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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creator, Grand Treasurer, presided; and among the other brethren present were Bros. A. J. Duff Filer, W. H. Radley, C. E. Brown, J. Reeks, George Wyatt, S. Rawson, J. P. Platt, Edw. Dorling, H. A. Dubois, Jno. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, C. H. Webb, J. Newton, W. H. Spraul, John Bodenham, John Constable, J. M. Bowden, J. Wordsworth, W. H. B. Tomlinson, H. Smith, Prov. G. Sec. W. Yorkshire, Thomas Hill, A. M. Stansfield, Charles John Perceval, J. Tyerman, G. P. Brockbank, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, Geo. Brown, John Sampson Peirce, R. B. Webster, Andrew Middlemass, Carter Millbourne, A. Tisley, M. Hicks, W. B. Adamson, William Roebuck, Thomas W. Murley, John Chadwick, James A. Birch, John L. Hine, Brackstone Baker, C. F. Matier, Col. Henry Basevi, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the Quarterly Court of July last were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the General Committees subsequently held were read for information.

Bros. Tattershall, Webster, Tyerman, Matier, Constable, Berry, J. G. Stevens, Verry, Brown, Newton, Murlis, Nunn, Brookbank, and Stewart were chosen scrutineers of votes for the election of 42 girls.

Dr. F. W. H. RAMSAY in moving, "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 one of the first four rules of arithmetic, signed by a clergyman in orders, or a certificated schoolmaster," said that the motion would not require many observations. The subject involved in his motion was one which had for a long time been brought before the Committees of the two Masonic Educational Institutions to which children were sent up thoroughly unprepared. It had occurred to him therefore to bring forward this motion in order that some arrangement might be made to check the evil. He had altered his motion as first given, by changing the wording from "the first four rules of arithmetic" into "one of the first four rules of arithmetic," which would make the test somewhat easier for the child.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded the motion. From his own experience he had found that children were sent up to the School who were hardly fit to go to an infant school. In the case of the Boys' School, after last election if it had not been for the distance the boys would have had to go they must have been sent back to their homes after election. They could not write one word of the Lord's Prayer, and one of them could not spell the word "father." Taking such children into the School would be keeping out others who might come in, and who were kept out because influence was brought to bear in favour of the children from the country to whom a certificate had been given that they could read. If children were to be turned out of the School at 15 years of age they ought at least to come to the Institution a little prepared to do credit to it. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. WYATT (Newport, Isle of Wight) opposed the motion. The Court should recollect that many of the brethren whose children were candidates, though they might have been in affluent circumstances, had been reduced, and consequently could not afford to give them an education which would put them up to the standard required. There were many children who had been educated to a certain extent, when their father and mother were taken away had not been kept at school, and lost the knowledge they had had. When they went before a stranger, a clergyman, or a schoolmaster to read they were unable to go through a strict examination. The brethren ought not to raise the standard too high for the children. There were cases in

which illness had prevented children from going to school. He (Bro. Wyatt) thought the present motion would put the standard too high for the position of the parents, who might not have had it in their power to educate them, although the children were most deserving.

Bro. A. J. DUFF-FILER (P.G.S.B.) seconded the amendment. It was with considerable surprise that he read in the newspapers the proposition now being made by Dr. Ramsay, a brother whom he might call a friend, as there was none in Freemasonry he more respected. He could not imagine for a moment how Bro. Ramsay could have brought forward such a motion, as it seemed to be altering the fundamental rules of the Institution altogether. Looking at the rules at present a child might be elected, but could not be admitted to the Institution until certain conditions were complied with. If the Committee could not manage that he should say they did not attend to their duties properly. It was their business to take only such children as could read, and who possessed the qualifications necessary. A child must be very precocious to be able to write at the age of seven. When he was a boy the education which Dr. Ramsay required was called a commercial education, and they gave nothing beyond that, and no doubt many children did not know till they got out into the world the reason they were taught these rules. To take the case of the London Orphan Asylum, at Watford, to which he was a subscriber, their rules were on all-fours with the rules of the Masonic Girls' School. That school went on harmoniously and nicely, and he had not heard any good reason why the present rule should be altered. He was glad Dr. Ramsay had altered his motion from the first four rules of arithmetic to one of the first four rules of arithmetic. He thought the law as it at present stood gave the Committee full and ample power to deal with the matter, because the children could not be admitted even if elected unless they complied with the rules. What would it amount to if the motion was carried, and a more stringent rule than the present was adopted? There were many children who were not educated at all, and in those cases they were crammed to fit them for the School. Nature gave them a capacity to understand things a little later on, and they picked up education very rapidly when they got into the School. He must oppose the motion.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., also opposed the motion. Unfortunate brother Masons who were reduced to a state of distress were obliged to ask for the education of their children at the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools. If they had the means it was self evident they would educate them at their own cost. The test of what ought, and ought not to be, a proper standard of education before admission to the Schools was a very difficult task to set, and was impossible. Different children had different idiosyncrasies, and different amounts of intelligence. Fifteen or eighteen years ago, when he took a more prominent part on the Committees of the Institution, he remembered that the children were brought up to read the Lord's Prayer, and that was considered sufficient. Presently they would be required to pass the Cambridge test. Obstacles should not be thrown in the way, and he hoped the brethren would not consent to a sort of dilettanti or virtuoso legislation, than which nothing could be worse, in altering or amending the laws which had been, as it were, consecrated by the test of ages, and had worked satisfactorily hitherto.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., while admitting the value of Bro. Ramsay's motion, thought that if he looked into the laws of the Institution carefully he would find that provision was made to meet the purposes of his motion. Within the last two years a child was sent back to her parents for two months because her reading was unsatisfactory, although it had been certified to be good by a clergyman before the child was placed on the list. The law as it at present stood was sufficient to meet the case.

Dr. RAMSAY in reply, argued that his motion would relieve the Committee from the necessity of sending a child back for further education after she had been elected. In the Boys' School there were two cases in which the parents, who were poor people, must have taken the child back 400 miles. They had not the money to do it with. As a matter of principle, and out of kind consideration to the children themselves, he could not conceive why there should be any opposition offered to his motion.

The CHAIRMAN then put the amendment, which was carried by a large majority, and the motion was lost.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL moved in alteration of Law 37 "That the members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for three years, and that one-third of the members retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election."

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was then put and lost.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., in moving in behalf of Bro. E. C. Mather, V.P., "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,'" said he was sure the brethren would agree with him that there were cases in which the Committee might give the larger sum with considerable benefit to the recipient. At present they could go as far as £20, but if they had the power in certain exceptional cases to grant a larger sum, it would be a very great advantage to the children and to the School, and it would enable the Committee to help particular cases in a manner which in after life would be of material service to the girls.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.S., seconded the motion. The rule that as high as £20 might be given was made some years ago, when the price of money was much less than it was now, and when £20 would go as far as £40 at the present time. There were cases in which a little extra latitude would enable the Committee to effect great

good, and he thought it would be an excellent thing to grant exceptional sums in exceptional cases.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, opposed the motion. The girls were now in the School twelve months longer than they formerly were, and he thought £20 was a very handsome sum to give an exceptionally deserving girl. There was, he was sorry to say, a desire to spend a great deal of money, and he should certainly oppose it. He moved, as an amendment, that the motion be not adopted.

Bro. C. F. MATIER seconded the amendment. Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D., asked whether it would not be possible to give exceptional power to the Committee to grant the sum to children.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the amount of £20 was not given to every child that left the Institution. Much smaller amounts were given, and it was only in extraordinary cases that the maximum amount was awarded. It would be just the same with the £40.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL said the Committee merely wanted to do what the Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund wished to do, and therefore it had been proposed that, instead of granting £20, they should grant £40 in an exceptional case.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., wished to put Bro. Brackstone Baker right. It was not for every child that had been in the Institution that the money was to be awarded, but only to such children as had shown exceptional merit and ability. It was quite true, as Bro. H. Smith had put it, that the children were now in the School a year longer than formerly, but the General Committee would use a good deal of discretion in voting the amount of £40, which was the maximum sum proposed.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN thought there seemed to be some little misunderstanding in the matter. It was the General Committee, not the House Committee, which had power in the matter, on the recommendation of the House Committee. Only once in three years had £20 been recommended. They had a case before them where they would have liked to give more than £20, but they would have made it £30, and not £40, if they had had the power. The Committees looked very carefully after the moneys of the Institution, and did not vote the money away because they had the power to do it. They felt themselves fettered when they would give a few extra pounds in an exceptional case. The sums usually given were £5 or £10 to apprentice the girls or give them an outfit, and this had never been objected to. He did not wish to alter the existing rule, but to add to it.

After a few words from Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER and Bro. G. R. SHERVILL, the amendment was put and carried, and the original motion was therefore lost.

The brethren then proceeded to elect forty-two girls out of a list of fifty-four candidates, and at the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.	
Emily Alford Cecil	1422
Emily Beatrice King	1403
Rose Agnes Bridgeman	1279
Eleanor Beatrice Wyatt	1162
Edith Mabel Lewis (last)	1117
Annie Adelaide Owens	996
Rosa Pauline Pelham	980
Sarah Jane Bennett	850
Sarah Grace Kilvert Bartrum	842
Ada Edith Watson	826
Clara Eliza Coales	822
Annie Elizabeth Hill	800
Sophie Riley	800
Rcs na Carey	796
Mary Ann Elizabeth Skelton	792
Edith Evans	790
Gertrude Elizabeth Lee (last)	772
Jessie Madeline Hogg	764
Minnie Maude Gough	763
Elizabeth Gertrude Morgan	758
Ada Ellen Ashton	749
Alice Maria Louisa Stewini (last)	712
Elizabeth Sophia Smith	709
Eva Gray Gibson	701
Caroline Ada Crow	699
Charlotte Harlop	699
Mary Emma Spalding	682
Annie Louisa Ford	654
Margaret Eleanor Heaton	653
Nina Evelyn Prideaux	650
Florence Riddell (as)	630
Kate Sarah Mee	618
Alice Lilian Pope	615
Gertrude Ashworth	609
Mildred Okell (last)	605
Florence Emma Popkiss	601
Fanny Maria Ignace Oberdoerffer	594
Ellen Jane Del'fons	591
Mary Cranch Drake	589
Inga Edith Wilkinson	584
Gertrude Edith Bradford	582
Ada Minnie Shelper	576
UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Sarah Maria Walton Thomings (last)	542
Lelia Williamson	532
Anne Athalinda Allison	364
Emily Deacon	314
Emma Mary A. Townsend	305
Edith Brown	93
Elizabeth Minnie Parker	92
Augusta Helen Nicholls	77
Annie Elizabeth Turner	9
Margaret McKinney	8

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and subscribers of this Institution was held on Monday last, at the large hall, Freemasons' Tavern. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and amongst other brethren present were Bros. J. Wordsworth, Thomas Hill, Henry Smith, Prov. G.S. West Yorkshire; James A. Birch, East Lancashire; J. L. Hine, East Lancashire; Dr. F. W. Ramsay, John Wallingford, Arthur E. Gladwell, G. P. Brockbank, J. Vaughan, Raynham W. Stewart, C. F. Matier, John G. Stevens, G. Bolton, H. Hacker, H. T. Goodall, Thos. Bradley, Leopold Ruf, J. P. Platt, W. Hammond, R. B. Webster, W. Downing, A. J. Duff-Filer, Wm. Roebuck, H. Young, E. Hopwood, Col. Henry Basevi, F. Cohn, Col. James Peters, John F. Walker, John French, George Rake, R. P. Spice, Samuel H. Parkhouse, W. Douglas Dugdale, C. E. Sopet (Audit Committee), H. G. S. Goodall, Henry C. Burt, Robt. Wylie, W. H. B. Tomlinson, H. M. Levy, S. Rawson, James Weaver, G. R. Shervill, George Brown, Andrew Middlemass, A. Tisley, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. W. Waldron, S. Rosenthal, Thos. Cochrane, Charles Lacey, W. H. Saunders, T. Mount Humphries, H. A. Dubois, Thomas Cubitt, Richard Eve, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. Drage, C. Pulman, J. Robins, John Constable, F. Adlard, Thomas Meggy, Hyde Pullen, Thos. F. Harvey, F. B. Davage, Edward B. Grabham, S. George Homfray, Jas. Terry, George Davey, Thomas Hewson, Aaron Stone, Wm. J. Smithson (Harrogate), W. B. Burnand, 1862 and 1866; C. H. Webb, W. A. Thurp, Wm. Groome, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. J. Berry, Thos. J. Barnes, Robert Roberts, Joyce Murray, Malcolm Stodart, Thomas Orger, W. Stephens, W. Hopekirk, Walter Sowdon, Andrew G. Soutter, John C. Davis, H. Godtschalk, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Court of last July, and the reading of the minutes of General Committees since held, Bro. BINCKES said that a question had been raised whether the General Committee of September had power to grant the indemnity against personal costs to the Trustees and House Committee in the action brought against them by Bro. S. B. Wilson. He had no doubt himself about the power, but it had been thought better to make the matter perfectly safe by asking the Quarterly Court to grant the indemnity; and, therefore, the subject was now brought before the Quarterly Court.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., then moved, and Bro. A. J. DUFF-FILER, P.G.S.B., seconded, that the defendants in the action be indemnified against costs.

The motion was carried.

The next business was the consideration of Dr. Ramsay's two motions:—

Alteration of Rules XXXVI. and XLVII.:—

1. "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."

Alteration of Bye-law LXI.:—

2. "That every candidate for admission to the School shall, previously to nomination, present a certificate that he can read, write, and work the first four rules of arithmetic, signed by a clergyman in orders or a certified schoolmaster."

Dr. RAMSAY said, in reference to the first, as that had been rejected on Saturday by the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, he would now withdraw it; and, with reference to the second, although he withdrew it as it had also been lost on Saturday, he wished to say that he believed its purport was entirely misunderstood. If the motion had been passed it would have relieved the friends of the candidates of a great deal of difficulty and trouble which under the present system arose. As stated at the meeting of the Girls' School, there had been two children who were found to be totally unfit by the House Committee when the day came for their admission, and if it had not been for the great distance from which they came they must have been sent back. It frequently occurred that the children could not read so well as it had been certified they could, and for this reason he thought it ought not to be left to the House Committee to have to send children back. It was true that the powers they had were very satisfactory, but it was throwing a burden on them which they ought not to have to bear. However, as it was a rule that the laws of the two Institutions should be identical, and these two motions were rejected at the Girls' School, he should withdraw both now.

Bro. F. BINCKES read a letter from Bro. H. C. Levander, stating his inability to attend to bring forward the following motion:

"That for the convenience of brethren, especially those from the provinces, attending the elections of candidates for the two Masonic Educational Institutions, the Quarterly Courts of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, be held on the second Saturday in January, April, July and October, instead of the following Monday, as at present;—and that Bye-Law XXIX. be altered accordingly."

Bro. BINCKES inquired whether some other brother would bring forward the motion in Bro. Levander's name.

This, however, was not responded to, and the motion fell to the ground.

Bro. BINCKES then said, that with reference to the case of Arthur Collingwood, the boy who stood No. 52 on the list of candidates for that day's election, he was sure the Court would bear with him while he expressed his regret at the strong observations which had appeared in print with regard to the candidature of this boy. It had been alleged, publicly as well as privately, that this boy was ineligible for the benefits of the Institution, inasmuch as there had been property left by the father which rendered the mother not the necessitous person she was said to be. Now the friends of the boy had told him (Bro. Binckes) that there was no truth in those allegations, that the case was one of very great distress, and that they were prepared to prove, if required to do so, that the case was admirably eligible for admission to this Institution. In a Court like that it would hardly be possible to do the inquiry justice, or to see whether the charges were correct or not. He did not see how they were to be inquired into by that Court. The merits had been considered by the General Committee.

The CHAIRMAN said he supposed he might take it for granted that the Committee who had the name put on the list went thoroughly into the case.

Bro. BINCKES said they did so, and he had made personal

enquiries of the brother who put the case before the Committee, for he had every reason to be positive he would put the matter in its just light when it was referred. On the other hand statements were made equally forcibly against the case, and he had a letter from a brother in York asking him to state to the meeting whether an enquiry would be had to test the truth of the statements on the one side or the other. He had, therefore, sketched out a resolution, which, if approved by the Court, might get over the difficulties of the case, and meet the views of all the parties. If it did not, the brethren could suggest how it should be altered. The resolution was as follows: "That it be referred to a Committee to consider and enquire into the allegations against the eligibility of Arthur Harvey Collingwood, No. 52 on the list as a candidate for admission to the Institution. That the House Committee of the Institution be such Committee, who shall, after enquiry, report to the General Committee, by whom a recommendation shall be submitted to the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, the 10th of January, 1881. That the result of the ballot this day, so far as it may effect Arthur Harvey Collingwood, shall be determined by resolution of the Quarterly General Court on 10th January, 1881."

Bro. C. F. MATIER said he would be happy to propose the resolution. It behoved every one to ascertain the truth or the falsehood of such allegations as had been made.

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. DR. RAMSAY said that probably the result of what had been alleged against the candidate would be that he would not be elected at all.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD, P.G.C., said, with great deference to the brethren who had spoken, he really thought the step proposed was a very serious one. They were going to put this candidate at a disadvantage on the faith of statements which were utterly unknown to the great mass of the brethren then present. They were apparently known only to the Secretary, but the meeting as a body had had no opportunity of considering these allegations. The candidate had been formally accepted; nothing was then said as to such allegations as had since been made; and if there were such charges they ought to have been properly put forward before. He ventured to assert that they were setting a very serious precedent, if at a Quarterly Court certain allegations having been made against a candidate, however true or however untrue, after being placed on the list, and secured a large amount of suffrage from his friends, his case was to be referred to a Committee. He ventured to suggest that, the case having gone so far, they ought at any rate to give the candidate the benefit of the doubt, whatever the doubt might be, and not to encourage such a system as, if persevered in, might lead to serious disadvantage. He, therefore, begged to move as an amendment "That the name of Arthur Collingwood remain on the list as printed."

The CHAIRMAN said the name would remain, and, if elected, the boy's case would be investigated by the Committee. They had had very strong arguments sent to them, which they could not altogether ignore. He went with Bro. Woodford a long way, but after what had been said he felt there must be an inquiry. The name would anyhow remain, and if the boy was elected, and it turned out there was nothing in the allegations against the boy, he would go into the School.

The Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD asked whether there was any precedent for the course proposed.

Bro. HENRY HACKER said about two years ago he brought forward a resolution of the same kind, but he was defeated by a majority of one; but for all that he still held that a candidate had no right to be placed on the list if his friends were in such circumstances as to be able to educate him. The present case ought to be struck out if the allegations made were true. If the father's personality was sworn under £9000 the child ought not to have been put on the list.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., thought the boy ought to be allowed to poll as many votes as he could in the meantime. They had had some cases in which after a child had got into the School he had been removed. It might be true that when a boy had been once got in there was a difficulty in getting him away. This boy would not be injured in any shape whatever. If he was not elected he would not be admissible till January. If he was found by the Committee not to be a deserving boy another child would be put in his place. The boy highest on the unsuccessful list would be taken in his stead.

Dr. RAMSAY thought gross injustice might be done by such allegations being made in the newspapers, and being attended to. Great wrong might be done unless they passed a distinct resolution that no communication of that sort should be attended to unless made to the authorities of the Institution.

Bro. F. BINCKES said, in answer to a question of Bro. WOODFORD, that no case had arisen for a precedent for the course proposed by his draught resolution. The reason he wished for a committee of inquiry was that he had every confidence in the brethren who supported the case, who were most reliable. He felt sure they would justify the confidence he had in them. If the enquiry took place and the result was made known it would have much more effect than if it was looked into by a meeting like the present.

Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER said a statement had been made by Bro. Hacker that the personality of the father of this boy had been sworn under £9000. He did not like a statement of that sort to go abroad without something being said upon it. According to the law, whatever a person may apparently die worth had to be stated, and administration was granted for that amount. But the whole of that amount might have to go in payment of debts. He thought it most satisfactory to leave the case in the hands of the Committee, who, he was confident, would make full inquiries.

The motion was then put and carried, and the matter was referred to the House Committee.

Scrutineers of votes were chosen, and the brethren then proceeded to elect sixteen boys out of a list of seventy candidates. At the close of the day the following was found to be the result:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Votes, and Status (Successful/Unsuccessful).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Lists successful candidates like Arthur H. Collingwood and William James Saville.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Lists unsuccessful candidates like James Bray Frost and William Leslie Wilson.

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

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday at the Freemasons' Hall. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, John G. Stevens, Richard Herve Giraud, Thomas Good, Thomas Cubitt, W. Clarke, James Kench, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, S. Rawson, J. A. Farnfield, A. J. Duff Filer, A. F. A. Woodford, William Hale, J. L. Hine, William Stephens, Henry G. Warren, Charles John Perceval, William Hilton, C. H. Webb, Charles Atkins, C. G. Dille, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Finance Committee's report was read, as well as the report of the Warden, Bro. Morris. Authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques. Bro. Terry reported that he had received £70 from Grand Lodge, the amount voted to provide coals for the inmates of the Asylum for the coming winter. He also stated that he had made a contract with Messrs. Hall and Co., of Croydon, to supply the coals so voted.

Petitions were read from six male candidates for the next election in May, 1881, and from two widows. One of the former was refused, and one was deferred. The remainder were declared to be in order, and four male and two female candidates were placed on the list.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

St. Michael's Lodge of Instruction, No. 211, held at Bros. Kingston and Fromm's, the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in this Lodge of Instruction on Thursday evening, 21st October, at 8 o'clock, by the Preceptor, Bro. George King.

Bro. Joseph Lavender (Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1057) is a candidate for the office of surveyor to the parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate.

