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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when among those present were Comps. S. Rawson, Z.; Shadwell H. Clerke, E.; R. P. Bent, P.S.; J. Creaton, Treasurer; J. H. Scott, S. B.; H. G. Buss, Asst. S.E.; E. Letchworth, P.Z.; H. G. Colvill, P.Z.; Wm. Clarke, P.Z.; C. F. Hogard, P.Z.; Wm. Stephens, P.Z.; Geo. Lambert, P.Z.; H. C. Levander, P.Z.; R. Mure, M.E.Z.; Hyde Pullen, F. Robinson, J. Nunn, J. Lewis Thomas, A. J. Duff Filer, S. Mullens, R. Grey, C. W. Arnold, Jas. Glaisher, J. A. Rutter, and others.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, the report of the Committee of General Purposes, including an audit of the accounts for the six months ending 21st July, 1880, was read. The petitions for the following new chapters recommended by the Board of General Purposes were granted:—

1st. From Comps. William Blow Collins, as Z.; John Caleb Mitchell, as H.; David Bennie, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the St. George's-in-the-East Lodge, No. 1526, Jumalpoore, to be called the Chapter of Faith, and to meet at Jumalpoore, Bengal, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Comps. William Alexander Barrett, as Z.; Charles Gooden, as H.; Wilhelm Ganz, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1705, London, to be called the Orpheus Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

3rd. From Comp. Sir Charles Bright, as Z.; Edward Brailsford Bright, as H.; Frederick William Ramsay, M.D., as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, Hampton Court, to be called the Quadratic Chapter, and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, in the county of Middlesex.

4th. From Comps. Walter Solomon Whitaker, as Z.; Nelson Reed, as H.; Thomas Stacey Hellier, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, London, to be called the Carnarvon Chapter, and to meet at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, in the City of London.

5th. From Comps. Fitz Herbert Wright, as Z.; John Joseph Bingham, as H.; Alfred Schofield, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Okover Lodge, No. 1324, Ripley, to be called the Okover Chapter, and to meet at Private Rooms, High-street, Ripley, Derbyshire.

6th. From Comps. Nathaniel John Fenner, as Z.; John Dennis, as H.; John Kemp Coleman, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the All Saints' Lodge, No. 1716, Poplar, to be called the All Saints' Chapter, and to meet at the Vestry Hall, Fairfield-road, Bow, in the county of Middlesex.

The Committee having reported that the funds of Grand Chapter amounted to £3,370 4s. 1d., and that there was no immediate prospect of claim upon them, grants of £300 were, on the recommendation of the Committee, made to each of the three Masonic Charities.

On the motion of Comp. GEORGE LAMBERT, P.Z. No. 7, it was resolved that future meetings of Grand Chapter be held at six o'clock p.m. instead of seven o'clock, as heretofore.

PICNIC OF THE DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1356.

The members of this active and prosperous lodge recently celebrated the festival of St. John by a picnic at Llangollen, the W.M. (Gipsy) Aalen being the prime mover in the pleasant "out" to one of the most delightful spots in North Wales. There were about 200 ladies and brethren present, who were conveyed from Birkenhead to their destination by special train. The weather was delightful, and one of the most prosperous lodges in Liverpool

thereby secured an outing which was in every respect of the most enjoyable character. The W.M. presided at the dinner, which was served in the Royal Hotel, and during the afternoon the "lions" of the neighbourhood were carefully inspected and thoroughly appreciated.

Amongst the brethren present at the picnic were Bros. Dr. Hyde, S. E. Ibbes, P.M.; T. Nickson, P.M.; J. W. Williams, P.M.; A. Woolrich, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; G. E. Hammer, P.M.; Wm. Coates, W. Savage, C. Costigan; and the following officers of the lodge: Bros. James Keet, S.W.; Edward George, J.W.; H. P. Squire, Sec.; R. E. Mitton and John Ashley, Stewards; and T. J. Beswick, Organist.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held at Teddington, on Saturday, the 31st ult. The brethren assembled in goodly numbers at the New Assembly Rooms, at 2,33, and the Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the genial and popular Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, who was supported by the following brethren:—

Bros. Sir Charles F. Bright, D.G.M.; H. A. Dubois, Prov. J.G.W.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas.; Thos. Keene, Prov. G. Reg.; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec.; T. C. Walls, Prov. G. Sd. Bearer; F. Honeywell, Prov. G. Org.; J. B. Shingleton, Prov. G. Purs.; John Hurst, Asst. Prov. G. Purs.; F. W. Levander, E. W. Bright, C. J. W. Davis, G. Tidcombe, and J. Tickle, Stewards; John Gilbert, Prov. G. Tyler.

There were also present Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; J. M. Stedwell, P.G.S.W.; F. de Crespiigny, P.G.C.; F. Cairson, P.G.S.W.; J. R. Ramsey, M.D., P.G.S.W.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Davison, P.G.S.W.; George Kenning, P.G.D.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.D.; J. Mason, P.G.D.; W. H. Sanders, P.G.D.; W. Hammond, P.G.D.; T. J. White, P.G.D.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.D.; E. H. Thielay, P.G.S.B.; E. Kimber, P.G.D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B.; D. W. Pearce, P.G. Reg.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Reg.; Thos. Reeve, P.G. Reg.; Thos. Massa, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.S.; R. W. Forge, W.M. 1793; C. Locke Smiles, S.W. 1309; T. Goodchild, J.D. 1793; John B. King, Sec. 1637; S. Piller, S.W. 1793; H. Handel, 1773; C. R. Fitt, Sec. 1793; R. Lonsdale, P.M. 1238; E. A. Baber, P.M. 1238; J. Featherston, 1656; W. G. Kentish, J.W. 1293; W. Hickinbotham, 1793; G. J. Dunkling, 1777; Henry Lovegrove, W.M. 1777; J. A. Sassom, S.W. 1237; J. A. Elliott, 1777; W. F. Dunkley, I.G. 1777; C. R. Ardin, W.M. 778; Thomas Nash, P.M. 805; F. P. Hill, 1793; Chas. Graham, 1321; E. Amphlett, P.M.; H. Ashton, 1185; W. Radford, W.M. 1702; W. T. Buck, J.W. 1702; J. Belward, J.W. 1494; J. Tomlinson, P.M. 313; James Judd, 34; M. S. Daitham, P.M. S. Africa, 1777; John Green, P.M. 27; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; Fred H. Cozens, Org. 007; A. Hubbard, 812; and W. Lake P.P.G. Reg. (*Freemason*).

The roll of officers having been called, and in nearly every instance responded to, the roll of lodges was read over, and the Secretary then read "for verification" the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, and "for confirmation" the reports of the Audit and Charity Committees.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of the Treasurer, which we need hardly say resulted in our esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, being again chosen to fill that office. The Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bros. Sir Charles Bright	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Wm. Roebuck	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. B. Bright	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Dr. Robbins	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. Hawes	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. G. Buss	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Tickle	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. C. Levander	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. W. Levander	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" W. H. Stevens	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" H. Lovegrove	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. Tidcombe	...	Prov. G.Dir. of C.
" C. J. W. Davis	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Sindall	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Dunkley	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Hurst	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" Tomlinson	...	Prov. G.A. Pu's.

Bros. Major C. Harding, R. Lonsdale, H. M. Gordon, C. S. Smiles, F. B. Archer, and E. Amphlett ... Prov. G. Stewds.

Bro. Gilbert (re-elected 11th time) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. PROV. G. MASTER then introduced the motion which stood in his name on the agenda paper, viz., That the following sums be granted from the Benevolent Fund,

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls	£10 10 0
" " " " Boys	10 10 0
" " " " Aged Masons	10 10 0

The PROV. G. MASTER said that for the past ten or eleven years he had been privileged to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, and it was most gratifying to him to notice the progress that had been made

in that short time. Nothing could be more satisfactory than the way in which the funds of the three great Charities had been administered, and he had great pleasure in proposing that the amounts he had just named be voted by Prov. G. Lodge. This was seconded by the DEP. GRAND MASTER, and carried unanimously.

Several letters apologising for non-attendance were then read by the PROV. GRAND SEC., after which the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir CHAS. BRIGHT, rose and said that the brethren of the province had entrusted him with a very pleasing duty—that was to present, on their behalf, to their much respected Prov. Grand Master a service of plate. Before doing so, however, he desired to congratulate both the Grand Master and the members of the province on the successful result of that day's proceedings. It must be very gratifying to Sir Francis Burdett to note the expressions of approval which always accompanied his efforts for the advancement of the best interests of Freemasonry in the province. He had done good suit and service, which was, he thought, conclusively proved by the fact that inasmuch as originally there were but eight lodges under his rule, there were now thirty, with a goodly proportion of Royal Arch Chapters. It was not the fashion now-a-days, he said, to make long speeches, and he would, therefore, content himself by begging Sir Francis Burdett's acceptance of the gift he had been deputed to present.

The presentation consisted of a handsome service of plate, enclosed in a substantial and handsome chest.

The inscription on the shield on centre piece is as follows:—

Presented by the
Freemasons of the Province to
LIEUT.-COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART.,
(High Sheriff of Surrey)
Past Grand Warden of England, Representative from the
Grand Lodge of Ireland,
On the completion of his tenth year as the
First Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex.
1880.

On another shield on the opposite side of centre piece is engraved Sir Francis's coat of arms, with his motto "Cleave Fast."

The PROV. G. MASTER in thanking the brethren for the very handsome present, said that it was with the utmost difficulty he could find words to express what he felt. Since he had occupied the position of Prov. G. Master he had met with nothing but kindness from the brethren of the province, and he should ever have a grateful recollection of that day's proceedings. He thanked them most heartily for this expression of good will.

The Prov. G. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The banquet was served by Bro. Nuttall, of Kingston, in the same hall where the Provincial Grand Lodge was held, and gave universal satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Craft toasts received full justice. The health of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of W. Bro. Giddy, P.G.M. of Griqualand, who made an able response in reply. In the course of his remarks he said, that had the eminent brethren, whose names had been so warmly mentioned by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, been present they would have been delighted at hearing their services to the cause of Masonry spoken of so highly. Personally he felt greatly honoured by the encomiums passed by the P.G.M. upon the subject of the toast, and on behalf of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, who was present, and who so worthily filled the office recently held by the late Bro. John Hervey, whose death they all deplored, he wished to thank the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. In concluding his speech he said there was one member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who also held a position in the Grand Lodge, where his services were of an invaluable character, to whom the toast and the remarks that accompanied it must have been very gratifying, he alluded to Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Sir CHARLES BRIGHT then rose and said, that the health he was about to propose would be received with acclamation, it being the health of their well-beloved brother "The P.G.M. of Middlesex." He had presided over them that day most ably, and was worthy in every way of occupying the proud position to which he had been called some ten years ago. The speaker went on to say that in the absence of Bro. Sir Francis he could have said a great deal, but in his presence for obvious reasons he was compelled to be reticent, but in conclusion he would say that he did not believe there was a more courteous and genial Provincial Grand Master in the Craft, and he hoped that he would be spared many years to reign over them. (Applause.)

The P.G.M., in reply, said that he hoped that the brethren would consider that he felt a great deal of difficulty in properly responding to the toast. To be connected and associated with the P.G. Lodge of Middlesex was in itself a great honour, but to be received so kindly upon all occasions by his *confères* was doubly gratifying. He could scarcely find words to adequately express the extreme pleasure he had derived during his occupancy of the position of Grand Master of the Province, which appointment, by a curious coincidence, had been bestowed upon him in the small town of Teddington in 1869. He had met the brethren of the county there again, nearly eleven years afterwards, and his reception by them had been almost overpowering in its warmth. In alluding to the testimonial that had been presented to him that afternoon, he said that he hoped that the brethren would excuse his not being able to sufficiently express his acknowledgments for the very elegant and valuable souvenir of his ten years' connection with the Province. He felt that he had not done enough to merit

so substantial a mark of their esteem, but in the future he hoped to do more. In concluding his speech he said that to his last days he should treasure the recollection that he had been the first Grand Master of the large and influential Province of Middlesex. He particularly wished to impress upon his hearers that so long as the Masons of Middlesex continued to act as they had hitherto done the province would never cease to be one of the best in the country, and he wished that both he and they would be spared many happy years to meet at the Provincial Grand Lodge together.

The health of "The D.P.G.M." followed, and it having been warmly received, Bro. Sir CHARLES BRIGHT briefly responded.

The toast of "The P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was acknowledged by Bro. ROEBUCK, P.G.S.W.

In proposing the health of "The Visitors," the P.G.M. particularly alluded to the presence among them that day of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke.

The GRAND SEC., in reply, said that to be the mouth-piece of so many distinguished Masons as were present that day at the Provincial Grand Lodge was very flattering. On behalf of his colleagues and himself he desired to say that it had been a source of great pleasure to be present upon so interesting an occasion, more especially as it was signalized by the presentation of a service of plate to their worthy and distinguished chief. He, Colonel Clarke, had had the gratification of attending many of their annual meetings, and had always most thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. He had to congratulate the brethren upon the great progress the Province had made, but this to a great extent was due to the influence and ability of the excellent Master at its head. (Applause.) In conclusion, he begged to thank the members of the P.G.L. for the very hearty, very hospitable, and very kind greeting they had given the visitors that day.

Previously to the proceedings terminating, Bro. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.D., having obtained the P.G.M.'s permission, proposed the health of the members of "The Sir Charles Bright Lodge." In the course of his remarks he said that the Provincial Grand Lodge was to a certain extent indebted to that lodge for the trouble they had taken in preparing and decorating the hall for the meeting. In conclusion he begged to couple the name of Bro. Forge, W.M., and Bro. Hurst, I.P.M., with the toast, who had particularly exerted themselves in the matter. The toast having been warmly received, Bro. Hurst modestly acknowledged the compliment. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, which were greatly enhanced by the musical efforts of Bro. Fred. Honeywell and his talented staff of artists, Bro. F. Cozens, Ashton, and Hubbard.

It was a matter of regret to many that time prevented their very excellent musical programme from being carried out in its entirety.

FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

(Continued from page 276.)

We have already alluded to some excellences in Masonic working as practised amongst our brethren in Spain. On the other hand there are peculiarities (if we may term them such) incident to Craft Masonry in the Peninsula—alike in Portugal as in Spain—which are open to adverse criticism, and which find no place either in the usages of the United Kingdom, or in France, or Germany, or other recognised centres of Masonic light, save and except Italy, and the Republics of Central and Southern America.

We allude to the general wearing of swords in Craft lodges, and to the use of symbolic names.

The peculiarities in question have often been the subject of adverse criticism on the part of shrewd observers belonging to the non-Masonic world, and there are many amongst our Spanish brethren who will be the first to admit that the time cannot be now far distant when customs so out of harmony with Craft Freemasonry will be honoured rather in the breach than in the observance. The thoughtful reviewer who at page 212, of the *Freemason*, commented upon these peculiarities in connection with the new Spanish Masonic review "El Taller," very truly says that "by both of these practices those who adopt them are playing into the hands of Ultramontane enemies and arbitrary authorities."

Let us first deal with the wearing of swords by Entered Apprentices, Craftsmen, and Master Masons, and we use this term advisedly, instead of speaking of the use of swords, for it would be idle to pretend that weapons which form part of the paraphernalia of Craft lodges can be intended for actual use, or, in other words, be worn either for defence or offence. Probably the profane world of the present day has already disabused itself of the vulgar, although at one time popular, belief that a mysterious death, at the hands of his brethren in lodge assembled, inevitably awaits a perjured or a faithless brother. Freemasonry does not strike with carnal weapons, and a far more dreaded fate than mere death by the sword or by the cable tow awaits him who deliberately proves false to his Masonic obligations.

