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THE meeting of Grand Lodge, although not important generally in itself in respect of business to be transacted, was very important relatively to the Craft at large. Before a goodly muster of the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. the EARL OF LATHOM, H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES was unanimously re-elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, amid the hearty applause of Grand Lodge. Our excellent and esteemed Bro. COL. CREATON was as unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer, amid loud cheers, all opposition having happily yielded to the strong claims of Masonic service and common sense; in fact, we never professed to understand upon what principle the original opposition to Bro. COL. CREATON'S election was based. The communication from the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands was properly laid on the table, the Grand Lodge of England having nothing to do either with political or religious questions. Bro. TUDOR TREVOR'S motion was referred to the Board of General Purposes. Bro. MAJOR BOND very unexpectedly objected to the ruling of the PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MASTERS with respect to a notice he (Bro. MAJOR BOND) had given for a Committee of enquiry into the three Masonic Charities. That the ruling of the PRESIDENT was perfectly right Bro. MCINTYRE, the G. Reg., conclusively showed. We cannot understand how there can be two opinions on the subject.

THE returns of the 390 Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are now before us, and deserve the most attentive consideration. The whole amount, so far, appears to be £14,262 4s., and of this £6435 7s. 6d. were given by the London lodges and brethren, and £7826 16s. 6d. from the Provinces, including the noble sum of £3500 from West Yorkshire. Of the London lodges, the first is No. 657, represented by our excellent and esteemed Bro. H. G. BUSS, A.G.S., which contributed £315; the next is Chapter 174, and Comp. JAMES TERRY, the zealous Secretary of the Institution, £315. He is followed by Bro. H. J. WALDRON, Lodge 1383, £133 7s., and he again by Bro. UNDERDOWN KNELL, No. 1471, £131 6s. 6d.; then comes Bro. JOHN G. STEVENS, No. 554, with £126, who is closely followed by Bro. GEO. JONES, No. 174, with £124 3s. Next to him is Bro. T. C. SANDERSON, No. 569, with £117 2s. 6d. Bro. W. CLANSON THUE, No. 1622, brings up £115 10s., as also does Bro. J. GARROD, No. 754; while our well known Bro. EDGAR BOWYER appears with £115, and they are succeeded by Stewards each slightly varying in amount down to £100, namely, C. E. FERRY, No. 65, £106 1s., and Bro. ROBERT ROWELL, No. 201, also £106 1s., Bro. W. TOPP, No. 879, £105, Bro. BERNARD GROVER, No. 1613, £105, Bro. A. FISH, No. 1366, £104. The remaining London lodges, though the amounts are most creditable and respectable, do not reach three figures. From No. 1700, we regret again to note, that only nine lodges are represented in the Metropolis. The Provincial account is £7826 16s. 6d., a good "tottle, my masters all," of which West Yorkshire comes to the rescue with £3500. We believe that Bro. HENRY SMITH only originally promised £1500, thus, like others, his "acts" are better than his "words:" not only has he the "luxuriance of blossom" but he develops the "perfection of fruit." Next to Yorkshire, though necessarily "longo intervallo," comes Hertfordshire, with £448 15s., and then again at some distance appears Kent, with £358 14s. 6d., which is closely followed by Middlesex, with £346 3s. 6d. Hants and the Isle of Wight are next on the record with £297 13s., while Gloucestershire sends up £258 6s., West Lancashire £257 5s., and the Channel Islands and Cheshire £241 10s. each; Northamptonshire and Hunts succeed with £191 7s., to which Staffordshire, with £178 10s., Sussex, with £175 1s., and Durham, £174 2s., quickly follow. East Lancashire with £136 10s., Suffolk, with £131 14s., Derbyshire, with £110 10s., Oxfordshire, with £108 14s., complete the list. The remaining Provinces of Bristol, Cornwall, Devonshire, Dorsetshire, Monmouthshire, North Wales and Salop, Somersetshire, Surrey, Warwickshire, and North and East Yorkshire do not reach three figures. The highest list is £3500, the lowest £10 10s. We regret also to note that from No. 1700, exclusive of the West Yorkshire list, only two lodges, from the other provinces have sent a return. In W. Yorkshire we have reason to believe, that the younger lodges have done their duty as well as the older. But, as we said before, these are striking returns, and deserve attention from all who like to study the "statistics" of our Masonic Charity efforts.

WE congratulate West Yorkshire on its very remarkable and effective support to its esteemed Prov. Grand Master, and its hearty aid to a most excellent Masonic Charity. Since 1861 the contributions of West Yorkshire to the great Metropolitan Charities have been continuous and considerable, and we are not saying too much when we repeat to-day that to West Yorkshire must be conceded the great merit of inaugurating that provincial movement which has resulted in such noble efforts from other distinguished provinces also to our central and valuable Charities.

THE result of the efforts of 390 Stewards and of Bro. TERRY'S appeals is so magnificent that we doubt not the number of vacancies to be filled will be considerably increased at the next meeting of the Managing Committee. At the same time we say this we do not wish to encourage extravagant speculations, or unthoughtful precipitation. Still there is, happily, a margin for increase, and, congratulating all concerned in the recent successful anniversary, we trust that the Committee will deal with the matter liberally and befittingly.

A GOOD deal has been said by a correspondent about "Thrift," and we go with him a long way. It is lamentable to note, in a large number of cases which come before us, on petitions for relief and aid, how many of our Order have never thought to consider the possibility of a "rainy day." We are not quite sure that a Masonic Institution is the true answer for the want or the difficulty, the more so as there are so many excellent non-Masonic associations which would do all that our correspondent urges. We shall be most happy to give any publicity to letters or proposals for this most reasonable and desirable end.

AT the last meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School three notices of motion were given for the next Quarterly Court, we understand, which we hope however will be withdrawn. Bro. MASSA has a question of usage and etiquette, in respect to the employment of an architect, as between himself and the House Committee, and he gives notice of motion to obtain estimates from Masonic architects alone, to build a supplementary Girls' School for seventy-five girls, in lieu of Lyncombe House. Now as the Managing Committee see no necessity for an increase, and they have just put Lyncombe House into working order, it requires but little foresight to predict what must be the fate of such proposals. We should doubt if Bro. MASSA will find a seconder, and we do hope that, in Masonic good feeling, and to save valuable time being wasted, Bro. MASSA will withdraw these hasty and unseasonable notices at once. It is rather hard on the Managing Committee and on the subscribers to have a discussion forced upon them relative to the increase of the School, and a large expenditure, when no one wants either one or the other, or has even contemplated such a measure. We trust that our hopes and anticipations may be realized in this respect. It is also quite clear, we think, that the appointment of an architect must rest in the House Committee absolutely.

WE publish Bro. Major BOND'S pamphlet elsewhere, because we think, as he wishes to lay his proposals before the subscribers of the Schools, like any one else, he has a perfect right to be heard. His proposals will encounter keen criticism, and though, for obvious reasons, we say nothing editorially, we think it proper to add that as it is our peculiar province to encourage legitimate discussion, we have not thought it well to refuse the appearance of a pamphlet which has been sent to us for publication. On one point we, however, feel it right to be explicit. If Bro. Major BOND'S proposal points to what is technically termed "farming out," such a proposal, we can say at once, we feel sure will never be acceded to by the subscribers to the Charities.

WE understand, and we are pleased to hear it, that the sixty Yorkshire brethren, who, under their distinguished Provincial Grand Master, Bro. SIR H. EDWARDS, Bart., visited the Girls' School on Thursday week, expressed their highest approval of all they saw, and of the order, discipline, neatness, and efficiency evidently and markedly prevailing the whole establishment. They also testified their sense, when on the spot, of the need and value of the purchase of Lyncombe House, now and henceforth to be called the Junior School. They were met and conducted over the School by LIEUT.-COL. CREATON, some of the House Committee, and the SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY of the GIRLS' SCHOOL calls our attention, forcibly and clearly, to an absurd "canard" which, no one knows how, has obtained currency in some Masonic circles—that the promises of support for the Anniversary Festival in May are so many and liberal as to preclude any need of further exertion. Such an idea, such childish gossip, is a grave

mistake, and we cannot do better than urge on all our readers to support this admirable Institution, and to add that all who intend to qualify as Stewards should do so without delay.

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MANY of our readers will regret to hear of the alarming accident which has occurred to the wife of our esteemed Bro. W. KENDAL GRIMSTON, by which for a time St. James's Theatre is deprived of the services of that most graceful artiste. We are happy to be able to announce that all anxiety has passed away, and that she is progressing most favourably under the special care of that distinguished surgeon Bro. COOPER. Mrs. KENDAL GRIMSTON will shortly, it is hoped, reappear to delight so many admirers, and to adorn the English stage.

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WE call attention elsewhere to the fact that, by the recent arrangement between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, all differences are happily at an end.

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OUR readers will have read with sad concern the dark news from the Transvaal of the loss of so many brave English officers and soldiers, of all ranks and services, and of the death of SIR G. COLLEY. Under the distinguished leadership of GENERAL SIR F. ROBERTS and SIR EVELYN WOOD, we need not doubt but that the dominant authority of the English rule, and the prestige of the British arms, will soon be restored to full lustre and reality.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, presided; Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Bro. Montague Guest, as Past Grand Master; the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, P.G.C., acted as Grand Senior Warden, and the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., as Grand Junior Warden.

Among the Grand and Past Grand Officers present were Bros. Lord Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Grand Master Essex; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., G.M. Middx.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Montague Guest, M.P., G.M. Dorsetshire; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Grand Chaplain; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treas.; Aeneas John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Treas.; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board Gen. Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; R. F. Gould, S.G.D.; Frank Richardson, S.G.D.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J.G.D.; John H. Scott, J.G.D.; Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D.; Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods, Grand D. of C.; Magnus Ohren, Asst. Grand D. of C.; James Lewis Thomas, F.S.A., Past Asst. G.D. of C.; Ex-Sheriff George Burt, Past Asst. G.D. of C.; Charles Greenwood, Grand Swd. Br.; A. J. Duff Filer, Past G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, Past G.S.B.; Charles S. Jekyll, Grand Org.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; C. Edwin Willing, P.G.O.; Henry Gustavus Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; James Kench, Grand Purs.; Wm. Clarke, Asst. Grand Purs.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; A. M. Broadley, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, Past G.W. Essex; George Lambert, P.M. 198, Past G.W. Herts; Fred. Davison, Past G.W. Middx.; E. T. Letchworth, Past G. Reg. Middx.; George Kenning, W.M. 1657, Past G.D. Middx.; Fredk. Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; A. Tisley, Sec. London Masonic Charity Association; Sampson Pierce, Dr. Meadows, T. W. Ockenden, Major Bond, T. S. Carter, Wm. Stephens, W. J. Murlis, C. Atkins, F. Green (Alliance Lodge); Alfred Brookman, S.W. 1657; Dr. Benton, J.W. 1657; John White, Simmons, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, GRAND SECRETARY read the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December, 1880, were then read by G. SECRETARY.

GRAND SECRETARY stated that with reference to the resolution passed at last Grand Lodge on the motion of the Rev. Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Chap., seconded by the Rev. Bro. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., congratulating H.R.H. the Princess of Wales on the attainment of her thirty-sixth birthday, it was engrossed, and framed, and sent to Her Royal Highness at Sandringham, and a letter had been received from Her Royal Highness's private Secretary, stating that he had laid it before H.R.H., and she had been pleased to accept it, and directed him to request that he would be good enough to convey to the members of Grand Lodge present on the occasion of the passing of the resolution, the expression of her best thanks for their congratulations.

The minutes were put, and confirmed.

Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D., moved, and Bro. MAGNUS OHREN, Asst. G.D.C., seconded, that Her Royal Highness's answer be entered on the minutes of Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried.

The GRAND MASTER in the chair said he had the command of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. to make a statement to Grand Lodge. He, the Earl of Lathom, received a few days ago a communication from the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, enclosing a resolution passed at their last meeting, on the 13th January, addressed to him as their representative in this Grand Lodge of England. As however, this resolution was to the effect that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands requested the good offices of the Grand Lodge of England towards obtaining the re-establishment of the Transvaal Republic, he replied, with the entire concurrence and approval of His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., that however anxious he might be to comply with

their wishes, inasmuch as it was one of the fundamental principles of English Masonry that no question either of a religious or of a political nature could ever be brought forward or discussed at any of their meetings, he could only regret that in accordance with such principle he felt himself entirely precluded from acceding to their request. (Loud cheers, and hear, hear.)

Major BOND rose on a question of privilege. On the 12th of January he communicated to Grand Secretary a notice of a motion that it was desirable to bring before Grand Lodge. The motion was in these words, "First that it is desirable that an enquiry should be made into the present status of all Masonic Charitable Institutions. Secondly, that a Committee be formed with the above object, to report fully their recommendation at the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in June. In reply, he had received a letter from Grand Secretary enclosing an extract from Grand Lodge minutes of the 3rd March, 1858, and stating that at the Board of Masters of the 16th February, it was ruled that inasmuch as the subject contained in the notice of motion was not a matter under the control of Grand Lodge, and over which it had no jurisdiction, the notice of motion could not be recorded and laid before Grand Lodge for discussion. He (Major Bond) believed it was the duty of the Board of Masters to receive notices of motion to be laid before Grand Lodge, if they were not contrary to the landmarks of the Order. Grand Lodge had a certain control and jurisdiction over the Masonic Charities, and he thought the brethren would agree with him, that if there was any grievous complaint to be made it was to be made in this Grand Lodge. (Cries of "No, no.") The Masonic Charities consisted not of three Charities, but of "our Institutions," the Charity for the Girls, the Charity for the Boys, the Widows' Fund, the Freemasons' Fund, and the Fund of Benevolence, which was administered by Grand Lodge.

Bro. F. BINCKES rose to a point of order. Any brother had just as much right to bring before the Grand Lodge any of the Charities outside Masonry as he had to bring forward the Masonic Charities, over which Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction whatever, and with which it had no power of interfering. This was not a question of privilege. Bro. Bond was now going into a statement of a thoroughly irrelevant nature, and occupying the time of Grand Lodge unnecessarily. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. BOND said he was not now saying that this Grand Lodge had any right to interfere with the management of those Institutions, and he had never done so. Bro. Clabon, the President of the Board of Masters, was under a mistake in thinking his (Bro. Bond's) motion contained matter which was not under the control of Grand Lodge; he was fully aware that Grand Lodge had no authority whatever over some of the Charitable Institutions. His motion was carefully worded. If Grand Lodge had no control over any Masonic Charity whatever, then the remarks of the President would apply equally to the Lodge of Benevolence. It was not his intention, moreover, to ask for a Committee for the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. A. J. MCINTYRE, G. Reg., rose to order. The question was whether this was a question of privilege. He had to decide whether the President of the Board of Masters was justified in refusing to receive this notice of motion. The motion was that there should be a Committee appointed to enquire into the status of all the Masonic Charities. That was the form of the motion, and in that way it was worded by Bro. Bond himself. It was quite clear that Grand Lodge had no right and no power whatever to enquire into the status of the Masonic Charities, which Masonic Charities were supported by private and voluntary contributions. Therefore, the President of the Board of Masters was not only justified but was bound to refuse to accept a notice of motion on a subject over which Grand Lodge had no control whatever. Therefore, he (Bro. McIntyre), rising to a point of order, submitted the question—that as the substance of the motion which the brother was now going into he could not be allowed to go into, the only question was whether upon his notice of motion for a Committee of enquiry into the status of all the Charities the President of the Board was justified in saying that that motion should not be put on the agenda. He (Bro. McIntyre) begged to submit that the President was perfectly right in his ruling, and that the notice could not be put on the paper. (Hear, hear.)

The G.M. in the chair, having heard the statement of the Grand Registrar, said he thought there would be little doubt that the President of the Board of Masters was perfectly justified in not receiving the notice of motion of Bro. Bond. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH rose to propose the election of M.W.G.M.

Bro. BOND, however, rose to order. He was going to conclude with an amendment, but if another brother was to go on might he be allowed to explain?—(cries of "No, no.")

The G.M. in the chair said it was not on the business on the paper that the worthy brother was speaking. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH then rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair and brethren, at the last Quarterly Communication the honour devolved on me to nominate our Grand Master for the ensuing year. It now becomes my privilege, in accordance with ancient usage, formally to move "That His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be re-elected to that office." (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I should be guilty not only of presumption, but of great injustice to this Grand Lodge were I vain enough for one moment to imagine that any words of mine are necessary to arouse your loyalty, or secure for this motion that hearty and unanimous support I know you will accord to it. But, brethren, it may not be unfitting if on this occasion I remind you that the year just closed is one which will ever be memorable in the history of our Order, a history no page of which will be more full of interest than that which chronicles how on the 20th of May, 1880, Grand Lodge was held in the newly-constituted city of Truro, and how His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, as Grand Master of English Masons, with all the solemn pomp and state of Masonic ceremonial, laid the foundation stone of that sacred edifice with which his name will ever be associated. (Hear, hear.) And, brethren, I may also recall to you how, more recently, our Grand Master deigned to accept the hospitality of a distinguished officer of this Grand Lodge, at that time Lord Mayor of London. On that occasion many of us were privileged to receive from the lips of His Royal Highness an assurance of his deep and unabated interest in all matters connected with our Craft—an interest which he told us would continue so long as he lived. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I am sure, brethren, that I am only giving utterance to the sentiments of every brother in this hall, and of every Mason throughout the land, when I express the fervent hope that His Royal Highness may for many years continue to reign over this United Grand Lodge, and that the day is far distant when he will be called upon to exchange the gavel for the sceptre. I have the honour to move "That His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be re-elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year." (Cheers.)

Bro. ALFRED MEADOWS, P.G.S. and P.M. 4, said, in seconding the proposition which had just been made, he might, perhaps, be allowed to occupy the attention of Grand Lodge for a few moments before it recorded what, he felt sure, would be an unanimous vote in favour of his resolution; and surely little need be said in support of it, seeing that the substance and purpose of the resolution commended itself alike to the heart and conscience of Grand Lodge, for, he felt sure, he was expressing the unanimous feeling not of Grand Lodge only, but of every Mason in England, when he said they were all justly proud of their Grand Master; that they all delighted in the recognition of his Royal Masonic supremacy, and that so long as His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to reign over them with the dignity and wisdom which seemed to be his personal inheritance, so long would they be proud to render him that willing service which springs alike from personal affection and loyal devotion to the principle of obedience. If any proof were needed to show the wisdom of the choice which Grand Lodge was about to make, it would surely be found in the simple fact of His Royal Highness's acceptance of the office which they were all pleased to see him fill; and sure he was, that if, in the providence of the Great Architect of the Universe, His Royal Highness should ever be called upon to occupy any other throne than that of the Royal Solomon, he would find no more true, loyal, and devoted subjects of his sovereignty than the Masons of England.

The M.W.G. MASTER in the chair: Brethren, I most cordially endorse all the remarks that have fallen from Bros. Letchworth and Meadows in respect to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. His Royal Highness has now ruled over us for some few years. Let us hope it will be many years he will continue to rule over us. His Royal Highness, we all know, whenever he undertakes any work or any business throws himself into it most thoroughly, and for this very reason he transacts that business, whatever it may be, well. Now, brethren, I can assure you that though, owing to his many engagements, we do not often see him among us; still, whenever he comes, he comes and does his duty well. But I can assure you, and the other Grand Officers will bear me out, that no brother can be more prompt in the discharge of his Masonic duty; and I can only say I hope he will long be spared to rule over us. (Hear, hear.) I will now put the motion to you.