The decorations of the Order of Leopold, conferred upon the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, Bro. ex-Sheriff Woollon, and Bro. ex-Sheriff Bayley, and the aldermen who visited Brussels on the occasion of the recent Independent Fetes, was handed to them on Wednesday at the Mansion House by the Belgian Minister on behalf of his Majesty the King.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASTHIRE.

One of the largest gatherings of Freemasons which have hitherto been witnessed in connection with the Province of West Lancashire, which embraces no fewer than 81 lodges, with a total brotherhood of between 4000 and 5000, assembled on the 6th inst., at noon, at the National School, Chorley, where Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, Right Worshipful Grand Master of West Lancashire, "commanded" his annual Provincial Grand Lodge to be held.

About 300 brethren started from Lime-street Station, many of those present being the W.M.'s and P.M.'s of local lodges. A "special" was provided for the occasion by the London and North-Western Railway Company, and the arrangements, thanks to the courtesy and attention of the officials in Liverpool, were exceedingly satisfactory.

The Craft lodge was opened by Bro. Parker, as W.M. (Lodge of Unanimity, 113); assisted by Bro. H. Hatch, as I.P.M. (W.M. 220); Bro. Preston, as S.W. (W.M. 178); Bro. John Whalley, as J.W. (W.M. 249); Bro. W. C. Erwin, as J.D. (W.M. 1393); and Bro. P. R. Roe, (W.M. 343). Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Lathom, R.W.P. G.M., afterwards entered, attended by a brilliant array of his P.G. Officers, and after being received in due form the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened.

The Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. H. S. Alpass) read the roll of lodges, when it was found that all were represented with the exception of the Lodge of Triumph, No. 1061, Lytham, which was fined in accordance with the law of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Morecambe, were read by the Prov. Grand Sec., and unanimously confirmed.

Bro. J. T. CALLOW, P.G. Treasurer, submitted his annual financial statement, from which it appeared there was now at the credit of the Charity Fund the sum of £546 11s. 10d.; the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £762 18s. 3d.; Fund of Benevolence, £2144 7s. 6d.—total £3453 17s. 9d. The disbursements for the year 1879-80 were as follow: Charity Fund, £262 10s.; Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, £234 7s. 6d. Fund of Benevolence, £742 8s. 5d.—total £1239 5s. 11d. Up to 1879 there had been paid to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution the sum of £2039 5s., and £105 had been given during the past year. The accounts, which were taken as read, were unanimously passed.

Bro. BROADBRIDGE, P.P.G.D.C., proposed that Bro. Richard Brown, P.M. 241, should be elected Provincial Grand Treasurer in room of Bro. Callow, who did not desire to hold the office longer. In making the proposal, Bro. Broadbridge referred to the valuable Masonic work which had been done by Bro. Brown, especially in connection with the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. When he took office, in 1871, as honorary Secretary, there were only seventy-one children on the foundation of the Institution, but during the last four years no fewer than 179 children were being educated by its means, thereby greatly increasing his labour in the office. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. CALLOW seconded the motion, remarking that he knew no brother who was better qualified to fulfil the duties of the position. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. W. J. LUNT, P.M. 823, supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously and by acclamation. The honour was briefly acknowledged by Bro. BROWN, the newly-elected P.G. Treasurer.

Bro. R. WYLIE moved, and Bro. J. L. BOWES seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. Callow for his services as P.G. Treas. during the last two years. The P.G.M. testified to the value of the work performed by Bro. Callow, and the motion was carried. The compliment was acknowledged in suitable terms by the P.P.G. TREASURER.

The P.G.M. next proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. Josiah T. Smith, 1021 ... Prov. G.S.W.
" J. S. Beaufort, 32 ... Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. S. Hope, 155 ... Prov. G. Chap.
" Richard Brown, P.M. 241... Prov. G. Treas.
" John Houlding, P.M. 823... Prov. G. Reg.
" James Platt, 613 ... Prov. G.S.D.
" A. H. H. Whitehead, 113 ... Prov. G.J.D.
" H. Longman, 1051 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Harrison, 897 ... Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Longmire, 1561... Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Henry Gardner, 703 ... Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Skeaf, 216 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G.O.
" J. W. Burgess, 1325 ... Prov. G.P.
Bros. J. Preston, 178; T. Salter, 241; }
W. Brackenbury, 673; W. }
Bath, 1021; A. C. Wylie, } Prov. G. Stwds.
1264; and T. Forrester, 730 }

Bro. P. Ball (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. H. Ball ... Prov. G.A. Tyler.
The sum of £105 was voted in aid of distressed brethren and widows of deceased Freemasons. During the meeting the following brethren were invested with Charity jewels by the Earl of Lathom for having served the office of Steward to the Masonic Benevolent Institutions in London: Bros. H. A. Tobias, R. Wylie, T. Salter, J. Houlding, Deeley, H. F. Wright, J. W. Ballard, J. W. Burgess, Platt, and H. S. Alpass. Bros. Goepel, Wells, and Prescott were also entitled to the jewels, but as they had not been sent from headquarters the investiture of these brethren was postponed till next meeting.

The P.G. Sec., in the course of his annual statement, said he had much pleasure in reporting to the P.G. Lodge that the R.W.P.G.M. presided at the festival of the Boys' School in London in July last, and the Province of West Lancashire then contributed the sum of £2664 18s. Fifty brethren served as Stewards on that occasion, but as there were eighty-one lodges in the province, he (Bro. Alpass) thought the number of Stewards might have been greater. All honour, however, was due to those who supported the P.G.M., and represented the province on that occasion. The proceedings of two lodges in the province had been under investigation, in one case by the Board of General Purposes, and the other by P.G.M. In each case the error would have been avoided had the "Book of Constitutions" received that frequent and careful perusal which was recommended to the W.M. on his installation. He begged to remind the brethren that the Grand Lodge did not permit the appellation of "Honorary Secretary" to be used in Freemasonry. Only the word "Secretary" must be used to designate the office. His warmest thanks were due to the lodges and brethren for sending him the votes for the April and October elections. Assistance thus given at the former secured the election of two widows on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Again, at the election next April, they already knew of two candidates deserving of their support.

Bro. F. BINCKES, Secretary of the Boys' School, London, cordially thanked the Earl of Lathom for taking the chair at the last festival, and spoke in the highest terms of the unparalleled generosity of the brethren in that province in contributing so munificently to the lists sent in on that occasion.

On the motion of Bro. B. WYLIE, seconded by Bro. COOPER, it was unanimously resolved to vote 100 guineas to the Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Bro. WYLIE also proposed that 100 guineas should be voted for the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution in the name of the P.G.M. This was seconded by Bro. GOEPEL, and unanimously agreed to.

The business connected with the Hamer Benevolent Fund, which was of a routine character, was afterwards transacted.

A Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was subsequently held. From the report submitted by the honorary Secretaries (Bros. R. Brown and G. Broadbridge) it appeared that during no previous year had the donations and subscriptions from lodges and brethren reached so large an amount; and, on the other hand, in no former year had the amount paid for education, &c., been so large as in 1879. By the new by-laws the children would be placed upon the foundation at the age of six instead of eight, and might remain till fifteen instead of fourteen as at present. Several other advantages were secured to the children, which would no doubt necessitate increased expenditure in the future. The brethren were therefore earnestly entreated not to relax their efforts on behalf of the Charity.

Amongst the items of business, the resignation of Bro. R. Wilson as Treasurer of the Institution was announced, and, after a vote of thanks had been given to him for his services, it was resolved to appoint his successor at a future meeting of the Court of Governors.

A large number of brethren dined in the evening at the Town Hall, Chorley.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE F NORFOLK.

At 12.30 on the 7th inst., by command of the R.W. P.G.M., the Craft Masons of this province met in Grand Lodge at the rooms in St. Giles's, but somehow there was not such a large gathering of the mystic brethren as might have been expected to support his lordship. The following were the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge present: Bros. Lord Suffield, P.G.M.; Major J. Penrice, D.P.G.M.; G. W. Brittain, P.G.O.; C. M. Montgomerie, J.W.; C. Cubitt, Reg.; H. G. Barwell, Sec.; L. Spence, S. of W.; T. Isley, D. of C.; J. Stanley, A. D. of C.; A. Berry, G.S.B.; Dr. Gladstone, Org.; W. Provart, Purs.; R. Gunn, T.; W. W. Lake, H. A. W. Reeves, and Dr. Drury, Stwds.; G. Brittain, P.P.G.O.; F. Baillie Quinton, P.P. A.G.D.C.; E. Orams, P.P.G.J.W.; C. F. Browne, P.G.P.; J. Dunsford, P.P.G.P.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; and the following members of the local lodges: Bros. F. A. Crisp, S.W.; G. Harper, T., and C. H. Drury, S5; H. J. Martin, G. W. Barnard, T. W. Muskett, E. Baldwin, H. C. Riches, and J. C. Chittock, 71; Col. Boileau, Col. Bignold, P.M., P.G.R., P.G.H., J. P. Pitt, F. G. Gladstone, Mus. Doc., A. H. Santy, Courtney Boyle, Sir Francis G. M. Boileau, Rev. C. R. Ferguson Davie, and Hamon Le Strange, 52; Geo. T. Plumley, W.M. 1808; Edward Pugh, James Lovelace, and George Sharley, 1808; David R. Fowler, John Etheridge, Charles J. Bullen, and E. J. Bonfellow, 100; John W. Browne, George Thirkettle, Arthur Berry, James J. Hunt, S. N. Berry, G. Green, T. Winks, W. E. Provart, G. J. Berry, and A. Barnes, 807; J. Weyer, Thomas Lord, William Armes, A. Bullard, D. Mannings, T. H. H. Cooper, G. B. Jay, Thomas J. Mackley, M. J. Bailey, B. S. Breese, Cheyne, S. J. Carman (2), Robert H. Gissing, W. Snelling, James J. Hosken, and R. W. McKelvie, 1500; John W. Smith, W.M. 1114; R. G. Riches, P.M. 1114; W. G. Sherrington, 1114; Jas. Parker, W.M. 1193; William Elliot, Thomas J. Colman, and C. E. Cowell; J. C. Firman, P.M.; Sydney A. Selwyn, 102; J. B. Bridgman, W.M. 93; Hugh Fox, J. Moore, W. Holloway, J. H. Brockbank, William Waters, W. H. Smith, Robert Henry Fox, George Jewson, J.W., G. J. G. Robertson, H. A. Pepper, and James B. Coleby, 93; W. J. Butler, R. J. Silburn, A. E. LeGood, James E. H. Watson, H. Blake, George Kersey, T. C. R. King, O. D. Ray, P. Soman, and Cabbell, 213; G. S. Wood-

wark and W. H. Ffolkes, 107; Joshua Morse and Wm. Murrell, Tylers.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened by the P.G.M. in solemn and ancient form, the P.G. Secretary called over the roll of the P.G. brethren and of the lodges in the province, and it appeared that all the lodges were represented except Sondes.

The minutes of the previous Prov. Grand Lodge having been read and confirmed, the P.G.M. said a few words on the progress of Masonry in Norfolk, cheering the brethren with the information that all was satisfactory, but that he should like to see the great Charities better understood in the province. His lordship also paid a slight tribute to the memory of the late Col. H. P. L'Estrange, and then appointed in his office, as G. Treasurer, Bro. Hamon Le Strange. The Treasurer's statement was passed unanimously. The reports of the Finance and Charities Committees having been received, £50 was voted to the Girls' Institution.

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

- Bro. Major Penrice (re-appointed) ... Prov. D.G.M.
" Sir F. G. M. Boileau, Bart. ... Prov. G.S.W.
" Sir W. H. Ffolkes, Bart., M.P. ... Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Ferguson Davie ... Prov. G. Chap.
" Hamon Le Strange ... Prov. G. Treas.
" F. B. St. Quinton ... Prov. G. Reg.
" H. G. Barwell (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
" John Moore ... Prov. G.S.D.
" D. R. Fowler ... Prov. G.J.D.
" S. N. Berry ... Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Isley ... Prov. G.D.C.
" J. E. H. Watson ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
" D. Mannings ... Prov. G.S.B.
" Dr. Gladstone ... Prov. G. Org.
" James Parker ... Prov. G. Purs.
Bros. H. J. Martin, George Jewson, }
Captain Blake, J. Weyer, A. } Prov. G. Stwds.
Le Good, and J. Etheridge }

Bro. R. Gunn (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

It having been resolved to print a second calendar for the province, with a general hope that it would be better patronised than the last, the lodge was closed in solemn form.

In the afternoon a choral service was held at the Cathedral and there was a goodly congregation, the noble pile when the brethren assembled presenting a truly grand appearance, and such as was worthy the occasion of a special worship of T.G.A.O.T.U. The brethren robed in the schoolroom half an hour before the service commenced, and marched in accordance with their respective Degrees in solemn procession. Most of the officers and brethren who took part in the preliminary proceedings of the day were present, and the sight in the cathedral was most imposing; the insignia sacred to the Order and worn by each member, contributing altogether to a grand tout ensemble.

The lessons were read by the Rev. Canon Nesbit, and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (Smart in F) were well rendered, although we missed several well-known voices. The anthem was "God who commanded the light" (Hopkins), with bass solo by Mr. Brockbank, choral response, chorus, and quartet; and the hymn before sermon "O Lord how joyful 'tis to see" (Ch. hymns, 453) was sung to the "Old Hundredth," so that the congregation had an opportunity of participating in the harmony.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. of England and D.P.G.M. of Suffolk, who selected as his text Luke viii. 17-18: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be manifest; neither any thing hid that shall be made known and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear." The preacher observed that many might think this was an extraordinary text for a Masonic sermon, and perhaps at first sight it was. Freemasonry had always been considered to be a secret society, and a society, moreover, whose secrets that in all nations had been implicitly kept since it had existed, and his object was to show how great and good and noble a thing Freemasonry was if properly and truly learned and carried out. The offertory he said would be devoted to the restoration fund of that glorious Cathedral in which at the hands of the priest-bishop he had the honour twenty years ago of being ordained priest and deacon, and one of the objects of his ambition had been fulfilled that day, namely, to officiate in it. It was a question earnestly and sincerely asked by some, and sneeringly by others who sought perhaps to bring the craft into discredit—"What is Freemasonry? what are its objects? what good effect can be effected by all the mysteries with which it is connected?" He would reply that the general principles upon which Freemasonry was founded were brotherly love, relief, and truth, and its objects were to render its members better servants of God, better members of society, and generally better men. He showed how Freemasonry behoved the members to speak well of a brother as well absent as present, and if that could not be done with honour and propriety, to adopt that excellent and truly Masonic virtue, silence. Freemasonry too taught loyalty to the throne, and to follow out the golden rule of Christianity—"Do unto others as you would others do unto you." It might be asked, "Does not Christianity teach you to do all this and much more?" and he would reply, "Most certainly," but he maintained that anything that could be provided in the shape of help to live up to their obligations was commendable, and knowing that Freemasonry was such a help made him a devoted lover of it, not that by any means he would raise it into a religion, but he looked upon it as an excellent helpmate to religion, and moral and religious practices, and that was why he loved Freemasonry so much. They must legislate for people as they were, and not as they ought to be; for if people were as they ought to be no legislation would be needed at all. Persons of all religious and political opinions might he showed meet on one neutral ground in Freemasonry. Atheists only were excluded, because they had no religion at all. Some people objected to their clothing and jewels, and said they were vain and foolish, but he pointed to the fact that other bodies (army, navy, clergy, law, and diplomatic service) had their special distinctions, so that Freemasonry was not singular in this respect, and therefore, no fault on this ground ought to be found with it. Then their dinners and banquets were by some objected to, but it must be remembered that such gatherings were proverbially characteristic of Englishmen, but in Freemasonry members were counselled and encouraged to guard against intemperance and excess in most measured terms. Speaking of the beneficial work effected by Freemasonry, the reverend brother pointed

to the fact that they had a Boys' School at Wood-Green, and a Girls' School at Battersea, for the children of decayed and unfortunate Freemasons, and which Institutions cost £14,000 and £12,000 a-year or more respectively; then they maintained an asylum for Freemasons and Freemasons' Widows at Croydon, besides which they had a large number of annuitants who received each from £30 to £40 per annum, so that they had to subscribe £12,000 to £14,000 annually in addition to the School Fund; and, moreover, £9,000 or £10,000 per annum was spent in grants, varying from £10 to £200, according to the necessity of the person distressed. The signs, &c., were, he maintained, useful for the purpose of enabling the members of this great Order to know each other, and recognise the mystic tie that bound them together; and, in conclusion, he urged upon the brethren present to remain strictly true to their principles, as they were able set forth by their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when laying the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral. After the sermon the hymn "Fountain of good, to own Thy love," was sung, and the offertory was, as we have intimated, in aid of the Cathedral Restoration Fund.

The proceedings at the Royal Hotel banquet were of a very genial character, under the gavel of R.W.P.G.M. Lord Suffield. His lordship was supported by the D.P.G.M. of Suffolk (Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn) and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The toasts were, of course, of the usual Masonic character. A great feature in the proceedings was the hoped-for transference of the shares in the old Masonic Company to the new association at 23, St. Giles-street, and which was promoted by Colonel Bignold, with some fair prospect of success, inasmuch as Bro. Kennett was able to state that, notwithstanding the unfortunate litigation that had arisen respecting the Kett site, those brethren who had paid their £1 shares in full would be credited with 18s. 2d., and those half paid with 8s. 2d.

The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Sir F. G. M. Boileau and Sir W. H. Ffolkes, M.P.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, last week, under the presidency of the Rt. W. the Prov. Grand Master, Sir W. Burrell, B.V., M.P., supported by Bro. J. H. Scott, D.G.M., and the other Prov. Grand Officers, also by Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain; Col. Burney, S.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Organist; W. T. Marriott, M.P. for Brighton; Binckes, P.G. Steward and Secretary of Boys' School; Terry, P. Prov. J.G. Warden Herts, and Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Alderman Davey (Mayor of Brighton), P.P.G. J.W.; W. D. Lemmon (Capt. 5th Dragoon Guards), W.M., 570; W. H. Hallett (Alderman), P.P.S.G.W.; W. R. Wood (Councillor), P.G. Steward and P.P.S.G.W.; C. Raymond Burrell, P. Prov. S.G.W.; C. P. Henty, P. Prov. J.G.W.; G. Ford, P. Prov. G. Registrar; Rev. Richards-Adams, Prov. G. Chap.; J. P. Smith, W.M., Clarence; Rev. W. A Tooth; J. M. Kidd, P.M., 732; Horton Stephens, 1636; J. T. Whatford, 851; Joseph (Councillor) Sharp, 315; J. Capon, W.M., 732; S. Solomon, P.M., 732; G. Smith, P.M., 732; W. Smith, P.M., 732; W. R. Wood, jun., S.D., 1636; T. Packham, W.M., 315; S. B. McWhinnie, P.M., 1466; H. Abbey (Alderman), P.M., 811; T. H. Crouch, P.M., 851; Worthing; Hyde, P.M., Worthing; H. H. Jordan, Worthing; M. B. Tanner, P.M., 811; G. S. Godfree, 315, and S.W. 1821; J. B. Hannay, Organist, 1821; B. Burfield, Secretary, 1821; Job Baker, 315; E. W. Tuffley, P.M., 300; George Cole, J.D., 1636; Charrington; L. Conti; J. Large; James Curtis, W.M., Southdown, 1707, Hurstpierpoint; E. Broadbridge, J.W. Southdown; E. B. Blaker, Southdown; Dr. G. J. Malcolm Smith, Southdown; T. Holloway, 1829; R. B. Y. Powell, 1829; D. P. Frape, 1829; — Wellington; G. King, P.M., 271; — Henty; H. E. Price; O. H. Wyatt, P.G.S. of Works; Bridges; J. Harrison, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Rubie, P.P.G. Purs.; W. Dawes, P.P.G. Reg.; Pidcock, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; R. Ellman, P.M., 311; Stephen Tanner, P.M., 311; J. Sayers, 1626; F. Marks, 1626; J. Leleu, 1636; C. B. Warne, 1465; Morris, P.M., 1110; Taylor, P.M., 1110; Sutton, 1110; Dean; F. Holford, P.M., 811; Howey, 1821; J. Jefferies, 1636; A. Smith, P.G.S.; Norris; T. K. White, Howard and Davidson, of the 5th Dragoon Guards, Lodge 570, and others.

The proceedings of the lodge, although interesting to the Craft, presented nothing of external interest. A vote of £100 was passed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. J. Henderson Scott on his appointment, by the Prince of Wales, to the post of Junior Grand Deacon of England.

The Right W. the Prov. Grand Master appointed the following as his officers for the year:—

- Bro. John Henderson Scott ... Prov. D.G.M.
- " G. W. King, P.M. 271 ... Prov. S.G.W.
- " C. J. Smith, P.M. 1466, W.M. 1829 ... Prov. J.G.W.
- " E. Richards Adams, W.M. 1466 ... Prov. C. Chap.
- " R. Crosskey, P.M. 1303 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " Gerard Ford, P.M. 271 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " V. P. Freeman, P.M. 732 ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " S. B. McWhinnie, P.M. 1466 ... Prov. S.G.D.
- " H. Abbey, P.M. 811 ... Prov. J.G.D.
- " J. T. Whatford, P.M. 851 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " J. M. Kidd, P.M. 732 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " F. Holford, P.M. 811 ... Prov. A.G.D. of C.
- " G. Stone, P.M. 1303 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " W. Roc, 1636 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " T. Morris, P.M. 1110 ... Prov. G. Purs.
- Bros. Arthur Smith, S.W. 1726, W.M. 38; C. M. Norris, P.M. 40; J. R. White, P.M. 311; S. Solomon, P.M. 732; A. Agate, P.M. 1141; J. Curtis, P.M. 315, W.M. 1797 ... Prov. G. Stwds.
- Bro. T. Hughes ... Prov. G. Tyler.

