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As the time approaches when the Girls' School Festival is to be held, speculation is rife as to the amount the returns of the Stewards will display. We have never been among the "croakers" nor those who affected to "discount" a future Festival. We are content to hear the amount announced on the day of the Festival, feeling sure of this, that such are the claims of that excellent Institution, the Girls' School, on our Craft at large, such the "prestige" it has acquired and the "golden opinions" it has secured from all Masons and non-Masons, that there is no possible reason, humanly speaking, why a most successful gathering should not be achieved. It must be borne in mind that last year H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD presided, and much interest was excited and a good deal of natural enthusiasm created by his Royal Presidency. But yet such is the steady sympathy of Freemasons, so warm are their hearts, and so liberal their hands, that we have not the slightest hesitation in hoping, believing, and saying, that the Masonic Girls' School will undoubtedly, as ever, obtain a very striking proof of their unselfish and discriminating benevolence.

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THE Ninety-Third Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School will be held on the 29th of June. The place of the gathering is not yet settled, we believe, and we note that a proposal has been made to hold it at Brighton. The MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY will preside, and Sir H. EDWARDS, Bart., Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, is President of the Board of Stewards, those excellent Masons, Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. for Suffolk; W. Bro. GEO. LAMBERT, G.S.B., P. Prov. G.W. Herts, P.M. No. 198; Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, P.G.S.B., P.M. 657; being acting Chairmen. Bro. WM. ROEBUCK is the Treasurer. A large number of brethren have already intimated their intention of acting as Stewards, though many more are needed, and we hope that the result will prove both beneficial and helpful to that much needed and excellent Institution, which has our warmest good wishes and our hearty Masonic sympathy.

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By a slight typographical error the place of meeting of the proposed New Masonic Conference is Rome, not Leipsic. We regret to say that we are entirely opposed to any such proposal, we feel sure, in the best interests of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry itself. Just now there are too many "burning questions" afloat to offer the slightest hope of peaceable and amicable solution, except, indeed, in the interests of what we may fairly term without offence, the Masonic Destructive Party. The experience of the last Congress of Lausanne is fatal to any hope of any agreement on the great principles of true universal Freemasonry. Such was even in the A. and A. Rite, Christian in its conception, its symbolism, and its perfection, the difficulties raised by the sceptical and materialistic teaching predominant abroad, that all they could then agree to was an "Anima Mundi," they had to pass over any honest acknowledgment of the G.A.O.T.U., of any personal Providence, of any overruling and supreme and living government of God, whether of the world or men. As is well known, the English branch of the A. and A. Rite has withdrawn from such a concordat, and we believe that the American and other bodies will follow suit. What hopes can possibly exist, then, of any agreement being come to by a reunion of Craft Masons? France has virtually abolished all reference to the G.A.O.T.U., there is a grave tendency to do the same in other quarters, and instead of lifting up the "status" and professions of our common mother, Freemasonry, out of the mire into which recent regrettable proceedings have cast it, we should only see it fall lower—lower—lower in the estimation of the honest, the right-thinking, and the respectable. "Facilis descensus Averni" is an old classical adage, of the truth of which we have hourly experience, and believing honestly that it is for the very life, safety, and honour of English Freemasonry to keep aloof from hopeless proposals and meaningless conferences, we feel pretty sure that the universal decision of English Freemasons will be to keep themselves out of the matter, and to "leave well alone."

WE call attention elsewhere to the report of the proceedings of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, which we think will afford pleasure to all our readers, and which well deserves perusal. The faithful and devoted labours of "old Mug" for thirty years, to maintain the activity and prestige of that excellent Lodge of Instruction, deserve the grateful recognition and remembrance of all the members of our Masonic Body.

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VERY interesting are the fresh statistics of Freemasonry—published elsewhere in this impression—and which we commend to the notice of our readers. If only we could obtain reliable statistics as to England, and its colonial Masonic Bodies, we might soon frame a synoptical table of Cosmopolitan Masonry.

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It seems from the report of German Masonry alluded to above, up to June, 1880, that the 256 German lodges had held 9668 meetings of various kinds, "Confrenz Logen," or "Fest Logen," to use their technical terms, which fact displays a very commendable activity and vitality in German Masonic existence. We had noted, however, a falling off in the gross return of lodges from 356 to 256, exactly a hundred, which we did not, and could not, profess to understand, the more so as the number of members had risen from 42,120, in 1879, to 42,391, in 1880, when we found that it was a mistake of the printers, so printers' mistakes occur in Germany as in England. The real number of lodges is, therefore, not 256, but 356, being two in excess of 1879.

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OUR brethren will all be amused at the recurrence of the attacks upon Freemasons and their appellation of "Nihilists," or any other equally agreeable nickname. As we remarked last week, we do not profess to agree always with all the "sayings and doings" of foreign Freemasons; we consider that their words and acts are very often open to misconstruction, and sometimes amenable to blame. They appear to us often utterly to ignore the real end and aim of Freemasonry proper, and they, not unnaturally, excite the jealousies of autocratic rulers, and call down upon themselves the surveillance of a "political police," having by far too close a resemblance in many things to secret political societies. But that they are in any way identified with the hateful wickedness of the Nihilists, or the cruel "terror" of "centres of assassination," such as Mr. BLACK depicts, we cannot, and will not, believe. The statements of the Ultramontane writers in this respect are excited and untrue, based on no authority, and simply the product of heated imagination and a perverted view of Masonry. In Great Britain Freemasonry is proverbially loyal, and one of its leading principles is entire abstinence from all "secret plots and conspiracies," and enthusiastic and unswerving allegiance to the constituted authorities of the land. We would respectfully urge upon all foreign jurisdictions the propriety and necessity, in the best interests of Freemasonry, of avoiding and repressing all proceedings, all professions, all declarations which may savour even of the slightest sympathy with the ever mournful objects of secret political associations. To some jaundiced minds, Freemasonry will always appear a secret association, with the worst intentions and the most destructive aims will be readily and indulgently attributed to it. But only let our foreign brethren carefully abstain on their part from anything which good order and social government have a right to complain of, and they will receive the sympathy and support of us in England—a sympathy and support which are often withheld now, and necessarily so, on account of "outbursts of utterances" of which we cannot approve, and of acts which we must unfeignedly condemn.

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AT this moment Freemasonry holds a position in Spain very interesting alike to note and to watch. In that country "par excellence" of opposition to Masonry, the home of the Inquisition, and the scene of Masonic persecution ceaseless and cruel, the Prime Minister, SENOR SAGASTA, is now the Grand Master. Gone, let us hope for ever, are the hindrances to, and denunciation of, Freemasonry. Ended, let us trust, are all those serious difficulties of legal recognition which have always rendered the position of Freemasonry in Spain an unenviable one, and at one time threatened to swamp it altogether. For Freemasonry cannot, and does not, flourish in the dark shade of secret meetings, forbidden by law, and which almost always are metamorphosed into surreptitious and hurtful political associations. Legality and order, loyalty and charity, are its ever essential characteristics, and without them Freemasonry ceases to be Freemasonry proper; and, call it what you will, degenerates either into a political club, or a hurtful association. Truly speaking, Freemasonry only serenely flourishes amid the peace and stability of empires and republics, inasmuch as always obeying the laws of the land, be they what they may, Freemasons respect all forms of Government, and never conspire against the State.

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WE call attention elsewhere to the Masonic services of some of our new Grand Officers, alike great and many.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Samuel Rawson, Past District Superintendent of China, occupied the M.E.Z. chair; Comp. W. F. A. Powell, Grand Superintendent of Bristol, took the H. chair; and Comp. Ernst Emil Wendt, Grand E. for German Correspondence, took the chair of J. Comp. J. A. Rucker was P.S.; Comp. R. F. Gould, 1st A.S.; Comp. Frank Richardson, 2nd A.S.; Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Comp. Joshua Nunn, S.N.; Comp. Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, G.S.B.; and the other companions present were Comps. P. de L. Long, Capt. James Platt, Thos. Fenn, C. A. Murton, A. J. Duff Filer, James Glaisher, Robt. Gray, Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer; E. J. Barron, Rev. C. W. Arnold, J. M. Case, H. Mugeridge, W. Mullens, H. G. Buss, G. Asst. S.E.; Sir J. B. Monckton, Magnus Ohren, W. Ough, E. Letchworth, P.Z. 1237; William Stephens, P.Z. 862; Richard Loveland Loveland, P.Z. 175 and 257; H. P. Speedy, J. 1381; W. Hollingsworth, H. 63; John Sampson Peirce, P.Z. 2; J. W. Dennison, M.E.Z. 12; A. B. Cook, P.Z. 259; H. Clerk, P.Z. 1383; Ambrose W. Hall, J. 778; John L. Cox, P.Z. 525; Thomas Massa, Z. 1293; Raphael Costa, P.Z. 214; F. Adlard, P.Z. 214; H. C. Levander, P.Z. 76; Wilhelm Ganz, J. 8; Charles Frederick Hogard, J. and P.Z. 141, 10, and 142; Alfred A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; J. F. Pepper, H. 482; Dudley Rolls, H. 12; William Dodd, P.Z. 1194; W. S. Lee, J. 1201; Neville Green, Z. 1524; W. H. Perryman, Z. 1348; H. Higgins, H. 1381; Hulliver Yaulder, Z. 548; H. S. Goodall, J. 874; L. P. Catterson, J. 79; and H. Massey, 619 (*Freemason*).

After Grand Chapter had been formally opened, and the minutes of last convocation read and confirmed, the installations, appointments, and investitures for the ensuing year were made as follows:

Comp. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G.	Grand Z.
" The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon - - -	Grand Pro Z.
" The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom - - -	Grand H.
" The Right Hon. Lord de Tabley - - -	Grand J.
" Col. Shadwell H. Clerke - - -	Grand E.
" Montague Guest, M.P. - - -	Grand N.
" Major-General H. Clerk, F.R.S. - - -	Grand Prin. Soj.
" Rev. Ambrose W. Hall - - -	Grand 1st A. Soj.
" J. Sampson Peirce - - -	Grand 2nd A. Soj.
" Lieut.-Col. Creaton - - -	Grand Treasurer.
" H. C. Levander - - -	Grand Swd. B.
" Capt. A. Bott Cook - - -	Grand Std. B.
" Ralph Costa - - -	Grand Dir. of Cer.
" Wilhelm Ganz - - -	Grand Organist.
" Henry Gustavus Buss, Past Standard Bearer -	Grand A. Scribe E.
" Henry Sadler - - -	Grand Janitor.

The ACTING M.E.Z. announced that His Royal Highness the Most Excellent First Grand Principal had been pleased to confer on the Excellent Comp. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Treasurer, the President of the Committee of General Purposes, the Past Rank of Principal Grand Sojourner. (Cheers.)