The motion was carried unanimously, amidst loud cheers, and Sir ALBERT W. WOODS (Garter), G.D.C., proclaimed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year ensuing in the usual form.

Bro. SAMPSON PEIRCE rose to propose the election of Grand Treasurer; and in doing so said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, the next business on the paper being the election of Grand Treasurer, I rise with great pleasure to move that our Worshipful Bro. Col. Creaton be elected to fill that important post, and, not forgetting what took place at this time last year when I made a similar proposal, I trust as it was ruled then, it will be ruled now, that it is desirable that that respected brother remain in the position which he now occupies. I should feel sorry indeed if the Grand Treasurer, or the office of Grand Treasurer, should shrink into a mere nominal service, or become one merely for extending the area of creating Grand Officers. I trust to see the office of Grand Treasurer still occupied for many years in the eyes of the Craft, and made a very responsible office, and not limited to the mere checking of the bank book. I as a humble member of Grand Lodge, and I believe all the members of Grand Lodge, expect much more from that office than mere nominal ordinary attention. To my mind, it suggests a general supervision, a close attention to its incomings and outgoings, and a careful analysis of Grand Lodge accounts. I, therefore, trust the brethren will see the importance of maintaining it as a most useful office, and one not to be treated in any light manner; and to do this I am convinced that the members of Grand Lodge present will be acting up to their best interests in continuing in the office of Grand Treasurer that brother who, when he was originally elected, was elected with the full confidence of Grand Lodge, as well able to discharge all its duties, and is capable, and willing, to continue to do so from year to year till the G.A.O.T.U. shall please to remove him. I beg to move "That Bro. Col. Creaton be re-elected Grand Treasurer."

Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D.: I beg leave to second the motion that Col. Creaton be re-elected to the office of Grand Treasurer.

Bro. F. BINCKES desired to say but very few words on the motion. It would be remembered that the last two years he took a prominent part in that same motion, but he desired now to demur entirely from what fell from Bro. Peirce, that there was a ruling on the subject in Grand Lodge. Nothing in the shape of a ruling came from Grand Lodge, and he hoped there would never be any ruling which should interfere with the free and unbiassed opinion of the brethren. Whether it be desirable or otherwise that this office should continue to be held year after year by one brother, or that a change should occasionally be made, he would not now enter into. It was a matter for Grand Lodge to consider, but he protested against the remark that had been made, that there was a ruling by Grand Lodge on the question.

The GRAND MASTER in the chair interposing said he thought Bro. Binckes was taking up the word used by Bro. Peirce rather severely. The word "ruling" certainly escaped him, but he did not think it was meant in the sense which Bro. Binckes applied to it.

Bro. BINCKES did not wish that there should be any misunderstanding of the word "ruling," which really meant that it came from the chair of Grand Lodge. He was not now going to bring forward a hostile motion, and he begged to support the motion just moved.

The motion was carried unanimously.
Col. CREATON: M.W.G.M. in the chair and brethren, I thank you very sincerely for the honour you have conferred upon me; and I assure you whatever duties appertain to the office I have been elected to, I shall perform them to the best of my ability. (Cheers.)

The report of the lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter was then read by the Secretary.

The following recommendation of grants were unanimously confirmed:—

The widow of a brother of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. James' Lodge, No. 765, Southwark	50 0 0
A brother of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham	75 0 0
A brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Silent Temple Lodge, No. 126, Burnley, Lancashire	100 0 0
A brother of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight	75 0 0
A brother of the British Lodge, No. 736, Mauritius	50 0 0
A brother of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire	150 0 0

A brother of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, Camberwell - - - - - £50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Merit, No. 934, Whitefield, Lancashire - - - - - 50 0 0

The report of the Board of General Purposes was then taken as read and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. It was as follows:—
To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that:—

1st.—The Lodge No. 871 (Royal Oak), having laid before the Board a formal complaint against Bro. Robert Harman, Immediate Past Master, for retaining in his possession the minute and other books belonging to the lodge, and refusing to hand them over to the Worshipful Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the complaint, and caused Bro. Harman, and also the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the lodge in question, to appear before them.

2nd.—The matter having been fully gone into and the parties heard, the Board unanimously resolved, and ordered, as follows:—

1st.—That the lodge books, improperly retained by Bro. Robert Harman, I.P.M., after his vacation of the chair of the lodge No. 871, be handed to the Worshipful Master of the lodge forthwith.

2nd.—That the conduct of Bro. Harman, in thus improperly retaining the books of the lodge, is, in the opinion of the Board, a Masonic offence proved to their satisfaction, and that he be, therefore, suspended from all his Masonic functions until the further order of the Board.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 15th February, 1881.
To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th February ult., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5977 6s. 8d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

GRAND SECRETARY read the report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1880.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN said he did not hear any statement of the invested funds on account of the General Account, and the Benevolent Account respectively.

GRAND SECRETARY said that all the accounts would be printed in the report of the meeting.

The G.M. in the chair asked whether that would satisfy Bro. Britten.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN said he should have thought the Grand Secretary could tell Grand Lodge at once what was the amount of the invested funds.

GRAND SECRETARY said on the Benevolence Account it was £46,808 7s. 9d.; on account of the Fund of General Purposes it was £10,478; besides which there was a balance in the books of the Bank at the present moment £4054 10s. 7d.

Bro. J. M. CLABON then moved "That inasmuch as the recommendation by the Lodge of Benevolence to Grand Lodge, that a grant of £100 should be made to a certain brother, came to an end by his death, the Lodge of Benevolence be empowered to the extent of that sum to repay any expenses incurred for his benefit during his life, or in relation to his death." He said it very often happened when a grant to a brother was recommended to Grand Lodge there were various kind brethren who advanced sums of money to the brother till the grant was confirmed. That was the case here. During the lifetime of the brother, after the grant had been recommended, they assisted the brother, but he unfortunately died, and they had the expenses incidental to his illness and funeral. He now moved his present motion in order that they might be recouped the money they had laid out in expectation that this recommendation would be confirmed. (Hear, hear.) Due enquiry would be made into the amount that had been expended.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN seconded the motion, which was put, and carried.

Bro. TUDOR TREVOR then brought on a motion he had on the paper with reference to the action tried at Leeds last August of "Voigt v. Carr, Laking, and Trevor," and after a long discussion the subject was remitted to the Board of General Purposes.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

W. J. HUGHAN.

I am glad to have published the article on "Esoteric Freemasonry," by Bro. Albert Pike, as it has led to another by the "Masonic Student," and one demanding particular consideration from Bro. Gould.

It is not easy to deal with such intricate matters as Bro. Gould alludes to, and though he has most ably and clearly expressed his views respecting the origin and originators of the Grand Lodge of England, 1716-7, as well as exposed some of the errors of our early Masonic historians, I, for one, feel that the whole enquiry deserves an entire examination *de novo*, and a most careful attention to all the so-called *facts* of Masonic history.

Fancies of Anderson, Dermott, Preston, and others, have been generally accepted by subsequent writers without any hesitation whatever, and although there are a few honourable exceptions, it must be admitted that, as a rule, the more modern Masonic historians have emulated the credulity of their predecessors, and blindly followed them through all their distorted facts and serious misstatements.

To such an extent has this been the case, that I venture to say, it is necessary, now that many of us are labouring to secure a rational and exhaustive account of the origin and character of Freemasonry, to subject every assertion of previous historians of the Craft to the most rigid scrutiny, and to very carefully separate the traditional portions of our records from that which is based upon admitted facts.

I am bound to support Bro. Gould even in his exhibition of the weakness of some of the details in Preston's "Illustrations," as well as in works of more pretension, and possessing greater facilities for accuracy and scholarly criticism.

In my "Old Charges" I mention an error by Preston, which certainly appears incapable of explanation, if we are to allow that brother to be credited with "zeal tempered with discretion," and a laudable anxiety to promote the actual truth alone. In that work it is said that the "Antiquity MS." contains "These be all the charges and covenants that ought to be read at the installment of Master, or making of a Free-mason or Free-masons." The words *installment of Master* are an intentional addition to the document, and *wholly modern*.

Take again the assertion of Dr. Anderson, respecting a general assembly of the Craft, 27th December, 1663, at which certain regulations were made, one being, "5. That for the Future the said Fraternity of Freemasons

shall be regulated and govern'd by One Grand Master, and as many Wardens as the said Society shall think fit to appoint at every Annual General Assembly."

I have no hesitation in declaring my belief that no MS. whatever ever did, or does, allude to the office of *Grand Master* prior to the last century, and that the assertion of Anderson is devoid of truth.

The "Harleian MS., No. 1942," British Museum, contains the regulation, as follows: "That for the future the sayd Society, Company, and Fraternity of Freemasons shall be regulated and governed by one Master, and Assembly, and Wardens, as ye said Company shall think fit to chose at every yearly generall assembly."*

When it is remembered that so many desired, in writing of the Craft, to present a long string of Grand Masters back to "time immemorial," it is evident that this regulation was altered to suit that view. By whom it is not for me to say, as I do not know; but I know that the corrupt rendering is to be found in Dr. Anderson's Constitutions of 1738, &c.

As these are but samples of many, I, therefore, support Bro. Gould in his declaration that the "ground must be first cleared of much accumulated error" before we can fairly consider the facts of Masonic history, and I wish he would undertake to write for the English Craft such an account of its proceedings as would not be open to the charge of credulity, on the one hand, or a disregard of our curious traditions on the other. Each has its part to play; but the misfortune is that, speaking generally of the past, the traditions have been blindly followed, and the facts almost entirely neglected.

Added to which apocryphal statements, even when found to be without a shadow of proof, have been relegated to the region of tradition, though of purely modern growth, for which reason, at the present day, it requires no little patience and care to separate actual traditions from eighteenth century manufactures.

Masonically speaking, all Degrees whatever must be of subsequent date to those of the Craft, and as the latter do not appear on the scene as separate ceremonies prior to the early part of last century, I am able only to go with our good brother the "Masonic Student" in his study of Hermeticism, so far as his researches and suggestions are illustrative of the materials from which Masonic Degrees have been woven. I apprehend he only views the question as indicative of the surroundings or circumstances affecting the so-called "Revivalists," so as to discover, if at all possible, how much has been incorporated of other societies into our own system. It is well, however, to guard against the folly of assuming that because our Society and that of others have many points in common with older organisations that, therefore, Freemasonry is to be traced in them all.

Though the "Masonic Student" is in no danger of such a mistake, we all know that many have "discovered" Freemasonry in most ancient societies by considering that the Craft preceded them, instead of their preceding the Craft.

I am gratified to be assured by the indefatigable "Masonic Student" that no one that he is aware of contends "that previously to 1700 Degrees existed," as we understand them, according to our modern view, with separate teaching for each and all, for I have fancied there was a tendency in that direction by some who go in for the antiquity of modern ceremonies.

I quite agree with him that "a triplicate form of Masonic system has been kept up from earliest times," for as far back as we can go historically, we have the three grades or positions of Apprentice, Craftsman, and Master Mason. It must be admitted, however, that many have seen in this old arrangement a proof that Masonic Degrees existed, but they have so without any justification whatever.

In dealing with facts, or presenting what we claim to be facts, let us all keep to the truth, and "nothing but the truth," and in quoting any of the traditions let us be assured that their claim to a pre-eighteenth century origin is clearly established.

Whilst it is quite true, for instance, that we cannot prove to a demonstration that no series of Masonic Degrees were worked in the seventeenth century, or earlier, it is equally true that no proof of their existence at such a period is forthcoming, neither is there any tradition worthy of credence that such were ever worked prior to the advent of the Premier Grand Lodge at London, in the second decade of the last century.

It is quite possible to write a large work in which may fairly be stated hundreds and thousands of guesses as to what Freemasonry might have been during the period of the "General Assemblies," but no one in his senses would call such a book a "History of Freemasonry;" yet practically that is what several of the claims for the antiquity of certain Degrees amount to, all of which at once disappear when the proof is demanded.

I cannot quite accept Bro. Gould's view as to Drs. Desaguliers and Anderson not being Freemasons until after 1717, as there were strong reasons to conciliate the *operatives*, and hence official positions might have been given them at first from motives of policy. If the time of Dr. Desaguliers was so devoted to scientific pursuits as to prevent his giving the attention to our Society which is claimed prior to 1720, it would clearly follow that he could not do so subsequently from the same cause, whereas we know he was "here, there, and everywhere" on behalf of the Grand Lodge. London and country lodges had the benefit of his services, and Scotland, France, &c., were also favoured in like manner. If it be true that the "Defence of Freemasonry," appended to the "Book of Constitutions," was written by him (as is stated), I think it would tend to prove he was most active 1717-23, as that able pamphlet appears to have been compiled by one who took part in the arrangement of the system alluded to. But I must forbear saying more now save to promise to give all the queries raised by Bro. Gould my careful consideration, and to thank him for the elucidation of several points of value.

* "Old Charges," p. 57.

The Paris Salon opens this year on May 2nd, as the 1st falls on a Sunday, and will continue until June 20th. Not more than 2500 oils and 1200 water-colours and drawings will be admitted, each artist being allowed to contribute two works to the former and two to the latter section. Some of the alterations too will considerably affect the public at large. Thus, Thursday will no longer be a free day, though, as heretofore, people will be admitted gratis on Sunday, while on the opening day and every Friday the entrance fee will be five francs. As the paintings are to be sent in between March 10th and 20th, Parisian studios are very busy just now. Amongst the contributions of the best-known artists will be M. Henner's "St. Jérôme;" M. Bouguereau's "Aurora's Kiss," and "Sleep of the Virgin and Child;" M. Carolus Duran's "Entombment of Christ," "Young Marino Faliero," and a lady's portrait; M. Bonnat will send portraits, and is also going to paint M. Gambetta. There will be two pictures, by MM. Bataille and George Becker, of the late distribution of the Colours, and another military work will be M. de Neuville's "Interrogation of a Courier," the latter artist's portrait being contributed by M. Duez, while two likenesses of M. Rochefort will appear by MM. Manet and Boldini. M. Bastien-Lepage sends a "Beggar."

MEMORANDUM ON THE STATUS OF THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

By Bro. MAJOR E. BOND.

Brethren,—In bringing to your notice the status of our Masonic Charities, I feel I am entering on a difficult task, and, therefore, in asking your indulgence for any shortcomings, I trust you will give me credit for honesty of purpose in my endeavour to rectify what appears to me to be a great abuse in the distribution of the funds of those Charities.

I shall endeavour to lay before you the state of the case, without partiality, so that you may yourselves judge whether some change might not be advantageously introduced to make our Charities more flexible, and to give them a wider scope, in order that a greater number of our poorer brethren, widows, and orphans might enjoy the benefits of that large-hearted benevolence which is so characteristic of our Craft.

In entering on my argument, I would therefore explain that by the term "Masonic Charity" I mean the charitable gifts of subscribers and donors, irrespective of the cause for which such charity is given. By the term "Charitable Institution" I mean one of the purposes to which such charity is given, whether it be to a benevolent fund for aged Masons, a benevolent fund for widows, a girls' school, a boys' school, or a Lodge of Benevolence. The theory of the constitution of the three Charitable Institutions of the girls, boys, and the aged Masons and widows (reckoned for the present as one), is that they are absolutely independent of each other, and also of the Grand Lodge; and that they are separately controlled by the large body of subscribers and donors, numbering in all about 28,000 persons, scattered all over the kingdom, and who are supposed to be represented by a separate General Court for each Institution. These several Courts have the power of appointing each a separate General Committee, a House Committee, and an Audit Committee, consisting of nine, twelve, and thirty brethren, so that there are no less than ninety-six brethren in nine sets of Committees, meeting on different days of the week and various days of the month, each having its own highly-paid Secretary, with an expensive secretariat. But in looking into the formation of these Committees, we find that they might practically be one set of Committees, that is, one General, one House, and one Audit Committee for the whole Masonic Charity, for I find the same brother serving on various Committees but in the different Institutions. Thus, he will be on the Audit Committee of the Boys' Institution, on the General Committee of the Aged Masons and Widows' Asylum, and the Audit Committee of the Girls' Institution; another brother will, in like manner, ring the changes on other Committees, so that, to all intents and purposes, one set of brethren on one set of Committees could easily control the whole of these Institutions. But then any such amalgamation would be a death blow to a separate secretariat, wherein lies my chief difficulty.

Then, again, the system of voting for members to serve on these Committees is unsatisfactory.

At present, whilst the voting for the election of aged Masons' widows and children to the Charitable Institutions and the right of voting in any motion before the General Courts may be by proxy, votes for the election "of members" for the General Courts and General Committees (other than privileged members) must be given *in person* at Freemasons' Hall, in London, so that practically the large body of provincial subscribers is absolutely excluded from any control in the formation of these Committees. Although the subscribers are nominally the controlling authority, it is a self-evident fact that from their isolation and being scattered all over the United Kingdom, they are unable to attend to give their votes at Courts and Committees, which are so arranged as to oblige the attendance of non-residents of London to meet forty times on different days of the month and of the week during the year. The voting is, therefore, practically, under such a system, confined to a few London brethren, to the exclusion of the whole of those residing in the provinces. And, to add still more to all this confusion, it is most difficult to find the proper authority to apply to in any enquiry into these Charitable Institutions. For instance, the Aged Masons and Widows' Institution is, in the matter of election of the annuitants, in the hands of the subscribers, whilst the alteration of any rule or regulation and proceedings of all general meetings must be approved by Grand Lodge.

So in the Boys' and Girls' Institution, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents are the Grand Master, Pro Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters, who form part of the General Courts, but in no other way has the Grand Lodge or its officers any control whatever over these Charitable Institutions, which are absolutely under the General Court, constituted, as I have above described, to the detriment of the great mass of subscribers.

Human ingenuity has been taxed to the utmost in fusing together for some purposes, and, again, keeping separate for other purposes, this Will o' th' Wisp constitution—it is here, there, and nowhere! Thus the task I have undertaken bristles with a mass of difficulties, and is surrounded by a dense jungle of abuses, through which I trust I may clear a path, so that I may reach a still greater abuse which stands within. And this is the astounding fact that of an income and expenditure of about £60,000 no less a sum than £2500 is paid to three Secretaries for salary and their peripatetic wanderings, for commission, and for messengers; that the office expenses of pens, ink, paper, and postage of these three gentlemen are over £300 per annum; and that no less a sum than £1244 is put down against our benevolence for stationery, postage, and election expenses, and so on through the whole list a reckless expenditure of moneys is the order of the day.

The brethren will pardon me for refraining in this address from going through the items of expenditure, but I can assure them they are of the most reckless kind. I would, however, draw attention to the statement made in the published reports that each boy costs about £43 per head, and each girl £32; but this is most incorrect, as the item of rent of the buildings is entirely left out; for in the Boys' establishment at Wood Green the enormous sum of £65,900 has been spent, which at 5 per cent., the usual interest charged for building purposes, adds over £3000 per annum to the cost per head of the 215 boys. These items show that the loud complaints from all sides are not unfounded, and I trust every lodge in the kingdom will send me its authority to strengthen my hands in attacking these gross abuses, and to insist on a system which shall be under the complete control of the subscribers, and not, as at present, under the *dolce far niente* control of Committees of a purely metropolitan character.

We, who are in the provinces, consider that by the present rules we are practically excluded from any control over our Charities, and from the extraordinary multifold-nature of these regulations of apparently separate Institutions we are unable to obtain any reformation.