The banquet took place in the banquetting room of the Royal Pavilion, under the presidency of Sir Walter Burrell. To Bros. Sayers and Marks, of the Western Road, had been entrusted the catering, and in thus mentioning their names we feel we have said almost sufficient to prove that nothing was left unsupplied or that the

greatest epicure could desire. The arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren by the Prov. G. Stewards, Bros. Whatford (Brighton), P. Morris (Eastbourne), Chandler (Hastings), Stone (Newhaven), Williams (Hayward's Heath), and G. J. Smith (Brighton), were also deserving of every praise.

During the dinner, by the kind permission of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Marsland, of the 5th Dragoon Guards, the fine band of the regiment performed a choice selection of music, under the direction of Bro. F. Howard, bandmaster. We may here state that the gallant regiment now quartered in Brighton has attached to it a lodge which has been in existence for over a century, and towards the carrying out of the duties of which great facilities have been afforded by the Brighton brethren.

The after dinner proceedings were enlivened by an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Bro. W. Roe, the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Organist, Bros. Large, Cole, and Broadbridge rendering efficient assistance, the latter evoking hearty applause by his rendering of the fine old ballad, "Sally in our alley." But there was an especial treat—Bro. Kuhe, P.G. Organist of England, kindly performed, as Kuhe can only perform, some of his choice morceaux on the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL GRAND OF DURHAM.

INSTALLATION OF THE MARQUESS OF LONDONDERRY AS R.W.P.G.M.

Under the banner of the Marquess of Granby Lodge, the oldest in the Cathedral city, the Most Honourable the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., was on Tuesday, in the Castle Hall, Durham, installed with full Masonic honours into the high office of Provincial Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Durham. The occasion was honoured by the presence of a distinguished assemblage of brethren, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, R.G.K.T., Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, being represented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, who performed the ceremony of installation. Assembled on the dais were several titled brethren, amongst them being Bros. Sir George Elliot, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for the East Division of South Wales; Sir Hedworth Williamson, Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Joseph Dodds, M.P.; and Lord Ernest Vane Tempest. The announcement in March last that the choice of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had fallen upon the noble Marquess as the successor to Bro. John Fawcett, the oldest Provincial Grand Master in England, was one that was hailed by the Fraternity throughout the province with the greatest satisfaction, for it was felt by every member of the Craft that the Marquess of Londonderry would most worthily and loyally fill the high office to which he had been appointed. The applause which greeted the remark of the Earl of Lathom in performing the ceremony of installation on Tuesday, that the Prince of Wales "could not have made a more fortunate choice," was evidence of the truth of the observation. The ceremony might have been made more imposing, or carried out on a larger scale, but due respect was paid to his lordship's desire that the installation should be as quiet as possible. The sorrow created in the noble Marquess's family by the recent calamity at Seaham is too deep to be forgotten even in the midst of honours and festivity. The Marquess could not help referring to it on Tuesday, and he took occasion to thank all for the deep sympathy that had been extended towards him and his family since the sad occurrence.

The Fund and Charity Committees met for the transaction of business during the morning in the News Room adjoining the Town Hall, and between that hour and one o'clock the brethren began to assemble in the Castle Hall, which was set out in Grand Lodge form. The decorations were not extensive, but were of an appropriate and becoming character, and were arranged under the direction of Bro. Wm. Robinson; the dais was erected by Bro. Henry Robson. Large numbers of people assembled on the Palace Green to witness the arrival of the brethren; and at three o'clock, the time announced for the procession to start from the Castle Hall to the Cathedral, the open space to be traversed was lined on either side by a closely packed crowd, including many visitors from a distance.

The chancel was occupied by the more distinguished of the brethren; the transepts and other portions of the sacred edifice being thrown open to the general public, of whom there was a great number present. The effectiveness of the sight when all were seated, and when the grand organ, under the manipulation of Dr. Armes, pealed forth in majestic tones the opening service, was only equalled, but not surpassed, by the ceremony witnessed at the installation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the re-opening of the Cathedral after restoration a few years ago. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundill, M.A., acting Provincial Grand Treasurer, whose discourse on the text, "Pay that which thou hast owed," from fourth verse of fifth chapter of Ecclesiastes, enforced the duty of obeying righteously the vows the brethren had taken. The preacher was only heard distinctly by those in the vicinity of the pulpit, and scarcely at all by those in the body of the Cathedral. The procession was reformed at the conclusion of the service, and the re-arrangement was reversed, the Prov. G.M. and officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge walking first, followed by the brethren in rotation of lodges, commencing with the Industry Lodge, Gateshead, No. 48, the accredited oldest in the province. On reaching the Castle Hall, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form, and a large proportion of the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet was served. The whole of the arrangements have been carried out by the Prov. G. Lodge officials under the management of Bro. W. H. Crookes, acting P.G. Secretary, and Bro. R. Hudson, the acting P.G.D. of C., assisted locally by Bro. George Greenwell, P.A.G.D. of C., and Bro. Wm. Donkin, P.G.P. The arrangements of the North-Eastern Railway Company in securing special trains after the banquet were much appreciated by the brethren. The brethren assembled at the Castle prior to the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER having been saluted with Grand honours, according to ancient custom, addressed the lodge, and said the object for which they had met was the installation of the Marquess of Londonderry as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham. He

was sure that the brethren would agree with him that His Royal Highness, the Grand Master of England, could not have made a more fortunate choice than the Marquess of Londonderry for that important office. He felt perfectly convinced that he (the Marquess) would perform the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren generally, and to the good of Masonry in particular. (Applause.)

The arrival of the R.W.P.G.M. of Durham designate having been announced his patent was sent in and examined by the R.W.D.G.M. A deputation of the following Stewards, namely:—Thomas Bell, Marquess of Granby Lodge (124), Durham; Henry Tonkinson, Palatine Lodge (97), Sunderland; Jos. H. Morton, St. Hilda's Lodge (240), South Shields; Thomas Brayshaw, Tees Lodge (509), Stockton; Markham Spofforth, St. Helen's Lodge (531), Hartlepool; H. W. Emerson, Fawcett Lodge (661), Seaham; and John Wood, Lodge of Industry (48), Gateshead—introduced the R.W.P.G.M. designate, and the patent was then read. The patent describes the R.W.P. Grand Master as follows:—The most Hon. George Henry Robert Charles Vane Tempest, Marquess of Londonderry, Earl of Londonderry, Viscount Castlereagh, Baron Londonderry in Ireland, Earl Vane, Viscount Seaham, and Baron Stewart in the United Kingdom, Great Britain, and Ireland, Knight of the most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, and Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham. The patent is dated 10th March, 1880, A.L., 5880. It is signed—ALBERT EDWARD, G.M.; SKELMERSDALE [LATHOM], D.G.M.; SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S. Having signified his ability to conscientiously undertake the duties of the office, the R.W.P.G.M. designate was invested by the R.W.D.G.M. with the insignia of office, and duly placed upon the throne. The installation of the R.W.P.G.M. having been duly proclaimed by the acting P.G.D. of C., he was saluted in the usual manner. The R.W.D.P.G.M. (Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.) having been proclaimed and saluted, the R.W.P.G.M. proceeded to the appointment of his Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and announced, amidst applause, that the immediate Past Provincial Officers would continue in office another year. The following is a list of the P.G. officers:—

- Bro. Sir H. Pottinger, Bart., 375 ... Prov. S.G.W.
- " Rev. G. R. Bulman, 1334 ... Prov. J.G.W.
- " Rev. G. M. Shepherd, 1650 ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " Rev. John Cundill ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " W. Meek, 1379 ... Prov. G.R.
- " W. H. Crookes (Sunderland) ... Prov. G.S.
- " M. Corbitt, 48 ... Prov. S.G.D.
- " C. S. Lane, 764 ... Prov. J.G.D.
- " W. Lear, 111 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
- " Robert Hudson, 1389 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
- " G. Greenwell, 124 ... Prov. A.D. of C.
- " J. Marchant, 424 ... Prov. G.S.B.
- " H. E. O. Muller, 1379 ... Prov. G.O.
- " W. Donkin, 1334 ... Prov. G.P.
- " John Thompson (Sunderland) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

After the Grand Officers had received the usual salute, The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER said when His Royal Highness the Grand Master appointed him for the office he felt he was labouring under two difficulties, first, that he had not the experience which was wanted to fulfil so important an office; and secondly, that there were others who might have filled the place far better than himself. He also felt that he was appointed as the successor of one who for so many years had so ably and satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of the Provincial Grand Master of the province. (Applause.) Not only had he (the retiring Provincial Grand Master) conferred great benefits upon that province, and great benefits upon the Craft, but he (the P.G.M.) thought there was no member of the Craft in the United Kingdom who could say he had not been a thorough and most efficient Mason. (Applause.) But contending, as he did, with those difficulties, it would be his endeavour, during the interval between this and their next meeting, to fit himself so as to perform accurately the duties of the important office which had been confided to him, and for that reason he had on this occasion determined to make no change in the usual programme which was laid down by his worthy predecessor, and, therefore, when he was designated Provincial Grand Master of this province he wished that it should be so arranged that he should be assisted by those who were more equal by experience to the duties of the Craft than he could be. It had been suggested, and perhaps fairly, that owing to the sad calamity and disaster which had befallen himself and his family, the calamity which had commanded, he was sure, the deepest sympathy all over the country, for which they were most grateful, under the circumstances it would be better to postpone that meeting; but although he had not been since that fearful accident and disaster to any social pleasure or meeting, still he thought, as far as this matter was concerned, it was more a matter of duty to the province than to himself—(applause)—hence he had not postponed this meeting. He hoped they would believe him when he said he hoped, by their kind and active co-operation, by the help of the Provincial Grand Officers and others, notwithstanding any shortcomings which might happen to be his lot during the year of his endeavour to learn his duties, that the welfare and the prosperity of the of Craft in the county of Durham would not deteriorate in his hands. (Loud applause.)

The minutes of last lodge and other reports having been read, the brethren proceeded in full Masonic clothing to the Cathedral, the order of procession being as follows: Two Stewards; members of Rose of Raby Lodge, No. 1650; Perseverance, 1643; Fraternity, 1418; Fenwick, 1389; Marquess of Ripon, 1379; Norman, 1334; Earl of Durham, 1274; Barnard, 1230; Wear Valley, 1121; St. Bede's, 1110; Williamson, 949; Philanthropy, 940; Harbour of Refuge, 764; Fawcett, 661; St. Helen's, 531; Tees, 509; Borough, 424; Lambton, 375; St. Hilda, 240; Marquess of Granby, 124; Restoration, 111; Palatine, 97; Phoenix, 94; St. John's, 80; Industry, 48. Visiting brethren from other provinces: Prov. Grand Tyler; Prov. G. Pursuivant, and Past P.G. Pursuivants; Prov. G. Organist, and Past P.G. Organists; Past P.G. Sword Bearers; Past Prov. G. Dir. of Cer.; Prov. G. Superintendent of Works, and Past Prov. G. S. of Wks.; Past Prov. Grand Deacons; Prov. Grand Secretary; Prov. Grand Registrar, and Past P.G. Registrars; Prov. Grand Treasurer; Prov. G. Chaplain, and Past P.G. Chaplains; Prov. G. J. Warden and Past R.G.J. Wardens; Prov. G.S. Warden and Prov. G.J. Deacon; Past Prov. G.S. Wardens; six Prov. G. Stewards, the Right W. Prov. Deputy Grand Master; Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present; the Right W. Prov. Grand Master and [Prov.

G.S. Deacon; Prov. Grand Sword Bearer; the Most W. Deputy Grand Master of England; Past Prov. G. Sword Bearer. Among those occupying the chief seats were the Marquess of Londonderry, P.G.M., Deputy Grand Master Earl of Lathom, Sir George Elliot, Bart., &c. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, and the second lesson by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundill, P.G. Treasurer, who took his text from Ecclesiastes, chap. 5, verse 4. He would not deal so much with the antiquity of the Order, although there was much to interest and instruct, but rather call their serious and devout attention to the duties they were bound to practise in their lives and character by the very force of their Masonic vow under which they had deliberately pledged themselves. In briefly referring to the antiquity of Masonry he could not agree with those who traced it back to Adam and Eve, much less with one writer who had attributed its origin to pre-Adamite times. Their Institution had a rightful claim to a remote date in the annals of the world. It was found to exist among the distant Chinese, wild Arabs, and American savages, who were prepared to show kindness when they saw wandering English brethren. This implied a common and remote origin. In ancient times Masonry was both operative and speculative, and it had had a large share in promoting the general civilisation of the world, fostering science and art, in increasing and purifying social comforts, and refining the taste, and, above all, adorning the temples of the Most High God. Though they did not claim to be a religious society in the common acceptation of the term, they were indeed religious in the spirit of their duties. The whole of their teachings and practices were founded on the Volume of the Sacred Law, the revealed word of God. They were exhorted to regulate their lives and actions by its Divine precepts; their duty to God, to themselves, and to others was drawn from it. All these duties were veiled in allegory and symbols, and admirably adapted to the truths they embodied. If all these things were so excellent and so good, why keep them secret and not open to the world? The answer was that they were not kept secret, it was only their ceremony and ritual that they kept secret. He denied the assertion that the Order had a tendency to irreligion and irreverence, and held that honour and reverence of God were the beginning, middle, and end of their system. As Christianity was not yet—as it would be—like their Craft, spread over the whole earth, he thought Masonry might in some way prepare the way for Christianity.

A collection was taken in aid of the Durham County Hospital. The Rev. Dr. Armes presided at the organ.

At the conclusion of the service the brethren returned to the Castle Hall, where the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet, supplied by Mr. J. Phillips, of the Queen's Head Hotel, Newcastle, was partaken of. The R.W. P.G.M. presided, and he was supported by the Earl of Lathom, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Sir George Elliot, and a number of other distinguished brethren. After dinner, the PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the first toast, "The Queen." (Cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." (Loud cheers.)

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed, "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon." (Applause.)

The noble CHAIRMAN next gave, "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom." (Loud cheers.) He proposed this toast with very great pleasure, inasmuch as he was much indebted to the noble lord and his brother for having installed him to the office he held on this occasion. They had known each other in early youth, and they were bound together now as Masons. He was sure, as Masons, they would find the Earl of Lathom a true, honest, and straightforward gentleman. (Loud applause.)

The Earl of LATHOM, R.W.D.G.M., upon rising to reply was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He thanked them most heartily for the reception which they had accorded him that day. The pleasure, however, was all on his side. It was true he had come there as a matter of duty to instal a very old friend as Prov. G.M. of the Province of Durham. (Applause.) His duty took him to different parts of England, but he could assure them that in all the course of his tours through England he had never yet seen any ceremony so completely and so perfectly performed as it had been that day. (Hear, hear.) Not only that, but with the associations of that town, that glorious cathedral, and that splendid hall in which they had met, it was all but impossible for any Masonic ceremony to be otherwise than perfectly carried out. (Hear, hear.) His Lordship then referred in complimentary terms to the reports of the various lodges in the province which had that day been given.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire was held on the 6th inst. at the Assembly Rooms, Cheltenham, under the presidency of the P.G.M., Lord Sherborne. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren. The meeting was held for the purpose of presenting to Bro. E. W. Trinder, P.G.S., a testimonial consisting of an address, beautifully illuminated on vellum, and bound in blue morocco, together with a tea service of silver, suitably engraved, and a series of framed water-colour drawings. Lord Sherborne, in presentation, referred to the valuable services of Bro. Trinder as P.G.S. from the formation of the P.G. Lodge twenty-four years since.

In the course of the meeting the P.G.M., Lord SHERBORNE, addressed the brethren, and stated that he did not again anticipate meeting them in lodge. He still felt the greatest interest in the order, and in the welfare of the Province of Gloucestershire, but increasing age and indifferent health would, he feared, necessitate his withdrawal from the high position which he had held for twenty-four years.

Bro. GWINNETT, as one of the senior P.P.G.S.W.'s of the province, spoke of the regret with which the brethren had heard the announcement from his lordship.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to luncheon at the Plough Hotel.

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**PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF NORFOLK.**

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Norfolk was held at the Masonic Rooms, 23, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, on Wednesday, October 6th, 1880, for the purposes of installing the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., R.W. Prov. G.M. of Norfolk, M.E.Z. Chapter Unanimity, No. 102, &c., &c., &c., who has been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., to succeed Lieut-Colonel H. P. L'Estrange, whose sad loss is seriously felt in Royal Arch Masonry through the entire province. The meeting was convened for four o'clock, and after the preliminary business was disposed of the Grand Superintendent designate was duly and in ancient form installed, the ceremony being impressively rendered by the M.E. Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, the Rev. C. J. Martyn. The Grand Superintendent then reappointed the Provincial Grand Officers—

- Comp. Col. Bignold ... .. Prov. G.H.
- " Hamon Le Strange ... .. Prov. G.J.
- " Edwin Baldwin ... .. Prov. G.S.E.
- " C. H. Capon ... .. Prov. G.S.N.
- " James Bond ... .. Prov. G.P.S.
- " George Smith ... .. Prov. G. 1st A.S.
- " E. J. Bonfellow ... .. Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
- " W. Patrick ... .. Prov. G. Treas.
- " G. S. Woodwark ... .. Prov. G. Reg.
- " Chadwick ... .. Prév. G. Std. B.
- " J. Dunsford ... .. Prov. G.D.C.
- " S. W. Berry ... .. Prov. G. Org.
- " J. Franklin, and J. Boyce ... .. Prov. G. Stwds.

The Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on the following day interfered to some extent with the attendance. As it was a considerable number of companions assembled to witness the ceremony and to greet their new chief.

The following officers and companions were among those present:—Col. Bignold, P.G.H.; H. Le Strange, P.G.J.; E. Baldwin, P.G.S.E.; C. H. Capon, P.G.S.N.; E. J. Bonfellow, A.S.; J. Dunsford, P.G.D.C., Z. 52; W. Patrick, P.G. Treas.; H. G. Barwell, H.; G. B. Kennett, J. 52; G. Baxter, J. 213; R. Martins, P.Z. 100; Robert Wortley, J. 102; W. A. Tyssen-Amherst, P.J. 52; S. N. Berry, P.G. Org.; Sir Francis Boileau, P.S. 52; Colonel Boileau, 52; E. Orams, 52; Rev. H. T. Griffith, P.S. 102; Joseph Tomlinson, P.Z. 1503; H. A. Wooster Reeves; W. Daking, P.Z. 221; G. F. Brown, H. 81; A. H. Santy, N. 52; J. C. Chittock, E. 52; J. Hotblack, P.J., 807; T. W. G. Barnard; J. Watson, S.E. 213; A. Berry, 807; G. Green, 807; T. Isley, 213; T. Mackley, 807; J. B. Pearce, 52; H. Rosling, 807; W. Shorten, 807; M. Bailey, 807; J. J. Hunt, 807.

A banquet followed at the Norfolk Hotel, which was attended by about forty companions. It was served in capital style, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**CENTENARY OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL MEDAL.—A.D. 1780.**

**MEETING AT BATH.**

A most enthusiastic assembly of members of the Craft was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Bath, on Thursday, the 7th inst. The object was to commemorate the Centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Medal," which was agreed to in June 1779, and struck in 1880. There are four country lodges entitled to the privilege of wearing this medal in the persons of their Masters for the time being, in perpetuity, viz., 41, Bath, 75, Falmouth, 154, Wakefield, and 237, Swansea. No. 75 celebrated the centenary of the vote of the medal on the 13th October last, and the senior of the four lodges observed the centenary on the 7th. At each of the meetings the D.P.G.M. of the provinces (Cornwall and Somerset respectively) were present, and also Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, to whom the celebrations are mainly due. That of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, however, far exceeded in enthusiasm and character that of No. 75, because of the brilliant assembly of distinguished Masons, as well as the high position of their W. Master in the Order. Punctually at the hour mentioned on the summons, Bro. Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M. 43, P.P.S. G.W. of Warwickshire, &c., the W.M., opened the lodge, and, after the reading of the minutes, the guests were admitted, the D.P.G.M. of Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else, being duly saluted as such, and warmly greeted as the representative of the P.G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, who was unavoidably absent. The W.M. having tendered the gavel to the D.P.G.M., the latter brother gracefully returned it, and congratulated the lodge on the special circumstances which had led to the meeting being held. He also paid a most pleasing compliment to the known efficiency and zeal of the veteran Mason, the Master of the lodge, whose energy and ability were warmly appreciated by himself and all in the province. Of the members and officers present we noticed Bros. T. P. Ashley, P.M. and Treas., P.P.G.W.; F. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S. of W.; Thomas Wilton, P.M. and Dir. of C., P.P.G.W.; T. B. Moutrie, P.M., P.P.G.W.; John Rubie, P.M., P.P.G.W.; S. G. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D. Wilts; F. Baldwin, P.M.; P. Braham, I.P.M.; R. P. Floyd, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Clark, P.M.; Robert Cook, P.M., (ex-Mayor of Bath); William Hunt, S.W.; C. W. Radway, J.W.; R. B. Cater, Sec.; E. J. B. Mercer, S.D.; Wm. L. Baldwin, Org.; T. Ames, I.G.; Wm. Peach and T. E. Wilton, Stwds.; and Bros. C. Wilkinson, R. Kendall, W. D. C. G. Monypenny, S. Stiles, W. Hunt, J. W. Murlis, J. Cartmel, R. Mann, W. B. Gregory, H. B. Smith, W. G. Smith, F. W. Willis, T. Robinson, H. L. Brown, J. G. Wilton, T. G. Brown, W. H. Reynolds, and S. Bigwood, Tyler.

