spain, and the Baltic; was Superintendent of Pembroke Dockyard from 1857 to 1862, and commander-in-chief on the South American Station from 1866 to 1869. The late Earl of Dalhousie married, in 1845, Sarah Frances, daughter of Mr. William Robertson, of Logan House, and is succeeded in the title by his eldest son, Lord Ramsay, M.P. for Liverpool, who was born in 1847. The late earl was created a peer of the United Kingdom, by the title of Baron Ramsay, in July, 1875.

His lordship's family have for upwards of a century been closely associated with the government of the Craft. His grandfather, George, eighth Earl of Dalhousie, was Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1767-69, and subscribed £100 towards the purchase of the St. Cecilia Hall, in Niddry-street, as a Freemasons' Hall; his uncle, George, ninth Earl, held the same office during 1804-6; his uncle, Lieutenant-General the Hon. John Ramsay (father of the present heir-presumptive to the title and family estates), was Junior Grand Warden in 1807-10; his father, the Hon. William Ramsay Maule, of Panmure (afterwards Baron Panmure), was acting Grand Master under His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in 1808-10, and was Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire for the period of fifty-one years; his cousin, Lord Ramsay, afterwards tenth Earl and first Marquis of Dalhousie, was Grand Master in 1836-38. He was born at Brechin Castle in 1801, and succeeded on the death of his father, in 1852, to the title of Lord Panmure, and the estates thereunto belonging. On the death of his cousin, the late Governor-General of India, in December, 1860, of whom we have already spoken, he succeeded to the Earldom of Dalhousie. His lordship was descended on one side from Sir Alexander Ramsay, celebrated in mediæval chronicles as "The Flower of Knighthood," and on the other side from the ancient Norman family of Maule, of Panmure. The Earldom of Panmure, subsequently acquired by this family, was attained in the person of the fourth Earl, who espoused the cause of the Stuarts in the Rebellion of 1715.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEEBLES AND SELKIRK.

On Friday evening, the 9th inst., in the lodge room of St. John, No. 104, Jedburgh, the July quarterly communication was held, when Bro. J. W. Murray, of Cringletie, P.G. Master, presided. The other P.G. Officers present were Bro. Dr. Middleton, D.P.M.; James T. S. Elliot, S.P.G.M.; George Pott, P.G.J.W.; Robert Sanderson, P.G.S.; John F. Walker, P.G.T.; William Ferguson, P.G. President of Stewards. Bro. R. Currie, R.W.M. No. 32, Selkirk, No. 32, acted as P.G.S.W.; Bro. R. S. Scott, P.M. No. 32, acted as P.G.S.D.; and the guards of No. 104 acted as Prov. G.I.C. and Prov. Grand Tyler. The following lodges were represented: No. 32, Selkirk; No. 104, Jedburgh; No. 111, Hawick; No. 216, Stow—in all there would be about thirty brethren present. The P.G. Lodge was opened at eight o'clock, when the following business was taken up and disposed of: 1. Minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge; 2. Reply of Grand Secretary acknowledging protests from Provincial Grand Lodge in reference to resolutions of Grand Lodge; 3. Notices of motions to be submitted at next quarterly communication of Grand Lodge; 4. Notice of motions. Bro. John F. Walker, P.G.T., was also ably installed into his office, after which the P.G. Lodge was closed, and the Grand Officers were received as a visiting deputation by the brethren of Lodge 104, when the books of the lodge were examined and certified to be correctly kept. The Masters and Wardens of No. 104 were warmly congratulated by the P.G.M. in regard to the efficient state in which he found the lodge as

to working, &c. The brethren were afterwards called from labour to refreshment, and partook of supper, and, having spent an hour or two together, the lodge was closed in due form.

NORTH BERWICK.—St. Baldred Lodge (No. 313).—On Friday evening, the 2nd inst., the officers and several members of the above lodge were taken to the Bass Rock by Mr. David Logan, in his yacht *The Hilda*, for the purpose of holding a Masonic meeting, and initiating Mr. Logan and Mr. Downie into the mysteries of Masonry. The lodge was duly constituted by the R.W.M. and his ten Wardens, and the beautiful and impressive ceremony was ably gone through—the lodge receiving valuable assistance from Bro. Barry, who is the P.R.W.M. of one of the Leith lodges. Bro. John Scott, a member of the honoured Craft, accompanied the party to the Bass. After the ceremony was finished and the lodge duly closed, the party returned to the shore, and in the canty and ancient inn of Canty Bay a very happy and enjoyable evening was spent. It is nearly twenty years since the last Mason was made at the Bass.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the members and friends of the above veteran lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, William-street, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. N. Brown. The lodge was opened soon after two o'clock p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Hutton, and the minutes of the last meeting having been passed, the ballot was taken for Bro. C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*), as an honorary member, and that brother was unanimously elected. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Cole, and he, being approved of, was initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Brown was then presented to Bro. Hutton for the benefit of installation, and was, with the usual ceremonies, placed in the chair of the lodge, and saluted in due course. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. S. Syer, S.W.; J. T. Hosgood, J.W.; G. B. Davis, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; R. A. Smith, S.D.; J. Matthey, J.D.; G. H. Masters, I.G.; W. Akers, D.C.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. The charges were then given by the Installing Officer, and a ceremony that from first to last was perfectly and eloquently rendered came to an end. Unfortunately, we were not able to be present at this part of the proceedings, but we have heard on all sides the highest encomiums on the grand manner in which Bro. Hutton did his work. A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Installing Officer, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and Bro. Hutton returned thanks. He was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, for his valuable services during the past year, and returned thanks for that also.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren departed in three well-appointed waggons to the Sydney Arms, at Chislehurst, where a banquet awaited them, after partaking of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in eloquent terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Hutton, and the toast met with a hearty and deserved reception at the hands of the brethren. Bro. Brown briefly replied, and proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The ride out and home was much enjoyed, and altogether a most delightful day was passed. Among those present were Bros. R. Hodgkinson and G. W. Reed, P.M.'s of the lodge; W. Weston, P.M. 1536, and P.G.S.B. Kent; T. Holleyman, J.W. 1536; R. Jackson, 169; and others.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at York, on Monday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Gainforth, W.M.; J. Todd, P.M. and Treas.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; C. G. Padel, W.M. 1611; L. Murphy, W.M. St. Patrick's Military Lodge; M. Rooke, S.W.; J. S. Rymer, J.W.; G. Garbutt, S.D.; W. Draper, J.D.; G. Kirby, Secretary, and the rest of the officers, together with several other members and visitors, amongst whom were Bros. H. Whalley, P.M. and Treasurer 163; and J. Wood, 178.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Todd, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. T. J. Russell, who had acted as Steward for the lodge at the Boys' School festival, and had taken up a list of thirty guineas. This brought the contributions of the lodge close up to 100 guineas, so that he trusted ere long the W.M. of the lodge would be a Vice-President of the Institution. Bro. Todd then moved that a vote of condolence from the lodge be forwarded to the family of their late Bro. John Hervey, P.G.S., who had lately died, and who had done such good service to the Craft, and was an honorary member of the lodge. Both these resolutions were carried. Bro. Todd having left the lodge, Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., proceeded to move a resolution that a Committee be appointed to settle the form of a presentation to Bro. J. Todd, P.M. and Treasurer, whose services to the lodge had been so great, and who had for five years acted as Secretary, and for about two years as Treasurer, and who had spared neither time nor trouble to advance the interests of the lodge. He (the proposer) was not an advocate for the presentation of Past Masters' jewels as a regular thing, but he thought that some special recognition should be made of the services of a brother who had certainly done more for the York Lodge than any other brother now connected with it. The resolution was supported by Bros. Balmford, P.M.; Rymer, J.W.; J. Hollins, T. J. Russell, and others, and carried unanimously. A candidate for Freemasonry was proposed, and the lodge was closed.

At the table of refreshment many toasts were honoured, and the proceedings of the evening were varied by the singing of Bros. Lee, Todd, Murphy, Gainforth, and others. Bro. Todd, in the course of some remarks on the Charities, said that he hoped next year the efforts of the lodge would be directed in favour of the Girls' Schools, and that he hoped himself to represent the lodge at the Girls' School festival of 1881.

MACCLESFIELD.—Lodge of Unity (No. 267).

—The brethren of this lodge assembled in unusual force on Thursday, the 15th inst., to take part in the ceremony of St. John's, and in the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, to which honour Bro. J. A. Slade, S.W., had been unanimously elected. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. Cockayne, and at the proper period Bro. Slade was introduced to the Board of Installed Masters, and received the high distinction of installation to the chair of K.S. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bros. Cockayne, I.P.M., and R. Wood, P.M. The following brethren constituted the Board of Installed Masters: Bros. Bates, P.P.S.D.; Wadsworth, P.P.A.D.C.; Holden, P. Prov. G.S.B.; Goodwin, 267; Astle, 267; Gaskell, 267; Jno. Jackson, 267; Leech, 295; Lockett, 295; Whiston, 295; Needham, 295; Delahunt, 295; Moore, 295; S. Blackshaw and Furnivall, 533; and others. On the admission of the brethren, to which in the interval there had been a considerable accession of members, the W.M. was saluted in due form, and "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the numerous visiting brethren present, who, in addition to the brethren of the sister lodge, 295, included brethren from the Eaton Lodge, Congleton, the Stamford and Warrington Lodge, Stalybridge, &c. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Goodwin, P.M., S.W.; J. T. Booth, J.W.; W. Astle, P.M., S. and T.; F. R. B. Heaps, S.D.; H. Froggatt, J.D.; W. Harrison, I.G.; G. H. J. Gundry, and Bro. Harris, Stewards; and Daniel Mason, Tyler. The business, which included a proposition of a new member by the W.M., was closed in due form about 4.30.

Shortly after five, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. Comberbach in his usual style. The brethren present numbered upwards of forty, and it was remarked that no more numerous gathering had been seen at the annual banquet for years past. The W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," calling especial attention to those excellent qualities of H.R.H. which proved him to be a good Mason, genial and charitable in disposition, with a high appreciation of the social qualities of his fellow men, and a heart always charitably open to the appeals of the deserving, as witnessed by his cordial patronage and support of the great Masonic Institutions. The toasts having been most loyally honoured, Bro. J. Wilson, L.L.D., P.M. 533, in obedience to the call of the W.M., proposed "The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M. of Cheshire, and the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the P.G.O. Present and Past." Dr. Wilson spoke in highly eulogistic terms of the great interest Lord de Tabley and the Hon. W. Egerton took in the Craft, and especially in all Masonic Charities; and spoke in his usual felicitous and genial manner of the good qualities of the distinguished brethren whose health he felt it an honour to propose. Although not himself taking so active a part in Masonic work as he would like to do did other duties permit, he felt the greatest interest in its progress, and he alluded with gratification to the fact that on the 4th prox. a Royal Arch chapter was to be consecrated at Congleton by the R.W.P.G.M., whose health he had now the honour to propose. Bro. Holden, P.P.G.S.B., responded, testifying to the great interest felt by his lordship in the proper working and legitimate progress of Masonry in Cheshire, and regretting that his lordship had not been present that day to have witnessed the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and the cordial manner in which the W.M. had been supported on his introduction to office. He had very great pleasure in predicting for the lodge under the new W.M. a very agreeable and prosperous year of office. "The Health of the New W.M." was proposed in flattering terms by Bro. Cockayne, I.P.M., and duly acknowledged by the W.M., who specially pointed out the necessity of a recognition by the brethren of the essence underlying the symbolism of Masonry—the charity, forbearance, goodwill, and brotherly feeling which should make a Masonic lodge a union of entire goodfellowship and worthy purpose. In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., and Bro. Wood, as Installing Masters," the W.M. expressed the hope that, by the aid of the Most High, he might be enabled to imitate the perfection and success with which in their respective years of office they had conducted the business of the lodge and conducted to the local stability of Freemasonry. "The Worshipful Past Masters" was ably proposed by Bro. Turner, and responded to by Bro. Bates. The usual toasts followed, and the evening was most harmoniously spent.