I trust, therefore, that your lodge will give me an expression of opinion on the following propositions, and authorise me to act on their behalf:—

- 1.—That all the Charitable Institutions be placed under the direct authority of the Grand Lodge.
- 2.—That in order to bring the wishes of every individual donor and subscriber to bear in the control of our Masonic Charity, the Charity Steward of each lodge be empowered to vote on behalf of the lodge, chapter, or society of which he is a duly accredited representative, or of any other individual donor or subscriber who may be a resident in the jurisdiction of his Provincial Grand Lodge, and that he, as proxy, may use such votes upon any question or matter before the Grand Lodge, or before a General Court or any Committee, or before a Special Grand Lodge, Court, or Committee, and that such Stewards, *ipso facto*, together with the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, and Life Governors, shall form the General Court for Masonic Charities.
- 3.—That there shall be only one General Court, composed as above, from which there shall be elected one General Committee, one House Committee, and one Finance Committee.
- 4.—That Subscribers entitled to vote may give their vote to any Institution belonging to our Masonic Charities, and that all subscriptions and donations shall be credited to the Masonic Charities, and not to any particular Institution.

It has been urged that the finances of the Charities in general would suffer under this enlarged freedom to the votes of subscribing brethren; but this plea is purely theoretical, and I, for one, dispute the axiom that in giving more freedom in the exercise of their votes, the tendency would be to close the benevolence of those true-hearted subscribers who now are restricted to one Institution. On the contrary, I believe that that benevolence would expand and show itself in manifold gifts to a homogeneous Charity properly controlled and administered with economy.

- 5.—That the half-yearly election lists include the names of all applicants, whether aged Masons, widows, girls, or boys; and that such candidates be simultaneously elected.

This amalgamation alone will make a saving of £800 per annum.

- 6.—That there be one Annual Grand Anniversary of the Masonic Charities.
- 7.—That as there are 280 out of 320 aged annuitants now receiving the blessing of their pensions by quarterly payments at their respective homes in all parts of the kingdom, so it is desirable that the remaining forty aged persons, for whom alone the establishment at Croydon is kept up, be sent to their respective homes on the same annuities which are paid to the 280 non-residents.

This will make a saving of £925 14s. in the absorption of one Secretary and commission, and more than £2000 per annum now expended in keeping up the Croydon establishment for forty old people, together with a goodly sum of £40,000 or £50,000, which might be realised by the sale of the Asylum. In doing this we should simply be following the highly advantageous precedent of the abolition of the establishment of Greenwich Hospital. I need scarcely point out the benefits which would follow so great a saving in the larger number of poor brethren and widows we should be able then to provide for.

- 8.—That the Secretary of the Grand Lodge be the Secretary of the Masonic Charities, with a suitable staff of clerks to assist him.

With regard to the question of the capability of one Secretary being able to manage our Masonic Charities, I might almost set it aside as too childish to entertain; but, as the point has been raised, I have only to remark that such a secretariat as I propose, if under one manager, is not to be compared either in regard to the departmental duties or in the supervision of our moderate income and expenditure, to a second-rate mercantile house, to the great insurance offices, banks, clubs, and public schools, where the Secretary receives but £400 or £500 per annum, whereas with this amalgamation I feel sure the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, in addition to his present duties, could easily control this secretariat, with a competent staff of clerks, on a consolidated salary of £1000 per annum, with an annual increment of £20 until a maximum of £1200 per annum had been reached.

The saving effected by this concentration of rolling-up four highly paid Secretaries into one will be over £14,000 per annum in our present secretariat with its surroundings, together with the absorption of the establishment at Croydon, and as a crowning piece it would enable us to direct the flow of the loving gifts of the Brotherhood back to its legitimate channel in supporting some 400 more orphans and 50 aged poor, without asking the brethren for one single penny more than they are now giving.

A question now naturally arises as to what is to be done for so large an increase in our orphanage and aged poor? The reply is an easy one, namely, that we put in force Rule No. 66 of the laws of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, but altering the amount from £12 to £20 for the girls and £25 for the boys, to be paid to the mothers of the children for their education, clothing, and board. And here I would most earnestly beg and implore the brethren to set their faces against dabbling any more in bricks and mortar; we have had a terrible lesson in the sinking of so vast a sum of money as £65,900 in the School, at Wood Green, for the care of some 215 boys, regarding which I observe it has been remarked in the report, "As much misapprehension exists on this head, it must be borne in mind that the soil at Wood Green is heavy clay!"

I observe that a proposition at a General Committee was made by a friend, no name being given, of the Boys' Institution, that the buildings at Wood Green should be enlarged at present for 50 more boys, and eventually for 150. Here we are still being dragged by this unrepresentative Committee into a further reckless expenditure; a further sinking of our bounty into heavy clay! I trust the brethren will make their voice heard and stay these proceedings.

My proposition for altering and enlarging the 66th Rule as above might be accepted as a tentative measure for the next 50 boys and 50 girls, under the due supervision of a Committee of brethren, to see that such children were being properly cared for. The advantages would be very great: first of all there would be no separation of mother and child, especially as regards the girls, at an age when it is most undesirable, namely from 8 to 15 years; then the children would be getting such natural domestic training and such love and care as nothing but a real home can afford. Its cheapness is unquestionable, for the children are at present costing us between £50 and £60 per head, and no new staff of paid officials would be required, and no more heavy soil wherein to cast our benevolence, with may be a further crop of Secretaries as the result.

I now leave these propositions to the serious consideration of the brethren, and beg of them to remember that not only shall we have got rid of an expensive secretariat, but we shall have our Charities under proper control, and the rights of the brethren to a complete representation and control through Grand Lodge on questions of importance affecting our interests and the expenditure of those Charities will be satisfactorily ensured.

If there was nothing more for us to look to than the election of children and a few old folk, we might still fold our hands together and let our Charities drift along as heretofore; but when the present system entails no less than four Secretaries and a reckless expenditure, and is the means of

keeping our aged poor from the benefits of our benevolence, which closes the door of our compassion on the widow and stifles the cry of our starving children, I say, in God's name, let us up and strike at the root of this folly, and put our house in order.

In conclusion, I beg to state that it is not my wish to bind the brethren to every word or minute detail, nor for a moment to dictate in the above propositions. I only wish to call their most serious attention to the obvious waste and abuse of great gifts, and to consult them on certain principles of action on which a reform might be based.

FREEMASONRY AND JUDAISM.

We frequently have occasion to notice in our columns the proceedings at the various so-called "Jewish" and other lodges of Freemasons in this country in which our co-religionists participate. In our previous issue we adverted to the circumstance that at a meeting of the "Devonshire" Lodge, Bro. David A. Davis, P.M., the only Jewish member, was presented with a gold and diamond Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services to Masonry. The week before we reported an interesting discussion at the monthly meeting of the "Joppa" Lodge, on the question of retaining the Jewish Grace, which resulted in the adoption of the curtailed Grace—that form known as "Maimonides' Grace"—which is, as heretofore, to be said in Hebrew. The discussion derived an additional interest from the significant remark to which it gave rise, that "Masonry was founded upon the principles of Judaism, and long before its establishment, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth were household words among Jews." The close relation between Judaism and Freemasonry and the predilection and natural aptitude of Jews for its principles are generally admitted facts. It is worth while enquiring into the origin and nature of the affinity between Masonry and Judaism. The theory of William Preston, who wrote on Masonry in 1792, that the institution was coeval with the creation of man, is usually regarded as a fanciful one. William Preston simply meant, we suppose, that the principles of fraternity on which it is founded are as old as human institutions, and his supposition was hardly an extravagant one. Many writers incline to the opinion that the institution had its origin in the religious mysteries of the ancient world. In very early times, it is related, there existed a corporation of architects styled "Dionysiac Fraternity." The members of this craft monopolised the building of temples, stadia, and theatres in Asia Minor, and recognised each other by signs and tokens. It is added that the Dionysiacs arrived in Asia Minor at the time of the Ionic migration, about 1044 B.C., or half a century before the building of Solomon's Temple. Hiram, of Tyre, as we know from Scripture, assisted Solomon in the building of the Temple, by sending him contingents of workmen and otherwise. Writers on Masonry tell us that these deputed workmen were a band of Dionysiacs, at the head of whom was a widow's son, and to this latter they attribute the rise of the institution. Upon this belief the rituals used in the lodges of the order are based. This theory which ascribes to Masonry a distinctively Jewish source is however discredited by many authorities, who attribute to it a mediæval European origin, very far removed from any connection with Judaism. The probability is that Masons were at first an operative craft who applied themselves in different parts of Europe to the building of churches and cathedrals. Some of the most famous ecclesiastical edifices have been constructed by this Order. In the beginning of the seventh century there were many Masonic corporations diffused throughout Europe. In Italy they were known as Colleges of Architects, in France as Pontifical Brothers and as Free Corporations, and in England and Scotland as Freemasons. Dr. Henry in his "History of Great Britain" writes: "The Italians, with some Greek refugees and with some French, German, and Flemings, joined into a fraternity of architects, procuring Papal bulls for their encouragement and their particular privileges; they styled themselves Freemasons, and ranged from one nation to another as they found churches to be built; their government was regular, and where they fixed near the building in hand, they made a camp of huts. A surveyor governed in chief; every tenth man was called a warden and overlooked each nine." If this account of the rise of Masonry be correct, the connection of Jews with the Order must be recent. Jews have not shown an aptitude for building and bricklaying, not at least since their expulsion from their own soil. They would have been little inclined, therefore, to seek admission into a craft of operatives, and still less would they have cared to be identified with a body devoted to the interests of ecclesiastical building. But from an early period, statesmen, ecclesiastics, and other eminent persons were admitted into the Order, and gradually the operative element became lost in the speculative features of Freemasonry. As long, however, as the principles of religious toleration were not recognised in Europe, the unsectarianism which is characteristic of Freemasonry could not have come into play, and Jews would not have been permitted to participate in its rites. Though the connection of Jews with the Craft is modern, once admitted it was natural that they should become some of its most enthusiastic members. The toleration of which it gave practical evidence would be dearly prized by Jews, if only in self-defence. But irrespective of considerations of personal interest, and of the historical or fabled origin of the Craft, the affinity of Judaism and Masonry for each other rests on undisputable grounds. The principles of fraternity which are characteristic of the one discipline, form the keystone of the other. Judaism is essentially a system of Freemasonry. In the language of the Rabbinic proverb, all the members of the Jewish race are brothers. The religious signs and tokens which Jews share in common, serve as infallible guides of mutual recognition. The uniform tongue in which Jews pray serves to unite them all over the world. The *Shemang Yisrael* is the Masonic password among Jews which has often succeeded in kindling the spark of brotherly sympathy in the most untoward circumstances. Jews, like Masons, have special claims on one another's help in times of distress, which Jews, equally with Masons, are never slow to recognise. The objects served by Masonry are, therefore, identical with those which are attained by the profession of the religion of Moses.—*Jewish Chronicle*, 25 February, 1881.

Dutch sympathy with the Boers was manifested in a marked manner at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons, on Wednesday night. The Netherlands Grand Lodge sent a memorial entreating the good offices of English brethren with the Government to obtain the re-establishment of the Transvaal Republic. It being, however, a fundamental principle of English Freemasonry not to interfere in religious or political questions, Lord Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, has expressed regret to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands that it was impossible to accede the request.—*Daily Telegraph*, March 3rd, 1881.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms on Wednesday presented to the House of Commons a petition, wholly signed by working men residing on the banks of the Thames, and bearing 2800 names, against the semi-Governmental measure known as the Thames Bill.

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The NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, 18th MAY next, on which occasion the Right Hon.

SIR MICHAEL E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, has kindly consented to Preside.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are much needed, and will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as convenient to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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THE "HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND."

FIRST LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS ACTUALLY PAID UP TO

WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND MARCH, 1881.

[N.B.—The future announcements in respect of this fund will appear in the first number of the Freemason for April and following months during the present year.]

Table with columns for Lodge Name, Amount, and Total. Includes entries like Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256, Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, etc.

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THE UNITED KINGDOM RAILWAY OFFICERS' AND SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION, AND RAILWAY ORPHAN FUND.

PRESIDENT.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.

The Tenth Annual Festival in aid of this Institution will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., on Wednesday, March 16, 1881. The Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM will preside.

HONORARY STEWARDS.

- List of names including His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, His Grace the Duke of Grafton, The Right Hon. the Earl of Chester, etc.

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The Association is designed to give temporary and permanent assistance to persons in the Service of Railway Companies or Railway Contractors in cases of Accident or Severe Illness; to provide them Annuities in old age, or if otherwise incapacitated for work, and at death to assist their families.

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THE RAILWAY ORPHAN ASYLUM FUND is established to provide a Home for the offspring of those who lose their lives in carrying out their hazardous duties.

DONATIONS or SUBSCRIPTIONS, to be announced at the Festival, are earnestly solicited. The smallest sum will be thankfully received by the Secretary, MR. JAMES SALMON, at the Offices, 21, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C., or by the Stewards.

N.B.—Subscriptions of Five Shillings and upwards per annum entitle to one or more Votes. Donors of Five Guineas become Life Governors, and are entitled to one Vote for Life at every Election.

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THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1881.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The largely increased circulation of the Freemason necessitates our going to press at an earlier hour on Thursdays.

It is therefore requested that all advertisements and reports intended to appear in the current number may be sent to our offices not later than 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Short notices of importance received up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursdays.

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREEMASON has a large circulation in all parts of the Globe. In it the official Reports of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland are published with the special sanction of the respective Grand Masters, and it contains a complete record of Masonic work in this country, our Indian Empire, and the Colonies.

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 OUR READERS.

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To Correspondents.

W. R. SMITH.—Will Bro. Smith kindly send his address.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Bro. Alfred Woodliffe, as Steward from the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, writes to correct an error in the list published last week. His amount should have been £55 17s. 6d., instead of £45 17s. 6d.

Owing to pressure on our columns several lodge reports unavoidably stand over.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"City Press," "Sunday Times," "Jewish Chronicle," "Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Citizen," "Hull Packet," "La Chaîne d'Union," "The New York Dispatch," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Masonic Age," "Masonic Review," "Boletin Oficial del Grand Orient De Espana," "Der LongIslander," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, U.S.A.," "Proceedings of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ohio, U.S.A."

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE FESTIVAL OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As there appears to be a report current to the effect that the prospects of the coming Festival of this Institution are already so good as virtually not to require any special effort to ensure its success, allow me to say at once that this statement is entirely incorrect, and that if the Girls' Festival of 1881 is to be a success, this end can only be attained, as in the past, by the energetic support and active sympathy of our ever generous Craft.

I consider it necessary to draw attention to the above mentioned report, as it is one calculated to have a most injurious effect on the prospects of the Festival, and I need hardly add that brethren willing to act as Stewards are very urgently needed, and their names will be most gratefully received by,

Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me space to correct an error in your list of contributions to the Benevolent Festival?

It is only justice to this province to say that the amount raised, exclusive of Stewards' fees, was £3560, which Bro. Terry announced; adding the fees of the 165 Stewards it will reach the large sum of £3906 10s., and there are still several lists to come in.

I am, yours faithfully,

HENRY SMITH, Vice Patron, Secretary to the Charity Committee, West Yorks. St. John's, Wakefield, March 1st.

BRO. HERVEY'S MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Have the promoters of the memorial to our late lamented Bro. John Hervey chosen the best form, and the most appropriate one? Are there not many objections on Masonic "political-economy" grounds to the plan proposed?

Freemasonry has already a great many "benefits" to hold out, and it seems a pity to add to them unnecessarily, to "carry, in fact, coals to Newcastle." There is a great fear lest Freemasonry should degenerate into one great benefit order, and we cannot be too much on our guard on this ticklish point.

I should suggest a Royal Masonic Benevolent Perpetual Presentation, to be nominated by the Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the President of the Board of Benevolence for the time being. Just in the same way as Boys' and Girls' Perpetual Presentations have been purchased, so a perpetual pension might be purchased of the authorities of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Such is the feeling for Bro. John Hervey that I have no doubt that a male and female presentation might be purchased if the affair is properly managed. To this present scheme, with all deference to its excellent chief promoters, many objections will be made by the Craft, as are now respectfully urged by, yours fraternally,

A P. PROV. G. CHAPLAIN

A TYLER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Does a regular subscribing member of a lodge forfeit his membership by accepting the position of Tyler? or will it be necessary for him to be proposed, rebalotted for, and pay an additional affiliation fee, after his term of office has expired, in order to take his seat again as a member of the lodge.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

P.M.

[Will any brother kindly answer this query?—Ed. F.M.]

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS AT INITIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note your remarks about the Aldersgate Lodge giving to each initiate a Book of the Constitutions, and that you rejoice that this is done. I beg to state that as long as I have been a Mason, now some thirty-six years, I never saw a candidate initiated in the Percy Lodge, No. 198, who did not receive a copy of the Book of the Constitutions. But this may not be generally known, for we object to having any report of our meetings.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
GEORGE LAMBERT, P.M. 198 and 504, &c.

[We are much pleased to publish our excellent correspondent's letter, but would respectfully observe if his view of Masonic publication be true, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise."—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your note last week on the advantage of giving to each initiate a copy of the Book of Constitutions causes me some surprise, as I was not aware that to do so is an unusual custom. It certainly ought to be the universal rule, and in five lodges to which I belong, or have belonged, situated in Kent, in Oxfordshire, and in London, it has always been the custom, and I know of others where it is so too. I am glad you have drawn attention to the subject, as it may, and I hope will, lead to what I thought was the usual practice being adopted as the universal rule.

Yours fraternally,

S. M. M. C. O.

NUMBER OF LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I note in the "Masonic Tidings" in last week's *Freemason* the following paragraph:

"Since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, warrants have been granted for eleven new lodges, the number of the last being 1897."

As this probably may lead many to suppose that there are eighteen hundred and ninety-seven lodges on the Grand Register of England, it may be of interest to state that many lodges have for various reasons become defunct, and that the exact number now meeting regularly and sending returns to Grand Lodge, including those for which warrants were granted on Wednesday last, is seventeen hundred and sixty-six.

Yours fraternally,

EDITOR,

"COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC POCKET BOOK."
 March 3rd.

THE SWEDENBORGIAN RITE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

My attention has been called by a brother from Sweden, who is staying with me, to the fact that in the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* my name is placed on the list of officers of the Swedenborgian Rite as the "Provincial Grand Master for York." Will you permit me to disavow any acceptance on my part of such an office, regarding which I was never consulted, nor had I any intimation whatever.

I am not aware of the existence of any lodge of the Rite in York, and have no knowledge of the Rite itself, further than that of having had the rituals furnished to me some years ago, on payment of a guinea registration fee to a lodge of the Order at Sheffield. The rituals, I may add, are the veriest twaddle, and the guinea was the worst spent money I ever disbursed.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Reviews.

LIFE AND SOCIETY IN AMERICA. By SAMUEL PHILIP DAY. First and Second Series. Newman and Co., 43, Hart-street.

We have read this work, but not, we confess, with un-mixed satisfaction. It seems to us both too trenchant and too severe in its general tone, and makes too little allowance for the peculiar position and pressing trials of American society. It has always appeared to us, we confess, that English books of travel and of visits to America, from Mrs. Trollope downwards, have not been fair to America or the Americans. The writers have judged everything from a purely English point of view, forgetting that, owing to special circumstances, America must be "self-made," so to say, and out of the most heterogeneous materials and the most contrasted classes. In England, as is well known, there are various circles of society all equally good, independent, and pleasant; but to find fault with America because their society is not built on our model, has always appeared to us neither fair nor farseeing. The habits of the people are different, dependent a good deal, as such habits always are, on climatic influences and engrossing pursuits. The hotel life of America is no doubt uncomfortable, but remembering that absorbing pursuit of wealth, in which a newly-constituted nation generally indulges itself, it is impossible that any analogy can exist between the two countries. We always think it most unjust when writers forget the limit of fairness in dealing with other nations, different habits, different modes of life. America is a very remarkable country in itself, its future will, we fancy, be still more so; and we fail to discover why English writers should always seek to depreciate and ridicule American life and society. Is it different from ours, "Voilà tout!" The writer of this work has his merits. He is clear and forcible, and his words run on agreeably, though we think

a good deal of "padding" might have been spared us. There is much that calls for thought, and deserves perusal in the two "series."