That the sword, as the emblem of honour and of knight-hood, should form part of the clothing of our brethren in the High Degrees of Freemasonry is quite the proper thing; but swords in the hands of the rank and file of Craft Freemasonry seem entirely out of place. Certain it is that neither history nor tradition will be found to justify the assumption that Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craftsmen, and Master Masons of ancient days were accustomed to receive their wages with the sword in the one hand, and the square, the level, or the plumb rule in the other! But even in Craft Freemasonry we do not desire to condemn the proper use of the sword; the one sword, which is apportioned to a certain officer of lodge, working under the respective jurisdictions of the United Kingdom, is a very necessary adjunct of his office; and the two swords which form part in the paraphernalia of the French Rite have an equally intelligent signification, the one being apportioned to the officer of the lodge, to whom we have just referred, whilst the other, with its flame-like naked blade, is placed in the East in front of the Worshipful Master, being laid across the open volume of the Sacred Law. This sword has also its proper use, for "in the presence of T.G.A.O.T.U., and with hand laid upon this sword, the emblem of honour," a candidate for initiation into Freemasonry, according to the French Rite, is accustomed to go through one of the most solemn of our introductory ceremonies. It is not, therefore, our desire to exclude swords entirely from our Craft ceremonies; what we counsel is that they shall not continue to be placed indiscriminately in the hands of brethren work-

ing in the Three Symbolic Degrees. Every portion of the impressive ceremonies of the Scotch Rite, as practised in Spain, can be as satisfactorily gone through without the swords as with them. The purpose to which these "emblems of honour" are sometimes put during the first journey, made by a candidate before he is properly prepared to be entrusted, &c., is certainly not edifying; and even the circle of steel within which a newly-initiated one is subsequently permitted to receive light, may be, and (as a matter of preference on the part of a Worshipful Master) very frequently is, replaced by a much more suggestive ceremony, viz., the formation of the chain of union around the candidate, which chain, at the proper moment, opens out in the East, and receives a fresh link in the person of the newly enlightened brother.

If it can be satisfactorily shown that swords are not necessary for the purposes of the Craft Rite as practised in Spain, can it require further argument to prove that it is prudent and convenient for our brethren to discontinue their general use? more especially in a country like Spain, where Freemasonry is only tolerated, and where our brethren are not only liable at any moment to have their lodges broken open, and their paraphernalia confiscated, but to be themselves arrested and condemned to fine and imprisonment for belonging to a secret society. Their liability to legal arrest, and to an equally legal term of imprisonment, being unfortunately a fact, what can be more imprudent than for our brethren to deliberately court danger by placing themselves in a position in which they may be arrested swords in hand? Even in less autocratic lands than Spain the well grounded suspicion that a Freemasonic gathering is neither more nor less than an armed body of men in secret conclave assembled, might justify, in critical times, something more than mere passive espionage on the part of the police authorities. We venture, therefore, to express a hope that the enlightened brethren at the head of the Grand Orient of Spain may see their way to discountenance the future carrying of swords by the rank and file of their brethren. We ask them to remember that Freemasonry—as the authoritative reviewer, whom we have already quoted, so truly says—"Freemasonry is a peaceful society, and knows nothing of the paraphernalia of a secret sect or of angry conspirators."

Let us now deal with the use of symbolic names. In the first place we would ask what a "Free and Accepted" Mason has to be ashamed of, that he should commence his career in the Craft by a formal renunciation of his profane appellation? and we would seriously ask whether it can be considered in due Masonic form for the Worshipful Master and his Wardens of a Craft lodge to call upon a newly-initiated brother to select a pseudonym, and to renounce his baptismal name and surname, on the mere assumption that every candidate will, as a matter of course, object to work in the Craft except under a feigned name? The only pretext which can be put forward in favour of the adoption of a *nom de plume*, or *nom de guerre*, or *nombre symbolique*, as the Spaniard calls a pseudonym, is that either of modesty, shame, or fear. We need not say that modesty undoubtedly forms a frequent incentive to the assumption of a *nom de plume* on the part of the poet, the novelist, or the critic, but we hardly think that any one who is "of mature age, free by birth, and of sound judgment" will be so modest as to blush to be known as a Free and Accepted Mason! Shame is a word which should never be used in Masonic circles, or be allowed to form the motive for Masonic action in any shape or form—and where is the brother to be found amongst us who would like to admit that he is ashamed of being known to belong to our ancient and honourable Order? Fear should be equally repudiated by our brethren as a pretext for the use of false names; yet we believe that we must ascribe to fear the true and only motive for the adoption of assumed or symbolical names on the part of our brethren abroad. We trust, however, that it is more from the force of habit than from anything else that brethren so enlightened, so brave, and so self-sacrificing, as our Spanish brethren have so often proved themselves to be, are content to continue the use of pseudonyms. The adoption of symbolic names offers no protection whatever against occult Jesuitical persecution, police supervision, or other suppressive action on the part of political officials. Where Freemasonry is not even tolerated, as in Russia and Austria, and where it is only tolerated, as in Portugal and Spain, we unhesitatingly assert that the police authorities, and the generals in command of the Order of Jesus, are as well posted up in regard to those who have entered our Freemasonic Order as are the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the Grand Masonic Orients to which these countries belong. And as to the symbolic names by which brethren are known amongst each other, the police are probably better posted up as to "who is who" than the individual members of the Craft Grand Lodge.

An old and highly esteemed member of one of the oldest lodges in Spain—owning allegiance to the Grand Orient of Spain—and who has himself never adopted any symbolic name, wrote to us very recently in the following terms: "I am decidedly averse to the use of symbolic names. I have never adopted one for myself, and I never will use one. In the first place such names are anything you please but symbolical. I can perfectly understand why North American Indian chiefs should have made use of emblematic names, such as Hawk Eye, White Eye, Cunning Fox, Snake in the Grass, &c., &c., in allusion to their own virtues or vices; but when in lodge I am expected to address a big-bellied brother, by trade a brewer, as 'Julius Caesar,' or an honest ship chandler as 'Socrates,' or a keen-sighted master mariner as 'John Milton,' I cannot but smile at such an exhibition of childish foolishness on the part of very worthy men. . . . Such inappropriate selections of so-called 'symbolic' names are simply ridiculous, but what shall I say are my feelings when during the progress of lodge business a communication is read from Bro. 'Jesus Nazareno,' requesting that the Worshipful Master will kindly excuse his absence, giving as a good and sufficient reason that his wife had been prematurely confined. . . . The use of so-called 'symbolic' names could scarcely be justified had the custom been handed down to us by tradition: could, for instance, the pages of history show us that symbolic names were in vogue with the initiates of Isis, or of Ceres; or even amongst the fellow-Craftsmen of the middle ages; or even if such a custom could be proved to have been sanctioned by Ashmole and his companions in the year 1646. But no; I have never been able to discover any historical proof of the use of symbolical names having been in use amongst our ancestors: and they are not in use in France, or Germany, or Belgium; in fact I am inclined to believe that they have

only become general in Spain and in our old colonies, which have now become independent republics, but who continue to draw their inspirations from us."

So much for the opinions of a veteran Past Master belonging to one of the oldest lodges in Spain. We believe that there are a large number of our Spanish brethren who hold similar views. Let us hope that the heads of the Order in the Peninsula will come to see this question in the serious light in which it appears to us. To take the names of statesmen, emperors, kings, patriots, despots, poets, philosophers, at random is simply childish and absurd; but to adopt, as a pseudonym, the name of a sacred character so shocks the feelings of every reverent mind that a continuance of this repugnant practice cannot fail to prove most prejudicial to Freemasonic interests in general, and to act as a serious stumbling-block in the way of that thorough and unreserved recognition of our Spanish brethren by the Grand Lodges and Grand Councils of the United Kingdom which we so heartily desire to see take place.

In the *Freemason* for June 19th we gave a list of the lodges and Worshipful Masters who work under various Masonic jurisdictions not yet merged in the Grand Orient of Spain, which has been so admirably presided over during the last four years by Grand Master Bro. His Excellency Praxedes M. de Sagasta. The number of Craft lodges owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of Spain is increasing day by day; thus whilst there were only seventy-eight regularly warranted lodges in active working on the 1st of June in the present year, we find ninety-one lodges figuring upon the muster roll on the 1st of August. We now give a complete list of the lodges at the present moment in due form and in good working order, with the names of their Worshipful Masters and Secretaries:—

MUSTER ROLL OF THE GRAND ORIENT OF SPAIN.

- No.
- 1, La Mantuana, Madrid, Bros. Juan Bautista Cabrera, W.M.; Julio Munoz, Sec.
 - 5, El Nephthi, Madrid, Bros. Manuel Rosso, W.M.; José Figuera, Sec.
 - 8, El Porvenir, Madrid, Bros. Juan Utor y Fernandez, W.M.; Lopez Rodriguez, Sec.
 - 9, La Nueva Sparta, Cartagena, Bros. Carmelo Marin, W.M.; Gimenez Sanchez, Sec.
 - 11, La Luz de Finisterre, Ferrol, Bros. José Rodriguez Alvarez, W.M.; A. S. Vazquez, Sec.
 - 12, La Luz Compostellana, Santiago, Bros. Braulio Reina, W.M.; Luis Torres, Sec.
 - 18, El Graco, Seville, Bros. Salvador Rey Pozo, W.M.; Enrique G. Pavon, Sec.
 - 28, Lux in Excelsis, Granada, Bros. Rafael G. Alvarez, W.M.; Domingo Paris, Sec.
 - 35, La Armonia, Madrid, Bros. Julian de la Reguera, W.M.; Ramon M. Torres, Sec.
 - 44, La Constante Alona, Alconete, Bros. Juan Such, W.M.; Tomas Navarro, Sec.
 - 45, La Acacia, Madrid, Bros. Gregorio Cuevas Sanchez, W.M.; José Maria Martinez, Sec.
 - 59, La Aurid, Orense, Bros. Vicente Mizanda, W.M.; Manuel Quintas, Sec.
 - 63, La Helénica, Pontevedra, Bros. José Neira Lopez, W.M.; Manuel Quintana, Sec.
 - 64, La Luz del Avai, Rivadavia, Bro. Primo Gonzalez, W.M.
 - 66, Aureola Guipuzcoana, San Sebastian, Bros. Emilio de Silva, W.M.; C. Carrasco, Sec.
 - 71, La Patricia, Cordova, Bros. Manuel Merino, W.M.; Norberto Gonzalez, Sec.
 - 76, Amor y Ciencia, Almeria, Bros. José L. Lopez, W.M.; Tomas Quirado, Sec.
 - 78, La Lealtad, Barcelona, Bros. Conrado Ferrer, W.M.; Blas Barrera, Sec.
 - 82, La Moralidad, Linares, Bros. Francisco Villanueva, W.M.; J. Berástegui, Sec.
 - 88, La Severidad, Valencia, Bros. Antonio G. Millet, W.M.; Antonio B. Descalzo, Sec.
 - 93, Los Hijos de Hiram, Cartagena, Bros. Antonio Vich, W.M.; José Mercedes, Sec.
 - 102, La Estrella Galicia, Lugo, Bro. Lorenzo Barceiras, W.M.
 - 112, La Africana, Ceuta, Bros. Celestino Garcia, M.D., W.M.; Adolfo Dominguez, Sec.
 - 116, Trafalgar, Algeciras, Bros. Antonio Duarte, W.M.; Valentin S. Laguna, Sec.
 - 118, La Puritana, Toledo, Bros. Emilio Grondona, W.M.; Benito G. Gutierrez, Sec.
 - 120, El Aspis, Aspe (Alicante), Bros. Luis Gumiel, W.M.; Francisco S. Grandas, Sec.
 - 121, La Brigantina, Corruña, Bros. Luis Vico, W.M.; Ramos Cervino, Sec.
 - 122, La Acacia, Valencia, Bros. José R. Burguero, W.M.; José Clemente, Sec.
 - 123, Espirita, Crevillente, Bros. José Quesada Mas, W.M.; José C. Lledó, Sec.
 - 124, La Illicitana, Elche, Bros. Marquis de Lendines, W.M.; Eomo.; Tomas Roman, Sec.
 - 125, La Razon, Dolores (Alicante), Bros. Rafael M. Dutrús, W.M.; Juan Navarro, Sec.
 - 126, Amor, Villena, Bros. Alicio Caravaca, W.M.; José M. Soler, Sec.
 - 128, La Ciencia y Verdad, Jijon, Bros. Sabino Santurio, W.M.; Prudencio Santurio, Sec.
 - 129, Olavide, La Carolina, Bros. José M. Torregrasa, W.M.; José M. Braojos, Sec.
 - 132, La Integridad, Sevilla, Bros. F. J. Barnes, W.M.; José M. de Campo, Sec.
 - 133, Hijos de la Verdad, San Fernando, Bros. Antonio Gamez, W.M.; A. Montano, Sec.
 - 134, La Puritana, Valencia, Bros. Felix Costató, W.M.; B. Llopis, Sec.
 - 135, La Amistad, Monovar, Bros. Luis Marí Redenas, W.M.; José Serrano, Sec.
 - 136, La Union, Tíbi (Alicante), Bros. C. Cardenal, W.M.; Pedro Soler, Sec.
 - 137, La Libertad, Valencia, Bros. Rafael Minné, W.M.; Lorenzo Roudé, Sec.
 - 138, La Razon, Madrid, Bros. Alberto Ramos, W.M.; Clemente Grau, Sec.
 - 139, La Cruz de Hierro, Valencia, Bros. Jaime Sanz, W.M.; M. P. Gimeno, Sec.
 - 140, La Vigilancia, Murcia, Bros. Antonio Hernandez, W.M.; Adolfo Ferrer, Sec.
 - 141, Aquiles, Lerida, Bro. Manuel Armengol, W.M.
 - 142, La Epora, Talavera de la Reina, Bros. E. Lopez Parrá, W.M.; M. R. Ortiz, Sec.

