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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

As we briefly stated in the *Freemason* of last Saturday, the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Runcorn, the Rt. Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., presiding. There was a very large and influential gathering, between 300 and 400 of the brethren being present. The rulers of the Craft mustered in strong force. The mystic Order has made rapid progress in Cheshire during the last few years. The different lodges in the province have greatly increased their numbers, and the principles on which Freemasonry is founded have received considerable impetus. The Charitable Institutions, which form a marked feature of the Craft, are most admirably supported. The genial rule of Lord de Tabley, now extending over many years, has stimulated the brethren to renewed exertions. It is intended to present his lordship with a portrait of himself, painted by one of the chief artists of the day, in recognition of his great services to the province, and in commemoration of his seventieth birthday. Among the brethren present were Bros. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M.; Rev. Spencer Stanhope, G.C. of England; Henry Bulley, P.G. S.B. England; F. Arthur Dickson, P.P.J.G.W.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; Henry Howard, P.P.G.J.D.; Wm. Nickton, P.P.G.J.D.; C. J. Howard, P.P.J.G.W.; James Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Matthews, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. W. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Smith, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Finch, P.G.D. of C.; G. Burrows, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Clark, P.G. S. of W. W. Lanc.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. B. Ackerley, P.G.J.W. W. Lancashire; G. H. Holden, P.G.S.B.; Rev. J. Cuming Macdonald, P.G.C.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. S. Sutton, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; E. C. Cooper, P.P.G.S.B. W. Lancashire; W. Harrison, P.G.S.W.; R. C. Mellor, P.P. G.J.D.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Leigh, P.G.S.; W. Booth, P.G.S.; T. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Eardley, P.P.G.D. of C.; H. Williams, P.G.A.D. of C.; J. K. Green, P.G.S.; G. Barlow, P.P.G.O.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G. Treas.; W. Fair, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Cavanah, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; John Bowes, P.P.G.J.W.; John Hibbert, P.G. Reg.; H. Jackson, P.G. Sec.; J. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. A. Collinson, P.P. P.P.G.D. of C. West Lancashire; Rev. G. F. Dean, P.G.C.; B. Beales, P.P.G.J.W.; T. H. Kirk, P.P.G.O.; W. Nicholls, P.P.G.P.; Wm. Grestorex, P.P.G.P.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; A. E. Cockayne, P.P. G.S.B., &c.; W. Storrs, W.M. 324; J. B. Mackenzie, W.M. 1600; D. Sutton, W.M. 836; C. Titherley, W.M. 1350; E. Furnival, W.M. 368; A. Tunnicliffe, W.M. 293; J. Wagstaff, W.M. 320; J. S. Graham, W.M. 98; J. Wood, W.M. 361; L. D. Bradbury, W.M. 322; G. Kin- son, 323; J. F. Roundthwait, W.M. 428; J. Smith, W.M. 1088; R. Garside, W.M. 1408; J. Hamilton, W.M. 1045; J. E. Steward, W.M. 336; T. A. Ryder, W.M. 1357; H. Kinder, W.M. 320; R. Barker, W.M. 461; F. Thompson, W.M. 447; W. Ashley Clayton, W.M. 537; W. Mellor, W.M. 758; T. Gregory, W.M. 605; G. Phillips, 1289; E. G. Parker, W.M. 1565; D. Kinsey, W.M. 941; B. R. Leech, W.M. 295; J. Roberts, P.M. 324; J. H. Johnston, P.M. 1350 and 477; J. G. Adams, P.M. 477; J. Andrew, P.M. 1213; W. Milner, P.M. 537; J. W. Wareing, P.M. 1384; T. Wilkinson, P.M. 1126; R. Bowden, P.M. 336; W. Leigh, P.M. 941; J. S. Nixson, P.M. 293; C. Britnor, P.M. 320; W. Pritchard, P.M. 323; J. Blackhurst, P.M. 979; J. W. R. Fowler, P.M. 86 and 1384; R. Hughes, P.M. 1088; A. Ogden, P.M. 89; J. Warsnut, P.M. 322; J. Eaton, P.M. 430; N. Gee, P.M. 830; W. Hague, P.M. 830; J. Radcliffe, P.M. 830; J. H. Burton, P.M. 430; J. A. Smith, P.M. 430; R. N. Banks, 425 and 428; A. Buck, P.M.; J. Clayton, P.M. 89; M. Stafford, P.M. 361; J. Dutton, P.M. 1576 and 477; D. Fraser, P.M. 477; S. Jones, P.M. 477; H. Kenyon, P.M. 1045; S. Andrew, P.M. 830; G. G. Worton, P.M. 1565; W. H. Platt, P.M. 830; W. Bennett, P.M. 477; J. Buckley, P.M. 830; T. D. Simcock, P.M. 1359; G.

Hill, 323; J. Needham, 295; J. Fothergill, No. 248 and 1154; John C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*); J. Huneford, S.W. 1088; J. Dyson, S.W. 1408; S. Thompson, S.W. 1045; H. Jones, S.W. 1289; T. Walton, S.W. 368; W. Kenworthy, S.W. 89; J. Higginbottom, S.W. 361; J. A. Garforth, S.W. 430; A. E. Coveysey, S.W. 605; R. Blakehurst, S.W. 287; J. H. Bellyse, S.W. 293; Thomas Burrows, S.W. 104; J. Burgess, S.W. 320; W. Marquis, S.W. 537; H. J. Lloyd, S.W. 721; J. G. Parker, S.W. 1276; Wm. Jones, S.W. 1570; H. Balshaw, J.W. 1565; H. Knott, J.W. 324; W. Wardle, J.W. 320; R. Finlow, J.W. 368; G. Moss, J.W. 758; Wm. Bayliss, J.W. 1085; J. Burgess, J.W. 1408; W. Sandford, J.W. 293; H. Chesworth, J.W. 1570; E. H. Gill, 1384; D. Gill, 1384; W. Lumb, 979; W. H. Brown, jun., 322; W. Roberts, 1289; T. Forkington, 104; G. Bowden, 336; C. Francis, 605; J. R. Simon, Sec. 605; G. Purvor, J.D. 1384; J. Kenworthy, J.D. 1565; G. Roberts, 758; T. Thornley, J.D. 287; O. Jones, J.D. 605; W. Groves, 1565; Isaac Jacobs, 1576; J. Wood, 104; F. Little, 1565; W. Westwall, S.D. 1576; John Wallworth, S.D. 1576; Charles S. Dean, S.D. 1289; Samuel Wild, 361; W. Hopkinson, J.D. 477; T. R. Turner, 1576; R. Andrews, Sec. 336; S. W. Ramsden, Sec. 425; J. J. Waterworth, 758; R. Oldbury, Sec. 758; R. Roberts, 758; G. Naylor, 104; W. G. Lea, 758; J. Butler, 430; W. Catterall, 287; S. Flitcroft, 830; W. Thornley, 830; R. Hall, 830; G. Dewsnep, 830; J. H. Bowker, 830; D. Brickby, 830; J. Rayer, 465; T. Domville, 108; W. Foster, 1576; W. Wood, 1384; J. Patten, 1384; J. Wilson, 1384; A. Griffiths, 1357; J. Acton, 1576; R. Evans, sen., 758; G. Hewitt, 758; W. Jackson, S.D. 89; T. Harding, 461; T. Munnerley, S.S. 1576; J. Bayliss, 1576; J. Preston, 104; A. Hickson, J.D. 537; J. Gould, 322; W. W. Sheldermine, Treas. 104; J. M. Jones, 721; M. Williams, 1276; A. Ferguson, 830; R. Jones, 1276; J. M. Jones, 721; W. Williams, 1276; W. Griffin, 1565; J. G. Parker, S.W. 1276; P. Hockey, 1276; W. Mathias, 1276; J. Lawton, 1276; R. Gort, 758; W. W. Morgan, jun., 1385, and others.

The P.G. Lodge having been opened by the P.G.M. in solemn and ancient form, the P.G. SECRETARY, Bro. E. H. Griffiths, read letters of apology for non-attendance from Bro. Colonel L. Gendie Starkie, P.G.M. East Lancashire, and other P.G. officers. The roll of the P.G. brethren and of the lodges in the province was called over, and it appeared that all the lodges were represented. The Ellesmere Lodge (758) had thirty-five members in attendance, and the Warren Lodge, Liscard, 17. There were in all 316 brethren present, exclusive of visitors.

The minutes of the previous P.G. Lodge were read and confirmed.

The P.G.M., who was very warmly applauded, said he rose, according to his usual custom, to address a few words to them on the present state of Masonry and its progress in the Province of Cheshire since the last time they met together. Of necessity, the words he addressed to them on occasions like that were mostly repetitions of what he had told them twelve months before; and he was happy to think that that should be so, as it indicated that in the Province of Cheshire they were going on quietly and harmoniously. (Hear, hear.) He must record his gratitude to T.G.A.O. T.U. for the large measure of prosperity he had seen fit to bestow upon the Craft during the past year. All he (Lord de Tabley) had to do was to congratulate the brethren of the Province of Cheshire on the steady and prosperous flow of Masonry; and he must also congratulate them on the fact that there had been nothing to disturb the calm ripple or cloud the sunshine through which they had passed during the year. He must also express his gratitude for the support which he had received from every lodge, and he met the Provincial Grand Lodge at Runcorn once more with extreme satisfaction. It was many years since he had visited that place, and the welcome which had been accorded to him was most gratifying to his feelings, and afforded a significant proof of the estimation in which the Craft was held in Runcorn. He looked upon that magnificent assembly as a good augury of the prosperity of every individual lodge, and he was especially glad to find that so many were numerously represented—the Ellesmere Lodge being especially so. It was an old lodge in the province—it had done much for Freemasonry; and he (Lord de Tabley) was glad to find himself once more under its hospitable banner. (Hear, hear.) He could assure them that his constant endeavour would be to fulfil the great task which rested upon him as the head of that province, and so long as he lived he would continue to consider it the highest honour which could possibly be conferred upon him to devote his full health and strength to the discharge of his important duties. (Great applause.) The office of the P.G. Master of any division was not always a bed of roses, as there were many difficulties surrounding that position of which the brethren outside were not aware. (Hear, hear.) One of the most trying duties of his appointment was the selection of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and he must remind the brethren that it was impossible for him to know every one who was entitled to the honour, and, therefore, after getting his information from the best sources, he was bound to exercise his own judgment without fear or favour. (Hear, hear.) He spoke as the Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire when he said that the choice of the Provincial Grand Officers rested entirely with himself and with no one else. He alone was responsible for the selection of officers, and he did this according to the best of his ability. He had always endeavoured to make his selections in this spirit, and would strive to do so till the end. His lordship then pointed out the importance of lodge returns being made at the proper

time, and afterwards spoke of the importance of each member of the various lodges being fully acquainted with the Prov. Grand Lodge's bye-laws.

The TREASURER, Bro. F. Jackson, said he had more than ordinary pleasure in presenting his annual statement of accounts. After paying off the sum borrowed from the bank in order to buy the scholarship in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, they had now in the bank to their credit £214, and £1250 invested, all expenses except those of that meeting having been paid, including the amount voted for the expenses of the October elections. One of the lodges had neglected to pay its dues, but three had sent their payments too late to be entered. On the whole the payments from lodges had been more promptly made than previously, and he begged to thank the Secretaries and Treasurers for their aid. He would not name those lodges which had been late in their payments, but he would in all brotherly kindness once more ask Treasurers and Secretaries to send in their payments as per Prov. Grand bye-laws, so as to save the Treasurer the labour of sitting up until midnight, on the eve of the Prov. Grand Lodge, in order to make up his accounts.

The Treasurer's statement was passed unanimously, and, on the motion of the P.G.M., seconded by Bro. J. P. Pratt, P.P.J.G.W., Bro. Jackson was re-appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., } Prov. G.D.M.
321 (re-appointed) ... }
George William Latham, 321 ... } Prov. G.S.W.
Henry Hall, 1408 ... } Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. R. Hodgson, 1045 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G. Chap.
Rev. J. Cuming Macdonald, 321 ... } Prov. G. Chap.
F. Jackson, 295 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G. Treas.
John Hibbert, 1166 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G. Reg.
E. H. Griffiths, 293 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G. Sec.
John Clayton, 1408 ... } Prov. G.S.D.
Robt. Rigby, 758 ... } Prov. G.J.D.
Stanhope Bull, 321 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G.S. of W.
Herbert Finch, 104 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G.D.C.
Joseph K. Digges, 758 ... } Prov. G.A.D.C.
Thos. D. Simcock, 1357 ... } Prov. G.S.B.
Henry Collier, 104 ... } Prov. G. Org.
Henry Jackson, 336 ... } Prov. G. Purst.
J. H. Holtaway, 477 (re-appointed) ... } Prov. G. Tyler.
Bros. W. Mellor, J. H. Salkeld, George }
Moss, William Lyon, and J. C. } Prov. G. Stwds.
Parkinson, 758 ... }

Bro. J. P. Pratt was elected Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence for the ensuing year.

The P.G.M. invested Bros. Wood, J. Dutton, P.M. 477; W. Bennett, P.M. 477; Holden, Marwood, P.P.J.G.W., Sutton, Marquis, and Platt with the Charity jewel.

On the motion of Bro. WOOD, seconded by Bro. DICKSON, the sum of 100 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Men and Women.

The P.G.M. announced his intention of holding his next P.G. Lodge at Macclesfield, and the lodge was then closed in solemn form.

A special train, consisting of seven saloon carriages, conveyed the brethren from the eastern division of the province to and from Runcorn, the several contingents from Manchester, Ashton, Stalybridge, Hyde, Marple, Macclesfield, &c., meeting at Edgeley Station, Stockport.

Amongst the representatives of local lodges were the following brethren:—

The Combermere Lodge of Union, 295; Bros. Leech, W.M.; F. Jackson, P.G.T.; Wadsworth, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Holden, P.G.S.B.; Needham, P.M.; Mason, I.G.; Orme, and Burgess.

Lodge of Unity, 267; Bros. Slade, W.M.; Cockayne, I.P.M.; Williams, S.W. (pro. tem.); Booth, J.W.; and Astle, S.

Unity Lodge, 321; Bros. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Deputy P.G.M.; G. W. Latham, P.G. Deacon of England; C. J. Howard, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, Grand Chaplain of England; John Wood, P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. C. Madona (appointed P.G. Chaplain).

St. John's Lodge, 104; Bros. W. Harrison, P.S.G.D.; T. Burrows, S.W.; H. Finch, P.G. Dir. of Cer.; W. Booth, J.W., P.G. Stwd.; H. Collier, W.M. (appointed P.G. Organist); H. W. Mather, I.G.; C. Pearson, Sec.; Joseph Wood, G. Naylor, W. W. Sheldermine, Treas.; Joseph Fox, S. Stwd.; T. Torkington, Major Preston, and W. Gleave.

Unanimity Lodge, 287; Bros. R. Taylor, P.M.; J. Leigh, W.M., P.G. Stwd.; W. Grestorex, P.P.G. Pursuivant, Bladen; and E. J. Edmondson.

Peace Lodge, 322; Bros. J. C. Chetham, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; the Mayor of Stockport, S. W. Wilkinson, P.P. S.G.D.; W. Hickton, P.G.J.D.; L. Bradbury, W.M.; W. H. Brown, jun., J.W., P.G. Stwd.; Gould, W. Alcock, Worsnup, I.P.M.; Kelham, and Biddeley.

Concord Lodge, 323; Bros. G. Atkinson, W.M.; W. Pritchard, P.M.; and J. K. Green.

Benevolence Lodge, 336; Bros. J. E. Steward, W.M.; Jesse Tymms, S.W.; R. Bowden, P.M.; G. F. Bowdon, P.M.; and R. Jackson, P.M. (appointed P.G. Pursuivant).

Oakwood Lodge, 1126; Bros. Capt. Ballantine, W.M.; Hy. Howard, P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. Smith, P.P.J.G.D.; and T. Wilkinson, P.M.

The total lodges represented were: Lodge of Unanimity, 89; Lodge of St. John, 104; Lodge of Unanimity, 287; The King's Friends' Lodge, 293; Combermere Lodge of Union, 295; Lodge of Loyalty, 320; Lodge of Unity, 321; Lodge of Peace, 322; Lodge of Concord, 323; Moira Lodge, 324; Lodge of Benevolence, 336; Lodge of

Industry, 361; Samaritan Lodge, 368; Cestrian Lodge, 425; Lodge of Sincerity, 428; Lodge of Fidelity, 430; Lodge of Fortitude, 461; Lodge of Unity, 267; The Mersey Lodge, 477; Eaton Lodge, 533; Zetland Lodge, 537; Combermere Lodge, 605; Lodge of Independence, 721; Ellesmere Lodge, 758; The Endeavour Lodge, 830; The De Tabley Lodge, 941; Lodge of the Four Cardinal Virtues, 979; Stamford Lodge, 1045; Royal Edward Lodge, 1088; Oakwood Lodge, 1126; Clarendon Lodge, 1166; Warren Lodge, 1276; Rock Lodge, 1289; Cope Lodge, 1357; Stamford and Warrington Lodge, 1408; and Earl of Chester Lodge, 1565.