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. Col. CREATON, seconded by Comp. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. This report stated as follows:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th January to the 20th April, 1881, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To balance, Grand Chapter - £1041 7 9	By disbursements during the	
" account Unappropriated - - - 180 16 1	quarter - - -	£203 18 10
" Subsequent receipts - - - 386 16 3	" Balance - - -	1189 2 2
	" in Unappropriated account - - -	215 19 1
		£1609 0 1
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

On motions duly made, and seconded, charters were granted to the following chapters, on the petitions named as under:

1st. From Comps. James R. Pither, as Z.; James Judge, as H.; Stanley Enoch Shipman, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1722, Dugshai, to be called the Marmaduke Ramsay Chapter, and to meet at Dugshai, Punjab, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Comps. John Watson, as Z.; Arthur Stubbs, as H.; William Newton, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham, to be called the Royal Sussex Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

3rd. From Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, as Z.; William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., as H.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, as J.; and twelve others, for a chapter to be attached to the United Lodge, No. 1629, London, to be called the United Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Comps. William Frederick Towle, as Z.; William Henry Hopkins, as H.; Henry Lewis Rocca, as J.; and nine others, for a chapter to be attached to the Blair Lodge, No. 815, Manchester, to be called the Blair Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.

5th. From Comps. Matthew Vowles, as Z.; Charles George Wragg, as H.; Charles Beckett Truman, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Commercial Lodge, No. 411, Nottingham, to be called the Commercial Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

6th. From Comp. Maurice Hart, as Z.; Sigismund Schöustodt, as H.; and Henry Arthur Tobias, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, to be called the Chapter of Israel, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool.

7th. From Comps. John Bagot Scriven, as Z.; James Knight, as H.; William Lambert Manley, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Anchor Lodge, to be called the Cable Lodge, and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

8th. From Comps. Richard Thomas Hill, as Z.; Francis Lawrence Goode, as H.; Herbert W. Ruff, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, to be called the Eastern Star Chapter, and to meet at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, in the City of London.

9th. From Comps. George Thomas Brown, as Z.; William Chicken, as H.; Charles Daniel, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, London, to be called the Prosperity Chapter,

and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

10th. From Comps. Anthony Maitland Bell, as Z.; William Charles Arthur Røttger, as H.; William John Corrales, as J.; and nine others, for a chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 617, Buenos Ayres, to be called the Masfield Chapter, and to meet in the City of Buenos Ayres.

The appointment of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year being the next business on the paper, the acting M.E.Z. announced that the Prince of Wales had nominated Lieut.-Col. Creaton as President, and Comp. Robert Grey, P. Soj., and Comp. A. J. Duff Filer, P. Swd. Br., on the Committee.

Comps. E. Letchworth, 1277; William Stephens, 862; H. C. Levander, 76; W. H. Perryman, 1348; F. Adlard, 214; and Charles Frederick Hogard, 142, were then unanimously elected the other members of the Committee.

Grand Chapter was afterwards closed in due form.

## SERVICES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

## GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Bro. the Rev. AMBROSE WILLIAM HALL, A.M., has been well and widely known for many years as an earnest and enthusiastic Mason, and highly regarded by all who have been associated with him or had the pleasure of his acquaintance. After being educated at the University of Cambridge, and obtaining his degrees in arts, he was ordained deacon and priest by the late Bishop Stanley of Norwich. He held various preferments in Norfolk, Essex, and Surrey, and continued in active professional duty until the death of his wife, when he soon after retired. He was initiated into Masonry in the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, at Reigate, on the 20th June, 1834, by the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, the late Lord Monson, of Gatton Park. For seven years he served the office of Grand Chaplain of Surrey, and also that of Senior Grand Warden in the same province. In addition to being a P.M. of the above lodge, he is Chaplain of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, of the Kaiser-i-Hind, No. 1724, of which he was one of the founders, and a member and honorary member of numerous other Craft lodges. In the Royal Arch Degree he is a member of the Prince of Wales, No. 259, and holds one of the chairs in the Bard of Avon Chapter. Of other degrees in Masonry it may be mentioned that he is a member of the 32°; Past M.W. Sovereign of the Grand Metropolitan and other Rose Croix Chapters, holds office in the Faith and Fidelity Preceptory of Knights Templar (of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the head), has served the office of High Prelate of England and Wales in the Great Priory, and passed the chairs of more than one preceptory. At the present time he is also Chaplain of Grand Mark Lodge, a Past Grand Chaplain of Middlesex and Surrey, and a member of various other Degrees. It may be remarked that not many months since he founded a lodge, the St. Ambrose, No. 1891, held at Baron's-court, West Kensington, and so named in compliment to him as the first Master. It will thus be seen that our worthy and esteemed brother has fully merited preferment in Grand Lodge, of which we hope he may long be spared to remain a member.

## GRAND JUNIOR DEACON.

Bro. PEIRCE was initiated in the Britannic Lodge—then No. 38, now No. 33—in 1858, and in May, 1864, was installed in the Master's chair. At that time a great increase of members took place, so that it became necessary to have two lodges of emergency during his Mastership to keep the work well within bounds, which even then made the average over the six meetings, including the installation of his successor, of eight degrees every meeting, or, nearly fifty in all. Shortly after this the lodge held a lodge of instruction on the day week before each of its meetings, which ensured good working in a lodge with so many young Masonic members. In this work Bro. Peirce took especial interest, and proved himself to be of great assistance. After a few years the lodge of instruction was discontinued; and for about the last ten years Bro. Peirce has held the post of Director of Ceremonies, looking particularly to the working, and continues to do so. In April, 1860, he was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch in St. James' Chapter, No. 2, and became M.E.Z. in 1867; from 1877 to the present year he was D.C. of the chapter; and in March last was elected S.E. In May, 1863, he joined the Lodge of Antiquity, became its Master in 1867, and in 1877 was appointed its D.C., and still holds that office. In 1866 he was appointed Grand Steward from the Lodge of Antiquity, and in 1875 was one of the special Stewards at the Albert Hall, at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the Most Worshipful Grand Master. In 1861 he served as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; in 1863 as Steward to the Girls' School; and in 1865 as Steward to the Boys' School; and is now a Life Governor of the three Institutions. On the completion of the Boys' School, at Wood Green, Bro. Peirce made his eldest son a Lewis, by a special donation towards clearing off the building debt. Bro. Peirce also served on the Board of General Purposes in 1867-68.

## GRAND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Capt. A. B. COOK was initiated February 27th, 1865, and raised May the 1st, 1865, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge at Cambridge. He joined the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1867, and served all the offices, and was two years Deputy Master, 1877 and 1878. He was Junior Warden when the Prince initiated the Duke of Connaught, and Senior Warden when he was raised. He is a Past Grand Steward, and Past Grand Registrar in the Province of Surrey, in which province he was the founder of the Studholme Lodge. In the other Degrees he is a Past Grand Officer in the Mark and the Temple, and also a Thirty-Second Degree in Golden-square. On Wednesday he was appointed an officer in Grand Chapter. He is also a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, having been made an honorary member of the Cosmopolitan Lodge at Shanghai, in China, when he was there last year.

GENERAL GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—Name given to this body of Masonic Knights Templar in the United States, which, though partially formed in 1797 and 1806, may be said to date more properly from June 20, 1816. In 1856 at Hartford, at its thirteenth meeting, the word General was renewed, and it now calls itself "Grand Encampment of the United States." The State bodies are called Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment is more of a consultative than a legislative body, as we have before remarked of the Grand Chapter.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

PRICE'S PATENT.

By the courtesy of Bro. Jacob Norton, I have been favoured with a copy of the "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1872," and as those Proceedings contain a very able abstract of the original history of that Grand Lodge, by F. G. M. Gardner, I have thought it well to place upon record in the *Freemason*, having given to the matter long and careful consideration, my humble view of the facts of the case, as they affect our good brethren in Massachusetts, on the one hand, and general Masonic history on the other.

1. I have myself not the least doubt of the validity and genuineness of Price's Patent, and such, also, I may remark in passing, was Bro. John Hervey's distinct opinion on the subject, despite one or two apparent difficulties in the way. The reasons which have led some modern Masonic writers to doubt the reality of that document are, (a) the mistake about "Montacute"; (b) the non-mention of Price in the English Grand Lodge records until a much later date; (c) the non-recognition equally of Price in any way until 1768; (d) the want of the original document.

But as it appears to me, all these points are susceptible of simple and satisfactory explanation.

(a) Price is not the only Masonic writer who calls Montague Montacute. Entick does so, and other illustrations might be given of the same name-use, though the variation of name is to my mind of no actual moment whatever.

(b) There is admittedly no mention of Price in English Grand Lodge records, so far as is at present ascertained, until May 12, 1768, the date of the Duke of Beaufort's appointment of Rowe. There is, indeed, an old memorandum book in our Grand Lodge records, containing a list of Provincial Grand Masters, in which Henry Price is mentioned as "one who resigns in favour of Mr. Rowe, May 12, 1768." The word "resigns" here seems to cover Price's previous resignations in favour of Tomlinson, Seward, Gridley, Rowe, and to which point we shall allude later.

(c) The point of non-mention officially is explained so fully by Grand Secretary French's letter, of date Nov. 29, 1768, assuming the letter to be genuine, of which there seems to be no possible doubt, that it seems a waste of time to accumulate more evidence on this head.

For Bro. French distinctly recognizes Price's original appointment, and the still valid authority of his Patent. He mentions that some "loose papers" in "his possession" alluded to John Rowe, &c., and we may, therefore, after this lapse of time, fairly and charitably assume that we have here the true explanation of seeming incongruities of statement, and of any apparent doubt or difficulty.

The business of the Grand Secretary's office was, we apprehend, done in a very "loose way" in those days, whether in recording of documents, or even receiving money, and so late as 1792 the Grand Secretary only attended at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday and Saturday nights for the "business of the Society."

2. It is quite clear, I venture to think, that until 1768 no question had ever arisen as to the validity of Price's original Patent, that it was assumed both in England and America to be a true and good patent, and that he was the original Prov. Grand Master of N. America. It is to be noted that in all the "interregnums" and vacancies he is called upon to take the chair as P.G.M., and when Bro. Gridley died, in 1767, on October 23, Price is specially called on to "reassume the office of G.M., as he had done heretofore on like occasions."

I may observe that in 1757 Price was present at a great gathering at the Concert Hall, Boston, when the Earl of Loudoun, P.G.M. of England, and then Commander-in-Chief in America, was a guest of the Massachusetts brethren. Lord Loudoun had originally granted Tomlinson's Patent.

Rowe was installed by Price, November 23, 1768, and if any doubt could exist as to the validity of Price's Patent it is set aside by the clear words of the Duke of Beaufort's Patent to Rowe, and we have there an official statement and recognition of the correctness of Price's allegation, and an explanation of official silence until 1768.

Price had evidently always made a distinction in his own mind, the difference between a general Provincial Grand Mastership and a local one, and this idea is upheld by Grand Secretary French, so that he still retained his pre-eminence, and this fact accounts for the position given to Price by the English Grand Lodge records and Masonic historians subsequently to 1768.

Price seems to have attended for the last time the Grand Lodge January 28th, 1774, having been present at twelve quarterly meetings after Rowe's appointment. He died about 1780.

3. I leave out of consideration all other "side issues," such as the fact that if Price's Patent be a forgery, his life was a living lie, and that he equally deceive all contemporary English and American brethren.