- 143, Los Templarios, Requena, Bros. F. Rodriguez, W.M.; M. R. Aparici, Sec.
- 144, La Severidad, Valencia, Bros. Ysmail G. Mora, W.M.; Manuel Martin, Sec.
- 145, La Antigua Santa, Carthagena, Bros. E. Sassally, W.M.; A. Brend, Sec.
- 146, La Verdad, Barcelona, Bros. Luciano Juillard, W.M.; Luis Berini, Sec.
- 147, La Nueva Uri, Aquilas, Bros. Daniel S. Sevilla, W.M.; Blas Rosique, Sec.
- 149, La Aurora, Carthagena, Bros. Juan M. L. Mellade, W.M.; José V. Blanca, Sec.
- 150, El Sol, Lorca (Murcia), Bros. Joaquim G. Seron, W.M.; M. Palomera, Sec.
- 151, La Reforma, Valladolid, Bros. Lucas G. Franco, W.M.; Jacobo del Rio, Sec.
- 152, La Caridad, Murcia, Bros. Tomas Museros, W.M.; Agustin Caldas, Sec.
- 153, Hilarantina, Ubeda, Bros. F. Garcia Pretel, W.M.; A. B. Cano, Sec.
- 154, Hijos de Padilla, Zaragoza, Bros. M. Ibanez, W.M.; Cesaro Briones, Sec.
- 155, Primavera de Aranjuez, Aranjuez, Bros. J. de Aymerida, W.M.; Olimo, Sec.
- 156, La Paz, Havana, Bros. Mariano de Usera, W.M.; José Dominguez, Sec.
- 157, Numanzia, Carthagena, Bro. Ruperto Canas, W.M.
- 158, La Patria, Havana, Bros. Constantino March, W.M.; Andres Castro, Sec.
- 159, Porvenir de America, Barcelona, Bros. J. B. Toro, W.M.; E. Morato, Sec.
- 160, La Fidelity, Vendrell, Bros. F. V. Mané, W.M.; A. Romen, Sec.
- 161, Sétabis, Jativa, Bros. Antonio B. Cortell, W.M.; M. Filled, Sec.
- 162, La Caridad, Havana, Bros. Rafael Escasera, W.M.; L. Ravello, Sec.
- 163, Fidelidad, Yecla, Bros. M. Ripoll, W.M.; Juan S. S. Cerero, Sec.
- 164, Hijos de Trabajo, Luque, Bros. J. Calvo y Perez, W.M.; A. Trujillo, Sec.
- 165, La Libertad, Havana, Bros. Canovas y Montecino, W.M.; A. Pazos y Rodriguez, Sec.
- 166, El Fenix Graco, Sevilla, Bros. T. Povedano, W.M.; E. de Rivas, Sec.
- 167, La Resurreccion, Jumilla, Bros. R. Soriano, W.M.; P. Gimenez, Sec.
- 168, La Razon, Sevilla, Bros. del Pinoy Dominguez, W.M.; A. Gonzalez Ruiz, Sec.
- 169, Hijos de Hatibonico, Cuba, Bros. Juan Pena y Borroto, W.M.; J. G. Domenech, Sec.
- 170, La Lealtad, Cadiz, Bros. Jaime Murgui, W.M.; Marquez Fernandez, Sec.
- 171, La Rosa, Almansa, Bros. Ygnacio Faura Perdo, W.M.; Eduardo Lopez, Sec.
- 172, El Progreso, San Vicente, Bros. Antonio Angles, W.M.; D. Angles, Sec.
- 173, Socrates, Valladolid, Bros. Casimiro Carabias, W.M.; José Pardo, Sec.
- 174, Hijos de la Ciencia, San Fernando, Bros. Juan Carbó, W.M.; Casas, Sec.
- 175, La Luz de Torrelavega, Torrelavega, Bros. Lacaba, W.M.; Tornero, Sec.
- 176, Caballeros del Acero, Aranjuez, Bros. Canterero y Vargas, W.M.; J. P. Bois, Sec.
- 177, La Cretana, Puigcerdá, Bros. Joaquin Garcia, W.M.; José L. Clot, Sec.
- 178, La Redencion, La Linea, Bros. John H. Haynes, W.M.; Martinez Espartal, Sec.
- 179, Nueva Begastris, Cehegin, Bros. José de Bejar, Blas Duran, Sec.
- 180, El Benamor, Mortalla, Bros. Juan Tamayo, W.M.; de German, Sec.
- 181, Union y Justicia, Almeria, Bros. V. Casa-Rubio, W.M.; Manuel Maceti, Sec.
- 182, Luz de Figueras, Figueras, Bros. Pelayo Massanet, W.M.; José G. de la Torre, Sec.
- 183, El Porvenir, Cuba, Bros. Luis G. Carbonell, W.M.; José Rivero, Sec.
- 184, Osiris, Sabadell, Bros. F. Targarona, W.M.; Pedro Elias, Sec.
- 185, Fraternidad, Tortellà, Bros. Malagrida, W.M.; José R. Berruazo, Sec.
- 186, La Cruz, Holguin (Cuba), Bros. José Beamud, W.M.; José J. Canizares, Sec.
- 187, La Union, Gerona, Bros. Manuel Gomez, W.M.; José Prats, Sec.
- 188, La Verdad, Seville, Bros. Miguel Valenzuela, W.M.; Enrique Gomez, Sec.
- 189, El Eter, Logrono, Bros. Augustin, Ortonola, W.M.; Ciriaco Collis, Sec.

(To be continued.)

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITY LODGE, No. 1862, OLDHAM.

The above ceremony took place on Monday last at the Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, and was enacted by the M.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, assisted by his officers. The following brethren were present: Bros. George Mellor, W.D.P.G.M., P.G.D. Eng.; John Crampton Lees, P.G.S.W.; John Collinge, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. E. Roberts, P.G. Chap.; Ellis Jones, P.G. Treas.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; James Newton, P.G.S.D.; J. Hadfield, P.G.J.D.; Henry Heys, P.G.D. of C.; G. A. Packwood, P.G.A.D. of C.; Robt. Caldwell, P.G. Sword Bearer; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Blacka, P.G. Standard Bearer; J. L. Page, P.G.S. of Wks.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Clement R. N. Beswicke Royds, P.P.G.S.W.; John Sakes Thornhill, 1514, P.P.G.J.D. West Yorks; G. A. Coleman, W.M. 467; Abraham Clegg, W.M. 277; J. Bottomley, J.D. 467; Walter Potts, D.C. 467; Joseph Braddock, P.M. 277; John Buckley, J.W. 277; Edward Farrar, J.W. 350; Clement Barker, P.M. 467; Henry Palmer, 467; Joseph Burton, 300; W. J. Mytton, 467; John C. Atkins, 300; John Felton, 854; Jeremiah Green, 467; John Heywood, 467; J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C.; John Lees, 467; W. Dumville, P.M. 152; H. Lees, 467; Ralph Slater, 467; James Potter, 467; J. Edgar, P.M. 467; W. H. Eckersley, S.W. 467; J. M. Sutton, 277; Joseph Clifton, P.M. 277; N. Edwards, P.M. 467; J. Booth, 467; John Greaves, P.M. 467; J. Harrison, 467; J. Crossley, 854; H. Thomas, P.M. 277; E. Nield, 467; J. Bumstead, P.M. Chap. 277; W. Newton, P.M. 268; J. M. Hamilton,

277; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; T. Wilkinson, 467; C. Clabon, 467; C. Rye, J.W. 467; James Hart, 467; W. Fagnall, S.W. 204; S. Horrocks, 467; A. Mercer, 1534; David Johnson, 277; George Johnson, 467; A. Hardy, 467; T. Collins, 467; Henry Taylor, 467; Hudson Lister, P.M. 1011; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

One o'clock was the hour appointed for the commencement of business, and very soon afterwards, when the brethren had assembled in the lodge room, the M.W.P.G.M. entered, attended by his officers according to order.

The M.W.P.G.M. and W. Dep. P.G.M. were then severally saluted, after which the lodge was duly opened with solemn prayer.

The PROV. G. SECRETARY then proceeded to read the warrant which had been granted by Grand Lodge for the formation of the new Unity Lodge.

The M.W.P.G.M. next delivered an oration, after which the P.G. Chaplain offered up a prayer.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and concluded by a prayer from the P.G. Chaplain.

The lodge was lowered to the Second Degree, when the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Platt, was duly presented to the Installing Master, Bro. John Collinge, P.G.S.W., and, with the customary formalities, was forthwith inducted into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters was presided over by Bro. L. H. Hollingworth.

When the M.M.'s were re-admitted the proclamation was made to them that Bro. J. E. Platt's installation as W.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 1862, was *un fait accompli*, and the usual salutations were given.

Bro. J. L. Page, P.G. Supt. of Wks., next proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Lees, S.W.; William Mytton, 467, J.W.; James Potter, P.M. 467, Treas.; Ralph Slater, P.M. 467, Sec.; J. F. Tweedale, P.P.G. Reg., S.D.; J. Crampton Lees, P.G.S.W., J.D.; Hamlet Lees (by deputy), I.G.; S. Alfred Thorp (not invested), Tyler.

Bro. L. H. HOLLINGWORTH addressed the W.M., Bro. J. CRAMPTON LEES, P.G.S.W., the Wardens, and Bro. JOHN COLLINGE, P.G.J.W., the brethren.

When the lodge had been lowered to the First Degree, the W.M. rose and proposed a vote of thanks to the M.W. P.G.M. for his kindness in coming amongst them that day to perform the consecration at great personal inconvenience.

Bro. J. CRAMPTON LEES seconded the proposal, which was carried with acclamation.

An announcement was made that Bro. James Taylor Austerberry, P.M. 467, had in the most generous manner presented to the Unity Lodge thirty Masonic Hall shares. It is needless to say that the announcement gave great satisfaction to all the Oldham brethren, to whom the worthy donor is well known, and who has on a previous occasion this year evinced his generous spirit and his love of Masonry by presenting the Tudor Lodge with a very handsome embroidered banner.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the numerous visiting brethren, the new, and we fervently hope prosperous, lodge was closed in peace and harmony and with solemn prayer at 3.45.

Great praise is due to all concerned for the manner in which the entire arrangements were carried out. The musical portion of the proceedings was well and ably sustained by Bros. William and Nathaniel Dumville, Mark Stafford, and Hudson Lister, whilst we doubt very much whether a more able pianist than Bro. Joseph Clifton proved himself could be found.

A banquet was afterwards partaken of in the dining hall, and gave every satisfaction. As soon as grace after meat, "For these and all Thy mercies, Lord," had been sung, the toast list was proceeded with.

In response to the toast of his health Bro. J. E. PLATT, the W.M., remarked that the position he had been elected to fill that day was a post of great honour. He could not help feeling that he was very young in Masonry, and certainly not so experienced as many he saw around him, but as many were aware he had attained his position under exceptional circumstances, in fact had found a loophole and crept through it. He also felt proud to find himself honoured by the distinguished presence of the M.W.P.G.M., and so many wearers of the purple and gold. He thanked all those brethren who had at great inconvenience worked so zealously for the success of the meeting and carried out the arrangements so satisfactorily on this to him memorable occasion.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren, we understand, did not separate until 10.30 p.m.

The musical programme, of a varied and entertaining character, was gone through by the brethren before mentioned, giving entire satisfaction.

COMMUNIQUE.

The following is a translation from the *Chaine d'Union* of July, pp. 187, 188, under the heading "Attacks against Freemasonry," of a most painful example of mendacious intolerance.

"The Religious Week of the town and diocese of Versailles, No. 98, June 20th, 1880, *Risum teneatis amici*. It is hardly to be believed that it would be possible to find in a so-called religious journal so many foolish statements and such gross absurdities. But read. 'Diabolical' intervention in our epoch. The strange recital which we reproduce is authentic, for before publishing it, says *La Semaine de Grenoble*, we wished to know and possess all proofs of it. Father Jandel has himself related it to several witnesses, whose depositions are in our hands. This personal intervention of Satan in the midst of the Masonic lodges is not, moreover, an isolated fact. The religious papers and Christian papers have frequently asserted it.

"Particularly at Lyons this diabolic action has frequently made itself felt, and that town is still to-day the theatre of infernal apparitions and frightful scenes, where the most terrible sacrileges are committed, and where the holy consecrated Host is the object of awful profanation.

Father Jandel, a Dominican, preaching at Lyons, was led, by an interior movement, to teach the faithful the virtue of the sign of the cross. He did not resist this emotion, but preached. As he left the cathedral he was joined by a man, who said to him, 'Sir, do you believe what you have just been teaching?'

"If I did not believe it I should not teach it," he replied; "I only teach what I believe. The virtue of the sign of the cross is acknowledged by the Church. I hold for certain the virtue of the sign of the cross."

"Indeed," replied his interlocutor, astonished, "do you believe in what you say? I am a Freemason, and I do not believe in it, but as I am profoundly surprised by what you have told us, I am here to propose to you to put to the proof the sign of the cross. Every evening we meet in a certain street at a certain number. The demon comes himself to preside over our meeting. Come this evening with me. We will remain at the door of the hall. You make the sign of the cross upon the assembly, and I shall see at once if what you have said be true."

"I believe in the virtue of the sign of the cross," added Father Jandel, "but I cannot, without having thought over it, deliberately put my faith to the proof. Give me three days to reflect."

"Whenever you wish to prove your faith I am at your orders," replied the Freemason, and he gave his address to the Dominican.

"Father Jandel went at once to Monseigneur de Bonald, and asked him if he ought to accept this defiance in the name of the cross."

"The Archbishop assembled several theologians, and discussed for some time with them the *pour et contre* of this proceeding. At last all agreed in the advice that Father Jandel ought to accept it. 'Go, my son,' said to him Monseigneur Bonald, blessing him, 'and God be with you!'

"Forty-eight hours only remained to Father Jandel; he passed them in prayer and mortification, and in recommending himself to the prayers of his friends, and, towards the evening, as had been settled, he went and knocked at the door of the Freemason. The Freemason awaited him. Nothing could reveal the religious person; he was clothed in a lay dress, only he had concealed a large cross under his dress."

"They leave together, and soon reach a great hall, furnished with a great deal of luxury, and so brilliantly lighted up that the eyes were dazzled. They stop at the door. Little by little the hall filled, and all the seats were occupied, when the Demon appeared."

"His introducer said to him, (the reverend father), 'Behold him!' and forthwith drawing from his breast the crucifix which was there hidden, the Rev. Father Jandel raised it with his two hands, making over the gathering the sign of the cross. A thunderclap could not have had a less expected result, more sudden, more decisive. The lights were extinguished, the chairs fell upside down, one upon another, and all the company fled."

"The Freemason carried off Father Jandel, and when they were a long way off, without being able to explain how they had escaped from the darkness and confusion, the adept of Satan fell at the knees of the priest, and said, 'I believe; pray for me, convert me, listen to me.'"

"Father Jandel has not given the name of the Freemason, who conducted himself until the end of his life in a most edifying manner."

Is not this a startling story, kind readers? We leave it, without further note or comment, to the serious consideration of our educated, tolerant, and reverent Fraternity.

MASONIC SERVICE AT NATAL.

The annual Masonic service, under the auspices of the Natalia Lodge, took place at the Drill Shed on June 27th, the Sunday after St. John's Day. The brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, and a procession was formed under Bro. Major Terry, W.M., and proceeded to the Shed, the band of the 3-60th Rifles leading the way and playing some stirring and appropriate airs. The service was, in the main, the ordinary Church of England Prayer, the Psalms chosen being Ps. x. and Ps. cxxiii., and the lessons 1 Kings vii., v. 13-23, and St. Matthew xiv., to v. 13. The hymns were No. 414, "Lo! from the desert homes;" No. 437, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest;" and No. 365, "O, Lord of heaven and earth and sea." There were a large number of the brethren and of the general public present. Among the former were W. Bros. Finnemore, P.M. of the Natalia Lodge; Smith, P.M. of the Prince Alfred Lodge; and many other leading members of the Craft. The service was impressively performed, the band accompanying the Psalms and hymns. The Rev. Mr. Ritchie preached a very eloquent sermon. He traced the antiquity of Masonry back to Solomon's Temple, and even to the Tower of Babel, on the fall of which there were some who retained the true principles of religion in their hearts, and formed themselves into a quasi-religious society for the foundation of fenced cities. Alluding to the obligation which Masons had imposed upon them as to their duties to God, to their neighbour and themselves, and to exert their talents as well to the glory of their Creator as to the welfare of their fellow men, he eulogised the manner in which they kept inviolate the secrets of their Order, and the benevolence which they practised, not only to members of the Fraternity, but to all their fellow beings. He urged that a knowledge even of the rudiments of Masonry adds to our responsibility as Christians; and that Masonic life did not consist alone in the exercise of benevolent sympathy, in the security of our fraternal bonds, or in the fidelity of the brethren to each and all their Masonic obligations, but in the heartfelt love for the Great Master, in reverence for all His Laws, in unshaken faith in His own dear Son, in blessed hope of the resurrection of eternal life, through the merits and atonement of the Saviour.

At the conclusion of the service a collection amounting to £11 15s. 6d. was made for the benefit of the Masonic Benevolent Association.

MASONIC BANQUET AT MARITZBURG, NATAL.

The members of the Skelmersdale Lodge held their annual installation banquet, at the Masonic Temple, on June 24th. There was a very good attendance, about fifty brethren sitting down to table. The chair was taken by W. Bro. Ford, the new Master of the lodge, who had been installed during the afternoon by W. Bro. Lawson, the retiring Master, W. Bro. Finnemore, and Bro. Major Terry. Among those present we noticed W. Bros. Smith, P.M. of Prince Alfred Lodge; Stranach, P.M. Skelmersdale Lodge; Bro. Colonel Steward, of the Natalia Lodge; and others.