Of the visitors we may name Bros. W. James Hughan, P.G.D. of England; and R. C. Else, D. Prov. G.M. Somerset; Thompson, P.M. 976, ex-Mayor of Bath; Pyne, P.P.G. Org., Organist of the Abbey; the Rev. Sanderson, S.W. 379, Master of the Grammar School; Williamson, P.M. 906, P.P.G.D.C.; H. C. Hopkins, P.M. 379; Stuckey, W.M. 906; Sondermann, S.W. 53; Phillips 974; all of whom were entertained at the banquet subsequently as the guests of the W.M. The following brethren were also present in honour of the occasion as guests of the members or the W.M., viz.: Bros. R. Peach, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Graham, P.M. 976 P.P.J.G.W. Wilts; Dill, P.M. 906, P.P.G.P.; Becket, P.M. 702 and 906, P.P.G.S.B.; Lawson, I.P.M. 906; Hayward, S.W.

906; Dingle, J.D. 906; Young, Bush, Dawe, Gill, Pinkett, Wilson, and Clements, of 53 or 906; D. C. Jones, of 237, Swansea, S.W. 1573; Bertrand, 1624; and Bro. Brumby, of the Stenben Lodge, New York. Bros. Stohert, P.M. 53, P.P.S.G.W., and J. J. Dutton, of 53, P.M. 855, were at the lodge only.

The "work" consisted of the "passing" of Bros. Brown and Reynolds, the ceremony being given magnificently by the W.M., ably assisted in the arrangements by Bros. Thomas Wilton, P.M., the D. of C. (whose post in this lodge is no sinecure); E. J. B. Mercer, S.D., who gave the tools; and W. Peach, Steward, who delivered the Lecture on the Tracing Board. The "work" was perfection, and in saying that the candidates did their part as well as the officers is but doing them justice. After the applause had subsided on the completion of the Degree, the W.M. announced the special object of the meeting, and having called the brethren to order, the following prayer (composed for the purpose) was read by him in a most impressive manner.

Almighty God, Great Architect of the Universe, in Thy hand is the ordering of the events of this world, in the development of which Thou employest the agency of the beings whom Thou hast created. Especially dost Thou require us to do good to our fellow creatures, and thus to display, however feebly, Thy attributes of charity and mercy. To this end Thou has disposed our predecessors to raise up this Institution, and as Thou hast blest it with prosperity in past days, we pray for help to enable us in our time to carry on the great work, and to transmit it pure and unswayed to those who are to come after us. Be with us, members of this ancient lodge, now more especially, while we endeavour to commemorate the deeds of our ancestors, and incline our hearts increasingly to relieve the poor and afflicted, and to care for the widows and orphans. So mote it be.

The respected Treasurer, Bro. T. P. ASHLEY, P.M., &c., then gave the members a short sketch of the old lodge, No. 41, tracing it to the year 1732, and considered it was even older than that, only the records were lost. He directed their attention to the whole of the minutes of the lodge from 1732 to 1880 on the table before him, and pointed to the Book of Constitutions of 1723 (the first printed) and that of 1738 owned by the lodge. Considerable interest was displayed on our esteemed brother holding up an old silver trowel bearing the inscription "The gift of Howell Gwynne, Esq., to ye members of ye lodge at ye Bear, Bath, 1742." This brother was the W.M. in 1742, so it was doubtless presented to commemorate that fact, and the lodge has kept "his memory green" for 138 years. Other presentations were exhibited in the hall—a fine folio black letter Bible of 1639, and a smaller one of 1630, &c. The Treasurer was evidently in his element, and time alone prevented the subject being dealt with exhaustively by that brother. We suggest the pages of the "Masonic Magazine" for that object, and feel sure that an extended history would be highly valued by many brethren.

Bro. HUGHAN, the well-known Masonic historian, being called upon by the W.M. to furnish the members with particulars of the circumstances which led to the Freemasons' Hall medal being struck, did so in an extempore address of special interest to the brethren of No. 41. The origin of the present Freemasons' Hall, or rather its predecessor of 1775-6, was carefully traced, and all the attempts to procure the money to meet the cost were facetiously narrated. The occasion of the medal being struck, of course, received the most attention, and the dates, lodges, and all connected therewith were noted and explained. Three W.M.'s of the lodge were contributors, as well as the lodge itself, viz., Bros. Thomas West, D. Prov. G.M., W.M. first half-year of 1786, and seventeen times since; E. Gardiner, W.M. 1788; and Charles Phillot, W.M. 1786, and five times since. The chief points of the address were subsequently condensed by the W.M. in his speech at the banquet, and provoked much applause. In commemoration of the event, the W.M., Dr. Henry Hopkins, F.C.P., &c., presented a large donation to the lodge to complete the 100 guineas as Vice-President, all the "Freemasons' Magazines" in the quarto size, suitably bound, and a handsome "loving cup," bearing an appropriate inscription. An excellent souvenir of the event was also presented to the lodge by the W.M., and some of the officers, consisting of the particulars of the occasion of the medal being struck, with facsimiles of the obverse and reverse of the medal, &c., all most artistically lithographed and framed.

Copies were presented of this pleasing souvenir, duly framed, to the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and Bro. Hughan, P.G.D., who were likewise elected honorary members of the lodge by acclamation.

The "Congratulations from Sister Lodges" occupied some time, and were quite a feature of the evening, coming as they did from so many quarters, and given with such thorough heartiness.

The D. Prov. G.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the W. Master for the very handsome presentations he had that day made to the lodge, and alluded also to his princely hospitality in inviting such a number to the banquet in honour of the occasion. We need not state that on this being seconded by the DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, it was carried by acclamation.

Thanks were also voted to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., for his attendance and address, also to Bro. R. C. Else, D. Prov. G.M., and the visitors for the favour of their company, and to Bro. T. P. Ashley, P.M., for his excellent sketch of the old lodge.

The banquet was served at the Christopher Hotel, by Bro. Robinson. The table was laid most artistically, and everything thereon was cooked and served to perfection, under the careful superintendence of the host. We have never been present at a better conducted feast, and all who partook of the hospitality of the revered W.M., Bro. Dr. Hopkins, were apparently as well pleased.

The following address was given by the W.M. at the banquet:—

Brethren, as your W.M. I gratefully accept the toast which has been so well proposed by the D.P.G.M., and the sentiments of good will which have been so kindly expressed. I accept them with a conviction that they have been uttered in all sincerity, under the hope that however much I have failed, I have at least thus far endeavoured to do my duty, a task which has been somewhat difficult to one who has been brought up in a different Masonic school, more popular and modern, as regards the working of our ceremonies, strengthened by the constant practice of these

during a period of thirty-three years. Brethren, during the whole of my long experience it has been my idea that nothing should be expected from the Master of a lodge beyond a strict and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and that no one should be placed in that high position until he has proved himself competent, not only beneficially to rule the lodge, but also efficiently to administer all the Degrees to candidates, and to instruct them by giving the explanatory lectures. I have, therefore, when on former occasions placed in the Master's chair, avoided everything in the shape of entertainment of the members at the installation banquet. My conduct on the present occasion may appear inconsistent with such views, but I trust that I shall be able to satisfy you on this point. I must acknowledge, however, that during my term of office in other lodges I have received my brethren at the festive board at my own residence, always, however, in connection with instruction or other Masonic business. My circumstances were then very different. I had plenty of room and accommodation in my household, and a partner in life who ably and kindly seconded my desire worthily to receive and honour my Masonic friends, free from the prejudices which so often exist in the female mind. With old age, for I am now in my seventy-third year, comes the loss of such advantages and opportunities, and in my present isolation I am dependent on the kind help of our brother, James Robinson, to whom I offer my thanks. If there have been any defects in your reception at the social board this evening I must ask you to impute them to him, and not to me, so far as regards provision for your comfort. ("None, none," by all the brethren.) I have already at the Masonic Hall expressed my disappointment at the unfortunate combination of circumstances, varied as they are, yet in all cases valid, which has interfered with my desire to introduce to you, and to give you the benefit of instruction from, many eminent Masons, who by their learning and energy would have animated your zeal, and inspired you with a wish to know more than the mere routine of our ceremonies, important as these are, men who for years have devoted their time and their money to unravelling the history of our Craft since the period when our only reliance was on tradition. Of these, Bro. Robert Preke Gould, the premier Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, is the most conspicuous. I am, however, gratified, and highly honoured, by the presence of his able co-worker, one of the most shining lights in the world, in the investigation of our history, with whom intimate acquaintance for many years, mutual confidence and regard, and long continued labour in different directions have led to close personal intercourse. I may in his presence, without hesitation, state that no other influence than mine would have induced him to sacrifice precious time for four days, and to travel 200 miles to grace our meeting to-day, and to give us instruction. Out of the necessary correspondence between us on important points in the history of our lodge has sprung close investigation as to them, the result of which has been most satisfactory, adding greatly to our character and status, by establishing several hitherto unknown facts, namely, the exact date to which the existence of the lodge can be traced back, 1724, nine years further than was supposed—that this lodge was the first in England out of London to which a warrant was granted by Grand Lodge—that the medal I now wear is the only original one in the provinces, those of *Palmouth, Wakefield, and Swansea* having been lost, and replaced by new ones since the publication of Bro. Hughan's last work a year ago, from which, in fact, they learned that they were entitled to the medal—and, lastly, that a medal was struck here in 1810 in commemoration of the dedication of Freemasons' Hall in York-street, Bath, by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of England, in the presence of the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of Ireland, six Provincial Grand Masters, one of whom was that of my old Province of Warwickshire, and 800 brethren, on one side of which is a representation of the actual building, now standing as the Friends' Meeting House, and on the other a bust of the Duke of Sussex. Since the commencement of the correspondence between Bro. Hughan and myself relative to to-day's meeting, he has within the last month written to America, has obtained a sketch of the only impression of the medal known, of the very existence of which we here were perfectly ignorant, and it has arrived only this morning. Brethren, before I sit down, allow me to lay before you the circumstances under which I have called you together in this unusual manner—First, Because, as I stated in my circular letter, I have been desirous to meet all under my rule, or at least to give each one an opportunity of knowing me beyond the ordinary attractions of the lodge, which in some cases have not been sufficient, and to offer an inducement to such to attend more regularly in future. Secondly, Because it appeared desirable to celebrate an interesting event in the history of this lodge, and as some difficulty arose in carrying out the intentions of your Past Master in the matter, I undertook to make all the arrangements, and to work them out in my own way. If they have not been satisfactory, I alone am to blame. At the same time I thank my colleagues among the P.M.'s for the confidence they reposed in me, which I trust I have not abused. Thirdly, I stand in a very different position from those who have before filled the first chair of this lodge. They have worked their way through the lower offices up to that of W.M., and have honourably earned their reward. On the contrary, I came as a stranger to Bath, not known to a single individual, without any introduction beyond my certificate as a Mason. Naturally I was an object of some distrust, and I should probably have remained so had it not been for the kindness of one whose recent sudden removal by death we all deplore, and to whose memory I desire to offer a grateful tribute for the trouble he took on my behalf in standing as it were as my sponsor. You accepted his recommendation of me after he and I had had much personal intercourse, and have now conferred honour upon me. I should indeed be blameable were I to omit to show my sense of it in some form or other. Fourthly, Allow me to observe, that by one or two whom I have consulted, the course I have pursued has been objected to on the ground that it places my successor in a difficult position. To this I reply, that my successor in conducting the celebration of the centenary cannot yet be in existence, and that we scarcely need consider the feelings of the brother who will occupy my place a century hence, in 1980, when the proceedings of this evening will have been forgotten, and ascertained only by looking back through the minute books of this lodge, when probably our present records will appear quaint and antiquated as those

of a century ago do to us. Lastly, Brethren, I have now arrived at a period of life when powers begin to fail, when health becomes more and more precarious, when the interval before departure to the Grand Lodge above must under the most favourable circumstances be short, of which I have had so many warnings, by the death of dear relatives, friends, and brother Masons, since I entered on the Master-ship of this lodge. I feel that the appointment to rule over you has been the crowning point of my Masonic career, and that it is time to bring it to a close. Seldom, if ever, can a W.M. boast, as I can now do, of having been Master of two lodges, the Royal Cumberland, No. 41, Bath, and the St. Paul's, No. 43, Birmingham, both warranted in the same year, 147 years ago, and also of having been at the head of lodges and chapters in each of the four provinces. In four months from this time my labours as your Master will cease, and I hope to have the pleasure of installing my successor. I beg you to regard that as the termination of my Masonic career, since I have fully made up my mind never again to accept any position of responsibility in connection with the Craft beyond that of Immediate P.M., which by the Book of Constitutions it cannot avoid. When my help is sought, I shall be happy still to render it to the utmost of my ability. To the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers now present, the Masters and members of provincial lodges who have assisted in this celebration, thus rejoicing with those who rejoice, I am sure that I speak the sentiments of the P.M.'s, officers, and members of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, when I say that we heartily thank them for their sympathy and support. Yet we owe a deeper debt of gratitude to the distinguished brethren who have come from a distance, not only to sanction our proceedings, but to take part in them, and when they return to their own respective localities, I trust they will be able to report that there is much vitality in this old lodge, and that its members pride themselves on the fact that they possess the records perfect and intact from the time when the charter was granted in 1733, and a complete list of all the Masters through 147 years. I thank you all very sincerely for your response to my summons, and for the forbearance, courtesy, and kindness you have shown me at our lodge meetings this year, especially this evening. I deem it a privilege and an honour to be so completely identified with so creditable an event in the history of No. 41, and trust that you will have none but pleasant recollections of it, and of our present social gathering.

In conclusion we may state that the interest was fully sustained throughout, and the celebration will long be remembered by those privileged to attend.

#### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

The following balance sheet has just been issued by the Supreme Council:

The Treasurer in Account with the Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 1st July, 1880.

Dr.		RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	
1st July, 1879.					
Balance in Bank	...	...	...	1229	18 9
with Treasurer	...	...	...	15	9 0
Receipts to 30th June, 1880	...	...	...	2358	11 1
				£3603	18 10
Cr.		EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	
By Payments for Rents, Salaries, Repairs, &c.	...	...	...	1128	1 3
Charity Donations	...	...	...	289	1 9
Purchase of Stock	...	...	...	1601	0 0
Balance in Bank	...	...	...	585	15 10
				£3603	18 10

The accounts were audited on the 2nd July, 1880, by Bro. S. RAWSON, 33<sup>rd</sup>, and Bro. F. RICHARDSON, 31<sup>st</sup>, and found correct.

#### BALANCE SHEET, 1st July, 1880.

ASSETS.		£ s. d.	
Cash in Bank	...	...	585 15 10
£900 Madras Stock	...	...	1007 5 0
£800 " Debentures	...	...	800 0 0
£1200 Russian Bonds	...	...	1180 10 0
£1000 3 p. c. Consols	...	...	962 10 0
£1600 Cape of Good Hope Bonds	...	...	1601 0 0
Library, estimated at	...	...	2172 1 10
Plate, valued at	...	...	393 5 0
Organ, valued at	...	...	300 0 0
Furniture, valued at	...	...	1867 13 7
Leases: 33, Golden-square	...	...	818 0 0
2, Upper John-street	...	...	925 0 0
Masonic Hall	...	...	1282 0 0
Cellarage	...	...	500 0 0
			£14,404 1 3
LIABILITIES.		£ s. d.	
Compounders, 31 <sup>st</sup> , 32 <sup>nd</sup> , 33 <sup>rd</sup> —155 Members	...	...	721 18 0
30 <sup>th</sup> —310 Members	...	...	1011 18 6
Unappropriated	...	...	1 18 6
Balance, being Capital	...	...	12668 6 3
			£14,404 1 3

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Public Accountant, 22, Bedford-Place, Russell-square, W.C.  
H. CLERK, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Grand Treasurer Gen., 33, Golden-square, London, W.

**BUILDING SOCIETIES AND THE PARKE'S MUSEUM.**—At a meeting of the Directors of the NINTH Century Building Society, Mr. George Palmer, M.P., Chairman, held at 93, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., the following resolution was passed unanimously on the motion of Miss Richardson, M.L.S.B. "That as in the opinion of this meeting a course of lectures at the Parke's Museum of Hygiene and House Sanitation would be most valuable to the members of Building Societies (who, to a very large extent, own the houses they live in) the Secretary of this society be requested to ask the Committee of the Museum whether such a course of lectures could not be given gratuitously during the ensuing winter."

#### LICENSED VICTUALLERS' EXHIBITION.

[SECOND NOTICE.]

Messrs. JAMES GALLOWAY and SON, Bolton.

The largest space in the Hall devoted to Machinery was occupied by this Lancashire firm, who have the greatest variety of machines for the Manufacturers of Mineral Waters it has been our pleasure to see for some time. For instance, the Dreadnought, No. 1, is capable of producing 400 dozen bottles per hour; and No. 2, 300 dozen. The Universal Machine is capable of producing 500 dozen per hour. The last-mentioned machine has changed hands during the exhibition for £150 to Mr. H. Codd, the celebrated Mineral Water Manufacturer of London. We may here remark, as showing the success of this exhibit, that each machine on show was sold to five different persons. Bro. Foote (Foote and Hodgson, of Liverpool), under whose practical knowledge and superintendence the present high standard for excellence is due, and whom we had the pleasure of meeting at the exhibition, showed us the names of at least twenty eminent firms who have placed their orders with him for their machinery. One feature in connection with the firm is the fact that Bro. Foote (who has had twenty-eight years' practical experience, and is himself the sole inventor of several of the machines on view), gives his advice and knowledge either to those who may be about commencing business, or those already in business desirous of developing their trade. In connection with this exhibit we noticed Chapman and Sons' Bottling Machine (Bro. Foote's patent), by means of which a boy can fill from eighty to one hundred dozens in an hour; also Chapman's Ball Stopper. This invention is a substitute for corks, and to promote cleanliness, simplicity, and a saving of breakage. It is acknowledged to be the simplest and the most economical patent stopper in the trade.

YATES and Co., Featherstone-buildings, Holborn.

This firm had on show their patent "Hydrozest." It is an extremely useful article, and is made in sizes suitable to the largest hotel or the smallest dwelling-house. It can also be utilised by gardeners for the purpose of obtaining a regular temperature. One of its chief advantages is that it can be kept clean with little trouble, and any description of fuel may be used. The firm have made arrangements for taking large contracts, and the work will be carried out by an efficient staff.

#### Scotland.

##### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PEEBLES AND SELKIRK.

The fourth quarterly communication of the above lodge was held in the lodge room of St. John's Lodge, No. 216, Stow, Town Hall, on Monday afternoon, the 4th inst., Bro. Dr. Middleton, of Manorhead, D.P.G. Master, presiding. The other P.G. officers present were Bros. James T. S. Elliot of Wolfelee, S.P.G. Master; Robert Sanderson, Stow, P.G. Secretary; John F. Walker, Stow, P.G. Treasurer; R. Lees, Selkirk, P.G.S. Deacon; James Rutherford, Hawick, P.G. Bible Bearer; George Owens, Stow, P.G. Director of Music; Anthony White, P.G. Sword Bearer; William Ferguson, Selkirk, P.G. President of Stewards; James Hall, Hawick, P.G. Steward; George B. Forsyth, No. 216, acted as P.G. Deacon; Joseph Wilson, No. 216, as P.G. Jeweller; Thomas Hogg, No. 32, as P.G. Inner Guard; and William Waddell, No. 216, as P.G. Tyler. The following lodges were represented—St. John's, No. 32, Selkirk; St. John's, No. 104, Jedburgh; St. John's, No. 111, Hawick; St. John's, No. 216, Stow. The P.G. Lodge was opened with the usual ceremonies at five o'clock, by Bro. Dr. Middleton, assisted by Bros. R. Currie, R.W.M. No. 32, Selkirk, who acted as P.G. Senior Warden, and Bro. Andrew Sword, R.W.M. No. 104, Jedburgh, who acted as P.G. Junior Warden. The P.G. Secretary submitted letters of apology from Bros. J. Wolfe Murray, Esq., of Cringletie, P.G.M.; Captain Black, of Kailzie, P.G. Senior Warden; George Pott, Esq., Linthaulghlee, P.G. Junior Warden; and Peebles Lodge, No. 24, Kilwinning. The following business was then taken up:—1. Minutes of P.G. Lodge, which were read and confirmed; 2. Report of committee on name of province, which was submitted by Bro. Elliot, and the thanks of P.G. Lodge were recorded to him for his trouble in bringing this matter to its present bearing; 3. Resolution of Grand Lodge upon motion ament bye-laws for Provincial Grand Lodges. The D.P.G. Master stated that this motion had been carried in Grand Lodge, and a committee of office-bearers and members of this P.G. Lodge was appointed to prepare a draft of bye-laws to be submitted to the lodges in the province for approval. The P.G. Lodge was then duly closed, and the annual P.G. visitation made to Lodge St. John's, No. 216, when Bro. Elliot, S.P.G.M., presided, and as Bro. Middleton is at present R.W.M. of No. 216, Bro. Walker, P.M., was asked to open and raise the lodge, which was efficiently done. The books, &c., were then examined, and the usual certificate entered. The S.P.G.M. complimented Lodge No. 216 very highly on the able manner in which its business was conducted, and the prominent position it held in the province, &c. The whole proceedings closed about eight o'clock.

#### Australia.

**BRISBANE.**—Atholl and Melville Lodge (No. 455, S.C.)—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th July, within the Masonic Hall, at 7.30. Present: Bros. John M. Brydon, R.W.M.; Bing, S.W.; N. J. Kessels, J.W.; Colin Livingston, Sec.; with Past Masters Bros. Alex Peters, Walter Scott, John G. W. Barnes, 18<sup>th</sup>, and a large number of members and visiting brethren.

The minutes of last regular meeting and emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, one brother was raised, the ceremony being impressively performed by the R.W.M., assisted by W.S.W. and W.J.W. On resuming lodge the correspondence was read, and the banquet account passed for payment, as also this lodge's contribution towards the purchase of an organ for the use of the Craft. Two gentlemen were proposed for membership, and one brother for affiliation, when the lodge was closed in due and ancient form at 10.30 p.m.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

CURIOUS OLD BOOKS.