PROSPECTS OF PERU. By A. T. DUFFIELD.

Newman and Co., Hart-street.

This is a little "brochure" which sets the possible future of Peru before us in glowing colours, though its present state seems to be deplorable. The late war with Chili will not make matters more "couleur de rose." Still, with its regions and treasures of unobtained and unexplored mineral wealth, the future of Peru is likely to be as brilliant as its past has been dark, and its present saddening.

WHO ARE THE WELSH? By JAMES BONWICK,

F.R.G.S. David Bogue, 3, St. Martin's-place.

We have read this little striking pamphlet with much interest, but we hardly yet realize to what conclusion the writer arrives. He seems to intimate that Wales has been made up of a variety of immigrations, of which the Danish, the Armorican, and the Flemish are most conspicuous. Whether or not Wales was originally colonised by Phœnician traders or visited by Grecian sailors seems doubtful; in fact the whole history of Wales is hazy in the extreme. The writer seems to give up the Triads as comparatively modern, with which we do not agree, but content ourselves with observing that Wales, like other nations, has its pre-historic times. The Welsh are a very interesting people, and we do not seek to conceal that we like to hear of its legends, and to study its old world lore.

THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND. Seventh Annual Report.

We have before us the seventh report of this movement, and a very striking one it is. The balance sheet is highly suggestive. Some £6946 2s. 7½d. have been collected, the expenses, necessarily special, have amounted to £1024, and the balance for distribution to £5922 1s. 11½d. Of this, £5800 has been distributed among ninety-six institutions. It seems that £2000 on the last collection day have been raised directly by the working classes, and that so far from any diminution of interest or receipts, the present balance sheet has £482 more to account for than last year. We cannot but express our opinion that this is a good, useful, and needful movement, and deserves the support of all who seek to bring home to those who are not always able to command it, skilled attendance and curative institutions.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONIC NOTES.

The "Notes" on Masonic History by Bro. Gould are most interesting, and we ought to feel greatly indebted to him, both for his careful researches and his lucid explanations. Bro. Gould has accepted the theory apparently that there was only "one ceremony" and "one grade" in existence before 1717, and strengthens himself by quoting Bro. Hughan and Bro. W. P. Buchan in favour of his contention. Now, I venture, despite such high authorities, to enter a friendly "caveat" against such theories and declarations.

As regards what is left of our early documents, we have very few which help us in the enquiry. A good deal is sometimes made of alleged old rituals, but I know of no transcript of ritual which is earlier than the latter part of the last century or the beginning of this. There are none in the Grand Lodge of England library. There are a great many rituals in the Grande Librairie, Rue de Richelieu, Paris, but they are all late, mostly High Grade, and the symbolic rituals are *adonhiramite*, which is late. I have never yet seen any English MS. ritual which can by any means be admitted to be earlier than end of the 18th century, nor any valid proof of ceremonial, or authority on the subject. We have alleged printed rituals of the Three Degrees early 18th century, which, if good for anything, and I hold them, for one, but of negative value, might be held to prove that the Second and Third Degrees were not of merely 18th century use on the well-known ground of "legal memory." I have seen a transcript of the well-known Rite de Bouillon, and another copy is, I think, at Paris; but the transcript might be any age—early 19th century MS. So when we come to the evidence of Degrees it practically is "nil."

The printed evidence is in favour of the earlier date, unless we reject the authority of the writer. Neither can Anderson's language be pressed in any way so as to presume that the writer understood the division of Degrees was a new thing.

We have some MS. evidence and some printed which, on the contrary, clearly allege the existence of more than one Degree as early in the 18th century. The Sloane MS., whether of 17th century composition, is of early 18th century transcription, about 1715, and I will defy any to deny that it contains language which refers to more than one Degree.

I venture to conceive that I am capable to understand and realize what words mean, and no one can read the Sloane MS. through without seeing that allusion is made, (perhaps ignorantly), to more than one Degree. It would be impossible in a public print to prove this statement, but mine must be taken "quantum valet." The language of Long Livers, whatever it may mean, mentions an "exalted Degree," and, therefore, the theory that between 1717 and 1721 our present Degrees were arranged is one which I must really respectfully decline to consider or argue. That Payne and Anderson understood so is impossible to conceive, or that they would be parties to such a deliberate fraud.

The absence of distinct "evidences" as to the Third Degree is undoubtedly to be explained by the fact that until some time in the 18th century the Second and Third Degrees were given in the Grand Lodge. It was so at York, for there is a distinct record of a ceremony so performed, which made a great impression on me when I read it. It was so in the South, and even where Masters Lodges were held no minutes were kept of them. The ceremonial of the Degree was too "ineffable" to be alluded to openly, much less "minuted."

I quite agree with Bro. Gould that we cannot rely on Dermott or Dr. Oliver, and that their statements relative to the ritual are not trustworthy. But certain "facts" are before me. There was a ritual in 1646 at Warrington. What was it? There was a ritual in 1717, when those old Masons met. What was it?

Any one who could give us a glimpse into English Ma-

sonry between 1717 and 1721, (as if Stukeley's evidence is reliable just below, the "status" of Masonry in London in 1721 was not flourishing), would be a benefactor to all who, like myself, dub themselves

MASONIC STUDENT.

ANTHONY SAYER.

Is Bro. Gould quite sure that Anthony Sayer was an Operative Mason? I have a very curious print of him as Anthony Sayer, gentleman, painted by Hignmore, engraved by Faber. The fact may be so, but I should like to know if his will could be found at Doctors' Commons. I have long been of opinion that we ought to try and find out more about Sayer and Payne, Anderson and Desaguliers, than is known to us at present.

MASONIC STUDENT.

LISTS OF LODGES.

I have the lists of Cole of 1762, 1770. The printed lists of 1735, 1765, 1768, and several others.

M. S.

SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN.

Anderson, in the Constitutions of 1738, says, that on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1663, Henry Jermyn, Earl of St. Alban's, held a general assembly or feast, when certain regulations were made, which are in fact a transcript of Harleian, 1942, with the exception that where Anderson says "Grand Master," the MS. says "Master." I do not think that Anderson meant intentionally to misrepresent the article—but understood from the "context" Master to imply Grand Master. Anderson I see says that Sir Christopher Wren and Mr. John Webb were Grand Wardens, Sir John Denham, D.G.M., "according to a copy of the Old Constitutions." I have not been able to trace any earlier actual reference to Sir Christopher Wren as a Freemason in Masonic writers. In the 1723 edition Anderson says Webb was a son-in-law of Inigo Jones, but nowhere alludes, I admit, to the fact of Sir Christopher Wren being a Mason, though he claims James the First, Charles the First, Charles the Second, William the Third, and as distinctly Inigo Jones, Nicholas Stone, and John Webb as Freemasons. From what "Old Constitutions" did Anderson derive his authority in 1738? It has always appeared to me that the 1723 edition was hastily written, and simply for a purpose and an occasion.

MASONIC STUDENT.

In a very interesting paper on the Preceptory of Dinmore, read by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis before the York Rosicrucian College, in November last, the following passage occurs. It is taken from the "Common-Place Book" of the well-known antiquary, Dr. Stukeley. He was, it seems, initiated January 6th, 1721, and thus records the event as taking place at the "Salutation Tavern," Tavistock-street: "I was the first person made a Freemason in London for some years. We had great difficulty to find members enough to perform the ceremony." What will Bro. Gould say to this? and can he, great "lodgogeographer" as he is, tell us what this lodge was? Perhaps it was an "occasional lodge." Its name does not occur in any list. Bro. Dr. Stukeley is said by Bro. Lukis to have assisted in forming a lodge at the Fountain, Strand, December 27th, 1721, and this lodge appears in the list of 1723-1725, but not after. It is out in 1729. Can it be traced?

A. F. A. W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

VISIT OF WEST YORKSHIRE BRETHERN, FEB. 24th.

The following brethren and ladies from the Province of West Yorkshire visited the Girls' School, on Thursday, the 24th ult.: Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., P.M. 61, P.G.M. W.Y.; I. Booth, 61, P.P.G.W.; Mrs. Booth; C. T. Clarkson, 61; H. W. Wrigley, P.M. 149; J. W. Sykes, J.W. 149; George Blackburn, W.M. 264; John Hey, sen., P.M. 264; B. P. Parker, P.M. 264, P.P.G.P.; Lieut.-Col. J. Day, W.M. 275; Alfred Jubb, S.W. 275; Thomas Rud-dock, P.M. 275, Past Provincial Grand Deacon; W. J. Beck, P.M. 289, P. Prov. G. D. of C.; William Harrop, P.M. 290, Prov. Grand Deacon; Harold Thomas, 296; Henry Smith, P.M. 302, Prov. G. Sec.; Thomas Hill, P.M. 302, P.P.G.W.; Wm. Blackburn, P.M. 337, P.P.G.D.; John Hirst, P.M. 337, P.P.G.W.; F. W. W. Booth, P.M. 387, P.P.G.D. of C.; Edwin Lee, W.M. 408; Wm. Wood, P.M. 495; Lieut.-Col. J. Hartley, P.M. 495, Prov. G. Stwd.; George Marshall, P.M. 521; Wm. Henry Jessop, J.W. 521; John Fawcett, P.M. 904, P.P.G.D.; Joseph Quarterman, W.M. 910; W. C. Lupton, P.M. 974; John Richardson, jun., P.M. 1001, P.P.G. Purst.; W. F. Smithson, P.M. 1001, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. T. Powell, P.M. 1001; Edward Ferrand, W.M. 1018; Mrs. Ed. Ferrand, George Althorp, P.M. 1018, Prov. G. Purst.; Mrs. George Althorp, John Wordsworth, P.M. 1019, Vice Chairman, C.C., W.Y.; John Haslegrave, P.M. 1019; George Newton, P.M. 1019; Wm. Henry Gill, P.M. 1019, Asst. to Prov. G. Sec.; Benj. Watson, 1019; Saml. Stead, P.M. 1042; Eli Pullan, P.M. 1042; Joseph Ibberson, P.M. 1102, P.P.G. Reg.; John K. Ibberson, P.M. 1102; John Walmsley, P.M. 1102; John Barker, P.M. 1102; Arthur A. Stott, P.M. 1102; W. H. Bradford, J.W. 1211; Geo. F. Crowe, P.M. 1211, P.P.G.D.; Joseph Pickering, jun., 1239; Joseph Pickering, sen., 1239; J. B. Hargreaves, J.W. 1311; C. E. Richardson, J.D. 1311; Thomas Crossley, P.M. 1311; J. H. Gratton, P.M. 1513; Peter Wilson, S.D. 1513; James Wood, 1513; Joseph Mitchell, P.M. 1513; Thomas W. Embleton, 1513; Geo. Horsfall, W.M. 1514; Job Harling, P.M. 1542; Alfred Stephenson, P.M. 1648; Mrs. Stephenson, and George Gardiner, P.M. 1783.

The Company was received by the following members of the House Committee: Bros. Dr. Wm. Hope, Chairman for the month; H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tathershall, J. Nunn, Hammerton, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary; and were accompanied by Bros. Frederick Binches, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Ben. Watkins, 162, P.P.G.S.B. Mon.; S. Lee Bapty, P.M. Mother Kilwinning.

Old Matured Wines and Spirits.—J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), 3, Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W. Price lists on application.—[Advr.]

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

W. J. HUGHAN.

As many will be aware, it is the custom in the U.S.A. for Grand Lodges to issue quarterly or annual reports of all their "Proceedings." Some of these are most valuable publications, and as one of the most interesting as well as valuable class may be mentioned that of Massachusetts. Some of its volumes rank amongst the best contributions to Masonic history in America, and all of their "Proceedings" are not only most carefully prepared, but also well printed, that for the last quarter of 1880 being in keeping with the character of its predecessors.

The "Proceedings" are adorned with a fine portrait, by the American Bank Note Co., Boston, of the retiring G.M., the M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, who was presented in open lodge with a Past Grand Master's jewel, resplendent with gems, and an apron and gauntlets of corresponding elegance, by the members of the Lodge of "Eleusis," in appreciation of his great services to the Craft. Although no mention is made of the fact, I presume that the Grand Master is a member of the lodge, which so pleasingly recognised the zeal and ability of the chief officer of that.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge assembled at the Masonic Temple on December 4th, to attend the funeral of their lamented Senior Past Grand Master, John T. Heard, who died on the 1st December, 1880. The funeral service was read by M.W. Bro. Welch, and after another service was held at the late residence of the deceased, the *cortège* proceeded to the cemetery, where the Masonic Burial Service was read by the G.M. The record states that in the presence of brethren whom he had loved in life, the Senior Past G.M., whose noble presence, active zeal, and wise counsel had so often given wisdom, strength, and beauty to the work of the Grand Lodge, was laid peacefully to rest in the consecrated shades of Mount Auburn.

M.W. Bro. Heard was one of the best informed and most enthusiastic Freemasons in the United States, and, in common with many brethren scattered over the globe, who enjoyed his correspondence and friendship, I much lament his removal from the Craft he so loved.

The M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, of Medford, Mass., received 469 votes at his election for that office out of a possible 470, and was duly installed. May he have as good a year of office as he will seek to deserve, and with such a number of active Past Grand Masters, 1881 should be especially successful in that jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Centennial Medals was accepted, but further consideration of the subject was postponed to March ensuing. The report is signed by Bros. W. T. R. Marvin (the noted Masonic medallist), S. D. Nickerson (Past G.M. and Hon. Librarian), and Edwin L. Haley.

Mention is made of the custom prevailing in England, and it is stated that already several lodges have special medals which it is not intended to interfere with, so long as the G.M. be applied to within three months of this regulation being passed, for permission. There is no word as to the cost of such warrants. We suggest that warrants of confirmation be charged at least twenty dollars, and regular centenary warrants fifty dollars, for there is still a heavy debt on the Temple, and aught ornamental should be made to assist in the finances. The suggestions of the Committee are all very good indeed.

The Committee on Change of Seal, to which I alluded some time since, made their final report, and it is now settled by returning to the design originally adopted by the St. John's Grand Lodge, adding only the arms of the Commonwealth, and changing the legend to—Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1733.

The Committee of the Library reported a total of some 2150 volumes of Masonic works, and 2000 pamphlets on the same subject, as in their charge. The most valuable addition to the library during the past year was the gift of the entire Masonic library of the R.W. Bro. Sutton of 500 vols., with 200 still to be received. This collection is especially rich in rare Masonic periodicals, old addresses and sermons. If any catalogue is published I should much like to have one. The library is in good hands, for the Committee consists of Sereno D. Nickerson, P.G.M.; Charles L. Woodbury, P.D.G.M.; and William T. R. Marvin, Senior G. Std. I wish much all Grand Lodges were so ably conducted as that of Massachusetts.

BALL OF THE ROYAL SUSSEX MARK
LODGE, No. 75, BRIGHTON.

A strong desire has existed for some time past amongst the brethren in Brighton to make the Mark Degree prominent with other Degrees in Masonry, and on Thursday evening, the 24th ult., the Royal Pavilion was the scene of a most happy gathering, in the form of a ball and supper, given under the auspices of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75. This was the first entertainment undertaken by the Mark Degree in Sussex, and judging by the grand success attendant on the Committee, viz.: Bros. H. W. Charrington, W.M.; T. J. Pulley, W.M. elect; W. T. Clarke, J.W., &c.; E. Bridges, and R. Paige, Hon. Secretary, their efforts we predict must receive an "encore," which we trust will be heartily responded to, as nothing can equal a jovial dance to the very charming strains of a full band, such as was supplied by Bro. Devin, whose conducting it is impossible to surpass, or improve his selection of music. He arranged twenty dances, including "The Pirates of Penzance;" "Olivette;" "Madame Favart;" and the new and charming "Unicorn Galop."

About twelve o'clock the happy party, numbering about 100, adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast was spread, in every way worthy of the caterers' (Bros. Sayers and Marks) well-known repute, the wines especially evoking the warmest commendation. Bro. Charrington, W.M., presided, while the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. Pulley, W. T. Clarke, and Paige. Full justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. gave very eloquently the toast of "The Queen, the Royal Family, and Mark Masonry," after which Bro. Pulley, W.M. elect, proposed, in very flattering terms, "The W.M.," to which Bro. Charrington ably responded, and thanked the company for their recognition of the efforts of the Committee by their presence. This was supplemented by Bro. A. Burrows, who gave "The Committee and Hon. Secretary," to which Bro. Paige responded, and gave

in turn, in a most fluent manner, "The Ladies," concluding with the words of Byron:—

Fill, fill your glasses, gentlemen,
And drink the toast I propose:
To woman—woman everywhere,
Creator's sweetest rose.
But chiefly those whom we love best,
Ye, dearer than our lives,
Our mothers', sisters', sweethearts', friends
And, gentlemen, our wives.

Bro. White of Reading, humorously responded, and the company returned to the music room, where, again with Byron, "There was a sound of revelry by night," and until night was long at odds with morning. A more happy, comfortable, and enjoyable assemblage it is impossible to imagine.

Present: Messrs. Abel, Allinson, C. Aldous, C. J. Buckwell, Burrow, Bridges, H. R. Berkley, Buckwell, Blaker, Cresswell, Cheesman, F. Claxton, C. J. Carter, W. T. Clarke, H. E. Cox, H. W. Charrington, Could, Diplock, G. Fieldus, Folkard, Gosling, L. Hart, Hammond, Hatton, Hollis, S. Harper, C. Harper, E. Harper, V. Kendars, Leleu, Mackenzie, F. Napper, R. Needham, Nell, C. Nye, Pedler, Perry, Paige, C. Patching, Paige, M. Phillips, R. Pitt, T. Phillips, Pulley, T. Reeves, Saxby, T. W. Staples, Thacker, Watson, Wells, Wellbye, Warne, and T. Whale. Mesdames: Abel, Allinson, Bridges, Cresswell, Carter, W. T. Clarke, G. Fieldus, Hatton, Holmyn, S. Harper, Mackenzie, Nell, C. Nye, Pedler, Paige, Pulley, Reynolds, J. W. Staples, Thacker, Wells, and Wellbye. Misses Abel, Berti, Bartlett, Cheesman, L. M. Cheesman, Donna, Fieldus, Hall, Martin, Nell, Rubensad, Watson, A. Watson, Winkle, and Warne.

CONSECRATION OF THE LECHMERE
LODGE, No. 1874, AT THE MASONIC
HALL, KIDDERMINSTER.

This event took place on Wednesday the 23rd ult., and the ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., R.W.P.G.M. of Worcestershire, assisted by Bros. W. Masefield, Deputy P.G.M. Worcestershire; W. Bristow, P.P.S.G.W., and Prov. G. Sec., Worcestershire; and the Rev. J. B. Wilson, P.G. Chap., Worcestershire; and other distinguished brethren.