I think this point has hardly had justice done to it in the controversy.

But I also venture to add, that if in default of early distinct official records "quoad" the original patent, and in regard of a silence no doubt somewhat peculiar, which may have, however, arisen either from official "laches," or the carelessness of the times, the actual testimony, Masonic and non-Masonic, direct and indirect, circumstantial and inferential, which may be adduced in favour of Price's Patent, that Patent be questioned, I confess I hardly know, on the laws of common and satisfactory evidence, what document in the world can stand, or endure, the criticism of a subsequent age?

MASONIC NUMISMATICS.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

I have just received through the hands of Bro. Hughan my copy of the two first parts of "Marvin's Masonic Medals," which henceforth will be the standard work of reference on the subject. The book when complete will be a perfect *livre de luxe*, and its typography and engraving leave nothing to be desired. The first two parts consist of 144 quarto pages, illustrated by twelve full-page engravings, figuring the most curious and rare of the 368 medals described. There is a short preface, giving a history of former attempts at similar works, and Bro. Marvin tells us at once that he has used all available sources, both published works, fugitive papers, assistance of collectors, &c., in the compilation of his book. Several notable collections of Masonic medals are in existence, and their respective owners seem to have exercised thoroughly Masonic spirit in giving Bro. Marvin every facility for in-

vestigation. The oldest known Masonic medal, according to our author, is one in silver, struck in 1733, to commemorate the founding of a lodge at Florence by Lord Charles Sackville. The oldest English medal is probably 1755. One of the best collections of Masonic medals is that of the Lodge Pythagoras, in Brooklyn. The largest cabinet known is that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mecklenburg, at Rostock, which contains over 300 specimens. There are in America several considerable private collections. We all know the value of the study of numismatics in the compilation of history to be most valuable, and in the tracing back of the career of Masonic bodies, medals struck in commemoration of remarkable events in their history are, of course, of the greatest service. It is, probably, on this account that Bro. Marvin has both figured and described a good many badges, principally struck by commanderies of Knights Templar in America, which can scarcely be fairly classed as medals. In a work intended to be a standard authority it was, no doubt, requisite to do this in order to secure perfection, but I should have thought the engraving of such modern productions was hardly necessary, and should have been disposed to have devoted the space and outlay to the figuring of rare and old medals. Bro. Marvin's descriptions are most lucid, and his thorough knowledge of heraldry, and the science of numismatics generally, has stood him in good stead throughout.

MASONIC STATISTICS.

GERMANY.

By an interesting report of the Grand Master (Von Ziegler) of the "Grossen Landesloge," Berlin, kindly forwarded to us by Bro. Count Von Watersleben, we find the following statistical "facts."

There are in Germany 42,120 Freemasons, belonging to the following bodies:—

The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin	-	13,512
Grand Landes Loge	-	9563
Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship	-	6215
Grand Lodge of Hamburg	-	3179
Grand Lodge of Saxony	-	3659
Grand Eclectic Lodge, Franckfort, A.M.	-	2218
Grand Lodge at the Sun, Bayreuth	-	1806
Grand Lodge of Darmstadt	-	872
Archimedes Lodge, Altenburg	-	244
Archimedes, Gera	-	176
Karl, &c., in Hildburghausen	-	58
Minerva zu den drei Palmen, Leipsic	-	435
Balduin zur Linde, Leipsic	-	454
		43,391

HUNGARY.

The Grand Lodge of Hungary has, it seems, twenty-two lodges and 1104 members.

DENMARK.

Under the Grand Lodge of Denmark are nine lodges and 3112 members, of whom 2260 are Master Masons, 386 Fellow Craft, and 466 Entered Apprentices.

IDEAL AND PRACTICAL MASONRY.

"There is an ideal and a practical Masonry. Much in its passive aspect never reached above the ideal, yet much of the apparent ideal is susceptible of a practical shape, and, at least, to a certain extent, is within the means of attainment. Masonry is in accord with the teachings of common sense, for its principle is based upon that high morality which is the common law of the soul, in the recognition of man as a moral, rational being. Its severe truths, when set forth by men of sense and reflection, dispel by their own force and delusions of prejudice, obstinacy and ignorance. In its support and enforcement of moral teaching, it harmonises with religion without avowal of creed or party, and in the encouragement of virtue and honesty, and in the denunciation of hypocrisy, it enlarges the simpler and purer enjoyments of life. But its dearest characteristics are a warm, human sympathy as opposed to intolerance and selfishness, and a tenderness which rises above every other quality. In its vitality and durability, it is capable of a progress to which no limit can be placed."

"Of what use is Masonry, unless it is made practical? Why expend time, labour, and money in perpetuating the impracticable? Practical Masonry is the application of its knowledge to the experiences of life, to our surroundings, to our social, business, and civic relations. The term "Brotherhood," is meaningless, unless associated with charity, and charity is but half developed when restricted to the human duty of almsgiving. Masonic charity, in its broad, unselfish sense, is to do unto others as we would wish they should do unto us. It is the charity that seeks for truth, honesty, and respect for the rights of others, that fosters knowledge, freedom, and toleration, and searches and strives after the good. It is the absence of this charity that is the chief cause of personal difficulties, arising from special and local agencies, by wrangling, discussion, passionate accusation, petty selfishness, and intolerant opinion, all producing a bitterness which sooner or later affects the fraternal relations within the lodge, and in the sapping and mining of its harmony impairs, if not destroys, its effectiveness and usefulness. This is not imagined or unrealised but is too frequently an actual, experienced condition, a great and grievous fault. When brothers are burdened with defects of their own, they should exercise charity towards the failings of others; they should not distress the mind when they themselves stand in need of many things; they should not forget the law of human interdependence, and should not pass a severeness of judgment when regarding another's failings through a medium discoloured or distorted. Cold-heartedness and self-regarding ought to be supplanted by kindness and self-repression, and in the practice of self-command, passion, pride, and self-love, give way to a chivalrous courtesy, which will elevate both the giver and the receiver. Brothers ought to remember that 'a word spoken and a stone thrown never return;' that they cannot be Masonically just if they are not kind-hearted; and that if they will entertain faith and experience, have sympathy and be charitably considerate, with a desire to help one another, their own characters for prudence, and conduct, and integrity will be enlarged and extended."—Address, G. M. California, 1879.



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

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**THIRD LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO 30TH APRIL, 1881.**

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Subsequent Receipts	329	2	6
Royal Alpha Lodge, 16	52	10	0
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St. John's Lodge, 327	1	1	0
Three Brethren of St. John's Lodge, 327	0	10	0
United Lodge of Prudence, 83	10	10	0
Doric Lodge, 81	1	1	0
Wentworth Lodge, No. 737	1	1	0
Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire	10	10	0
Priory Chapter, 1000	1	1	0
Britannic Chapter, 33	5	5	0
Royal Sussex Chapter of Perfect Friendship, 376	1	1	0
Chorlton Lodge, 1387	1	1	0
Earl of Chester Lodge, 1565	1	1	0
Zetland Lodge, 511	2	2	0
Felicity Lodge, 58	21	0	0
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Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.	2	2	0
Bro. H. Godfrey, P.M. 82, P.P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire	2	2	0
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Grand Master's Lodge, 1	5	5	0
United Good Fellowship Lodge, 809	5	0	0
Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge, 261	1	1	0
St. Andrew's Lodge, 222	5	5	0
Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G. Chaplain	1	1	0
John of Gaunt Lodge, 523	1	1	0
Maybury Lodge, 969	3	3	0
Erasmus Wilson Lodge, 1464	2	2	0
Virtue and Silence Lodge, 332	1	1	0
Bayard Lodge, 1615	5	5	0
Caledonian Chapter, 134	2	2	0
Caledonian Lodge, 134	5	5	0
Israel Lodge, 205	5	5	0
Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M. and Sec. 205	0	10	6
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Bro. E. Letchworth, P.M.	1	1	0
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£474</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>

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**EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,**  
Wednesday, 29th June, 1881.

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Support is urgently needed, the number of Stewards being below the average of recent years.

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3rd May, 1880.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

The Publishing and Printing Offices  
OF  
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**THE FREEMASON.**

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1881.

**To Correspondents.**

The following stand over:  
Star Lodge, Glasgow, No. 219.  
Skiddaw Lodge, Cockerworth, No. 1002.  
Union Waterloo Chapter, Woolwich, No. 13.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Keystone," "Australian Freemason," "The Broad Arrow," "The West London Advertiser," "The European Mail," "Lennox Herald," "Der Long Islaender," "The Mystic Tie," "The Liberal Freemason," "Hull Packet," "Sunday Times," "The Hebrew Leader," "Jewish Chronicle," "The Land Question, Ireland," "La Gran Logia, Revista Masonica Quencenal."

**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.]

**RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your present issue of April 30th I find a letter from Bro. Wade, Recorder of the Delta Crucis, 126, Auckland, New Zealand, and the best answer I can give to his complaint is that until this mail I have never received a single letter from him, and this statement is most fully borne out—I might almost say, proved beyond a doubt—by his own statement relating to the fate of his later correspondence, which has been "returned to him through the post," and when again sent back to England they are given to a Bro. Lewis, from whose custody they have not yet emerged. There is no Bro. Lewis on the Council. A ques-

tion here presents itself: If addressed to me for the second time, how is it they were given to this mysterious Bro. Lewis?

In December last, in your pages, I saw for the first time Bro. Wade's name in connection with the Order, and I put myself in communication with him forthwith, also replying in the columns of the *Freemason*. By this mail, which bears the letter you publish to-day, I receive also a letter, the first I ever had from him, in reply to mine of December last, and accepting certain explanations as to the probable cause of his letter never having reached me. This letter of Bro. Wade's consists of seven enclosures, among which I find two copies of letters on copying paper, one dated August 26th, 1876, and addressed to myself, the other dated September 3rd, 1875, and addressed to Bro. Binckes, and "to neither of which has any reply been sent." Thus I am not singular in not replying to letters which I have not received. The question deserves careful consideration, and will be most thoroughly looked into, and though, as every one in the Order knows, I took full charge of the correspondence only last June, I have had nothing to do with the very ancient correspondence referred to by Bro. Wade, yet I firmly believe the chief fault will be found in New Zealand (the district authorities), and not with the home department.

By the same mail which brought me Bro. Wade's communication I have a letter from Bro. Edward Ancher, of Wanganui, North Greymouth, N.Z., Past Sov. of the Gamma Crucis, No. 110, and among other things, he says, "I have not heard from Bro. Wade in Auckland as yet, although I wrote and told him of my success in getting matters cleared up re the Conclave 110."

This letter speaks for itself, and I shall refer Bro. Wade to many others who have placed their difficulties in my hands with equal success.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM ROBERT WOODMAN,

G. Recorder and Registrar General.

Ford House, Exeter, April 30th, 1881.