There is a curious and interesting work published at Amsterdam, by Henry Wetstein, in 1688, called "Opuscula Mythologica," &c., and which contains *ultra alia* some very interesting "Pythagorean Fragments," and a very remarkable essay by Sallust the Philosopher on "The World and the Gods." He seems to reproduce the teaching of the "Mysteries." He went to Alexandria from Athens with Isidorus the Philosopher.

There is a curious work entitled "Fragmenta Vetustissimorum Auctorum," &c., published at Basle in 1530, and which contains the account of Berossus the Chaldean and Manutho the Egyptian, and many other curious tracts. As a representation of 16th century printing it is very striking.

The alchemical work alluded to in our last was "Icon Philosophiæ Occultæ," not "Non Philosophiæ Occultæ."

MASONIC STUDENT.

There is also a curious book published at Lyons, by Horatius Cardon, 1606, which contains, among other tracts, inscriptions to "Illustrious Artificers," including painters, architects, sculptors, and plumbers; but they are comparatively modern, and present little of interest to the pure Masonic student, though they are of abiding value to the general archaeological enquirer.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LAURENCE DERMOTT.

The Editor of the *Freemason* asks my opinion as to whether Dermott "had any relations with Ramsay or the French Masons."

Replying first of all to the second branch of this question, it may be stated that the only relations Dermott seems to have had with the French Masons, were occasioned by the grant of a charter from the Ancient Grand Lodge during his Deputy Grand Mastership, to certain brethren at the city of Brest, dated 7th December, 1773.\* Ramsay

\* Bro. J. E. Daruty, in his recently published "Recherches sur le Rite Ecossais," has cited *all* the lodges warranted in France by the "Moderns," but the solitary charter granted by the "Antients" appears to have escaped his observation.

died in 1743, when Dermott was twenty-three years of age, three years before the latter "passed the chair" of No. 46, Dublin, and four years prior to his leaving Ireland.

Dermott was initiated in Dublin in 1740, during the Grand Mastership of William, third Viscount Mountjoy, afterwards the first Earl of Blesington, to whom he dedicated the first edition of Ahiman Rezon (1756), and who became the third Grand Master of the "Antients."

The father of this nobleman was also a Freemason, being a member of No. 63, meeting at the Bear and Harrow, London, in 1732. The Earl of Strathmore was Master of the Lodge, and amongst its members at that period, were the Grand Master, the Deputy, and the Grand Wardens of the year, also Dr. Desaguliers and the Hon. Colonels Pitt and Diggs.

The fact of the second Viscount Mountjoy being a member of the *English* Craft in 1732, goes far to disprove the common belief that in securing for the "Antients" a Grand Master of noble birth—the newly-created Earl of Blesington, third Viscount Mountjoy—Dermott only succeeded because that nobleman was profoundly ignorant of the early history of Freemasonry in this country.

Besides English and his native Irish, Dermott seems to have been conversant with the Jewish tongue. All the books kept by him as Grand Secretary are plastered over with Hebrew characters, and the proceedings of the Stewards' Lodge record under date of March 21st, 1764: "Heard the petition of G. J. Strange, an Arabian Mason, with whom the Grand Secretary conversed in the Hebrew language."

R. F. GOULD.

LIST OF LODGES, 1736.

In the fourth volume of Bernard Picart's "Ceremonies et Coutumes Religieuses de tous les Peuples du Monde," published at Amsterdam, 1736, at pages 251-2 is a long foot note giving an account of the "brotherhood established in England under the name of *Free Massons*, which has attempted to form two or three *Colonies* in Holland." The author speaks of the Order having subsisted in England since 1601, and that at the time he wrote (1735) it had 129 lodges in London and the provinces.

The article is accompanied by a large engraving, the background of which is a screen decorated with the arms of Lord Weymouth and a medallion portrait of Sir Richard Steele. The remainder of the screen is covered with five rows of tavern signs, with the names of their localities and the number of the lodge held there—129 in all. In front of the screen is an L shaped table, with three large chairs and three candles, and in front stand or sit eleven gentlemen wearing wigs, and six of them three-cornered hats; all wear large aprons, and mostly carry working tools. Picart gives the name of Pine as that of the author of the list.

The numbers and names of the lodges are as follows:—

- 1 Ludgate Street, A Man Holding a Sword.
- 2 In Holborn, An Ox.
- 3 Westminster, A Bugle Horn.
- 4 Hamstead, A Swan.
- 5 Behind the R. Exchange, A Ship.
- 6 New Bond Street, "Mr. Braund."
- 7 Queen's, St. Cheapside, A Cup.
- 8 Devil, Temple Bar, "Usion Lodge."
- 9 Noble Street, A Barrel.
- 10 New Bond Street, Royal Arms.
- 11 Knaves' Acre, Queen's Head.
- 12 Drury Lane, A Castle.
- 13 Covent Garden, Arms.
- 14 Great Queen's Street, Queen's Head.
- 15 Southwark, Bull's Head.
- 16 Bedford Court, Coffee House.
- 17 St. Giles', Crown.
- 18 Ludgate Hill, Crown.
- 19 Aldersgate, "Mourning Bush."
- 20 Long Acre, "French Lodge," A Swan.
- 21 Chancery Lane, Anchor.
- 22 Fish Street Hill, A Swan.
- 23 Cheapside, Crescent.
- 24 Whitecross Street, A Swan.
- 25 London St., Greenwich, "Lubec."
- 26 Pall Mall, Garter and Key.
- 27 Charing Cross, Forrest Coffee House.

- 28 City of Bath, Queen's Head.
- 29 Bristol, Nag's Head.
- 30 City of Norwich, Queen's Head.
- 31 City of Chichester, Whale (?).
- 32 City of Chester, Ox.
- 33 Do. Castle and Bird.
- 34 Carmarthen, Grapes.
- 35 Gosport, E. India Arms.
- 36 Congleton, Cheshire, "Red" Lion.
- 37 Moore Fields (?).
- 38 Cheapside, Bull's Head and 3 Tuns.
- 39 Finch Lane, Swan and Cup.
- 40 Ludgate Street, same as No. 1.
- 41 Holborn, Vine.
- 42 Billingsgate, Salutation.
- 43 Strand, Royal Arms.
- 44 Long Acre, Swan (No. 20).
- 45 Without Bishopgate, Hart.
- 46 Grosvenor Street, near Hanover-square, "Mount" Flagon, &c.

- 47 Stoke Newington, 3 Crowns.
- 48 Salford, King's Head.
- 49 Holborn, Castle.
- 50 St. Bernard Street in Marid (? Madrid), Arms of France (3 Fleurs de Lis).
- 51 Gibraltar, The Rock.
- 52 Warwick, A Pack, or Cushion.
- 53 Leadenhall Street, A Griffin in a Ring.
- 54 Greek Street, Soho, Rose and Crown.
- 55 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, Cup.
- 56 Short's Gardens, Crown and Anchor.
- 57 Red Lion St., Holborn, "Red" Lion.
- 58 Corn Market, Oxford, Crown.
- 59 Scarsburgh, 3 Tuns.
- 60 Billingsgate, 3 Tuns.
- 61 Catton Street, Royal Arms.
- 62 Northampton, George and Dragon.
- 63 Butcher Row, Bear and Harrow.
- 64 Without Temple Barr, Rose.
- 65 Near Chichester in Sussex, St. Rook's-hill.
- 66 In ye City of Canterbury, Red Lion.
- 67 St. Giles, Castle.
- 68 Long Acre, Vine.
- 69 Bloomsbury Market, Bacchus.
- 70 Lynn Regis in Norfolk, "Duke's" Head.
- 71 Cheap-Side, Rose.
- 72 Bengall in the East Indies, Arms.
- 73 Lincoln, A Head.
- 74 University Lodge, at the Bear and Harrow in Butcher Row, Arms of Oxford and Cambridge.

- 75 Rainbow Coffee House, York Buildings.
- 76 Old Baily, Woman's Head.
- 77 Jocky Fields, Lion.
- 78 Bury St. Edmunds, Fountain.
- 79 Little St. Martin's Lane, Crown and Angel.
- 80 Macclesfield, Cheshire, Angel.
- 81 Bury St. Edmunds, Golden Fleece.
- 82 Newgate Street, 3 Tuns.
- 83 Smithfield, 3 Tuns.
- 84 Behind the Royal Exchange, Sun.
- 85 Russel Street, Covent Garden, R. Arms.
- 86 St. Margaret, Southwark, R. Arms.
- 87 New Leigh, Lancashire, R. Arms.
- 88 Wolverhampton in Staffordshire, Bell and Bird.
- 89 Drury Lane, Cup and Horseshoe.
- 90 Dans La Rue de Boucherie, Paris, Au Louis D'Argent.
- 91 Fleet Street, Sun.
- 92 Threadneedle Street, City of Antwerp.
- 93 Rosemary Lane, Two Queen's Heads.
- 94 Ludgate Street, Arms.
- 95 Dorset Street, Spittlefields, R. Arms.
- 96 Ipswich, White Horse.
- 97 Exeter, New Inn.
- 98 Suffolk Street, Duke of Louvain.
- 99 Fleet Street, A Leg.
- 100 Butcher Row, George and Dragon.
- 101 Upper Moorfields, Crown.
- 102 St. James Park, Royal Vineyard.
- 103 Without Temple Barr, Ship.
- 104 Darby, Virgins Inn.
- 105 Bottom Lee Moors in Lancashire, A Private Room.
- 106 Audley Street, Nag's Head.
- 107 Warwick Street, Dale's Coffee House.
- 108 Bury St. Edmunds, 7 Stars.
- 109 Salisbury, Three Lions Rampant.
- 110 Near the Hermitage Bridge, Ship Coffee House.
- 111 Goodman's Fields, Theatre Tavern.
- 112 Tower Street, near the Seven Dials, R. Arms.
- 113 City of Bath, Bear.
- 114 In the Strand, Royal Oak.
- 115 Scotts Masons' Lodge, Devil, Temple Barr.
- 116 Master Masons' Lodge, Butcher Row, Bear and Harrow.
- 117 Master Masons' Lodge, Strand, Royal Arms.
- 118 Bury in Lancashire, Red Lion.
- 119 Stourbridge, Worcestershire, Talbot.
- 120 Masters' Lodge, Gt. Whild Street, Oates Coffee House.
- 121 Pimlico, Solomon's Coffee House.
- 122 Charing Cross, Forrest Coffee House.
- 123 St. Saviour's Dock, Southwark (Prince of Orange?)
- 124 Hamburg in Lower Saxony.
- 125 Birmingham, Swan.
- 126 Boston in New England.
- 127 Valenciennes in French Flanders.
- 128 Petticoate Lane, White Chapell, Duke of M.
- 129 Plymouth, Masons' Arms.

The engraving is signed L.F.D.B. invt. and I.F. scul. In the *Freemason* of the 2nd inst., "Masonic Student" states that the Valenciennes Lodge is mentioned by Anderson in his list of 1738, but not in Smith's list of 1736. He will observe that it occurs above as No. 127, and as already existing in 1736. Another French lodge is given as No. 90, and the Madrid Lodge as No. 50.

G. H. J. H.

The evening classes for young men at the City of London College, Leadenhall-street, began on Monday last for the winter season. Several new classes have been added to the course, which now embraces the most varied subjects, while the students have the further advantage of a good library and recreation rooms as well as amusing entertainments on Thursday evenings. Mr. E. Clark delivered the inaugural address on the 7th inst. The College authorities hope soon to erect a suitable building for their increased needs, as they have received a donation of £250 from John Long's Charity, and trust that they may be further aided in their project by those interested in the spread of education.

Reviews.

THE KEYSTONE. Philadelphia.

Our excellent contemporary the "Masonic Eclectic" says in its June number, "Our good Bro. MacCalla has passed another milestone with his invaluable *Keystone* and turns in on his fourteenth volume with a freshness and vigour that betoken a continued usefulness of himself and the *Keystone*. Bro. M. stands deservedly in the front rank of Masonic journalists, and is, with every issue of his paper, making himself a leader in Masonic thought. His past labours entitle him to good wages and the confidence of his fellows for the future, which we hope he will receive." We fully assent to all that our American confrère so truly and pithily has said, and wish our esteemed friend all good health and success in his thoroughly Masonic labours. He deserves well of the Craft.

THE MASONIC ECLECTIC. Bro. G. H. RAMEY, Editor and Publisher. Washington, U.S. An admirable Masonic serial, well edited, well printed, and well worth reading.

FRANZOSISCHES ETYMOLOGISCHES LESEBUCH. By Dr. T. VOELHEL. Hanover.

This is the first part of a German work on French Etymology. Like all that is German, it seems to us careful and critical, precise and painstaking, and will, no doubt, be of much use to adult and advanced students of the French language.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM GRIST.

On Monday last our much-respected Bro. Grist departed this life. In the north-east part of London he was well known as a caterer at public dinners, &c., &c. As a Mason he was an earnest worker both in Craft and Royal Arch. He was one of the first members of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, and served all the minor offices. At the time of his death he was S.W. of the Unity Lodge, 1637, and would have been now W.M. but for his ill-health at the last election. He was known by many, and respected by all with whom he came in contact, and will be missed by all Masons in the north-east portion of the metropolis.

CONSECRATION OF THE HOVA VILLA CHAPTER.

A week of hard Masonic work in Brighton, though enjoyable withal, terminated on Saturday last with the consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter. The occurrence of such an event in the provinces is so rare, that it is of itself an attraction sufficient to draw Royal Arch Masons from all quarters. But this occasion presented features of more than usual interest. The beautiful ceremony of consecration was to be worked by three officiating Principals, whose reputations were widely established. The acting M.E.Z. was the Graon Scribe E., Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, whose interpretation of every ceremony has been invariably rendered with such accuracy, taste, and earnestness, so as to have placed him in the forefront of the leading Masonic ritualists. The H. was Comp. J. H. Scott, who is held most deservedly high in the esteem of the companions of his province, any who so recently received the reward of many years of hard work and devotion to Masonry by being honoured by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter appointment. The J. was Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, a Past Grand Chaplain, from whom an eloquent oration was naturally expected, and from whom a most beautiful one proved to be forthcoming; while the D. of C. was Comp. V. P. Freeman, an earnest and zealous Royal Arch Mason, who has firmly established himself in the fraternal affection of his companions. Beyond this, however, there was a circumstance, which, to the Province of Sussex, was naturally an irresistible attraction—a further opportunity of paying a tribute of respect and honour to their Chief forbade those to be absent who could by any means attend to witness the installation of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, as the first Principal of a new Chapter; and finally there had gone abroad a rumour that no effort had been spared to make the new chapter a worthy addition, not only to the chapters of the province, but to those of England.

No fewer than twenty-five Principals were in attendance to receive the Consecrating and other Grand Officers upon their entry into the chapter, while during the subsequent proceedings there were some sixty companions present.

The impressive ceremonies of consecration, and installation of Principals were never more admirably carried out than by the Grand Scribe E., while the oration of Comp. Simpson approached perfection, rivetting the attention and fairly charming those who had the pleasure of being present. Here let it be remarked that it is more than possible that this intellectual treat may be offered more generally to companions at large. Nor had the reputation of the Chapter-house been exaggerated. It would be difficult to conceive fittings more complete in the way of Masonic furniture, and tributes of praise fell from all sides on Comp. H. Lamb, of St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, who had spared no pains in carrying out the wish of the founders of the chapter, that its beauty should be beyond question.

The Principals installed were E. Comp. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Sussex, as M.E.Z.; E. Comp. Charles John Smith, Prov. J.G.W. Sussex, and P.Z. of 811, as H.; and Comp. Capt. James Campbell Herbert Stratford, as J.; the officers subsequently invested being Comps. H. A. Dowell, as E.; Capt. F. H. Ruth, as N.; Capt. C. P. Henty, Treasurer; Capt. S. B. McWhinnis, P.S.; the Rev. E. Richards-Adams, Assistant S.; and T. Hughes, Janitor.

After the ceremonies, which were performed at the Old Ship Hotel, Brighton, upwards of forty of the companions adjourned to the Royal Pavilion, where, in the charming banqueting-room, which has scarcely its equal in the kingdom, Comps. Sayes and Marks served a more than excellent banquet, at which the time-honoured loyal and Masonic toasts received due justice.

This new chapter has been named the Hova Villa Chapter, and is attached to the flourishing Hova Ecclesiam Lodge.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

ST. JOHN'S HILL, S.W.

OFFICE, 5, FREEMASONS' HALL, GT. QUEEN-ST., W.C.

Patron and President:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M.

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

At a Quarterly General Court of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, October 9th, 1880, Col. J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the chair, after the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by Ballot of Forty-two Girls into the Institution from a list of Fifty-four approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly Elected:

No. on List.	Total Polled.	No. on Poll.
3	Emily Alford Cecil ... 1422	1
5	Emily Beatrice King ... 1408	2
15	Rose A. Bridgeman ... 1279	3
41	Eleanor B. Wyatt ... 1162	4
36	Edith M. Lewis (last) ... 1117	5
16	Annie A. Owens ... 996	6
7	Rose Pauline Pelham ... 980	7
18	Sarah Jane Bennett ... 869	8
19	Sarah G. K. Bartrum ... 842	9
23	Ada Edith Watson ... 826	10
9	Clara Eliza Coales ... 822	11
4	Annie Elizabeth Hill ... 800	12
11	Sophie Riley ... 800	13
24	Rosina Carey ... 796	14
26	Mary Ann E. Skelton ... 792	15
21	Edith Evans ... 790	16
48	Gertrude E. Lee (last) ... 772	17
38	Jessie Madeline Hogg ... 764	18
40	Minnie Maude Gough ... 763	19
44	Elizabeth G. Morgan ... 753	20
12	Ada Ellen Ashton ... 749	21
10	A. M. M. Stewini (last) ... 712	22
39	Elizabeth Sophia Smith ... 709	23
28	Eva Gray Gibson ... 701	24
13	Caroline Ada Crow ... 699	25
32	Charlotte Harlop ... 699	26
51	Mary Emma Spalding ... 682	27
25	Annie Louisa Ford ... 654	28
43	Margaret E. Heaton ... 653	29
42	Nina Evelyn Prideaux ... 650	30
30	Florence Riddell (last) ... 630	31
17	Kate Sarah Mee ... 618	32
34	Alice Lillian Pope ... 615	33
49	G. Ashworth (last) ... 609	34
47	Mildred Okell (last) ... 605	35
29	Florence E. Popkiss ... 601	36
8	F. M. I. Oberdoerffer ... 594	37
46	Ellen Jane Delafons ... 591	38
6	Mary Cranch Drake ... 589	39
45	Inga Edith Wilkinson ... 584	40
54	Gertrude E. Bradford ... 582	41
52	Ada Minnie Shelper ... 576	42

The votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next Election if eligible. Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

No. 5, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

OFFICE, 6, FREEMASONS' HALL, W.C.

Patron:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

President:

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

At a Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, October 11th, 1880, a Ballot took place for the Election of Sixteen Boys from a list, as originally approved, of Seventy-three Candidates, reduced to Seventy by the withdrawal of Robert Leigh Ibbs, George Arthur Thomas, and Thomas Pemberton Simpson. The following were successful:

1.	William Henry Palmer ...	1994
2.	Richard Arthur Grave ...	1941
3.	Allan Talbot Haworth ...	1833
4.	Ernest Iles ...	1796
5.	Herbert Wilfred Knott ...	1779
6.	Arthur H. Collingwood ...	1750
7.	Arthur Alban Gee ...	1740
8.	William James Saville ...	1678
9.	John William James Hurst ...	1674
10.	Sydney Carle Loveridge ...	1652
11.	Sydney James Crich ...	1612
12.	Francis Arthur Unwin ...	1601
13.	George Sanders Hooker ...	1592
14.	Charles Edward Myring ...	1580
15.	Harvey George Darling ...	1509
16.	Sydney William Richardson ...	1493

The Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to their credit at the Election in April, 1881. List of successful and unsuccessful Candidates, with all particulars, may be obtained at the Office.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V.P.,  
P.G. Steward and Secretary.

11th October, 1880.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Sincere thanks are given to those friends who supported the case of

STEPHEN DARCY CAREY,

at the Election on Monday, 11th inst., and their continued support is earnestly solicited for the next Election, April, 1881.

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

Advertisements for the current week's issue are received up to six o'clock on Wednesday evening.

### To Correspondents.

The following reports stand over:—

Grand Lodge Quebec; Temple Lodge; Eboracum Lodge, 1611; St. Andrew's Chapter, A. and P. Rite, No. 9; Masonic Presentation at Lingwood; Centenary Celebration at Doncaster; Lodge Four Cardinal Virtues, 979; Duke of Connaught, Mark, 199; Blair Lodge, 815; Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement; Unity Lodge, 1637; Eboracum Conclave, 137; Red Cross of Constantine; Royal Gloucester Chapter, 130; Southampton Masonic Benevolent Association; Manchester Lodge of Affability, 317; Kennington Lodge, 1381; Jordan Lodge, 1402; Ancient and Primitive Rite, Province of Middlesex.

### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Broad Arrow," "Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "Croydon Guardian," "Keystone," "Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Hand and Heart," "Egyptian Gazette," "Hebrew Leader," "Der Long Islaender," "Le Monde Maconnique," "Masonic Age," "Boletin Oficial del Gr. Or. de Espana," "The Common Good," "Masonic Record of Western India."