The R.W.P.G.M. announced that he intended holding the next annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire at Macclesfield.

At the close of the business proceedings, the brethren walked to the parish church for Divine service. Owing to the persistent rain the regular procession was dispensed with, apparently greatly to the disappointment of the inhabitants, who had gaily decorated the streets with flags and other signs of welcome, and who, notwithstanding the very unfavourable weather, lined the streets in large numbers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Macdonald, G.C., from the words "Bear ye one another's burdens," &c. (Gal. vi., 2). The musical arrangements were under the direction of the newly-appointed P.G. Organist, Bro. H. Collier, W.M. 104, the vocalists being Mrs. Royle and Miss Coope, of the St. Thomas's Church Choir, Stockport; and Bros. Stafford, of Hyde; Pearson, Edmondson, Alcock, Wilkinson, and Booth. The collection at the close of the service was in aid of the Provincial Fund of Benevolence and the funds of the National Schools, Runcorn.

In the evening, about 200 brethren sat down to a banquet in the National Schools, the room being tastefully decorated for the occasion. The catering was entrusted to Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, Castle-street, Liverpool, and their efforts gave ample satisfaction. Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., presided, and he was supported by a large representation of his officers and other distinguished brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening.

The proceedings at the banquet were of a very genial character. The R.W.P.G.M. presided throughout, and the several toasts were spoken to by Bros. the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., R.W.D.P.G. Master; Wood, P.P.G. Reg.; G. W. Latham, P.G.S.W.; Bulley, P.G.S.B. England; the Rev. J. C. Macdonald, P.G.C.; Platt, P.P.G.; W., and Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence; and by the W.M. of the Ellesmere (Runcorn) Lodge, who testified to the pleasure with which the local brethren had endeavoured to give the Provincial Grand Lodge a fitting reception, and to the delight with which they had listened to the encomiums of the R.W.P.G.M. on the completeness of the arrangements.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

On Tuesday last, the first time for many years, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornish Freemasons assembled at St. Ives, and, despite the remote situation of the quaint little borough, the gathering, in point of numbers, compared most favourably with the attendance in other places more easily accessible. The inhabitants manifested their interest or curiosity in the proceedings of the brethren by turning out and thronging the main thoroughfares at a comparatively early hour, and St. Ives streets being uncommonly narrow and tortuous, locomotion became somewhat difficult when the customary Masonic procession began its march. But these little drawbacks notwithstanding, the brethren, on the whole, seemed well pleased with their reception by the people of St. Ives and with the general appearance of the place, which the flags and banners that spanned the main streets, heightened to picturesqueness. Masonry in St. Ives extends over a period, though interrupted, of more than one hundred years, the warrant of a lodge meeting there bearing date 1765. This, however, collapsed ere the present century begun, after which comes a long blank in the Masonic annals of the borough, as the new lodge did not spring into existence until 1863. This lodge, known as "Tregenna," No. 1272, is in a fairly flourishing condition, notwithstanding the general circumstances of the neighbourhood have for some time been unpropitious. The present W.M. is Bro. T. H. Gibbons, the P.M.'s being Bros. J. Richards, J. Wearne (who is also Secretary), Rev. J. B. Jones, M.A., T. B. Williams, John T. Short, and M. Daniel. The number of members on the books, according to the last returns, was 45.

The brethren met on Tuesday last for the despatch of business at eleven o'clock, in a hall adjoining the Wesleyan Chapel. The chair was occupied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart., acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Bro. Colonel Peard. There were also present Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England; W. C. Borlase, M.P., P.M. 121, P.P.G.W.; E. T. Carlyon, P.M. 331, P.G. Sec.; R. John, P.M. 131, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Holloway, P.M. 131, P.P.J.D.; W. Rooks, P.M. 131, P.G.P.; N. Henwood, P.M. 1164, P.P.G.S.; J. Jeffery, jun., P.M. 318, A.D.C.; J. O. James, P.M. 318, P.P.G.S.; Chas. Truscott, jun., P.M. 496, P.P.G.S.D.; E. B. Williams, P.M., 977, P.G.S.B.; T. B. Williams, 1272, P.P.G. Reg.; H. Tremblath, P.M. 318, P.G.P.; P. Simcoe, P.M. 789, P.P.G.S.; J. W. Chegwidden, P.M. 510, P.P.G.D.C.; J. F. Hooper, P.M. 699, P.G.S.; W. E. Michell, P.M. 1528, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Balmer Jones, P.M. 1272, P.P.G. Chap.; A. T. Grant, P.M. 318, P.P.G.P.; J. Peter, P.M. 557, P.P.G.W.; E. S. T. Daunt, 789, P.G. Chaplain; W. Cawse, P.M. 893, P.G.S.; E. Edwards, P.M. 131, P.G.S.; J. C. Crews, P.M. 131, P.A.G.D.C.; J. F. Penrose, P.M. 331, 580, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Grey, P.M. 496, P.P.G.D.C.; F. W. Wintle, W.M. 893, P.P.G.C.; T. Gill, P.M. 967, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. G. Mason, P.M. 557, P.P.G.W.; John Dennis, P.M. 330, P.P.G.D.; E. M. Cook, P.M. 589, P.P.G.D.; J. Crang, P.M. 330, P.P.G.S.D.; William Rowe, P.M. 330, P.G.D.C.; R. Carter, 75, P.P.G. Org.; P. Giles, P.M. 496, P.P.G.S.; T. Dorrington, P.M. 131, P.P.G.D.; T. C. Stephens, P.M. 1151, P.P.G.W.; W. J. Johns, P.M. 131, P.P.G.R.; G. Ellis, P.M. 450, P.P.G.D.; E. D. Anderton, P.M. 331, P.P.G.W.; F. J. Hext, P.M. 330, P.P.G.W.; G. H. Eustice, P.M. 450, P.P.G.S.D.; N. J. West, P.M. 450,

P.P.G.R.; F. H. Pool, P.M. 450, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Coomb, P.M. 450, P.P.G.D.; W. P. Smith, P.M. 856, P.G.S. of Wks.; T. H. Hawken, P.M. 330, P.G.W.; W. A. Gerry, P.M. 131, P.P.G.O.; Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M. 450, P.P.G.S.; John Hocking, jun., P.M. 589, P.P.G.D.; J. Short, P.M. 1272; T. J. Smith, P.M. 496; T. J. Joyce, P.M. 318; W. Mason, P.M. 496; J. T. Davey, P.M. 318; W. Nettle, P.M. 510; T. H. Lukes, P.M. 496; J. F. Hooper, P.M. 609; T. Michell, P.M. 1006; W. L. Fox, P.M. 75; Thomas Rickard, P.M. 967; W. Jackson, P.M. 789; B. Jennings, P.M. 967; T. Heath, P.M. 1136; G. Darke, P.M. 1136; R. Adams, P.M. 330; E. S. Angove, P.M. 1544; E. Stevens, P.M. 450; J. T. Tillman, P.M. 131; John Crossman, P.M. 970; J. Thomas, P.M. 589; H. T. Whitfield, P.M. 1529; S. Serpell, P.M. 331; W. F. Sharp, P.M. 331; Joseph Rawling, P.M. 1071; J. T. Brooking, P.M. 1071; H. Jager, P.M. 453; Walter Giles, P.M. 496; J. H. Mitchell, P.M. 589; J. H. Ferris, P.M. 331; W. H. Christoe, P.M. 331; J. Wearne, P.M. 1272; J. G. Taylor, P.M. 121; H. H. Trevithick, P.M. 450; T. H. Gibbon, W.M. 1272; J. M. Pascoe, W.M. 218; J. Harris, W.M. 510; T. B. Hart, W.M. 967; G. Cassell, W.M. 1136; J. Wallace, W.M. 75; J. G. Vincent, W.M. 330; W. Lidgely, W.M. 588; C. Slade, W.M. 977; R. Pearce, W.M. 1071; T. W. Willcock, W.M. 131; John Job, W.M. 496; P. G. Bake, W.M. 1157; J. J. Hawken, W.M. 331; R. Parkyn, W.M. 557; A. L. Michell, W.M. 121; A. Luke, S.W. 977; J. Martin, S.W. 1272; G. Timmin, S.W. 1006; J. Rowe, S.W. 318; W. R. Evans, S.W. 893; W. G. Spear, S.W. 1136; R. Rodda, S.W. 589; D. Spry, S.W. 450; R. C. Pearce, S.W. 1151; W. D. Rogers, S.W. 75; Oliver Colmer, S.W. 510; James Peace, S.W. 1151; W. H. Roberts, S.W. 1789; Geo. Woolcock, S.W. 557; R. W. Whether, S.W. 856; D. Thompson, J.W. 967; W. Phillips, J.W. 1136; R. Oliver, J.W. 970; Thomas Mills, J.W. 450; Edmund Herring, J.W. 1071; F. J. Hext, jun., J.W. 330; and Edward May, J.W. 75.

The noble EARL, in his opening address to the brethren, in which he was repeatedly applauded, congratulated them on the continued prosperity of the province, and communicated a number of facts respecting the recent grand Masonic gathering at Truro. He said, although there was a balance against the province at the present time, there were certain deductions to be made which he thought he could arrange to considerably lessen the amount, and this with the dues which would come from the various lodges in a few months would put the balance largely on the other side. His lordship also mentioned that the amount collected at Truro for the Cathedral on the 20th May was over £200 on tickets, after deducting expenses, and over £300 was subscribed. He alluded with regret to the absence of Colonel Peard, and expressed an opinion that the various lodges should pay a proportion of the cost of the Provincial Grand Lodge Directory.

The statement of the Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Tweedy, P.M. 331, showed an adverse balance of about £30, chiefly owing to costs incurred in connection with the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Truro recently. The entertainment of the Grand Lodge on that occasion and special expenses in connection therewith amounted to about £130. It was calculated that the deficit of £30 would be nearly met by the fees of honour paid directly after the investiture of the new officers.

Bro. E. T. CARLYON, Prov. G. Secretary, gave a favourable report of the membership. The number was on the increase, and at the end of December the number was above 1150. The number of lodges in the province was 28.

The report on the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund shewed receipts for the year (including a balance brought forward) of £560 17s. 2d., and after deducting certain payments left a balance (exclusive of investments) of £189 17s. 8d. The grand total of the funds now amounted to £3134 13s. 2d., being a nett increase of £106 10s. 9d.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, manager of votes for the central Masonic Charities, reported that their duties during the past year had been mainly confined to repaying any favour they received previously from other provinces, and lending votes for repayment in 1881. At present they owed nothing as a province, and had some hundreds of votes to depend upon when required for Cornish candidates. They had only taken the position of manager of votes once more because the Provincial Grand Lodge, being held much later than usual, the votes could not else have been collected, and their desire was now to utilise them and secure the election of Bro. Lampen, of Hayle, as an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in May, for £40 a year. The family of the late Bro. Denbigh, of Penzance, could not receive any aid from the central Masonic Charities, the children being beyond the maximum age; but locally the funds could be devoted in part for that object, and at the next Provincial Grand Lodge assistance would be solicited for Mount Sinai Lodge accordingly. In like manner the children to-day were candidates for educational grants, whom they could not manage to get elected in the London Institution. They had to acknowledge another donation from a Past Master of one of their Cornish lodges, whose name they were not at liberty to mention. This was the second subscription of twenty guineas in the name of the province. They had forwarded that sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London, and handed the receipt to the Provincial Grand Treasurer. They had received large sums from their brother in this way credited to the Provincial Grand Lodge or individual lodges, and the result has been that many hundreds of pounds have been raised in consequence of the example so unostentatiously set. They most heartily thanked the most generous donor. It was now twelve years since they accepted the post of manager of votes in Cornwall, and during that period they had obtained a total value of nearly £300 for the province. They had also raised in the province and elsewhere during the same period about £200 on behalf of their great Masonic Charities, and the total number of votes had increased from under 400 to over 700, the whole cost to the province not being quite £10 for expenses. The more they had given as a province the more they had received on behalf of those who required aid, and the advantages obtained has always far exceeded the contributions. They had long desired the appointment of a successor, and would not again have acted as manager of the votes had it not been for the special circumstances of the case, but they begged most emphatically to state that in May, 1881, on their securing the election of Bro. Lampen (all being well) their official connection with the Province

of Cornwall would cease, and not be again renewed. Meanwhile they begged to express their thankfulness to their esteemed Provincial Grand Master and the brethren generally for their valued fraternal co-operation, and unswerving support of their representative, and concluded in the words of Tiny Tim—"God bless us every one."

A Truro brother applied for an annuity, and was voted £20 a year. A relief grant of £10 a year was voted to a brother from Hayle, who is also a petitioner to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, London, for £40 a year. Educational grants were given as follows:—£15 a year for five years to the daughter of a brother from St. Austell, and a similar sum for a like period of years to the son of a deceased brother, formerly of St. Day and Fowey.

Bro. W. Tweedy was re-elected Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund; Bro. T. Chirgwin, Sec.; Bro. J. Crewes, Asst. Sec.; and Bros. N. West and E. D. Anderton, Auditors.

Service was afterwards held in the parish church, the vicar, the Rev. J. B. Jones, officiating. The Rev. E. S. T. Daunt preached the sermon from the words "And Enoch walked with God," Genesis v., 24. The rev. gentleman said he had for several reasons designedly selected the text. They found in it the record of a man who walked with God 3000 years ago. They must remember that Enoch had no Bible, no church, no chapel, no bishop, no priest, no minister, no hymn book, and none of what were commonly called "means of grace." Yet he walked with God, and attained to spiritual perfection without anything to guide him but his conscience, without any Bible to teach but the volume of nature. They might depend upon it Enoch drank in the precious draught from the great Bible of God—Nature—with avidity. Why, the preacher afterwards asked, did he speak to them who were Masons on the subject? Because Enoch was their brother Mason, and so when they read of Enoch walking with God they should bear in mind that he was a brother Mason of theirs. St. Paul, too, was a brother Mason, and Masonry bade them carry out the great principles he had enunciated—the very same that Enoch carried out. It bade them look forward to a resurrection beyond the grave, and to remember that they should love God with all their hearts and their neighbours as themselves. And when they offered up their prayers that they might be found worthy by-and-by to go to the Grand Lodge above, to sit down with the Grand Master of All, let them bear in mind that this could only be realised in proportion as they, too, walked with God.

On returning from church the P.G.M. invested his officers as follows:

Bro. Sir C. B. G. Sawle, Bart. ...	Prov. D.G.M.
" P. Simcoe ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. Hocking, jun. ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" E. T. S. Daunt ...	Prov. S.G. Chap.
" P. Newnham ...	Prov. J.G. Chap.
" H. F. Whitefield ...	Prov. G.R.
" W. Tweedy ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. T. Carlyon ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. Serpell ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. Angove ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" G. B. Pearce ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Maxwell ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Crossman ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Christoe ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. F. Hooper ...	Prov. G.O.
" I. James ...	Prov. G. Purs.
" W. Rooks ...	Prov. A.G.P.
" J. Wearne, J. Jose, A. Vine, T. Lukes, W. Nettle, J. Mitchell }	Prov. G. Stwds.

A capital banquet was subsequently served in the Board schools by Bro. Hamlyn, of Penzance, and gave great satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Kidderminster, under the banner of Lodge Hope and Charity, No. 377.

A Craft lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M. of Hope and Charity Lodge, No. 377, at 12.30 p.m., the R.W. Prov. G. Master, with his Provincial Grand Officers and visitors, entered the lodge, and, having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at one o'clock. Among the distinguished visitors were W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, and Bro. Sir J. R. Bailey, Prov. G. Master designate of Herefordshire.

The minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge and special Provincial Grand Lodge were read for confirmation.

The muster roll of lodges was then called, and about ninety brethren were present.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's account having been audited, a motion was made that the same be received and adopted.

W. Bro. Albert Brown was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The report of the Charity Committee was received and adopted, and W. Bro. Taylor was elected Secretary to the Committee for the ensuing year.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed and invested his Prov. Grand Officers as follows:—

Bro. W. Masefield ...	Prov. D.G.M.
" H. Cross ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. Taylor ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" A. Brown ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Bristow ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. J. B. Wilson, M.A. ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Broomhall ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. R. Buck ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. F. Roberts ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" C. E. Bloomer ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Hammond ...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" McCandless ...	Prov. G. Purs.
" Waring ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.

Bro. A. Brown, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Treasurer, proposed "That the bye-laws read at this meeting be the bye-laws of Provincial Grand Lodge."

This was duly seconded and carried. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in solemn form, and the brethren walked in procession to attend Divine service at St. Mary's Church, at three p.m., when an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev.