Bros. Cockayne, P.M.; Delahunt, P.M. 295; Needham, P.M. 295; Leech, W.M. 295; Maydew, S.W. 295; Gill, 267; Wadsworth, P.M. 295; and Moore, P.M., contributed to the harmony by songs, duets, &c., assisted by Bro. Shuttleworth at the piano. Bro. Delahunt having previously conducted the music, which added considerably to the impressiveness of the lodge ceremonies.

SIDCUP.—Sydney Lodge (No. 829).

—The above lodge held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Black Horse, when a numerous circle of brethren and visitors attended to do honour to the occasion. The lodge was opened by Bro. Flaxman Spurrell, W.M., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; and shortly afterwards the Installing Officer, Bro. T. Smith, P.M. and Sec., and P.P. G.P. Kent, took the chair. Bro. T. Hastings, P.M., P.P. G.P., then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Moulder, for the benefit of installation, and, having assented to the usual conditions, that brother was placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual ceremonies. He then proceeded to instal his officers as follows: Bros. R. Anson, S.W.; W. Hawkins, J.W.; W. T. Birts, P.M. and P.P.D.C. Kent, Treas.; T. Smith, P.M., Sec.; J. Parsons, S.D.; J. Coombes, J.D.; J. Jacobs, I.G.; T. Hastings, P.M., W.S.; A. W. Parsons, D.C.; C. Bishop, Org.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Bro. Smith then delivered the three addresses, and the ceremony closed. Bro. Spurrell then proposed that a vote of thanks should be tendered to Bro. Smith, and recorded on the minutes of the lodge, for the handsome manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day. Bro. Hastings, P.M., seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously. Bro. Smith, in returning thanks, said that was the third time he had had the privilege of installing the Master of the Sydney Lodge, and he trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would give him life and strength to do it again should circumstances require it. Bro. Spurrell was then presented with

a very handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, and returned thanks suitably. The lodge was then closed.

Among the brethren present, besides those above named, were Bros. the Rev. R. Jamblin, vicar of Wilmington, and Asst. P.G. Chaplain Kent; L. Etheridge, P.M., and P.G.P. Kent; Goalen, and J. H. Ilton, S29; R. Heeley, P.M. 99; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; H. Archer, P.M. 1089; W. Macrow, P.M. 879; W. Watson, W.M. 1050; T. Lillcott, P.M. 1153; A. Barrell, J.W. 879; T. Holleyman, J.W. 1536; S. Renaut, 1623; Jas. Trip-tree, 1326; W. Wright, 700; J. Saunders, 700; H. De Gray, 706; W. A. Tucker, 913; B. Ireland, 879; and C. Jolly, 915 (*Freemason*).

The banquet was an excellent one, and the Stewards were most attentive, especially to the visitors. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then proposed, and Bro. Jamblin responded for "The Grand Officers, Past and Present." In so doing, he asked those of his colleagues past and present to sit down, as he might keep them standing, and he did not like to see them stand all the while he was talking. He did not know why he was asked to speak, because he was the youngest provincial officer present. He attributed it to his profession, but then he was surprised that they should ask him, as they had a "Bishop" in the room, and more than one "Parson," while he was only the vicar of Wilmington, a very humble member of the profession indeed. He wished Lord Holmesdale had been present, for he would not only have been delighted with their excellent working, but would have appreciated the genuine heartiness with which his and Bro. Eastes' names had been received in the lodge. There was another thing he would have seen—he would have seen in their W.M. a most wonderful man, for he done that night what had never been done before, namely, he had proposed his, Bro. Jamblin's, health as a Provincial Grand Officer, and he was sure that no one had ever done that before. He heartily thanked them for coupling his name with the toast. Bro. Dr. Spurrell, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Moulder, the W.M.," saying that from the attention and zeal Bro. Moulder had always evinced in the position he had held below the chair, he felt certain that with him in the chair the lodge would have a good and prosperous year of office. Bro. Moulder, in reply, thanked them for the reception they had given the toast. When he entered the lodge some years ago he never anticipated the time would arrive when he should be called upon to occupy the chair of it, but there he was, and he trusted that every brother in the lodge would some day occupy the same position, and that the same cordiality would continue to exist among them that at present characterised all their proceedings. He felt proud that at his election there had not been one dissenting voice, and that the same brother who initiated him thirteen years ago had installed him that day, as head of one of the best lodges in Kent—the Sydney Lodge. He trusted to be spared throughout his year of office to do good service to the lodge, and, in conclusion, asked the assistance of his officers to secure that result. The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the name of Bro. De Gray, who, in reply, referred to the fact that he was at one time J.W. of the Sydney Lodge, and expressed his great sorrow that he had not persevered and gone through the chair of it. He naturally felt at home at the lodge, and was especially pleased to see their W.M., whom he had known as a good man and a good Mason for many years, at the head of it. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bro. T. Smith, P.M., in reply, said they had an excellent lot of Past Masters: Dr. Spurrell could look after their bodily ailments; Bro. Birts looked after the money; he (Bro. Smith) took good care that they did not fall into arrears; Bro. Etheridge looked after their interest at the Provincial Grand meeting, and Bro. Hastings saw that the wine was good and plentiful at their banquets. This was a red-letter day in the lodge; they had a good Master, a good balance in hand—something like £150—and had sent up twenty guineas to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Bros. Spurrell, Birts, and Hastings also responded, and then a few words from Bro. Hanson, on behalf of "The Officers," concluded the business of the day. We may here mention that during the evening a very handsome jewel was presented to Bro. Hastings by the initiates of his year of office, as a mark of their esteem and regard for him. Bro. Hastings, who was evidently unaware of what was on the tapis, made a feeling reply, and wore the jewel for the rest of the evening on his breast with pride.

ECCLES.—Bridgewater Lodge (No. 1213).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Cross Keys Hotel on Thursday, the 8th inst. There were present Bros. Wm. Bostock, W.M.; E. Puenfer, S.W.; T. Cavanah, acting J.W.; W. Bowden, Treas., P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; Thos. Ball, Sec.; A. Hassall, S.D.; Robt. Poole, J.D.; Jas. Andrew, I.P.M.; S. Samuelson, Tyler; J. Chadderton, E. L. Adams, R. Williams, P.M.; Antoine Astorg, John Pearson, R. W. Whitten, Otho Salomonski, Isaac Sim, B. H. Moulton, and C. H. Preston. Visitors: Bros. G. Yates, Sec. 1633; Reddoes Peacock, 1633; John Coxon, 152; Chas. Wm. Bayley, Sec. 1345; John Church, S.D. 317; Jas. C. Mather, 1345; W. Williams, J.W. 645; H. Metcalf, 1219; and R. K. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at 6.15, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr. Mark Oldham was balloted for, and, having been unanimously elected, was initiated into Freemasonry by the I.P.M., Bro. James Andrew. On the conclusion of this ceremony Bro. Edwin Llewellyn Adams, being a candidate for passing, was interrogated as to his proficiency in the former Degree, and, having satisfactorily answered, was duly made a F.C. by Bro. R. Williams, P.M., who performed this ceremony in his most careful studied manner. The lodge was afterwards "called off," and the brethren adjourned to tea, which was well served by the host, and gave every satisfaction. When the brethren again assembled in the lodge room, Bro. Wm. Bostock, the W.M., resumed his functions, and, with due rite and ceremony, raised Bro. Antoine Astorg to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Bostock's performance of this truly beautiful ceremony pleased us very much, and apparently made a great impression on the candidate. When the ceremony was over the lodge was lowered, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, it was closed in peace and harmony at nine o'clock.

HAMPTON.—Lebanon Lodge (No. 1326).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 17th inst., at the Red Lion.

Present: Bros. J. B. Shackleton, W.M.; John Hammond, S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, J.W.; F. Walters, Sec.; H. Gloster, S.D.; T. W. Stone, J.D.; F. Knight, D.C.; D. Steinhauer, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Organist; W. R. Vassila, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler; J. C. Woodrow, P.M.; E. Gilbert, P.M.; C. W. Fox, P.M.; J. Stevens, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M.; J. H. Ewen, J. Laurence, E. A. Smith, G. J. Whitcombe, W. J. Smith, J. Smith, S. Page, A. Robertson, W. Stanton, T. B. Robbins, W. Ballard, T. Sullivan, C. Lucop, and F. Stanley. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Oekenden, W.M. elect 1512; F. Keeble, I.G. 1426; A. Baist, 1815; W. C. Davey, 1512; E. Hopwood, P.P.G. S.B. Middx., P.M. 141; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the audit minutes were read and confirmed, and the report received, adopted, and entered on the lodge minutes book. The ballots were unanimous in favour of every candidate for initiation. Bros. E. A. Smith, T. Sullivan, J. H. Ewen, and T. B. Robbins were raised. Messrs. James Smith and Frederick Stanley were initiated into the Order. Bro. Shackleton, W.M., installed Bro. John Hammond, W.M., who appointed the following officers: Bros. J. B. Shackleton, I.P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, S.W.; H. Gloster, J.W.; S. Wickens, Treasurer (re-invested); F. Walters, Secretary (re-invested); T. W. Stone, S.D.; D. Steinhauer, J.D.; J. J. Marsh, I.G.; F. Knight, Org.; W. R. Vassila, D.C.; H. Porter, W.S.; C. Lucop, C.S.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler (re-invested). After the installation a vote of thanks was presented to Bro. J. B. Shackleton, and he was presented with the usual seven guinea Past Master's jewel. Bro. E. Gilbert was recommended for Prov. Grand Lodge honours for 1881; Bro. J. W. Baldwin for promotion; and J. C. Woodrow for a Stewardship. Propositions were received for initiation and joining.

WALTHAM-NEW-TOWN.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—The regularly monthly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Britannia Hotel, on the 15th inst., Bro. Samuel Jacobs, the W.M., in the chair. The lodge was honoured with a visit from the R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., who opened the lodge in due form, and then vacated the chair in favour of the W.M. Bro. John E. Dawson, the P.G. Secretary, accompanied the R.W.P.G. Master. Bro. James Terry, P.P.G. J.W. Herts, then called upon the brethren to salute the R.W.P.G. Master with the usual honours, after which, the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge proceeded to the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. James Knight, the S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. West, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. W. Steedman re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee was appointed to meet on Thursday, the 29th inst. The Secretary then read a short history of the lodge from its foundation for the information of the R.W.P.G. Master, who was pleased to express a feeling of satisfaction at the progress the lodge had made. A letter was read from the D.P.G. Master, expressing his regret at not being able to be present on the occasion. A Past Master's jewel was voted for Bro. Jacobs on his retiring from the office of W.M.

The brethren present were R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G. Master Herts; Bro. J. E. Dawson, P.G. Sec.; S. Jacobs, W.M.; J. Knight, S.W.; J. Fisher, J.W.; E. West, P.M., Treasurer; T. Reilly, P.M., Secretary; J. Terry, P.M.; J. K. Young, P.M.; C. Lacy, P.M.; W. Gilbert, P.M.; J. Gaskell, P.M.; J. Noyes, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; W. W. Pritchett, Organist; Woolley, I.G.; Lewis, W.S.; W. Bradstock, Brigden, Belasco, Colvin, Shuter, Jones, Sproat, Newman, Sampson, Cooke, Robin, and Holdsworth. Visitors: Bros. J. Carr, jun., 55; Shadwell, 569; Dix, 1421; T. Perry, W.M. 869; Ethington, P.M. 869; and Osgathorp, 1437.