P.S.—In the *Freemason* of November 27th, 1880, I first saw Bro. Wade's letter, which proved his connection with the Delta Crucis. I answered it in your issue of December 11th, and at the same time wrote to Bro. Wade and enclosed him all the necessary forms for him to make returns of his conclave, which now by this mail he has done, and I have for the first time a letter from him, and returns and other data to work with in clearing up the difficulty, but I greatly regret that he has thought fit to reiterate his complaints in your columns before giving me a chance of making inquiries and setting his conclave straight, which only now can be done. In addition to the conclave at Greymouth, the Burdett Conclave has some time ago been put into working order by myself, all certificates, &c., having been duly forwarded.

**ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I repeat what I said in my former letter to you that the organ of the A. and P. Rite in England has acted in an utterly unmasonic manner in recognising a spurious body of Masons. The so-called "Grand Orient of Tunis" is spurious and is doing the greatest mischief. Individually I am not surprised to find the promoters of the A. and P. and other unrecognised Degrees defending the Grand Orient of Tunis, which is not recognised. The District Grand Master of Malta has officially warned his lodges not to admit members of the spurious "Grand Orient of Tunis," and any publication under its "seal" must be unworthy of attention.

Yours,

HONORARY MEMBER of 1717.

**THE OLDEST FREEMASON.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the daily *Standard* of Thursday, the 31st March, there is a paragraph headed "The Oldest Freemason," setting forth Bro. Elliot as the oldest Mason, who was made in 1816, but I am happy to inform Bro. Jacobs that I can claim precedence in favour of Bro. Knight, of 199, Peace and Harmony, Dover, who was made January 11th, 1811, at Cork, St. John's Lodge, 15, and was born August, 1790, and is now living at Folkesone.

I remain, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

FREEMASON.

**THE JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several requests have reached me that Provincial brethren might be placed on this Committee, and I gather from this that it is thought by some that the Committee possess privileges of election to the benefits of the fund. Allow me to explain that this is not so. The benefits belong to all alike, provincial and metropolitan, and are not the subject of special election, but will go as a matter of course, and without any deduction, to the highest unsuccessful candidates at each election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent (or "Old People's") Institution after the present year, and judging from past experience, I should incline to think that provincial candidates will benefit more largely than those from London. At the same time, should any provincial brother or brothers of influence and position

desire to join the Committee, and so apprise me or the honorary Secretary, I am confident the wish will be respected.

I am, faithfully and fraternally, yours,  
**JOHN B. MONCKTON,**  
 Chairman of Committee.  
 Queen Anne's Mansion, S.W.,  
 3rd May, 1881.

**FRENCH FREEMASONRY.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just received the *Freemason* of the 30th ult., and, in response to your invitation, I hasten to write you to request you kindly to publish, on behalf of the French branch of the family of Freemasons, our repudiation of such base Jesuitical calumnies as those which tend to make believe that we approve of *murder*, under any form whatever. Our most advanced Radical brothers (and, believe me, we have some very advanced gentlemen amongst us here) heard with horror the news of the assassination of the late Czar. It is difficult to write on such a matter, far more so than it would be to explain in lodge, suffice it to say, that when at the next meeting of our lodge I translate your paragraph, I am convinced that our brothers will feel heartily grateful to you for the opportunity of repudiating such vile assertions. Unfortunately, we have many enemies in France, and principally amongst the Roman Catholic clergy—probably they assume that since the suppression of the words G.A.O.T.U. as a *sine qua non* in Freemasonry, the clergy imagine that there are but Freethinkers here. Allow me to state that last Thursday evening we initiated an Englishman amongst us, and I was happy to see two other English gentlemen on the platform next to me. We are, it appears, all but excommunicated by our English brethren. Is this liberal? At a future time I intend to exert my strength to raise this stone from hanging around our necks, and then, through the medium of the *Freemason*, I trust to do a great deal to reunite in the bonds of fraternity the Freemasons of the two most enlightened countries of the world.

Since you mention the proposed combination of all Freemasons in France, permit me to say a few words on this subject. Personally, I am a member of the G. Loge Symbolique Ecossoise, otherwise termed the *Dissident Lodge*, so called because we left the Grand Orient to establish a self-ruling government. Whilst under the supremacy of the Grand Orient our liberty was very constrained. I firmly hope the time is not far distant when the "fusion" will be complete, and which will include you—our British brethren—with it. Already our Masonic Orphanages are amalgamating, and we visit at one another's lodges very freely. This is a step in the right direction; no opposing bodies in Freemasonry can ever have sectional differences sufficiently strong enough to overthrow a good intent founded upon the undaunted perseverance of hardworkers in the interests of Masonry, especially when some of the workers, including the writer, are Englishmen.

Unfortunately we are very poor, very different to our English brothers; we have a heavy load of responsibility in keeping up our orphan asylums and our widows' home.

I do not like to beg, but, by virtue of my being an Englishman, if any of your readers will favour us with some donations on behalf of the poor parentless children, they will really be doing a grand act of Masonic charity, and my countrymen are so large-hearted that I am confident my appeal on behalf of the poor orphans will meet with a hearty response. Cheques can be sent either to me at address, as below, or to the lodge as follows:

Au Ven. Pichenot,  
 La Ligne Droite,  
 20, Rue Richer, Paris.

Enclosed is circular of our gathering. Pardon the length of my communication, and I have the honour to remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

**JOSEPH LAMBERT.**

10, Cité Trevisé, Paris,  
 May 3, 1881.

P.S.—You would also perhaps not object to receive donations for this charitable object.

[We publish this letter on two grounds; first, on the principle of courtesy to a foreign brother, and secondly, as an appeal to charity. But we feel bound to say that we neither approve of the proceedings of the G. Orient of France or of the "Dissident G. Lodge." Is our brother correct in saying he left the G. Orient? Surely the G.L. Symbolique left the Rite Ecossois.—ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I find the question raised by your "Perplexed Subscriber" in last Saturday's issue of the *Freemason* is really an important one, and one that is not easily answered I find. Will you, therefore, as desired, enlighten your readers generally, and particularly myself, who, as a young Mason, am always ready to receive instruction.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
**WALTER POTTER.**

**PRINTERS' MISTAKES.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I sometimes see ludicrous errors made in all our public papers, without any exception, and even the *Free-*

*mason* is not exempt from them. As a consolation to fellow-sufferers I forward Miss Fanny Fudge's lines to her cousin Kitty, complaining of the misdoings of those "dreadful printers," which will both amuse and edify:

But 'tis dreadful to think what provoking mistakes,  
 The vile country press in one's prosody makes,  
 For you know, dear—I may without vanity, hint—  
 Though an angel should write, 'tis devils must print;  
 And you can't think what havoc these demons sometimes  
 Choose to make of one's sense, and, what's worse, of one's  
 rhymes.

But a week or two since, in my "Ode upon Spring,"  
 Which I meant to have made a most beautiful thing;  
 When I talk'd of the "dewdrops from freshly-blown  
 roses,"

The nasty things made it from "freshly-blown noses;"  
 And once, when, to please my cross aunt, I had tried  
 To commemorate some saint of her clique who'd just died;  
 Having said he had "tak'n up in heaven his position,"  
 They made it, he'd "taken up to heaven his physician."

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
**ANTI-ERROR.**

**Reviews.**

**REPORT OF THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF ST. HILDA'S LODGE, No. 240.** By Bro. J. H. THOMPSON, S.D. J. Roddam, 1, East-place, South Shields. 1880.

This is a very neat and clear little "resumé" of the history of the well-known St. Hilda's Lodge. It is just a hundred years old—being founded in 1780. There is in its history nothing very eventful or peculiarly abnormal, but having just completed its "century" we are glad to note its history. In former days it had much intercourse, and was visited, with good Masons like Lord Durham, Sir Cuthbert Sharp, Sir Hedworth Williamson, and Bro. John Fawcett, and we ourselves can recall a very pleasant meeting in 1846, or 1847, of the Provincial Grand Lodge at South Shields, though, alas, many are missing of all ranks who then made up that cheery and goodly company. How time flies, and how Masons like other men quit this sublunary scene, leaving the good old lodge still to remind other and younger brethren of happy days, of innocent sociality, and faithful work.

**THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN OXFORDSHIRE.** By Bro. E. L. HAWKINS. W. E. Bowden, 59, High-street, Oxford.

**A MEMOIR OF THE EARL OF BEACONSFIELD.** Reprinted by permission from the *Times*. Longmans, Green, and Co.

It is impossible for us, for many potent reasons, which we need not further advert to fully, to review this interesting little "brochure," reprinted from the *Times*. All we can fairly and properly do is to note its existence, and to add that it is both a well written essay and an interesting compilation. It is too general to please some, perhaps; too much on the surface, and slurs over easily and contentedly details and facts which have an abiding interest for many readers, but as Masonic reviewers, such little "blots," if they be "blots," after all, are praiseworthy rather than blameworthy in our eyes.

**INSTRUCTIONS PHILOSOPHIQUES SUR LA FRANCHI-MACONNERIE.** Par Bro. FLEURY. Brussels: Henry Kistemachers, 29, Rue Royale, 1881.

These "Philosophic Instructions" are interesting to receive and to read, but they do not in various ways very much enlighten or attract English Freemasons, and for this reason. The lessons we teach are "moral," not "philosophical," and "practical," rather than "abstract." Abroad the tendency is to ignore moral teaching, especially as based on the Bible, and to put forward a humanitarian philosophy simply, which, if fascinating in words, seems to us visionary in its "outcome," and has no solid foundation of any kind to rest upon and no safe assurance to offer to the enquiring and agitated mind of man. No doubt a good deal may always be said from the side of so-called "natural revelation." English Freemasonry bases all its symbolical teaching and its moral injunctions on the revealed word and will of God, and though French writers have found fault with what they term this "fanaticism" and "inconsistency" of English Freemasonry, yet, in truth, it is its pride and boast, nay, the essential condition of its very life. There is, no doubt, a true Masonic philosophy, but then it is one which is permeated by the wholesome and unchanging declarations of God's Word, and English Freemasonry would cease to be Freemasonry if it ever let go its use of and reverence for that "Great Light" of the lodge, without which no English lodge can safely proceed to "work" at all. Hence, then, we have to be on our guard against foreign philosophic Freemasonry. This little book is well edited, and has an interest for the "student" who wishes to master the habits and teaching of other jurisdictions. It is a well printed "necessaire" of 79 pages, but a Masonry which knows nothing of "prayer" or the "Bible," of the name of T.G.A.O.T.U., seems to us such a mournful apostasy from the "original foundation" and sacred landmarks of our Order, that it hardly appears worthy of the name of "Freemasonry" at all. We note that at the end the form is given of that mischievous foreign custom, the Masonic adoption and reception of children, called the "protectorat Maçonique." We thank our brother and correspondent for calling our attention to the work, and hope he will not find fault with our honestly expressed opinion of it.