J. B. Wilson, M.A., rector of St. Helen's, Worcester, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The text was Psalm cxxiii, v. 1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." A collection, amounting to ten guineas, was made towards the funds of the Kidderminster Infirmary.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Lion Hotel, at 5.30 p.m., Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., P.G.M., presiding, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Worcestershire was held at the Masonic Hall, 95, High-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., for the purpose of installing M.E. Comp. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., as Grand Superintendent of the province. A large and influential meeting of the companions took place under the banner of the Chapter of St. Wulstan, No. 280, M.E. Comp. Col. W. Stallard, First Principal; E. Comp. J. Randle Buck, Second Principal; E. Comp. Henry Wilson, Third Principal. The companions present were Comps. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., P.G. Superintendent; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Rev. W. K. K. Bedford, G. Chap.; W. Masfield, P.G.H.; M. Dennison, P.G.J.; W. Bristow, P.G.S.E.; A. Brown, P.G. Treas.; Col. W. Stallard, M.E.Z. 280; J. Randle Buck, E.H. 280; Henry Wilson, E.J. 280; J. C. Gregg, P.Z.; P.G. Reg.; A. F. Godson, S.E.; W. H. Jones, P.Z.; C. F. Pidcock, P.Z.; H. Cross, P.Z.; T. E. Lucy, P.Z.; H. Broomhall, P.Z.; J. Foley, C. E. Bloomer, G. P. Chapman, Z. 252; W. H. Westwood, P.Z.; C. H. Grosvenor, P.Z.; G. J. Westbury, P.Z.; T. Troman, P.Z.; Org.; J. A. Chadwick, C. W. Green, T. H. Lewis, J. V. Stallard, F. H. Lingham, H. Oram, T. Brettell, W. Underwood, F. G. Underwood, and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Scribe of England.

After the installation, a banquet was served in the Guildhall Council-room. Comp. SIR EDMUND LECHMERE, Bart., proposed the following toasts in succession:—"The Queen;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E. First Grand Principal Z.;" "The Earl of Carnarvon, M.E. Pro First Grand Principal Z.;" "The Earl of Lathom, M.E. Second Grand Principal H.;" "The Lord de Tabley, M.E. Third Grand Principal J., and the other Officers of Grand Chapter, Present and Past."

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then gave "The Health of the M.E. the Grand Superintendent of Worcestershire, Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.," who replied.

The Rev. W. K. K. BEDFORD proposed "The M.E. the Provincial Second and Third Grand Principals H. and J. and the other Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter," who replied.

"The Health of the M.E. the Installing Principal, Comp. Lieut.-Col. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England," was proposed by Sir EDMUND LECHMERE, and responded to by Comp. Col. CLERKE.

The last toast was "The M.E. the First Principal of St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280, Comp. Col. Stallard, and the Principals of the other Chapters in the Province." E. Comp. J. RANDLE BUCK replied.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for the use of the Guildhall was proposed by Comp. A. F. GODSON, and cordially adopted.

CONSECRATION OF THE ORPHEUS CHAPTER, No. 1706.

A new Royal Arch Chapter attached to the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, was consecrated last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, by Comp. James Terry, Provincial Grand Dir. of Ceremonies, Herts, who was assisted by Comp. E. Bowyer, P.Z. 1471, and S.E. 174, as H., and Comp. John Newton, P.Z. 174 and 975, as J. The other companions present were Comps. the Rev. Ernest Brette, D.D., P.Z. 1194, G.J. Middlesex; George Cooper, P.Z. 214; H. Massey, P.Z. 619; W. A. Barrett, Charles Goolden, James Blyth, and H. Sadler, Grand Janitor. Comp. Blyth was elected S.E., and Comp. Potter, Janitor. The election of the other officers stood over till next meeting.

The M.E.Z. proposed a vote of thanks to Comps. Terry, Bowyer, and Newton, for consecrating the chapter, the vote to be recorded on the minutes. These companions were also elected honorary members of the chapter. The proposition was seconded by Comp. Blyth, and carried unanimously, and Comp. Terry acknowledged the compliment. The M.E.Z. also proposed a vote of thanks to the Phoenix Chapter, No. 173, for lending their furniture for the consecration. Comp. GOOLDEN, H., seconded the motion, which was also carried unanimously and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Comp. BLYTH, as a member of the Phoenix Chapter, informed the companions that as that chapter would meet that day he would then convey the thanks of the Orpheus Chapter to the companions. A long list of candidates for joining and exaltation was then read out by the M.E.Z., and the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Holborn Restaurant. As this is a public resort which could not be tyled, the usual toasts and firing were dispensed with; but, sotto voce, the loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and honoured, and as it would have been irregular to separate on the night of a consecration without wishing success to the new enterprise, Comp. TERRY proposed "The Orpheus Chapter and its M.E.Z., Comp. Barrett." After stating in a few words that one more chapter would be added to the Grand Chapter roll, to which he wished every success, he stated that from what he and the other companions knew of Comp. Barrett, and the other companions who now formed the chapter, he was sure that it would go on and prosper, and that the M.E.Z. from his long Masonic experience would so conduct the affairs of the chapter that he would give to it a tone which would place it in the highest rank amongst London chapters. Comp. Barrett was not new to Masonry or to Royal Arch Masonry, as he had not only filled the Master's chair in a lodge, but had held all the chairs in the Royal Arch. With such experience it was impossible that he should be unacquainted with the principles on which such a chapter should be conducted; and the way in which he had filled the chair that evening was an evidence of his aptitude in ruling and governing a Masonic body. Comp. W. A.

BARRETT, in acknowledging the toast, confessed to his desire to bring the Orpheus Chapter to a successful issue, and hoped that he would not only give a tinge to the chapter, but a twinge to the companions which would induce them to follow in his footsteps. The companions separated about nine o'clock. The party, as will be seen by the list given above, was but small, and sitting at a round table it had all the comforts of a private or family party. The dinner was a choice one, supplied by the proprietor of the Holborn Restaurant. It was admirably served by quiet and efficient attendants, and the evening was one of the most agreeable and pleasant that had been provided for a select company.

CONSECRATION OF THE SANDOWN LODGE, NO. 1869, SANDOWN (I.W.).

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), with his deputy, the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and many other Freemasons attending for the purpose—the lodge, we believe, making the 32nd now under the immediate rule of the Prov. Grand Master. The meeting was held at the Royal Pier Hotel, and was attended by a most satisfactory number of brethren of the province, embracing representatives from most of the lodges in the island, from Portsmouth, Southampton, and other places on the mainland, together with brethren from the Provincial Lodges of Oxford, York, Suffolk, Derby, Warwick, Middlesex, &c.

The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master presided, and was supported by the Deputy Grand Master of the province (Bro. W. Hickman), the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens (Bros. Capt. Martin, R.N., and H. Brouncker) occupying their respective chairs, with the Prov. Grand Senior Deacon (Bro. R. Sharpe), P.G.J.D. (Bro. A. L. Emanuel), P.G. Treas. (Bro. Mark Frost), P.G. Sec. (Bro. A. J. Miller), P.G.D.C. (Bro. Barnes), P.G.A.D.C. (Bro. W. Bowyer), P.G. Org. (Bro. Jones), and P.G. Purs. (I. Harle). Several eminent Past Grand Officers were also on the dais, including Bro. Best, P.S.G.W., General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, P.G.S.W. and P.S.G.W. of England, &c., the general attendance including a large number of Past Provincial Officers and of local brethren, viz., Bros. W. Garland, H. Rembridge, T. E. Porter, S. Wheeler, C. E. Lock, A. Alabone, J. Parkes, W. C. Ross, J. E. Snellgrove, C. Mursell, T. Kentfield, W. S. Pring, B. Cheverton, E. W. Watts (P.P.G. Chap.), T. Nicholls, and I. Goulding (W.M. of the Newport Lodge; W. H. Wooldridge, H. Matthews, D. Barnes, E. Groves, B. Marvin, C. Pack, F. Newman, J. Lowe, and Frank Carter (W.M.); G. A. Canton, C. Mill, E. Benedict, A. Platt Wilks, of the Ryde lodges; G. M. Burt, J. C. Withers, R. Woodford, C. Jacobs, C. Riddick, T. Saunders, S. T. H. Saunders, L. Saunders, R. J. Webber, of the Ventnor Lodge; T. Lamb, Tasker, Hammans, and C. V. Helsdon; Andover; A. Barfield, P.M. 35; J. Parkinson, W. M. 1112; G. Tilling, P.M. 1461; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Pain and W. Everitt, 76; J. K. Hawthorn, P.M., 10; S. Brooks, W.M. 1608; W. H. Saunders, P.G.D. Middlesex; J. Wallingford, P.M. 903; G. Green, 1776; Edmonds, (Portsmouth); W. Lovelock, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Smales, G. Sup. Wks.; C. A. Bolt, 1681; T. H. Smith and J. Ogburn, P.P.G.W.'s; T. Baker and T. W. Amherst, 1238; with many others, the lodge room being crowded to excess.

In the course of the proceedings, the PROV. G. MASTER addressing the brethren, reminded them of the duties they were about to perform, and said it behoved them to remember that the constitution of a new lodge was likely to exercise no slight influence on the future of Freemasonry in the district. Their object was to propagate those principles of Freemasonry which had been handed down from their forefathers, and which they desired to extend. They desired to conduct those ceremonies which had been practised for so many years by those who had gone before them, and to do this in a manner that would reflect credit upon the lodge, and impress the mind of the neophyte with a due appreciation of the ceremony. He would not detain them with a lengthened exposition of the history of their Order, or the great work which it had conducted through many generations. To dive into Masonic lore would carry them into ages, and even then, after infinite study, they would be unable to find the true roots of their Order, because its origin was lost in the obscurity of history. But the study was by no means devoid of interest or importance to a Freemason, and therefore it was for every true Mason a noble and engaging pursuit to try and trace out some of those old histories, stories, and legends which had been handed down from remote times, and to see how they had borne fruit in the history of the world at the time and since. Operative Freemasonry had given way to a great extent to speculative Freemasonry. But in speculative Freemasonry there was ample food for reflection for anyone who was worthy of becoming a true Freemason, because in this he might find the most noble principles—those which were worthy of being adopted and acted up to the life of every true Freemason. Every one who acted upon their ancient ceremonies could not fail to become a better man in his daily life, because they comprised, next to the Christian religion, some of the most noble principles which were given to men. He exhorted the brethren to act up to those principles, and the brethren of the lodge about to be consecrated he specially urged, above all things, not to be too anxious to enlist new candidates for Masonry. (Hear, hear.) Let them be cautious, and be satisfied that he whom they were about to recommend and ballot for would be one who would be likely to, and who they believed would, form a true and worthy member of their new lodge.

The petition and warrant for the new lodge having been read by the acting Secretary, Bro. W. Dampier Child, and the brethren signified their assent thereto, and that Bro. R. Loveland Loveland be the first W.M.; Bro. Latimer H. Saunders the first S.W.; and Bro. J. Bunt, jun., the first J.W., the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. A. G. Barker, of Sheffield, Basingstoke, spoke on the nature and principles of the Institution, remarking that he felt deeply gratified to be present to lead the more sacred portions of that splendid ritual which was the embodiment of an allegory on which their system was based, and in which was veiled those precious secrets of eternity which related to "the temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens." The nature of his first duty as Chaplain conveyed hopeful

augury for the future of their society. Every fresh pillar, founded by the zeal and courage of their brethren, added to the stability of the edifice, and he could not but feel that the Masons of Hampshire would gain much in having so flourishing a branch to their province, and whose example would stimulate them to fresh efforts. Although it was not necessary for him to dwell long upon the advantages of enrolling themselves in this, their guild of Masons, whose object was to build up the true, the manly, the gentle things of this world, and to hew down and destroy all built upon a foundation of insincerity, immorality, and cruelty, yet, in obedience to the request of the P.G.M., he would touch briefly upon what he might call four corner-stones of their temple—its antiquity, its subservience to the decrees of the Great Architect; its brotherhood, and its charity. As to its antiquity, there were those who told them that if a thing was good in itself it was no matter whether it was a mushroom growth of to-day or had been handed down through long years, out of the dim distance, by their forefathers. But as he, for one, held that the bravery and chivalry which rallied round the flag of old England was a heritage bequeathed by their fathers and embroidered in their ensigns, so the Masons valued their Craft and their Degrees the more they were used, sanctioned, and purified by a St. Alban (St. Augustine) and an Alfred. They looked at the time-honoured piles of Canterbury, Winchester, and Westminster, and, weather-stained and defaced though they might be, they felt that the most gorgeous edifice of to-day would be a lifeless and loveless pile in their stead. There were those (happily few among Englishmen) who would draw from underneath the fabric their fathers had built the chief corner stone, viz., subservience to the decrees of the Great Architect. If they succeeded, how maimed and one-sided a temple would ours be—builders without a plan, a rule, or square, hurrying with confused materials to attempt the erection of another Babel, ending only in confusion! But, under the guidance of the Great Master Builder, order reigned, and each man brought something needful to the building of the temple, so that it went forward in height and beauty, one stone laid upon another. Over this habitation should be the motto "brotherly love." In these days, when we saw around us a growing inclination to set class against class, to make the interests of the poor opposed to, instead of identical with, the interests of the rich, we should welcome any organisation which placed men of all ranks, professions, and creeds shoulder to shoulder in a mighty phalanx, to repel the advance of the common enemies—sloth, ignorance, and crime. But oftentimes the world, like the Samaritans of old, when the temple of Ezra was building, proved too strong for them or their brethren, who in sickness, old age, or death, came to rest on their fourth corner stone of Charity. Here, too, our forefathers had set us an example. Schools had been established, charitable buildings for the children of Masons built and kept going. But there was much still to be done. The widows and orphans of their poorer brethren looked to them for help, and they must not be grudging in granting it, trusting that so they might fulfil the commands of the prophet who was sent to rebuke the negligent builders of old—"Go up to the mountain and buy wood and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it and I will be glorified, saith the Lord."

The usual dedication and consecration were then proceeded with, the Rev. A. A. Headley, of Fareham, Asst. Grand Chaplain, taking part, and offering the dedicatory prayer. The Prov. G.M. having constituted the lodge, a dedication hymn was sung, and the Right Worshipful brother proceeded to instal Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, P.M. 698, 130, Past Prov. Grand Registrar of Hants and Isle of Wight, in the chair, as the first Master of the lodge, and to invest the officers as follow: Bros. Latimer Saunders, S.W.; John Bunt, jun., J.W.; F. Newman, P.M. 698, 175, S.D.; J. Withers, 531, J.D.; Garland, 551, Treas.; R. Dampier Child, 1373, Sec.; T. Nicholls, 551, D.C.; Porter, 551, I.G.; Firth, 551, Org.; Rembridge, 551, Steward; and Willis, 698, 175, Tyler.

Several propositions of brethren for initiation and joining having been made, the W.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, and it was carried with acclamation—"That the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to the Prov. G.M. for his kindness in attending and rendering the ceremony in so impressive a manner, and that this resolution be recorded on the minutes."

The R.W.P.G.M., in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to have been enabled to be present and take part in the ceremony. He wished every prosperity to the Sandown Lodge, which had begun its career of usefulness under such auspicious circumstances.

"Hearty good wishes" from a number of lodges having been tendered to the W.M., the lodge was duly closed, and those of the brethren who were able to stay to a banquet adjourned to the hall, where an elegant repast had been prepared under the supervision of the excellent manager of the hotel, Bro. Wilkinson, the details of which were arranged and carried out in a manner reflecting the highest credit on the establishment. Bro. Loveland Loveland, the W.M., presided, the S.W. being in the vice-chair, and the customary toasts were duly given and honoured, special importance marking that of the Secretary of the new lodge, Bro. W. Dampier-Child, who has rendered most efficient service in connection with the foundation and inauguration of the lodge. The toast of "The Host" was also proposed, and high testimony was borne to the excellent manner in which all the arrangements appertaining to the banquet had been carried out. The speeches were pleasantly varied by several excellent songs, recitations, and some instrumental music, especially a duet by Bro. Jones, Prov. Grand Organist, on the cornet, and Bro. Firth, Organist of the lodge, on the piano. We may mention that the lodge has already received a present of a very handsomely-bound bible from Wor. Bro. the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, in token of his hearty good wishes for its prosperity.

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

CONSECRATION OF THE SNOWDONIA MARK LODGE, No. 259.

Under a dispensation from the R.W. Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M. Cheshire and North Wales, a new lodge of Mark Masons was on Saturday last opened at Portmadoc, the new lodge being known as the Snowdonia, No. 259. The consecration, which attracted a large attendance of the Craft, took place in the Freemasons' Hall.

At the opening of the lodge, Bro. George L. Woodley, P.P.G.D. Cheshire and North Wales, P.M. 755, St. David's Mark, acted as W.M.; Robert Owen, as S.W.; and Bro. W. L. Bankes, P.M. St. Tudno, 755, P.P.G.S.W., as J.W.

The newly-elected brethren in attendance having been advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M., the ceremony of consecration was performed by W.Bro. Capt. Charles Hunter, P.G.S.B. of England, P.G.S.W. Greece, P.P.G.M. East Aberdeenshire, representing the P.G.M.M., assisted by the W. Bro. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire and North Wales, D.P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, Prov., representing the D.P.G.M., and Bro. George L. Woodley, P.P.G.D. Cheshire and North Wales, who acted as the Installing Officer. Bro. Cornelius Davies was installed W.M., Bro. Robert Roberts, S.W., and Bro. D. E. Kirkby, J.W. Bro. the Rev. Benjamin Mayou, P.G.M., Chap. Cheshire and North Wales, delivered the oration, and Bro. G. F. Felton, St. Tudno, acted as Organist.