The lodge was closed and the brethren retired to a cold collation, which was served in excellent style by the worthy host, Bro. Cooke. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to. The R.W. P.G. Master expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted, and trusted it would go on prospering as in the past. The brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

LIVERPOOL.—Fermor Hesketh Lodge (No. 1350).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on Monday week, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a numerous gathering of the Craft. Bro. T. F. Cooper, the retiring W.M., presided at the opening of the lodge. Bro. C. P. Titherley, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. Higson Johnston, P.M., and Bro. R. Collinson, P.M., and he was impressively installed by Bro. J. E. Williams, P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire. The following officers were afterwards invested: Bros. T. B. Cooper, I.P.M.; R. Carruthers, S.W.; G. Gordon, J.W.; T. A. Collinson, P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; Charles Leighton, Secretary; Edward G. Grundy, S.D.; H. B. Browne, J.D.; W. Halsall, I.G.; the Rev. C. F. Mermagen, Chaplain; J. Hodgson, Organist; J. T. Stowell and P. Asheroft, Senior Stewards; F. A. Staedeli and H. A. Hill, Junior Stewards; and J. H. Johnston, P.M., M.C. Bro. P. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren banqueted together, and during the evening an artistic Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of his past services.

LIVERPOOL.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1356).—The members of this capitally-conducted lodge met for the celebration of the annual festival, at head-quarters, 80, North Hill-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. Bro. Charles Arden was placed in the chair in the presence of a large muster of brethren, amongst whom were several officers of the Grand Lodge of the Province of West Lancashire, the ceremony being performed in a very satisfactory manner by Bro. Marson, P.P.G.S.B. The officers who were invested for the ensuing year were the following: Bros. Alfred Woolrich, I.P.M.; J. W. Williams, P.M., D.C.; James Keet, S.W.; Edward George, J.W.; H. P. Squire, Secretary; R. E. Mitton, S.D.; John Ashley, J.D.; John Lees, I.G.; Benjamin Holgate, S.S.; Hartley Wilson, J.S.; Edward Paul, Treasurer; and T. J. Beswick, Organist. Bro. Larson, P.M., was re-elected Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. Woolrich, who is also Treasurer of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, was presented by the brethren with a Past Master's jewel and clo-

thing, accompanied by a valuable gold brooch and earrings for Mrs. Woolrich. The installation picnic of the lodge took place at Llangollen last Tuesday.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Lodge (No. 1547).—The members of this lodge celebrated the sixth installation festival at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when Bro. John Duncan, jun., a highly-respected member of the Craft, who has already passed the chair with credit in the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, was again placed in that position by Bro. R. Warriner, the retiring Master, supported by his officers and Past Masters. There were also present Bros. Alderman J. F. Newell (ex-Mayor of Bootle), P.S.G.W.; J. W. Ballard, P.M. 724, P.G.P.; W. Cottrell, P.M. 823; J. C. Paterson, W.M. 1473; and others. The sponsors were Bros. John H. Parker, I.P.M.; and Rev. J. F. Goggin, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain. After the usual honours the following officers were invested: Bros. R. Warriner, I.P.M.; W. Ladyman, S.W.; J. C. McGuire, J.W.; Councillor J. A. Forrest, P.M., Treas.; C. J. Caddock, Sec.; W. H. Hignett, S.D.; F. W. A. Soldat, J.D.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M., M.C.; R. Ripley, I.G.; Thomas Farrell, S.S.; Jonathan Parry, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, who was re-elected Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge, at the subsequent proceedings.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The third regular meeting of this summer lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel on the 7th inst., Bro. W. Shury Marshall in the chair, supported by his officers and many brethren. Visitor: Bro. G. C. Nissen, Concord, Bombay, 757. The lodge was opened at 3.45, and the usual preliminary business disposed of. The W.M. then took a favourable ballot for Mr. William Wilcox and Mr. Herbert William Schartau as candidates for initiation, and the latter gentleman presenting himself, was afterwards enlightened by the W.M. in the first principles of Freemasonry. On opening the lodge in the Second Degree, Bro. W. G. Loe was found very efficient for raising to the Third Degree, and, whilst being prepared, the W.M. opened his lodge in that Degree, and afterwards ably raised and invested him as a M.M. On resuming the lodge to the First Degree, the election of W.M. for the coming year was proceeded with, and fell unanimously upon Bro. Roy, S.W. Bro. Dr. Rogers was also re-elected Treasurer without opposition, the installation meeting now being the first Wednesday in August instead of July, as formerly. Bro. J. Middleton was re-appointed Tyler. The Audit Committee were appointed to meet on the 21st inst., and after the W.M. had proposed, as a candidate for initiation at next meeting, Mr. John Radcliffe, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.15. An enjoyable evening followed, and the brethren dispersed early.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 12th inst., a regular meeting of this lodge was held. There was a larger attendance of members than usual, the W.M. having issued formal invitations to the Masters and brethren of the St. Germain Lodge (Selby) and the Anchor Lodge (Northallerton) to partake of the hospitality of the lodge. The invitation was accepted by both lodges, but, at the last moment a telegram was received from Selby stating that circumstances had arisen to stop the party. The W.M. of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1337 (Bro. C. Paller, P.M.), was present, with several other visitors. Bro. C. G. Padel, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; R. W. Hollon, P.M., P.G.S.B.; G. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treasurer; J. T. Sellar, S.W.; George Simpson, J.W.; J. Kay, Secretary; W. P. Husband, Asst. Secretary W. York, as S.D.; W. J. Girling, as J.D.; A. T. B. Turner, M.C.; O. Marshall, Organist; J. Blenkin, I.G.; J. E. Wilkinson, Steward; P. Pearson, Tyler; W. B. Dyson, Thorpe, Ware, Walker, Brown, Blackstone, Stubbs, Atkinson, W. W. Whythead, 236; J. Tissiman, 236; W. Flint, 348, I.C.; R. Graham, 1065; J. Wood, 178; J. De Salis, 1331; and others. The minutes having been read the lodge was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Chapman and Pexton were made Master Masons by the W.M., assisted by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. The lodge having been again lowered to the First Degree, Mr. B. Stephenson was duly initiated by the W.M. Several letters of apology for absence were then read by the Secretary, amongst others from the I.P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was absent in London undergoing medical treatment, and great sympathy was expressed with that active and most popular brother. Several presentations were made to the lodge. Bros. Balmford and Whythead gave their respective portraits, framed. Bro. Whythead gave some bound volumes of the "Masonic Magazine," and on behalf of Bro. Ward (confined to his bed by illness) three framed photographs, and on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, his lordship's portrait in a handsome frame. Bro. Husband gave a large photograph of an ancient view of the city of York. The ancient Carthaginian sculpture presented by Bro. A. M. Broadley, D.D.G.M. of Malta and Tunis, was an object of curiosity, placed in a conspicuous spot, and set in a massive oak frame. After the close of the lodge the brethren entertained their visitors at supper, and the cloth having been removed the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. T. B. Whythead gave "Success to the Eboracum Lodge," coupled with the health of the W.M., who that evening had proved himself such an excellent worker, a toast which was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Whythead then called on the brethren to drink to the silent memory of their late good brother and father of the lodge, Thomas Cooper, the first anniversary of whose death had just been passed, and took the opportunity of exhorting them to follow the good example he had left them, and to strive to follow in his footsteps. The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the Senior Warden, and "Absent Friends" were not forgotten. The singing of Bros. Wilkinson and Turner enlivened the proceedings, which were brought to a happy termination at eleven o'clock.

INSTRUCTION.

KINGSLAND LODGE (No. 1693).—This lodge of instruction met at Bro. Longhurst's, Canonbury Tavern, Islington, N., on Monday, the 19th inst., which was presided over by Bro. Fenner, W.M. elect of the Upton Lodge, whose labours were greatly appreciated by the brethren as-

sembled. Monday, the 26th inst., being installation evening at this lodge, Bro. Isaac, the present W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, will act as Installing Master. This lodge of instruction meets every Monday evening punctually at 8.30.

Royal Arch.

GIBALTAR.—Prince of Wales's Chapter (No. 153).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at Armstrong's-buildings. There were present Comps. Cunningham, M.E.Z.; Halliday, P.Z., acting H.; and Bacon, J.; supported by the other officers of the chapter.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. H. Clarke, 153, which proved favourable. Bro. Clarke not being in attendance, the business of the evening was commenced, viz., the installation of the Three Principals elect, which was performed in an able manner by Comp. Halliday, P.Z., assisted by Comp. Francherie, P.Z. The following companions were appointed to the chairs: Comps. E. Bacon, Z.; B. While, H.; E. Barker, J.; and the following officers were afterwards invested: Comps. Azopardi, Treas.; F. J. Lane, S.E.; J. King, S.N.; W. Hayward Allen, P.S.; and A. Pereira, Janitor.

The companions then adjourned to their banquet room, where they did ample justice to the good things provided for them, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, followed by speeches from the officers elect, and songs and recitations by various brethren, and the Tyler's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

BODMIN.—St. Petrock Chapter (No. 330).—The regular convocation and installation meeting of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday last. There were present E. Comps. T. C. Stephens, P.Z.; Henry de Legh, P.Z.; and W. Tonkin, P.Z. 1151, Tywardreath; J. R. Collins, H.; W. Rowe, J.; J. Dennis, S.E.; J. Crang, S.N.; Col. Bake, P.S.; J. P. Pagen, 1st Asst.; T. H. Spear, 2nd Asst.; R. Adams, Std.; P. Carroll, Janitor, and W. H. Roberts. The chapter was opened at two p.m. After confirmation of the minutes of the previous convocation, Ex-Comp. W. Tonkin addressed the Principals elect, Comps. Collins, Rowe, and Dennis, in relation to their new appointment, and installed them in his usual impressive manner, in the performance of which ceremony he was ably assisted by E. Comps. Stephens and De Legh; and subsequently a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded them for their services, which was suitably acknowledged. The appointments and investments for the ensuing year were as follows:—Comps. T. H. Spear, S.E.; J. F. Pagen, S.N.; B. G. Derry, P.S.; R. Adams, 1st Asst.; W. H. Roberts, 2nd Asst.; P. Carroll, Janitor. There being no other business to transact, the chapter was closed at 4.30 p.m.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel on Saturday, the 10th inst. There were present Comps. E. Thiellay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., I.P.Z., and Treas., acting M.E.Z., in the absence of Comp. F. Walters, P.P.G.A.S. Middx.; W. Hammond, P.Z. 185, P.P.G.A.S. Middx., H., M.E.Z. elect; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., J.; John Baldwin, P.Z. Lebanon, S.E.; John Mason, P.P.G.O. Middx., acting I.P.Z.; Faulkner, S.N.; T. W. Ockenden, P.S.; Glover, Goodchild, Gilbert, Janitor; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comps. W. Hammond, T. C. Walls, and J. Baldwin were respectively installed as First, Second, and Third Principals by Comp. Thiellay, assisted by Comp. J. Mason. The officers invested for the ensuing year were Comps. Thiellay, Treas.; Faulkner, S.E.; T. W. Ockenden, S.N.; Haslett, P.S. (by deputy); and Gilbert, Janitor. The appointments of Assistant Sojourners were postponed until the next meeting. The audit of the accounts also stood over. Numerous letters of apology for non-attendance having been read and several names handed in for exaltation at the next meeting, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the time-honoured toasts in connection with the Order were duly proposed and heartily honoured. Comp. Thiellay, in a neat and exhaustive speech, responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the M.E.Z." was given in very complimentary terms by Comp. Baldwin. In the course of his remarks, he congratulated the chapter upon possessing at its head a companion so well-known and deservedly respected in the province as their First Principal undoubtedly was. He believed that Comp. Hammond's year of office would be in every respect a highly successful one. The M.E.Z. having modestly replied, gave "The Second and Third Principals." The toast having been duly honoured, Comps. Walls and Baldwin briefly acknowledged the compliment. "The Treasurer and late Scribe E." followed. In proposing this toast, the M.E.Z. dwelt at length upon the great services rendered to the chapter during its transitory state by Comps. Thiellay and Baldwin. They had succeeded in putting everything in good order, and he believed that in future the affairs of the chapter would, in consequence of their exertions in the past, be carried on in a manner that would leave nothing to be desired. In concluding his remarks, he congratulated the chapter upon electing a very worthy Scribe E. in the person of Comp. Faulkner, who would, he felt sure, complete the good work so ably commenced by his predecessor in office, Comp. Baldwin. This pledge having been received with excellent "fire," Comps. Thiellay, Baldwin, and Faulkner duly expressed their acknowledgments. "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal exertions of Comps. Glover, Goodchild, Thiellay, and others.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN INTERESTING FIND.