The Craft during the past two or three years, in Kidderminster, has given strong proofs of its vitality, the opening of the Masonic Hall and Club some fifteen months since having given impetus to this growth. This is in fact a reflex of the generally improved tone of Masonic life in Worcestershire we have several times of late had occasion to refer to, and the thoroughly efficient manner in which all ceremonies are conducted in its ten lodges, as well as the fact that no less a sum than £1150 has been sent by this little province to the Masonic Charities during the past two years, speaks well for the energy and life of the brethren as well as volumes in praise of the Provincial Grand Master whose new rule they acknowledge.

It was therefore to be expected that the natural outcome of this revival should be an increase in the number of lodges, and Kidderminster maintaining the leading part it has taken in provincial matters, was the first to take the initiative, happily conceiving the idea, and succeeding in obtaining the sanction of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master to use his name as that of the new lodge, and to adopt the armorial bearings of the Lechmere family.

The petitioners and founders of the lodge are as follows: Bros. George Taylor, P.M. 377, S.W. 560, P.G.J.W., W.M. designate; G. W. Grosvenor, P.M. 377 and 560, P.P.G.R., S.W. designate; G. W. Naylor, P.M. 560, J.W. designate; J. T. Meredith, P.M. 560, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Cowell, M. Tomkinson, W. M. Roden, F. Burcher, E. Hammond, P.M. 377, P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Harvey, and H. B. Pigot, P.M. 8, P.G. Stewd. England.

The brethren assembled at noon in the spacious Club Rooms of the Kidderminster Masonic Hall and Club Company, and partook of light refreshments before proceeding to the more serious business of the day.

Amongst those present were many visitors of high provincial rank, including the following Past and Present officers of the P.G. Lodge of Worcestershire:—

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.; Bros. W. Masefield, 252, 498, Deputy Prov. G.M.; the Rev. J. B. Wilson, P.M. 280, P.G. Chap.; J. R. Jenkins, P.M. 216, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Seddon, 526; W. H. Jones, 564, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Westwood, 252, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Brown, 529, 1204, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Treas.; W. Bristow, 252, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Sec.; J. Stokes, 252, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Cross, 1204, P.S.G.W.; J. F. Roberts, 529, P.J.G.D.; G. R. Godson, 1097; P.P.G.R.; Blundell, 560, P.P.G.R.; R. Broomhall, 564, P.G.R.; J. R. Buck, 280, P.G.S. Deac.; Fitzgerald, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Wilson, 1204, P.P.G.B.; McCandless, 377, P.G.P.; J. Westbury, 252, P.P.G.S.B.; Waring, 252, P.G.S.B.; G. K. Patten, 468, 498, P.G.S. of Works; C. E. Bloomer, 573, P.G.D.C.; Hammond, 377, P.G.A.D.C.; F. Troman, 252, P.G.O.; Stone, 377, P.G.S.; Green, 377, P.G.S.; Chadwick, 377, P.G.S.; Elgood, 377, P.G.S.; Preen, 377, P.G.S.; Morrison, 377, P.G.S.; F. Whitaker, 1302, P.P.J.G.W. Yorkshire; Hartley, W.M. 252; Walker, P.M. 252; Wood, W.M. 726; Whitefoot, P.M. and Sec. 1621; Pratt, W.M. 1621; Williamson, P.M. 529; Turney, W.M. 564; Keen, W.M. 573; Smith, P.M. 252; Blundell, W.M. 560; Lingham, P.M., 280; Comber, W.M. 377; Senior P.M. 726; Wood, W.M. 726; Underwood, S.W. 1204; Vale, J.W. 560; and other brethren to the number of nearly one hundred.

At half-past twelve the brethren of Lodge 377, Hope and Charity, entered the hall in procession, accompanied by some of the brethren already mentioned, and Bro. Comber, the W.M., assisted by his officers, opened a Craft lodge. The P.G. Stewards of Worcestershire, who are brethren of Hope and Charity Lodge, then left the lodge to escort the R.W.P.G.M., Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers into the lodge. The procession of Grand Lodge Officers moved round the lodge, Bro. Troman, P.G.D., playing a march upon the organ, and upon the R.W.P.G.M. taking his seat in the East, Bro. C. E. Bloomer, P.G.D. of C. (who through all the proceedings showed himself a most efficient officer), called upon the brethren to salute him with the customary honours. The procession having moved round the lodge a second time, Bro. Masefield, Dep. P.G.M., then

took his seat at the right of the R.W.P.G.M., and was saluted. The procession again moving round the lodge, still to the accompaniment of music, the P.G. Officers took their seats, and were duly saluted.

The brethren of the new lodge having been arranged in order, and asked by the R.W.P.G.M. in what particular he could serve them, the W.M. designate, Bro. George Taylor, replied in proper terms. The P.G.M. then called upon the P.G. Sec. to read the warrant of the new lodge, which he accordingly did, and laid it upon the P.G. Master's pedestal, and the petitioners having signified their approval of the officers nominated in the warrant, the P.G.M. proceeded to constitute the lodge.

The effect of the consecration ceremony was greatly enhanced by the most complete manner in which the musical part of the proceedings had been arranged, and the ability of those brethren taking part. These included Bros. Fitzgerald, P.P.S.G.D.; T. McCandless, P.G.P.; Wareham, 252; Mackay, 377; S. Taylor, 377; R. S. Blundell, W.M. 560; and Chas. Blaybrough, of Bradford, whose marvellous voice is well-known to our Yorkshire brethren. The music adopted is the excellent composition of Bro. F. C. Atkinson, P.P.G.O. West Yorks. Bro. T. Troman, Prov. G. Org., presided at the organ.

The R.W.P.G.M., Sir EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE, delivered the following oration:—

Brethren, it must be a source of the greatest satisfaction to all who are present here to-day to have been called together to take part in so solemn and interesting a ceremony as the consecration of a new lodge. We are about to add another stone to the Masonic structure in this province, one which we trust will be well and truly laid, and which will do credit to the experienced Craftsmen who have so skilfully prepared it. That their work will be carefully examined, and freely criticised, we cannot doubt, and I feel assured that those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of founding this lodge will use every effort to render it a source of additional strength to the Craft in the province, and a means of still further displaying to this town and district the elevating principles of Freemasonry in their highest and fullest development. It has given me great pleasure to consent that this lodge should bear my name, and adopt my armorial bearings, and in allusion to those depicted as you see upon the lodge banner which I have presented you will observe the pelican, a symbol known and recognised by the nations of antiquity as an emblem of charity and benevolence, based upon the traditional idea that the pelican has been known to feed her young from the blood of her own breast. This symbol, derived from the East, was adopted in the earliest ages by the Christian Church as the fittest type of the love of our Saviour, and in the ancient motto of my family this idea is, as you see, carved out "Christus Pelicano"—"Christ in the Pelican." As the pelican sheds her life blood to sustain her young, rather than that they should perish, so Christ gave His blood for His children throughout the world to save them from eternal death. In this instance there is evident connection between the name and the arms; the pelican represents maternal affection, and the name Lech-mère is believed to be a version of the Breton "Lech"—"mère"—a mother's love. Does it not teach us that "Christ so loved us as to give His life blood for us, we should, as commanded by Him, love one another? Should not the ancient symbol of a mother's love also teach us that brotherly love is the copestone, as it is the very foundation, of the Masonic edifice? I trust, therefore, that this banner may ever remind you of this duty—may it never be unfurled except when the principles of Masonry are carried out to their fullest extent in lodge amidst the hallowing influence of our ceremonial, based, as it is, upon religion, and inculcating every social and moral virtue, or, at our social gatherings, where the spirit of fraternal unity prevails, and where, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we should do all to the honour and glory of the G.A.O.T.U. The more immediate lesson which, Masonically speaking, the pelican teaches us is that of charity and benevolence, and these will, I trust, ever be the prevailing characteristics of this, as they should be of every, lodge. Indeed, there is no greater test of the reality of our Masonic profession, of its exercising a real influence for good on our lives and actions, than the maintenance between individual brethren and between lodges one with another of a thoroughly cordial and fraternal feeling. Let me urge upon the brethren of this town and district that an opportunity has arisen for the exercise in the greatest degree of these great tests of the sincerity of our profession of unity and brotherly love. We have now two lodges in this town; the one claiming our interest and regard for its old associations and long succession of good and skilful Masons, the other aspiring to occupy the position which the rapid growth of commercial prosperity has opened out to it, and which seems to encourage the hope that a new lodge may succeed without encroaching upon the older one. I am glad to see that there are many brethren of the Lodge Hope and Charity here to-day, an earnest we all must feel of the good understanding which should exist between the two lodges; the senior may well give its aid and encouragement to the junior, whilst the members of the latter will, I trust, ever show their regard for the source to which they owe their earliest Masonic instruction. The pelican will thus, indeed, be feeding her young in all charity and benevolence, but the tender brood must not allow the maternal life blood to be injuriously drawn away, and they should loyally support and co-operate with their mother lodge. If such a good understanding exists there will be no other than a friendly rivalry between the two lodges as to which of the two shall carry out to the fullest extent the principles of Masonry, more especially by aiding its great Charities, which of the two shall give the greatest dignity to our ceremonies, and secure the best and most worthy men as candidates for admission to our ranks. Brethren, I believe that on the reality of our profession depends the satisfaction with which we regard our Masonic life; if it is unreal its sentiments, however noble, its ritual, however beautiful, cannot really satisfy us. To justify the labour, the expense, the time which we bestow upon Masonry, there must be some solid satisfaction besides the acquisition of knowledge, and this is a sense of reality of the Masonic bond of union. Brethren, I thank you sincerely for your attendance to-day, and I pray that the work which we are about to dedicate to the world's Great Architect may, by His help and guidance, become in due time an edifice worthy of our Craft, and satisfactory to those who have bestowed so much care and labour in its design and execution. So mote it be.

The address of the P.G.M. was listened to with rapt attention by the brethren, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with in a manner unusually impressive. As many of those present who have witnessed similar gatherings confessed, seldom has the ceremony of consecration been carried out with more detail and efficiency on the part of all concerned. No single hitch occurred to mar its solemnity, and the perfect rendering of the ritual, beautified by the addition of musical support of a very high order, combined to afford a treat never to be forgotten by those participating.

We omit particulars of the programme, but cannot help quoting it as a model for similar occasions, having been arranged by Bro. Wm. Bristow, Prov. Grand Secretary of Worcestershire.

The P.G.M. having resumed his place in the East, the brethren formed in procession, and saluted the P.G.M. in passing, who then formally constituted the lodge.

The lodge was then resumed in the Second Degree, after which the DEP. PROV. G.M. presented Bro. Geo. Taylor, the W.M. designate, to the P.G.M. for installation.

After the PROV. G. SECRETARY had read the summary of ancient charges, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with by the D.P.G.M., Bro. MASEFIELD, whose great age does not prevent his still taking the active part he has so many years filled in the Masonic world.

It is a notable fact to place on record that Bro. Taylor was duly placed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board of forty-four Installed Masters, and sufficiently explains the high estimation in which that brother is held. The D.P. G.M. was assisted by the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Bristow, who delivered the charges and directed the customary salutes.

The following brethren were invested with the collars of their respective offices: Bros. G. W. Grosvenor, S.W.; G. W. Naylor, J.W.; J. J. Harvey, Treas.; J. T. Meredith, Sec.; A. Cowell, S.D.; M. Tomkinson, J.D.; and W. M. Roden, I.G.

The W.M. said he should be neglecting a sense of duty, as well as a sense of gratitude, which must be uppermost in the minds of his brother petitioners, if he omitted to tender their cordial and sincere thanks to those distinguished brethren who had performed the ceremonies of that day. He trusted they would look upon it as no mere compliment, but a tribute of respect and esteem for their great Masonic worth, when he proposed each of them—the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere; the D.P. G.M., Bro. Wm. Masefield; the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. W. Bristow; and the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. B. Wilson—as honorary members of the Lechmere Lodge.

This was seconded by the S.W., and carried with acclamation.

The P.G.M. replied, accepting the compliment paid them, and testifying to the pleasure the whole proceedings had given them.

A vote of thanks was also accorded Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere for the gift of the lodge banner, which had been designed under his own direction, assisted by the advice of Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter).

The banner bears the Lechmere arms, surrounded by a representation of the Prov. G. Master's chain of office, and bears the motto of his family, "Christus Pelicano," with other richly worked devices and ornamentation.

A cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of the W.M., was presented to the W.M., officers, and brethren of Lodge 377, for the kindness and courtesy shown the new lodge in the necessary arrangements of the day; and was acknowledged in suitable terms by Bro. COMBER, the W.M.

Propositions for joining and initiation were postponed till the ordinary day of meeting, as well as the appointment of a Committee for framing the bye-laws.

A list of presentations to the Lechmere Lodge was then read, and included the banner, by the Prov. Grand Master; charity-box, in rosewood, with silver panels, and an embroidered Bible cushion, by the W.M., Bro. Taylor; the set of silver collar jewels, by the S.W., Bro. Grosvenor; the Bible (1610, folio, edition) and silver square and compasses, by the J.W., Bro. Naylor; silver collar chain for W.M., by Bro. A. Cowell; mahogany box, working tools, by Bro. Roden; the sword and dirk, by Bro. Tomkinson; the officers' collars, by Bro. Harvey; the ebony and silver gavel, by Bro. Burcher; the ebony and silver maul, by Bro. Hammond; the ballot box, by Bro. Pigot; and a set of ebony and silver firing mauls, by Bro. Meredith—all these presents bearing suitable inscriptions.

The Secretary was requested to record these presentations on the minutes, as well as the oration delivered by the P.G. Master, who cheerfully complied with the request made by the W.M. to that effect.

Before closing the lodge the W.M. received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of the brethren on all sides.

At half-past four the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet, provided by the Kidder Masonic Hall and Club Company. Nearly all the brethren mentioned as present at the consecration attended the banquet, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Geo. Taylor, P.J.G.W. Worcestershire, supported on his right by Bro. Sir E. Lechmere, P.G.M., and Bro. Masefield, D.P. G.M.; on his left by Bro. the Rev. J. B. Wilson, P.G.C., and many other distinguished brethren.

After banquet the W.M. proposed the first toast—that of "The Queen and the Craft." He said: Brethren, as is customary in all English gatherings, the first toast should be one of respect to the Sovereign of the country, and though every loyal subject may not be a Mason, every good Mason is supposed to be a loyal subject, hence a union of "The Queen and the Craft," which toast I now ask you to honour.

The toast having been duly honoured, "God Save the Queen" was then sung, the solo being rendered by Bro. Albert Brown, P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Treas.

The W. MASTER then said: The next toast, brethren, is that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." All of us are proud to recognise the sway of one so eminently qualified to rule. It would take me too long to attempt to describe the interest taken by H.R.H. in Masonic work; we have seen one proof to-day in the warrant of the lodge being signed by his own hand. In spite of the number and importance of all the other claims upon his time, we find in him a Grand Master in deed as well as in name.

After this toast had been drunk, Bro. Jones, P.P.S.G.W., sang "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The W. MASTER then rose and said: Brethren, I claim your attention to the third toast on the

list, which includes "The M.W. the Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G.M., Earl of Lathom, and the other Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past." It is most important that the high officers immediately below the Grand Master should be men of high and approved position in the country, and never has the supply failed. It certainly has not done so at the present time when we have such brethren at the head of the Craft as those just named. I ask you to drink to this health and call on our Bro. H. B. Pigot, P.G. Std., of England, to respond.

Bro. PIGOT, P.M., P.G.S. of E., said that in the first place he offered greeting to the W.M. upon seeing him in that chair as the first W.M. of the Lechmere Lodge, and he must next express the pleasure it gave him to respond to that toast. He had frequently been fortunate enough to attend meetings of the Grand Lodge and had seen the R.W. P.G.M. of England and the other officers of Grand Lodge at work and had always been delighted with the efficient way in which they performed it. The Craft in general was always advocated and vigilantly supported by these officers, and he was in a position to assure the brethren present that [they need never fear but that the affairs of Grand Lodge would be managed with care and ability so long as such brethren as had been named were willing to accept office.

Bro. Blagbrough then sang "The Better Land," and an encore being the result he sang with exquisite taste and feeling "Tom Bowling."

In rising to propose the next toast the W.M. said: I now propose to you a toast which will need very few words from me to commend to your hearty approval. It is "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P." It is a source of pride and gratification to myself, as it must be to every brother present, to have him amongst us to-day, and so unmistakably evincing that willingness to labour himself, as well as that interest in the labours of others, which have gained for him the high esteem of every Mason in the province. It is a most difficult thing to use terms sufficiently expressive in his presence, but I question if any P.G.M. has during so short a term of office done so much by participation and encouragement to inspire and consolidate true Masonic work and progress in his province as the R.W.P.G.M. of Worcestershire. One result has been the memorable occasion of to-day, when another lodge has been added to those under his rule, and a further sign of progress recorded. The present gives me a favourable opportunity to thank you, Sir, I may say publicly thank you, for permitting the association of your name with that lodge, and I re-echo the sentiments of every one of my brother petitioners when I say, it is my earnest hope and desire that now and for all future time the history of this lodge may not be unworthy in any degree of the ancient and honoured name it bears. Brethren, I give you "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M."

Bro. Sir EDMUND LECHMERE, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to come that day, it was a short respite from the onerous duties of the House of Commons, where, perhaps, just at this time unity and brotherly love did not altogether prevail. In the repose of that day he had felt a great relief, and he took this opportunity of thanking the brethren for their sympathy with regard to the cloud which had recently overshadowed his house. Like many of the brethren present he had never taken part in a consecration ceremony before, and he was much struck with its solemnity as well as with the beauty of the music. He was much gratified by the large attendance of Masons of the province, and the evident Masonic zeal of all concerned; it gave an earnest of the future success of the Lechmere Lodge. If one thing more than another had pleased him it was the presence of the W.M. and brethren of 377, as it showed their brotherly love, and that they had taken the earliest opportunity of visiting and supporting the new lodge. The R.W.P.G.M. concluded by alluding to the forthcoming "History of Masonry in the Province," in preparation by Bro. A. Brown, the P.G. Treasurer, and said that the history of good work in the past must be an incentive to all to do their duty in the future, but he felt that he must look to these younger brethren who were coming on to assist him in the future, and nothing could contribute more to the advancement of true Masonry than such ceremonies as they had witnessed that day. He hoped that there would be more new lodges in the province, and concluded by expressing his cordial thanks for the manner in which the toast of his health had been received, and he again thanked the brethren of the Lechmere Lodge for electing him an hon. member.

Bro. Wareham then sang "The Holy Friar."

At this point, the trains leaving early, Bros. Wm. Masefield, D.P.G.M., and Bristow, P.P.G.S.W. and P.G. Secretary, were obliged to leave, which was very unfortunate, as the next toast was that of "The Health of Bro. Masefield, and the Officers of P.G.L., Present and Past." This toast was proposed by Bro. Naylor, P.M. 560, and J.W. of the Lechmere Lodge, who said that he was very sorry that their beloved Bro. Masefield was obliged to leave them. He said that the brethren of the Province of Worcester all looked up to their P.G. Officers as to men who well deserved the honours they had attained. They also felt somewhat of the feeling attributed to the French soldier, who was said to carry a marshal's baton in his knapsack, for they all hoped by merit and ability that they might one day be enrolled amongst the glorious company of the prophets to which he could liken the P.G. Officers who filled honourable offices they might all by energy, ability, and attention to their duties aspire to. He considered this a fair ambition. As the D.P.G.M. was gone, he would ask Bro. A. Brown, P.G. Treas., to respond to the toast of "Bro. W. Masefield, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, and the Officers of P.G.L., Present and Past."