**Masonic Notes and Queries.**

**RAMSAY AND JACOBITE MASONRY.**

I note what Bro. Clifford McCalla says in a recent number of the *Keystone* on these heads, quoting my words in "Kenning's Cyclopaedia," but I admit at once that I had done a little "sheepwalking," having accepted Ragon's and Findel's statements in faith, without criticism or enquiry. Subsequent researches have led me to doubt the fact as a fact, and I am now pretty nearly convinced that Ramsay had as little to do with the High Grades and Jacobite Masonry as he had with the modern Grand Lodge,

with Dermott, or the Royal Arch. No doubt his original oration remains, though of 1737, not of 1740, and in this address, able as it is, is to be found the "germ" of all knightly Masonry, and probably of the Templar movement, of the "Chapter of Clermont" and Von Hund. The alleged patent of 1745 at Arras, by Charles Edward Stuart, is, I apprehend, whatever it was, the real beginning of Jacobite Masonry in France, though it is equally clear that the movement begun at Paris, by Maclean, Lord Derwentwater, Lord Harnouester, Maskelyne, Huguerty, and others was also a Jacobite use of Masonry. If that movement was a High Grade movement it would confirm the language of Long Livers in 1721, and it is just possible that we shall have to throw back the antiquity of the High Grades considerably, and so re-write that part of our Masonic history which is now clearly no longer supportable or tenable. I am merely writing in the common interest of historical accuracy, and carefully eschew any controversy or comparison as between Craft Masonry and the High Grades, believing myself that the time has come when we should dismiss all hasty prepossessions and prejudices, and seek to advance and uphold the ever sacred reality of historic truth.

THE EDITOR OF YOUR "CYCLOPÆDIA."

**STABILITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.**

The sixty-fourth anniversary of the Stability Lodge of Instruction was commemorated on Friday evening, the 20th ult., at Masons' Hall Tavern, in Coleman-street. These anniversary meetings have always been interesting, and have frequently been remarkable for the very able speeches that have been delivered at them by some of the most notable members of the Craft. The skill of Bro. Muggeridge as an instructor, and the proficiency his pupils manifested on these occasions in working the elaborated Stability form of ritual, always secured a large gathering, and all but young Masons can remember the crush and heat that had to be endured on these occasions, even in the large rooms of Radley's and Cannon-street Hotels. For some years, however, the advanced age of Bro. Muggeridge has caused a cessation of these anniversary Stability festivals; and it is, we believe, only under exceptional circumstances that the meeting of Friday, the 20th ult., was held; but it gave us much pleasure to observe that though our esteemed Bro. Muggeridge may find his strength unequal to the efforts of former years, he appeared in excellent health, and remarkably vigorous for a man of his age.

The meeting was under the presidency of the V.W. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, who occupied in lodge the position of Immediate P.M., at the left of the chair, which was, of course, occupied by the W. Bro. Henry Muggeridge, P.M., W.M., whose officers on the occasion were Bros. Scriven, Arnold, Sack, Anderson, Steingraber, Arkell, and Birdseye.

The following is a list of most of the brethren who attended: Bros. Henry Muggeridge, W.M.; J. Bagot Scriven, S.W.; P.G. Steward; Charles Arnold, J.W.; Alfred Sack, S.D.; Eustace Anderson, J.D.; Louis Steingraber, I.G.; Charles Arkell, Hon. Sec.; Henry Birdseye, D. of C.; A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.; J. Sampson, Peirce, G. D.; E. M.; Hubbuck, P.G. Steward; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex; W. Hopekirk, J. G.; Webb, Richard Webb, King, Reddall, Hemsley, Stoner, T. Cohu, Percy Taylor, H. L. Buck, H. Cuff, Colliver, Harper, T. Fletcher, Hubbard, Diron, W. Grellier, T. R. Earnes, E. F. Storr, J. H. Weedon, W. R. Brook, Westmore, A. C. Cope, F. W. Braine, G. Steward; W. Birdseye, W. T. Rickwood, Richard Conder, H. Leah, S. T. Lucas, Ernest Zwinger, Richard W. Muggeridge, C. W. Spiller, F. H. Spiller, Britain, F. D. R. Copstick, James H. Townend, S. Wood, Joseph Clever, E. C. Massey (*Freemason*), and a number of other brethren, in all between seventy and eighty. Bro. Frederick H. Cozens, at the pianoforte.

Contrary to an expectation there was no working of Sections, but the three ceremonies were worked by Bro. Muggeridge and his Officers, and we need not say that the fullest justice was done to them.

When Bro. Muggeridge had concluded his labours, the chair was assumed by the President, when votes of thanks to Bro. Muggeridge and to the brethren who had assisted him for the able manner in which the work had been done were passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The formal business of confirming the minutes of the previous meeting was then gone through, and a considerable number of brethren, having been duly proposed and seconded, were added to the roll of members of the Stability Lodge of Instruction.

The brethren then adjourned to an upper room, where an excellent cold collation was provided for their very necessary refreshment after the working, which was not concluded till eight o'clock.

After the customary toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been given and received with all loyal demonstrations, in opening the final stage of the evening's proceedings the Chairman, Bro. WOODFORD, rose and said: Brethren, the second toast upon our programme is one that is always gratifying to the Chairman at a Masonic meeting, as it is to the members of our always loyal Craft, who are proud to have the heir apparent to the throne as the Grand Master of their Order. We all desire that the intimate union between the Royal Family and Freemasonry may be maintained. The loyalty of the Order to the House of Brunswick has never wavered or faltered. About 100 years ago English Freemasons assured another Prince of Wales, then G.M., that they were all loyal to the Throne at all times and under all circumstances. I allude to this now because a foolish writer has been stating, as you will see in the *Freemason*, that Freemasons are Nihilists, and because I am sure that you would wish it to go forth to the world that we indignantly deny the charge, and proclaim ourselves ever loyal subjects of the Crown. Considering it, as we do, a very great privilege to have His Royal Highness at our head, I am sure you will cordially respond when I propose as I do now, "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

It is scarcely necessary to say that this speech was loudly cheered, and the Grand Master's health drunk with enthusiasm and strongly marked Masonic honours.

The CHAIRMAN: The third toast is peculiarly welcome to all Freemasons, the health of those who preside over and conduct the business of Grand Lodge now, and of those who have occupied those important positions in the past—

"The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the D.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers, Past and Present." I think we shall admit that a very great debt of gratitude is owing to those who transact our routine business and maintain the prestige of our great and benevolent Order. In this year 1881, the care with which the Grand Officers have been selected by the Grand Master is extremely satisfactory. How remarkably good the selection is will be seen by noting the important classes from which our present Grand Officers have been taken. You will find they are selected from the nobility, from our judges, and from hard-working Masons, many of them for twenty or thirty years. It is a matter of great gratification when with somewhat perhaps of a jealous scrutiny we scan the list of appointments, to find working Masons from all parts of England selected to fill those offices which distinguish our Masonic ranks. It has been my lot on many occasions to propose this toast, but I never did it with greater pleasure than now that I have to couple with it one of those thorough hard-working Masons of many years' standing of whom I have been speaking as having had their merits recognised by a bestowal of the purple. I allude to our Bro. Sampson Peirce, and in asking you to drink the health of the Grand Officers, ask you to drink also that of our distinguished, old, and valued friend, Bro. Sampson Peirce, Grand Deacon of England.

Bro. SAMPSON PEIRCE, G.D.: Mr. Chairman and brethren, in returning thanks for the toast that has been so eloquently given to you by our Chairman, and so warmly responded to by everybody at the table, I can but rise, as I do now, to return to the best of my ability the heartfelt thanks of every one who was included in that toast. With regard to our Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, I am pleased to say that the state of his health has been very much improved by his visit to Madeira. He has now returned, but he was not well enough to be with us the other night. With regard to the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, we have in him a man universally popular; a man who throws his whole soul into Freemasonry, and who comes among us whenever he can. It was only that he had received the shock of a sudden bereavement that had occurred to him that caused his absence on Wednesday. With regard to the Grand Officers, Present and Past, many Grand Officers, as our Chairman has said, have been selected from working Masons, who have been good representatives of the Craft in their proper place, and I hope that those recruits who have been taken into the ranks of the Grand Officers this year may enjoy their honours for many years. Some of us only go to Grand Lodge after a long service of years; mine has not been very long—a quarter of a century—during which time I have had the opportunity and pleasure and honour of making many warm and fast friends. I trust that the post I have been called upon to occupy will be of some service to the Craft in general, far more than my own personal merit; and I trust that it may be the lot of the Grand Officers through me to come before you at many meetings of Masons, and ever meet with your approval of what we do from year to year.

The CHAIRMAN: In rising to propose the fourth toast, brethren, on the present occasion, I feel some little hesitation in asking your attention for a short space while I try to do justice to this time-honoured toast. I should not have thought myself justified in trespassing upon your attention at all, but that I have for so long a time been a member of the Lodge of Stability, finding to-night that next to our respected old Preceptor, Bro. Muggeridge, I am the oldest member of the lodge present, I felt gratified in acceding to his invitation to preside on the present occasion. At the same time, I feel diffident, as I said before, in addressing you, because I remember how many distinguished Masons have presided in former years over these anniversary meetings of the "Stability." With what delight, for instance, have we on such occasions listened to the words of that very distinguished Mason, Bro. John Havers, two or three of whose best speeches were delivered from the chair in the Lodge of Stability. You will be sorry to learn that he, whose good working and great services to the Craft are unequalled in our Order, is now lying on a bed of physical affliction; and I am sure it will be gratifying to him if you will allow me when I write to him, to convey to him the goodwill and sympathy of all members of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. (Applause.) Brethren, the question of this toast is a very interesting one, because it relates to the beautiful ritual of our Order, and the very vitality of Freemasonry in this country. Some of us are aware that from time to time there is a yearning in some for what is called uniformity of ritual. But I am quite certain, that what is called uniformity of ritual would lead to many evils which I will try to explain if you will give me your attention for a few minutes. A rigid uniformity of ritual must infallibly lead to a printed ritual. If there is to be only one uniform ritual, it would be certain to happen in the process of time, that some unscrupulous brother would for the sake of profit print the alleged infallible ritual, and thus we should soon have recourse to a printed ritual. A printed ritual would be the death blow to all lodges of instruction. Lodges of instruction are peculiar to English Masonry, and I beg to say that a great deal of Masonic vitality, and energy, and zeal depends upon lodges of instruction. I venture to think, moreover, that our duty is to strengthen our lodges of instruction in every way that we can, not to go to surreptitious rituals, but to look to the "Masters" of our Order for faithful Preceptors in our lodges of instruction. (Cheers.) There are no doubt, and always have been, diversities of ritual in this country. Previously to 1813, when the modern and ancient systems were blended, there were four systems running in this country, including Preston's ritual, of which I may say this, that though the First and Second Degrees are worked in a great many lodges, yet the Third Degree of Preston has never been worked I believe in this country at all. In 1813, the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed, which was an attempt to establish a uniform ritual. But Grand Lodge has wisely never interfered with little differences in modes of working. In 1810 there was a movement to ascertain what were the "ancient ceremonies," with a view to preparing for the union of 1813. Among others they adopted in the so called Lodge of Promulgation the present Installation Ceremony of Masters, and in 1813 the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed, and Bro. Hemmings was instructed to prepare a ritual, which he did, and the Stability ritual is that of the Rev. Bro. Hemmings. Bro. Williams, who was Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, revised this ritual, and the system of Hemmings, perfected by Williams, is the system