There is in the Guildhall Library a very interesting collection of documents relating to matters of the most opposite character, which have evidently been picked up at odd times and from various sources by a curious man, and one inclined to gather together quaint scraps of information without having much idea of arranging them or turning them to any useful purpose. The volume containing these scraps

—which, be it remarked, are evidently, in some cases, cuttings from published journals or records, and in others pamphlets, of the years to which they severally belong—opens with a couple of letters addressed by Vice-Admiral Lawson, in command of the English fleet in the Downs, to the Mayor and Corporation of London. They are both dated in December, 1659, and both suggest that steps should be taken by the civic authorities to bring about a reconciliation between the Parliament and the army, and that people should be cautioned against in any way abetting the designs of Charles Stuart. Another document sets forth the grievances of the four hundred hackney coachmen, the bill by virtue of which they were authorised to ply for hire having expired. A third is in the form of a letter to a friend in the country giving an account of the terrible effects in London of that most disastrous of all hurricanes, by which, in November, 1703, among other grievous losses this country sustained, a whole fleet of war ships, under command of Sir Cloudesley Shovel, was totally wrecked off the Scilly Islands. Then there is a printed invitation to attend Divine service at one of the City churches, and afterwards to dine at the hall of one of the City companies. Others are of a personal character; several relate to cases of bankruptcy, and in some, occasion is taken to denounce Papistry. With one or two exceptions the collection consists entirely of printed documents, and though it is possible that other copies exist, they are, as they have already been described, exceedingly curious. And this remark especially applies to one of them—a single printed sheet of the year 1730, bearing the following descriptive title: "The Puerile Signs and Wonders of a Free-mason; with their ways of Admission and Entrance; being found in the cabinet of MS., a Brother decess'd, the 6th of August, 1730: Likewise their Oath, and by what means they know a Brother, &c." Under this, and printed in double columns, is the exposure, entitled "The Mystery of Freemasonry," and arranged in neat catechetical form. Any of the readers of the *Freemason* who may be curious enough to inspect this document will, of course, be able to estimate its contents at their proper value. But the question that will most naturally occur to them, as it did to the writer of these remarks, will be as to the probable authorship of this so-called exposure. There is nothing in it to indicate this; no printer's name, and the back of the sheet is a complete blank, as far as it is possible to see without tearing it, for it is pasted into the scrap book at all the four corners. The only thing to be seen, besides the printed matter, is a capital letter R, rather more than half way down the ornamental rule which runs between the two columns of the catechism, and it is possible that even that may have no significance whatever.

As to the contents, it would obviously be undesirable to produce them in the columns of a Masonic journal, though, seeing they are open to the perusal of every visitor to the Guildhall Library, no possible harm could result if they were made public. There are, however, one or two points which may be referred to without rendering oneself liable to a charge of indiscretion. It is quite clear the author of the catechism had picked up somewhere a certain amount of knowledge of Masonry without being much the wiser for its acquisition, just as now-a-days a man might learn much about the constitution and government of our lodges, about the Degrees of Craft Masonry, &c., &c., &c., and yet find himself unable to turn such knowledge to any purpose. Thus after describing the Constitution of a lodge, the writer adds a "N.B." to the effect that "One of them must be a working Mason." He had evidently learnt that something of the old operative element was still retained in some of the lodges. The difference between those who have been in the "kitchen" and those who have "dined in the hall" will raise a smile with most readers. As to the different Degrees, there is some confusion. The young Mason is, of course, the Entered Apprentice, and such, says the writer, he remains until he is "made a Master," or as it is called "pass'd the Master's Part." The Fellow Craft is intended, no doubt, by the "four Fellows" enumerated among those constituting a lodge, and mentioned elsewhere, but the term of "brother Mason" is used in one place in contradistinction to "Entered Apprentice," so that it is reasonable to conclude that, while there is a confusion of terms, which is only natural, the writer's intention was, evidently, to describe the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry. As to the "Master's Part" he mentions that "There is not one Mason in a hundred that will be at the expense to pass the Master's Part, except it be for interest." The uncomplimentary exception may be attributed to ignorance, but there is no doubt about the paucity of those who took the Master's Degree; indeed, about the time at which this was published, the Master's Degree was only conferred in Grand Lodge.

Only one further observation need be made. In the earlier half of the catechism occurs a question which, from the fact of its having no apparent connection with the one preceding and the one following it, cannot fail to attract attention. This question is, "Whence comes the Pattern of an Arch?" Probably most people have read of that most sapient member of learned societies, described in the "Pickwick Papers," who, mistaking the flash of a lantern for a strange atmospheric phenomenon, and a rap on the head for the violent impact of some electric force or body, addressed several elaborate papers to the different societies he was connected with, and at once established himself as one of the most learned men of science of the day. Now, without imitating this philosopher's example, there are some, perhaps, who will ask themselves, How came the writer to use the word "Arch?" Was it a mere accident resulting from his confused ideas of Freemasonry, or is there any chance he had heard anything of a connection between the Arch and Masonry? Ramsay, to whom is ascribed many an innovation, flourished about the time when this was made public (1730). There is, of course, nothing to warrant this surmise, but then there is no reason whatever, having regard to what precedes and what follows, why this question should have been inserted at all. However, to bring this story to an end, is the document in the Guildhall Library, copy of which is enclosed for editorial inspection, of any, and if so, of what value? Does it, in a confused kind of way, throw any light on the Freemasonry of 1730, and who is likely to have been the author?

[We apprehend that the "Broadside" discovered by our correspondent "A" is a production of Prichard, being apparently a modification of one of his works of 1730. It has also one or two paragraphs from the "Grand Mystery," but the whole we never saw anywhere before. It is, in that sense, undoubtedly a find, and we congratulate our brother upon it.—Ed. F.M.]

SPECIAL MASONIC MEDALS, CENTENARY, &c.

Since I last wrote on this subject, several brethren have kindly sent me sketches of medals, and I now only want those herewith enumerated to complete my collection of sketches or drawings of all the special medals allowed to be worn under the Grand Lodge of England. Will those able fraternally assist me to complete the list, that my work may be fully accurate? W. J. HUGHAN.

LONDON LODGES.

- Lodge 11, Enoch.
- " 15, Old Kent.
- " 30, United Mariners.
- " 96, Burlington.
- " 99, Shakespeare.
- " 134, Caledonian.

COUNTRY LODGES.

- Lodge 47, Newstead, Nottingham.
- " 94, Phoenix, Sunderland.
- " 120, Palladian, Hereford.
- " 140, St. George's, Greenwich.

ABROAD.

- Lodge 356, Island of St. Thomas, Jamaica.
- " 390, Sydney, New South Wales.

AN OLD WORK.

In reply to "Bro. J. W. T." I beg to say that commercially the value of the book he mentions is about forty shillings, more or less. Holland's works, though not unvalued by booksellers and book collectors, are not of any very great value or rarity. Holland was a voluminous translator, and perhaps one of his most valuable books is his translation of Pliny's "Natural History." This was my first idea when I saw "Bro. J. W. T.'s" query, and on enquiry from an "expert," I find that it is just as I have stated above, and the price is of his valuation. Fuller in his "Worthies" has this annotation: "Philemus Holland," where born to me unknown, was bred in Trinity College, Cambridge, a Doctor in Physic, and fixed himself in Coventry. He was the translator-general of his age, so that the books alone of his turning into English will make a country gentleman a competent library for translations; so much that some one has said,

Holland with his translations so doth fill us,
He will not leave Suetonius tranquilus."

A. F. A. W.

JACHIN AND BOAZ.

I am sorry to differ with Bro. Hughan, but we must "agree to differ." He is not affected by my arguments, I am not convinced by his. I am glad to hear that he accepts now the fifth edition of 1764, and perhaps some day he may come to the conclusion that old Oliver was right after all. I am not displeased to find myself with Oliver, Mackey, and Walter Spencer, in upholding the reality of the old doctor's original averment. I have been too often deceived by title pages to set much store by the mere absence of distinctness there. As I remarked before, the edition of 1799 might on the same grounds be adjudged to be a second edition, as it is only termed "a new edition," though reference is made to a "plate" of 1766. Even in an edition published at Maidstone in 1819, the plate being by Walter Adlard, Doctor's Commons, we only find "a new and improved edition." I note that Bro. Hughan was previously aware of the 1767 edition. I confess my ignorance of it, though I have searched everywhere for editions of the book, and I have never seen it even alluded to previously. Kloss knew nothing of it, just as Oliver knew nothing of it. But be that as it may, as the old parson, I "stick to my text" that the "onus probandi" rests upon those who wish to disprove Oliver's date of 1750, and that it is not sufficient to say that an edition was printed in 1762, which does not profess to be a second edition, unless we know its exact history. It may have been a pirated and surreptitious reprint. The statement of Bro. Walter Spencer so far has not been disproved, that he saw an edition of 1762. If that edition can be found, "cedit questio."

ED. F.M.

I do not quite understand what Bro. Hughan means in his last notes "as original editions." He evidently thinks the epithet important, as he italicises it. But does the word actually occur in the title page? or does Bro. Hughan only mean that as nothing to the contrary appears there, he takes the edition of 1762 to be the original edition? I hope we may soon see a careful transcript of the 1762 title page. As this 1767 edition has turned up unexpectedly, and unknown to most Masonic book collectors, it is, to my mind, just possible that a 1750 edition may yet also turn up.

A MASONIC BOOK COLLECTOR.

[Bro. Walter Spencer, whose attention had been called to the progress of this little controversy, sends us a communication, as below, which places the matter very fairly and forcibly before our readers.—Ed. F.M.]

"If, as would appear from Bro. Hughan's letter, two copies of "Jachin and Boaz" exist, with the imprint "original edition," 1762, it would favour the view that an impression or impressions had been earlier issued. Otherwise I cannot see a motive for a publisher characterising an edition as "original." It would seem as though meant to uphold or to counteract some fraud in these issues.

But if the words "original edition" do not appear in the title page, that of 1762 may then claim to be the first edition, until an earlier one can actually be found. That might happen some day, but until then the advantage of actual proof seems to be with Bros. Hughan, Carson, and Bower."

W. SPENCER.

LONG LIVERS.

Who Eugenius Philalethes was, (the writer of this book), is so far, I believe, not exactly known. He says that he had written the "Treatise on the Plague," and was "F.R.S.," if that statement be true. Can any one tell me anything about the "Treatise on the Plague?" It may be found in the British Museum. I apprehend that the reason why the writer used the name Eugenius Philalethes is plain. Under that name Thomas Vaughan, the old mystic and Hermetic, who was born in 1615, had written, and as there was a story current among Hermetics that he was living, and always present at the great meeting of the Hermetics annually, this writer ingeniously put his name to perpetuate the myth. Or he may have given himself the name, as Hermetics sometimes did. Had Thomas Vaughan been alive he would have been 107. If any brother can give me a clue to the "History of the Plague," by the same writer, I shall be obliged.

ED. M. M.

PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

LIEUT.-COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.,
Prov. G.W. of England,
Representative from the Grand Lodge of Ireland,
R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE will be held at the NEW ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TEDDINGTON, on Saturday, JULY 31st, at 2.30 p.m.
Banquet at Five o'clock. Tickets, One Guinea each, to be obtained of the PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.
By Command of the Prov. G. Master,
H. C. LEVANDER,
Prov. G. Secretary.
30, North Villas, Camden Square,
July 20th, 1880.

GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE R.W. BRO. W. W. BEACH, M.P.,
PROV. G. MASTER.
THE W. BRO. W. HICKMAN,
D. PROV. G. MASTER.

The GRAND LODGE of this PROVINCE will assemble by command of the R.W. PROV. G. MASTER at ANDOVER, on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of AUGUST, at 1.30 p.m., and be closed tyled punctually at two o'clock p.m. The Brethren will meet at the TOWN HALL, where the Provincial business will be transacted.

The Banquet will take place at 3.30 p.m. precisely, at the FORESTERS' HALL. The Tickets will be Five Shillings each, exclusive of Wine.

In order to insure the comfort of every one who attends, the W.M.'s of Lodges are earnestly requested to send (addressed to the Prov. G. Sec., Southampton) the names of all who propose to join the Banquet, not later than Saturday morning, the 31st July.

The attendance of Visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the R.W. Prov. G. Master,
J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.M.,
Prov. G. Sec.

Southampton, 17th July, 1880.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE OF MASONRY.

ROSE OF SHARON ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 6,
PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

CHAPTER HOUSE, 77½, BISHOPSGATE STREET.

The Chapter will be opened as a Lodge of Instruction every Tuesday evening in July, commencing on the 6th, when the Degrees of the Chapter—Five and Six—will be worked, and to which Royal Arch Masons are invited. On subsequent Tuesdays the remaining Degrees—Seven to Eleven—will be worked, and holders of these or corresponding Degrees under other Rites are admitted on application.

Chapter will be opened at 7.30 p.m. and close at 9 punctually.

Information as to advancement in the Degrees of this Rite may be obtained at the Chapter House as above.

JAMES HILL, 32^d, Sec.

To Correspondents.

The EDITOR of the *Freemason* will be much obliged if any Spanish brother will put himself in communication with 198, Fleet-street, for the purpose of translating a Spanish official Masonic letter.

The following stand over:—
Pattison Chapter, No. 913.
Equality Chapter, No. 1145.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Hull Packet," "Who are the Scotch?" "Grand Council of Royal Super-Excellent and Select Masters of Pennsylvania," "Keystone," "Der Long Islaender," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Masonic Record of Western India," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Citizen," "Liberal Freemason," "Masonic Advocate," "Croydon Guardian," "The Western Morning News," "The Macclesfield Courier and Herald," "Journals and Journalism: with a Guide for Literary Beginners."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1880.

As we are all scattering for summer, some of us off to the Rhine and Switzerland, Brittany and Homburg, as many of us are wending our way towards Wales, or Scotland, or the Lakes, and not a few are hastening to Ryde, Folkestone, Harrogate, Scarborough and many other health resorts or spots of rest, so needful alike for brain work and prosperous business, we venture to address a few lines specially to-day to our worthy but temporarily disunited brotherhood. We hope that when we all meet again in the "little village," if we are destined in God's Providence to do so, to occupy ourselves with Masonic work or charitable exertions, we shall have all forgotten the "episodes" which have for the last few months somewhat marred the harmony and interfered with the comfort of metropolitan Masonry. It is often altogether unaccount-

able in this world why we quarrel with or disagree with one another, whether in public or domestic life. A fit of indigestion, a visitation of the "blues," corporeal pains and mental worries often render us all a little less amiable than is our wont. Few men are "blessed" with an habitual bad temper, though the "bear with a sore head" is not an abnormal figure even in Masonry. But every now and then, for some cause or another, plain or mysterious, a sort of "sirocco," whose amiable qualities all Mediterranean travellers can call to mind, comes over individuals, families, and corporate bodies, exemplified in much bad temper and personal feeling. We as Freemasons have been suffering in the metropolis for a little given space from a similar display of unwholesome and unpleasant "humours," which have not made things run smoothly, but, on the contrary, have set some of us "rather considerably across." Whether it was the peculiar proceedings at the nomination of Grand Treasurer, or the "Ritual agitation," or the unaccountable feeling developed by the purchase of Lyncombe House—one of the wisest purchases ever made by a Committee—we know not; but all of a sudden, for some reason, or no reason, a tone and temper, mingled with much acerbity of speech and gossip, were exhibited amongst us, which culminated in the hitherto unheard of proposal, for no alleged cause, to unseat the whole House Committee of the Girls' School. And so this state of things has gone on, "vires acquirit eundo," like a good many worldly matters, until we know as a fact that many worthy brethren were openly talking of withdrawing from scenes, alike un-Masonic and unmeaning, derogatory to the character of gentlemen, and undermining the prestige of Freemasonry. The energetic remarks of the Grand Treasurer, as Chairman of the meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on Wednesday week, when appealing for support in endeavouring to put a stop to needless criticism and obstructive proceedings, were met with such an hearty, energetic, and unmistakable response, that we hope an end at last has come to a state of things which all zealous Masons most earnestly deplore. When we return to work and sociality in October and November next, let then all these petty differences be forgotten; let us all heartily unite in the Grand design of Freemasonry, being happy ourselves, and communicating happiness to others. A little thunderstorm often clears the air and sky, and it is just possible that all that has taken place may render the union of countless excellent Freemasons more firm and fast, in an united endeavour to develop the benefits of Freemasonry, to uphold Masonic courtesy, kindness, and toleration, and to advance the interests of our great and excellent metropolitan Charities.

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WE, none of us, are infallible, and the *Freemason* is not exempt from the little weaknesses incident to a public press at all times, and, above all, to human nature. We are often in this world apt to exaggerate the bearing of particular incidents, and the meaning of special movements. We often speak hastily, judge severely, and forget that there are, after all, two sides to every question in earthly matters. As Freemasons we are bound to be specially tolerant of the opinions of others, and considerate of their views, giving them credit for good intentions, even when we differ from them most strongly and widely. There is a tendency just now in all journalism, of which we may note a thousand instances daily, to be both dogmatic and peremptory, forgetting that what seems so very clear to us may not appear equally so to others. The *Freemason*, like all other journals, general or Masonic, in the expression of opinion is often coloured and dominated by passing episodes or preponderating influences, and it is just possible that in some recent remarks, "de omnibus rebus, et quibusdam aliis," it may have seemed to some too unbending in its assertion of its own views on the subject in discussion. Indeed, we have heard it whispered that some have said it was becoming "too dictatorial." We can only repeat to-day what we have often expressed before, that if we

have spoken forcibly it was because we felt strongly. But, as we by no means wish to prolong servedly about this or about that, it matters not what, we gladly withdraw anything which may really have annoyed any of our readers who did not agree with our plain spoken words. Not that we have changed our opinion about anything that has taken place or anything we have written, or withdrawn anything that we have expressed, but we wish to be thoroughly Masonic in tone, temper, and teaching. There are certain things and facts about which the *Freemason* is bound to speak always honestly and distinctly, without mealy-mouthedness, without exaggeration, or its utility and mission would soon be at an end. But if any of our words are supposed to be dictated by personal feelings or still rankle in the minds of any as too severe, we hasten to assure them that nothing of the kind entered into the ideas of the writer, but that all such remarks, if apparently somewhat strongly worded, were so simply because at the time we sincerely believed that such language was needful, whether for friendly caution or kindly warning. We hope that our remarks will not be misconstrued, but will be accepted as a fresh declaration of those honest and truly Masonic principles of thought and action which have so laudably marked the onward and prosperous course of the *Freemason*.

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MANY of our excellent fraternity are on the eve, probably, of a short foreign trip, and so we venture from personal experience to offer them a little homely and seasonable advice in all fraternal friendship, to enable them, as we trust, thoroughly to enjoy their holiday trip, wherever fate or fancy may lead them. Englishmen and Englishwomen often complain that they find difficulties in foreign countries, and that the laws are despotic, that their liberty is interfered with, that they do not get money's worth for money spent, that they meet with incivility and want of attention, and the like. A few simple rules will, however, we venture to think, remove the possibility of any such hindrances to a pleasant and cheerful holiday trip abroad, and such we venture to bring, in all deference and good will, to the notice of our indulgent readers. The first is, never discuss politics or religion with chance travellers, unless you have reason to believe that, like yourselves, they are simply "citizens of the world," travelling in pursuit of health, amusement, information, or relaxation. The next is, never do anything abroad which you would not think of doing at home. A third is, always obey the laws of the country which becomes for a time the place of your residence, or affords you its protection. A fourth is, always be in good humour, and do not lose your temper either with the thousand and one little miseries of human life, or the inevitable mischances of the railway, or diligence, or "vetturino." Once more, measure your expenses according to your means, and do not seek or expect to get large rooms or extra service for little or nothing, as many people seem to do. For instance, some good folks order a "premier" at an hotel abroad, and then complain bitterly of the expense. Foreigners themselves are generally very frugal in their travelling outlay, and all such expenses, remember, are well known and measured beforehand. So, again, as to meals—if you wish to have them in your private room, you must expect to pay dearly for them, because such an arrangement is abnormal in almost all places abroad, where everything is arranged for the "Table d'Hôte." If, as a rule, you put up with what you can fairly claim you will do very well. You may, of course, find exorbitant landlords and uncivil attendants, but they are the exception, not the rule. The properly liberal hand, the kindly temper, the cheery manner, and the smiling face will prove often a prevailing "passport," when the grumbler, and the growler, and the exacting are put on one side altogether. We trust, therefore, that some of our kind readers will take these friendly hints of ours in all good part, and they can reckon on a pleasant tour in other lands, far or near; and when they return to Maiden Vale, Sydenham, Sunbury, Bayswater, or South Kensington, they will astonish their dear friends,

heated or obsolete discussions, if any think that our editorial utterances have been given too unre-
"the Browns," as well as the "natives," (we do not allude to oysters), by the roseate report they will be able to give of the comfort, interest, and agreeability of a little foreign trip.

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We understand that at the recent meeting of the Alliance Lodge, which was a notable gathering, a handsomely-embazoned address was presented to the W.M., Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, expressive of the congratulations and attachment of his brethren. Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON has been unanimously re-elected W.M.

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.]

COLLECTOR ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As one of the candidates for the post of collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the recent election, I beg to take exception to the remarks in one of your leaders, in last week's *Freemason*, in which it is stated that "Bro. John Mason was elected by a considerable majority." This is not correct. At the first show of hands, I had the pleasure of receiving the highest number of votes, viz., eighteen, a second vote was then taken, the result being that Bro. Mason, received sixteen, myself fourteen, and Bro. Speight, seven. Bro. John Mason was then declared elected, but I do not consider this fair, as a third ballot ought to have been taken, between myself and Bro. Mason, so that the successful candidate might have been elected by a majority of those members of the Committee that were then present. Whereas in reality he did not have the majority of votes at the board, his supporters being sixteen, those for Bro. Speight and myself twenty-one, the most remarkable part of the voting concerning myself was, that, as I have already stated, at the first show of hands, I received the highest number of any of the candidates, but a few minutes after this, only fourteen of the brethren favoured me with their support. What caused the other four to change their minds is a matter I cannot understand.

Trusting you will oblige me by inserting this letter in your next issue,

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
WILLIAM WORRELL.

FREEMASONRY IN THE CITY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

In the report in your last issue of the proceedings at the Alliance Lodge, 1827, I notice that the W.M., Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, said: "I have searched the Masonic records from the time of Walworth, and cannot find that any Lord Mayor has ever made a visit in state to a Masonic lodge."