This toast having been honoured in the customary manner, Bro. BROWN made a few remarks in reply, thanking the brethren for their cordiality and brotherly feeling.

Bro. Buck, P.M. 250, P.G.S.D., sang "Simon the Cellarer."

"The Health of the Consecrating Officers" was proposed, in fitting terms, by Bro. G. W. GROSVENOR, P.P. G.R., and S.W. of the Lechmere Lodge. He alluded with regret to the departure of the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Sec., and said that the success of the beautiful ceremony they had witnessed that day was in a great measure due to these brethren. He must also allude to the impressive Masonic work of the P.G. Chap., Bro. J. B. Wilson, and concluded by asking him to reply to the toast.

Bro. J. B. WILSON, P.G.C., replied in eloquent language to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," and spoke of

the beauty and dignity of the ceremony that day. He thanked the brethren of the Lechmere Lodge most cordially for electing him an hon. member of their lodge.

The P.G.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. George Taylor, W.M.," and specially alluded to the excellence of his Masonic work, and the energy and ability he had displayed in the foundation of the Lechmere Lodge. He attributed the success of the ceremony of that day to the patient attention given by Bro. Taylor and his colleagues to the elaboration and completion of details. Nothing had been omitted, nothing forgotten. He hoped that the new lodge would be an example in working and in every other Masonic virtue to the province.

The Provincial Grand Master also expressed his high appreciation of the services rendered the province by Bro. Taylor in connection with the Masonic Charity Association, and also in the promotion of that hall and club in which they were congregated. Health was therefore of great importance to one whose labours had been so onerous, and the success attending them so great, and he concluded in asking those present to drink to Bro. Taylor's good health and long life, which was responded to with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in reply, said he found it difficult to sufficiently thank the P.G.M. for the terms used in proposing his health, and the brethren for their cordial response. He always felt very grateful for such manifestations of esteem. Having stood before many of them under various circumstances, he could not but feel the great responsibility which rested upon him in his present peculiar position as the W.M. of a new lodge. During all the preliminary stages which had marked its foundation, he had been encouraged by the knowledge of two things, that the cause was good, and the motive pure. Hope, then, that some beams from the light of our great Masonic principles might, by its agency, be shed around had led him on, and through the unity, advice, and unwavering help of those brethren they had seen appointed officers, and of the other petitioners, too, the Lechmere Lodge was at last an accomplished fact. Bro. Taylor concluded by saying: May all the hopes and good wishes expressed on its behalf to-day be realised; may all those who have set their hands to its formation never weary in seeking the accomplishment of its mission of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and then I shall be more than repaid for anything I have done or ever can do.

Before resuming his chair, the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors and Lodge 377." He said, those who drink it will be few in number, but the expression of regard and good feeling will be none the less sincere. Every one present will, I trust, understand the feelings which prompted us to make especial reference to our brethren of the sister lodge. We rejoice that the right hand of good fellowship is extended and grasped by each, and that is what we wish to see, the two lodges going on hand in hand in mutual regard and useful work. Of this I have no fear, with such a contemporary as my Bro. Comber, the W.M. of 377. I thank the brethren from a distance for their presence to-day, personally and on behalf of the lodge, and trust they will visit 1874 again and again.

This toast having been duly honoured, Bro. JONES, P.P. S.G.W.; Bro. BUCK, P.S.G.D.; and Bro. F. WHITAKER, P.P.G.W. West Yorks, replied, and Bro. COMBER, the W.M. of 377, expressed the satisfaction he and the members of his lodge had derived from the proceedings of that day, and his cordial and hearty belief in the brotherly relationship of the two lodges, which by his own desires and mutual visiting he would do all in his power to promote.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave the next toast, that of "The Officers and Founders of 1874," which was responded to by Bro. GROSVENOR, S.W.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Masonic Charities," said he would not at that hour enter fully upon a subject so important and so wide, but simply commend the subjects to them by the mention of two points which had particular reference to their province. One was that during the eighteen months, ending last June, their ten lodges had sent up no less a sum than £1150 in support of their Institutions for the Boys, Girls, and Aged. The other point embraced the fact that this crusade, if he might so term it, had resulted in raising Worcestershire from about the twenty-sixth in the forty-two provinces to about the sixth or seventh place in the average of votes possessed by its members. Bro. TAYLOR concluded with an earnest appeal to the brethren to maintain this position by a combined systematic support, which could now easily be given through their existing charity organisation.

After a brilliant execution of a fantasia by the Prov. G. Organist, Bro. Troman, the Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion the proceedings of a day which will be long remembered as most pleasant and satisfactory by all concerned.

CONSECRATION OF ST. AUSTELL MARK LODGE, No. 275.

On Tuesday, the 15th ult., there was a large gathering of the Mark Masters of the Province of Cornwall at St. Austell, the occasion being the consecration of a new Mark Lodge, to be known hereafter as the St. Austell, No. 275 on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. The meeting was held at the elegant little Masonic Hall belonging to the Peace and Harmony Craft Lodge, and there were present Bro. Sir Charles Graves Sawle, Bart., R.W.P.G. Mark Master designate; W. Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., 18°, Dep. Prov. G.M.M.; R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, 32°, Past G.M. Warden of England; W. Bros. W. J. Johns, P.P.G.W. and Prov. G. Sec.; N. J. West, 30°, P.P.G. J.W.; Emra Holmes, 31°, Past G. Inspector of Works of England; Controller Bake, 30°; C. Truscott, jun., 30°, Prov. G.J.W., W.M. designate; W. Mason, 30°, P.G.A. D.C., S.W. designate; W. Guy, 18°, J.W. designate; Rev. E. Gill; W. P. Smith; Mitchell, Prov. G. Reg.; Hicks, W.M. of the Newquay Lodge; J. T. Tillman, W.M. 78; and others.

The imposing ceremonial of the consecration of the lodge was conducted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, ably assisted by Bros. Hughan, Johns, and West, acting P.G.S.W.; Bros. W. P. Smith acted as P.G.J.W.; Controller Bake, as P.G. Svd. Br.; Emra Holmes, as Prov. G.D. of C.; and the Rev. E. Gill, as Prov. G. Chap. and Org.

The PROV. G. SEC. read the warrant constituting the lodge, signed by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Grand Mark Master, on the 1st January last, and mentioned as the founders Bros. W. J. Hughan, C. Truscott, jun., W. J. West, W. Guy, W. Mason, W. Luke, T. H. Lukes, and J. W. Higman.

The lodge having been duly dedicated and constituted, the ballot was taken for the following, as joining members, who were all unanimously elected: Bros. Sir Charles G. Sawle, Bart., Rev. E. E. Gill, R. Parson, W. P. Smith, H. De Legh, and W. Nettle. The ballot was then taken for the following brethren, candidates for advancement to the Degrees of Mark Mason and Mark Master, who were also unanimously accepted: W. Bros. Rev. F. B. Paul, P.M. 1151, P.P.G. Chap.; T. J. Smith, P.M. 496; J. Job, P.M. 496; F. Williams, P.M. 677, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; F. Parkyn, P.M. 856; Bros. W. Tredinnick, J.D. 496; J. de Cressy Treffry, J.D. 977; A. Sherriff-Clunes, D.C. 977; J. A. Blamey, I.G. 1785; C. K. Stevens, S.D. 977; B. Houseley, S.D. 403; J. Hoit, J.W. 856; W. J. Watts, 496; and W. Real, T. 496. The whole of the brethren being present, with the exception of Bros. Paul, Job, Stevens, and Parkyn, they were all duly and regularly obligated and advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason, the impressive and dramatic ceremony being performed by Bro. W. J. Hughan with his customary ability.

The learned brother, whose works on Masonry are known and read wherever the English language is spoken, and nowhere, perhaps, more widely than in the United States of America, then delivered an oration on the principles of Mark Masonry, which was listened to with great interest and attention. He mentioned incidentally that there was a Mark Lodge held at Redruth in 1806, and that a Knight Templar Encampment had been held there since 1797. Dwelling upon the great antiquity of the Mark as a Degree, he said he had seen the charter of a Mark Lodge in Scotland, with marks of the members attached, of the date of 1678. These members were noblemen, and men of various professions, as well as Operative Masons and other handicraftsmen, which showed that Speculative Masonry existed at that period.

At the conclusion of this most interesting address, Bro. West installed Bro. C. Truscott, who was presented by Bro. Sir Charles Sawle, as W.M., into the chair of A., at a special lodge of Installed Masters, who then appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Mason, S.W.; Guy J.W.; A. Luke, M.O.; T. S. Lukes, S.O.; J. W. Higman, J.O.; A. Luke, Treas.; R. Parsons, Sec.; De Legh (by proxy), Reg. of Marks; Rev. E. Gill, Chap.; W. P. Smith, Org.; W. Nettle, S.D.; F. B. Williams, J.D.; Blamey, D.C.; J. de C. Treffry, I.G.; Smith and A. S. Clunes, Stewards; and Heal, Tyler.

The collars and silver badges, which are very handsome, were presented to the lodge by the newly-appointed officers.

The brethren afterwards dined together, to the number of about thirty, at the White Hart Hotel, where a splendid banquet was admirably served, and at a very reasonable cost, by Bro. Lukes, to which ample justice was done. The usual Masonic toasts followed.

Bros. W. J. HUGHAN and EMRA HOLMES responded to that of "The Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of England."

Bro. HUGHAN, in the very interesting and telling speech he made, showed by the list of names of eminent Masons in the Craft who had filled the office of Grand Master—which could only be held for three years in succession in this Degree, and not practically *ad vitam*, as in the Craft—that the Mark Degree was held in high estimation by the rulers in Masonry. The present Grand Master was the Earl of Lathom, who was also Deputy Grand Master in the Craft—a nobleman beloved by all who knew him. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Leigh—who were respectively Pro Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of Bristol, and Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire in the Craft—and Earl Percy were all Past Grand Master Masons. The position of the Mark was exactly that of the other High Degrees, as regards the Craft. The learned brother concluded a very able speech by showing what, in his opinion, was the esoteric teaching of Mark Masonry.

Bro. EMRA HOLMES, alluding to Bro. Hughan's statement of the position of Mark Masonry, as regards the Craft, said that by the articles of union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813 it was expressly stipulated in one of them that whilst it was ruled that ancient Masonry consisted of Three Degrees, and no more, including the Royal Arch, "yet that this article did not intend but that the chivalric Orders should meet in our chapters and lodges as heretofore," which was a distinct recognition of the High Degrees of the Knights Templar and Rose Croix, &c. He (the speaker) thought the Mark one of the most interesting Degrees, from an archaeological point of view. The Mark Masons of the Middle Ages marked the stones in their cathedrals and churches and castles, and he himself had seen crowds of these marks on the walls of Salisbury, removed from Old Sarum in the year 1220.

"The Health of the R.W.P.G. Master, Bro. Sir Charles Sawle," was cordially given and responded to.

Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ORIGINAL, OR PREMIER, CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND.—The February meeting of this conclave was held on the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. Among those present were Sir Knights H. C. Levander, Grand Treas., P.S.; H. A. Dubois, G.P., P.S.; J. T. Moss, G. Asst. Marshal, P.S.; Thomas Cubitt, G. High Almoner, P.S.; George Kenning, G. Vice-Chancellor, P.S.; Rev. P. M. Holden, G. High Prelate, P.S.; W. H. Hubbard, P.S.; J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., G. Senior-General; H. H. Shirley, Thomas Massa, E. H. Thielley, W. E. Dawes, Mickley, Fredk. Binckes, Henry Parker, T. C. Walls; and the following visitors: Sir Knights A. M. Broadley, H. Venn, and Don. M. Dewar.

The minutes of the last assembly having been read and confirmed, ballot was taken for Bro. Wm. E. Dawes, of the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, which proving in his favour, he was duly installed a Knight of the Order. The election of Sovereign, Viceroy, Treasurer, and Sentinel was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous selection of Sir Knights J. W. Ellison Macartney, M.P., Sovereign; Thos Massa, Viceroy; Thomas Cubitt, Treas.; H. C. Levander, Recorder; E. H. Thielley, Senior General; Shirley Junior General; and John Gilbert, Sentinel.

Sir Knights Thielley, Mickley, and Dawes having been appointed on the Audit Committee, the conclave was shortly afterwards closed, the Sir Knights subsequently partaking of banquet, served in Bro. Best's usual excellent manner.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 715).—The February meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday week, the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. A. C. Cope, W.M.; E. Phillips, P.M., acting S.W.; E. Zwinger, J.W.; S. G. Myers, P.M., Treas.; Henry Birdseye, P.M., Sec.; Wm. Birdseye, P.M., acting S.D.; W. S. Cutler, I.G.; Henry Muggeridge, P.M.; John Gale, P.M.; J. H. Weedon, P.M.; J. Jonas, P.M.; J. Paddle, C. Smith, M. Bennett, Richard Conder, and the following visitors: Bros. G. W. J. King, W.M. 905; Dr. A. Wright, W.M. 1708; H. Venn, P.M. 49; S. H. Dale, 34; E. L. Sheldon, 1366; H. Hamilton, 1708; and J. P. Hamilton.

The only business performed was the raising of Bro. Richard Conder to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which the W.M., Bro. Cope, carried out in a most impressive manner. The installation of Bro. H. Watts as W.M. was postponed, owing to that brother's absence through illness. The S.D. was also absent through indisposition. A handsome gold P.M.'s jewel was presented to the W.M., Bro. A. C. Cope, for the efficient manner he had conducted the lodge during the past year. Lodge was then closed, and at six o'clock the brethren sat down to banquet, at the conclusion of which, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 24th ult., at Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Present: Bros. J. E. Shand, W.M.; J. Hutchinson, S.W.; J. Waugh, J.W.; B. H. Swallow, P.M., Treas., P.S.D. Middx.; E. J. Scott, P.M., Sec.; Day, S.D.; J. Hammond, J.D., W.M. 1765; P. Eastgate, I.G.; Potter, P.M., Tyler; Edell, Stevens, W. C. Smith, H. E. Bonham, Taylor, Arnold, Hill, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Reed, P.M. 13; J. Charles, P.M. 19; J. L. Morse, P.M. 169; H. T. Reed, P.M. 193 and 1287; E. H. Hoare, S.D. 1765; J. Mills, 1765; and B. Cohen, 188.

After confirmation of minutes of installation meeting, ballot was taken for Bro. W. G. Higgins, which being favourable, he was impressively initiated. Bros. S. Davies, Quested, and Morton were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Propositions for next meeting were announced. The Secretary Bro. Scott, P.M., expressed a wish to stand Steward for the Girls School. It was unanimously agreed to place £21 upon his list from lodge funds.

The lodge closed and the brethren, about forty in numbers sat down to a capital dinner at the Café Royal, the W.M., Bro. Shand, presiding, who submitted the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. The initiate returned thanks for his health. The visitors expressed pleasure at being present, both in lodge and at the hospitality. Several songs and performances on the piano by brethren made the meeting sociable and convivial; and after the Tyler's toast, about eleven o'clock, the brethren separated.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—A most successful meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Belgravia. There were present Bros. Louis Hirsch, W.M.; C. T. Pearce, S.W.; G. T. Gooding, J.W.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; W. Carlton Hale, S.D.; Dr. Lewis Evans, J.D.; H. Phillips, I.G.; Sydney Pocock, G. T. Hankins, Joseph Zeder, Howard Smith, H. J. Thorn, and Dr. John Dixon, P.M. 73 (hon. member). Visitors: Bros. R. P. Spice, P.M. 21; E. H. Thielley, P.M., &c., 145; A. R. Cranch, S.D. 1216; Jas. Broomwich, I.G. 1671; Rev. R. Hill, 857; W. Kitching, 309; J. E. Edmestone, 1612; and G. J. Wright, 1815. Letters and telegrams regretting their inability to be present were received from several brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the ballot being in favour of the candidates, the W.M. proceeded to initiate in an able manner, first, Mr. Henry Arthur Smith, and afterwards, Messrs. Benjamin Minors Woolmans, and Percy Slater Boulton. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, and carried out most ably by Bro. Worrell, P.M., and Sec., assisted by Bro. Dr. John Dixon, P.M. 73 (hon. member), Bro. Louis Hirsch being for the second year placed in the chair of King Solomon, and received hearty congratulations from all present. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Carlton, Hale, S.W.; G. T. Gooding, J.W.; W. Worrell, P.M., Sec.; Dr. Lewis Evans, S.D.; Howard Smith, J.D.; Henry Phillips, I.G.; Joseph Zeder, W.S.; and H. J. Thorn, D.C. Candidates for initiation and joining members were then proposed.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, and great praise was due to Bro. Zeder, the manager of the Grosvenor Hotel, for the admirable manner in which the banquet was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given by the W.M. and duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was next proposed by Bro. Worrell, P.M., in eloquent terms, who after dwelling at length on the merits and Masonic abilities of the W.M., and wishing him a prosperous and happy year of office, concluded by asking the brethren to receive this toast with the honour due to it. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the cordial and sincere manner in which the last toast had been received by them, proposed in so eloquent and glowing terms by their esteemed Secretary, Bro. Worrell. He assured the brethren that no pains would be spared on his part to sustain the interest and welfare of the Clapham Lodge. The W.M. said that he looked upon Freemasonry as cultivating the highest virtues and bringing to the fore all that elevates and ennobles our nature. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him as their W.M. for the second year, and trusted they would all give him their support during his term of office. The W.M. said: The toast I have now the pleasure and gratification to propose to you, is, I feel sure, a most welcome one to you all, for it is emphatically the toast of the evening, and I doubt not will meet with your cordial reception, namely, "The Health of the Initiates." From the attention the brethren have paid to the ceremonies and the interest they evinced in this evening's proceedings, I feel sure they will become useful members of our noble Order. We can, indeed, brethren, congratulate ourselves in having added to our number these three brethren whose position, influence, and character can add but lustre to our lodge. We know them to be men of sterling worth, good

and true, as every Freemason should be, and who would do honour to any society. They will undoubtedly carry out the great principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth—and may "God send them many years of sunshine days." I ask you, brethren, to rise and drink in a bumper to the health, happiness, and prosperity of the Initiates. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. H. Arthur Smith, in the course of a very eloquent reply, stated that he could have never anticipated the pleasure and gratification that evening had afforded him. He expressed his gratitude to the W.M. and brethren for the courteous and considerate reception they had given him that evening, and assured them that as far as his opportunities and abilities would extend, he would do his best thoroughly to carry out that which he had commenced that night, and to serve the interests of Masonry in every capacity he could. Bro. Boulton responded with remarkable clearness and forcible brevity, expressing his great gratification in having been initiated into the Order, and that the beautiful ceremony so impressively rendered by the W.M. would ever remain indelible on his mind. The W.M. had spoken of them as men of sterling worth, and he trusted the brethren would always find them such. He would certainly endeavour to the best of his abilities to carry out the principles of the Order, and felt sure he would never regret the step he had taken that evening. Bro. Woolman in reply said that he did not know what length of speech an initiate was expected to make, but he took it for granted that modesty in that respect would be best appreciated, so he would trouble them with but few remarks. He felt very deeply impressed with the ceremony of that evening, and was proud to have the honour of being admitted a member of that glorious Order, and trusted that he would make himself worthy of it. He thanked the W.M. and brethren for the hearty reception they had given him, and for the kind manner in which they had drunk his health. He felt sure he would always remember with pride and pleasure his birthday in Freemasonry, and strive hard to do his duty as a Mason and a man. The W.M. in glowing terms bade the visitors a hearty welcome, on behalf of himself and the members of the lodge, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Spice and Rev. Hill, in an able and interesting manner. In proposing the next toast, "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. said he felt sure that the brethren who had that evening being appointed to office would spare no pains to uphold the dignity of this lodge, by discharging their duties to their own, and to the satisfaction of every brother. The W.M. paid a high compliment to Bro. Worrell, for the able manner in which he performed the installation ceremony. This toast elicited an able reply from Bro. Hale, S.W. The W.M. next rose to propose a toast, which though not on the list was not the less welcome, it being "The Health of Bro. Zeder, W.S.," thanking him for the great personal interest he had taken in the beautiful arrangement of the banquet table. These remarks were fully endorsed by every member present, with hearty exhibitions of good feeling. After Bro. Zeder's suitable reply, the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant and successful evening to a close. A choice musical programme was furnished during the evening by Bros. Thorn, Rev. Hill, Howard Smith, Zeder, Cranch Broomwich, Arthur Smith, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Downshire Lodge (No. 594).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 24th ult., at 6.30 p.m., the W.M., Bro. A. Pederson, in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. P. M. Larsen, P.M.; Thomas Dilcock, P.M.; J. J. G. Githerow, S.W.; W. H. Vevers, J.W.; R. P. France, P.M., Treas.; W. Evans, Sec.; W. Heap, S.D.; J. N. Cain, J.D.; A. J. Bolton, I.G.; W. R. Roberts, Stwd.; T. Malcolm, Tyler; W. Peacock, J. Milner, G. Gold, W. Young, J. Skeaf, P.G. Org.; S. Boswell, F. Peterson, W. Stewart, and S. Prince. Visitors: Bros. G. de la Parell, P.M. 294 and 1380, P.P.G.D. of C.; R. R. Martin, P.M. 1094; A. Child, 1756; P. H. Hill, 1013; J. Charnock, P.M. 448; A. Bucknell, J.W. 667; J. Williams, 249; R. J. L. Kyneston, Sec. 1393; H. B. Davis, 667; and J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Naismith, G. Carpenter, W. Newton, A. Soderholm, L. G. Synneth, who were declared duly elected. The Secretary having read a dispensation from the P.G.M. to enable the W.M. to initiate six candidates, the above named gentlemen, also Mr. J. Lindsey, who had been balloted for last month, being in attendance, were properly prepared, and initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Young and Welsh were passed to the Degree of F.C., the work in both Degrees being performed by the W.M. and his officers in a very efficient manner. After the sum of £5 5s. had been voted for relief, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