### 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. 16, 1880.

THE Quarterly Courts of our great Educational Institutions have taken place, and at the Girls' School meeting on Saturday all the proposed alterations in the rules were negatived. We regret that the increase of £20 to £40, as suggested by the Committee to be granted in exceptional cases only, was rejected, the more so as we have reason to believe that the decision of the meeting was based on a misunderstanding of the real point in debate, and an erroneous realization of the facts of the case. At some future period we have no doubt but that the reasonable proposal of the House Committee will be carried. Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON put the matter very clearly in a few words, when he said, "what £20 would obtain for the outgoing pupil when the rules were framed would probably require something more now to effect." The idea that all outgoing pupils receive £20 is a complete mistake; that amount, as under the present rule, is still the exception. And the same law was to apply to the increase to £40. The grant was not intended to be normal, but only exceptional. After the meeting the poll was opened and 42 candidates were elected out of 54. At the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School on Monday last Bro. LEVANDER'S motion dropped by common consent, and Bro. DR. RAMSAY withdrew his motion. Bro. BINCKES having referred to COLLINGWOOD'S case, it was, by a most decisive majority, referred to the House Committee to report. The candidate was elected subsequently, conditionally on the report being in his favour.

WE wish to remind our readers that the last election of the Girls' School was purely an exceptional one, and as such not likely to occur again for some time. It appears to us that we cannot too much commend the Managers of the Institution, and, above all, the Building Committee and its gallant Chairman, for this happy consummation of affairs, by which the position of the School is greatly improved per se, and the inestimable blessings of its excellent course of education, and the protection of a happy and comfortable home, secured to so many poor and often all but friendless orphans.

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THE efforts of the London Masonic Charity Association at the recent elections have, as we ventured to predict, been successful. At the Girls' School election the Association carried in by its own exertions, and those of many kind friends, all its seven candidates. At the Boys' School election on Monday it only succeeded, however, in placing on the list of the elected one of its four candidates. This last election for the Boys' School has been one of the most difficult on record, and the number of votes polled has been abnormally large, and votes were greatly in demand and difficult to obtain. Unfortunately, in the case of the London Masonic Charity Association two of their candidates were last cases, FROST and HOBBS, and perhaps the most saddening point connected with these elections is the necessarily large number of disappointed candidates. Unless something is done the number to be elected in April is very small, and we think that the Boys' School, therefore, deserves a special effort being made for it in 1881. We are informed that in April next the Association will have again several very distressing cases, both in the Boys' and Girls' Schools elections, and we feel perfectly warranted in saying the Association is doing a good, a needed, and a legitimate work in our midst, and deserves both the sympathy and support of our metropolitan brethren.

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WE understand that our good brethren in Lancashire are somewhat exercised just now by a pseudo Mason going about giving so called "Masonic Lectures." As we hear this from various quarters, we think it right to add, for the comfort and information of many excellent friends and readers in Lancashire, that all such "Lectures" are really worthless, and harmless, and sapless, and need only to be treated with sovereign contempt. Freemasonry is too strong in its numbers, its reality, and its good cause to heed either the flippant criticism of the ignorant, or the fictitious explanations of angry and disappointed mendicants.

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EXAGGERATION is always regrettable and reprehensible, whether used in the affairs of life or the statements of controversy. But perhaps it is often unavoidable and excusable, when we remember how very few persons are gifted, after all, with that coolness and calmness, that judicial frame of mind, which are required from those who seek to form a clear, a sound, an unimpassioned judgment, whether as regards countless "vexatous questions" of the hour, or pressing and debateable points of discipline, polemics, or practice. We all of us are rather apt to "lose our temper" on any provocation, or no provocation at all, both when we have to deal with the "little miseries of human life" and the "thousand and one" petty trifles which confront us in our path, or harass our progress here. It is given to very few of us all to exhibit the animus and attitude of the judge, as we are naturally all more or less partisans, and it is almost idle for us, "excited and excitable" as we often become for "little or nothing," to affect to do so with a chance of success, or the appearance of possibility. We greatly have to deprecate often that morbid and unhealthy state of mind which creeps over some of us almost unconsciously, and which renders us unfair to others, and even to ourselves, and which often prompts us and induces us to adopt a hasty, a distorted, or an unreasonable view of things and persons, passing events and prevailing episodes. A little calm, "judgmatical" common sense would



often silence and settle at once those prepossessions which injure, and that temper which weakens our plain and proper position in such matters. We sometimes in the *Freemason* suffer from this "proclivity" in others, and we therefore think it well to offer to all who honour us by reading our pages a friendly "note" of warning and appeal. As Freemasons let us seek always to be fair to others and to ourselves.

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THE *Freemason* is a Craft journal, purely and professedly, but it always opens its pages, on the true principles and rightful feelings of Masonic "comity" and good will, to those various organizations which are sometimes grouped together under the appellation of the "High Grades." These are, as our readers know, many in number, especially abroad. In England the Ancient and Accepted Rite is under a "Supreme Council," whose headquarters are 33, Golden-square, and which numbers among its adherents some of our most distinguished Craftsmen. It would, therefore, be only good taste, to say nothing of Masonic and brotherly good feeling, to speak of it always in a tone and temper of courtesy and consideration. There are however other bodies in this country, such as several independent Orders, and some forms of Cryptic Masonry, so called, which have recently formed a "Council of the Allied Degrees." There is also the Rite of Memphis, and a body which terms itself "Antient and Primitive Masonry." It has been remarked that by printing the reports of this organization, under such a name, we are intruding upon the undoubted ground and jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. We certainly have no such idea or intention. The "reports" we publish are "reports" and nothing more, and commit us to no approval in any shape, either of the objects or organization of any such alleged form of High Grade Masonry. We think that our excellent friends at Golden-square will see that with our "Lights" and in our Craft position, it is impossible for us to discriminate, or express our opinion even, on "conflicting claims" or "elaborate organizations," on the "assumptions of novel names," or the "pretensions of so called Councils." Historically we are inclined to believe that to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, as established at Golden-square, must be conceded rightly and properly a sovereign jurisdiction over all so-called "Scottish Masonry," the "Rite Ecossais" of the Continent. The "Ancient and Primitive Rite" is, we apprehend, of very hazy origin indeed. We have never been able ourselves to trace it in the last century at all, nor do we know of any one who does of foreign writers, and it is, we think, of American origin, about 1830. It seems to be identified with the all but extinct "Rite of Memphis," set up about 1815 at Montauban, but we feel bound to say honestly and openly at once, it has no claim whatever to the name of "Antient and Primitive Masonry." If, therefore, our reports of its proceedings, (for our pages are open to all properly worded reports of all Grades), induce any to believe we recognize its historical claims, or seek in any way to ignore the rightful authority of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, we will only ask all such kindly to note once for all our repudiation of any such position in the matter. Such reports, we repeat, are only "quantum valent," and it is utterly beyond our province to pass any opinion on matters which are outside our journal altogether. We cannot, on the principles of "fair play" and "free discussion," exclude such reports, but, as we remarked above, they in no wise affect our view of things, or at all interfere with our recognition in our proper province of the legal and acknowledged claims of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. We hope what we have said will be fully understood and approved of by our many excellent High Grade friends.

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We are glad of an opportunity of renewing the expressions of our entire sympathy with the Grand Conseil of the Rite Ancien and Accepté at Paris, and our entire condemnation of the schismatical proceedings of the so called "Grande Loge Symbolique," which, according to our views of Masonic

law, is a surreptitious and illegal body. It has, we note, received authorization to meet from the French Minister of the Interior, so, properly speaking, it can only be said to be illegal Masonically. We have from the first objected to the proceedings of that body of Masonic revolutionists, who have, as in the Grand Orient, sought to upset the ancient Constitution of the Rite Ecossais, and we have never wavered in this opinion, but believe that we can claim to be the only Masonic paper which has manfully endeavoured to strengthen the hands of the Grand Conseil in Paris. By one of those little mischances which will sometimes occur, and by the regrettable inadvertence of a kind correspondent, a report of a meeting of a lodge under the Grand Lodge Symbolique was once inserted in the *Freemason*, but at the time we expressed our regret at the appearance of the report, and laid down our clear opinion of the Masonic illegality of the position of this schismatic so-called Grand Lodge.

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MUCH interest has been excited by Lieutenant SCHWATKA'S report of the Arctic Researches. Giving to him the greatest credence for all he himself reports, we doubt very much, for various reasons, (see Captain HALL'S work, inter alia), the absolute veracity of the Esquimaux, and utterly reject the painful idea of cannibalism. We have reason to believe that the suggestion is scouted by the entire naval profession, in which we boast of many excellent brethren.

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WE have received the report of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, for 1879, and beg to call attention to the following particulars. The School has suffered from small-pox during the year, and also from depression of trade. The amount arising from annual subscriptions and life donations is less by £235 17s. 10d. than last year, and whereas it ended 1878 with a balance to credit of £270 18s. 11d. net, it closes 1879 with a balance to debit of £37 9s. 5d. The School is, however, flourishing in other respects, as we note that £8959 10s. 8d. have been raised towards a Building Fund. The number of pupils in the School on December 31st, 1879, was 36, nine, however, less than in 1876, a fact which we much regret to observe. The Institution has now £11,764 13s. 7d. of funded capital. The whole amount received for 1879, including balance of 1878, was £2388 13s. 4d.; the whole expenditure £2444 17s. 6d., leaving a balance of £56 4s. 1d. But this account is reduced by some "sub accounts," (sic), to £37 9s. 5d. We trust that more prosperous days are in store for this excellent Institution, and that it will not increase its present small and probably only temporary deficit.

#### FREEMASONRY IN DURHAM.

The auspicious event which took place on Tuesday, the 12th inst., in the ancient City of Durham, when, in the presence of one of the most numerous and influential gatherings of brethren ever witnessed in the North of England, the Most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., was installed Grand Master of the Province by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, is a sufficient warrant for our giving a sketch of the rise, progress, and present condition of the Craft in the county. Of the event itself we have spoken elsewhere. Let it suffice, therefore, if we remark that our Durham brethren are to be congratulated on having so popular a nobleman, and one whose family is so intimately associated with one of the chief industries of the district, to preside over their destinies. Durham, indeed, has been singularly fortunate in its chiefs, and its prosperity in the days when a Lambton, a Williamson, or a Fawcett was the central Masonic figure in the province cannot but be continued under the tutelary auspices of a Vane-Tempest. There is, moreover, this especially gratifying feature about the ceremony of Tuesday. It does not always happen that the installation of a new chief is witnessed or recorded with unalloyed pleasure. On the contrary, indeed, it is too often our lot to be under the necessity of mingling with our congratulations to a distinguished brother on his induction into the Grand Mastership of a province, the sincere expression of our respect for the virtues of his deceased predecessor, and the regret we feel for his loss. But the noble Marquis who is now Provincial Grand Master of Durham succeeds a Right Worshipful brother who has chosen to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of office after a long

and honourable presidency extending over upwards of thirty years, and as regards whom it will be difficult to decide whether of the two is the greater—the reputation he has won for himself by his ability, geniality, and kindness, or the services he has rendered to Freemasonry in general, and the Province of Durham in particular. We are, therefore, in the happy position of being able to speed the parting, while we cordially welcome the coming W. Master. May our R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, who henceforth takes rank amongst the Past Provincial Grand Masters of England, long live to enjoy the respect and affection which his many virtues have won for him; and may his successor the noble Marquis who now holds the reins in his stead, be long spared to preside over Freemasonry in his native county! With these few observations for an exordium let us now proceed to the task of sketching—though necessarily in outline only—the rise, progress, and condition of the Craft in this important province.

Whenever that history of Freemasonry, which it is universally agreed has yet to be written, shall make its appearance, it will be found that Durham, albeit there are several provinces that can point to a longer array of lodges, has been inferior to none, either in its enthusiastic admiration of the Royal Art, or in its unwavering allegiance to the practice as well as the profession of every Masonic virtue. It is fortunate in possessing several old lodges, though the highest on the muster-roll was an immigrant lodge from the adjoining Province of Northumberland. It has, likewise, a greater number of præ-Union lodges than is usually the case, there being no less than seven out of a total of twenty-five. In short, our Durham brethren may look with pride to their past and present, and are justified in looking forward to a future which shall be equally propitious.

The first lodge we read of in connection with this province was No. 143, warranted on the 8th March, 1735, and held its meetings at the Fountain, Gateshead. It became No. 127 at the closing up of lodges in 1740, and No. 77 in 1756. It was crased twice from the roll of Grand Lodge—the first time on 17th Nov., 1760, and the second on 27th January, 1768. What is now the premier lodge of the county was, as we have said already, originally established at Newcastle-on-Tyne. It met at the Two Fencers, as No. 132, and was constituted 24th June, 1735. Here it continued for many years, being successively re-numbered 117 in 1740; 72 in 1756; and in 1770 No. 61, when it is described as meeting at Dorothy Jones's, Swallowwell, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. In 1781 it met as the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, at the Rose and Crown, in the same place. In 1792 it became No. 44; in 1814 No. 64; in 1832 No. 56; and in 1863 No. 48 again, and is now and for some time past has been held in Gateshead. We have seen a sketch of this lodge, and did the space at our disposal permit, we should willingly insert a few particulars illustrative of its career. One remark, however, seems necessary. Newcastle and Gateshead are on opposite sides of the Tyne, so that while for the sake of strict accuracy we have spoken of the Lodge of Industry as hailing from Northumberland, it has been virtually located in the same place during the whole of its existence, its change of quarters being hardly greater than would be involved if a Bayswater lodge moved eastwards of Temple Bar, or the spot where Temple Bar once stood. A still older lodge, which was warranted in February, 1725, as No. 39, and met at the Swan and Rummer, in Finch-lane, was in existence subsequently to the year 1832. In the 1740 list this is entered as "No. 35, Swan and Rummer, Barth-lane, Royal Exchange, and is placed between a 1724 lodge and a 1725. In the 1756 it figures as No. 23, Pope's Head, Pope's Head-alley, Cornhill," with Feb., 1724 as the date of its constitution. In 1770 it is down as No. 22, and met at the Queen's Head, Stockton-on-Tees, the date being 2nd Feb., 1724, so that in the interval between 1756 and 1770 it had moved into this county. In 1781 it was altered to No. 20, and met at the Black Lion in the same town. In 1792 it was known as the Lodge of Philanthropy, No. 19, and in 1814, in consequence of the Union, it was re-numbered No. 30, and in 1832 No. 28. It has since fallen into abeyance—a fate greatly to be regretted in the case of so old a lodge.

The next lodge in order of constitution dates from 7th October, 1755, and is described as No. 207, at "Sunderland-near-ye-sea." In 1770 it was held at the Golden Lion, High-street, and was altered to No. 109. By the year 1781 it had become the Phoenix Lodge, when it was again altered to No. 136. In 1792 it became No. 121; after the Union it was altered to No. 146; in 1832 to No. 111, and in 1863 to No. 94, and now meets at the Freemasons' Hall. Equally fortunate was the lodge No. 97, the Palatine of Sunderland, which was consecrated on the 14th June, 1757, as No. 218, "Sea Captain's" Lodge, King's Head, High-street, Sunderland. By successive changes of numbers it became No. 177 in 1770; No. 144 in 1781; No. 129 in 1792; No. 153 in 1814; No. 114 in 1832, and No. 97 in 1863. Thus Sunderland can boast of two lodges, both of which are more than 120 years old. "No. 243, Square and Compasses, Barnard Castle," warranted on 21st April, 1759, was the next lodge established in the county, but its existence would appear to have been brief, for at the next closing up of lodges, in 1770, it was conspicuous by its absence. However, a better fate attended the next two in order, the elder of which was founded as No. 263, on the 19th June, 1761, and met at the Sun, Darlington. It became No. 210 in 1770; No. 170 in 1781, by

which time it had become known as the Restoration Lodge, No. 144 in 1792; N. 176 in 1814; No. 128 in 1832; and No. 111 in 1863. In the earlier lists it is credited to Darlington, Yorkshire; but Darlington is now ascribed to this county of Durham. The younger lodge had its quarters, as No. 304, at the Castle, Dun Cow-lane, Durham, and dates from 8th September, 1763. It became No. 245 in 1770, and No. 195 in 1781, when it was known as the Marquis of Granby Lodge, and met at a P. Room, in Old Elvet, Durham. It was altered to No. 166 in 1792; No. 204 in 1814; No. 146 in 1832; and No. 124 in 1863. Its present quarters are at the Freemasons' Hall of the fine old cathedral city. The next in order was established at Barnard Castle, its number being 406, and its place in the list for 1775 between lodges warranted on 23rd November, 1770, and 26th January, 1771, respectively; its place of meeting being the Hare and Hounds. In 1781, as Lodge of Concord, No. 315, it held its meetings in a private room, and was altered in 1792 to No. 262. In 1814 it was re-numbered No. 332, and in 1863 No. 231. But though, as will be seen from these few particulars, this second attempt of the Barnard Castle brethren was more successful than their first, this lodge has passed away. No. 456, of Gateshead, which was founded on 16th October, 1773, was, at the next alteration of numbers in 1781, known as Lodge of Union, No. 364, and held its meetings in a private room. It was re-numbered 295 in 1792, and No. 376 in 1814; it had ceased working in 1832. St. Bede's Lodge, No. 471, which met at the King of Prussia, South Shields, was warranted 7th May, 1774, and became No. 378 in 1781. In 1792 we find it located at Morpeth, Northumberland, where it met at the Wheatsheaf, as No. 308. We may add that it survived the Union, and was re-numbered 392 in 1814, but it is no longer in existence. The Lodge of Harmony, No. 474, Monkwearmouth, was warranted on 22nd November, 1774, and became No. 381 in 1781, but the next in order of seniority, the St. Hilda's, Hilda, or Hilda's Lodge, as it has been variously described, had the good fortune only a short time since to celebrate the centenary of its existence. This lodge was founded as No. 521, on 15th March, 1780; became No. 427 in 1781; No. 343 in 1792; No. 440 in 1814; No. 292 in 1832; and No. 240 in 1863. An interesting sketch of the lodge appeared in certain numbers of the *Newcastle Weekly Chronicle* last month. One other pre-Union lodge (Moderns), namely, the Raby, No. 461, Raby Castle, Staindrop, was constituted in 1784, and became No. 372 in 1792, but it had ceased working at the time of the Union. This completes the roll of lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge "Moderns," and it is a satisfaction to note that one-half of them still survive, and, as far as we are able to judge, are in healthy working condition.

Of three lodges which held under the Grand Lodge "Ancients," one, the St. John's Lodge, of Sunderland, No. 94, it still at work. It was founded in 1776, and became No. 118 in 1814; No. 95 in 1832; and No. 80 in 1863. The other lodges were the Prince Edward's Lodge, No. 27, of Gateshead, and the St. Paul's Lodge of Monkwearmouth, No. 161, which were changed in 1814 to Nos. 41 and 197 respectively. They had dropped from the roll when the next closing up of lodges took place in 1832. There was also a St. Cuthbert's Lodge No. 133, warranted on 13th December, 1764, which was re-warranted on 1st March, 1808, at Berwick-on-Tweed.

A bare enumeration of the remaining lodges, with their respective dates of constitution, must suffice. These are the Lambton, No. 375, Chester-le-Street, 1824; the Borough Lodge, No. 424, Gateshead, 1834; the Tees Lodge, No. 509, Stockton, 1845; the St. Helen's, No. 531, Hartlepool, 1846; the Fawcett, No. 661, Seaham Harbour, 1856; the Harbour of Refuge, No. 764, West Hartlepool, 1858; the Philanthropy, No. 940, Stockton, 1862; the Williamson, No. 949, Monkwearmouth, 1863; the St. Bede, No. 1119, of Jarrow and, the Wear Valley, No. 1121, of Bishop Auckland, both belonging to the year 1866; the Barnard, No. 1230, Barnard Castle, 1868; the Earl of Durham, No. 1274, Chester-le-Street, 1860; the Norman, No. 1334, of Durham, 1870; the Marquis of Ripon, No. 1379, Darlington, 1871; the Fenwick, No. 1389, Sunderland, and the Fraternity, No. 1418, Stockton, both of 1872; and the Perseverance, No. 1643, Hebburn-on-Tyne, and the Rose of Raby, No. 1650, Staindrop, both constituted in 1876. Such a list tells its own tale, and needs no comment; but were it our special business here to pay a just tribute to the earnest and assiduous labours of the brother who has just filled the Grand Master's chair of this influential Province of Durham, we could hardly do better than refer our readers to the roll of its lodges. They will find that of a total of twenty-five no less than fourteen were constituted in the three and thirty years that he held office. This is a record of which Bro. Fawcett in his retirement will have every reason to be proud, while those whom he ruled so long and so genially must be equally pleased when their memories revert to his achievements.

(To be continued).

The installation meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, was held on Saturday last at the Institute, Ealing. Bro. A. J. Burr was the W.M. installed, the ceremony being impressively given by Bro. Henry Kasner, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. J. Chambers Roe as D. of C. A full report of the proceedings is unavoidably crowded out this week, but will appear in our next.

## 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.]

### MASONIC CARTES DE VISITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The idea of your correspondent in respect of visiting "Cartes" is a good one in some respects, but in others I fear would lead, as you have pointed out, to much "misuse." Let me illustrate what I mean by an example of the probable and possible perversion of this process, by those many "gentlemen of the road," who are making a "traffic" and a "system of plunder" by "Masonic Mendicancy," and to which you as probably allude. Bro. Stott is a good looking young Mason, and has his "Carte" taken in Masonic clothing, &c. Bro. Stott unfortunately gets into "Short-street." He trades on Masonry! What is to prevent him from "working" a long time on his "Carte?" I might give you many other illustrations, but this one must suffice to-day. I think, that the only course for lodges is to adhere to the strict laws of Masonry in this respect.

In London as a general rule "Masonic Mendicants" have less chance than in the provinces of success, for this reason, that as a rule in the London lodges, and except in special cases, a "personal voucher" is enforced. In the provinces, where the lodges meet mostly as "Supper Lodges," to use a common form of expression, that is, not for dinner, after work, as almost universally in London, visitors are more in number, and the system of "personal vouching" is rather amplified and extended. But amidst all this discussion, the original contention has never yet been made good, that the examining brother must vouch for the visitor. He clearly may, or may not, as he thinks fit, and no one can therefore complain of his refusal. I think then on the whole, now as ever, that our best policy is to keep more closely than ever to the old Masonic paths.