As such a statement by one holding so distinguished a position in the Craft, and who, therefore, may be presumed to have easy access to its most authentic and reliable records, is calculated to mislead the casual reader, and those numerous brethren who have joined the Order within the past five years, and have not enjoyed the advantages of perusing its previous records, allow me to point out that in every London newspaper of March 22, and in the *Freemason* of March 27, 1875, there is an account of a grand entertainment to the then Lord Mayor (Bro. David Stone) and Sheriffs of London by the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at the Cannon-street Hotel. It appears that a great number of Grand Officers were present on the occasion, and amongst them Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton himself.

This is said to have been the largest assemblage of Freemasons ever known in the City of London. We are all making history, which is sufficient reason for my troubling you with these few remarks.

Yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN HERVEY, P.G.S., AND "THE LODGE OF UNIONS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe that in the deeply interesting memoir of our late dear Bro. John Hervey, the able writer, Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, appeals to our mutual friend Bro. Henry Greene, who (together with his son, Bro. T. A. Greene, Bro. Ravey, and myself) represented the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, at the funeral at Norwood Cemetery, on the 7th inst., for the date at which our late brother became a "joining" member of our old lodge.

The minute books of the lodge, from 1785 to 1874, being in my custody, I may, perhaps, be allowed to furnish that information, and a few other facts, through the medium of your columns.

I find that our late Bro. John Hervey visited the Lodge of Unions (then meeting at the Exeter Hall Hotel, Strand) on the 18th November, 1845, and that he was duly elected a "joining" member.

After an interval of only two months, he was, on the 20th January, 1846, appointed Junior Warden, and on the 19th January, 1847, he was appointed Senior Warden. On the 18th January, 1848, by the unanimous vote of the lodge, he was installed Worshipful Master, the duties of which office he discharged in so admirable a manner that he was re-elected to the chair for a second year, on the 17th January, 1849.

Again, on the 1st January, 1866, he was for the third time placed in the chair, upon which occasion the minute book records that he addressed the lodge thus: "That having been for the third time installed Master of this lodge, and this time falling on New Year's Day, it had occurred to him

that he should like to mark the event by making a New Year's gift to the lodge. He desired, therefore, that the lodge would be pleased to accept three ebony and ivory gavels, which he then presented."

It was resolved "That the thanks of the lodge be recorded to the W.M. for this handsome present, and further that a suitable inscription be engraven on the gavels."

These gavels will continue to be used in the Lodge of Unions, and not only serve to keep the memory of the donor fresh in the minds of the older members, but will, I trust, prove an incentive to future officers to emulate, at however great a distance, the example of the great and good Mason to whose generosity we were indebted for them, and who was so much beloved among us in life, and so sincerely lamented in death.

The minute book further records that on the 3rd December, 1866, it was resolved unanimously (a Past Master's jewel having been voted to Bro. Hervey in 1849) "That in consequence of the regard and esteem in which the W.M., Bro. John Hervey (Past Grand Deacon), is held by all the brethren, and the great exertions he has at all times evinced towards the prosperity and well-working of the lodge, a silver salver of the value of not less than ten guineas be presented to him."

As a member of the Lodge of Unions, so closely allied to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, I think we may point to the latter lodge, and with regard to Bro. John Hervey, use the epitaph applied to Sir Christopher Wren at St. Paul's, "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
K. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256.

GUILDS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In writing to you I have not the intention to lose myself in the mazes of controversy about Sir C. Wren having been a member of our Craft or not, I merely wish to draw your attention to the ancient guild of Freemasons, as enumerated amongst other guilds in a History of London edited by W. G. Fearnside and Thomas Harrald, and published by Orr and Co., 1838.

Presuming Sir C. Wren not having been a member of our Order, may he not have been a member of that guild, and for this reason has been called a "Freemason" as members of other guilds still call themselves by the name of the guild they belong to? If that guild of "Freemasons," is still in existence, or if there are any records of its former members, perhaps the name of Sir C. Wren may be found amongst them.

I know this would not settle the question, but may bring it a little nearer to the point one way or the other. Excuse my writing, and thereby, adding to your troubles as editor of the *Freemason*.

Believe me, with fraternal regards, yours faithfully,
J. W. BREILLING, P.M. 192, &c.

Ober Esslingen, July 14.

P.S. Those guilds were also called "fraternities," had "their arts and mysteries," and they were freed from having any of the King's household &c., quartered upon them, &c.

[Sir Christopher Wren was not a member of the "Masons' Company," though he may have been a member of the society mentioned by Ashmole.—Ed. F.M.]

PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Though possibly one of the moving spirits in founding the Punjab Masonic Institution as it now exists, I cannot lay claim to all the credit. As far back as 1864 I originated a scheme somewhat similar, and carried on a long correspondence on the subject in a local Masonic journal (the name has escaped recollection); this proved an utter failure. The idea was, however, taken up by the members of Hope and Perseverance Lodge, No. 782, Lahore, and a fund for the education of the children of Freemasons, members of that lodge, was formed, and I think I am correct in stating that one or more children received benefit from it. In 1870 or '71, when I joined the lodge, some of the old Past Masters, amongst whom were conspicuous W. Bros. Ball, Stewart, Davis, and others, thought that a permanent institution might be formed out of this small fund, and after numerous meetings, consultations, and, I may add, failures, the Institution was formed on its existing basis. Thus the credit must be shared by many members of Hope and Perseverance Lodge, though, as Deputy District Grand Master and, I think, W.M. of the lodge, at the same time, it fell to my lot to bring the matter before the Craft through the District Grand Lodge, and to beg for it that support which the province has so nobly accorded.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY BASEVI, Colonel,
Past Deputy Grand Master Punjab, and
P. Prov. Grand Reg. Gloucestershire.

BRO. COUCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Secretary of the St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, writes that Charles W. Couch, mentioned in my former letter, was initiated therein in 1864, since which time he has paid no dues, and that it appears from communications made to the lodge, that he is itinerating the country, and that his wife and family live at Devonport, and receive no support from him. Cannot some united action be devised whereby these itinerant pests can be checked?

The shillings annually wasted on them would add much to our Charities.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
JAS. EARDLEY MASON,
Oxford, 20th July. J.W. 1600.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Almoners are warned against a man giving the name of Charles W. Couch, who states he was initiated in the St. Aubyn, No. 954, and afterwards joined the Royal Clarence, No. 68, at Bristol.

His favourite tale is that he has obtained a situation as clerk in some distant town and requires money for his railway fare thither.

Yours fraternally,
JAS. EARDLEY MASON,
Alford, 15th July. J.D. Hamilton, No. 1600.

QUESTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly give me some information on the two following points:

1. Is a District or Provincial Grand Master, *ipso facto*, a Grand Lodge Officer?

2. At a lodge banquet when the toast of the Grand Officers is given, should a District or Provincial Grand Officer or an actual Grand Lodge Officer be called upon to respond supposing, as is often the case, that one or more of each class be present?

Owing to some recent events, much discussion has arisen on the above subject, and you would be really doing many members of the Craft a great service by giving a decisive opinion upon the matter in dispute.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours obediently and fraternally,
BAYARD.

1. Yes, by the Table of Precedents in the Book of Constitutions, p. 16-17.

2. The Provincial or District Grand Officer, according to the seniority of appointment.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having seen the Lord Mayor's letter upon this subject in the *Freemason* of Saturday last, which originally appeared in the *Times*, I feel sure that his lordship will forgive my adding a few words in explanation of one point to which he refers, because, although £40,000 is the actual amount at present contributed towards the erection of the cathedral, I think it should be known that that sum represents but a small portion of the total amount provided by voluntary liberality for the requirements of the diocese.

It should be remembered that when it was deemed necessary to divide the diocese of Exeter and reconstitute the ancient bishopric in Cornwall, the only available money for the purpose consisted of £800 a year surrendered from the income of the Bishop of Exeter.

The endowment of the new bishopric and a residence for the bishop had to be provided, as well as a cathedral church. The county of Cornwall is poor and sparsely inhabited, containing no large towns. Its population and mineral resources have decreased considerably of late years; and had it not been for the munificence of one lady, there would have been little or no prospect of the object being attained.

Lady Rolle's magnificent donation of £40,000, added to the £800 a year already mentioned, and supplemented by £30,000 provided by voluntary efforts, made up the modest income of £3000 a year for our diocesan. The £40,000 collected for the building is additional to the other sums I have named.

It will thus be seen that during the last three or four years £110,000 (of which £1000 was contributed by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught) has been collected, mostly within the limits of the old diocese—a sum which would have been sufficient to complete a cathedral, had that alone been required.

It seems to be only fair that those who are invited to assist in this work should know how much has been done by the inhabitants of Devon and Cornwall, and possibly some wealthy friends of the Church may, by substantial aid, be glad to secure the completion of the building in this generation, and to have their names associated, as Lady Rolle's will ever be, with the erection of the first cathedral founded in England, in connection with the national Church, during the last six centuries.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
MOUNT EDGCUMBE,
Chairman of Cathedral Committee.
Mount Edgcumbe, Devonport, July 16th.

Review.

JOURNALS AND JOURNALISM: WITH A GUIDE FOR LITERARY BEGINNERS. By JOHN OLDCASTLE. Field and Tuer, Ye Leadenhale Presse, London, E.C.

This little work comes to us in such a quaint dress of paper, print, and binding, that, despite the merits it possesses as a literary production, we cannot refrain from first noticing its typographical excellence. The publishers are well known as "antique" printers, and the best examples we have seen of the "Old Masters" revived have come from "Ye Leadenhale Presse." They have made it a speciality, and in all their re-productions a love of printing as an art has been manifested in every page. The paper, antique initials, the type, even to the one advertisement of an equally delightful book which appears at the end is perfect in its antique appearance, and the binder has seconded the efforts of the printer in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired.

We can recommend the work not only to aspiring youths—those "mute inglorious" Dickens's, Thackeray's, and Macaulay's—who desire to take their place among the writers of the day, but to all who are in any way connected with the fourth estate. From "the way to begin" the author leads the reader through the important pounds, shillings, and pence question to the editor's chair—entering into every detail, from the knowledge of stenography to the acquirements necessary for him to take his proper place in the republic of letters. Added to this is a chapter on literary copyright; a new version of the ten commandments, which we commend to the notice of all writers, whether amateur or professional; and a dictionary of the periodical press, with a fac-simile autograph of many of the editors.

The future meetings of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scurvy and eruptions, which had resisted all other modes of treatment and gradually become worse from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and Purifying Pills, which root out the diseases from the blood itself, and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the Nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always be safely applied by any ordinary attendant.—[ADVT.]

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.)—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine presiding, supported by Bros. J. Todd, P.M., as S.W.; G. Balmford, P.M., as J.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M., Secretary; C. G. Padel, M.O.; G. Garbutt, S.O.; M. Millington, J.O.; A. T. B. Turner, S.D.; R. Walker, as J.D.; J. Church, as I.G.; and other members.