The banquet, which was provided by Mrs. Shepherd, was very good, and gave general satisfaction; and after the viands had been dispatched, "The Queen and the Craft," and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, W. Bro. LAWSON proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed Master," in very appropriate terms, saying it was

no mere compliment to him to express his full conviction that he would worthily fill the high office to which he had been elected. He was a man who had a high character for honour and integrity, not only among the fraternity, but also with all who had been connected with him either in business or as private friends. In responding to the toast of "The Installing Master," W. Bro. FINNIMORE spoke with great pleasure of the progress which the Skelmersdale Lodge had made; and alluding to the general progress of Masonry in Natal, held out hopes that before very long arrangements might be made for the establishment of a District Grand Lodge for Natal—a suggestion which evidently met with general approval on the part of the brethren present.

"The Health of Bro. Wiltshier," who will shortly open a lodge at Greytown, was also cordially drunk, and the services which he had rendered to the Skelmersdale Lodge warmly acknowledged.

Bro. Major TERRY replied in well-chosen language to the toast of "The Sister Lodges," and expressed his certainty that each lodge in Natal would be willing and glad at all times to render assistance to any sister lodge which might require it.

Bros. SCODNES and Colonel STEWARD responded for "The Visiting Brethren," the latter congratulating the lodge upon the admirable music which had been given by Bros. Fraser, Schofield, and others, and had added so much to the pleasure of the evening.

The toast of "Masonic Benevolent Institutions" was eloquently proposed by Bro. Archdeacon COLLEY, and was responded to by W. Bro. FINNIMORE, as Chairman of the Natal Masonic Benevolent Association, who pointed out the practical good which that institution had already worked. He was followed by W. Bro. DULCKEN, Hon. Sec., who also congratulated the brethren on the practical good they were doing.

At the conclusion of the proceedings a collection was made, amounting to over £5, for the benefit of the Masonic Benevolent Fund.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—

The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th ult., at the New Market Hotel, King-street, E.C. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Howes, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Pennefather, P.M., S.W.; T. Butt, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, as S.D.; R. Greenwood, J.D.; Stephens, I.G.; Mallett, Sec.; W. C. Smith, Mackay, Cooke, Renault, Walter, W. H. Milton, M. J. C. Milton, Wilkinson, King, Silvey, W. Butt, C.S.; Egbert Roberts, Org.; and others.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting and that of the lodge of emergency. The Secretary submitted the minutes, which were received, and unanimously confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the F.C. Degree, and Bro. Wilkinson received the merit and retired. The lodge was then prepared by the W. Master for the Master Mason's Degree, and Bro. Wilkinson returned; the W. Master, in an able and impressive manner, administered to him the Master Mason's Degree. The W. Master resumed his lodge, and ballot was taken for the following gentlemen: Messrs. Gaskin and Benson, which proved unanimous. Those gentlemen not having arrived, the W.M. proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer, the result of which was Bro. Pennefather, S.W., being unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. J. Howes, P.M., re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Smyth was elected Tyler. The lodge elected as the Audit Committee Bros. Lardner, King, and Stephens. Mr. Gaskin, having arrived, was duly initiated. The brethren for passing not being present, the Benevolent Committee asked that their amended report should stand over until the next regular lodge meeting, which was agreed to. Several discussions ensued, after which the W.M. received the congratulations of the brethren.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall to partake of a substantial repast, served in Bro. T. Butt's excellent style. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and Craft," which was heartily responded to by the brethren, the "National Anthem" being sung by Bro. Roberts. The next toast was that of "The G.M." The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past." The toast was responded to with song and sentiment. Bro. Mallett, P.M., Sec., was then entrusted with the gavel, and, on rising, remarked the pleasure he felt at the honour of having to propose the next toast, that of "The W.M.," who, none could deny, had discharged the duties as the head of the lodge, for the time he had occupied the chair, in a manner deserving the highest commendations. His excellent working was well-known to be of the best school; he had, by his amiable, sociable, and straightforward conduct, set a noble example, which might be followed by other W.M.'s with credit. It was no flattery to say he had done as well as could be done. He had listened to the cries of the distressed, and had hastened to succour them with substantial success; he was at the call of the members whenever he was required; he had made them happy, with few exceptions, in the lodge, and contented at refreshment; he never lost the opportunity of suppressing the slightest signs of dissension by proper Masonic admonition; he had deserved well of the brethren, and he (Bro. Mallett) trusted they would fill bumpers and join in drinking the health of the retiring W.M. The toast was enthusiastically received, and an excellent "fire" ensued. The W.M. observed as Bro. Mallett could say so much, he had better try his hand at a song, which was complied with. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the handsome manner the toast of himself had been received by them. He assured them he felt very pleased to think and see he had given so much satisfaction, and also, as a proof of the same for electing him as their Treasurer; he would rather they had not done so; but as it was the desire of the majority, he felt he could not do otherwise than submit to their fiat. He hoped they would not be extravagant, for that he would not counsel, and he would strive to discharge the duties as their Treasurer to the best of his ability. It was not the first time he had held such office, he, therefore, knew something of its working. The worthy

brother resumed his seat midst general marks of approval. The W.M. rose and said he had hoped to have had a P.M. of the lodge on his last night to reply to their toast, but found again he had none to support him; he, therefore, thought the best thing for him to do was to leave it out until they did attend, so that they might have the honour of replying. He must say that during his year of office he had scarcely seen them; he would, therefore, propose the toast of "The Initiate." They had but one, but he was quite satisfied by that brother's conduct and behaviour during his initiation to warrant his saying that he would make a good brother—he congratulated him. He now called on the brethren to rise and drink to the initiate. The toast was well received. The initiate replied to the toast. The W.M. rose, as he said, with unusual pleasure to propose "The Health of the Visitor." They had on that occasion but one visitor, but he was none the less welcome. Bro. Jennings, I.P.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge, had passed the various offices with honour to himself and satisfaction to the lodge until he became its W.M. To make good W.M.'s brethren ought to be able to do all the work of the lodge with ease prior to going into the W.M.'s chair. He had been told Bro. Jennings had so excelled, and earned for himself a unanimous vote of thanks, conveyed to him in open lodge, the same to be recorded on the minutes. That was the sort of example to follow. He could say a good deal more on the subject, but must defer it until some other time, he would, therefore, call on them to drink to the visitor, which was cordially done. Bro. Jennings, who on rising to respond was received with approbation by the brethren, tendered his thanks for the kind manner the toast of the visitor had been received by them. It was always a pleasure to be received well and hear nice things, but the W.M. had illustrated his abilities a little too much; but knowing it was intended kindly he would say no more on that point, but must say that he felt he had discharged his duty to the Royal Albert Lodge to the best of his ability, and had also given satisfaction to his brethren, and felt sure his successor, Bro. T. Butt, who had invited him amongst them that evening, would at the end of his year of office give equal satisfaction. It was the first time he had visited the mother lodge, and must express the pleasure he felt at the able manner the working was done. He quite expected it. Being a member of three lodges of instruction, and knowing the element at work to make them perfect, he should have been greatly disappointed at any result different to what he had seen. Their Preceptor, Bro. Pennefather, also an old P.M., had been unanimously elected their W.M. for the ensuing year—it did credit to their selection; he felt sure the members of the lodge would support him well during his Mastership. He was sure the West Smithfield Lodge would sooner or later be a very successful lodge. He conjured the brethren to work together and make it so. He hoped he should have the honour of an invite during Bro. Pennefather's year of office; he was glad to see the class of gentlemen who were being invited among them—good men made good Freemasons. Too much care cannot be observed in their selection, for a bad Mason only brings discredit on the Craft, and gives the outer world the opportunity of throwing stones. Thanking them again for the kind and brotherly reception he had received from them he wished them success for the coming year. The W.M. next proposed "The Officers of the Lodge." Bro. Pennefather, addressing the W.M., said, as S.W. he thanked the W.M. on his own behalf for the officers' toast, also the brethren for electing him to preside over them for the ensuing year; he would do his best to carry on those duties entrusted to him with fervency and zeal. He would do his best to further the interests of the lodge, and to preserve its harmony to the best of his ability, and he courted the aid of the brethren to assist him, for, as generally accepted, unity was strength. There was sure to be something occur at times to cause discord in every institution where an assemblage of men congregated together to discuss subjects; there would always be one or more found to differ, and although difference of opinion ought not to affect brotherly love, it, nevertheless, did at times, and should it occur in their lodge it was then he should require the aid of his brethren to suppress it. He trusted no opportunity would arise in the lodge during his year of office to disturb its harmony, but he liked to mention these little things that the brethren might do all in their power to prevent discord, and assist him in ruling and governing the lodge. He quite agreed with Bro. Jennings that the West Smithfield Lodge had a bright future before it; he could at the present moment produce W.M.'s for many lodges from among members of the lodge who had as yet had no opportunity of receiving office, and some of them not yet two years in Freemasonry, this the inevitable result of attending lodges of instruction regularly; he knew many of his brethren who would rather neglect their comfort than their instruction, and concluded by again thanking the W.M. for the officers' toast. Bro. Mallett next replied, thanking the W.M. and the brethren for the courtesy he had received from them during the past year. Bro. Lardner next responded, promising, if appointed to office, to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties of the lodge to the best of his ability. Bro. G. S. Stephens also replied, and observed that little had been left him to say by the other officers, but he could say one thing, he endorsed all that they had said, and should he again have the honour of receiving appointment he should do his utmost for the interest of the lodge and the sociableness of the brothers. Bro. E. Roberts, Organist, thanked the W.M., and said if again appointed to office he should do his best to please them. Bro. W. Butt, C.S., also returned thanks, and hoped the W.M. would not forget him when appointing his officers. "The Health of the Lay Members" was next drunk, and responded to by Bros. Renault, Greenwood, King, Silvey, and W. C. Smith, placing their services at the disposal of the W.M. for any small consideration. Bro. J. Butt, W.M. 907, also member of the lodge, and acting J.W., in answer to the toast of "The Host," said he congratulated the W.M. on the termination of his year of office; he could tell him he had given great satisfaction to them all, and trusted Bro. Pennefather, their W.M. elect, would be equally successful. He thanked the W.M. for the kind reference to himself and Mrs. Butt. They would always try and make them happy and comfortable. He thanked the brethren for the courtesy shown him, and trusted to merit a continuance of the same, and hoped to see the lodge placed on a sound footing during the coming year. The W.M. next proposed the Tyler's toast, and after a chit chat among themselves the brethren dispersed after an enjoyable evening.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This representative lodge met in good numbers at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on Monday, the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.G. S.B. Middx., W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; M. Samuel, J.W.; C. Jacques, I.P.M.; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. and Sec.; W. Williams, I.G.; Hart (Hon. Org.); and Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bro. Falck, Prosperity Lodge, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

GATESHEAD.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The usual monthly gathering of this ancient and healthy lodge was held at the rooms, No. 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there was a good muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened shortly after 7 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. John Wood, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Robt. Whitfield, I.P.M.; J. G. Smith, S.W.; E. Liddell, J.W.; W. B. Eldon, Treas.; E. W. Middlemast, Sec.; C. B. Ford, as S.D.; R. W. Sisson, as J.D.; Michael Corbett, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; A. Rhagg, S.S.; W. M. Pybus, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. B. P. Ord, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; J. G. Benson, Wm. Towers, Jas. T. Hedley, W. Brown, M. J. Wheatley, Robt. Tate, W. Dalrymple. The list of visitors included Bros. R. Robson, W.M. 1274; T. S. Robson, 1274; J. Duckitt, W.M. 481; Jos. Cook, P.M. 481; John Usher, I.P.M. 481; C. B. Ford, J.W. 841; Thomas Prentice, S.W. 481; C. A. Bushell, S.W. 1427; R. Willis, 040; E. A. Gibson, 424; Whitmore York, 1611; S. M. Harris, J.W. 406; W. F. Poad, J.W. 424; H. Simpson, 35; J. T. Taylor, P.M. 1676; R. W. Cummins, J.W. 1676; R. Smaile, P.M. 541; T. Dinning, S. 481; and others.

The minutes of the previous lodge were confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Thos. Wilson, proposed at last meeting for initiation, and he was duly elected. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, when Bros. W. Towers and J. G. Benson were examined, and having received the test of merit, retired for preparation. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Third Degree, when Bros. Towers and Benson were re-admitted, and raised as M.M.'s by the W.M., who also explained the working tools and Tracing Board. The lodge was reduced to the First Degree, when after some routine matters were disposed of, and the visitors had given "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M., the lodge was closed at 8.45 p.m.

The brethren re-assembled in the refreshment room, and enjoyed themselves for the remainder of the evening in listening to the usual Masonic toasts, and a musical entertainment. In giving the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. alluded in feeling terms to the loss the lodge would sustain through the removal of Bro. Jas. Macintyre to the South, where he is seeking his fortune anew on the London press. Bro. Macintyre responded in a neat and modest speech, and referred to the many happy hours he had spent amongst the brethren of old 48. He hoped he should never cease his connection with his mother lodge.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—

The annual installation meeting of the members of this suburban lodge was held at the Wellington Hotel, which is within an easy distance of Liverpool, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., where and when a very select and thoroughly representative gathering of the Craft took place under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas F. Hill. The W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Hatch, S.W., was presented by Bro. John W. Baker, P.M., and Bro. Samuel Tickle, P.M., and the ceremony was worthily performed by the retiring W.M. After the usual honours the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Thomas F. Hill, I.P.M.; E. Ratcliffe, S.W.; Edgar Humphries, J.W.; Wm. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer (by proxy); James Carter, Secretary (by proxy); Thomas Jones, S.D.; William Oliver, J.D.; P. E. Rothwell, I.G.; John R. Wood, Organist; and Joseph Williams and G. Clampit, Stewards. Bro. James Robinson was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Hill, I.P.M., was presented with a tasteful Past Master's jewel on behalf of the brethren by the W.M. The members and guests afterwards sat down to dinner, which was well served by the host, Bro. James Wood, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

BERKHAMPSTEAD.—Berkhampstead Lodge

(No. 503).—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., Bro. J. T. Rowe, W.M., in the chair. The lodge added three new members to the roll, Bro. Maddiver, I.P.M., G.J.D., initiating them in first-rate Masonic style, the worthy W.M. kindly vacating his chair for the occasion. Bro. Pouchier was passed by the W.M. in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. The ceremonies were much added to by some choice and very appropriate music, which we think ought to be more cultivated in provincial lodges than it is at the present time.

The banquet was well served, and with short speeches and some excellent singing the brethren brought a most enjoyable meeting to an early close.

HAMPTON COURT.—Burdett Lodge (No.