At the close of the installation, the brethren adjourned to luncheon at the Sportsman Hotel, Mrs. Francis providing a capital bill of fare. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes presided; the attendance including, in addition to those previously named, Bros. A. A. MacMillan, P.M. St. David's, 384; P.G. Supt. of Works North Wales and Shropshire, P.G.S.; Robert Owen, P.M. St. David's, 384, Treas., S.W. St. David's Mark, 38, P.M.G. St. B. Cheshire and North Wales, Comp. 721, Grosvenor Chap.; T. Hathawayet, P.M. 384, P.Z. 606, P.P.G.S.B. North Wales and Shropshire; E. Spooner, P.M.; and others.

CONSECRATION OF KING CHARLES THE MARTYR MARK LODGE, No. 267.

The interesting ceremony of consecrating a new lodge of Mark Masters took place at the Pump-room, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., the occasion serving to draw together a large gathering of Mark Freemasons of the Province of Kent, as well as members of the Craft from the metropolis and other parts of the country.

The religious ceremonies connected with the consecration of the new lodge, which is named King Charles the Martyr Lodge, Queen Henrietta, the wife of the unfortunate monarch, having taken up her abode for some time at Tunbridge Wells—No. 267, were conducted by the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, assisted by Bro. the Rev. C. Solbe, the Provincial Grand Chaplain; Bro. F. G. Podelvin, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Secretary; Bro. D. M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary; and the Provincial Grand Officers of the province. The preliminary proceedings having been gone through, the petition to the Grand Lodge of England for the formation of the new lodge, together with the warrant, were read by the Grand Secretary, after which the solemn and impressive consecration ceremony was proceeded with, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. A. Boorman, Bro. the Rev. C. Solbe delivering at the close an impressive and eloquent oration on the principles of Mark Masonry.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, P.G.S.W. Kent, was installed the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. Podelvin, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The following were appointed officers of the new lodge for the ensuing year, and each duly invested by the Worshipful Master with the collar and jewel of his office: Bros. H. D. M. Williams, S.W.; E. O. Copland, J.W.; B. Marsack, M.O.; B. S. Wilmot, S.O.; J. E. Ranking, J.O.; J. K. Pain, Treas. and R.M.; R. A. D. Beeching, Sec.; F. Huth, S.D.; G. Langridge, J.D.; A. T. F. Simpson, I.G.; A. Boorman, Org.; and G. Strange, Tyler. No fewer than seven brethren were advanced to the Mark Master's Degree on this occasion.

In the course of the proceedings it was announced that a new lodge of Mark Masters would be consecrated at Sandgate on the 7th October, while the warrant had been granted for a new Mark Masons' lodge in the city of Canterbury, where the lodge, which will be named St. Martin's Lodge, will be shortly consecrated, with the Rev. J. Mangan, D.D., as its first Master.

The consecration of the new lodge at Tunbridge Wells was celebrated by a Masonic banquet, which took place in the evening at the Kentish Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, the newly-installed Master, who was supported on the occasion by a number of distinguished brethren and the members of the new lodge. The customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and congratulatory remarks were made at the gratifying spread of Mark Masonry in Kent, that being the third lodge which had been consecrated within a very few months.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 41, BATH.

A meeting of a very interesting character will take place on Thursday next, the 7th inst. The present W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, whose services to Freemasonry, and especially to the Charities, are so well known, not only to his fellow townsmen but to the Craft throughout the country, is desirous of specially commemorating an event in the history of the lodge of considerable interest and importance. The Royal Cumberland is one of the three provincial lodges entitled to the Freemasons' Hall Silver Medal. This was granted, according to "Hughan's Masonic Register," under the following circumstances: "In order to liquidate the 'Hall Debt' it was resolved by the Grand Lodge on June 21st, 1779, that brethren and lodges subscribing twenty-four pounds as a loan, without interest, should be 'presented with a medal to wear as an honourable testimony to their services, and to be members of Grand Lodge.'" This year brings the centenary of the presentation of this medal to the

odge, and the worthy W.M. has issued the following characteristic circular, which we think so good, irrespective of its reference to the event to be celebrated, that we make no apology for its re-production in our columns. We may mention that, in addition to the two distinguished brethren mentioned, several well-known Masons from different part of the country have accepted invitations, and we anticipate a large and influential gathering:

"14, Belvedere, Bath,
September, 25th, 1880.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"Herewith you receive the summons for the first meeting of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, after the summer vacation, and you will observe that your attendance is required at an earlier hour than usual. I trust that under special circumstances you will pardon me for making the change, and endeavour to be present so early as to enable me to open the lodge punctually at five o'clock p.m.

"At the commencement of the first session this year my installation was inaugurated by a banquet, when a variety of circumstances combined to prevent the pleasure of seeing many familiar faces. With other members I am quite unacquainted, never having met them in the lodge since I joined it six years ago. This to me, as an old P.M. of long standing, is very lamentable, and marks an amount of apathy for which I cannot account, but which I feel it a duty to endeavour to overcome. With this object I venture to invite you, with all the other brethren under my rule, most earnestly and fraternally, to be my guests at a banquet at the Christopher Hotel, at eight o'clock p.m. (prompt), on Thursday, October 7th, after the business of the first meeting in my second session. I trust that when the ice is thus broken by those who have not been in the habit of attending, I may hope to have the pleasure of their presence and support at each subsequent meeting during my term of office.

"Your attendance is more especially invited on this occasion, because it is intended to make it a celebration of an important event in the history of our lodge, being the centenary of the presentation to it in 1780 of the Freemasons' Hall Silver Medal, now attached to the W.M.'s official jewel, an honour in which only three other lodges out of London have the right and privilege to participate, showing that in former times the Royal Cumberland Lodge had a status and character which it has doubtless been the aim of successive Masters to sustain, not without success, to the present day. May this and future years prove no exception! "I may add that Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M., Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, and other distinguished brethren have promised to be present and take part in the proceedings.

"Believe me, yours faithfully and fraternally,

"HENRY HOPKINS, W.M. No. 41, &c."

A MASON'S EXAMINATION.

By BRO. R. F. GOULD.

The earliest of the "so-called" exposures of Freemasonry appeared in the *Flying Post* or *Post Master*, No. 4712, from Thursday, April 11th, to Saturday, April 13th, 1723. So far as I am aware it has never been reprinted. From 1723 to the present era, hundreds of these "Examinations" and "Catechisms" have seen the light, and it may be stated generally, that they bear a strong "family likeness" to the original "revelation," which is subjoined.

The (so-called) "exposure" of 1723 professes, of course, to have been compiled from the papers of a "deceased brother"—a "formula" with which readers of more recent "Catechisms" will be familiar, and which implies that our Masonic ancestors of 150 years ago had, even then, forestalled our German brethren of to-day in the use of printed or written rituals; students will, however, find several points of interest presented in the "Examination" under notice, e.g.:

The allusions to the Second Degree (though this was then only conferred in Grand Lodge), to the Mark of a Master Mason, and to the *Pattern of an Arch*—the first mention of the word "Arch" in connection with Freemasonry, it may be here observed—occur in the Constitutions of 1723, at the close of Dr. Anderson's exordium.

[FROM THE FLYING POST, No. 4712.—A.D. 1723.]
To the Author of the Flying Post.

The Ancient Fraternity of *Free and Accepted Masons*, has thro' all Ages been justly esteemed the only One Society, which hath inviolably observed and kept those two essential and fundamental Pillars of all good Fellowship, *Taciturnity and Concord*; there being but one single Instance since the Beginning of Time, that a *Free Mason* betray'd the *Grand Arcanum* of the Society; namely *Samson*, who indeed proved a meer *Judas*, and was punished accordingly.*

This has been a Matter of much Speculation to the rest of Mankind, and hath occasioned various Reasonings and Disputes.

It is indeed agreed on all hands, that *Masonry*, the most Substantial Part of *Architecture*, is of singular Use and Ornament: that *Free Masons* are no prying inquisitive Busy-bodies, but honest industrious Persons, who desire only to excel in their own Profession; that the *Worshipful Society* are no Innovators in Religious Affairs, no perjured Plotters or Conspirators against the established Government: that they in no way interfere or clash with any other Society or Corporation, however dignify'd or distinguish'd; for all which excellent Qualifications, a reasonable Person would be willing to pay their *Persons*, their *Lodges*, their *Constitutions*, all due Respect and Honour.

But so it is, there are Men of Shallow Capacities, Blabbers of Secrets, who, because they have lost or misused their own retentive Faculties, envy and hate those who retain the Gift of *Secrecy* and *Fidelity*; these mean Wretches have of late Studied a Thousand Practices to bring this *Worshipful Society* into Contempt and Obloquy, and are egg'd on by some silly Women, who (because for good Reasons their Sex are by the Constitutions judged incapable of *Fellowship*) are, therefore, nettled and seek Revenge. These are the Persons who trump up many foolish and idle Signs, Gestures, and Practices, and vouch them for the very *Basis* and *Ground-plot* of *Free-Masonry*. The enclosed is a sample of their Malice, and which they pretend was left in Writing by a *Fellow Mason* lately deceased; but, in very Truth, is a Senseless Pasquinade,

* Hence comes the saying on One who blabs all he knows, He'll bring an old House on his Head.

highly derogatory to the Honour of the whole *Body*, and each *Worshipful Fellow*, many of whom daily stand in Presence of Kings, and are Cloathed with Titles, Dignities, and Honours.

I shall not take upon me to vindicate the high Reputation of the *Fraternity*, their numerous *Lodges* stand in no need of *Props* and *Buttresses* for their support; neither will their *Members*, by any Arts or Contrivances, be induced like Fools and Children to divulge the Lessons and Instructions given by their Masters and Wardens; but will have a constant Eye to that memorable Saying of Wise King *Solomon* in his Time *Grand Master of Masonry and Architecture*, and which pointed to *Samson's* Fate aforementioned—*A prating Fool shall fall.*

I am, &c.

When a Free-Mason is enter'd, after having given to all present of the Fraternity a Pair of Men and Women's Gloves and Leather Apron, he is to hear the * * * * * belonging to the Society read to him by the Master of the Lodge. Then a Warden leads him to the Master and Fellows; to each of whom he is to say—

I fain would a Fellow-Mason be,
As all your Worshipps may plainly see.

After this, he swears to reveal no Secrets of the Worshipful Fraternity, on Pain of having his Throat cut, and having a double Porron (Portion?) of Hell and Damnation hereafter. Then he is blind-folded, and the ceremony of — is performed. After which he is to behold a Thousand different Postures and Grimaces, all of which he must exactly imitate, or undergo the Discipline till he does.

After this the word *Maughbin* is whispered by the youngest Mason to the next, and so on, till it comes to the Master, who whispers it to the entered Mason, who must have his Face in due order to receive it. Then the entered Mason says what follows:

An enter'd Mason I have been,
Boaz and *Jachin* I have seen;
A Fellow I was sworn most rare,
And know the Astler, Diamond, and Square:
I know the Master's Part full well,
As honest *Maughbin* will you tell.

Then the Master says:

If a Master-Mason you would be,
Observe you well the *Rule of Three*;
And what you want in Masonry,
Thy *Mark* and *Maughbin* makes thee free.

When you would enter a Lodge you must knock three times at the Door, and they'll challenge you.

Q.—Are you a Free-Mason?

A.—Yes, indeed, that I am.

Q.—How shall I know it?

A.—By Signs and Tokens—(Hebrew Characters)—from my Entrance into the Kitchen, and from thence to the Hall.

Q.—What is the first Point of your Entrance?

A.—Hear and conceal, on Pain of having my Throat cut or Tongue pull'd out.

Then one of the Wardens will say—God's greeting be at this Meeting; and with the Right Worshipful the Master, and the Worshipful Fellows, who keep the Keys of the Lodge from whence you came; and you are also welcome, Worshipful Brother, into this Worshipful Society.

Then you salute as follows—

The Right Worshipful the Master and the Worshipful Fellows of the Lodge from whence I came greet you abundantly.

Q.—What Lodge are you of?

A.—I am of the Lodge of St. Stephen's.

Q.—What makes a just and Perfect Lodge?

A.—A Master, two Wardens, four Fellows, five Apprentices, with Square, Compass, and Common Gudge.

Q.—Where was you made?

A.—In the Valley of *Jehosophet*, behind a Rush-bush, where a Dog was never heard to bark, or Cock crow, or elsewhere.

Q.—Where was the first Lodge Kept?

A.—In *Solomon's* Porch; the two Pillars were called *Jachin* and *Boaz*.

Q.—How many Orders be there in Architecture?

A.—Five; Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite, or Roman.

Q.—How many Points be there in Fellowship?

A.—Six: Foot to Foot, Knee to Knee, Hand to Hand, Ear to Ear, Tongue to Tongue, Heart to Heart.

Q.—How do Masons take Place in Work?

A.—The Master S.E., the Wardens, N.E., and the Fellows Eastern Passage.

Q.—How many precious Jewels are there in Masonry?

A.—Four: Square, Astler, Diamond, and Common Square.

Q.—How many Lights be there in a Lodge?

A.—Three: The Master, Warden, and Fellows.

Q.—Whence comes the Pattern of an Arch?

A.—From the Rainbow.

Q.—Is there a Key to your Lodge?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What is't?

A.—A well hung Tongue.

Q.—Where is it Kept?

A.—In an Ivory Box between my Teeth, or under the Lap of my Liver, where the Secrets of my Heart are not.

Q.—Is there a Chain to it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long is it?

A.—As long as from my Tongue to my Heart.

Q.—Where does the Key of the working Lodge lie?

A.—It lies on the Right Hand from the Door two Foot and a-half under a Green Turf, and one Square.

Q.—Where does the Master place his Mark on the Work?

A.—Upon the S.E. Corner.

To know an Entred Apprentice, you must ask him whether he has been in the Kitchen, and he'll answer, Yes.

To know an Entred Fellow, you must ask whether he has been in the Hall, and he'll say, Yes.

To know a Mason in the Dark, you must say, there is no Darkness without Absence of Light; and he'll answer, There is no Light without Absence of Darkness.

To compliment a Brother Mason, you put your Right Hand to the right side of your Hat, and bring your Hat under your Chin; then the Brother will clap his Right Hand to the right side of his Hat, and bring it to the Left Side under his Heart.

To meet a Brother, you must make the first Step with your Right Foot, the Second with your Left; and at the third you must advance with your Right Heel to your

Brother's Right Instep; then lay your Right Hand to his Left Wrist, and draw the other Hand from your Right Ear to the Left under your Chin; and then he'll put his Right Hand to his Left Side under his Heart.

To Gripe, is when you take a Brother by the Right Hand, and put your middle Finger to his Wrist, and he'll do so to you.

To know a Mason privately, you place your Right Heel to his Right Instep, put your Right Arm over his Left, and your left under his Right, and then make a Square with your middle Finger, from his Left Shoulder to the Middle of his Back, and so down to his Breeches.

When a Mason alights from his Horse, he lays the Stirrup over the Horse's Neck.

To call a Mason out from among company, you must cough three times, or knock against any thing three times.

A Mason, to show his Necessity, throws down a round Piece of Slate, and says, Can you change this Coin?

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MEATH.

Masonry has made considerable advance in Ireland since the establishment of Provincial Grand Lodges, and in no province more than in that of Royal Meath. Grand Lodges have been established for only about twelve years, and the impetus they have given to Masonry by creating an interest therein, as well as by the advancement of brethren to Masonic honours, has been very wonderful. They also tend to keep the lodges in working order and to spread the principles of the Craft. In many remote districts in Ireland Masonry had become of a very low grade; the Degrees badly given—in some instances given without the semblance of ritual—and many Degrees often given outside Craft Masonry. These evils have been entirely removed by the formation of Provincial Grand Lodges, which oversee the working of each lodge, compel a proper and uniform procedure of practice and ritual, and look carefully into the merits of every brother.

In the Province of Meath are included the counties Meath, Westmeath, Cavan, and Longford; and since its formation, twelve years ago, its Grand Lodge has been most unremitting in the arduous duties connected with Masonry under the supervision of its excellent and very worthy Bro. Right Worshipful William Fetherstonhaugh, Grand Master. Since his death in August, 1879, the Provincial Grand Lodge has been in abeyance, but now is, we are happy to say, again resuscitated under the Right Worshipful Col. E. R. King Harman, who was lately installed Grand Master thereof.

The first meeting under his presidency took place in the town of Cavan on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when a large number of brethren assembled from all parts of the province. Grand Lodge was held in the Court House at two o'clock, at which hour the Grand Master, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers, entered the lodge room, and opened Grand Lodge, and, after being saluted, gave a very feeling and appropriate address to the many brethren present. He then appointed as Deputy Grand Master the R.W. Bro. G. J. Norman de Arcy, P.M. 131, and 32^d of Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The following brethren were then elected as Grand Officers:—

V.W. Bro. Stawel Garnett	...	Prov. S.G.W.
V.W. „ Captain Lindsey	...	Prov. J.G.W.
V.W. „ M. F. Barnes	...	Prov. G. Treas.
V.W. „ Rev. Dr. Clarke	...	Prov. G. Sec.
W. Bros. Rev. E. Moore, Rev. W. J. Dundas, Rev. Dr. Bell, Rev. Alex. Ferguson	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
W. Bro. W. A. Barnes	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
W. „ J. Geoffroy	...	Prov. S.G.D.
W. „ John Ringwood	...	Prov. J.G.D.
W. „ T. Gill	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
W. „ W. A. Green, W. Bro. R. B. Shaw	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
W. „ R. Mervyn	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
W. „ W. P. Radcliff	...	Prov. G.I.G.