used by the Lodge of Emulation. I hope I have put it to you clearly, that you have the ritual prepared by Hemmings himself, and which has, as we have witnessed and proved to-night, still many admirers. Are we then to have all these various "modes" merged into one, and all this lawful liberty of ritual taken away from us? I cannot see why, when Masonry is "to the fore" in all other respects, a careful rendering of a ritual in which your officers are proficient should not be adhered to, because it may differ from others in some particulars which, perhaps, those habituated to another mode may regard possibly as faults. All the "modes" convey to us in a very beautiful manner the meaning of Freemasonry, and I cannot see why the liberty we enjoy as to slight variations in the ritual should be taken away from us. There are slight peculiarities in the working of different lodges to which the members initiated in those lodges become attached through long years, and I ask why we should ask for a uniform ritual which, when we get it, might not appear to every brother the most eloquent, the most beautiful, or most fitly expressed that might have been fixed upon. (Cheers.) I was very much struck to-night with the wording of the ceremonial in regard to the working tools. There may, of course, be two opinions on the subject, and a very great deal may be said both on the side of the Emulation, and on the side of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. But here let us agree to differ, each, in good will and brotherly regard, holding the form we like and know the best. (Cheers.) The Stability Lodge of Instruction was formed by some good brethren in 1817. Philip Broadfoot, Peter Thomson, Thomas Satterly, James Black, were among those who took an active part in forming the Stability Lodge of Instruction. From their times downwards the Stability Lodge of Instruction has had its annual meetings, with the consequent assembling of eminent Masons, and I venture to say to-night that these meetings have had not a little to do to the preservation of a pure Freemasonry among us. I have been told, and I have no doubt it is true, that Philip Broadfoot and Peter Thompson used to preside alternately over the Stability Lodge of Instruction, and in 1852, when Peter Thompson passed away, an excellent old Mason, I believe he was called Bro. Muggeridge (a voice: "Called old Mug") was chosen as his successor. (Cheers.) But there is a fact connected with Masonic history not so generally known. It is this: this same Bro. Muggeridge having on some day in 1839, under great and peculiar trials, entered the Lion and Lamb Lodge, the very next day he was proposed a joining member of the Stability Lodge of Instruction (laughter and cheers); and this I venture to commend to the notice of young and promising Masons. (Hear, hear.) But long speeches and long sermons are alike out of date, and I must bring my remarks to a close. What I would urge upon you is to preserve those little differences of ritual which form an additional link of attachment to our respective lodges, and from which we must all therefore be loth to part. We, in the Lodge of Antiquity, for instance, have a very peculiar ceremony connected with the Third Degree, which we should be most reluctant to part with, and which is observed in only one other lodge in England. That is an illustration of what I have been saying of things which we ought to strive to maintain, and on no account wish hastily to give up for improved systems. What can be better? What can be more effective? What can come home more to the brethren received into the Second and Third Degrees than such a ritual as we have seen worked in the Stability Lodge of Instruction to-night? Therefore, brethren, I do give, with sincere wishes for the prosperity of the lodge of which I have the honour to be a member, "Prosperity to the Stability Lodge of Instruction," and couple with it the health of our good old friend, whose zeal for Freemasonry is so great, and who we all wish may be long spared by the Great Architect of the Universe to continue to act as Preceptor to the Stability Lodge of Instruction. (Loud applause.)

Bro. MUGGERIDGE: Very Worshipful President and brethren, in rising to acknowledge the very kind manner in which our Chairman has proposed the last toast, the very eloquent and interesting account that he has given you of the progress of Freemasonry for the last sixty or seventy years, and the kind manner in which he has mentioned my name in connection with the Stability Lodge of Instruction, permit me to return my grateful thanks. Brethren, I take the opportunity of saying that I was initiated in the Lion and Lamb Lodge, now numbered 193, then 227, on the 7th November, 1839, and, strange to say, I continued a subscribing member of that lodge exactly forty years to a day; for on the 6th November, which happened to be a Thursday, 1879, I resigned. Therefore, I was actually a subscribing member a term of forty years. Well, brethren, I was initiated, and I was introduced, by Bro. Peter Thompson; on the following night, with him, I entered the old house where Queen Mary sojourned for some time, which was the homestead where this lodge of instruction held its meetings at that time. Well, Peter Thompson was the manager and Preceptor to the year when he died—the year 1851—and I have had the honour to be the Preceptor to the present time. I must tell you that the first meeting after the death of Bro. Thompson was held at the Old London Tavern, and that respected Mason, Bro. John Havers, presided on that occasion. We had a very large meeting on that occasion, and some very eminent Masons of that time were present. It is thirty years ago, but I remember it very well. We had a very successful meeting, and the following year we had our meeting there, and after that we went to Radley's Hotel for our large meetings. In comparison with those meetings (this is a small meeting). They were always happy meetings, and I think I am only expressing the general opinion when I say that. Three years ago we held our meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Philbrick presided, and I said on that occasion that I was falling into the sere and yellow leaf, and should have to discontinue these meetings. We should not have got up this one but that our Bro. Peirce (whose elevation to the purple we all rejoice over, knowing that a more deserving Mason does not exist) had expressed a wish to "see me work" the three ceremonies, whereupon I said that if he would come to the lodge of instruction I would give him the opportunity; and so instead of a small gathering when we thought we should number about twenty, it has come to pass that this important assembly of brethren has gathered around us. The lodge of instruction is my chief pleasure in Freemasonry. In the chapter I have been the Scribe, and that for nearly twenty years, but I have thrown half my life into the lodge of instruction. I have not resigned the Preceptorship of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, and I do not

intend to resign it till the Great Architect of the Universe in his good providence sees fit to remove me from this sublunary sphere. Brethren, as long as I live I will endeavour to promote the prosperity of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. The fact of being passed through the Three Degrees, and the fact of taking an uncertain number of Masonic Degrees—this does not constitute Freemasonry. There is something beyond. There are the Masonic Charities, and no Mason should forget those Institutions, which are the best and most glorious Charities in the world. Brethren, I thank you most sincerely for your good wishes for the prosperity of the lodge of instruction, and for your kindly feelings towards myself.

Bro. HUBBUCK: I am going to make this a short speech, but it is an important one, and, therefore, I hope you will do this toast all the honour you possibly can. We have a President to-night who has come from the far west to preside over us. He is a Mason of antiquity. We have been greatly edified by his beautiful remarks on Freemasonry. We know he has been appointed to one of the principal offices in Grand Lodge, because he is a brother who has worked hard for the benefit of Freemasonry, and has used moral influence in support of the moral Order of Freemasons. I hope we shall on a future occasion see him in this lodge to give us his beautiful and sound advice.

The PRESIDENT: As the time is getting on, I will, therefore, confine myself to thanking you, and say that it has given me much pleasure to preside this evening over a gathering of brethren who have come together to testify their appreciation of the long services of an old and common friend, Bro. Muggeridge. I am not a very young man myself now, and am a very old Mason, and my work is nearly over. I was initiated in 1842, at Gibraltar. My zeal for Freemasonry has never slackened, and never will so long as I live, because I believe it is an institution calculated to do very great good in promoting kindly feelings one towards another among men. (Applause.) In order that this pleasant meeting may not separate prematurely, I will now proceed, very shortly, to propose the other toasts. The next toast is one we shall all be glad to honour, "The Health of those Working Brethren—Bros. Scriven, Arnold, Sack, Anderson, Steingraber, Arkell, and Birdseye," who so kindly assisted to illustrate the working this evening. With the toast I will couple the name of Bro. Scriven.

Bro. SCRIVEN: Worshipful Sir, Bro. Muggeridge, and brethren. We cannot but feel, after the eloquent way in which the duties of the Masonic ritual—as practised in the Stability were practised to-night, have been referred to by our Chairman—very much pleasure in having assisted in securing such warm expressions of approval. We cannot but feel that the labour of our Preceptor's lifetime, the zeal which he has shown in working, have but one object, but that work should be good, thorough, and perfect. Bro. Muggeridge has told us, and we should be making but a poor return for Bro. Muggeridge's zeal as an instructor if we ever allowed his precepts to fall to the ground. I am taking what steps I can in the west of London to perpetuate this mode of working, and I do not think that we can better return thanks than by acting in such a manner as will give pleasure to those who are so much our seniors in Freemasonry.

The PRESIDENT: There is a toast which I have special pleasure in proposing to-night, and that is "Prosperity to the sister lodge of instruction, the Emulation Lodge. I have been instructed to couple with it the name of Bro. H. Leah. I think that we shall feel that the more lodges of instruction there are the better. They help to spread Masonic light and uphold the perfect working of our most beautiful Masonic ritual. And there is no doubt that the Emulation Lodge has done good "suit and service" to Masonry. I give you "Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge of Instruction," for which Bro. Leah will return thanks.

Bro. LEAH having said a few words in reply, The PRESIDENT proceeded to propose the last toast. The toast, he said, was one which aroused all our sympathies. He knew a good deal of every kind of charitable working, but he knew of no society which could collect annually between forty and fifty thousand pounds, as was the case with the three—may four—Masonic Institutions. Before the end of 1881 they would have reached, he hoped, nearly £50,000, and he was sure that he need make no additional remark to commend the toast to their notice, and he would couple with it the name of Bro. Storr.

Bro. STORR: Most Worshipful Sir, Past Master and Bro. Henry Muggeridge, Preceptor of the Stability Lodge of Instruction. I thank you heartily for drinking "Prosperity to the Charities." You know that my heart is so full of the Charities, so taken up in promoting their welfare, that I am proud to have the appellation of "Charity" Storr. In matter of Masonic age I am a young man, but I have served some ten Stewardships. I owe all my Masonry to Bro. Muggeridge, and belong to the Neptune Lodge and Henry Muggeridge Lodge, in particular. Of the Charities I cannot say enough if I kept you here till 12 o'clock. No young brethren can do too much for the Charities, and I cannot thank too much the Great Architect of the Universe in doing so much for the Charities. Whenever there is not a Steward to be found in my lodge it shall not go unrepresented if it rest with me. God speed the Charities and may they prosper. (Cheers.)

#### CONSECRATION OF THE MEDITER- RANEAN MARK LODGE, No. 278, AT GIBRALTAR.

One of the most interesting ceremonies ever presented to the brethren on the Rock, took place at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo, when the Mediterranean Mark Lodge, No. 278, was consecrated, in the presence of a large number of brethren, by W. Bro. Thomas J. Pulley, P.M., P.G.S. England, P.P.G.S.O. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Prov. G. Sec., Berks and Oxon, &c., &c.