1217).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at the Mitre Hotel. Present: Bros. Sindall, W.M.; Gordon, S.W.; Kentish, J.W.; Shaboe, Chap. and I.P.M.; Buss, Treas.; Pearce, Sec.; Sanders, S.D.; Maple, D.C.; Southwell, P.M.; Phythian, P.M.; Kelly, P.M.; Kirke, Hubbard, Roberts, Ward, Tarr, Massa, Smith, Griffiths, and Tattersall. Visitors: Bros. Hopwood, Gardiner, Cumberland, Griffiths, Blake, Muddock, Sykes, and Gibson. In the temporary unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Sindall, the lodge was opened by Bro. Southwell, P.M., who duly raised Bros. Griffiths and Tattersall to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. The W.M. having now arrived took the chair and duly initiated Messrs. Wilson and Rogers into Freemasonry. A cordial vote of congratulation was then passed to the P.G.M., Sir F. Burdett, Bart., on his recent accession to the title, &c., and after some other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Sadler, after which the usual toasts were given, and a pleasant evening passed.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Wyndham Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened in due form by W.M. John Sim Woolley. The W.D.G.M., Bro. Tennant, and other officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were announced, and received by the brethren in due form. The installation ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by the W.D.G.M., Bro. Tennant, who inducted Bro. John Hemming into the chair as Worshipful Master of the lodge, and the usual congratulations and salutations took place. The following officers were then invested by the W.M.: Bros. J. S. Woolley, I.P.M.; J. P. Hitchings, S.W.; Chas. Walker, J.W.; John Herdman, Treas.; T. Stockwood, jun., Sec.; Edwin Price, S.D.; Wm. Jenkins, J.D.; J. J. Gratex, Org.; J. W. Pritchard, D.C.; C. E. Perry, I.G.; J. Stanley and L. Beha, Stwds.; A. D. Webber, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master (Bro. Hemming) then presented Bro. J. S. Woolley with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a memento of his valuable services as Worshipful Master during the past two years. The jewel, which was expressly designed for the occasion, was supplied by Bro. Beha, and the presentation was prefaced by an appropriate speech, and hearty good wishes were expressed that Bro. Woolley's health would soon be restored, and that he would live many years to wear the jewel, and to remind him of his connection with the Ogmore lodge. The brethren afterwards drove to Southenddown, and spent an enjoyable time in the vicinity of Dunraven Castle. At 5.30 an excellent banquet was provided at the Wyndham Arms Hotel, and the general appointments and floral decorations of the table elicited the admiration of the guests, and the liberal menu afforded general satisfaction. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Hemming, presided, and was supported by the W. Prov. G.M. and several Masters and Past Masters of lodges. At the conclusion of the repast, the usual Masonic toasts were given, the only drawback to a most pleasant evening being the early retirement of the D.P.G.M. in order to avail himself of the last train service. Bro. Legge presided at the piano in a masterly way, and also favoured the company with some humorous songs. Bros. Collier, D. R. David, R. Whittle, and others, contributed to the harmony of the evening.

In addition to the above-named, the following were also present: Bros. W. Dobbs, W.M. 237; Thomas Matthews, W.M. 960; R. C. Hunter, W.M. 1578; John Jones, S33; Prov. G. Sec.; W. Young, W.M. S33; D. R. David, P.M.; M. P. S. Tozer, P.M.; Thos. M. Jones, S33; W. Key, S.D. 1578; F. Legge, 237; Org.; and the following brethren of the Ogmore Lodge: Bros. S. Collier, jun., J. H. Price, D. H. Davies, O. J. Brooke, Wm. Thomas, W. M. Richards, R. Bates, W. S. Davey, R. Whittle, E. Williams, John Jenkins, and A. D. Webber.

Royal Arch.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A convocation of this Provincial Chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Friday, the 23rd ultimo, when there were present, among other companions, Comps. J. Stevens, acting M.E.Z. (in the absence abroad of Comp. Cama); R. Thrupp, P.Z., acting H.; W. Taylor, J.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., S.N.; W. H. Saunders, S.E. and 1st A.S.; Harrison, Janitor. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. Metier, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly exalted to the degree of a R.A.M. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony Comp. Thrupp gave the seldom-delivered but very interesting and erudite lecture upon the Royal Arch jewel. Previous to the chapter being closed a vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Thrupp for his services. Letters of resignation from Comps. Knaggs, Helect, and Jefferys were received with regret.

The visitors to the chapter were Comps. Poore, M.E.Z. Panmure; and E. Hopwood, P.Z. Lebanon, who both ably assisted in the ceremonial of exaltation.

Comp. Thrupp having been proposed as a subscribing member, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to a collation. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Comp. Walls replied upon behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers." "The Exalte" having been duly honoured, Comp. Metier acknowledged the compliment. "The Visitors" was responded to by Comps. Poore and Hopwood in effective speeches. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in happy terms by Comp. Stevens, and duly drunk. The toast of "The Officers," acknowledged by Comp. Taylor, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

YORK.—Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., but owing to the general absence from town of most of the members on holiday excursions, no exaltations were taken. A ballot was taken for a candidate, and another candidate was proposed, and the companions subsequently supped together. Amongst those present were Comps. T. B. Whythead, Z.; J. Todd, P.Z.; G. Balmford, H. 236; J. Hanly, St. Patrick's; M. Millington, P.S.; J. Kay, S.E.; A. T. B. Turner, T. Humphries, and P. Pearson, Janitor.

Mark Masonry.

LEICESTER.—Simon De Montfort Lodge (No. 194).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. J. T. Thorp, P.M., as W.M.; Clement E. Stretton, S.W.; Rev. F. H. Richardson, J.W.; J. Young, 19, as M.O.; T. Worthington, 19, J.O.; S. S. Partridge, P.D.P.G.M., Treas.; S. Cleaver, Sec.; T. Coltman, S.D.; S. Knight, as I.G.; Dunn and Tanser, Tylers; H. J. Atkins, W. H. Lead, and others.

In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Meadows, who was on duty with his regiment, 1st Leicester Volunteers, in camp at Willesley, Bro. Thorp, P.M., occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Lead, of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, which proving unanimous in his favour, he was admitted and advanced to the Degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master, which were conferred upon the candidate by the acting W.M. in his usual masterly style. This

being the meeting for the election of W.M., the suffrages of the brethren were unanimous in favour of the much respected and highly popular Senior Warden, Bro. Clement Edwin Stretton. Bro. Partridge was re-elected to the office of Treasurer, which he has filled since the formation of the lodge. Other business of a routine character having been transacted and the dues rendered the lodge was closed in perfect harmony and brotherly love.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).—The annual assembly of the Knights of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on Friday, the 30th ult., for the enthronement of M.P.S. and other business. After passing minutes of former conclave, Past Sov. A. R. Robinson presented the M.P.S. elect for the honour of enthronement, and Sir Knight R. Osborne for consecration as Viceroy. The customary portions of the New Testament having been read, all the Sir Knights below the Second Grade retired, a College of Viceroys was opened, and Sir Knight Osborne admitted and consecrated. The Sir Knights below the Third Grade having retired, a Senate of Sovereigns was opened, and Sir Knight Wm. Tuck was entrusted, admitted, and enthroned. The Sir Knights were re-admitted, and having saluted the M.P.S. in the usual manner, the officers for the year were invested. The members resolved unanimously that a letter of congratulation should be forwarded to the Grand Sov., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., upon his accession to the baronetcy, also that future meetings should be held in the New Masonic Hall, Landport. Their being a candidate, Bro. A. R. Hyde, of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, in attendance, the ballot was in his favour, and he was entrusted, admitted, and installed by the Int. Gen., Dr. Knot. The conclave was closed in due form and solemn prayer at 9.15.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEEDS.—Leodiensis Chapter Rose Croix (No. 77).—The regular meeting of the above chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 20th ult., in the presence of Ill. Bro. John Barker, 30, M.W.S., assisted by a good muster of his officers and brethren. The chapter was opened in due form, and the ballot was taken for two candidates, which was found to be in their favour. The following brethren being present—Bros. T. Scholfield Bradford, P.P.G.D., No. 306; G. H. Locking, J.W. St. Oswald Lodge, 910, Pontefract; E. W. H. Anderson, Mirfield Lodge, 1102—they were perfected in this Sublime Degree. Letters of apology having been read from several brethren, the chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to refreshments under the presidency of their M.W.S.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF RENFREWSHIRE EAST.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., the Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East was held in the hall of St. Mirren Lodge, No. 129, Paisley. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., Bro. ex-Bailie Caldwell, Substitute P.G.M., presided. The Benevolent Committee reported that they had considered several applications for relief, and recommended that sums from £2 to £5 be given. This was agreed to. The Treasurer reported the funds of the lodge to be in a satisfactory condition. The Substitute Provincial Grand Master afterwards called attention to several important matters to be brought before Grand Lodge at its meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., and hoped all members of Grand Lodge would endeavour to be present.

France.

L'UNION DES PEUPLES LODGE (No. 134).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau. Lodge was opened at half-past eight (the time on the summons was half-past seven precisely). There were present Bros. Besnard, W.M.; Mauris and Legorgueu, Wardens; Vincent, Orator; Pirlot, Sec.; and some forty other brethren, also several visitors, amongst them Bros. G. Collas Dickey, 1744, England.

The minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary, and confirmed by the lodge. The W.M. then read the correspondence, which consisted principally of invitations from other lodges to visit their meetings, and attend their summer banquets, and excuses from brethren unable to be present that evening. Permission from the Prefect of Police for the lodge to hold its summer banquet on Sunday, 25th July, was also read. The reports referring to the proposed initiation of Messrs. Tontu, Guillot, Thomas, and Forest, were then submitted to the meeting, and the third ballot was taken for these gentlemen, which being unanimous in their favour, they were admitted and initiated into the Order, after which a triple battery was fired by the brethren to welcome them. The W.M. in a few graceful words thanked the visitors for their presence that evening, and in the name of the lodge warmly invited the English brother to the banquet to be held on the Sunday. The mystic circle was then formed and the pass word for the coming six months was communicated, after which the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

LES PHILANTHROPES REUNIS LODGE (No. 66).—This lodge held an emergency meeting on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau. The lodge was opened in the usual form at half-past eight. There were present Bros. Fleury, W.M.; Duvoisin and Boulet, Wardens; Buisson, Orator; Girard, Secretary; and a goodly gathering of the brethren, together with several visitors, among them Bro. G. Collas Dickey, 1744, England. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. read the correspondence, which, besides the usual invitations from other lodges, con-

tained the necessary permission for the lodge to hold its usual summer fête, which will take place on the 8th August, and will be preceded by the interesting ceremony of "adoption." There was also a letter from the Secretary of the Supreme Council, acknowledging the receipt of a protest which the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, had sent in with reference to the political conduct of a well-known brother, a member of the Council, a copy of which protest the W.M. read to the lodge amid general signs of approval. The third ballot was then taken for Messrs. Kistemaeckers and Valens, and was declared to be unanimous in their favour. Messrs. Delpech and Cabroler, who had already passed successfully the third ballot, were then admitted and initiated, being welcomed as members by the brethren in the usual hearty manner. The W.M. at this point received a letter which he at once read to the lodge; it contained the sad news that one of the brethren of the lodge had died that day at five o'clock. The W.M. at once called on the brethren present to fire a battery (of "mourning") to the memory of the deceased, which was done in the usual impressive manner, and a Committee of five was formed to wait upon the widow on the following day, and, in the name of the lodge, to afford her immediate assistance, if required; it was also resolved "that the lodge buy a wreath of flowers to place upon the grave." It was then agreed that the ordinary lodge meeting in August should be held on the first Friday instead of the second. The "trons" then circulated, and the "circle" being formed, the password was communicated, after which the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN WARD.

A very well-known Mason in North and East Yorkshire has gone to his rest. Bro. John Ward, for many years Provincial Grand Pursuivant, died on Sunday last, at the age of sixty-eight years, after an illness of about three months. Bro. Ward was initiated in the York Lodge, No. 236, and was a subscribing member up to the time of his death. For a period of several years he acted as Tyler of that lodge. He was also a member of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.) until his health and straitened circumstances compelled his resignation, and for several years acted as its Tyler, and, on his retirement from that office he was presented with an illuminated address of thanks. He was also a member of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 236, and for some years acted as its Janitor. He was also for several years junior Janitor of the Provincial Chapter. Bro. Ward was a very energetic member of the Templar Order, and was one of the founders, and, up to within a very recent period, the Tyler of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101. He was perfected in the Talbot Chapter, Rose Croix, at Sheffield, and was also a member of the Hilda Chapter, at York. He took the Degrees of Red Cross of Constantine and K.H.S. in the Eboracum Conclave, at York, and showed a keen interest in every branch of Masonry. Bro. Ward had, by his invariably urbane manners and kindly heart, won for himself the good opinion of every brother with whom he was brought in contact, and his place of business for years formed a Masonic rendezvous in York for strangers and visitors, who always experienced a courteous reception at his hands. He was one of the first promoters of the volunteer movement in York, and for many years had filled the post of bugle-major in the 1st West York Rifle Volunteers. His funeral took place at the York Cemetery on Tuesday, and was conducted by a detachment of his battalion with military honours. There was an enormous attendance of spectators, and several Masons were present to testify their respect to the memory of the deceased. Among them we noticed Bros. W. Lawton, P.M.; J. Todd, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; G. Kirby, J. Tissiman, T. S. Camidge, T. G. Hodgson, Stead, Saville, Flint, Bland, Young, Hemson, P. Pearson, and others.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada met on the 16th ult. in the Masonic Hall, Guelph. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and a quantity of routine business attended to, the G.R., Ex. Comp. Z. Daniel Spry, delivered his address to the companions.

The receipts for the last year have been 1794.04 dollars, and the expenditure 1109.75 dollars, leaving a surplus of 684.29 dollars. As directed by the Grand Chapter, 1500 dollars have been invested by the purchase of paid-up stock in the Toronto House Building Association, which increases the permanent investments to 6000 dollars. There is 1335.38 dollars cash on hand, of which the ex-committee will probably recommend a further investment of 1000 dollars.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- M.E. Comp. Daniel Spry ... G.Z.
- R.E. " Donald Ross ... G.H.
- " " Judge McPherson ... G.J.
- " " David McClellan ... G.S.E.
- " " J. Ross Robertson ... G.S.N.
- " " E. Mitchell ... G. Treas.
- " " Dr. Tamblin ... G. Prin. Soj.
- " " E. H. Hall ... G. Reg.
- " " W. W. Somers ... G. Janitor.

The following companions were elected G. Superintendents of Districts:—Toronto, J. G. Burns, Toronto; Hamilton, Gavin Stewart, Hamilton; Ottawa, John Moore, Ottawa; Wellington, John McLaren, Mount Forest; Niagara, J. W. Coy, St. Catharine's; London, W. Hawthorn, London; Wilson, C. L. Beard, Woodstock; Huron, J. F. Toms, Goderich; Ontario, C. Dobler, Port Hope; Prince Edward, J. Smith, Belleville.

The following are the members of the Executive Committee elected:—Comps. Henry Robertson, Collingwood; J. M. Meakins, Hamilton; Thos. Sargent, Toronto; N. Forbes, Grimsby; J. J. Mason, Hamilton. Appointed—Comps. A. G. Smith, London; J. B. Nixon, Toronto; F. McNabb, Chatham; H. K. Maitland, Guelph; St. George, Canfield, Windsor.

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At a meeting of the House Committee, held on the 20th May last, it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. E. Letchworth, seconded by Bro. J. A. Rucker—

"That, with the view of perpetuating in years to come the memory of one who, for considerably more than half a century, has most deservedly enjoyed the esteem and respect of all connected with this Institution, the success and prosperity of which is in no small measure due to her able management, as well as her gentle and thoughtful influence and example, a subscription, limited to One Guinea, be set on foot for the purpose, with Miss Jarwood's permission, of having that lady's portrait painted by an artist of eminence, to be placed on the walls of the Institution."

The valued services of Miss Jarwood are too well known to need further notice here. Admitted a pupil of the Institution as long ago as 1819, she has ever since remained a member of the Establishment.

After having acted for nearly thirty years, as assistant to the late Matron, Mrs. F. Crook, she was unanimously elected on that lady's death in 1854, to the post she now fills, and which it is hoped she may long continue to occupy.

In the present proposal the Committee are but following a precedent established in 1844, when the very admirable portrait of the late Matron, which hangs on the wall of the Dining Hall, was painted, pursuant to a resolution of the then Committee "for the purpose of having some lasting memento of the services rendered by that lady."

Those who may desire to co-operate in raising the funds necessary to carry out the present proposal, are invited to forward their subscriptions to any one of the following brethren constituting the Committee, against whose name an asterisk is placed.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Australian Freemason," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The National Baptist," "The New Zealand Freemason," "First Report of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund," "Sunday Times," "The Masonic Herald," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Boletin Oficial del Grand Orient de Espana," "The Cosmopolite Cabinet," "The Times of Natal," "Der Long Islaender," "Broad Arrow," "Croydon Guardian," "Hatters' Gazette," "The Citizen," "Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "Jewish Chronicle," "Hull Packet," "Morning Advertiser," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Egyptian Gazette," "New Yorker Bundes-Presse," "The Masonic Review."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 1880.