A resolution was passed forming a Committee to prepare an illuminated address to the R.W. Bro. Wm. Babington, Past Deputy Grand Master.

A large amount of business connected with the several lodges in the province was then transacted, Grand Lodge closed, and the brethren separated.

Much enthusiasm and satisfaction prevailed among the numerous assemblage of brethren from the interest they felt in the revival of Grand Lodge, from the regard they possess for the many excellent and noble qualities of the Grand Master, Bro. Col. King Harman, which have endeared him to them, from the good selection he made of Bro. G. J. Norman de Arcy as Deputy Grand Master, and the favourable result of the election of Grand Officers.

The Masters, Wardens, and other representatives from nearly all the lodges in the province were in attendance, besides a large gathering of other brethren.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—

The first regular meeting of the season of this influential and prosperous council was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, R.I.P.C. of W., D.M.; T. Poore, P.C. of W.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; Graveley, Warden; Loveland, Sentinel; Meggy, J. Stevens, D.D., Hedges, S. Rawson, Dr. Ramsey, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. Smyth, P.M. 44, &c., and Adams, P.M. West Smithfield, having been duly balloted for, were admitted and received into the Degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M. and S.E.M. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Comps. Colonel Sir F. Burdett, Bart., D.G.M.; H. C. Levander, Cooper Smith, and others. There being no other business before the council, it was closed, and the companions separated.

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

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton in the chair. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, R. B. Webster, George Bolton, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. H. Matthews, Charles Moore, C. H. Webb, F. W. Ramsay, James F. Cochran, H. A. Dubois, S. Rawson, Arthur F. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Andrew Middlemass, Col. Finney, Joshua Nunn, F. R. W. Hedges (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the CHAIRMAN said that as Lyncombe House was now ready for the reception of twenty-five girls, he, in accordance with a resolution come to at the Quarterly Court in April, would now notify that twenty-five girls in addition to the seventeen girls already proposed to be elected on the 9th inst., would be elected—making in all forty-two.

The petitions of two candidates were examined and approved, and the candidates placed on the list for election in April.

The CHAIRMAN informed the Committee that, in consequence of the flourishing state of the finances, the Institution had more money in its running account than it required after all liabilities had been paid, and he consequently had to propose that £500 be invested in Consols. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Dr. RAMSEY seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques.

The following notices of motion for the Quarterly Court next Saturday were given:—

By Bro. E. C. MATHER: "That the following words be added to Law 72, after the word 'provision' viz., 'and in cases of exceptional merit and necessity, the General Committee are authorised to increase the sum to an amount not exceeding £40.'"

By Bro. Dr. RAMSEY: "That every candidate for admission to the School shall, previously to nomination, present a certificate, that the child can read and write English, and work the first four rules of arithmetic, signed by a clergyman in order, or a certificated schoolmaster."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL: "Alteration of Rule 37. That the members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for three years, and that one third of the number retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

THE GRAND MASTER AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the banquet at the Mansion House, when the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, as Junior Grand Warden, will have the honour of entertaining the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, is fixed for Monday, the 25th inst.

The occasion will be one of great interest to the Craft, and proves, if any further evidence were needed, how thoroughly H.R.H. desires to carry out the duties of his office by not only taking a personal interest in the work of Grand Lodge, and by lending to the Order the weight and influence of his exalted rank, but by taking part in such a great national ceremonial as that performed at Truro in May last, and now in so gracefully accepting the hospitalities of his Junior Warden. Freemasonry has from time immemorial been honoured in the City, and we heartily congratulate the Lord Mayor on the fact that, in his double capacity of Lord Mayor and Grand Warden of England, he will be privileged to entertain His Royal Highness at what may perhaps be the last, but will certainly not be the least important of the festivities in connection with his year of office.

Reviews.

PROCES DE MARIE ANTOINETTE. Paris.

We have before our eyes as we write a little pamphlet, which we can hardly read without emotion, and which, though without a printer's name, though it professes to be sold at No. 21, Boulevard Montmartre, Paris, is, we think, what it professes to be, to a certain extent, a correct representation of the actual trial of the injured and heroic Queen. This work is based on a quasi-official publication, which appeared in 1793, and though it, no doubt, on the good old tactics of a rampant and unscrupulous party, will suggest to us both a "suppressio veri" and a "suggestio falsi" in many particulars, it still speaks to us with a certain voice of reality and verity. What we mean is—that though everything favourable to the poor, friendless, courageous woman is probably suppressed, and everything that could inflame republican fury is inserted and exaggerated, still the main facts of her hideous process are reproduced. Yet we think that the salient features of the trial and the interrogatory are here, and no one, we make bold to say, can put the little pamphlet down without realizing the horrible mockery of justice, the cruel and deliberate murder perpetrated on an innocent person by the Revolutionary Tribunal. Despite the callous impertinence of Hermann and the mocking cruelty of Fougier-Tinville, or, as he is called, Antonine Quentin Fougier, Accusateur Public pour le Tribunal Criminal Revolutionnaire—all the sympathy of the reader is with that lonely, friendless widow, defending herself with such vigour, calmness, good sense, dignity, and eloquence before those "Cinge Tigres," "Monkey Tigers," as Lamartine has called them. Even the Editor of the "Brochure" himself, republican as he is, admits the impression she made on an unfriendly audience. But so the end came. Having been kept all the day, and until early in the next morning, without a morsel of food, without a seat, without even a glass of water, she died under an unjust sentence, and is enrolled for ever among the heroines and saints of humanity.

ETAT DU GRAND ORIENT DE FRANCE. 1804.

We possess a very fine copy of this official production, which is most interesting to read, and contains much that would please and profit English Masons to master and peruse. Yes, lo, and behold, the moment we turn over its pages we find that French Freemasonry and English Freemasonry are identical in tone, in teaching, in official statements, and in their practical and general development. Then French Freemasonry was truly religious and reverential in its acknowledgment of T.G.A.O.T.U. in all its teachings, and in all its formulæ. Some of the

"prayers" recorded are very beautiful in themselves, and demonstrate to us unmistakably, as we have always said, that the true, good old teaching of the Grand Orient of France was positively and completely identical with our English Constitutions, and the undoubted bearing and proclamation of Cosmopolitans Freemasonry.

LA CHAÎNE D'UNION. Edited by Bro. HUBERT, 9, Rue de la Vieille Estrapade, Paris.

This is, as we have often notified to our readers, a very interesting French monthly magazine, and edited by our old friend and confrère, Bro. Hubert. And most ably edited. We presume that yielding to the mistaken "tone and temper of the hour in France," Bro. Hubert admits into his pages, (we feel sure reluctantly), for instance, such attacks on the Bible as the lectures delivered in the Lodge Etoile du Nord, at Lille, entitled, "A Conférence sur les Livres Saints." (A conference on the Holy or Sacred books.) We confess to our unlimited astonishment to find our dear and excellent Bro. Hubert allowing a French professor to reproduce German Rationalism and German Neologicistic criticism, exposed and given up in Germany itself, before French auditors or a French lodge. Had the good Lodge Etoile du Nord, at Lille, not do something for Masonic charity and leave such burning and useless questions alone?

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

I call attention to a curious, worm-eaten copy of the "Historia Scholastica," written by Peter Cornestor, commonly called the "Maître d'Histoire" or the "Master of Stories," the "Master of History," and to whose work allusion is made in Matthew Cooke's MS. It is published at Lyons, 1534. M. S.

Another curious work is one published at Basle, 1558, relating to the "Apotheosis" of "Roman Gods," and "Foreign Gods." With this are bound up two medical and alchemical works, not of any great merit, but rather scarce, one published in 1559, the other of the same date. In one the old form of Abracadabra is given. M. S.

HISTORY OF FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

It seems that some researches are being made in the archives of the Lodge "La Perfection," at Bordeaux, and some papers have been found dated 1762. Some papers, also of the well-known Don Marteney Paschalis have been unearthed, and among them a copy of his patent, which he sends for the inspection of the Grand Lodge at Paris, which professes to be issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Stewart Grand Lodge, Grand Master of all the regular lodges in the world, formerly under Charles Stewart, King of Scotland, son of George William, King of Great Britain, and known by the name of the Grand Lodge of Perfection Elect and Scottish, or as we should, say, "The Elect and Scottish Grand Lodge of Perfection." What this Grand Lodge really was it would puzzle Bro. D. Murray Lyon to tell us. Paschalis says the first lodge in France was founded at the Ville de Tonnerre, 1732; the second at Valenciennes, in 1733; the third at Marseilles, of which his father was Master, October 11, 1723, and that these lodges were constituted by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. If his statement be correct the lodge at Marseilles is the oldest of French lodges. What say our lists? There is undoubtedly evidence of lodges at Paris and Valenciennes to which patents had been granted by Viscount Montague, in 1732. In Smith's list of 1736, the French lodge is said to be founded in 1732, and though Anderson in 1738 mentions the lodge at Valenciennes, it does not appear in Smith's list of 1736. Of the earlier lodge at Bordeaux I know nothing; it was probably, if it existed, an emanation from the High Grades, but could not be so early extinct as 1723. The earliest foreign lodge seems to be that at the Three Fleur de Lucs, Bernard-street, Madrid, 1727-28. I have not been able to refer to Bro. Gould's invaluable work, and have had to trust to memory. MASONIC STUDENT.

Since I penned the above, I have looked over Daruty's "History of the First French Lodges," and think it well to allude to the following points. It is quite clear to me that the following dates must be given up: La Constance Arras, 1687; La Parfaite Egalité, (Irish), Regiment of Walsh, 1688; Amitié et Fraternité, Dunkirk, 1721, which certainly was not patented by the Grand Lodge of England; St. Thomas, Paris, 1726; La Loge du Gonstand, Paris, 1726; Les Arts St. Marguerite, Paris, 1729; neither do we know anything of La Loge Anglaise, at Bordeaux, 1732, at least they were not patented from England. There is a lodge patented by Viscount Montague in 1732, and one at Valenciennes in 1732, and also one at Aubigny in 1735. Whether the lodge at the Ville de Tennerre, or Tonnerre, is the same lodge as that at the Louis d'Argent, Paris, one cannot say, but both these lodges were erased in 1768. In all probability St. Thomas, Louis d'Argent, and La Ville de Tennerre all represent one and the same lodge. M. S.

A QUESTION FOR BRO. GOULD.

Had Dermott any relations with Ramsay or the French Masons? ED. F.M.

WHO WAS LORD HARNOUESTER?

Can any brother throw a light on this so far unverified personage, who plays so important a part in the early history of French Masonry? Could he be the same person as Hector Maclean, or was it a Jacobite title? M. S.

THE ARMS OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

What are the arms of Provincial Grand Lodges? Should they be the same as Grand Lodge, or are they the arms of the county? or should the two be in *parly per pale*? The Prov. Grand Pursuivant's Badge is, I believe, generally decorated with the arms of the county. It must be remembered that the arms of a Prov. Grand Lodge are distinct from the standard of a Prov. Grand Master, who is a Grand Officer, and, "if entitled to have a standard, may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason."—Vide Book of Constitutions, page 40. T. F.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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Patroness: H.R.H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, on Saturday, 9th day of October, 1880, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider Notices of Motion as follow, and to elect Forty-two Girls into the School by Ballot, from a list of Fifty-four approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock, precisely.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Upon the recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro. E. C. MATHER, V.P.—

"That the following words be added to Law LXXII, after the word 'provision,' viz., 'and in cases of exceptional merit and necessity the General Committee are authorised to increase the sum to an amount not exceeding £40.'"

By Bro. F. W. H. RAMSAY, M.D.—

ALTERATION OF RULE LXI.

"That every Candidate for admission to the School shall, previously to nomination, present a Certificate that the child can read and write English, and work the first four Rules of Arithmetic, signed by a Clergyman in Orders, or a Certificated Schoolmaster."

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL,—

ALTERATION OF RULE XXXVII.

"That the Members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for three years, and that one third of the number retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office:—5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, W.C.

LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.—OCTOBER ELECTIONS, 1880.

The Committee have selected the following Candidates, and request the Votes of the London Brethren on their behalf:—

Boys.	Girls.
* No. 27, Gee, A. A.	No. 21, Evans, E.
* " 31, Frost, J. B.	" 44, Morgan, E. G.
" 35, Fellows, A.	" 46, Delafons, E. J.
* " 17, Hobbs, R. N.	" 39, Smith, E. S.
	" 45, Wilkinson, J. E.
* Last Applications.	" 8, Oberdoerffer, F. M. J.
	" 40, Gough, M. M.

Proxies to be sent to Bro. A. TISLEY, Hon. Secretary, L.M.C.A., No. 1, Clifford's Inn, Fleet-street, London, E.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1880.

To the Governors and Subscribers.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of
KATE SARAH MEE,
Aged Nine Years.

Daughter of the late Bro. ALEXANDER GEORGE MEE, of the Wellington Lodge, No. 548, Deptford, who died 18th January, 1872, after a long and painful illness, with Abscess on the Liver, at the age of Forty. The Candidate is the youngest of six, and four are unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended by—

- Bro. P. Magee, W.M. No. 548, 55, Paradise-street, Rotherhithe, S.E.
 " I. F. Chittenden, M.D., P.M. No. 548; H. No. 548; and J. No. 79; South Lodge, Lee Park, S.E.
 " William Toulton, P.M. No. 548, and J. No. 548, Acre-road, Kingston-on-Thames.
 " J. J. West, P.M. No. 548, 60, Loampit Vale, Lewisham, S.E.
 " R. Welsford, P.M. No. 558, 46, Essex-street, Strand, W.C.
 " W. L. Kitson, S.W. No. 548, 116, St. James'-street, London, S.W.
 " S. P. Gatterson, J.W. No. 548, 34, Great Dover-street, London, S.E.
 " E. J. P. Bumpstead, P.M. No. 458; M.E.Z. No. 548; and P.Z. No. 79; 10, Romney-terrace, Greenwich, S.E.
 " W. Russell, P.M. No. 1464 and 77; P.Z. No. 829; and P.P.S.G.D.; Gravesend.
 " W. Hicks, P.M. No. 483, and P.P.S.G.D., Parrock-street, Gravesend.
 " C. G. Firman, No. 77, Harmer-street, Gravesend.
 " A. T. Mee, M.M. No. 548, 57, Parrock-street, Gravesend.

Proxies will be received by Mr. Mee, Parrock-street; Mr. Hicks, Parrock-street; Mr. Hedger, Harmer House, The Grove; and by the Widow, 10, East-terrace, Gravesend.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE (WESTERN DIVISION) OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, D.G.M.
AND R.W.P.G.M.

A Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the National School, Chorley, on Wednesday, the 6th of October next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, for the transaction of the Annual Business of the Province. The Banquet will take place at the Town Hall, Tickets Six shillings each (exclusive of wine) may be had from Bro. HOULding, P.G. Steward, 34, Tynemouth Street, Liverpool.

H. S. ALPASS, P.G.S.

11, Ivanhoe Road, Sefton Park, Liverpool.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1880.

The favour of your VOTES and INTEREST is earnestly solicited on behalf of

STEPHEN DARCY CAREY, aged Nine Years, Son of the late Bro. Stephen Carey, who was initiated in the City of London Lodge, No. 901, on the 20th January, 1868, and remained a full Subscribing Member until his death, which took place on the 26th July, 1879, after a long illness, which prevented him making any provision for his Widow and Six Children, who are left totally unprovided for.

The case is strongly recommended, and Proxies will be thankfully received by the Widow, Mrs. M. A. Carey, 43, Devonshire Road, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, N.

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To Correspondents.

The following stand over:—Lodges, 1611, 48, 1623, and the North London Chapter of Improvement, 1471.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Admission of Visitors; Freemasonry in Worcestershire.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Hull Packet," "Farmer's Home Journal," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Canadian Craftsman," "Citizen," "Sunday Times," "The Broad Arrow," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Independent," "Voice of Masonry," "Keystone," "Freemason's Repository," "Howard Association Report," "Australian Freemason," "Masonic Eclectic," "Wahrheit, Treiheit, That! Predigten," "Boletin Oficial del Gr. Or. de Espana," "The Evening Post," and "The Ottawa Daily Free Press."

NOTICE.

The Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book for 1881 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.

The *Freemason* Office, 198, Fleet-street.

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 1880.