KNUTSFORD.—De Tabley Lodge (No. 941).—The installation of Bro. Charles Sherwin, of Ashley Hall, as W.M. of this lodge took place in the large assembly room of the Royal George Hotel, on the 14th ult. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P., with that precision and effect which characterise the performance of his Masonic duties. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. David Kinsey, I.P.M.; Joseph Partington, S.W.; Alfred M. Palmer, J.W.; the Rev. Edward Octavius Rawson, Chap.; W. Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Stewart Levett Jackson, Sec.; William Hough, Senior Deacon; Thomas Walkden, Junior Deacon; Rev. E. O. Rawson, I.G.; John Pearson, Org.; Mark Alcock, Tyler. Stewards: Bros. William Fair, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John B. Cutter, P.M.; James Hodgkinson, P.M.; G. T. Ogram.

The business of the lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where a splendid banquet had been prepared by Mrs. Caldecott, the hostess, which gave universal satisfaction.

There were present several officers from the Stamford, Sincerity, Earl of Chester Lodges, and other visiting brethren. Bros. Young and Pearson presided at the piano, and some excellent songs were given in first-rate style, and were much enjoyed and appreciated. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured in able and appropriate speeches, by distinguished brethren of the De Tabley Lodge. Bro. Tanner, in responding to the toast, "The V.W.D.P.G.M., the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and

Past," said there was one brother in connection with the toast that it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to mention, the Installing Master, Bro. Nicholls. He had attended many lodges at their installation, but he must say that he never attended one in which he was more pleased with the very impressive and able manner in which Bro. Nicholls went through the ceremony that day. He was quite sure every one would quite agree with him in those sentiments. Bro. Nicholls was but a young man compared with some of them, but he was an ornament to the De Tabley Lodge and the Craft at large, and he thought that much was due to him for the prosperity and working of the lodge, and, were it not for his exertions the lodge would not maintain its high position.

At the conclusion of the evening, the brethren separated in peace and harmony, and that fraternal brotherhood known only to the Craft.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The ordinary meeting of this most admirably worked lodge was held on Monday evening, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M., presided, and amongst those who gave him valuable support were Bros. S. Schonstadt, P.M.; H. A. Tobias, P.M.; M. Aronsberg, S.W.; W. P. Tieski, J.W.; M. Hart, P.M., Treas.; J. Saber, Sec.; D. Gabrielson, J.D.; H. Silver, I.G.; B. Levy, M.C.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; M. Baum, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present were Bros. J. Winsor, P.M. 241; J. Franks, P.M. 203; M. H. Edwards, J. Brag, H. De Frece, T. Henry, F. Archer, R. A. Abrahams, H. Gabriel, J. A. Dear, A. Cohen, A. Rainbow, A. Levy, R. Johnson, J. Milton, and others. The visitors were Bros. W. Sharp, P.M. 148, P.P.G.J.W.; R. Rankin, P.M. 579; R. Tutton, P.M. 1004; J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M. 1609; J. Sharpenell, 1609; T. Peake, W.M. 667; R. Bethell, S.S. 1094; F. Bonsted, 1094; J. Lewis, 97, New York; S. Hurtig, 1798; and H. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The initiation ceremony was most effectively performed by the W.M. and his officers, and very rarely has the Third Degree, which followed, been more efficiently given than it was on this occasion by the Lodge of Israel "chief."

The brethren, after business, retired to the banqueting room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and cordially responded to. Bro. Sharp, P.P.G.J.W., responded for "The P.G. Officers." The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and Bro. Jackson, one of the newly-initiated brethren, responded in an eloquent speech, which occupied half-an-hour. The lodge was then called from refreshment to labour, when two gentlemen were proposed. Music after "refreshment" was furnished by Bros. M. Hart, Gabrielson, Ewart, Franks, and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. W. Sandbrook, W.M., presided. Support to the chair was given by Bros. J. Bell, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; L. Courtenay, P.M.; J. Atkinson, S.W.; W. Savage, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; J. Pye, S.D.; H. P. Squire, J.D.; R. Burgess, Org.; J. L. Shrapnell, I.G.; Dr. Whittle, H. Round, and O. W. Sanderson, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. Messrs. J. Cantor, Campion, Owen, Williams, and Neubert were initiated, and Bros. H. and W. Wardroper, J. L. Shine, and Doyle were passed to the Degree of F.C. The sum of twenty guineas was voted for the Girls' Masonic Educational Institution, and five and two guineas respectively for the relief of the distressed widows of deceased brethren, one of whom belonged to another lodge. A capital programme after the banquet was provided by the Bros. Wardroper, Bro. W. Williams, Bro. Brammall, and Bro. Burgess, Organist.

MANCHESTER.—Worsley Lodge (No. 1814).—The installation meeting, being the first that has taken place since the consecration, was held at the Court House on Monday the 22nd ult. This lodge, which is only in its infancy, being but twelve months old, has since its formation made rapid strides, commencing its career under the noble presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere, and with barely more members than those whose names were on the petition. The list of members has now increased to the number of twenty-six, of whom nine are founders, seven initiates, and ten joining members. The noble Earl who twelve months since was installed into the chair of K.S. by the M.W.P.G. Master of East Lancashire, Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, has taken a large amount of interest in the welfare of the lodge, and showed this interest in a substantial manner by presenting the lodge with most of the furniture, which was made from his lordship's timber grown on his estate, and made of solid oak. His lordship has also since his installation presided several times as W.M. of the lodge, and in that capacity has displayed his ability and interest in Masonry by assisting to initiate, pass, and raise several brethren, and it is somewhat unfortunate that arrangements which had been made some time previous to his installation compelled him to leave Worsley on a tour, which has occupied several months. We however are firmly convinced of the continued interest which the Earl takes in the prosperity of the lodge, and of his intention on his return to England of being present at each and every possible opportunity at the lodge meetings. We are very pleased to record that, notwithstanding the temporary absence of the first W.M., the lodge has lost none of the prestige which it gained at the first onset by reason of the zeal and untiring devotion paid to it by the acting W.M., Bro. Richard Williams, P.M. 1213, who has never been absent on any single occasion since the formation of the lodge, and who since the reins of management came into his hands, has done his utmost to carry out the principles of Masonry in every sense, and by insisting on the "work" being done thoroughly and well, and by abstaining from any extravagant outlay for refreshments, until the lodge has freed itself from the fetters of debt, the gratifying result being, as the balance sheet recently issued shows, that the desired object has nearly been attained. We heartily congratulated Bro. Williams on the result of his labours, and wish him every success during his forthcoming year of office.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Richard Williams, acting W.M.; W. Boulden, J.W., P.P.G.S.B. W.L.; W. Wilson, Treas.; Rev. Will. H. Baynes, Sec.; Dr. Wm. Y. Martin, S.D.; G. A. Batley, S. Bradburn, A. Derham, J. Wallwork, Thomas Wilson, W. B. Upjohn, William Henry Wilson, W. Whittle, John

Redyard. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Alpass, 155 and 680, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc.; Benjamin Taylor, P.M. 935, P.P.G. Treas. E. Lanc.; Rev. J. E. Roberts, P.M. 1218, Prov. G. Chap. E. Lanc.; Walter Pennington, 37, 678, and 1345; Geo. P. Cartwright, W.M. 678; W. H. Leigh, P.M. 1213 and 1633; P. Derham, 1723; H. Moreton, P.M. 325; Alfred Thurlow, 678; F. H. Dale, Org. 1773; Enoch Stott, W.M. 350; Thomas Andrews, P.M. 1213; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened shortly after four o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. H. S. Alpass, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc.; that of S.W. by Bro. the Rev. W. H. Baynes; and that of J.W. by Bro. Bowden. Bro. Kirby, of the Friendship Lodge, No. 44, was balloted for, and unanimously elected a member of the lodge. The balance sheet was handed to each member of the lodge, commented on by the auditors, and adopted with satisfaction by the members. The W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Williams, was presented by Bro. Leigh, P.M. 1633, to the Installing Master, and installed with due rite and ceremony into the chair of K.S. Bro. Benjamin Taylor, assisting Installing Master, then invested and addressed the following members of the lodge as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; Dr. W. Y. Martin, J.W.; W. Wilson, Treas.; W. B. Upjohn, Sec.; J. Roscoe, S.D.; T. Wilson, J.D.; W. H. Wilson, I.G.; R. F. Coules, Org.; J. Wallwork and Dr. A. Derham, Stewards; and J. Samuelson, Tyler. Bro. the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave was appointed Chaplain. When the investiture was finished, Bro. Benjamin Taylor, P.M. P.P.G.T. E. Lanc., addressed the W.M. and Wardens, whilst the ceremony of installation was concluded by Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, Prov. G. Chap. E. Lanc., delivering the address to the brethren in a very impressive manner. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 5.55. The brethren adjourned to the Bridgewater Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided for them by the hostess, Mrs. Stevenson, and to which ample justice was done. When the banquet was over, the brethren retraced their steps to the Court House to spend the remainder of the evening, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly responded to. Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts, Prov. G. Chap. E. Lanc., responded for "The M.W.P.G. Masters, the V.W.D.P.G. Masters, and the Past and Present Officers of East and West Lancashire." Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, our talented Bro. Batley enlivening the proceedings with selections on the cornet, and several brethren sang songs, which together with the valuable assistance given by the Stewards, Bros. Dr. Derham and J. Wallwork, left nothing to be desired.

INSTRUCTION.

EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—On Friday, the 25th ult., the ceremony of inaugurating this new chapter was most ably performed at the Mitre Hotel, Gulborne-road, North Kensington, by Comp. Wm. Stephens, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, 1489, &c., acting M.E.Z.; assisted by Comp. S. H. Parkhouse, as H.; and Comp. G. Read, P.Z. 19, and 834, as J. Amongst those present were Comps. Geo. Penn, M.E.Z. 1642; S. Smout, sen., Geo. Davis, J. S. Adkins, C. Andrews, Mouson, S. Elborn, E. Rogers, S. Smout, jun., H. Wood, W. Williams, J. Woodmason, Hatton, and D. Stroud. After an address had been delivered by the M.E.Z. he proceeded to constitute the companions into a regular chapter of improvement under the warrant of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1642. The companions were then elected as officers, and duly invested, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a most perfect and able manner. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Comps. Wm. Stephens, G. Read, and G. Davis, were unanimously elected honorary members, and Comps. G. Penn and S. Smout, jun., as Treasurer and Scribe E. respectively. A committee was also formed to frame the bye-laws. We may here say the chapter is fully equipped, and furnished with all the banners and requisites suitable for a regular working chapter. It is intended to meet fortnightly, and the first regular meeting will take place on Friday, the 11th inst., Comp. Wm. Stephens acting as M.E.Z., and as the working will be that of the late Dr. Ladd and Bro. Boyd, we have no doubt of its success.

Royal Arch.

PLYMOUTH.—Fortitude Chapter (No. 105).—On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., a meeting of this chapter was held at the Hayshe Masonic Temple for the election of Principals and other business. Comp. Charles Rodda, S.E., proposed "That Comp. J. T. Browning be elected Z. of the chapter for the ensuing year." The proposal was carried unanimously. Comps. Emdon was elected H., and J. Pearce Sawyer, J. Comp. Charles Rodda was appointed Principal Sojourner, and he appointed Comp. J. D. Ford, Lodge 1091, 1st Assistant, and Comp. T. D. Gray, 2nd Assistant. Comp. T. S. Phillips was appointed Janitor for the ensuing year.

LIVERPOOL.—Everton Chapter (No. 823).—The members of this highly prosperous chapter met in strong force at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., for the purpose of assisting at the installation of the Principals, a ceremony which was very effectively carried out by Comp. Major George Turner, P.P.G.T., P.Z., ably assisted by Comp. J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.F., retiring Z. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Comp. H. Ashmore, M.E.Z.; T. Webster, H.; R. Warriner, J.; Brassey, Treasurer (re-elected); Galley, S.E.; Delamere, N.; Hassall, P.S.; J. H. Parker and Milne, A.S.; and P. Ball, Janitor (re-elected). Before the close of the proceedings the M.E.Z. presented Comp. J. W. Ballard, I.P.Z., with a P.Z.'s jewel on behalf of the chapter. Handsome portraits of the I.P.Z. and Mrs. Ballard, painted on porcelain, were also presented by Comp. I. Jacobs on the part of companions and friends. The paintings, which were much admired, are the work of Bro. Vandyke, Bold-street. Comp. Ballard acknowledged the presentation in suitable terms. The companions afterwards dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Scotland.

PROV. G. LODGE OF BERWICKSHIRE AND ROXBURGHSHIRE.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, having summoned a meeting at Kelso for Thursday afternoon, the 24th ult., there was a large muster of the brethren of the province. Unfortunately at the last moment the R.W.P.G.M. sent word that he was indisposed, and would be unable to be present, so the Installing Master, Bro. Burton, M.D., P.D.P.G.M. of Staffordshire, opened the Prov. Grand Lodge, the Craft lodge having been previously opened by the W.M. of Lodge 58, Bro. the Rev. P. McKerron, and installed the following office-bearers: Bros. W. Fred. Vernon, P.M. 58 and 261, D.P.G.M.; James Steel, P.M. 261, Sub. P.G.M.; Ballantine, P.M. 132, P.G.S.W.; Thomas Hogg, P.M. 280, P.G.J.W.; Rev. P. McKerron, R.W.M. 58, P.G. Chap.; J. Smith, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Plummer, P.G. Treas.; John Burden, P.G. Architect; T. Laing, P.G. Jeweller; Alfred Heap, P.G. Organist; W. C. Monro, P.G.S.D.; A. Steel, P.G.J.D.; Beloe, P.M. 280, P.G.D. of C.; Rodgers, Robertson, and Murray, P.G. Stewards; G. Crease, P.G. I.G.; and James Allan, P.G. Tyler.

The Installing Master went through the whole of the ceremony in a most impressive manner, giving the various office-bearers kindly words of counsel and instruction in their various duties. The installation over, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Vernon, closed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Stewards having covered the tables, the brethren sat down to a substantial banquet purveyed by the Senior Steward, Bro. R. Rodgers, of the Black Swan Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a number of excellent songs were sung, the company separating at an early hour, as some of the visiting brethren had to go by train. This the first meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire was in every way a success, and the brethren are to be congratulated upon the revival of the province, which has been dormant for about thirty years.

COLDSTREAM.—St. John Lodge (No. 280).

The above lodge, which some years ago was one of the most prosperous institutions of the kind in the south of Scotland, having for some reason or other been allowed to relapse into inactivity during the past fifteen years, a strong desire has of late been expressed to have it resuscitated. With this object in view communications were entered into with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire, and the result was that a numerous deputation of the brethren of the Kelso Lodge, No. 58, visited Coldstream on Thursday evening, the 17th ult., for the purpose of opening the lodge and assisting in setting it in working order. The meeting took place in the Assembly Room of the Newcastle Arms Hotel (the Masonic Hall, a handsome building erected by the lodge for the purposes of Masonry, has been disposed of when the lodge fell into disuse), and the deputation was met by about twenty of the members, including the principal office-bearers of the old lodge.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. the Rev. P. McKerron, R.W.M. of No. 58, and Prov. Grand Chaplain, assisted by Bros. Shearer and Mills, of No. 58, as S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Pike, Secretary of the Coldstream Lodge, read the last minute of date 27th December, 1866. Bro. McKerron having stated the nature of the business before the lodge, and that he acted under authority from the Prov. Grand Lodge and with the permission of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the brethren proceeded to the affiliation of four brethren, belonging to other lodges, but now resident in Coldstream, namely Bros. John Smith, W. C. Monro, William Turnbull, and John Robertson, the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. F. Vernon, officiating. Some other business having been disposed of, the following were nominated for the various offices of the lodge: Bros. William Cameron, R.W.M.; William Baird, P.M.; W. L. Beloe, D.M.; W. C. Monro, S.W.; A. Shiel, J.W.; John Davidson, S.D.; William Turnbull, J.D.; John Smith, Treas.; Thomas Pike, Sec.; Sergt.-Major J. Rodgers, I.G.; and John Robertson, Steward. The following nominations of candidates for initiation were afterwards made, namely, Messrs. W. Hepburn, V.S., R. M. Donald, H. Fairgrieve, J. Pattinson, A. Palmer, H. Melrose, James Dalgleish, and William Henderson. On the suggestion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Thomas Hogg was nominated for recommendation to the Prov. G.M. for the appointment of Prov. G.J.W. At the conclusion of the business, the thanks of the Lodge 280 were conveyed in a hearty manner, on the motion of Bro. Pike, seconded by Bro. John Smith, to their attendance and services on this occasion, a similar compliment being conveyed to Bro. Vernon, on the motion of Bro. Monro, for the trouble he had taken in bringing about the resuscitation of the lodge. On the whole the proceedings were of the most harmonious nature, and judging from the hearty manner in which the reorganisation has been taken up and is being carried out, it was confidently predicted that Lodge No. 280 has now before it a prosperous career.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CHINA

The District Grand Lodge of China enjoyed a grand banquet on January 22nd, in the New Town Hall of Hong Kong, to welcome the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. T. G. Linstead, upon his return from England, where he for nine months was engaged upon Masonic business. Covers were laid for 500 guests, a great accession of Masonic strength coming from the assembling of the fleet. Bro. Linstead has an autograph letter of greeting from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Lodge of China, which was read, and received by the assembled lodge previous to closing for refreshment.