We think it is impossible but, from time to time, all who study the past and present history of Freemasonry, who realize its complex system or are conversant with its component parts, must feel how very peculiar and remarkable a Society it is, and how much it really does in its own quiet and unostentatious manner for the welfare of the Brotherhood, for the happiness of mankind. There have been those in past times, there are some at the present hour, who can and will see no good in Freemasonry, and who ever attribute to it the most unwholesome teaching, the most hurtful practices, and the most nefarious designs. And yet, as a distinguished brother once remarked to us, "on how very little does it do a great deal." We talk, for instance, often glibly enough of the magnificent "outcome" of our Charitable Festivals, and a very magnificent "outcome" it assuredly is. But do we ever sit down carefully to calculate or consider what efforts, nay, what sacrifices, often have conspired to render this or that festival such a wonderful success? We think not, we trow not. On the contrary, by a good many all these things are looked upon as almost a matter of course, part of the normal life of English Freemasonry to day; and yet they represent an "unknown quantity" of mental labour, of corporeal exertion, of living and personal zeal for the honour, interest, benevolence of Freemasonry. Now, we do not mean to say that there are no "spots" on our feasts of charity, no weak points in our armour, no anomalies which need redress, no reforms which ask for adoption. On the contrary, the *Freemason* has always sought to point out that, striking and salutary as is the example afforded by the beneficent exertions of English Freemasonry, there are yet undercurrents existent which seem to point to possible injury to the cause of true charity, influences at work which, unless checked and controlled, may do serious damage, not only to the cause of Masonic charity generally, but to the specific claims of our great metropolitan Institutions. One is a system of lotteries much in vogue recently, which though on the face of it and at the first flush beneficial to the Charities, as a mere question of £ s. d., must end in doing grave injury to them one and all, in that it saps and corrupts the true principle of Masonic giving, and is in itself positively a sham and a delusion, alike in what it professes to do as in what it actually accomplishes. The theory of giving to the Masonic Charities is twofold, first as an act of duty as a Freemason, secondly, as an act of legitimate qualification or interest in a certain well-known Institution. And thus, for a certain sum, honestly given as an act of conscientious conviction, Bro. A B or Bro. C D receives a certain number of votes for his own kindly, and consistent, and loyal support of a valuable Masonic Charity. But what is the principle of the Masonic sweep? Just the very reverse. For it appeals to that innate selfishness of us all by which, for a small venture, we hope to obtain exorbitant gains. It is the very principle condemned by the lottery act; in that it is really nothing less than the action of gambling, per se, and brings with it much that is incongruous, and grotesque, and prejudicial to Masonic professions. For we note that votes are given to Bro. Q O, or R N, or S E, not because either of them has paid his qualifying payment, but because, forsooth, he has won a prize in a lottery, for which he had paid two shillings and sixpence, or even *one shilling*. Can the force of absurdity any further go? Were such a system as this to extend itself amongst

us, we cannot shut our eyes to the certainty that the whole principle of Masonic giving to the Charities will be most seriously affected. We are assuming here that the arrangement is, as it often is, one of a mere lottery per se. We are aware that there is another system of procedure in vogue, which, perhaps, can only be fairly termed a quasi lottery. But we object to the whole system, in that it subserves mainly individual notoriety. But here we stop to day; we shall continue these "lucubrations" at an early date.

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We often talk of "contrasts" just now, in rebus Masonic, and the "laudatores temporis acti" are always many in Masonry and out of Masonry. But, perhaps, there is no one point in which the "contrast" is so great and noteworthy as in the case of our metropolitan Charities. We were looking into the old *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. IX., 1798, the other day, when we stumbled over the following paragraph, which we commend to the notice of our readers: "London, Wednesday, July 5, 1797.—This day the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, under the Constitution of England, (His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES being Grand Master), held their annual feast, at Canonbury House, under the direction of the Lodge of Country Stewards. The lodge was opened in the anti-chamber, whence the procession in all due Masonic form, with splendid regalia, passed into the large room, where a most numerous and respectable assembly of brethren was collected. The chair was taken by Alderman NEWHAM, supported on the right by the Worshipful Bro. Counsellor DOWNING, Provincial Grand Master of the County of Essex; and on the left by Bro. E. DOWLING, Senior Master of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles. Bro. WINGFIELD, Master of the Lodge of Country Stewards, and Bro. JOHN DOWLING, Past Master of the same lodge, officiated as Wardens. The exertions of the Stewards were not confined to the present gratification of their numerous friends then assembled, they opened an additional source of pleasure by the production of several subscriptions to the Female Charity School, under the protection of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of CUMBERLAND. On this occasion the Venerable Master of the Knights Templar, Captain HANNAH, was respectably conspicuous in bringing the collection of ten guineas from his chapter. The meeting was honoured with the presence of many Grand Stewards, and the whole was conducted with all that order, harmony, and friendship which the principles of the Royal Craft enforce, and by which it is the pride and the wish of every good Mason to regulate his life and actions." The amount is not stated then collected—probably £50 would represent the whole. But as it is often remarked, though the observation is not new, "Times change and we change with them." In this respect, at any rate, even the most cynical and grumbling Bro. "Diogenes" amongst us will scarcely deny the fact that the contrast is both pleasant and to the good in every way. So mote it always be.

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It is very odd how the idea of "personality" clings to every movement, almost, and act of Masonic journalism. We cannot often propound a theory or carry on any argument; we cannot admit this report or insert that letter, but there immediately "crops up" the fact or complaint of personality. Why should this be so? Are Freemasons so thin skinned, so fidgety, so pugnacious, that they cannot endure the least criticism, or tolerate the least opposition? In the *Freemason* we have always tried to steer clear of personalities. But such is the tendency of all discussion in the press, so "trenchant" are the remarks of one, so angry the sentences of another, that the best natured men in the world outside the press, the moment they get pen in hand, and seek to appear "in print," seem often to forget all forbearance, kindness, friendliness, Masonry, and degenerate at once into captious critics, unreasoning partizans, hot blooded antagonists. We leave to Masonic philosophers and psychologists to tell us

why this should be so, as it is a mystery which it is beyond our faculties to unfold, and an enigma we have no power to explain. So it has been, so it is now, and so we fancy it will mostly be.

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WE are glad to call attention to the pleasant "form" and literary position some of our York brethren are taking up, though what is done is accomplished mainly for the Rosicrucian Society. We especially allude to the contributions of Bro. T. J. WILKINSON and Bro. the Rev. R. W. C. LUKIS—productions to which we have called attention elsewhere. But the same argument applies to Craft Masonry as to the Rosicrucian Society. We feel sure that an immense amount of good might be done, and interest excited, if some of our brethren quite competent to do so, like Bros. WHITEHEAD, HUGHAN, ROWBOTTOM, and others, would recommence a system of lodge lectures. Of course there are "lectures and lectures."

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WE call the attention of our Rosicrucian Frateres to some letters anent Rosicrucian literature, which have appeared in the *Antiquary*, a new and most interesting magazine. It shows all students of Masonic Archaeology, and those who like to pursue the mysteries of Hermeticism, despite frivolous objections and perverse antagonism, how much may be yet done in the way of literary research and intellectual Masonry. The path is still open for us all; the Temple of Truth has yet to be reached.

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WE have thought it better on the whole, on reconsideration, as nothing is ever gained by a "suppressio veri" here, to give elsewhere, under the head "Communique," a translation from the *Chaine d'Union* of Bro. HUBERT's account of Father JANDEL's attack upon Freemasonry. We originally thought the whole story too irreligious for our reverent pages, but we, perhaps, took too serious a view of it. It is, indeed, almost too ludicrous to translate or transcribe, but perhaps our readers had better read it for themselves, however painful and humiliating, to see how far human folly, human impiety, and human intolerance can go. Another feature connected with this painful case is the absolute untruthfulness of the statement. But, alas, as we often see and read, day by day, in the height and fervour of such frenzied attacks on principles or persons, "truth lies, indeed, at the bottom of a well," utterly disregarded and forgotten.

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.]

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND BRETHREN OF THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX.

Brethren,—

As a great many of you were unavoidably absent from the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Teddington on Saturday last, I take this opportunity of thanking one and all for the very handsome service of plate which was presented to me, through your Deputy Grand Master, Sir Charles Bright, on that occasion. I vainly endeavoured, on the spur of the moment, to express my thanks and gratitude for such a public expression of good feeling, which has, during the time that I had the honour of presiding over you, and since the formation of the province, been so generously and so kindly evinced towards me.

It must be most gratifying to the most exalted brother amongst us to receive so great an expression of approbation as I received on that day from the brethren of this province, and more so as this kind feeling has existed ever since the formation of the province, and I trust will continue as long as the G.A.U. grants me life and strength to carry on the duties that are sure to devolve on me, and I trust I may do so for the welfare and interests of the province, and for the comfort, and to the satisfaction of every brother in it.

Believe me, brethren, yours gratefully and fraternally,

FRAS. BURDETT, Bart.,

P.G.M. Middx.; G. Supt.; P.S.G.W.; Rep. P.G.L. Ireland.

August 3rd, 1880.

QUERIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to my query as to whether a District or Provincial Grand Master is, ipso facto, a Grand Lodge Officer, you state—"Yes; by the Table of Precedence in the Book of Constitutions," p. 16, 17. On referring, however, to the table in question I find no mention of the above-named dignitaries as officers, but merely a specification of the order in which the members of Grand Lodge rank inter-

se. Thus, District or Provincial Grand Masters occupy the seventh, and the Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of private lodges the last classification in the list. If, therefore, District or Provincial Grand Masters derive their claim to Grand Lodge office from being included in this table, the Masters, &c., of private lodges (as it seems to me) are entitled to the like distinction.

In my perplexity I have turned to the Books of Constitutions of sister countries, and at page 6 of the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Scotland I find "The M.W. the Grand Master shall be assumed and recorded as a member of every lodge holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, &c." Now reasoning by analogy, if the seventh class of members of the Grand Lodge of England are ex necessitate rei officers of that august body, clearly the members of highest rank in each Scottish private lodge must be an officer of the same. It would be instructive could we learn whether Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, the present Grand Master of Scotland, on the occasion of his visiting private lodges under his jurisdiction, makes response to the toast of "The Officers."

In conclusion, I submit that no brother, however exalted his rank in Grand Lodge may be, is a Grand Lodge Officer, unless he fills or has filled some actual office in Grand Lodge. If I am wrong perhaps some brother will refer me to an authority bearing the other way, for which I shall be much obliged.

I should not have dreamed of questioning the law as you laid it down, were it not for the interest of the Craft in general, and not of any lodge or individual Mason, that this point should be thoroughly sifted.

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

August 2nd, 1880.

[We will allude to the matter more fully next week.—ED. FM.]

"BAYARD" AND THE GRAND LODGE.

In order to understand the position of affairs before answering "Bayard," it is well to carefully note the Constitutions.

1. The list of Grand Officers does not contain that of Prov. G.M., or of District G.M. (pp. 29, 24).

2. Provincial and District Grand Masters appear in the definition of what constitutes the "United Grand Lodge of England," and so also do the Master and Wardens of lodges.

The question is "Are Prov. and Dist. G. Masters Grand Lodge Officers?" According to the evidence of the "Book of Constitutions" they are not.

If the "Table of Precedence" is proof that they are, I submit that the Masters and Wardens are so in like manner. The fact is the table in question includes Grand Lodge Officers, and all other brethren who have a right to vote in the Grand Lodge of England, and are, therefore, members officially for the time being, or permanently, as the case may be.

The other question must be answered also in the negative, if the foregoing view be correct, and so I reply, that at a banquet the toast of "The Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past," should be responded to by brethren of the rank mentioned, viz., those who hold, or have held, office in the Grand Lodge, and therefore does not include Prov. or Dist. G. Masters, unless they are otherwise qualified. Surely this view will commend itself to "Bayard," as it does to REVIVISCO.

[We cannot agree with our worthy correspondent, and must ask him to read our little leader next week.—ED. FM.]

39 GEO. III., CHAP. 79.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At foot is a copy of a notice which my lodge receives yearly, and to its dictates we pay due obedience. Can any of your numerous readers inform me if the same is observed in other provinces, and for what reason?

Yours fraternally, W.M. 1458.

"I beg to call your attention to the provisions of the above Act, which requires that every lodge of Freemasons shall, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March, in each year, register with the Clerk of the Peace the names and descriptions of all the members of such lodge, or, in default thereof, such lodge is liable to a penalty of twenty pounds, half of which is payable to the informers. A fee of eight shillings and sixpence must accompany your return, otherwise the same cannot be registered and filed."

THE LORD MAYOR'S STATE VISIT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am inclined to think with "Historicus" that the Lord Mayor's visit to the Great City Lodge, in 1875, was not a state visit, and for the following reasons:—

1. Because this was the first time a Lord Mayor of London had ever, in his capacity as such, visited a Masonic lodge.

2. Because this was the largest assemblage of distinguished Freemasons ever brought together in the City of London.

3. Because it took place at a critical juncture in the history of the Craft, when deep concern was felt at the defection of the M.W.G. Master, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G.

4. Because the transactions of that auspicious occasion gave great satisfaction, not only to the Craft in England, but, according to the literature of the day, to Masons all over the world, and created immense enthusiasm.

And lastly, because not the slightest honour or distinction of any kind was conferred upon any member of the lodge in recognition or commemoration of the event. And I should not be surprised if presently there be those who are quite ready to dispute, not whether the Lord Mayor's visit was a state visit, but whether he ever visited the Great City Lodge at all. *Sic transit gloria mundi!*

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A COUNTRY OBSERVER.

Norwich, 2nd August.

THE "MASONIC SERVICE" AT NATAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On Sunday, 25th ult., a Masonic spectacle was witnessed in this city, the like of which, I think I am correct in saying, has never been seen before, either here or in England, and, I trust, never will be again. The brethren of the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, assembled at the Masonic Hall (by-the-way, a consecrated building, capable of holding

some 200 people), formed a procession in full regalia, under the Worshipful Master, Bro. Major Terry, of the 3—60th Rifles, and proceeded to the drill shed (a large store where Divine service is conducted by the military Chaplain on Sunday), the band of the 3—60th Rifles leading the way, and playing some stirring airs. Sir, it has been evident to the most casual observer who takes any interest in the Craft that Freemasonry in Natal has become more or less nauseous, not only to a large number of brethren, but also to the public, and it seems to me the W.M. of the above-named lodge could not have chosen a more appropriate mode of making Freemasonry a laughing-stock than by parading the streets with his lodge decked out in their gaudy paraphernalia and headed by a military brass band. Sir, I assert that on the shoulders of the W.M. of the Natalia Lodge, which turned out on the 27th ult. in such an egotistical manner, must the blame lay, to a very large extent, for allowing the Masonic Fraternity in this city to be pointed at with ridicule and contempt. Freemasonry, above all other institutions in the world, is one that works with the strictest privacy; its actions are unknown, and, as a rule, the Order uses the greatest reserve in bringing its doings prominently before the public. I make this assertion without fear of contradiction, and yet we find a brother, who is a Past Master, and re-elected to the responsible position of Master of a lodge in this colony, not only so far forgetting the principles and tenets of Freemasonry, in so far as quiet and decorum are concerned, but actually going the length of desecrating the tranquillity of our Sabbath by holding a miserable pageantry, semi-military, semi-Masonic, discreditable to himself, the lodge he represents, and most objectionable, I believe, to the majority of his brother Masons in Natal. In confirmation of this view, I would mention there are some 250 Masons living in this city and neighbourhood, and only some forty turned out to take part in or countenance this absurd show; one lodge out of the three established in this place even going so far as to pass a resolution forbidding its officers to take any part in the affair officially. Now, Sir, the presumable object of this turn-out was to attend Divine service, and there, I take it, to render thanks for past mercies, bow down in humility for past sins, and to supplicate the Creator's blessing on future work. Is it right, is it Christian-like, is it modest or discreet to go to one's God with a shower of trumpets, decked out in finery and trumpery jewels? Can such an example be found in the volume of the Sacred Law, God's holy witness, on which a Mason is obligated and charged to let its rich truths and precepts be the guide of his future actions? Sir, I throw not; therefore, I protest against any body of the Craft arrogating to themselves to introduce a custom which, I feel certain, must, and will, be condemned by Grand Lodge.