The Secretary read a letter of thanks from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire in response to a telegram forwarded by him to Lincoln last month on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Chas. Harrison, M.D., as R.W. Prov. G.M.M. Mason of that province. The W.M. said he had received a courteous invitation to be present at the consecration of the Fleming Mark Lodge at Newark on the 9th prox. He regretted that he could not attend, but trusted some of the brethren of the lodge would be able to be there. The Secretary read letters from Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, S.W., and J. S. Cumberland, J.W., explaining their absence from causes over which they had no control. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., then brought forward a subject of which he had given notice, namely the condition of Mark Masonry in the district of North and East Yorkshire. He said that some time ago he had moved in the direction of the formation of a Mark province for N. and E. Yorkshire, but the Hull Mark lodges were opposed to the scheme, which had fallen through. He was now more than ever convinced that some steps should be taken in the direction of placing the lodges in the province under some form of provincial government. It would, he was satisfied, greatly tend to the advancement of the Degree to give active brethren an opportunity of obtaining the reward of merit in the shape of provincial honours, which they did not at present possess. He admitted that a province consisting of four lodges (the present number in N. and E. Yorkshire) was not strong, though quite as strong as many others now in flourishing existence, and he was of opinion that the best plan that could be adopted would be for those four lodges to petition the Grand Mark Lodge to extend the present Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire over the whole county, so as to form a powerful province of the whole of Yorkshire. Many advantages would thereby be secured, not the least being that provincial office would under such circumstances be much better worth having than in weak provinces, where about every other Mark Mason wore provincial clothing. Moreover, a province of such dimensions would have some chance of doing something for the Charities, whereas a newly-formed and weak province would probably be in a financially crippled condition for years. He concluded some lengthy remarks by moving "That in the opinion of this lodge the time has arrived for considering the question of the status of Mark Masonry in North and East Yorkshire, and of the desirability of attaching the lodges to the Province of West Yorkshire, in order to form one province for the whole county of Yorkshire, and that the Secretary be empowered to call a meeting at York, at an early date, of the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Secretaries of Mark lodges in the district, in order to decide upon a course of action in reference thereto." This resolution was seconded and strongly supported by Bro. J. Todd, P.M., Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., and other brethren, and carried unanimously; a letter also being read from Bro. Cumberland, entirely approving of the same. Bro. J. Todd then moved, and the J.O. (Bro. Millington) seconded a resolution, which also was carried unanimously—"That so far as this lodge is concerned it is strongly in favour of obtaining the sanction of the Grand Mark Lodge of England to be attached to the Province of West Yorkshire." A candidate for advancement was proposed, and the lodge was closed at 8.30 p.m.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. There were present Bros. R. Robinson, P.G. Sword Bearer, W.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.G. Org., S.W.; W. F. Lamonby, P.M., P.G. Sec., as J.W.; K. W. Robinson, M.O.; T. C. Robinson, S.O.; H. Peacock, J.G.; J. Hewson, Tyler. The only business was the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, when, on a ballot being taken, the choice of the brethren unanimously fell on Bro. Capt. Sewell, P.G. Reg., J.W., who, being present with his regiment at the militia camp, could not attend. It was resolved, subsequent to the approval of the W.M. elect, to hold the installation in September, on the same day as the Provincial Grand Lodge holds its annual meeting.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 4).—A very successful meeting in connection with this old chapter was held at Golden-square on the 9th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. W. Coffin, 30°, M.W.S.; C. H. Driver, 31°, P.M.W.S., acting H.P. in the absence of Comp. Ace, 31°, D.D.; D. Nicols, 30°, 1st General, M.W.S. elect; W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.S., acting 2nd General; F. Curlier, Raphael; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; J. O. Wood, Captain of Guards; A. Williams, 30°, Organist; T. C. Walls, D.C.; Hyde Pullen, 33°, P.M.W.S. (hon. member); Raynham W. Stewart, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, Joyce Murray, G. Graveley, J. E. Anderson, C. W. Tayleur, B. F. Cramer, and G. Berkeley. The visitors were Ill. Bros. F. W. Ramsey, M.D., 30°, and J. Read, 30°. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Browne Kidder was duly "perfected" by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. Nicols was then presented by Ill. Bro. Charles Driver, and installed as a M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Coffin, the ceremony being ably performed. The officers appointed were Bros. the Rev. Dr. Ace, H.P. (by deputy); F. Curlier, 1st General; J. O. Wood, 2nd General; Alfred Wilkins, G.M.; T. C. Walls, Raphael; W. Paas, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; F. W. Driver, C. of G.; C. W. Tayleur, Organist; and R. Berridge, D.C. The chapter was then closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royale, where an excellent and elegantly-served banquet awaited them. The customary toasts followed. "The Health of the M.W.S." was warmly proposed by Ill. Bro.

Coffin. The M.W.S., having acknowledged the compliment, gave briefly but pertinently "The Newly-Perfected Brother." This pledge having been cordially drunk, Ex. Bro. Kidder, in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed his obligations to the members of the Mount Calvary Chapter for the distinction they had that evening conferred upon him. In concluding his remarks he said that he was particularly struck with the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed. The toast of "The Past M.W.S.'s" came next in order, and was acknowledged by Ill. Bro. Coffin upon behalf of himself and colleagues. The toasts of "The Visitors," "The Treasurer and Recorder," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession, and were duly replied to by the brethren thus honoured. The proceedings, which were highly successful throughout, then terminated.

Literary and Antiquarian Notes.

From the memorials of T. G. Faussett, Parker, and Co., which has been dubbed a "delightful little volume," several very interesting extracts might be made. Here are some of the verses, for instance, sent to Dean Alford at his country house to let him know that no chapter meeting need be held that week:

"Hæc Decano dat Auditor—
Cede Jovi vitulum!
Tibi non est opus iter;—
Nobis non Capitulum.
Domi resque ubique vigent;
Arva stant valentia;
Silent cuncta quæ fatigent
Cantuariensia.

Contra venti sunt brumales
(Audi—quanta vox ei?)
Si non æquinoctiales,
Saltem æque noxii."

The *Artist* says that what is, for its size, probably the most valuable piece of furniture extant has just been inherited by the present Duke of Portland. This is a *bouheur du jour* table, 2ft. wide, 18in. deep, and 2ft. 9in. high, of which the top, frieze, and back are overlaid with old Sèvres plaques, and the mounts very highly chased and gilt. It was valued for probate at 10,000 guineas, and paid for at that valuation.

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. will publish very shortly a biography of Etienne Dolt, the scholar, poet, and printer of Lyons, who was burnt as an atheist in 1546. Mr. J. P. Anderson, of the British Museum Library, is about to publish, through Messrs. W. Satchell and Co., a classified catalogue of the topographical books in that library relating to Great Britain and Ireland. This will be the first classified catalogue yet published of any section of books of our national library.

The *Revue Critique* states that a congress of Polish historians will meet at Cracow on the 19th inst., on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the death of the famous annalist Dlugosz. Messrs. F. Müller and Co., of Amsterdam, announce as in course of publication the account of the journey and discoveries in the interior of Sumatra of the expedition which was undertaken in 1877-9 under the auspices of the Dutch Geographical Society. Mr. Alfred Tylor is enlarging and completing his important papers on the principle of coloration in nature, and its applicability to architecture, which he read before the Anthropological Institute and the Royal Institute of British Architects this session. The Russian Government proposes to found an archaeological institute in Greece. Meanwhile it has sent Professor Sokolow and M. Ernstädt and Latyschew on a mission to Athens, the first-named for four months and the two latter for two years.

Mr. Varley's Egyptian Sketches, exhibiting at 7, Haymarket, present an amount of blue sky that is somewhat dazzling to us who dwell under the murky clouds of London, and it is a relief to turn to the one or two pictures taken under an evening light, and to the views of Gibraltar, drawn by Mr. Varley on his voyage out, which are added to the collection. Two of these show the magnificent rock rising like a wall out of the water. The Egyptian sketches have all the air of being accurate copies of fact, and that it is gives them their chief interest, though they are by no means wanting in pictorial composition. We have here several streets in Cairo, crowded with picturesque figures, and backed by the needle-like turrets of a mosque, the houses often projected forward storey by storey till they almost met at the top, reminding us of our own streets two hundred years ago. Then there are sketches of the broad, low Bedouen tents, which look as though they would cause suffocation even in a moderate climate, and appear so totally unsuited to hot desert life; the green palm trees, a pleasant change from the dry, sandy plains; and the quaint shipping of the Nile bringing us back again to the busy haunts of men.

According to the *Academy*, the delegates of the University Press, Oxford, have accepted Dr. G. Vigfússon's offer to edit for them a *Corpus Poeticum* of the Old North-land literature of the classic period. It is intended to be complete down to the 12th century, and will, it is hoped, be a useful substitute for the small library of books of varying authority with which students of the different schools of Norse poetry have hitherto been obliged to provide themselves. In one volume, besides the later Icelandic Court poetry—always remarkable for its form, and frequently valuable for the historical facts it furnishes—we shall have the far more beautiful and interesting, sacred, dramatic, and epic poetry of the Viking ages (much of which Dr. Vigfússon believes to have been composed in the British Isles), as well as the more purely Teutonic verse of the Scandinavian mother countries, and such of the later mediæval book-poetry as falls within the classic age.

Popular Gallic dramatic authors get a substantial annuity from the Paris Théâtre Français. During the last six years M. Alexandre Dumas received altogether for the royalties on his plays £8880; M. Victor Hugo obtained £8400; M. Emile Augier £7760; and M. Ercmann-Chatrian £2320.

M. de Pommayrac, the well-known Parisian miniature painter, has died at the age of seventy.

A new French translation of *Hamlet* has been published by M. Theodore Reinach.

Mr. Van der Weyde is showing at his studio in Regent-street a collection of photographs of *tableaux vivants* presented at Cromwell House, taken by his arrangement of the electric light. These *tableaux vivants* were designed by some of our chief painters—Millais, Leslie, Stone, and others—and represent scenes from the Waverley Novels. The photographs, though some are blurred, which must, we presume, be attributed to the unsteadiness of the performers, are for the most part very clear and sharp, and would make a good series of illustrations to the novels.