Yours fraternally,

URBAN.

### To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not think that the "Cartes" will do much good, but I venture to suggest that a "Certificate" should be issued, as in America, in a pocket form, in a folding cover, so as to be carried easily by the visitor.

The actual form of the Certificate is somewhat cumbersome and inconvenient, and that fact induces many brethren to leave it safely at home, in their peregrinations and visits.

Yours fraternally,

VISITOR.

### ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I think the means of establishing the identity of visiting brethren to our several lodges, recommended by Bro. James Stevens in his letter of last week, worthy the attention of the Craft generally, and, for my part, cannot see how the fear you express in your comment on his suggestion can be justified.

How the photograph of an individual to whom belongs the certificate, a fac-simile presentment of which he produces and makes still further effective as a proof by test of handwriting, could be used for bad purposes I cannot imagine.

I have myself one of Bro. W. Shung-Marshall's ingenious arrangements for "proof of brotherhood," and have found it useful for the purpose intended; but my utmost stretch of imagination does not suggest to my own mind how I could abuse it, if I desired to do so. If you or any brother can point out such a possible abuse every attention ought to be given thereto.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

E. DES FRANCOIS DE PONTCHALON.

[We admit gladly all correspondence and reasonable comments in our editorial remarks, but we must claim an equal right of criticism with our worthy correspondent. We have, therefore, excised one paragraph.—Ed. F.M.]

### OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A good deal of conversation took place at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday relative to our esteemed Bro. Levander's motion, which was very wisely dropped, being in my humble opinion an utterly impracticable one in every sense.

But it seems as if our provincial brethren may fairly complain of our present cumbersome and complicated, and to them inconvenient and expensive system of elections. The Boys' and Girls' School elections, for instance, are in April, that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May, necessitating the expense of three journeys to the metropolis, (and from a long distance with many), annually.

It has been suggested that all three elections should take place in April annually, and on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday consecutively in one week, so that our country brethren may return home for Sunday, which now they are compelled generally to spend in London at some expense to themselves.

I am not aware that any valid objection can be entertained to such a proposal, but write to ventilate the subject in your columns.

I am, yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

### THE LAST BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The aspect of the List of the Boys' School Candidates has struck me so forcibly to-day, and the prospect of the Election in April is so very depressing, unless some special effort is made, that I think we ought to keep before us the fact that, in order to utilize and develop the great advantages of the Boys' School, something should be done to strengthen the hands of the authorities, by acting as Stewards, &c., so as to induce them to increase the probable legal number of vacancies in April next, that so we may reduce the really awful margin of unsuccessful candidates.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

October 11th. A VOTER ON MONDAY LAST.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

#### LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—

The October meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. The brethren present were Bros. W. T. Rickwood, W.M.; Charles Arkell, I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; Ebenezer Roberts, P.M., Grand Registrar Western Division South Wales; Henry Legge, P.M.; Edward Jones, P.M.; Stephen T. Lucas, S.W.; Chillingworth, jun., J.W.; George Kenning, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; J. Lorkin, S.D.; H. A. Pratt, J.D.; H. A. Carter, I.G.; W. H. Lee Davies, and Thos. Cohe, P.M., Stwds.; R. J. Dart, Wm. Williams, T. T. Hampton, W. Fox, Hobbs, R. J. Sutherland, T. Fisher, W. Waring, J. S. Fraser, Jas. Copelin, W. Harwood, Barclay Perkins, John Jay, H. Davis, and J. Kent. Visitors: Bros. R. Walker, 1044; C. Beaumont, 901; H. G. Gush, 1541; H. Estochet, 1641; W. Rest, 1288; J. E. David, 110; H. Tucker, 1612; J. Kown, 1613; J. W. Skinner, 829; G. Potter, 177; A. Carnell, 1216; and G. W. Morrison, 548.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Williams was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. Fox was passed to the Second Degree, the widow of a deceased brother was relieved with the sum of fifteen guineas, and two gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

The brethren dined together under the presidency of the W.M., the dinner being all that could be desired, personally superintended by Bro. Rand.

#### PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, where there was a large and influential gathering of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 4.30 p.m. punctually by Bro. Thos. Simpson, W.M., supported by Bros. J. J. Bell, S.W.; J. Quincey, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; R. Challoner, S.D. and Secretary (pro tem.); E. Bridges, J.D.; T. Clark, I.G.; W. J. T. Lover, P.M., Wine Steward; J. A. Smith, P.M., D. of C.; A. S. Young, Tyler; also J. Stock, I.P.M.; J. H. Harmsworth, P.M.; F. Garbett, P.M.; J. Dixon, P.M.; F. Walters, P.M., and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Churchley, P.M. 299, Prov. G. Stewd. Kent; T. Vincent, W.M. 1861; T. Hyland, W.M. 201; J. Hutton, J.W. 615; W. T. Buck, J.W. 1702; W. Cook, J.D. 1744; J. Edwards, 548; J. Calling, 1679; G. W. King, 77; H. T. Bailey, 1719; J. L. Anderson, 554; W. Murrin, 554; W. G. Bertram, 1426; C. T. Church, 28; J. Bird, 113; J. Harrison, 73; W. Dyke, 141, and others.

The minutes of the regular meeting, held September 2nd, were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee, which was highly satisfactory, was received and adopted. A ballot was then taken for the admission of the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. R. J. Eastbrook, E. Rosenthal, L. Robbins, W. Good, and J. Laming, which was declared unanimously in their favour. There, however, being only three of the candidates present, namely, Messrs. R. J. Eastbrook, W. Good, and J. Laming, they were initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

Bro. John James Bell was then installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; the ceremony being performed in a most creditable manner by Bro. Joseph Stock, I.P.M.

Bro. J. J. Bell, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz., Bros. J. Quincey, S.W.; R. Chaloner, J.W.; F. H. Ebsworth, P.M., Treasurer; W. T. Lover, P.M., Sec.; E. Bridges, S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; F. W. Stamp, I.G.; J. A. Smith, P.M., D.C.; J. Porter, Assistant D.C.; F. Garbett, P.M., W.S.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. The investiture of Chaplain was postponed till next meeting, the Rev. A. H. Smith being unavoidably absent.

A letter was read from Bro. Fredk. Walters, P.M., tendering his resignation to the lodge. A candidate was proposed for initiation, after which, all business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and declared adjourned until the first Thursday in December.

The brethren, numbering seventy, then repaired to the banquet, which was served in a very excellent manner by Messrs. H. J. and W. J. Roberts, the proprietors of the Bridge House Hotel. During the banquet a very handsome jewel was presented to the retiring Master, also a collar presented by the members of the lodge as a mark of respect for the very able manner in which he had served the lodge during his year of office. The usual Masonic toasts having been given, several brethren amused the company with some capital songs and recitations, and it was not until a late hour that the Tyler's toast was called for.

We may add that this was one of the most successful meetings of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge.

#### THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—

The seventh anniversary and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, October 9, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. J. Blackie, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Hamer, S.W.; Taylor, J.W.; Kibble, S.D.; Keeble, J.D.; Baber, D.C.; Headon, Treasurer; several Past Masters, and the following visitors: Bros. T. Vincent, W.M. 1861; C. J. Turner, W.M. 157; J. Garnar, W.M. 975; W. Mann, P.M. 186; C. A. Smith, 1326; F. T. Hollands, 186; E. Blake, 507; D. R. Camins, P.M. 1159 and 255; W. Surdin, 157; F. J. Smith, P.M. 1815 and 996; W. A. Frost, 1728; T. Poore, P.M. 720; J. Laurence, 1326; Sanderson, P.M. 69; A. Triggs, J.D. 157; N. L. Partridge, S.W. 1445; Peddle, J.W. 1851; G. W. Saul, P.M. 1201; C. T. Mariner, 1669; W. S. Morris, 72; J. E. Randall, 145; J. W. Postans, 34; F. Duchon, 1687; E. G. Johnson, 1804; W. Kipps, 1275; J. A. Jones, 1766; G. Burnstead, 1766; J. H. Medwin, 1613; T. Harper, J.W. 1216; H. Amphlett, 1511; J. Doddrell, 144; R. Whittington, 1613; M. Chegwin, 1815; F. W. Fisher, P.M. 493; C. Laurence, 1804; J. Tickle, P.M. 1196; W. W. Morgan, 1385; C. Taylor, Trinity College; J. W. Jones, P.M. 657, &c.; L. Winter, P.M. 657; T. Jenkins, P.M. 34; G. Griffiths, 1293; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; E. Phillips, 475; Dr. O'Connor, 636; T. Benskin, 1057; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001; H. Thompson (*Freemason*), and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Jury was raised to the Degree of a M.M. Mr. John Matthews was balloted for, and being in atten-

dance was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The next business was the installation of Bro. Hamer, the W.M. elect, into the chair, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Blackie, the retiring Master. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Taylor, S.W.; W. T. Kibble, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, I.P.M., Sec.; F. T. C. Keeble, S.D.; W. Baber, J.D.; F. W. Potter, I.G.; G. Jenkins, Org.; R. Fendick, D.C.; O. Bowen, S.S.; E. H. Davis, J.S.; W. Steedman, Tyler.

The petition of a distressed brother having been relieved, the lodge was closed, and the officers, members, and visitors adjourned to the large hall, where the banquet was to take place, and this spacious apartment was nearly filled. The banquet having been disposed of, grace was sung by Bros. H. Bertram, W. Frost, T. W. Hanson, C. Beckett, and Kempton. The W.M. said: Brethren, the first duty I have to perform is to ask you to join with me in expressing our loyalty to the throne by drinking "The Health of the Queen." It is not my intention to occupy your time with long speeches, and especially so on the present occasion, for were I to do so, it would be quite out of place. I shall, therefore, at once ask you to drink "The Queen and the Craft." The toast was cordially responded to, followed by the National Anthem, Bro. W. Frost, 1728, presiding at the grand pianoforte. The W.M. then said: Brethren, the next toast I have to ask you to join with me in drinking is that of "The Health of our Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." I need say nothing to you as to the merits of our Worshipful Grand Master, but I can say that since he has occupied that high and exalted position the Craft has not only increased, and made great strides, but it has not deteriorated in quality, and has been held in higher esteem and respect within the last ten years. Brethren, I ask you to join with me in drinking the health of our Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. The toast was heartily responded to, followed by a song "The Message," which was beautifully rendered by Bro. T. W. Hanson. The W.M. then rose and said: Brethren, the next toast I have to propose is that of "The R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present." In the Grand Lodge, as at present constituted, we have one of the best Grand Lodges we ever had, and at the head of it we have the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and others, and those who have been in the habit of attending the Grand Lodge will, I am sure, agree with me when I say that no one, in the absence of the Prince of Wales, ever presided over it with greater dignity than the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and when he was not present, his place was filled with equal dignity by the Earl of Lathom. When they retire, I hope that their places will be recruited with men equally high in the Craft, and who have done good work in the cause of Freemasonry. The toast was drunk, and followed by a glee. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said: The next duty devolves upon me, and I receive it with great pleasure, as it is to propose "The Health of Bro. Hamer, the W.M. of the Great City Lodge." It was a great pleasure to me to install him, as he is the first initiate in the Great City Lodge who has arrived at the Master's chair. I believe that he will not disappoint any member of the lodge while he occupies that position, but on the contrary he will prove a great surprise to them. I trust he will have a prosperous and successful year of office, and when he occupies the same position as I now do, it will be with equal satisfaction. I call upon you to drink the health of the Worshipful Master of the Great City Lodge, Bro. Hamer. (Cheers.) The W.M. in reply, said: I rise to return thanks to the Immediate Past Master for the very kind manner in which he proposed my health, and you, brethren, for the very cordial manner in which you have responded to it. I hope I may prove to be a Master of whom you will have no reason to be ashamed. The Installing Master had said he had great pleasure in installing me, as I was the first initiated in the lodge who had worked up to the Master's chair, but I may say that I have come to that position rather earlier than I had anticipated, and I must say that it was a great pleasure to me in having been installed by Bro. Blackie. He has now gone to join the symbolic number of seven Past Masters, and I am happy to say that they are all present. I will make an endeavour to tread in their footsteps, although I do not hope to emulate them in their working, but I will do the best I can, and at the same time ask for the generous support of the members of the Great City Lodge, and I trust that at the end of my year of office I shall be able to hand down the lodge to my successor in all the integrity I now find it. The lodge has been in existence for seven years, and during those seven years nothing of an unpleasant nature has occurred, and I will do my utmost to preserve and continue that harmony, for as long as we remain a united body I am sure that there is a great future for the Great City Lodge. I beg to return my heartfelt thanks for the honour you have done me. After an announcement of the contents of the Charity box, which had been sent round, the W.M. said: I have very great pleasure in calling attention to the next toast, which I am sure will be received with eclat, as without an accession of new members Freemasonry would not last many years. In the Great City Lodge there had been a great number of initiates, embracing many good men, and although we have only one to-night, from the attention he had paid to the ceremony, I have no doubt he will prove a good man also. Their brother had that evening entered upon a great and solemn duty—it was indeed a great and solemn one—and I hope that every candidate will so look at it and receive it. With whatever feeling any one entered upon his initiation it must make an impression upon his mind, which I hope he will carry with him through life, and that we will never regret having entered into Freemasonry. I give you "The Health of our Brother Initiate." Bro. Matthews, in responding, said: I thank you brethren, for the hearty response you have given to the toast proposed by the W.M., and I can say that I was very much impressed with the ceremony that has taken place, and in due course I hope to become a worthy member of your Craft. The next toast was that of "The Visitors," to which Bros. Jones, Mann, Fisher, and Poore, severally responded. The W.M. then said: Brethren, I have now a very important toast to propose, and to which I ask your attention for a very few minutes. It is important to a brother who was now Immediate Past Master, and also an Installing Master. If I were to go into the merits of all the Past Masters I should have to detain you for a very long time. I know in what esteem the Immediate Past Master is held, and

particularly so during the time he was an assistant officer in the lodge, for the admirable manner in which he performed his duties, and now, having passed the chair, together with the genial manner in which he conducted the affairs of the lodge, I think it will justify me in also asking the visitors to drink this toast, and when we consider the admirable manner in which he had performed his work this day, that in addition commends him to our esteem. Having to follow him, I feel the responsibility that rests upon my shoulders. Having referred to the P.M.'s present, he said—Before I ask you to drink the toast of the Past Masters (addressing the Immediate Past Master) I am deputed by the lodge to present you with this jewel, with their hearty good wishes that you may long wear it, and that whenever you see it it will remind you of the happy hours spent in the Great City Lodge. Bro. Blackie, I.P.M., said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I beg to thank you on behalf of the Past Masters of the lodge for the very kind way in which you have received this toast. There is no disguising the fact that the Past Masters, more or less, have great influence in keeping up the reputation of the Great City Lodge, who are all present and who have all done very hard work. I have come off very lightly, and as these are the only occasions when they have an opportunity of saying a word or two for themselves, I shall confine my remarks to that part of the toast that relates to myself. At the consecration of the lodge I was appointed as an officer; I have gone on in consecutive order, I accepted all the duties, and have endeavoured to discharge them as perfectly as possible, and the W. Master this evening has spoken of the manner in which I conducted my duties since I occupied the chair. It gave me great pleasure to occupy that position, for I was supported by good working officers, as well as receiving the support of the brethren of the lodge, without which I should have been unable to carry out the work in a satisfactory manner. I have done all I could to discharge the duties of Freemasonry, and at the same time you have not neglected the duties of charity, as I represented you at the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I am proud of the result of that Stewardship, for the brethren rallied round me unsought, and with the utmost pleasure, which enabled me to take up nearly the highest list, mine being £117, a sum which is highly creditable to you as a lodge. The Great City Lodge has always maintained its reputation in supporting the Charities, and I have no doubt that other Masters will keep up that reputation. I thank you for this token of respect which you have placed on my breast, and it will be at all times a happy reminder of that pleasant year when I occupied the chair of K.S., for not a single thing happened to mar that pleasure. I trust for many years to sit amongst the Past Masters and wear this badge which you have been pleased to present to me this evening. Bros. Stevens, Headon, Townend, Freeman, Stanway, and Seax severally returned thanks for the Past Masters, and, after one or two other toasts had been given, the proceedings were brought to a close.

**SURREY MASONIC HALL LODGE (No. 1539).**—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the hall, in Camberwell New-road, on Thursday, the 7th inst. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the presiding officer advanced Bros. J. J. Allan and W. Harrison to the Second Degree. The annual elections next engaged the attention of the members. Bro. Edmund Seale, S.W., was chosen as Worshipful Master, and Bro. M. S. Larham, P.M., was re-elected as Treasurer. The Tyler was also re-elected. A committee having been appointed to examine the financial accounts, the lodge was closed according to prescribed form.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—The first meeting of this lodge for the winter session took place at the Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 11th inst. Members present: Bros. George Kenning, W.M.; Dr. H. A. Smith, S.W.; Rev. Richard Lee, Chaplain; A. J. Altman, C.C., I.P.M.; John Derby Alcroft, P.M., Treasurer; Thomas Jones Secretary; Alfred Brookman, S.D.; Dr. Samuel Benton, J.D.; S. White, I.G.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; Henry Gustavus Buss, A.G.S.; Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.G.C. Middlesex; Thomas Benskin, D.C.; E. Y. Jolliffe, W.S.; W. H. Froom, P. Saillard, and Edward Anderton. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Heath, P.G. W. Herts; Major the Hon. O. G. Lambert, 1460; and Ebenezer Roberts, G. Reg. W. D. South Wales, P.M. 192. The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Anderton was passed to the Second Degree, and one gentleman was proposed for initiation. Three members were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee. The members and visitors afterwards dined together.

**ALL SAINTS' LODGE (No. 1716).**—The fourth installation meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Friday the 1st inst., at the Town Hall, Poplar. There were present Bros. J. Kemp Coleman, W.M.; John Dennis, I.P.M.; Leonard Potts, S.W., W.M. elect; W. C. Young, J.W.; W. Henry Farnfield, the first Master of the lodge, Treas.; T. Bates, S.D.; J. House, F.S.A., J.D.; Thos. L. Kennett, I.G.; G. Harrison, Tyler, E. Wetherstone, Snowden Kirk, Wm. Mills, John W. Hunt, John Smith, W. G. Wilshaw, Thos. Johnson, W. J. Randell, H. Bull, H. J. Hancock, and the following visitors: Bros. T. M. Wilkinson, W.M. 297, Grand S.W. Lincolnshire; Wm. Clarke, Asst. Grand Pursuivant of England; G. Anderson, P.M. 60, Past Grand Steward; Thos. Butt, W.M. 907; John Farnfield, W.M. 1464; E. J. Anning, W.M. 1625; Charles Brown, S.D. 1804; J. Owen, 217; F. H. Cozens, Org. 907; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened in due form at three o'clock, and after the ordinary business was concluded, Bro. Leonard Potts was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by his predecessor, Bro. J. Kemp Coleman, assisted by Bro. John Dennis, who proved himself a very able D. of C. Bro. Leonard Potts appointed the following brethren as his officers, delivering a few complimentary remarks to each as he invested them with their collar and jewel of office: Bros. W. C. Young, S.W.; T. Bates, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, Treas.; E. L. Bracebridge (by proxy) Sec.; J. House, S.D.; T. L. Kennett, J.D.; H. J. Hancock, I.G.; J. Groat (by proxy) Org.; J. W. Hunt, D. of C.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Coleman delivered the address to the W.M., that to the Wardens being impressively

rendered by Bro. Dennis. A vote of thanks was proposed by the W.M. to the Installing Master, Bro. J. Kemp Coleman, for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony. The vote, which was seconded by Bro. W. H. Farnfield, was carried unanimously. After a few appropriate words from the I.P.M. in reply, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren present, the lodge was closed in solemn form.

The banquet was held at the White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, City, where the brethren re-assembled, and at six o'clock sat down to a sumptuous dinner, genially presided over by the W.M., and ably served under the superintendence of Bro. Anderson. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. rose to propose the toast of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," which toast he remarked was never more loyally and heartily received than by Freemasons, for as their Queen and as Patroness of the Order she was endeared to them all. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" was the next toast proposed, and, as usual, met with a most enthusiastic reception. The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of the Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Bro. Wm. Clarke, to which that brother responded in eloquent terms. In proposing "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Coleman," the I.P.M., wished Bro. Leonard Potts a glorious year of office—he meant plenty of work, as he was sure he could well do all that was brought before him. Bro. Potts in reply returned thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and the enthusiastic way in which it had been received. His determination was to perform the duties of the chair to the best of his abilities, and with the support of his excellent officers, which he felt confident of, his year of office would prove successful. The next toast was "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," in proposing which the W.M. said, that at the last meeting a jewel had been unanimously voted him for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. This vote he (the W.M.) thought was sufficient proof of the kind opinion of the brethren towards Bro. Coleman. After referring to the able manner in which he had been installed into office, Bro. Potts, in a most pleasing and graceful manner, presented Bro. Coleman with a handsome Past Master's jewel, the receipt of which Bro. Coleman suitably acknowledged. The toast of "The Visitors" followed. The first to respond was Bro. Anderson, who amusingly said, being a guest in his own house he could say but little. He had thoroughly appreciated the kindly welcome awarded him by the brethren of the All Saints, Lodge, and felt assured the same feeling was evinced by the rest of the visitors. Bro. Thos. Butt, as W.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge, was greatly pleased to see an initiate of his lodge W.M. that evening of the All Saints Lodge. Bro. Anning, though I.P.M. of a neighbouring lodge (the Tredegar), this was his first visit to the All Saints. He had been present at the installation ceremony, which had in his opinion been performed in a manner highly creditable to Bro. Coleman. Bros. John Farnfield, Dr. Allison, Charles Brown, and others also replied. In giving the toast of "The Past Masters, Bros. Farnfield, Dennis, and Coleman," Bro. Potts truly remarked that without their aid he would not be in the position he then occupied. Bro. Farnfield having returned thanks briefly, Bro. Dennis also replied, and in the course of his remarks said the present occasion would not allow him to be so brief. As one of the few Past Masters of the lodge he felt highly flattered at the presence of so large a number of brethren. It had been his privilege to be a Master for many years, and he had been pleased to find that harmony had always prevailed in every lodge he had been in. He was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Farnfield as far back as 1862, since which time he had had the privilege of initiating a large number of gentlemen. They all were greatly pleased with the way in which Bro. Coleman had installed his successor, which was all the more deserving of praise, as Bro. Coleman had only been a Mason about four years. The speaker concluded his remarks by wishing the W. Master, Bro. Potts, every prosperity during his year of office.