It seems to me there is, unfortunately, a strong disposition in Natal to bring Masonry prominently before the public. If a banquet or ball is held, the proceedings are glowingly described in the Press; while, on the other hand, if any attempt is made to suppress or expose these absurd and glowing accounts, the Press do not see their way to insert the letters. Such being the case, I feel I am only doing my duty to my brother Masons in England by pointing out the absurdities practised here, in the hope that Grand Lodge will be induced to take some steps to prevent in future any lodge of Freemasons from parading the streets on a Sunday with a brass band, thereby bringing discredit on the Craft.

I enclose my card, and beg to remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, July 3rd.

[We entirely disapprove of all Sunday Masonic work.—ED. FM.]

A VISIT IN STATE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to say, in answer to "Historicus," that, no matter what he may think now, the events which transpired five years ago will still remain the same. On the 3rd April, 1875, the *Graphic* published a full page engraving entitled, "Freemasonry in the City of London: State visit of the Lord Mayor to the Great City Lodge."

This picture was exceedingly well executed, and I have a copy of it framed hanging in my library. It will be seen then by this and the other records I before referred to, that the event is indelibly chronicled in the annals of the past as a state visit, and, therefore, what was set forth in my last letter is "historically" correct.

"Terminologically" I should prefer not to enter into the matter; for whether a "guard of honour, &c.," constitute the difference between a visit and a state visit to a Mason's lodge, and what is comprised in the " &c.," I know not. But after carefully perusing numerous records of the proceedings at the Great City Lodge in 1875, I feel bound to say I cannot find any mention of a "guard of honour, &c.," on that occasion; and I have also failed to discover that even the highest dignitaries of the Craft have ever been so attended on visiting Masonic lodges.

Knowing that the President of the Board of General Purposes is W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, I shall not presume to say that a military guard of honour to a lodge of Freemasons is un-Masonic or improper; but I believe it is entirely without precedent, and, with all deference, I think the propriety of it is very questionable.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

3rd August.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should feel greatly obliged if you would inform me what mode of procedure should be adopted under the following bye-laws, when taken in conjunction with Rule 2, p. 62, Constitutions, relating to private lodges; and Rule 1, p. 76, Constitutions, relating to Masters and Wardens of lodges.

Bye-law 1.—"The general meetings of the lodge shall take place at the ———, on the second Tuesday in each month," &c.

Bye-law 14.—"The Master of the lodge shall be annually elected by ballot at the regular lodge held in the month of November. The Secretary shall previously read over the names of the subscribing members who are eligible for the appointment of Master; when the ballot shall be taken, and at the lodge held on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, after the minutes of the lodge relating to such election have been read and confirmed, the Master elect shall be installed."

By giving your careful consideration, and replying in your excellent journal as early as possible, you will greatly oblige, yours obediently and fraternally,

T. IRVING DE LISLE,
I.P.M. 1577, E.C.

Napier, New Zealand, June 7th.

[We insert this letter, but, to say the truth, we do not quite comprehend the point which has been raised.—ED. F.M.]

Reviews.

RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND LIST OF MEMBERS' SUPREME COUNCIL A. AND A. RITE. Office of the Secretary General, 33, Golden-square, W.

This is a very well printed and cleverly arranged little "vade mecum" for the members of the A. and A. Rite. Its type is particularly good and legible—not too small, and easy for the eyes. This little book is a proof of the extension of this organization, which in the last year has been both striking and rapid. In England, happily, this very important body does not profess to grant Craft warrants, so that no possible question can arise between it and the Grand Lodge. The list of the members is enough to show what a wide range and expansion it has taken during the last "decade" especially. It seems there are now eighty-six Rose Croix chapters under the Grand Council, and it is in "amity" with twenty other Grand Councils, in all parts of the world, beginning in France and ending in Uruguay. We are pleased to have seen and perused so neat, and useful, and carefully compiled a little work.

MASONIC MAGAZINE for August. George Kenning, 108, Fleet-street.

This magazine has the following list of articles: "What was the Hermetic Society of 1721?" "A Lecture on the Antiquity of Laying Corner Stones with Religious and Mystical Ceremonies;" "What's in a Sign?" "Old Records of the Lodge of Peebles;" "The Quarterly Communications;" "The Astrology of Shakespeare;" "Camoens: Poet and Warrior;" "The Ancient Mysteries;" "Lodge Histories;" "The Livery Companies and Art Treasures;" "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum;" "Literary and Antiquarian Gossip;" "Performance of the 'Agamemnon' of Æschylus at Balliol College, Oxford;" "Poetry: 'Waiting: the Poet's Guerdon';" "The beautiful Stone of the Masonic Arch;" "Sonnet on the late learned John Oxlee;" "In the Long Run." We are also informed that a very interesting number will appear for September. We wish that we could hear that this deserving serial had more subscribers and more contributors, it is such a valuable medium for Masonic Archaeology and the like.

EARLY CHRISTIAN ARCHITECTURE IN IRELAND. By MARGARET STOKES. George Bell and Sons, York-street, Covent Garden.

This work, dedicated to Miss Edith Cheney French, is very interesting in matter and very charming in illustration. It is lucid, and yet elaborate; carefully written, and yet not too dogmatic. It is not a work of "fads," or "fancies," or "crotchets," or of a "party," as some books on architecture often are. It has no preconceived idea to uphold or favourite theory to prop up, and, therefore, it appeals to the student of architecture to-day as a valuable work of reference, history, and authority. We have looked into it, alas! far too cursorily, we fear, as time only allowed; but we are much impressed with the statements and facts of the writer. We quite concur with her assertion of the Irish-Romanesque, and are, on the whole, inclined to accept her explanation of the Round Tower. The early history of Irish architecture is involved, no doubt, in much obscurity; but Mrs. Stokes has given us a very clear and connected history of its remains, its monuments, and its past works, and we can most safely recommend the book to our many antiquarian readers. Feeling that we have not done justice to a very valuable work in this brief review of it, we hope to recur to it at an early day.

DESCRIPTION GEOGRAPHIQUE, HISTORIQUE, ET ARCHÉOLOGIQUE DE LA PALESTINE. By M. V. GUERIN. Edited by ERNEST LERONX. Librairie des Sociétés Antiques, &c., Paris.

This is a most formidable work of two volumes, of 500 pages each, very large octavo indeed, and which requires some time to digest previously to reviewing it. We defer this pleasant labour until our holiday, when we hope duly to edify the readers of the *Freemason* therewith. All that concerns the Holy Land is welcomed by Masonic students.

ROSICRUCIAN PAPERS.—*Yorkshire Gazette Office, York.*

We have been favoured with these papers, now before the York College. One is by the Rev. W. C. Lukis, "On some Modern Errors in the Illustration and Elucidation of the Ancient Tenets of the Rosicrucian Order." We cannot commend this movement too much, or the tone and temper of the paper. We quite agree with Bro. Lukis in his estimate of Jennings' Rosicrucians, which really is no authority on the subject, but it has this merit, it is amusingly put together, and is a skilful and laborious compilation, a good many "extracta" from other writers bearing on Rosicrucianism, Gnosticism, Fire-worship, &c. We want a good history of Hermeticism. One remark we feel bound to make: Is the "Soc. Rosier in Anglia" really in connection with the old Rosicrucian Fraternity, or is it not purely the creation, within little more than a decade, of our lamented brother? Bro. Wilkinson contributes two very interesting papers, one entitled "Cotswold," the other "Byland," both worth perusal, and both "highly to be commended." We trust that this movement, seasonably begun within the walls of old "Eboracum," may go on and prosper and bear good fruit.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Common sense, ever the best of all learning, becomes invaluable when its practice will renovate broken health and reinstate soundness, strength, and vigour. Summer is the season for removing coughs, shortness of breath, wheezing, asthma, and all pulmonary diseases inflicted on the delicate and careless by our rigorous winters, and Holloway's remedies are means of affecting a happy transitory from danger to safety. After the harassed chest has been fomented with sea water or weak lime, and dried, this Ointment should be well rubbed into the skin, both in front and behind, between the blade bones. Holloway's Pills should be taken to correct any functional irregularity; they will make each organ conform to health's requirements.—[ADVT.]

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE STUKELEY PAPERS.

We are all much indebted to Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., P.M., &c., for his researches, Masonically, as regards the Stukeley Papers, and also to Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M. 1611, &c., for so promptly making their contents known for our benefit. I have a fac-simile of 1725 engraved list before me, and find the lodge at the Fountain, in the Strand, is the eighth in consecutive order, or the tenth inclusive of the two vacancies. It does not appear in the revised list, apparently, of 1729 (in the Grand Lodge), and doubtless succumbed on Bro. Stukeley leaving the city on account of ill-health.

The one at the Salutation Tavern I cannot locate at all in the lists of 1723-5, but probably the author of the "Four Old Lodges" may be able so to do, though on consulting that famous work I have failed to trace it.

It seems difficult to understand the statement of Dr. Stukeley as to his being the first initiation "for many years" so late as January 6th, 1721, as there must have been a considerable increase to the Fraternity by that time to account for the large attendances at the communications and the constitution of several lodges.

The "Order of the Book" was likely enough a literary one, as Bro. Whythead suggests. I never heard of it before. The old MS. mentioned is likely enough what is known as the "Matthew Cooke MS." What does "500 years ago" refer to in the account of this document? The references are all curious and valuable.

W. J. HUGHAN.

OUR LAMENTED BRO. JOHN HERVEY.

In order to assist our learned Bro. Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie in the compilation of a memoir of dear Bro. Hervey, all who can should at once furnish particulars of his Masonic career, so that the sketch may be as full and perfect as possible.

I have carefully looked over the notices furnished by the *Freemason*, also by Bros. Mackenzie and R. R. Davis, P.M. 236, but fail to find the following items, which are worthy of preservation.

In December, 1862, a Building Committee was appointed, and after some years of labour completed their important work in behalf of the Freemasons' Hall, which was duly inaugurated 14th April, 1869. The festival was a very imposing one, some 130 Stewards having been appointed, of which body Bro. Hervey was the Secretary. As a member of this Building Committee, the services he rendered were invaluable; and indeed so were those of all the other members. To mark the appreciation of the Grand Lodge, a sculptured tablet was placed in a conspicuous part of the new building, with an appropriate inscription, surmounted by a marble bust of the Chairman, Bro. John Havers, and surrounded by marble medallion portraits of the members of the Building Committee—Bros. John L. Evans, John Hervey, John Savage, J. Rankin Stebbing, George Plucknett, and Henry Grissell, added to which a concise copy of the inscription, with a statement of the circumstances, were ornamentally transcribed on vellum, signed by the M.W.G.M., and presented by order of the Grand Lodge to each of the members.

The "Royal Installation Festival" of 1875 involved enormous preliminary labour, in which Bro. Hervey, with the able Assistant Grand Secretary, and others, nobly did their part, and received the richly merited thanks of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Hervey was a Vice-Patron of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows," and served as Steward six times; also as Steward twice for our "Boys," and once for our "Girls." It was his custom to contribute "as an annual subscriber" to all these Institutions, as well as frequently by donations, so that while a Vice-President of the last two mentioned he would have been a Vice-Patron had all his gifts been made as "donations."

If the records of new lodges are searched, or accounts thereof, during the last ten years, it will be found that Bro. Hervey was made honorary member of scores of lodges, so delighted were his brethren to render him every compliment in their power. We have all lost a dear brother.

W. J. HUGHAN.

AN INTERESTING FIND.

Permit me the opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Editor, "Masonic Student," and "Bro. Hughan" for their complimentary remarks in regard to my "Interesting Find." The knowledge that the discovery I made in the Guildhall library is really of value to the Masonic world is sufficient reward by itself for any little trouble it may have cost me to make it; but it seems to me that I am doubly rewarded when in addition I obtain so much honour from such competent authorities as those I have named. However, it will have the effect of inciting me to further exertions in the same direction; though I am greatly afraid a good find is not often to be repeated.

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J. AND B.

As I shall probably be away for the next month, I cannot, for the present, say any more on this recondite subject, as I shall be at a distance from all books of reference. But I beg to remark, "en passant," that I fully appreciate Bro. Hughan's knowledge and authority on such questions, and am only sorry that on this point we must "agree to differ," temporarily, at any rate, which we very seldom do.

I am myself, I confess, not satisfied in the face of certain distinct assertions that the 1762 edition is the first, though Kloss's authority may also be invoked on that head. As I have shown, the various title pages are all, more or less, irregular, and may prove anything or nothing. See, for instance, as I have pointed out, the title page of the 1767 edition, and now we have a sixth edition in 1765, and again in 1767. Oliver does not seem to have known of the 1765 or 1767 editions.

EDITOR F. M.

As I understand Bro. Hughan's note, the words "original edition" are not found on the title page. He, therefore, comes to the conclusion that the 1762 edition is the first edition, because nothing is said at all. But then, what becomes of Oliver's evidence as to an edition of 1750? Before we can, strictly speaking, give up the 1750 edition it must be proved to us that no 1750 edition ever appeared.

MASONIC BOOK COLLECTOR.

THE ROSICRUCIANS.

The two following letters appear in our excellent contemporary the *Antiquary*. We transfer them to our pages, as they may interest Masonic and Rosicrucian students:

"THE ROSICRUCIANS.

(See vol. I., p. 286.)

"The best modern work on the Rosicrucians is that by Hargrave Jennings, and is published by Messrs. Chatto and Windus, of Piccadilly. The book (though a general work on the subject) treats more especially of the great English Rosicrucian, Robert Fludd, Flood, or 'de Fluctibus.' The only Rosicrucians I know of at present (and some of whose works I possess) are Raymond Lully, Robert Fludd, and Michael Maier. Can 'Rosy Cross' add to my list? if he would do so I should be grateful.

"G. OAKELEY-FISHER.

"21, Maida Vale, W."

"'Rosy Cross' should consult 'The Rosicrucians, their Rites and Mysteries,' by Hargrave Jennings, published by the late Mr. J. C. Hotten, in 1870, of which a new edition was issued last year.

"EVERARD HOME COLEMAN.

"71, Brecknock-road, N."

[Some of our readers will recollect that we published a query on this subject from the *Antiquary*.—ED. F.M.]

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

"Tasmanian Friends and Foes," Feathered, Furred, and Finned," is the title of an illustrated work upon the natural history of Tasmania, from the pen of Mrs. L. A. Meredith, to be published by Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. Several of the species described the author believes to be new to science, and the marvellous intelligence displayed by some of these lowly classified mammals, when kept by the author as household pets, will be new to English readers.

Another Native Poetess has appeared in India, according to the *Indian Daily News*, which tells us that the fruits of native female education are being gradually appreciated. Thus Miss Toru Dutt (whose novel it may be remembered was reviewed a short time since), is not the last of Indian poets. Another young lady, aged nineteen, is engaged in preparing a novelette for publication, in which Hindoo domestic life will form a prominent feature. The lady is also an artist, and originally intended to illustrate the work herself.

The "Parliamentary Poll Book," from 1832 to 1880 (Stanford), is a necessary adjunct for all political libraries. If we may judge by the five *errata*, three of these only literals, the mass of proper names and figures has been most carefully compiled.