At the banquet, Bro. Sir POPE HENNESSY responded for "Queen and Craft" and Bro. Admiral COOTE for "Visiting Brethren," while "Grand Lodge of England" was represented by Bro. A. F. McINTYRE, of the Comus. The Governor-General and the Military Commandant both lent their official service of plate for the occasion, which is estimated at the value of £500,000.—*Keystone*.
[Is there not a mistake in figures.—Ed. F.M.]

Masonic Tidings.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—At a meeting of the General Committee of this Charity, held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 25th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Beauford, P.G.S.W., no fewer than thirteen children were recommended to the Court of Governors as eligible for the benefits of education under the auspices of the Institution.

A meeting of the Mount Calvary Knights Templar Preceptory will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Friday next.

Bro. Barry Sullivan writes correcting the statement respecting his health. He says: "I am happy to inform you that I am not, nor have I been dangerously ill, nor have I had to cancel my engagements."

Bros. Edward Ledger and James Willing, jun., have each given £5 5s. to the Theatrical Fund Benefit; Bro. W. Creswick giving £2 2s., and Bro. Arthur Roberts £1 1s.

Bro. John Douglass has sustained a severe loss in the death of his mother, Mrs. Jane Isabella Douglass, which sad event took place at her residence, Lion House, Shore-road, South Hackney, on Monday, the 21st ult., after many years of severe suffering. The deceased lady was the widow of the late John Douglass, of the Standard Theatre, and mother of the present managers, John and Richard Douglass.

Letters of Administration of the personal estate of Bro. John Whitwell, late of Kendal, Westmoreland, who died on Nov. 28th last, intestate, and a widower, were granted on the 25th ult., at the Carlisle district registry, to Mrs. Anna Maria Colville, the daughter, and only next-of-kin, the personal estate being sworn under £45,000. The deceased was M.P. for his native borough, Kendal, which he represented in the House of Commons for over twelve years, being first elected in November, 1868. Bro. Whitwell was also a Past Grand Warden of England, and Deputy Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland. His full Masonic career appeared in the *Freemason* of the 4th of December last year.

The *Manchester Guardian*, commenting upon Bro. John Graves's appointment as Town Clerk of Salford, says:—"Mr. Graves, who has been for a number of years engaged in private practice as a solicitor in Peterborough, was a member of the local Town Council and Board of Guardians. He was closely connected with several large trading companies, and his testimonials attest his extensive experience of the conduct of public bodies. Very recently he was a candidate for the town clerkship of Peterborough, and possessed strong claims to support, having been mainly instrumental in procuring a charter of incorporation for the town. Before the election, however, he withdrew his candidature in favour of a friend, otherwise his selection for the office was almost assured. For the appointment he has now obtained there were a large number of applications, but the Special Committee to whom the work of considering the applications was delegated only recommended three gentlemen to the General Purposes Committee, Mr. Graves ultimately receiving the appointment."

Bro. C. W. Thompson announced from the stage of the Drury Lane Theatre, on Monday afternoon, that the sum of eight hundred and fifty pounds was the result of the performances given in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, the amount including both net receipts and promised subscriptions.

Bro. Sir J. M'Garel Hogg and a number of the members of the Metropolitan Board of Works, officially inaugurated on Monday a drinking fountain, which has been erected as a memorial of the opening of Great Eastern-street and concurrent improvements. The total cost of the structure is eleven hundred pounds.

Bro. Hyde Clarke was at the eighteenth annual general meeting of the council and members of the Newspaper Press Fund on Saturday, unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Earl of Powis presided at a Court of Assistants of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy on Saturday week, the company present including Bro. John Derby Allcroft, Treasurer. During the meeting it was announced that Prince Leopold, P.G.W., had consented to head the list of Stewards at the festival in May next.

Bro. George Lambert, F.S.A., presided at the half-yearly meeting of the Goldsmiths and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution, at the North London School, Gray's Inn-road, on Thursday week.

The United Strength Lodge of Instruction is now held at the Prince Alfred, No. 13, Crowndale-road, Camden Town, every Wednesday evening at 8.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, K.P., R.W.G.M. Norths and Hunts, who is making a tour of the Australian Colonies, had reached Brisbane when the last letters received from him were dispatched. His well known Colonial sympathies have secured for him a hearty welcome from the Antipodean subjects of the Queen.

Bro. Æneas John McIntyre, O.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, addressed his constituents in the Worcester Guildhall on Monday last.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was present at the banquet given by the Lord Mayor to the Governor and Court of the Bank of England at the Mansion House, on Monday last, and responded to the toast of "The Reserve Forces."

For more than twenty years in unbroken succession the Societe Française de Bienfaisance, now in the fortieth year of its existence, has held its annual ball at Willis's Rooms; and on Monday night last the gathering was as gay, brilliant, and successful as it has ever been. Many distinguished persons were among the company present, and the dancing, which commenced at ten o'clock, was continued with great spirit until a late hour, to an efficient band under the direction of Bro. Louis Beck.

A Sydney letter-carrier has been dismissed from the post office service for wilfully destroying copies of the *Sydney Freemason*, instead of delivering them at their several addresses.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, R.W. G.M. Notts. has, we are informed, taken Lord Stradbroke's house in Belgrave-square for three months, and is expected in town with the Duchess early next week.

The Edenhall property has, by Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave's will, been left entirely to his eldest son, a boy nine years of age, as well as all the personality, including the large house in Cavendish-square, with its valuable furniture. There is a very trifling debt on this fine old family estate; and the accumulation which will accrue during so long a minority will make its possessor, when he comes of age, one of the richest country gentlemen in the South.

Lady Musgrave, widow of Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave, who, it was said, had left town for Folkestone early last week, did not go there, though a house had been engaged, preferring to spend a few weeks in Italy with her father, Mr. Peter Wells, who is residing in Florence.—*The World*.

Bro. Alderman Hanson presided at the forty-sixth anniversary festival of the Fishmongers and Poulterers' Institution at the Albion Tavern on Wednesday week.

Bro. William G. Town, Grand Secretary and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Grand Lodge of Wyoming, died on the 24th of January, while en route to the Arkansas hot springs for the benefit of his health.

The Past Masters of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, held their centenary dinner at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Henry Tufton, Bart., to the Lord-Lieutenancy of Westmoreland, vacant by the death of Bro. Sir Richard Musgrave, Bart.

Bro. W. S. Gover presided at the anniversary meeting of the Baptist Chapel, Peckham-park-road, on Tuesday evening last.

Bro. R. Johnson, M.C. of all the balls in connection with the licensed victuallers' trade, celebrated his twenty-fourth annual ball, as already intimated in these columns, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday last. Bro. Thos. Meekham, chairman of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, presided at the supper.

An emergency meeting of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, will be held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, this (Saturday) afternoon.

SAMSON LODGE, No. 1668.—The next meeting of this lodge is on Tuesday, at the Regent Masonic Hall, 8, Air-street, W.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Southern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1158, on Thursday, March 24th, at the Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-road.

The "Masonic Review," of Cincinnati, U.S.A., commenced its 55th volume with the number for February, just received.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, P.G.C., delivered a sermon on Sunday last at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, on "Sunday: Its Use and Abuse."

Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., has announced his intention of contributing £100 to the "Republication Fund" of the Cobden Club.

Bro. Marcus Richardson, the aged Freemason of North Bangor, Me., U.S.A., who recently celebrated his centennial birthday with the Montgomery Lodge, of which he was made a member October 5th, 1803, at Franklin, died on Thursday, January 13th, of the present year, aged 100 years, two months, and fourteen days, having been a member of the Craft for more than seventy-seven years.

Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M., Grand Mark Secretary Berks and Oxon, will be installed W.M. of the Royal Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 75, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday next, the 8th inst. The installation ceremony will be performed by the R.W.G. Mark M., Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D.

Signor Joseph Petrom, an advocate-at-law, has been elected Grand Master of the Italian Freemasons' Lodges.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., presided at the anniversary festival of the British Orphan Asylum, at Willis's Rooms, on Tuesday evening last, when subscriptions to the amount of £3,430 were announced, including £25 from the president, and £21 from the Lord Mayor.

Bro. Sir Francis Truscott, J.G.W., and Lady Truscott are at present in Cairo.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Kendal, wife of Bro. Kendal, is making favourable progress towards recovery from the effects of her recent severe accident.

Bro. Edmund Yates announced for the 11th inst., a novelty in evening journalism. On that date he will issue the "Cuckoo," which he professes will contain "the news of the day, given in its essence divested of those literary tropes and metaphors which have hitherto constituted the stock-in-trade of the cheap journalist, but which are limited to his vocabulary."

Bro. Lord De Tabley, R.W.G.M. Cheshire, has, as a trustee of the Duke of Newcastle, subscribed five hundred guineas to the building fund of Newark Hospital.

The consecration of the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, will take place on Thursday afternoon next, at 2.30, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey. The officers designate are Bros. Charles Sawyer, P.M. 1619, W.M.; John G. Horsey, 186, P.M. 1619, S.V.; and W. Pile, 1619, J.W. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, D. Prov. Grand Master, P.G.C.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been laid up at Bagshot with a severe attack of neuralgia, the effect of a cold, from which he has suffered great pain. H.R.H. had sufficiently recovered to be present at the banquet at Windsor on Monday last.

Elaborate festivities are to take place at Heanton Court, North Devon, in April, in celebration of the coming of age of Sir William Williams, eldest son of the late Bro. Sir Frederick Martin Williams, M.P. for Barnstaple.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.—The capital of the Benevolent Fund attached to this lodge is £800, though grants to the amount of £250 had been made during the past year.

The Masonic Lodges in the United States of America, according to the *Sydney Freemason*, number over 8000, more than double the number of lodges in all the rest of the world. The whole number of lodges throughout the globe it estimates at 13,000, and the total number of members one million.

Bro. Charles Walker presided at a special court of the Governors of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers held at the school-house, Kennington-lane, on Thursday week, when Bro. H. J. Gabb was elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee of management.

Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to confer on Bro. the Earl of Fife the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, vacant by the death of the Earl of Seafield.

Bro. George Martin, chief clerk at the Guildhall Police-court, has, we are pleased to learn, much improved in health. He has just obtained leave of absence for another two months. At the end of that time it is hoped that he will be able to resume his duties at the court.

Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., will preside at the sixty-eighth anniversary dinner of the London Orphan Asylum at Willis's Rooms on Wednesday next. The Baron will be supported by Bros. R. N. Fowler, M.P., and H. J. Waterlow, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is expected to arrive in London on Wednesday next.

The Lenten regulations addressed to Irish Roman Catholics by the Archbishop, Dr. MacCabe, was read in the Roman Catholic Churches in Dublin on Sunday last, in which all Catholics joining the Freemasons, Ribbonmen, or Fenians are declared as under the censure of the Church.

LION AND LAMB LODGE, No. 192.—Bro. S. T. Lucas was installed W.M. of this successful lodge on Thursday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

The Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, at the last meeting voted the sum of £21 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Frank Uffner's American Midgents had the honour of appearing before the Queen and Princess Beatrice last Saturday morning.

R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, will conduct the ceremonies of consecration and installation of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, at Daish's Hotel, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, on Monday next, the proceedings to commence at two o'clock. The officers designate are Bros. G. H. R. Davis, W.M.; G. Humby, S.W.; and S. H. Shilling, J.W.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., was present at the Festival of the Society of Ancient Britons, and responded to the toast of the Reserve Forces.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom will preside at the Tenth Anniversary Festival in aid of the United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association and Railway Orphan Fund, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday week, the 16th inst. Full particulars will be found in the advertisement in another column.

Amongst the admired costumes at the Drawing-room of Friday week, was the rich and elegant one worn by Mrs. G. Whitaker Ellis, being a robe de cour of handsome brown brocaded velvet, lined satin of the same colour; revers of satin, trimmed rich Honiton lace, and noëuds of satin; petticoat of antique gold-coloured satin broché, trimmed posies of various coloured nasturtiums. Head-dress of plume and lace lappet. Ornaments, diamonds.

The electric light is creating a great sensation in Brighton, and curiosity in the county generally, nor can it be otherwise, as its brilliancy is observed so plainly at Worthing, a distance of about sixteen miles. Its effect is striking compared with the insignificant gas lamps surrounding, which are placed in the shade. Various experiments have been made, both by distance and power of light, which have proved successful under the able management of Bro. Schultz.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—Another of Schubert's symphonies, previously unheard in this country, was given at last Saturday's afternoon concert at the Crystal Palace. It is in D major, commencing with a short introductory slow movement, leading to an *allegro con triolo*, in which the influence of Beethoven's early instrumental works is plainly evidenced, but yet with that colouring of Schubert's own individuality which is perceptible even in his youthful productions. The symphony—finely played by the band conducted by Mr. Manns—was heard with general satisfaction. On the same occasion a "Concertstück" for pianoforte (with orchestra) was given for the first time here. It is the composition of Herr Carl Reinecke, the conductor of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Concerts. The work is interesting throughout, the treatment of the leading themes, the passage-writing for the solo instrument, and scoring of the orchestral accompaniments, all bearing the impress of high artistic taste and practised technical skill. The solo portions, abounding in florid passages of elaborate difficulty, were admirably executed by Miss Helen Hopekirk, who was much applauded at the close of the Concerto, and again in her subsequent performance of a (transcribed) Gavotte by Glück, and a Concertétude by Rubinstein.

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

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Friday, March 11, 1881.

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, MARCH 5.

- Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 142, St. Thomas', Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich (Emergency).
- " 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Chap. 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

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.
- King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, MARCH 7.

- Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Ship & Turtle.
- " 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot.
- " 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 256, Unions, F.M.H.
- " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
- " 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- " 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-ter., Strand.
- Chap. 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 1056, Victoria, Mason's Hall Tav., Basinghall-st.
- " 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
- Mark 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Prince Leopold, Mitford Tav., Sandringham-rd., Dalston, S.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
- 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.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
- 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, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
- Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8.

- Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- " 96, Burlington, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 180, St. James's Union, F.M.H.
- " 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- " 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
- " 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1196, Urban, F.M.H.
- " 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
- " 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- " 1668, Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, S, Air-st., W.
- " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
- Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- 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.
- Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
- Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
- Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
- Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.

- Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.
- Lodge 11, Enoch, F.M.H.
- " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
- " 15, Kent, F.M.H.
- " 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.
- " 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.

- Lodge 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse.
- " 820, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.
- " 1677, Crusaders, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- " 1694, Imperial, Cadogan Hot., Sloane-sq., S.W.
- " 1718, Centurion, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
- " 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, 148, Bow-rd., E.
- Chap. 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
- 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, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., S.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, Sri, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
- 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, S.
- Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
- " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
- " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 534, Polish National, F.M.H.
- " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
- " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
- " 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
- " 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., W.
- " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
- " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
- " 1599, Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall T., Basinghall-st.
- " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting-hill.
- " 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.
- Chap. 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 538, Vane, F.M.H.
- " 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- 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.
- St. Michael's, The Moorgate, 28, Finsbury-pavement, at 8.
- Guelph, Oliver Twist, Church-rd., Leyton.
- Stowell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7.
- Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
- " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
- " 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- " 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
- K. T. D. Mount Calvary, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
- 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.
- Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tav., Masons' Avenue, at 6.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
- " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- " 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
- " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
- " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial H., Holborn Viaduct.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 12, 1881.

MONDAY, MARCH 7.

- Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
- " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
- " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Manchester.
- " 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
- Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, Manchtr.
- Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H. Liverpool.
- " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
- " 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- " 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
- " 1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
- " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
- " 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
- Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 613, Bridson, M.C., Southport.
- Red Cross Conclave, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
- " 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
- " 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
- " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
- " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
- " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
- " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10.

- Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- " 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.
- " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
- " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1032, Townley-Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
- " 1035, Prince of Wales, M.H., Kirkdale.
- " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham.
- " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
- " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- " 1384, Equity, Alford C., Widnes.
- " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
- Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11.

- Lodge 1289, Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
- Faith Encampment, Leader's-buildings, Wigan.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

MONCKTON.—On the 23rd ult., at Sevenoaks, the wife of Robert Monckton, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LIND—DOUGLAS.—On the 25th ult., at Hong-Kong, China, Adam Lind, Shanghai, to Margaret Jane, daughter of Mr. Thomas Douglas, of Airy Hall, Aberdeen.

DEATH.

MARGOLIOUTH.—On the 25th ult., Bro. the Rev. Moses Margoliouth, M.A., LL.D., Vicar of Little Linford, Bucks, aged 60.

Amusements.

ADELPHI THEATRE.—The announcement of a morning performance of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at this theatre on Saturday morning last drew together a large and appreciative audience. The cast was a very strong one, including Mr. Hermann Vezin, whose *Mr. Ford* is, perhaps, one of the most happy of this gentleman's impersonations, and other well-known Shakespearean actors. The *great part*, however, of *Sir John Falstaff* was the attraction on this particular occasion, being essayed by a new aspirant for fame—in the person of Bro. H. Murray. His first appearance, we believe, was on the previous Saturday, and his reception was most flattering and encouraging; albeit, some critics took him to task for too great exuberance. If there was any reason for it then, we can only say that his second appearance gave no cause for such criticism. Those who have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with our worthy brother need not be told how eminently qualified he is by "nature" for the part, and "art" has completed the fitness. A more admirable personation of the jolly knight could not be imagined, and if Bro. Murray elects to adopt the stage as a profession he will make his mark in it. The repertoire of parts "fitting" him is, unfortunately, somewhat limited, but the growing taste for Shakespearean performances as shown by the play-going public at this moment should afford plenty of scope for the talents most undoubtedly possessed by our brother.

NATIONAL STANDARD THEATRE.—As announced in our last, Bro. James Willing, jun.'s, drama, "Delilah," was produced at this theatre on Monday, where it has since been received with the heartiest approval. Since its original production at the Royal Park Theatre, where it was played for a lengthened period with remarkable success, several changes have been made in the cast, which now include the names of Miss Bella Pateman, Miss Bella Cuthbert, Mr. J. C. Cowper, Mr. Leonard Boyne, and Mr. Ernest Wilmore, each of whom enact their respective parts in a most artistic and spirited manner. We congratulate Bro. Willing on the great success that has attended the reproduction of "Delilah," which we doubt not will have a long and successful run.

Bro. Augustus Harris, of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, announces that having succeeded in extending the engagements of the principal artistes, the highly successful pantomime will be performed for a few nights longer, when it will be withdrawn for the reproduction of "The World," the most successful drama of modern times, on the 14th inst.

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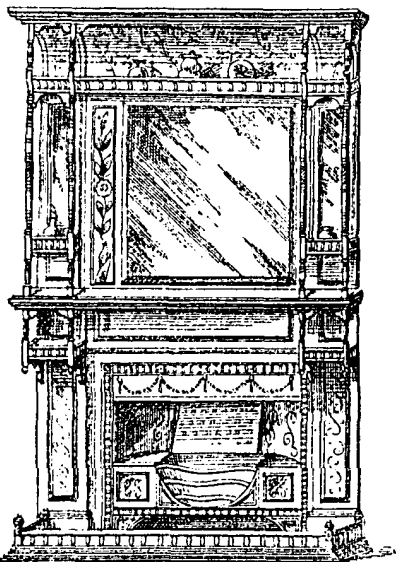
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