BRO. STEWARD thinks he has made good "his point," but we fancy that the verdict is against him Masonically, and on this ground. Our worthy brother forgets that, 1st, it is rather "hard lines" to be found fault with because a lodge obeys the instructions of the Grand Secretary; and 2ndly, that he could not be "well vouched for," because no one could vouch for him. The mere existence of his name on his apron case was no proof of his identity, and though it is perfectly true that a brother after due examination may take upon himself to "well vouch for" a visiting brother, he does it on his own responsibility and his own personal conviction alone. Do what you will you cannot separate "well vouching" from the act of "volition" and "persuasion" of the vouching brother, otherwise, as we said before, you must vouch, whether you will or no, for any one who merely passes the examination. This could not be the intent of the Book of Constitutions, for its effect, if so interpreted, might be fatal to the peace, and respectability, and comfort of a lodge. The Book of Constitutions, as we understand its words, contemplates a visiting brother being personally known, recommended by a brother of the lodge then present, or well vouched for, after due examination by the same. But in order to render this "well vouching" more easy the "certificate" is asked for, and even then it is in the right of the examining brother to decline to vouch for the "Examinee." This is what our worthy Bro. STEWARD does not see, and this it is which, in our opinion, renders the act of the lodge perfectly correct and Masonic, however hardly its decision might seem to press on Bro. STEWARD himself. In the present "flush" of "mendicant Masons" the production of the certificate seems to us a sine qua non.

A QUESTION was asked last week about Masonic funerals, and, for fear of our editorial note being misunderstood, owing to an obvious error, we think it well to supplement that note to-day. What we meant to say was—that the Book of Constitutions, at p. 136, laid down all the laws relative to lodge proceedings, &c., in respect of a Masonic funeral, but that the ceremony was left practically to the W.M., as we are not aware of any binding authority for the use of "Preston's form," which is generally adopted. It is simply of customary usage. The Book of Constitutions alludes to the "formalities of the Order," but the W.M. directs the "whole ceremony." When it is not a Masonic funeral, it is quite clear that the W.M. can issue no orders or take any formal part, except, indeed, as a nominal mourner.

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ONE statement in Bro. VOIGT's letter in re the "Un-Masonic Trial" in our last, has struck us, as it will strike many of our readers, with no little astonishment. It is this assertion—"In the first place, before even issuing the writ in this action, I had the express permission of the Provincial Masonic authorities for doing so; this I am ready to prove whenever I am called upon to do so." We cannot profess to understand, much less to accept, such an assertion in its full bearing and meaning. There must be some qualification or explanation of it. To believe that any provincial authorities would recommend, encourage, or formally approve of "Masons going to law with 'Masons'" would, in our opinion, and, we fancy, in that of many, be a very serious reflection on all our provincial authorities—be they who they may. We trust that an authoritative contradiction may be given to the most damaging statement, (Masonically), so far evolved from this most melancholy and untoward episode.

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WE are much amused at the dislike to "drill" evinced by the London Council for Promoting Arbitration, as mentioned in our last. On the contrary, we think all schools should be "drilled," drilled too, as we know of a very great and well many people indeed whom the "goose step," and "balancing," and "setting up drill" would do all the possible good in the world.

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WE hear from Spain, and the "fact" is mentioned also, we see, by Bro. HUBERT in the last *Chaine d'Union*, that a lady, the wife of a Mason, has been initiated in a lodge at Madrid, called "Hijas de Memphis," (Daughters of Memphis), said to be under the Grand Orient of Spain, and, to use the words of the Secretary, "en toda forma como si fuera un hombre," (in all form as if she had been a man). We leave the last "fact" to the appreciation of our readers! Will it surprise them to hear that the *Chaine d'Union* gives the names of twelve ladies all said to be regularly initiated members of this lodge? We think our readers will one and all exclaim, "Where are we going to?" Perhaps, after all, this is only a development of the "Eastern Star."

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WE call attention elsewhere to a letter which gives us bad news from France. It seems that the revolutionary and destructive spirit which has led to such sad results in the Grand Orient of France, and which we never can stomach on the Jesuitical plea of "Liberty of Conscience," has so greatly infected even the Rite Ecossais, that the "Grande Loge Centrale" has called on the Grand Conseil to make the ascription to and invocation of T.G. A.O.T.U. an open question in all the lodges. We, however, have considerable confidence in the Grand Conseil. In a very difficult and delicate conjuncture it has shown both moderation and firmness combined in an eminent degree, and we feel hopeful in the extreme that it will at once "put its foot" on a proposition which, insidious and dangerous in itself, must be utterly destructive to the prestige and position of the Rite Ecossais in France.

Two amusing instances of the intolerance which reigns about Freemasonry in France are found in the last *Chaine d'Union*. One is a long extract from the *Journal d'Indre et Loire* to prove that all Freemasons are, and must be, Republicans. The worthy Editor is evidently not up in the history of French Freemasonry, or else he would know that it has never, until quite recently, professed any sympathy with Republicanism, much less Communism. It was originally Royalist, if anything. After the "Reign of Terror" it became Napoleonic, and, after NAPOLEON'S fall, it was again Royalist as much as anything. But the truth is, that Freemasonry proper is Masonic, and only Masonic, and knows nothing of "isms," or "ologies." It obeys the laws of the country, whatever form the government may take. This has been the "crux" of French Freemasonry, always dominated by the "Regime" of the hour. The other point is that the "Ordre et Liberte" of Caen is shocked that the Prefect, M. GRAVIER, is a Freemason. We are, however, bound to remark that the Freemasons in France, by silly speeches and childish demonstrations, often seem as if they wished, by their professions and proceedings, to drive all religious and moderate men out of their ranks.

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We understand, and it will be a matter of great rejoicing to all the subscribers of the Girls' School, that, in pursuance of a previous resolution, it will be remembered, on Thursday by the House Committee, that Lyncombe House is ready for the reception of twenty-five children, and that, therefore, forty-two girls instead of seventeen will be elected at the Quarterly Court, October 9th.

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We publish elsewhere a curious so called "Exposure of Freemasonry" of 1723, which our Bro. GOULD has kindly sent us, and we shall make all our brethren heartily laugh at its excessive absurdity. It has, however, for Masonic students and Masonic Archaeologists not a few points of interest. It seems to be a compilation from several well-known MSS.

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Our excellent correspondent "REVIRESCO," as will be seen elsewhere, wishes us to withdraw the phrase "special pleading" used in one of our leaders, as regards the controversy on the status of Grand Officers, &c., and then proposes himself to continue the discussion. As Freemasons we wish always to be fair, and if any of our readers profess to be hurt in their feelings by the words "special pleading" we gladly withdraw them. We need hardly, we think, remark to so hardened a controversialist as "REVIRESCO" that the quotation he alludes to is a mistake and ought not to have appeared, but as they say, "in love and controversy all is fair," so we excuse his making the most of our little error.

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.]

THE GRAND OFFICERS' "TOAST."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in your "leader" to-day another defence of the system in vogue of late as to Provincial and District Grand Masters responding to the toast of the "Grand Officers."

As you know, I do not agree with you on the subject, and I am quite willing to consider the matter most fully, provided the statement of "special pleading" on my part, and those who think with me, is withdrawn. In other words, we all start fairly, and he wins who produces the evidence and arguments that have most weight! Your "leader" is based on a wrong foundation, as the "Book of Constitutions" does not say that when the Grand Master is absent "the lodge shall be ruled by the Grand Officer or Provincial Grand Officer next in rank," &c., but Past Grand Officer. Our Bro. "Bayard" having opened the question (whoever he may be), and having ably sustained his position, I am not anxious to have a long chat thereon, but really it has always seemed to me that the toast of "Grand Officers" means the Grand Officers invested during the year, and, failing them, any so invested in previous years.

REVIRESCO.

Sept. 25.

[We will freely admit any letters on the subject, and refer "Reviresco" to our leader.—Ed. F.M.]

THE STATE OF FREEMASONRY IN FRANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think that it is well from time to time, in your widely-spread pages, to bring before the readers the "status" of Freemasonry, whether local or general, particular or universal, as we all therefrom, as it appears to me, are often able to learn prevailing lessons of wisdom, caution, moderation, and loyalty, as the case may be. Just now, especially abroad, Freemasonry is in a state of "fermentation," in a position of extreme delicacy, difficulty, and danger, and all brought about by the rash proceedings of the Grand Orient of France, which has lighted the "torch" of "revolution" in things Masonic, and has given an impetus and an encouragement to "lovers of change" and "factors of folly" everywhere.

Hence we hear from time to time ill-omened outcries of agitation and alterations in this or that jurisdiction, and we in England, lovers of peace, haters of disturbance, contented with the great and living principles of Freemasonry, when properly maintained and sensibly applied, deeply grieve when we land in France or Belgium, and seek "Masonic temples," and find what a very "parody" these professions and practice seem to be on all that we have been taught so carefully to guard, to proclaim, to develop, and to revere in England.

I take up, for instance, the *Chaine d'Union*, a French magazine, most ably edited by Bro. Hubert, of Masonic celebrity and Masonic worth, and I find that the evil spirit of agitation and destructiveness has taken even firm hold of the "Rite Ecossais." Not content with having created a "schism" and set up a spurious and illegal Grand Lodge, so-called "Symbolical," (I am speaking Masonically), the wire-pullers and manipulators of the Masonic revolutionary caucus have induced the Grand Loge Centrale to pass a vote rendering the ascription to the Most High "facultatif," (that is to say, purely voluntary according to choice), and calling on the Grand Conseil, for the "sake of conscience," to impress this view on other bodies, and to carry it out themselves. Let us note Bro. Hubert's ominous words in reference to the revolution—"We shall have very soon in France but the Masonic obedience of the Rite of Memphis, which maintains firmly, resolutely in its prescribed formulae, the declaration of belief of God and the immortality of the soul."

This is pleasant news, I think, for us English Masons, and especially the members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Even now no prayers are used, no Bible is to be seen in the lodges of the Rite Ecossais; but the work begins and ends in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U.

Surely this is a very serious state of affairs, and calls, I think, strongly on the authorities of the English Ancient and Accepted Rite in Golden-square to use their influence with the French Grand Conseil at Paris not to allow a "consummation so devoutly" not "to be wished for" by all who love Freemasonry.

Yours very fraternally,

A WANDERING FREEMASON.

THE UN-MASONIC TRIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I heartily congratulate Bro. Voigt on the very great improvement he has made in mastering the English language, as evinced in his letter to you dated 20th inst., and since I heard his utterances in the witness box at Leeds on 10th August last. Then his acquaintance with our language was so limited, that it evoked the sympathy of the judge; whilst now he is able to express himself with a freedom which is simply astonishing. I wish also to emulate the magnanimity with which, as the triumphant victor in a fight which has added to his lucrative earnings the tremendous sum of *one farthing*, he declines to enter upon "a wordy war" with a "defeated litigant;" and I will endeavour, therefore, to make my reply to his subtle "epistle" both concise, clear, and conclusive.

In the first place, I never knew till I read it in what I will call "Bro. Voigt's First Epistle to the Freemasons," that he had obtained the "express permission of the Provincial Masonic authorities" for the issue of his writ of action against Bros. Carr, Laking, and myself. And I should have been more astonished than I am at this statement had I not a suspicion that neither Lord Zetland, the P.G.M. for the N. and E. Ridings of Yorkshire, nor his Deputy, Bro. Dr. Bell, will be found to be included amongst the "Provincial Masonic authorities" to whom Bro. Voigt so obscurely refers.

Secondly, I have to say that Bro. Voigt's success in his demurrers to our statement of defence was a partial, and not a complete one, as he appears to me to insinuate, and that he did not at any time abandon the action, as he apparently wishes your readers to infer. If it was ever "abandoned" by him, how came it that it remained on the records of the court in which he had entered it? No, like a would-be magician, who, whilst he is addressing his audience, is at the same time deceiving them, Bro. Voigt endeavours, in my estimation, to throw dust in the eyes of the Craft by a "suppression veri," which naturally carries with it a "suggestio falsi." My version, however, of the truth of the matter is as follows: After his partial success in the Queen's Bench, and after his appeal to his P.G.M., Lord Zetland (which had been there forced on him, so to speak, by Mr. Justice Field), had been decided against him, Bro. Voigt thought fit, for reasons best known to himself, to hold his hand. This was in 1877, whilst I was in India, but towards the end of 1878 I was made aware that the action had not been withdrawn, and that Bro. Voigt could proceed with it at any moment. I was also called upon for the payment of expenses in connection with my defence to this action, which amounted to about £80. After I had settled these, at the end of 1879, I naturally looked for their repayment to the author of the action which had entailed them upon me, and so I then called upon Bro. Voigt to pay my costs, or try the action he had commenced and obliged me to defend, as I hoped to get the verdict. The "responsibility" of the action thus lies, I maintain, solely with Bro. Voigt, and not with me and my co-defendants, who also pressed him to proceed with it. Acting on the advice of his solicitors, as it appears from their letter to him, dated 23rd January last, he elected to proceed with the action, rather than reimburse to us the costs he had wantonly imposed upon us, in the full hope, I imagine, that "instead of our obtaining the costs which we impudently demanded, we should have to pay him both damages and costs." What has been the result? The jury, in defiance of the Judge's summing up, awarded him damages assessed at

one farthing, but the Judge has refused to grant him the costs he coveted and asked for.

As to Bro. Voigt's expectation that the "Masonic authorities" intend bringing us "face to face," I can only say with regret, that the communications I have had with them in reference to this matter do not lead me to confirm that expectation; though I much wish they had interfered between us, as they ought to have done, in my humble opinion, long since. They cannot, at any rate, plead ignorance of the proceedings which have taken place, for Bro. Voigt asserts that some "authority" sanctioned, as I understand him, the issue of the writ; and, if I mistake not, the fact of the commencement of the action was duly reported by the Secretary of Lodge Alexandra; whilst I have on several occasions communicated on this subject with various "Masonic authorities."

In conclusion, let me urge Bro. Voigt to instruct his lawyers to submit his demands against me with as little further delay as possible for taxation; assuring him that whenever he publishes his appeal to his "brother Masons" for help to meet his losses in this action, I shall make no attempt to dissuade them from doing so, not even "after the public enquiry shall have been held" to which he so mysteriously alludes as pending.

And I beg leave to notify that I am preparing a history, from my point of view, of all the circumstances which led and have reference to this "un-Masonic trial," in which will be included the whole story of the "Three Blackballs," and a verbatim report of the Judge's summing up. Then, if after reading this, my "brethren" listen to the voice of the charmer, Bro. Voigt, and refuse to extend to me the aid to which I consider myself entitled in simple justice to receive from them, I must look for assistance from those who, though they are not related to me by any "mystic ties," may be disposed to act towards me as friends in deed, instead of playing the part of brothers only in words; and with this announcement I desire to withdraw, for the present, from further correspondence on this matter.

Thanking you for the space you have allotted to me in your columns, as well as for your kind sympathy, and apologising for the unavoidable length of this letter, I am, dear Sir and Brother, very faithfully and fraternally yours,

TUDOR TREVOR, P.M., &c.

Kendal, 28th September.

THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I believe some friend of the late Bro. Hervey, our much-esteemed Grand Secretary, is compiling his life, it is just possible that a letter he wrote to me in reply to some questions regarding the "Red Apron" Lodges, from such a Masonic authority as he was, may possess an historic interest, affording useful information of some of the legends of the Craft; if so I shall be happy to forward to you a copy of the said letter.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

HENRY GODFREY, P.M. 82,

Sep. 24th.

Past S.G.W. Gloucestershire.

[We shall be glad to receive it.—Ed. F.M.]

ITINERANT MASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My best thanks are due to our Bro. "Secretary 804," a correspondent in your issue of the 11th inst., for his timely appraisal.

I was, on Friday last, visited by this evidently itinerant Mason, but, being very busy just then, requested him to see me later in the day. On reflecting it occurred to me the applicant bore a very close resemblance to the minute description given by Bro. "Secretary 804," and on referring to same found it identical.

However, the unworthy fellow no doubt "smelt a rat," and thought it discretionary to forego his appointment.

In conclusion I beg to endorse most cordially the comments contained in Bro. "Secretary 804" P.S. to his letter.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very fraternally,

WILLIAM A. GOSS, JUN.,

Ellacombe, Torquay,

I.P.M. 1402.

Sept. 26th.

THE NEXT ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Thanking some worthy friends and brethren of mine for their voting papers, I beg to ask any of my brethren who have votes to spare kindly to forward them to me, and they will seasonably and forcibly oblige, yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Mark Masonry.