We have an addition to Messrs. Kegan Paul and Co.'s elegant pocket editions bound in vellum in Tennyson's "Princess."

We understand that Mr. Burnand is the new editor of *Punch*.

The Duke of Norfolk, Hereditary Earl Marshal, has nominated Mr. Tucker, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms, to the Patent Office of Somerset Herald in Ordinary, so long held by the late Mr. Planché.

A very fine fresco, by Fra Angelino, of Fiesole, has been acquired by the Paris Louvre. It was removed with considerable difficulty from a convent in the neighbourhood of Fiesole.

It is stated that, after completing his work on Locke, Professor A. C. Fraser, the Editor of Berkeley, will undertake an exhaustive work on Hume.

Mr. Vicat Cole, painter, and Mr. John L. Pearson, architect of the new cathedral at Truro, have been elected Royal Academicians.

The British Museum has purchased a vaulted wooden Egyptian coffin, well preserved, and a gilded mask and mummy of a lady named Tahutisa or Thothsi, one of the court or family of the queen of Amasis I., of the eighteenth dynasty.

St. Stephen's Church, Walbrook, at the back of the Mansion House, is undergoing extensive repairs and restorations, both externally and internally. This church, often regarded as *chef d'œuvre* of Sir Christopher Wren, it would seem, is at least to be spared in the projected demolition of City sanctuaries.

Mr. Hanson, Chairman of the Library Committee of the City of London, is engaged in collecting materials, from the records of the Corporation and other places, for a series of biographical notices of the Aldermen of the Ward of Billingsgate, from the earliest time.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.—The obelisk is no longer screened from view, but has one of the two sphinxes in model to show the general appearance, besides other additions, the correctness of which might be open to discussion. One fragment of its varied history seems to be worth recording. The Cleopatra, when ready to sail, was insured by Mr. Dixon to the amount expended by him—£4,000. On its being saved for the nation the difficulty of salvage arose, and the obelisk, being considered an object of virtu, worth £25,000, costs and £2,000 were given to the salvors. An action against the insurance company recovered for Mr. Dixon about £1,500, reducing the loss to £3,000 in cash. One would naturally have thought that the matter had ended; but, a case coming before the House of Lords, in which judgment was given reversing the previously received interpretation of the law, the verdict for Mr. Dixon was appealed against, and the appeal resulted in his having to pay the costs of both sides, or £5,000. The bare expenses of bringing over this object of interest (about £11,500) appear not to have exceeded the calculations; but when it is considered that to this sum of £11,500 are to be added £3,500 law costs and salvage, and a further sum of costs amounting to £5,000 increasing the total expenditure to £20,500—of which £10,000 was paid by Professor Wilson, the whole remainder, £9,500, falling on Mr. Dixon—it must be admitted that, however anxious people may be to preserve for the nation such ancient monuments, most would pause before incurring like responsibilities.—*Academy*.

The *Railway Review* is the title of a new weekly newspaper, edited by Mr. James Greenwood, who in his introductory article says that its "voice will be most often heard on the side of the rank and file of the service," and that the higher officers, who happily may not need special advocacy, will find in its columns much that will extend even their experience of the industrial world they move in, and, it hopes, enlarge their sympathies for their humble fellow-workers.

BRITISH ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—This body has fixed upon a most interesting district for the holiday of their 37th annual congress, which takes place at Devizes, in the week from August 16th to 21st inst. The meeting will be held under the presidency of Earl Nelson, the vice-patrons being the Bishop of Salisbury, the Earl of Radnor, Lord Lieutenant, and Sir Edmund Antrobus, the High Sheriff of Wilts. The county abounds in objects of archeological interest, and Stonehenge and other Druidic, British, and Roman remains will be visited and discussed during the week. There will be meetings each evening for the reading of papers and for discussions.

On the resignation of Mr. G. R. Waterhouse, Dr. Henry Woodward, F.R.S., has succeeded him in office as Keeper of the Geological Department in the British Museum. Mr. Waterhouse entered the Museum in 1843, and became Keeper in 1851. Dr. H. Woodward entered the Museum in 1858, and attained the grade of first-class assistant in 1867.

Masonic and General Tidings.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., has forwarded a donation of fifty guineas to the fund for repairing the printers' almshouses at Wood Green.

The Duke of Norfolk, Hereditary Earl Marshal, has nominated Mr. Tucker, Rouge Croix Pursuivant of Arms, to the Patent Office of Somerset Herald in Ordinary, so long held by the late Mr. Planché.

Bro. Vincent Bird, P.P.G. Treas. Devon, will propose at the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, at Barnstaple, on the 10th August next, "That fifty guineas be given from the funds to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund."

The pavilion and grounds attached to the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, during the past week provided accommodation for over 12,000 children and adults connected with various schools, who journeyed from all parts of the Metropolis to enjoy a day in Epping Forest.

The Pen is announced to appear monthly instead of weekly. The number of pages devoted to literature will be considerably increased, and the advertisements will appear on a coloured wrapper.

We are asked to correct a statement which appeared in our last with reference to the installation of the Marquis of Londonderry as P.G. Master for Durham. The ceremony will take place on the 12th October, not on the 26th, and the Installing Master will be the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom.

Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, G.M. Scotland, left Grosvenor-place on Wednesday last, for Ardgowan, Greenock. The marriage of Viscount Newark and Miss Shaw Stewart will take place at Ardgowan towards the end of September.

The Lord Mayor has accepted an invitation from the local authorities to open the new pier at Bournemouth during the second week of August. His Lordship will be accompanied by his State retinue as well as by the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs. Bro. Francis Truscott will go from Bournemouth to Swanage, there to visit Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt.

Bro. Sheriff Woolloton and Bro. Sheriff Bayley, acting on the resolution adopted by the Common Council on Thursday, the 29th ult., appeared at the Bar of the House of Commons in their robes, on Friday, the 30th ult., and presented a petition against trading by Civil Servants.

The consecration of the Warren Chapter, No. 533, of the Royal Arch, took place at the Masonic Hall, Congleton, on Wednesday last. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Children's Pinafore Company made their first appearance on their provincial tour at the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow, on Monday last, under the conductorship of Bro. George Jenkinson, of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. The performance was a great success.

On Wednesday Lord Onslow laid the memorial stone of the first coffee tavern in Guildford, which will be built upon an eligible corner site in North-street. His lordship expressed himself in favour of the coffee tavern movement and of moderate temperance principles.

The South Wales Eisteddfod commenced at Swansea on Wednesday in a pavilion large enough to seat 7000 people. Archbishop Griffiths, of Llandaff, presided, in the absence of Mr. Vivian, M.P. The competitions are described as being fairly good, but the attendance was not so numerous as was expected. Mr. Brinley Richards delivered an address.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, FRITH-STREET, SOHO-square.—724 patients were under treatment at this institution during the month ending 31st July.

The Exeter Town Council met on Wednesday last, when it was reported that the statue of Earl Devon, which it was proposed to erect in the city, would be ready by the end of the month, and preparations were ordered to be made for its erection in Bedford-circus, on the spot hitherto occupied by the "Deerstalker." The latter work of art will be removed to Northernhay.

A picture, valued at £1000, painted by the French artist Poussin, has been presented to the Exeter Museum by Mr. Richard Lewis, the Secretary of the National Lifeboat Institution.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Thos. Alexander Adams, Past Grand Pursuivant, which took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the ripe old age of eighty-four. The deceased brother was initiated on August 16th, 1847, in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, of which lodge he was P.M., as well as P.Z. of the chapter. He will be buried this day (Saturday) at Kensal Green, at 9.30.

The installation meeting of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, took place at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, on Wednesday last. We hope to give a report in our next.

At the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter on Wednesday last, it was decided that the time of meeting should be altered from seven o'clock to six.

On Thursday morning almost the last of the minerals were carted away from the northern gallery of the British Museum. It is possible this may be converted into a students' room, where young gentlemen who are studying for examinations may attend. It is understood something of this kind is occupying the attention of the British Museum Trustees.

The first number of *The Family Journal* will appear on Monday, the 9th inst. The contents will comprise two interesting serial tales, entitled respectively, "A Woman's Jealousy," and "The Trials of a Work Girl; or Alone in the World. A Story of the Working Women of To-Day." And to meet the wishes of a large number of our subscribers, a complete tale will be published every week. The first will be entitled, "The Heir of Tarlington Court." There will also be notes on the affairs of the day, poetry, science, art, and household matters. The engraving, the letterpress, the printing, and the paper will be of the very best description. The publishers are Bros. Farrington, of Fetter-lane.

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

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

Amusements.

MANCHESTER.—QUEEN'S THEATRE.—"Little Em'ly" a dramatised version of the late Charles Dickens's popular novel of "David Copperfield," was produced at this theatre on Monday, July 26th, under favourable auspices. It would be quite superfluous for us to detail the plot, as the various incidents in connection with both the story and drama are well known, but for the information of our Manchester readers, we may say, in the first place, that the drama was well mounted and reflected great credit on the manager, Bro. J. C. Emerson, and the scenic artist, Mr. J. Young. The "Ark on the Sands" and "Canterbury Cathedral" were both graphically illustrated. Of the performers we must specially mention Mr. Joseph Bracewell, *Micawber*, who faithfully portrayed the character, by his genuine humour and thorough interest in the part fulfilled every expectation from those who had read this world-famed story. Mr. Arthur Rich represented *Dan'l Peggotty* commendably, and although it would perhaps be unfair to compare his rendering of the character with that of Mr. Sam. Emery, (of whom we retain a lively recollection), yet we are bound to admit that this gentleman's representation was satisfactorily given. Mr. Charles E. Stevens, who sustained the part of *Uriah Heep*, fully interpreted the character of that fawning hypocritical scoundrel, and we are pleased to record the fact of the interest he himself takes, and the satisfaction he gives, in every character he assumes. Mr. Duncan Campbell was a realistic *Ham*, and by his earnestness showed a careful study of the part. We must not omit a word of praise to Mr. Joseph Swift, whose quiet, gentlemanly portrayal of *David Copperfield* was most praiseworthy. With respect to the ladies, Miss Jessie Villars caused considerable merriment as *Mrs. Micawber*, and seemed to enter right well into the spirit of the thing; whilst Miss Alice Poton's performance as the heroine produced a favourable impression. The rest of the characters were fairly represented.

On Monday last, that rising and talented young actor, Mr. Osmond Tearle, commenced a series of farewell performances, previous to his departure for America. "Hamlet" was chosen for his first representation, and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that it was from first to last a complete and decided success. Whatever qualities other exponents of this character may have possessed, we feel sure none, at any rate in our time, acted with such freshness, and in such a natural manner. In no part of this beautiful play did the hero forget that he was talking to the other characters, and every speech he delivered was given in such splendid style that made each point tell with force, and brought out the meaning of the immortal Bard's grand phrases so plainly, that the most darkened mind could scarcely fail to grasp it. Mr. Tearle's performance throughout was most artistic, and we shall be much surprised if a great future is not before him. He was well supported by Miss Ethel Arden, as *Ophelia*, who acted charmingly. The rest of the characters were well supported by members of the Queen's company, who, one and all, exerted themselves most assiduously to make the performance what it undoubtedly was, a genuine success. "Hamlet" was repeated on Tuesday; Wednesday and Friday "The School for Scandal" was given; Thursday, "The Lady of Lyons;" and to-night (Saturday) "Richard the Third" is to be enacted.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.—A new and very attractive programme was specially provided for Bank Holiday and the day following, and our friends the Mohawks must have had a tolerably fatiguing time of it, as each day there was an afternoon entertainment at three p.m., in addition to that which takes place regularly at eight p.m. Nearly every number on the list was marked new, and there is no question but the majority of these new ballads, and comic refrains, medleys, &c., &c., were of a character to merit the applause so heartily bestowed by crowded audiences. Mr. Kavanagh was in good voice, and sang "The Bells" extremely well. "Poor faded Lily," Mr. C. Temple's contribution, was tastefully rendered, while the whole corps of minstrels deserves the warmest praise for he taste and steadiness with which they gave the somewhat difficult choruses to these ballads. Master Rowland

Howell, Mr. V. Layton, Mr. R. Oliver, Mr. H. Florence, and Mr. C. Garland also greatly distinguished themselves, and elicited frequent applause, not only for their well intentioned, but also for their well fulfilled efforts to entertain their visitors, and, doubtless, but for the wholesome rule which forbids encores, many of these gentlemen would have been pressed into repeating their songs or ballads. Messrs. Francis, Day, Diamond, W. Freeman, and Little Thomas furnished the comic element, and we need hardly say there was no lack of humour on their part, which, in its turn, provoked no end of laughter on the part of the audience, while Mr. George Clare, in his new characteristic song, "The Sweet Little Girl with the Jersey on," experienced a hearty reception. The arrangements for the comfort of the public reflect great credit on Mr. E. Mowbray, the manager. A word of praise—a hundred or a thousand words, for the matter of that—are due to Mr. Harry Hunter, as interlocutor, and Mr. W. Williams, as musical director.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Friday, Aug. 13, 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, AUGUST 7.
Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
LOGES 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, AUGUST 9.
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, P.R., Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1571, Leopold, Woolpack Tav., Bermondsey-st.
" 1789, Ubuque, Regent M.H., S, Air-st., W.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.

LOGES 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., Amherst-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.
Kilbrun, South Molton Hot., South Molton-st., W., at 7.30.
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Avenue, Barbican, 8.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.
Lodge 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
LOGES 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.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Blds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.

Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 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, AUGUST 11.
Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
Lodge 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Up. Nwd.
Mark, Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

LOGES 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 Courts, 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, 51, Long Acre, at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at S.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.
Lodge 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town, at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
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, AUGUST 13.
Lodge 33, Britannia, F.M.H.
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
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.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-st., E.C.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, August 14, 1880.
MONDAY, AUGUST 9.
Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, M.R., Preston.
" 721, Independence, Eastgate-row, Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, Custom House-bldgs., Barrow.
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side.
Walton Conclave, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.
Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenhall, M.H., Warrington.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Stanley L. of I., 114, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.
Prince Arthur L. of I., 80, Hill-st., Liverpool.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11.
Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1350, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., N. Hill-st.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12.
Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Royal Hot., Preston.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.
[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]
BIRTHS.
KING.—On the 1st inst., at 6, St. George's-square, S.W., the wife of Mr. Cecil King, of a daughter.
LEWIS.—On the 31st ult., at Pendennis, Upper Nowood, the wife of Captain Ernest Lewis, late 21st Royal Scots Fusiliers, of a son.
RALPH.—On the 1st inst., at York, the wife of Assist.-Commy. General C. Ralph, H.M. Ordnance, of a son.
MARRIAGES.
LIVESEY—TRAFFORD.—On the 27th ult., at St. Leonard's Church, Chapel St. Leonard's, by the Rev. W. H. Dunning, the Rev. Thomas Livesey, M.A. and J.P., of The Close, Lincoln, to Anne Sarah, daughter of the late Mr. Thos. Trafford, of The Close, Lincoln.
WHISTLER—BEHENA.—On the 31st ult., at St. John's Church, Deptford, by the Rev. Charles Solbé, Chaplain to H.M. Forces, Charles, son of the late Mr. Henry Whistler, of Manor Cottage, Lewisham, to Lucy Ann, daughter of Captain Behenna, R.A., Lewisham-road, S.E.

DEATHS.
BLOOMFIELD.—On the 1st inst., at 108, Jermyn-street, General Sir John Bloomfield, G.C.B., aged 88 years.
MANN.—On the 2nd inst., at Sidecup, Kent, William Harold, son of Mr. William Woodham and Mrs. Amelia Mann.
ONWHYH.—On the 2nd inst., Mr. George Onwhyn, of 117, Albion-road, Stoke Newington, aged 70.

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