Messrs Puttick and Simpson have just finished the sale of an extraordinary collection of Rare Books and Important MSS. relating to Spanish America, formed by the late Senor Don José Ramirez, President of the late Emperor Maximilian's first Ministry. Many of the lots realised exceedingly high prices, as those mentioned below will testify. Lot 51, Libros de las Actas del Cabildo de Mexico; An important Collection of Municipal Documents dating from 1520 to 1564, some of which have been printed in the "Boletin Municipal de Mexico," £140.—102 Beristain Biblioteca Espanola, with MSS. Additions, 4 vols. folio, Mexico, 1816-21, £80.—155, Cateca de Vaca. Relacion y comentarios de Alvar Nunez, printed in Valladolid 1555, £32 10s.—164, Noticias de la Nueva California, A Collection of MS. Reports of Missionaries, made in the last century 3 vols. fol., £65.—295, Documentos Historicos sobre Durango, a number of MSS. relating to Durango, collected by Senor Ramirez, £30 10s.—305, Gerson (Juan) Tripartito del Christianissimo, Mexico, por Juan Cromberger, 1544 (one of the rarest productions of Cromberger's Mexican Press), £54.—384, Guillelmo, El Pelegrino de la Vida Humana, Tolosa, 1490, most interesting from its resemblance to Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, £80.—405, A Collection of Documents relating to the Inquisition of Mexico, from 1571 to 1802, £76.—406, Instituta Ordinis B. Francisci, Mexico, por A. de Spinoza, 1567, £37.—414, Documents relating to the Jesuits in Mexico 1640-1747, £31.—417, History of Jesuit Missions in Mexico, £55.—418, Documents relating to the History of the Jesuits in Mexico, MSS., 7 vols., £115.—470, MSS. of the 17th, 18th, 19th Centuries, relating to the maltreatment of the Indians £53.—473, Manual para Administrar los Sacramentos, Mexico, por Juan Pablos, 1560, £21 10s.—474, Ditto, second edition, Mexico, por P. Ocharte, 1568, £35 10s.—487, Peter Martyr de Orbe Novo, first edition, Compluti, 1530, £51.—540, Mexican Paintings, £56.—545, Vocabulary in Spanish, Latin, and Mexican, MS. of the 16th century, £38.—555, Missale Romanum, Mexico, por A. de Espinosa, 1561 (probably unique), £155.—560 to 564, Molina's Works in the Mexican tongue, 1555-578, £141.—609, Ordenanzas y Copilacion de Leyes, Mexico, por Juan Pablos, 1548, £55.—613, Ordenanzas de las Indias (1543-1612), £100.—614, Ordinarium Sacri Ordinis Heremitorum Sancti Augustini, Mexico, 1556, £76.—621, Ortega Descripcion de las Islas Californias, MS. 24 ll. fol., £52.—711, Reales Cédulas, a large collection, both MS. and printed, 24 vols., £76.—729, Relacion y Descripcion de la Provincia del Sancto Evangelio que es de la Orden de S. Francisco en la Nueva Espana, &c., MSS., of the 16th century, 150 leaves, £90.—741, Rieckel, Compendio Breve, &c., Mexico, Juan Cromberger, 1544, £41.—762, Sermones en Mexicano, an original MS. of the 16th century, on paper made by the Indians from the agave, with notes by the celebrated Mexican Jesuit, Father Sahagun, £210.—782, Viages Apostolicos en California de los Religiosos de Propaganda Fide por Frates Serra y Crespi, MSS., 317 leaves, £71.—835, Gilberti, Doctrina Christiana en la lengua de Michoacan, Mexico, Juan Pablos, 1559, £91.—836, Gilberti, Tesoro Spiritual Lengua de Michoacan, Mexico, por A. Spinoza, 1575, £57.—842, Lombardo, Arte de la Lengua Teguisma, Mexico, 1702, £40.—849, Spanish documents relating to Texas, £43.—851, Guerra de Mexico contra Texas, a series of official and confidential documents, £105.—885, Veracruce Recognitio Summularum, with the Dialectica Resolutio (only two or three copies of this edition known to exist), Mexico, por Juan Pablos, 1554, £71.—888, Veracruce, Physica Speculatio (printed throughout in italic type), Mexico, Juan Pablos, 1557, £75.—900, Vigo Libro o Practica en Cirurgio, and two other very rare Spanish books on medicine, 1547-8, £50.—918, Misiones del Norte y de Yucatan, an important series of MS. Jesuit relations, &c., relating to the Northern provinces of Mexico in the 17th and 18th centuries, in 3 vols., £135.—921, Cordova Arte en Lengua Zapoteca, Mexico, P. Balli, 1578, £50.—928, Zumarraga Doctrina Breve, first edition, Mexico, 1543-1544, £84.—929, Zumarraga Doctrina Christiana, Mexico, 1546, £52.—930, Zumarraga Doctrina Christiana, a later edition, Mexico, Juan Pablos, 1548, £59.—932, Zumarraga Regla Christiana Breve, Mexico, 1547, £42. Many other lots brought equally high prices, and the whole of the Ramirez collection, numbering 934 lots, realised £6395 5s. A large number of the rare books were bought for the British Museum and for the Bodleian Library; a great many were bought by a Spanish nobleman, the possessor of one of the finest libraries in Europe, but the largest buyer (by far) was Mr. Bernard Quaritch, the well-known bookseller of Piccadilly.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The installation meeting of the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, was held on Wednesday last, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, when Bro. Joseph J. Boyle was placed in the chair of K.S. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear in due course.

Lord Hartington received a deputation of natives of India and others, headed by Sir David Wedderburn, M.P., on Thursday last. A memorial on the Vernacular Press Act, the Arms Act, and other legislation affecting the Indian people was presented to Lord Hartington.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Tuesday, the 26th of October, for the installation of the Marquis of Londonderry as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham. The ceremony will take place in the city of Durham, and will be performed either by the Earl of Carnarvon, Provincial Grand Master of England, or Earl Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England. The Prince of Wales, it is believed, will be the guest of the Marquis of Londonderry at Wynyard Park, and will honour the installation with his presence.

It will be seen by reference to our advertisement columns that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex will be held on the 31st inst., at the New Assembly Rooms, Teddington. We understand that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., is to be presented on that occasion with a handsome testimonial, subscribed for by the lodges and brethren of the province. From the high estimation in which the Provincial Grand Master is held we anticipate a very large gathering.

We understand that Bro. S. C. Perkins, Prov. G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and P.G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter, is now in London. He is one of the leading lawyers of Pennsylvania, and a very distinguished Mason.

In our notice of Bro. John Hervey's funeral we omitted to include the names of some members of his mother lodge—the Royal York—who were present on that sad occasion. Several influential members were unavoidably absent, but the following attended: Bros. S. J. Weston, I.P.M.; Raggi, P.M.; and R. E. K. Wilkinson, S.W.

The consecration of the Warren Royal Arch Chapter, No. 533, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Congleton, at 2.30, on Wednesday, August 4th, by the M.E. Prov. G. Supt., the Right Hon. the Lord De Tabley, Grand J., assisted by the Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. J. Perry Godfrey, of Gray's Inn, has been appointed by the Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba a commissioner for taking affidavits in and for the Courts of that province.—*Manitoba Gazette.*

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards of the recent festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday, the 26th inst., at five o'clock p.m., for the purpose of auditing and, if approved, of ordering payments of the accounts in connection therewith, and of deciding as to the disposal of the surplus fund.

The sudden death is announced in London, on Sunday evening, of Lord Kintore. It is stated that his lordship, accompanied by Lady Kintore, left their town residence for a drive, but the carriage had not gone many yards before Lord Kintore showed symptoms of illness. The carriage was turned homewards, and the servants were in the act of carrying his lordship through the hall when he expired in their arms. Deceased was born in 1828. He is succeeded by his eldest son, Lord Inverurie, S.G.W. Scotland, R.W.P.G.M. Kincardine.

Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, Junior Grand Warden, W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge, Lord Mayor of London, was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Middlesex and the City of Westminster.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. Grand Master of Nottinghamshire, to the Lord Lieutenancy of Nottinghamshire, vacant by the death of Lord Belper.

OLD REMAINS IN SOUTHWARK.—On Saturday last discoveries were made by the workmen employed in the excavation of the foundations of the new inn to be built on the site of the old Bricklayers' Arms, situated at the corner of the Old Kent and Bermondsey New roads, which are of no little value to the lovers of antiquities. The site, which is the property of the Corporation of the City of London, has been occupied by an inn bearing the same name for upwards of 600 years, and on sinking down for the new foundations traces of no fewer than four different foundations have been discovered. On Saturday last, at a depth of about 14ft., the workmen engaged on the north site came upon the foundations of what evidently belonged to the first house. These were 5ft. 3in. in thickness, the bricks and mortar being in excellent preservation. On removing these a thick stratum of deers' antlers, some of very large size, and bones were found. Later on, in the part facing the Old Kent-road, the corresponding portion of the foundations was reached, and here what is described as a beautiful necklace was discovered, also a large number of copper and some gold and silver coins. Built in these old foundations were a number of bottles and jugs, evidently of a remote period, and, strange to say, in perfect preservation.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF BELGIAN INDEPENDENCE.—An International Congress of Commerce and Industry will be held in Brussels (from the 6th to the 11th) in connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the independence of Belgium. The King of the Belgians is the patron of the congress, and M. Sainctelette, Minister of Public Works, is its honorary president. The programme states that the object of the congress is to offer to savants, economists, engineers, students of law, commercial men, and artisans of all countries an opportunity for studying in common some of the principal problems raised by the commercial and industrial activity of our time. There will be four sections—that of political economy, that of mercantile law, a scientific section, and a section of industrial arts. The membership of the congress can be acquired by a subscription of 20f. Communications are to be addressed to M. Antoine Dansaert, President of the Committee of Organization, 135, Rue de la Loi, Brussels.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL.—The following is an extract from the Report of the Directors of the South-Eastern Railway Company: "The experiments made by the French engineers after great pains and labour tend to show that the geological measures are not only in the same position but are of the same thickness on each side of the Channel; and the stratum known as the 'Old Gray Chalk' in England, and as the 'Craie de Rouen' in France, is impervious to water, and is without fissures. These are the foundation facts in this interesting question; for if a tunnel can be made without pumping or timbering, and entirely, from side to side, through the gray chalk, then an apparently formidable and even hopeless work becomes matter of close calculation. As the researches of the French engineers confirm the view for years past taken on your behalf—namely, that the proper point of departure for any future tunnel is at the outcrop of the gray chalk on the South-Eastern line between Folkestone and Dover, and not at St. Margaret's Bay to the east of Dover, where the gray chalk, dipping to the northward, does not crop out—your directors have deemed it advisable to make arrangements for a series of important experiments which, so far, have shown favourable results."

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters of England, &c., will be held at 2, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Friday, the 30th inst., at five o'clock in the afternoon. Several candidates are down for admittance.

An important work on the History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta is in the press, and will shortly be published. When we say that it is by Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Tunis, and that our indefatigable brother has brought his well-known energies and knowledge of Freemasonry to bear on the work, it will be readily understood that it will be treated in a masterly and exhaustive manner. We understand that it will be illustrated by the Woodbury type process, and will contain a map of the district.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, July 31, 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, JULY 24.
Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey, Public Hall, Sutton, 1 p.m.
Audit Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
" 1679, Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Dalston.
" 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.

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, JULY 26.
Final Meeting Board of Stewards, R.M.I.B., F.M.H., at 5 p.m.
Lodge 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 27.
Audit Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 788, Crescent, Island Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.
Lodge 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
" 754, High Cross, Seven Sister's Tav., Tottenham.
" 778, Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Ct.
" 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W. at 8.45.
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 8.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.
Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1524, Duke of Connaught, Moorgate-st. Station Restaurant.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-rd., Hackney, 7.30.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
North London Chap., Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.

FRIDAY, JULY 30.
Grand Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, July 31, 1880.

MONDAY, JULY 26.
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
" 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.
Lodge 1675, Antient Britons, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., So, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.
Lodge 220, Harmony, Wellington Hot., Garston.
" 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
" 739, Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.
" 1750, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey and Ripon, L. of I., So, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.
Lodge 1313, Fermor M.H., Southport.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, July 31, 1880.

MONDAY, JULY 26.
Lodge 999, Robert Burns, F.M.H., Manchester.
Chap. 210, Faith, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.

TUESDAY, JULY 27.
Lodge 1774, Mellor, Railway Hot., Guide Bridge.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28.
Lodge 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitefield.
" 1219, Strangeways, Empire Hot., Strangeways, Manchester.

" 1459, Ashbury, Justice Birch Hot., West Gorton.
" 1633, Avon, Denmark Hot., Greenheys, Manchester.
" 1775, Leopold, M.R., Commercial-st., Church.
Mark 24, Roberts, M.R., Ann-st., Rochdale.

THURSDAY, JULY 29.
Lodge 286, Samaritan, Green Man Hot., Bacup.
" 1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-U.-L.
Mark 32, Union, F.M.H., Manchester.

SATURDAY, JULY 31.
Rose Croix, St. Peter, F.M.H., Church Institute, Bolton.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

DUNLOP.—On the 19th inst., at Ryshworth Hall, Bingley, Yorkshire, the wife of Mr. Charles Dunlop, of a daughter.
 THORPE.—On the 18th inst., at Coddington, Notts, the wife of Mr. James Thorpe, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HEWETT—CLERK.—On the 7th inst., at Highfield, Portwood, Harry Hyde, son of Major J. M. M. Hewett, of Uplands, Hughenden, to Alice Ethel, daughter of Major-General Clerk.
 SCHALL—VIDAL.—On the 10th inst., at St. John's Church, Stuttgart, Louise, eldest daughter of the late Mr. William Foot Vidal, M.R.C.S., of Aveley, Essex, to Rudolph, son of Mr. Oberprotrath Schall, Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany.

DEATHS.

BULL.—On the 19th inst., at Camborne, Cornwall, Gertrude, wife of the Rev. G. T. Bull.
 THORNTON.—On the 19th inst., at St. John's, Fulham, Jane Dry Thornton, aged 73 years.

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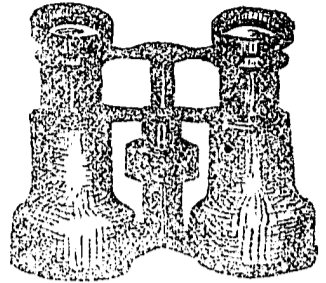
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