PLUMSTEAD.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—

The above lodge held its usual quarterly meeting on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Lord Raglan Hotel, Burrage-road, Plumstead, Bro. James Smythe, W.M., and G.S.O. Kent, in the chair. Amongst those present were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. and G.M.O. Kent; D. Deeves, S.W. (pro tem.) and G.S. Br. Kent; Eugene Sweny, J.W. (pro tem.) and P.P.G.A.D. Kent; H. Shaw, M.O. and P.P.G. D.C. Kent; the Rev. C. Solbéc, S.O. and P.G. Chaplain Kent; D. C. Capon, J.O. and P.P.G. Steward Kent; G. Kennedy, Sec. and P.P.A.G. Sec. Kent; C. Buckland; W. Moulds, I.G.; J. Purnell, J. T. Ovenden, J. T. Hosgood, J. Anderson, W. Tucker, T. W. Kirkbridge, J. Baker, 106; J. Poole, 106; T. Brooks, 106; J. J. Gould, 199; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

There being no candidates for advancement, the bye-laws were subjected to revision, and, after a lengthy discussion, several important alterations were made in them, which will be submitted for confirmation at the next meeting, and then to Grand Lodge for its approval. The next business was to consider a proposition made by the W.M. that this lodge should entertain the Grand Lodge of Kent at their annual meeting in November next, and, as it was cordially received by the members present, it was unanimously resolved that an invitation should be sent to Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, asking them to honour the Excelsior Lodge by accepting the above invitation. There being no other business before the lodge, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the brethren and visitors, and then the lodge was closed in due form.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The first meeting of this lodge (after the summer recess) was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. There were present Bros. B. Turner, W.M.; J. E. Shand, S.W.; C. E. Smith, as J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Scott, P.M., Sec.; J. Waugh, S.D.; G. Hill, as J.D.; T. M. Jones, D.C.; J. Hammond, as I.G.; Potter, Tyler; T. White, P.M.; F. Bonham, C. Bonham, H. E. Barham, Strevens, Cox, Ward, Eastgate, Köhler, Lee, Gardner, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Edell, S.D. 108; M. Crook, 1614; G. R. Curtice, 22; T. de Leliva, 1426; G. Faber, P.M. 339, S.C.; E. A. Abercrombie, 1287; and H. M. Levy, P.M. 188.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. O'Farrell was passed to the Degree of F.C., and Bro. F. Cox duly raised to the Degree of M.M. The bye-laws were read, and the election of W.M. and Treasurer took place. The S.W., Bro. Shand, was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Swallow, P.G.S.D. Middx. (founder of the lodge), was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Potter, Tyler. The usual jewel was voted to the retiring W.M. Propositions of candidates for next meeting were submitted; three visitors desired to join the lodge. The brethren afterwards dined at the Café Royale (Bro. Nicholls's), and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, including "The W.M. Elect," were given and responded to, and the brethren dispersed at eleven o'clock.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This representative lodge met in good numbers at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on Monday, the 27th ult. There were present, among others, Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. 1381, W.M.; H. J. Lardner, S.W.; M. Samuel, J.W.; W. Ramsey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M., Sec.; C. Potter, S.D.; Strugnell, J.D.; W. Williams, I.G.; Charles Jacques, I.P.M.; Hart (Hon. Org.); Wildash, A.D.C.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from W. Bro. H. A. Dubois, P.P.G.W. Middx., and others. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet.

WARRINGTON.—Lodge of Lights (No. 148).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Monday, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. C. E. Hindley, was supported by Bros. Dr. Young, S.W.; James Paterson, J.W.; Jno. Rymer Young, I.P.M.; Thos. Tunstall, P.M., Treas.; John Bowes, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland; Jno. Harding, P.M.; Arthur Peake, J.D.; Charles Skinner, I.G.; Thos. Jones, Captain Deacon, Thos. Morris, Dr. Mackie, John Dimmelow, J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A.; Walter Milner, P.M. 557; T. M. Pattison, Organist; S. E. Johnson, Dr. Walter, Geo. F. Curzon, Thos. Robinson, and Thos. Donville, Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. P. J. Edelsten, P.M. 1124; W. Taylor, S.D. 1250; Edward Greenall, jun., 1354; James Smithurst, 1250; and T. Eastham, 333. The lodge was opened in due form according to ancient custom, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Robinson, duly proposed at the last meeting, which proving unanimously in his favour, he, being present, was initiated by the W.M.; the working tools being presented by Bro. James Paterson, J.W.; and the charge delivered by Bro. Bowes. Bro. Capt. Deacon being a candidate for preferment, and having proved his claim, was passed by the W.M.; the tools being presented by the S.W., Dr. A. H. Young, and the Lecture on the Tracing Board delivered by Bro. Bowes. After the lodge had been duly closed the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

KIDDERMINSTER.—Lodge Hope and Charity (No. 377).—This lodge held a lodge of emergency on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. E. Hammond, W.M.; A. Comber, S.W.; Jas. E. Stone, J.W.; G. Southall, P.M.; Wm. Turton, P.M.; B. Woodward, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. W. Grosvenor, P.M., Past Grand Registrar; P. Bellitay, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Thos. McCandless, P.M.; G. Taylor, P.M., S.G.D., Treasurer; James Fitzgerald, P.M., P.P.S. G.D., Secretary; S. Taylor, Asst. Sec.; W. C. Green, S.D.; J. W. Chadwick, J.D.; D. Mackay, Steward; John Dixon, James Morton, H. E. Preen, W. M. Roden, H. Gibson, G. W. Naylor, Jas. Chambers, F. Burcher, P. Morrison, J. T. Meredith, Thos. Blagbrough, Wm. Uttley, and George Lees.

Visitors: Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Right W. Prov. G.M.; W. Bro. Wm. Masfield, D.P.M.; Sir Joseph R. Bailey, R.W. Prov. G.M. designate of Herefordshire; V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England; many members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and other brethren whose names are entered in the Tyler's book; Bro. Joseph Elgood, I.G.; Bro. James Dugard, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form. The circular convening the lodge was read, and the minutes of last regular lodge and lodge of emergency were read, and ordered to stand over for confirmation until the next regular lodge. The R.W. Prov. G.M., the members of Prov. G. Lodge, and many visitors claimed admission; they were accordingly admitted, the brethren standing to order, the Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. T. Troman, Mus. Bac., playing a grand march. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master assumed the chair by invitation of the Worshipful Master. The Grand Master then opened the Prov. Grand Lodge, when the Prov. Grand D. of C., Bro. Bloomer, P.M. 573, called on the brethren to salute the R.W. Prov. G.M. and other Grand Officers according to their rank. At the conclusion of the business of Prov. Grand Lodge, the brethren walked in procession to St. Mary's Parish Church, kindly granted by the Rev. T. L. Cloughton, M.A., Vicar, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Wilson, M.A., Rector of St. Helen's, Worcester, Prov. Grand Chaplain, and a collection made (which amounted to the sum of ten guineas), and presented to the Kidderminster Infirmary.

On the return of the brethren from church, the Craft lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren proceeded to the Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. R. Lloyd. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, a very pleasant evening being spent; Bro. Chas. Blagbrough, of Leeds, contributing some excellent songs. The brethren retired at an early hour in peace and brotherly love.

The following members of No. 377 were preferred to office in Prov. Grand Lodge, viz.: Bros. G. Taylor, P.M., Prov. J.G.W.; E. Hammond, Prov. A.D. of C.; T. McCandless, P.M., Prov. G. Purst.; Stone, Green, Chadwick, Good, Morrison, and Preen, Prov. G. Stewards. The Lewises were sons of Bros. Stone, McCandless, Mackay, and G. Taylor.

HALIFAX.—St. James's Lodge (No. 448).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., when Bro. Wm. Swale, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and Bro. C. T. Rhodes, P.M., gave the Lecture in the Third. Bro. Keighley Walton was unanimously elected as a joining brother, and was afterwards introduced to the brethren by Bros. Councillors R. Worsick and J. B. Brierley, both of whom contributed to the enjoyment of a very pleasant gathering. The Life Subscribership to one of the Masonic Charities, usually balloted for, fell on this occasion to Bro. A. Roberts, P.M.

CONGRESBURY.—Lodge of Agriculture (No. 1199).—The annual banquet in connection with this lodge took place at the Ship and Castle Hotel on Monday evening, the 20th ult., and was numerously attended. Bro. Capt. Wm. Long, W.M., P.M. 1750, P.S. G.W., Z. 446, presided, supported as follows: Bros. Rev. J. Knox Fletcher, S.W.; E. Thatcher, J.W.; C. L. F. Edwards, P.M. and Treas.; J. Scoones, I.P.M.; Dr. Hurd, P.M.; J. Mountstevens, P.M.; W. Langworthy, W.M. Coleridge Lodge, Clevedon; T. A. Smith, P.M.; A. Barber, I.G.; T. Smith, J. B. Lowe, G. Wyatt, J. H. Powell, Rev. H. Vaughan, E. A. Kingston, J. C. Waddon, W. Reece, P.G.S.; S. J. Laver, W. E. Morgan, Banwell, Tyler; Dr. Marshall, Coleridge Lodge; W. Thorne, 610; and others.

A splendid repast was served in a most praiseworthy manner by Bro. Wyatt, a liberal course of game being presented by Bro. Edwards; whilst Mrs. Captain Long kindly made her annual donation of a magnificent pudding, and the privilege accorded the W.M. to furnish the dessert was carried out in a manner that was highly appreciated. At the conclusion of the repast, the usual Masonic toasts, preceded by "The Queen and the Craft," were duly honoured, after which "The Health of the W.M." was cordially toasted, allusion being made to the manner in which Bro. Long had not only worked in the interest of his own lodge, but to his exertions in founding the sister lodge at Clevedon, which task had been recognised by the Prov. Grand Master by the award of the highest collar of office at his disposal. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment in the course of a few well-chosen remarks, assuring the brethren that the success of Freemasonry would ever be his anxious study. Other toasts followed, the speakers including Bros. Rev. Knox Fletcher, Edwards, Scoones, and Hurd, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Hamer Lodge (No. 1393).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The lodge was opened at 6.30 by Bro. W. C. Erwin, W.M., who was supported by Bros. R. H. Evans, P.G.S.D., Treas.; Thos. Sammons, P.M., M.C.; R. J. S. Kynaston, Sec.; W. H. Jewitt, as S.W.; M. Callaghan, as J.W.; R. Stockton, as S.D.; J. J. Smith, I.G.; Thos. Pierpoint, Org.; M. Williamson, Tyler; D. A. Henderson, J. J. Smith, jun., W. A. Oversby, John Bond, W. Rule, J. A. McRobie, H. B. Bradford, and J. Speddy. The visitors were Bros. Rev. R. T. Leslie, S.W., W.M. elect 1713; F. J. Penton, P.M. 1713; J. F. Cooper, I.P.M. 1350; C. Wadsworth, J.D. 292; Isaac Leece, W.M. 1086; F. Mansley, 1086; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*); and others.

Mr. J. W. Povah was initiated, Bros. J. J. Smith, jun., and Henderson were raised. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was afterwards closed.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment, and during the evening the W.M. was complimented by the visitors on his excellent working. Bro. P.M. Evans proposed "The Health of the Officers." Owing to the absence of the S. and J. Warden, young officers were called upon to do the work without previous notice, and the manner in which it was done reflected great credit upon Bro. Jackson, P.M., the Preceptor of the Hamer Lodge of Instruction.

MANCHESTER.—Avon Lodge (No. 1633).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Denmark Hotel, Greenheys, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Bros. A. Painter, W.M.; Whittaker, S.W.; and all the other officers were present, and members and visitors numbering some thirty-two. The lodge was opened at five o'clock with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was afterwards taken for two gentlemen, and, being unanimous in their favour, they were declared duly elected. One of them was then initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., after which the lodge was called off, and the brethren adjourned to tea, and at 7.15 they re-assembled in the lodge-room, and the other candidate was duly initiated by the W.M. Bro. Leigh, P.M., delivered the corner stone address to both candidates, and Bro. S.D. McKellen presented and explained the working tools in a highly satisfactory manner. Bro. Bestock, P.M., then assumed the W.M.'s chair, and proceeded to interrogate Bro. J. C. Curtis, who was a candidate for raising. The manner in which Bro. Curtis answered the questions was most commendable, and is not often heard. Bro. Bestock then in a masterly manner raised Bro. Curtis to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and the ceremony was never performed in finer style, the whole being done without a single hitch, and producing an impressive effect on the candidate, as on all present. On the conclusion of this beautiful ceremony the lodge was lowered by virtue, and when "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, was closed in peace and harmony at 9.10.

BRIGHTON.—Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 24th ult., at the Royal Pavilion, the following members and visitors being present: Bros. H. G. Martin, J.W., W.M. elect; W. A. Tooth, Chap.; George Smith, Treas.; G. S. Godfree, Sec.; S. Peters, D.C.; S. P. Weston, I.G.; H. Anscombe and R. Paige, Stewards; B. Burfield, T. Berry, R. H. Pearce, W. Newsome, F. H. Willmer, A. Loader, W. J. Bramwell, R. Allison, J. B. Hannay, P. Chargois, M. Grinberg, J. Woodhead, J. H. Scott, J.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex; C. J. Smith, P.M. 1466, Prov. G. Steward; W. T. Nell, W.M. 1036, Prov. G. Purst.; Henry C. Davis, 73; James Curtis, P.M. 315, W.M. 1797; George Pike, 245; G. J. Beck, Frus., Dex Modiska Forsta (Sweden); C. J. Hampden, 255, Prov. G.S.D. Hereford; John F. Capon, W.M. 732; Walter Smith, P.M. 732; Arthur Banks, Cestrian; C. Sandeman, 315, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; W. Hazard, P.M. 103, P.G.D.C.; E. Martin, P.M. 732; John Anderson, P.M. 624, P.P.I.G.; Edwin Hodson, 624; B. Bennett, P.M. 732; F. Marks, 1636; John Sayers, 1636; F. Willard, 315; John M. Kidd, Royal Brunswick, P.G.D. of C.; James Eberall, P.M. 315, P.P.G. Purst.; E. H. Bromley, Leigh; and Thos. Hughes, Tyler.

After the ordinary business had been transacted, the ceremony of installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. G. Martin, was performed in a very able and impressive manner by Bro. J. H. Scott, the Deputy Prov. G.M. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. G. S. Godfree, S.W.; W. Newsome, J.W.; B. Burfield, Sec.; S. P. Weston, S.D.; S. Peters, J.D.; R. Allison, I.G.; R. Paige, D. of C.; W. A. Tooth, Chap.; H. Anscombe and T. Berry, Stewards; J. B. Hannay, Org.; and Bro. G. Smith was invested as Treasurer. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banqueting room, where a magnificent banquet was served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, the viands and wines being everything that could possibly be desired.

INSTRUCTION.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, when there were present Bros. Collinson, W.M.; Balls, S.W.; Nell, J.W.; Wing, Treas.; Fox, Sec.; Tate, S.D.; J. S. Brown, J.D.; Pellican, I.G.; and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Tate worked the First Section, and Bro. Brown the Second, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dehane being the candidate. Bro. Fox worked the Third Section, Bro. Lardner the Fourth, and Bro. Brown the Fifth, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Dehane, Goodenough, Croxton, and Godden were elected as members. Bro. Balls was duly elected as W.M. for Monday, 7th October. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday, the 4th inst.

Royal Arch.

LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, and Comp. Jos. Farncombe installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. During the proceedings Comp. R. H. Ellman was presented by the lodge with a Z. jewel, in recognition of his lengthened services to the chapter. The Second and Third Principals installed were Comp. S. Tanner and Comp. G. Stone. The various other officers having been invested, the business was concluded, and an adjournment made to the Bear Hotel, where a most excellent dinner was served Mr. Whitcomb. The guests numbered about twenty, the after-dinner proceedings being of the usual character. Comp. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary Sussex, and father of the South Saxon Chapter, was among the guests, and he assisted very materially in the ceremonies of the day, which included two exaltations. A resolution was unanimously passed approving the formation of a Provincial Grand Chapter for Sussex.

Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.—A technical college for the North of England was last night inaugurated in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Nature states that Mrs. Clifford is to receive a pension from the Civil List in recognition of the eminent services to mathematics of her husband, the late Professor W. K. Clifford, F.R.S.

An international balloon contest is being arranged for by the Balloon Society of Great Britain. The aeronauts will probably ascend from the Crystal Palace, and each will travel as far as the balloon will take him in a given time.

PORTS ON SANDY COASTS.—The annual prize instituted by the King of the Belgians will be awarded in 1881 for the best essay on the means of improving ports established on low and sandy coasts such as those of Belgium. The competition is open to authors of all nations. Essays must be sent to the Minister of the Interior before January 1, 1881.—*Academy*.

CHURCH CONGRESS ART EXHIBITION.—The managers of the Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition in connection with the Church Congress at Leicester have issued a *catalogue raisonné* of its principal contents, showing that the loan collection is much larger than last year, embracing upwards of 400 specimens. Embroidery of the ancient and of the modern schools will be largely represented, in chasubles, copes, orphreys, maniples, altar cloths, &c., not only English, but Flemish, French, and Italian. English and Continental missals, ancient bibles, early printed and in manuscript, Russo-Greek "Icônes," or religious and devotional pictures, monumental brasses, incised slabs, chalices, alms dishes, drawings and elevations of churches, photographs and chromo-lithographs of old ecclesiastical pictures, and every variety of illumination will be there; and worshippers of relics will have permission to inspect *inter alia*, a piece of ancient embroidery "traditionally said to have formed part of Wickliffe's vestment," and sent for exhibition by the present Rector of Lutterworth.

The British Museum will shortly receive some valuable Natural History specimens collected by the *Alert* during her recent survey of the Straits of Magellan.

THE LEEDS MUSICAL FESTIVAL.—So great is the interest manifested in the musical festival at Leeds, now fast approaching, that already, though the opening is nearly two weeks distant, the whole of the second seats for the performance, at which the Duke of Edinburgh will be present, are sold, while but few other seats remain undisposed of. The booking for other performances is also proceeding rapidly, applications coming in from Scotland, Ireland, and the West of England.