The following brethren attended and assisted in the ceremonies: Bros. Charles Johnson, W.M. designate; C. W. Moore-Keys, S.W. designate; W. F. Cottrell, J.W. designate; T. J. Pulley, P.M. 54, &c.; J. Cunningham, P.M. 43; E. Barker, P.M. 43; W. MacLean, P.M. 33; S. C.; J. J. R. Morgan, P.M. 43; A. Ross, P.M. 325; I. C.; E. D. Bacon, W.M. 43; Broster White, S.W. 43; W. Glassford, P.S.W. 43; J. Button, J.W. 43; J. King, P.J.W. 43; J. C. Phillips, M.O. 43; J. McInerney, S.O. 43; G. Lane, J.O. 43; C. E. Mortimer, J.O. (Bradley);



W. H. Allen, Sec. 43; W. Tait, R.M. 43; P. Lyons, S.D. 43; F. Crompton, I.G. 43; D. S. Miller, I.G. 607, S.C.; and Bros. Roberts, Banks, Russell, Blake, Howard, Serfarty, Azopadi, all of 43; Crozier, 54; Dumaresq, 74; Henderson, McLaren, 160; Glass (Broadley), T. Evans, 325, I.C., and others.

The brethren commenced to assemble in the ante-room at 6 o'clock p.m., and at 6.30 p.m. a procession was formed under the direction of Bro. Bacon, W.M., Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43 (who had kindly acceded to the request of the Consecrating Officer, to act as G.D. of C.) and entered the lodge room, which had been elaborately and carefully prepared for the occasion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER having assumed the chair, supported on the dais by the Past Masters present, he requested the officers of the Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43, to assist him in the working of the ceremonies, and they at once took their places in the various chairs.

The Secretary pro tem., Bro. W. F. COTTRELL, then read the patent of the M.V.G.M.M. authorising and requesting Bro. Pulley to advance candidates, consecrate the lodge, and instal the Worshipful Master designate, Bro. Charles Johnson. After which a lodge was opened in due form and order, the opening anthem being beautifully rendered by Bro. C. W. Moore-Keys, acting Organist, and a well trained choir of brethren under the direction of Bro. W. F. Cottrell.

A ballot was then taken for the following brethren: Bros. the Rev. W. H. Bullock, J. H. Bryant, G. D. Twigg, J. S. Langdon, H. J. Campbell, H. C. Schott, W. F. Roberts, R. S. Ireland, L. Cohen, and H. W. Carden, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. Bullock, Bryant, Langdon, and Schott being in attendance were then advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the presiding officer, the interesting ceremony being performed in the most perfect and impressive manner, every officer performing his allotted part in the proceedings with studied care and attention, the orchestral and vocal portion adding great effect, the various anthems being beautifully rendered by Bro. Bacon, W.M. 43. The lodge was then called off in order to prepare the room for the ceremony of consecration, and the brethren having re-assembled, the solemn and impressive ceremony was conducted by the Consecrating Officer in a manner which will not readily be forgotten by those who were present, the whole of the proceedings being witnessed with rapt attention from beginning to end. The elements of consecration were borne by four Past Masters, viz., Bros. Cunningham, Morgan, Barker, and MacLean, and the lodge was incensed to the honour and glory of the G.A.O.T.U. by the acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Bullock, who also offered the consecration prayers in a very impressive manner. The four corners of the lodge having been duly honoured by the Consecrating Officer, he then summoned the founders and new members of the lodge to appear in the N. and S., and proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge.

The brethren having resumed their places, Bro. Pulley again assumed the throne, and the W.M. designate, Bro. Chas. Johnson was presented by W. Bro. Bacon, W.M. 43, for the benefit of installation, and after being suitably addressed by the Presiding Officer, and satisfactorily answering the necessary questions, the brethren below the Degree of Installed Master in the Mark Degree were requested to withdraw, and a Board of Installed Masters was duly opened, and Bro. Johnson was installed in the chair of A. in accordance with ancient custom. The brethren were then readmitted, and having rendered the customary homage to the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Johnson was duly proclaimed and saluted. The Installing Master then presented the W.M. with the working tools, and in entrusting him with the warrant of the lodge, expressed his high sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the M.V.G.M.M. in being selected by him to convey the all-important document direct to the W.M.'s charge, and also expressed the earnest hope that it would be handed down by the W.M. to his successor, and thenceforward for many generations, pure and unsullied as he then received it. The W.M. having accepted the trust reposed in him, then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Johnson, W.M.; T. J. Haynes, I.P.M.; C. W. Moore-Keys, S.W.; W. F. Cottrell, J.W.; W. Howard, M.O.; B. R. Crozier, S.O.; A. H. Dumaresq, J.O.; J. H. Bryant, S.D.; W. F. Roberts, Sec.; Rev. W. H. Bullock, Chap.; J. S. Langdon, R. of Marks; J. A. Speed, Treas.; G. D. Twigg, I.G.; and J. Peterkin, O.G.

The INSTALLING MASTER then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren in well-chosen language, and resumed his seat at the left of the W.M., amidst tokens of approbation from all the brethren present.

The W.M. then rose and proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Pulley for his kindness in coming out from England to consecrate the lodge, and for the careful and impressive manner in which he had conducted the whole of the interesting proceedings. This being carried by acclamation, it was ordered by the W.M. to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Pulley was then elected an honorary member of the lodge, and expressed his thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and then proceeded to propose a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and officers of the Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43, for the very kind and efficient manner in which they had assisted in the ceremonies, and especially tendered his thanks to the W.M., Bro. Bacon, for the invaluable assistance which he had rendered as acting G.D. of C. This also being carried by acclamation, was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Bro. BACON then responded, and expressed the great pleasure it had given him and all the officers of his lodge to assist upon the auspicious occasion, and they would at all times gladly do anything in their power to further the interests of the new lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a most *recherché* banquet awaited the brethren, due justice being awarded to the various good things on the table after the lengthened ceremonies in the lodge.

The usual Mark Masons' toasts received due attention, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Cottrell, Moore-Keys, Bryant, Bacon, Pulley, Roberts, and others, and the brethren afterwards separated.

Altogether the proceedings were a marked success, and too much praise cannot be given to the acting Secretary, Bro. W. F. Cottrell, for the care and attention given by

him to all the arrangements, which were simply perfect, not a single hitch occurring from beginning to end. It is worthy of note that the number of the lodge is by a singular coincidence the same as that of the Craft lodge and chapter to which it is attached, namely, 278.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the coming Festival, on June 29th next, was held on Monday last at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Spice was elected Chairman for the evening, and among those present were Bros. A. J. Duff Filer, J. L. Mather, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Matier, E. Farwig, E. F. Storr, G. Bolton, George Kenning, N. Bridges, H. W. Saunders, V. P. Freeman (Brighton).

R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., was appointed President of the Board of Stewards; V.W. Bro. Rev. J. C. Martyn, M.A., W. Bro. George Lambert, and Bro. A. J. Duff Filer, Acting Presidents; W. Bro. W. Roebuck, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. Frederick Binckes, Secretary.

It was proposed that the festival be held at Brighton, but this being considered a novel idea, it was thought better that the decision of the Stewards should be adjourned for further consideration until the 16th. The sum of two guineas was fixed as the Steward's Fee.

The musical arrangement was deferred until the next meeting. Some other routine business having been transacted, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Bro. Spice.

MASONIC BALL AT GIBRALTAR.

A most successful ball, given by the combined Masonic lodges of Gibraltar, took place on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., at the Theatre Royal. Dancing was announced to commence at nine o'clock, but long before that hour the boxes were filled by a large number of the fair sex, while the brethren in their quaint and handsome Masonic clothing were assembling in the ball room for the procession, and reception of the District Grand Master. A Freemasons' ball is always a most noticeable object from the variety of the different costumes belonging to the several Orders and the jewels and ornaments, all of which possess a mystical meaning not known to the uninitiated, and on this occasion it was even more so than usual from the very great taste displayed in the decorations of the ball room and staircases and their great variety. The general groundwork of the colours employed was red and white in broad stripes, producing a very rich effect, and the general idea of the ornamentation of the ball room was a series of Moorish arches, in the same colours, around the proscenium and tiers of boxes, while mirrors, flowers, pictures, mottoes, arms, &c., all lent their aid in producing a most charming effect, which was generally and deservedly admired. The roof of the theatre was tented in full rows of red and white, and the whole effect was excellent, and reflects great credit on those charged with the important duty of preparing a fitting and tasteful ball room for the many guests who had received invitations. The actual work of the decorations was taken in hand by Bro. Peso, and very well indeed it was carried out.

At a quarter past nine o'clock the District Grand Master, Bro. Cornwell, accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Major Gilbard, arrived, and was conducted in due form to the ball room, where the brethren were drawn up in two lines, and passing between these, to the music of the Grand Masonic March, the D.G.M. was received at the lower end by Bro. Ross, P.M., the President of the Ball Committee, who, in a short and very appropriate speech, heartily welcomed the District Grand Master to the combined ball in the name of the givers of the entertainment, and also the distinguished brethren who accompanied him (Bros. Major Gilbard, D.D.G.M.; Rev. R. Patterson, Past D.G.M. for Manitoba; and T. J. Pulley, P.M. and P.G. Mark Steward for England).

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER briefly replied in thanks, and, after the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" had been played by the band, declared the ball opened, when dancing immediately commenced, and was continued with the greatest spirit till 4.30 next morning. The Calpe band supplied the music. Freemasons' balls are always some of the most popular amusements given in Gibraltar, and the one of last night will bear the most favourable comparison with any which has gone before. All the arrangements were excellent; nothing was omitted by the Managing Committee which could either give *éclat* to the entertainment or add to the comfort and amusements of the guests, and it must be a great source of satisfaction to them, and indeed to all the subscribers (of whom we hear there were nearly 150), that their efforts were so successful and, of course, so thoroughly appreciated. The total number present were about 450. The Committee of Management was composed as under: Bros. Alexander, Ross, P.M., President; White, P.M. 153, E. J. Barker, P.M. 153, C. Johnson, P.M. 278, Moore-Keys, J.W. 278, J. Wink, W.M. 576, P. Adair, Sec. 576, E. Silva, W.M. 576 and Sec. 115, A. Ferrary, 576, F. Franceri, P.M. and D.G. Secretary, N. Bassadone, 325, G. Lane, 153, and Fromow, 325, Stewards.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT IN THE CITY.

On Tuesday last, their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught paid a visit to the City in order that H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught might open, at the Cannon-street Hotel, a bazaar in aid of the funds of the Aldershot Soldiers' Homes, North Camp and Grosvenor-road, and the Chatham Soldiers' and Seamen's Institute. From a circular which was distributed in the hall it appears that the "great object of the Soldiers' Homes at Aldershot and of the Soldiers' and Seamen's Institute at Chatham is to provide on Christian principles healthy and attractive substitutes for the dancing saloon and public house. All soldiers and seamen, irrespective of rank or creed, are welcomed. Arrangements are made for harmless recreation and mental improvement, and for the regular conduct of evangelistic services and temperance meetings. These institutions have already been "cities of refuge" to thou-

sand of both branches of H.M.'s service. They are sustained by voluntary contributions. An urgent appeal is now made for help, in order to remove the debts on the buildings, and to provide for enlargement. The amount needed is £5000, and it is hoped by this effort to realize £3000.