The next toast was that of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. expressing his regret at the absence of the Secretary, Bro. E. L. Bracebridge, which was caused by the illness of his wife. Bro. Farnfield, Treasurer, returned thanks, and, in the course of his remarks, gave a few interesting facts as to the career of the All Saints since its consecration in 1877. In less than three years they had contributed the magnificent sum of £250 to the Institutions, and he might fairly say that before the lodge had been established four years they would have subscribed the sum of £320. This, he thought, was very creditable to the brethren of All Saints. Bro. Farnfield then, in forcible terms, put the merits of the various Charities before the brethren, urging them on no account to let their interest in these noble Institutions in the slightest degree wane. The other toasts were "The Officers of the Lodge," replied to by Bros. Young, Bates, and House, and "The Press," to which Bro. F. A. Kelly responded. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**HEREFORD.—Palladian Lodge (No. 120).**—The first meeting of this old lodge, after the summer recess, was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The lodge having been opened by Bro. Thos. Smith, the W.M., Bro. T. Naylor, having satisfactorily passed the customary examination, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., the ceremony being fully and impressively rendered. The W.M. then reported that Thursday, November 11th, had been named for the installation in that lodge of Bro. Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., as P.G.M. of the Province of Herefordshire, when he fully anticipated a large and influential meeting. Regret was subsequently expressed that Thursday should be the day fixed, that being the market-day at Ross, which would prevent the attendance of the majority of the brethren of that important section of the province. Monday, it seems, is the only day which is not a market in some lodge town in the province, and the hope is entertained that it may yet be possible to fix the installation for that day.

**SHOREHAM.—Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).**—The installation meeting of this lodge, established at the Royal George Hotel, Shoreham, in 1879, took place on Thursday, the 7th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., and Provincial Grand Steward, presided, and the following other officers were present:—Bros. Rev. G. Rose-Johnson, Chap.; Alfred Burrows, Treas.; E. Bridges,

Sec.: Thomas Packham, S.D.; R. B. Higham, J.D.; Capt. J. Braithwaite, P.P.S.G.W. Herts, D. of C.; Albert Brazier, I.G.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; J. Harman, Assistant Tyler.

There were also present the following members of the lodge:—Bros. J. Harrison, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Hants and the Isle of Wight; D. P. Frape, R. B. Y. Powell, T. Hardy, C. Virgin, Henry Cheal, Capt. H. Morgan, A. Sinclair, H. Packham, F. W. Hyde, S.W. 851; T. G. Gates, T. B. Gates, Thomas Holloway, W. W. English, W. Swales, Earnest Darbell, George Courtney, S. D. Fursey, and S. G. Ashby. The visitors present were: R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M.; Bros. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; E. E. Street, W.M. 56; J. F. Capon, W.M. 732; James Curtis, W.M. 1797; Watson Reed, P.M., S.W. 1599; W. D. Lemmon, P.M. 570; C. Sandeman, P.M. 315; G. J. Parkman, 8; W. Anderson, I.G. 315; W. E. Hollands, 315; A. H. Thacker, 315; J. A. Hauxwell, 732.

The ordinary lodge business having been transacted W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M., took possession of the gavel, and, in his well known super-excellent manner, installed Bro. C. J. Smith a Master for the ensuing year. Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec., subsequently gave the charges most impressively, and the newly-installed W.M. was fraternally greeted by the representatives of the numerous lodges present. Bro. Smith then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, I.P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M., S.W.; T. Packham, J.W.; Rev. G. Rose-Johnson, Chap.; A. Sinclair, Treas.; T. Hardy, Sec.; E. Bridges, S.D.; A. Brazier, J.D.; Capt. H. Morgan, I.G.; A. R. Brown, D. of C.; S. G. Ashby, Org.; H. Cheal and R. B. Y. Powell, Stewards; J. Harman, Tyler.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed in accordance with ancient custom, but not before a telegram had been received from Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, expressing deep regret at his inability to be present, he being detained at Kingstown with his young family, not liking to cross the Channel during the storm raging on the coast.

The installation banquet was held in the elegant and commodious tea room of the Swiss Gardens. This is the first occasion of the kind, and Bro. George Reeves Smith, the new proprietor, is warmly to be congratulated on the great success he has achieved, a harbinger, we cannot doubt, of many more such delightful gatherings. Everything was of the finest quality. The veriest epicure must have been delighted. The W.M. presided in his usual genial style, and the brethren highly esteemed the honour of their newly initiated Master being supported by Sir Walter Burrell, and his able coadjutors, Bros. Scott and Freeman. The brethren of the lodge testified their esteem for their W.M. by presenting him with an elegant set of Masonic clothing, fitting for the office of Prov. G.J.W., to which they had ascertained he was next day to be appointed.

### Royal Arch.

**NORTH WALSHAM.—Unanimity Chapter** (No. 102).—This has been a great Masonic week in the Province of Norfolk, which has been signalled by the union under one head of Blue and Royal Arch Masonry. On Monday last the above chapter held a meeting of emergency for the purpose of installing Comp. the Right Hon. Lord Suffolk, K.C.B., &c., as M.F.Z. The attendance embraced the whole of the members of the chapter, besides visitors. Comp. E. Baldwin, P.G.S.E., performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Comp. J. Dunsford, Prov. G.D.C., and Comp. G. Smith, Prov. G.A.S. The ceremonial was most impressive, and at its conclusion the companions partook of an elegant supper at the King's Arms, under the presidency of his lordship.

The same evening Lodge Walpole, No. 1500, had an emergency meeting, under the Mastership of Bro. Archie Bullard, and on Tuesday evening last, Union Lodge, No. 52, met in regular sessional order, at the Norfolk hotel, the attendance being good.

### North Africa.

**TUNIS.—Ancient Carthage Lodge (No. 1717).**—The fourth installation festival of this lodge was celebrated on the 2nd October. The lodge was duly opened at six p.m. by W. Bro. Dr. Perini, D.G.S.W. Present: W. Bros. A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M., P.M. 1717, W.M. 1835; T. F. Reade, P.D.D.G.M. of Egypt, P.M. 1068; J. E. L. Barker, P.M. 1835; and Professor Ayra, W.M. of the Italian Lodge Risorgimento; S. Souiller, S.W.; G. Pentecost, J.W.; A. Andry, Sec.; J. Barsotti, Treas.; M. Le Gallais, S.D.; J. Chaigne, as J.D.; C. Carriglio, I.G.; and J. Eymon, Tyler. There was a satisfactory attendance of members of the lodge, and several visitors, including Bros. Maltesopolo, Citanova, and Vais, officers of the Italian lodge at Tunis, and Bro. F. Boué, of the Lodge Lien des Peuples at Paris.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Broadley assumed the gavel as Installing Officer, and duly inducted the S.W., Bro. Professor Souiller, Officer d'Académie, into the chair of K.S. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as the officers of the lodge for 1880-81, viz., Bros. Clement, S.W.; Le Gallais, J.W.; Barsotti, Treas.; Andry, Sec.; Puliga, Interpreter; Sessing, S.D.; Chaigne, J.D.; Carriglio, D. of C.; Bridger, Org.; Marchand, Asst. Sec.; Polinelly, Asst. D. of C.; Cassar, Delsol, and Pace, Stewards; and Eymon, Tyler. The W.M. received the congratulations of the Past Masters and visitors, and expressed his desire to uphold the prestige of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Dr. Perini, the I.P.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and visitors dined together at the Hotel Eymon, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—In all outward complaints a desperate effort should be made to at once remove these annoying infirmities and of establishing a cure. The remarkable remedies discovered by Professor Holloway will satisfactorily accomplish this desirable result, without any of those dangers or drawbacks which attend the old method of treating ulcerative inflammations, scrofulous affections, and scrofulous annoyances. The most timid invalids may use both the ointment and pills with the utmost safety with certain success, provided a moderate attention be bestowed on their accompanying directions. Both the preparations soothe, heal, and purify. The one assists the other most materially in effecting cures and renewing strength, by helping exhausted nature just when she needs such succour.—ADVT.

### Literary, Art, and Antiquarian Notes.

**THE HEBREWS.**—According to an estimate of the New York *Journal of Commerce*, the number of Hebrews in the world slightly exceeds seven millions, distributed as follows:—Russia, 2,621,000; Austria, 1,475,000; Germany, 512,000; Turkey, 100,000; the Netherlands, 70,000; Great Britain, 60,000; France, 50,000; Italy, 35,000; Spain and Portugal, 4000; Sweden and Norway, 2000. There are half a million in the United States, of whom about 70,000 live in New York. In Asia there are about 200,000, of whom 20,000 are in India and 25,000 in Palestine. Nearly 100,000 reside in Africa, the bulk of whom are to be found in Algiers.

**BIRKBECK LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION.**—This Institution, which was established by the late Dr. Birkbeck, and is the parent of a large number of similar educational agencies now existing in all parts of the United Kingdom and the colonies, has issued its prospectus for next session. The evening classes, which are open to both sexes, include ancient and modern languages, natural, applied, and mental science, law, history, literature, art, music, &c. The progress of the Institution has been very remarkable, and the present building, notwithstanding alterations and additions, is no longer able to accommodate the members. Last year no fewer than 3600 students attended during the first term, and in order to meet the demand for increased space the Building Fund Committee, of which Alderman Sir Thomas Dakin is Treasurer, invite contributions. Prince Leopold, the Corporation of London, several of the City Guilds, and a number of earnest friends of education have responded to the appeal, and it is hoped that the parent of the evening colleges and institutions now so common will before long be able to carry on its work in a building which will allow of its full development.

**A CAMBRIDGE ZOOLOGICAL STATION.**—Mr. A. C. Haddon, Demonstrator of Comparative Anatomy in the University of Cambridge, with the sanction of the authorities, instead of conducting his class as usual during the long Vacation at Cambridge, made the novel experiment last summer of taking it to the shores of Torbay, where he established a temporary zoological station on the principle of that at Naples, whither he himself had formerly been sent by the University to study. The attempt was very successful, and will doubtless be repeated another year. It was found that in addition to the ordinary class-fee of one guinea, a fee of four guineas covered the expenses of the extemporised laboratory, which was sufficiently provided with the instruments and appliances requisite in the present state of zoological study, as well as those of boat-hire for the dredging and surface-skimming excursions that formed the chief out-door work of the class, throughout the seven weeks of its stay; while embryological and histological dissections, together with the preparation and preservation of marine specimens for the University museum, afforded constant occupation at home. The books, mostly monographs, needed for the determination and proper examination of the animals captured were supplied by the superintendent of the museum, Mr. J. W. Clark, and the class received much valuable assistance from Mr. A. R. Hunt, whose intimate knowledge of the fauna of Torbay was freely placed at its disposal.—*Nature*.

**ROYAL SCHOOL OF MINES.**—The prospectus of this institution giving the course of instruction for the session 1880-81 has been issued. The following courses of lectures will be delivered:—40 lectures on *Inorganic Chemistry*, by E. Frankland, D.C.L., F.R.S., commencing October 4, 1880; 30 on *Organic Chemistry*, by E. Frankland, D.C.L., F.R.S., commencing January 17, 1881; 30 on *Biology*, by T. H. Huxley, LL.D., F.R.S., commencing October 4, 1880; 36 on *Applied Mechanics*, by T. M. Goodeve, M.A., commencing October 4, 1880; 60 on *Physics*, by F. Guthrie, F.R.S., commencing November 23, 1880; 50 on *Metallurgy*, by W. Chandler Roberts, F.R.S., commencing October 4, 1880; 60 on *Mining*, by W. W. Smyth, M.A., F.R.S., commencing November 8, 1880; 40 on *Mineralogy*, by W. W. Smyth, M.A., F.R.S., commencing February 21, 1881; 50 on *Geology*, by John W. Judd, F.R.S., commencing February 14, 1881; 20 on *Mechanical Drawing*, by J. H. Edgar, M.A., commencing October 9, 1880. The lectures on Chemistry, Physics, Mechanics, Biology, Geology, Metallurgy, and Mechanical Drawing are delivered at the Science Schools, South Kensington, where instruction is also given in the Chemical, Metallurgical, Physical, Biological, and Geological Laboratories. The lectures on Mineralogy and Mining are given at the School of Mines, in Jermyn-street. The Chemical and Metallurgical Laboratories were opened for students on Friday, October 1, 1880. Detailed information, including syllabus of lectures and examination papers of last session, is given in the Official Prospectus (price 6d., by post 7d.), which may be had on application at the Royal School of Mines, Jermyn-street, London, S.W.

**A DESERVED COMPLIMENT TO A LIVERPOOL MUSICAL BROTHER.**—A few days ago the Earl and Countess of Derby gave a garden party at Knowsley, near Liverpool, at which the *élite* of the neighbourhood was present. The Countess, having heard of the charming music produced by the "Fairy Bells" of Bro. Hargreaves Gill, Walton Lodge, 1086 (who had the honour of performing before the Prince of Wales at Croxteth, and the Earl of Lathom at Lathom House) invited Bro. Gill's presence on the special occasion. The "Bells" proved the most delightful section of the afternoon's entertainment, and the talented performer not only received the hearty congratulations of the distinguished company, but also a personal vote of thanks from the Countess of Derby, who expressed her delight with the fairy music.

Several brethren who received their education at the City of London School are engaged in starting a new lodge, to be called after the founder of that School, "The John Carpenter," and to be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The object of the promoters is to advance the interests of Masonry among the old boys of that School.

**LAST WEEK'S WRECKS.**—There were thirty-five British and foreign wrecks reported during the past week, making a total of 970 for the present year, or a decrease of 263 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The approximate value of property loss was £950,000, including British, £730,000.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

The Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., &c., recently installed P.G.M. of Durham, has kindly consented to preside at the next (53rd) Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be held on the last Wednesday in June.

The Earl of Fife will preside at the 216th anniversary festival of the Scottish Corporation of St. Andrew's Day, November 30th.

Bro Seymour Smith announces his benefit concert for this day (Saturday), at the City of London College, Leadenhall-street.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will receive the freedom and livery of the Vintner's Company, of which the Lord Mayor is the Master, on Saturday, November 6th, at their Hall in Upper Thames-street.

Bro. Martin, D.C. 879, will work the Fifteen Sections at the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, at the Southwark Park Tavern, Bermondsey, on the 20th October, inst., to commence at 7 p.m., assisted by Bro. Martin, W.M.; Bro. Perkins, S.W.; and Bro. Jackson, J.W.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Joseph Wright, P.M., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, Prince's Head, York Road, Battersea, at the next meeting.

A meeting of the Creaton Lodge, No. 1781, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday last. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The annual select private Masonic Ball of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Dep. G.M., and Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, G.J.W., at the Town Hall, High-st., Kensington, on Thursday, the 4th of November. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. W. J. Murlis, 154, Lancaster-road, W. is the Hon. Sec. of the Board of Stewards, of whom tickets may be obtained.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, G.P.W., as ranger of Epping Forest, plants two memorial trees there this (Saturday) afternoon. His Royal Highness will be accompanied by the Duchess.

The Installation Meeting of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, takes place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, on Wednesday the 3rd prox. Bro. S. F. Littell is the W.M. elect.

We are asked to state that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, has left Richmond for Derbyshire, and will not return until the 18th or 20th proximo.

The Installation Meeting of the Hemming Lodge 1512, will take place on Thursday next, 21st inst., when Bro. T. W. Ockenden will be inducted in the Chair of K.S. by Bro. John Hammond, P.G.D. Middlesex.

Bro. Professor Erasmus Wilson, desiring to make the obelisk builders better known to readers of all ages and classes, is, we are informed, writing a popular history of Ancient Egypt.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold has accepted the invitation of Mr. W. Bushbridge to deliver to the students of the Metropolitan Drawing Classes the Queen's prizes, awarded by the Science and Art Department. The Lord Mayor will preside, and the ceremony will probably take place at the Guildhall about the first week in November.

Bro. T. Beard presided at the dinner of the Water Committee of the Corporation at the Guildhall Tavern on Monday last.

Bro. John Gale was elected on Tuesday last on the Committee of the Homerton Workhouse, in place of Mr. Fendick, deceased. Bro. Gale's services as guardian for twenty-five years were spoken of in the highest terms.

Bro. Dr. Hogg presided on Wednesday last at a quarterly concert of the Scottish Corporation.

Bro. C. W. Thompson, the Vacant Lands officer at Guildhall, who met with an accident by having his thumb shut in a carriage door, is, we are glad to say, much better. It need scarcely be said that the accident has caused Bro. Thompson much suffering.

Bro. Thomas Beard was presented with a testimonial by the members of the port of London Sanitary Committee on Tuesday last as a recognition of his valuable services when he was Chairman of the Committee. The chair was occupied by Bro. Deputy Fowler.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Friday, October 22, 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 16.

Consecration of the Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1572, at the Albion, Aldersgate-st., at 3.  
Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms, Wood Green, N.  
" 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.  
" 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
Chap, 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Ct.  
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, The Chequers, Walthamstow.  
" 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., W. Hammersmith.

#### 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 18.

Lodge 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham. 862, Whittington, F.M.H. 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 907, Royal Alfred, F.M.H. 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Air-st., Regent-st. Chap. 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7. London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6. Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10. St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10. Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, 7.30. Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7. Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8. Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8. St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8. Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8. Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8. Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amhurst-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, Moorgate Restaurant, Finsbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4. Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., L. Bdg. 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. 435, Salisbury, F.M.H. 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell. 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg. 1695, New Finsbury Park, Finsbury-park Tav., N. Chap. 11, Enoch, F.M.H. 19, Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 186, Industry, F.M.H. Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues. Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7. Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30. Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8. Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7. Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30. Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30. Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30. Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7. Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd. Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hot., Wandsworth, at 7. Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-rd., Battersea, at 8. Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8. Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8. St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8. Ilington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement. Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8. Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton. Ilington, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury Pavement, at 7. Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Gen. Com. Grand Chapter, at 3. Lodge of Benevolence, at 6. 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich. 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich. 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow. 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth. 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H. 1349, Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars. 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Glengall-rd., E. 1597, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hall, Ebury-sq., S.W. Chap. 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot. Mark 144, Grosvenor, M.H., Air-st., Regent-st.

LOGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8. Burdett 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., 8. 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 Haru 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. Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8. Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4. Lodge 49, Githon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot. 109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford. 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. 181, Universal, F.M.H. 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood. 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

1139, South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood. 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H. 1475, Peckham, S.M.H., Camberwell. 1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich. 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st. Mark Lodge, Bon Accord, 2, Red Lion-sq., W.

LOGES 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 22.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 569, Fitzroy, Hd-qtrts., Hon. Artillery, City-rd. 1601, Ravensbourne, Dist. Board of Wks., Catford. 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

LOGES 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.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, October 23, 1880.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Lodge 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool. 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool. Chap. 32, Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool. 995, Furness, M.H., Ulverston. Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool. 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow. 1276, Warren, Concert H., Liscard. 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So. N. Hill-st., L'pool. Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott. 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan. 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich. 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead. 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool. 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham. 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Kirkdale. 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles. 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster. 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk. 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, N. Urnston. Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott. Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde. De Grey and Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool. 343, Concord, M.R., Preston. 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester. 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe. 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby. 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool. 1576, Dec, Union Hot., Parkgate. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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BIRTHS.

KELLY.—On the 10th inst., at Hamilton House, River-street, Bath, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Kelly, late 60th Rifles of a son. SELLS.—On the 9th inst., at Guildford, the wife of Mr. Charles J. Sells, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BURGES—NOTT.—On the 12th inst., at St. Peter's Paddington, by the Rev. W. H. O'Brien Hodge, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. L. I. Chavasse, M.A., Vicar of St. Saviours, Camberwell, the Rev. J. Hart Burges, D.D., Rector of Devizes, eldest son of the Rev. William Clere Burges, M.A., late Vicar of Osmotherly, Yorkshire, to Louisa Sarah, eldest daughter of William Nott, of Devizes.

VINE—ELSTONE.—On the 6th inst., at Brighton, by the Rev. Mr. Adams, William Vine, of Farnham, Surrey, to Louisa Elstone, daughter of the late Mr. James Elstone, Aldershot Lodge.

DEATHS.

CADMAN.—On the 10th inst., at Sunnyside, Worksop, Mr. Henry Cadman, aged 42. SMITH.—On the 17th ult., at Hill View, West Kirby, Cheshire, aged 5 months, Louisa, infant daughter, and on the 10th inst., at the same place, aged 2 years, Ellena, Youngest daughter of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R. West Lanc., 23, Russell-street, Liverpool.

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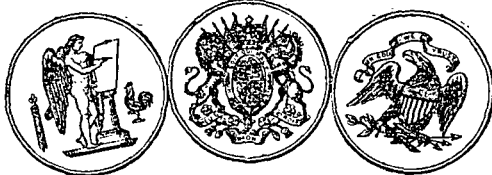
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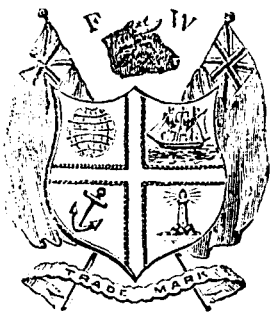
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