A number of M. Gustave Doré's pictures are being exhibited at the News-room Art Gallery, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, this being the first time any of the artist's larger works have been shown out of London. The paintings have been exhibited for some years at the Doré Gallery, and include, amongst others, such well-known works as "The Christian Martyrs," "The Brazen Serpent," "Les Ténébres," and the "Gambling Rooms" at Baden-Baden.

The Native Industrial Art Exhibition shortly to be held at Simla promises to be highly successful. Admirable specimens of local industries are being sent in from all parts of India, and the Punjab pottery, the Madras and Benares brassware, and Bombay carved woodwork, will be particularly well represented. Native schools of arts will also contribute largely, the most interesting selection coming from Madras—a collection representing the application of native art to useful objects. Loans of objects from Afghanistan will fill up the odd corners of the Exhibition.

THE MELBOURNE EXHIBITION.—The Secretary to the Royal Commission for the Australian International Exhibitions has received, through the office of the Government of Victoria, a telegraphic despatch from Sir Herbert Sandford, informing him that the Melbourne Exhibition surpasses his highest hopes, the general condition of many of the courts being far advanced; that great assistance is being rendered to British exhibitors by the Great Britain Committee, of which the Hon. Mr. Casey is chairman; and that he (Sir Herbert), as representing the Royal Commission, had been very cordially received.

THE VIKING SHIP.—Our readers will remember that a few weeks since we published a description of a ship belonging to one of the old Vikings, or sea-kings of Denmark, many centuries ago. Since then it has been stated that it was intended to leave the timbers of the ship where they were found, and to carry to Christiania only the smaller objects among its contents. We are informed, however, that this intention, if it was ever seriously entertained, has been abandoned, and that the ship, or, at least, so much of it as remains entire, has been transplanted from the Christiania fiord, where it was found, to Christiania, and that it is now enclosed in a shed specially set apart for its reception in the museum of that city.

The population of the world now reaches 1,455,923,500 souls, according to the latest calculations of the German statisticians, Behm and Wagner, who publish about every two years an account of the area and population of the globe. Since their last issue, nineteen months ago, the earth claims 16,778,000 additional inhabitants. In Europe dwell 315,929,000 persons; in Asia, 334,707,000; in Africa, 205,679,000; in America, 35,495,500; in Australia and Polynesia, 4,031,000; and in the Polar Regions, 82,000. Coming to countries we find that Great Britain and Ireland in 1879 possessed 34,517,000 inhabitants.

The gallant leaders of the Belgian African Expedition, Messrs. Carter and Cadenhead, whose death had hitherto been only briefly reported, fell in a tribal skirmish. The two explorers were following a short cut from Karema to the coast, when the robber chiefs, Mirambo and Simba, attacked a village in which they were resting for the night, plunder being the object of the raid. Although the Englishmen avoided taking either side of the contest, Mr. Cadenhead was shot in the back, either by accident or design, and Captain Carter, roused by his comrade's death, joined the fight, killing some thirty men before he was himself shot through the head. Nearly all the travellers' followers were massacred.

AN ASTRONOMICAL DISCOVERY.—Professor E. C. Pickering, director of Harvard University, has made an important discovery in stellar physics. In the ordinary telescope, a star appears as a point of light, brighter, but not larger, than when looked at with the naked eye. When a prism is placed between the object glass and the eyepiece, the light of a star is drawn out into a continuous band. When, however, the telescope with the prism is directed to a planetary nebula the light is collected into a starlike point without any band. Thus the astronomer can easily distinguish between a star and a planetary nebula. This principle has already enabled Professor Pickering to discover several nebulae.

The completion of Strasburg Cathedral, by adding another tower and various internal decorations, is being discussed in Germany. Now that their own Dom is finished, the influential Cologne Builders' Society wish to utilise their large funds in completing other national monuments, and hesitate between Ulm and Strasburg Cathedrals. A beautiful design for the Strasburg Tower was made years ago by a Prussian architect, but there is a strong feeling throughout Alsace against any alteration of the building, while German Protestants urge that it would be more fair to finish the façade of Ulm Minster—the largest Evangelical Church of the empire; more particularly as the Protestants contributed so much money to the Cologne works.

ART SCHOOLS AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.—The Council of the Society of Arts are trustees of the sum of £400, presented to them by the Owen Jones Memorial Committee for the purpose of expending the interest thereof in prizes to students of the schools of art who in annual competition produce the best designs for household furniture, carpets, &c., regulated by the principles laid down by Owen Jones. The prizes will be awarded on the results of the annual competition of the Science and Art Department. The Council now announce that the next award will be made in 1881, when six prizes are offered for competition, each prize to consist of a bound copy of Owen Jones's "Principles of Design" and the society's bronze medal.—*Academy*.

A colossal painting of the battle of Agincourt, containing over 1000 figures, is now on view at the Guildhall. It was executed by Sir R. K. Porter—who painted the "Siege of Seringapatam"—when only nineteen, and was presented to the London Corporation in 1819. Owing to its enormous size—100 feet long and 30 feet deep—the picture has been cut into three portions, the middle division representing the battle at its height, and the side sections depicting the retreat of the French army and the advance of the English forces. Although used occasionally at the Mansion House as a screen, it has usually remained hidden amongst various civic lumber, but now a committee will decide on the possibility of mounting and restoring the work.

THE SOUTH LONDON FINE ART EXHIBITION—which has been open for the last three months at the Working Men's College and Free Library, Lambeth—has been highly appreciated by the neighbouring working classes. It has now closed after being visited by over 3000 persons, exclusive of children, but, unfortunately, the pecuniary results are very small, the donations—all in small sums—only amounting to £2, while the expenses reached £50. The Exhibition was free, and was the second held in South London. Talking of picture-galleries, the Yorkshire Fine Art Society has opened its Autumn Exhibition at Leeds, which is said to be specially good. In five days paintings to the value of £800 have been sold. Brighton too has opened her annual collection of oil paintings at the Pavilion, numbering 650 works; while the Birmingham Art Gallery project prospers, £14,000 having been collected towards acquiring and stocking a suitable building.

EXTENSION OF UNIVERSAL TEACHING.—The second session of the North London branch of the London Society for the Extension of University Teaching will open on Monday, the 4th inst. Two courses of lectures are delivered each session, the first extending from October to December, and the second from January to March. They are delivered on Monday evenings, from 8 to 9, at the Athenæum, Camden-road, N. Each is followed by a short class of a conversational character. A syndicate, nominated by the three Universities—Oxford, Cambridge, and London—appoints the lecturers. At the close of each course an examination, open to all who have attended it, is held, and certificates are granted by the syndicate to the successful candidates. The fee for the session, including the two courses and covering the examination, is only a guinea. The subjects selected for the forthcoming session are (1) Physical Geography; (2) Shakespeare. The former course, of which the syllabus has just been issued, will consist of twelve lectures by Mr. T. Rupert Jones, F.R.S., F.G.S., &c., Professor of Geology at the Staff College, Sandhurst. The London Society for the Extension of University Teaching have this year extended their work to the district comprising Blackheath, Lee, and Lewisham. An influential committee has been formed, who offer in their first session two courses of twelve lectures each—one on "English Literature of the 17th Century," by Mr. S. J. McMullan, M.A., at the Alexandra-hall, Blackheath, on Wednesday afternoons, at 3 p.m., beginning on October 6th; the other on "Political Economy," by Mr. H. Cunyngame, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, at St. Mary, Lewisham, National Schools, on Friday evenings, at 8 p.m., beginning on October 15th. The local secretary is the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson, No. 237, Lewisham High-street.

Masonic and General Tidings.

The meetings of the Ancholme Lodge, No. 1282, will in future be held in the new Lodge Room, Cary-lane, Brigg, Lincolnshire.

The Lord Mayor of London has invited the whole Commercial Council of Brussels to a banquet at the Mansion House towards the middle of the month.

The marriage of Viscount Newark with Miss Shaw Stewart, daughter of Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, M.V.G.M. of Scotland, was celebrated on Tuesday last at Ardgowan, near Greenock.

The Sandown Lodge, No. 1869, Sandown, held its first meeting since its consecration on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Pier Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Loveland, W.M. There were present at the consecration, on the 22nd ult., representatives from Middlesex, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Suffolk, and Hampshire. The petition for the warrant was signed by thirty-six brethren.

FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX.—Next week will see a series of interesting events in Brighton, and its immediate neighbourhood, for on Thursday, the 7th inst., the installation of the W.M. elect of the Burrell Lodge, No. 1820, will take place in the presence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master. On Friday, the 8th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, while on Saturday, the 9th, a new Royal Arch Chapter, the Hova Villa, in connection with the Hova Ecclesia Lodge, No. 1466, will be consecrated at the Old King's Hotel at 3.30 p.m. The Grand Scribe E., Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, will act as the M.E.Z.; and will be assisted by E. Comps. J. H. Scott, G.S.B., as H.; and the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past G. Chap., as J. The Principals designate are E. Comps. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Sussex, M.E.Z.; Charles John Smith, P.Z. of 811, H.; Capt. James C. H. Stratford, J. The banquet will take place at the Royal Pavilion, at 6.30 p.m.

The consecration of the Amherst Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 266, will take place at Sandgate on Thursday next, the 7th inst. The Consecrating Officer will be the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, Grand Master of the Province of Kent, assisted by the R.W. Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Past Grand Warden; the V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar, P.G. Overseer; the W. Bro. J. G. Povey, Dep. G. Master of the Province of Kent; the W. Bro. Edwd. Margrett, P.G.S., G.J.W. of the Province of Berks and Bucks, and other Grand and Prov. Grand Officers.

The London, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, and Brighton coach horses, eighty in number, were on Monday last sold by Messrs. Tattersall, and realised £3701.

The Empress Eugenie has bought the Farnborough Hill estate, Hants, for £50,000. The estate was the property of the late Mr. Longman, the publisher, and consists of about 257 acres, with a mansion, erected by the late owner about eighteen years ago. The Empress will not go into possession of it until January.

The meetings of the Duke of Connaught Mark Lodge, No. 199, will in future be held at the Bell Hotel, Shoreditch, on the first Thursday in the months of February, May, October, and December.

Bro. R. G. Thomas, late of the Mohawk Minstrels, has been appointed acting manager of the Philharmonic Theatre, Islington.

A congratulatory dinner was given to Bro. W. Creswick, on his return to England, at the Shakespeare and Burns Club, on Wednesday evening last.

Bro. W. H. Smyth, R.W.P.G.M. of Lincolnshire, will consecrate the new Lodge Room in Cary-lane, Brigg, on Tuesday next, the 5th inst.

Bro. Creswick, the eminent tragedian, makes his first appearance in England, after an absence of three years, at the Surrey Theatre, on Monday next, in Sheridan Knowles's "Virginius."

ST. MARGARET'S LODGE No. 1872.—Will the Secretary or other officer of this lodge kindly send his address to the Editor of the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Pocket Book*, 198, Fleet-street, London.

The South London Choral Association announce that they have taken a lease of the Surrey Masonic Hall, and that a Grand Inaugural Concert will be given within its walls on Tuesday next, the 5th inst., at 8 o'clock. The building will in future be called the South London Institute of Music and Surrey Masonic Hall.

The installation of the Marquis of Londonderry as Provincial Grand Master for Durham will take place at the Town Hall, Durham on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom will perform the ceremony.

The installation meeting of the All Saints Lodge, No. 1716, took place at the Town Hall, Poplar, yesterday (Friday). Bro. Leonard Potts is the W.M. elect. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, has had the honour of sending a diamond bracelet to Miss Shaw Stewart, as a wedding present from office bearers and members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

By dispensation of the M.W.G.M. the meetings of the St. John of Wapping Lodge will in future be held at the Moorgate-street Hotel, E.C., instead of the Gun Tavern, Wapping. The next regular meeting will take place on October 13th; W.M. Bro. C. Veal, S.W. Bro. Magrath, J.W. Bro. Wooding.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will be resumed on Tuesday week, the 12th inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at half-past six for seven.

The Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, will hold its first meeting after the recess on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 6 p.m., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street.

We are pleased to notice the good work that is being done at the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733, held at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood. Bro. Arrow-smith, the honorary Secretary, has collected £60 in twenty-six weeks, for the three Institutions; each member paying weekly towards the fund. It is an example well worthy of following by other lodges.

The return of Lord and Lady Algernon Percy from their honeymoon Continental tour to Mount Edgumbe, the early home of the bride, was the occasion of a spontaneous but hearty demonstration on Saturday last. Their carriage was drawn by willing friends up the avenue, and on either side of the lawn and broad flight of steps the Sunday school children and church choir of the parish were arranged, while at the head was Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, R.W.P.G.M. Cornwall, surrounded by the leading gentry of the neighbourhood. Complimentary addresses were made, and welcome demonstratively given and cordially received.

The annual meeting of the Masonic Mark Lodge Metham, No. 96, was held at the Huyshe Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke. W. Bro. W. T. Walter, the W.M. elect, was installed by W. Bro. E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G.J.D., supported by W. Bros. W. H. Gillman, P.P.G.A.D.C., J. H. Blackell, John Gould, P.M.S., Metham Lodge. At the close of the installation the W.M. invested the following brethren as the officers for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. John Gould, I.P.M.; Bros. S. Panter, S.W.; T. S. May, J.W.; W. H. Conquer, M.O.; J. Picking, S.O.; H. Rogers, J.O.; W. Bro. W. H. Gillman, Treas.; Bros. W. J. Stanbury, Sec. and Registrar of Marks; T. May, S.D.; T. J. Cole, J.D.; E. Adams, D.C.; J. W. H. Cox, I.G.; E. G. Richards, Steward; James Rashbrook, Tyler. The Treasurer's report showed a very favourable balance.

"ABERDEEN LODGES," BY BRO. HUGHAN.—Brethren interested in reading the sketch of these old lodges will do well to correct the date of the reference to the word Lodge (Luge). It should be A.D. 1483, not 1543.

A novel experiment, of peculiar interest to the Baptist community, is announced by the "Christian World." The proprietor intends to issue, during next week, the "Christian World" daily, and at such a time as to permit of its being sent to all parts of the United Kingdom by the early newspaper train. These daily issues will contain verbatim reports of all the proceedings at the autumnal meetings of the Baptist Union, held this year in the metropolis, and expected to be of unusual interest and value.

BURGLARY AT THE SURREY MASONIC HALL.—On Friday morning week, the 24th ult., it was discovered that the hall had been, during Thursday night or the small hours of Friday morning, ransacked by thieves. The outer doors of the hall were found properly fastened, which proved that the thieves had secreted themselves earlier in the evening, doubtless during the meeting of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658. Fortunately but little was stolen, the only things taken being three medals belonging to the Russian Skaters in Hamilton's Diorama, and a few dozen bottles of wine, the property of the caterer to the hall. The burglars had removed the glass, and taken off the linen coverings and napkins from the tables, placing them in a convenient spot for removal, but finding them stamped with the name of the hall, and various emblems, left them behind. No trace of the thieves has yet been found.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

LOCKER.—On the 25th ult., at 25 Chesham-street, S.W., the wife of Mr. Frederick Locker, of twins—son and daughter.

POOLEY.—On the 26th ult., at 101, Dyer-street, Cirencester, the wife of Mr. Walter M. Pooley, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

NEWARK—STEWART.—On the 28th ult., at Ardgowan Chapel, Viscount Newark, to Helen, daughter of Sir Michael and Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart.

RICHARDSON—HAWTHORN.—On the 27th ult., at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Rev. E. Hamilton-Blyth, Charles William Richardson, to Alise, daughter of Mr. Elwin Hawthorn, of South Villa, Margate.

DEATHS.

PAGE.—On the 26th ult., at 29, Ladbroke-square, W., the Rev. Douglas Page, Rector of Sibstone, Leicestershire, aged 44 years.

AYM AN.—On the 26th ult., at Girton, near Cambridge, Mr. George Wayman, in his 54th year.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, October 8, 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, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.
 " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1622, Rose, S.M.H. Camberwell.
 " 1662, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.
 Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
 " 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.
 " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemason's Tav.
 " 1056, Victoria, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Colonial Board, F.M.H., at 3.
 Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, F.M.H.
 " 9, Albion, F.M.H.
 " 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
 " 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 765, St. James, White Hart Hot., High-st., Boro'.
 " 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
 " 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., Commercial-rd., E.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st., N.
 " 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kennington Oval.
 " 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns H., High-st., Woolwich.
 " 1668, Samson, F.M.H.
 " 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
 Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 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 Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7.
 Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.

Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Islington, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., N.W.
 " 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
 " 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
 " 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
 " 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
 Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
 K.T. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Salmon & Ball, Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.30.
 La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
 United Strength, Hope & Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
 Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue.
 " 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
 " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 " 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 " 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot., London B.
 " 1351, St. Clement's, Danes, 265, Strand.
 " 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H.
 " 1681, Londesborough, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Rly. Hot., Church-end, Finchley.
 " 1765, Trinity College, 61, Weymouth-st., W.
 " 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
 Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tav., Crutched Frs.
 Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Bell Hot., Shoreditch.

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, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., 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.
 Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
 Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.

Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Tav.
 K.T. D. Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Tav.

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.
 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 Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.

" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Manchester.
 " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
 Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, Manchtr.
 Red Cross Conclave, Skelmersdale, M.H., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark 16, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

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