On arriving at the hotel the Royal visitors proceeded through the corridor, which was lined with a company of the 7th Surrey Rifles, forming a guard of honour, under the command of Captain Chubb and Captain Barnes, and up the crimson covered staircase, when they were received by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, with Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow. The Lord Mayor conducted H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught led the Lady Mayoress into the Hall, which was completely filled with visitors, the stalls—arranged in a novel and pleasing style as a series of naval and military pavilions—occupying two sides. The Royal and civic parties took their places on a dais raised at the end of the hall, where there were, amongst others, Bishop Claugton, the Bishop of Rochester, Major-General E. Gascoigne Bulwer, C.B., and Mrs. Bulwer, the Misses Shillington, the Rev. E. E. Jenkins, &c.

A short prayer was said by Bishop Claugton, and a brief complimentary address, signed on behalf of the Committee by the Lord Mayor, was read by the Rev. E. E. Jenkins.

H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, in reply, said: I beg to thank you for the address which has just been read. Her Royal Highness and myself share most fully in the sentiments which it conveyed. Your cause has already done much good, and we know how truly anxious you are to promote the welfare and the happiness of our two great services. We sincerely appreciate what you have done, and hope that God's blessing will rest on your future work. (Cheers.)

H.R.H. the Duchess of CONNAUGHT having declared the bazaar open, received from a number of ladies purses containing sums of money, ranging from £5 to £100, and then, in company [with the Duke, proceeded to inspect the stalls, making purchases at almost every one of them. Their Royal Highnesses shortly afterwards drove away amid the cheers of the crowd.

The holders of the dozen or so stalls, which are arrayed with great taste, represented various districts of London, and towns and counties of England. The credit of their erection is due to Messrs. Pattenden and Hicks, of Bermondsey; and mention should not be omitted of the pretty floral decorations by Messrs. Veitch. The idea of the bazaar arose, we believe, with Mr. John Beauchamp, the Treasurer of the two Homes.

The hotel arrangements, under the "courteous" manager, Bro. Rand, gave every satisfaction.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DUMBARTONSHIRE.

The first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire since the death of the Provincial Grand Master was held in the Elephant Hotel, Dumbarton, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., Bro. Archibald Orr Ewing, of Ballikrain, M.P., Depute P.G.M., who presided, gave a short and feeling address, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. the Rev. D. H. Wilson, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, and unanimously agreed to, viz.: "That the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge, assembled in full communication, take this first opportunity of expressing their heartfelt sorrow at the death of their beloved Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Alexander Smollett, of Bonhill; and of testifying to their appreciation of his faithful, devoted, and unwearied services to the Craft during his long and beneficent rule; of recording their warm admiration of the rare business tact, the well-balanced judgment, the kindly heart, the high sense of honour, and the unvarying courtesy that so distinguished him as a man, and made him so justly admired and respected as a Provincial Grand Master."

Bro. Provost Babbie, P.G.S.W., moved that a copy of the resolution in the shape of an excerpt from the minutes be sent to Mr. Patrick Boyle Smollett, at Cameron House, which, on being seconded by Bro. James Dalrymple Duncan, P.M. 28, was likewise unanimously agreed to.

It was further resolved, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., to put on record the loss which the lodge had sustained in the recent removal by death of Bro. Sheriff Steele, S.P. G.M., and Bro. Patrick Moir, P.G.B.B.

Other business of Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards transacted.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°.

The Supreme Council 33°, on the 26th April, at 33, Golden-square, W., held a meeting of Grand Elected Knights K.H. 33°, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., when there were present Ill. Bros. Capt. N.G. Philips, as Sov. G. Comr.; Hugh D. Sandeman, G. Sec. Gen.; Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B.; G. Prior; Col. H. S. Burney, 33°; Andrew Hay, 33°; Rev. Ambrose Hall, 32°; James Keene, 32°; R. M. McKerrill, 31°; Capt. C. Compton, 31°; S. G. Kirchoffer, 31°; W. A. T. Amherst, 30°; Col. G. H. J. Haldane, 30°; T. H. Matthews, 30°; Dr. Purchas, 30°; Dep. Cont. S. G. Bake, 30°; and R. C. Golden, 30°.

The following brethren were admitted to the Degree of Grand Elected Knights K.H., the ceremony being performed by Ill. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, 33°: Bros. Hubert T. Clutton, and Frederick Clark, Great Metropolitan Chapter, 1; Felix Joseph Curlier and Edward James Gardiner, Mount Calvary Chapter, 3; John Samuel Cox, St. Mary Magdalene Chapter, 73; Herbert Thomas Sankey and Charles Holtum, Ethelbert Chapter, 82; and the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Honoris Causa.

Lloyd's agent at Port Said telegraphs at 9.55 a.m. on Tuesday last that the Suez Canal is again open for traffic.

The *Rock* says the Princess of Wales has for some time been what is styled a Dame Chevaliere of the Order of St. John, whose headquarters are at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge met on the 26th ult., it being the last meeting of the season, when there were present among others Bros. T. Morrison, W.M.; C. Dairy, P.M., acting S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.W.; Rumball, I.P.M.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Kendall, W.S.; Fromholtz Waygood, P.M.; Green, P.M.; and Cobham, P.M. The visitors were Bros. Griffin, 144; Sims, 382; Whadcoat, 448; and Hopekirk, 1586.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Hudson was raised to the Degree of M.M., and Mr. Whitehall initiated into Craft mysteries, the ceremonies being well performed. Several matters having been discussed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After the Royal and Craft toasts had been duly honoured, "The Health of the W.M." was given in eulogistic terms by the I.P.M. In the course of his remarks he congratulated the Lodge of Faith upon possessing a brother so well conversant with his duties, both in the lodge, and at the convivial board. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a brief speech in acknowledgment. "The Initiates" followed. In proposing this toast the W.M. said that it had afforded him a great deal of pleasure in initiating Bro. Whitehall. The Lodge of Faith was a fairly large one, but the introduction of good blood was always most desirable, more especially when candidates came as well, and as worthily, recommended as did their newly-initiated brother. The initiate having replied, "The Visitors" followed. This toast having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. Griffin, Sims, Hopekirk, and Whadcoat duly acknowledged the compliment. "The Past Masters" came next in order. This toast having met with that hearty recognition from the brethren which so important a toast deserved, Bro. Rumball, I.P.M., responded upon behalf of himself and colleagues. Before giving the officers, the W.M. threw out a suggestion that the brethren should have a summer festival, to which ladies should be invited. Several brethren, by permission of the W.M., having spoken upon the subject, and Bros. Clark and Walls having replied upon behalf of "The Officers," the proceedings terminated.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).**—The last meeting of the season of this popular lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, when a large number of brethren were present. Among them we noticed Bros. Walter Hallett, W.M.; William Hitchcock, S.W.; Edwin Arrowsmith, J.W.; S. R. Walker, Sec.; B. Kershaw, S.D.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., D. of C.; John A. Murdoch, Asst. D. of C.; C. R. Wickens, I.G.; W. Drew and C. J. Bjorn, Stewards; T. W. Allen, P.M.; James Long, P.M.; E. J. Allen, P.M.; Richard Knight, J. Sothcott, E. H. Lamer, A. Arrowsmith, Thomas H. Drake, J. D. Rees, F. Ridley, Charles Kilby, William Clark, James A. Cox, C. H. Whitcock, Rowland Taylor, John Carter, H. A. Spencer, J. Patterson, A. Carlstrom, George Lamb, jun., G. J. Jennings, James Westby, R. W. George, and many others. The visitors present included Bros. J. W. Cuff, W.M. 1608; Alfred Clement, S.W. 1310; D. R. Wise, 452; H. Charlton, 1101; C. J. Craig, 1223; W. H. Making, 1278; C. F. Marriner, 1669; C. Robinson, 1743; A. C. Rawlings, and F. A. Kelly (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Walter Hallett, who in a most able manner passed Bro. Jennings to the Second Degree, and went through the ceremony of initiating Mr. W. Burton.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren after a brief interval sat down to an excellent supper, admirably served by Bro. Reeder and genially presided over by Bro. Hallett. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, including that of "The Visitors," which was responded to in eloquent terms by Bro. J. W. Cuff, W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608. In proposing the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," the W.M. said he was proud and pleased to say that he was well supported by these brethren, each of them being thoroughly efficient in his various duties, and who would he was sure, in turn, occupy the same proud position he held that evening. Several other toasts were proposed, that of the Tyler's bringing a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—A meeting of this lodge, the last until October, was held at the East Hill Hotel, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. Amongst the officers and brethren present were Bros. J. B. Walker, W.M.; W. J. Huntley, S.W.; J. J. Holland, J.W.; W. F. Wardroper, S.D.; J. G. Kewney, J.D.; and A. A. Denham, I.G.; together with Bros. E. H. Boddy, J. G. Carter (Past Masters), Thomas Arnison, A. Von Castleburg, J. W. Marshall, George Manning, Robert Walker, C. C. Rowe, and others. A letter was read from Bro. John Frost, the Secretary, who was unable to attend in consequence of indisposition. The members expressed great regret at Bro. Frost's illness, the Secretary not only being *par excellence* as a lodge scribe, but as one of the moving spirits his absence was much felt. Bros. Rowe, Castleburg, and Manning were most ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. The S.W. (Bro. W. J. Huntley) having been unanimously chosen as the W.M. elect, the Treasurer, Bro. S. Wilson, and Tyler, Bro. S. Steed, were formally re-elected. Bro. A. A. Denham proposed, Bro. Huntley seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, "That a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of the late Bro. Sturk, expressing the sincere sympathy of the lodge at the loss of her husband."

At the banquet which followed, the customary Masonic toasts were received with that "fire" usually accorded them by the Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044. The health of "The W.M. elect" having been given, the brethren dilated upon the great merits of Bro. Walker, who had been voted a jewel of the value of £5 5s., and also referred to the Masonic knowledge and genial character of his successor, Bro. Huntley. The members spent a truly happy and Masonic evening.

**ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).**—The installation meeting of this thriving lodge was held

at the Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on Wednesday evening, the 13th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. C. Veal, W.M.; J. Magrath, S.W.; T. Wooding, J.W.; H. T. Hardy, Sec.; Beck, P.M., Treas.; J. Horseley, S.D.; T. J. Tyler, J.D.; J. Conture, D.C.; J. G. Twinn, I.G. (pro tem.); F. J. Turling, W.S.; A. G. Clements and G. T. Holdom, Stewards; Dawson, P.M.; Hayward, P.M.; J. Loftus, C. Rayner, J. S. Phillips, J. Carrociero, C. Whybrow, H. Parsons, C. East, T. J. Barnes, jun., J. McDougall, F. Crawley, W. McCredde, O. N. Sanger, T. B. Ryton, W. L. Hodgson, J. M. Stevens, J. Sommers, and E. Blancy.

Visitors: Bros. J. McClelland, J.D. 901; H. Harbard, D.C. 991; B. Stewart, 1278; Hammond, 1278; S. S. P. Blight, P.M. 39; C. Stephenson, 813; Sherwin, Org. 1076; C. Allen, 554; R. Green, 1196; W. S. Bassett, 212; G. J. King, 1259; John Shepherd, P.M. 1349; and John How, 141.

The lodge was opened at four o'clock according to the usages of the Craft, and the minutes of last lodge meeting with the report of the Audit Committee read and confirmed. A ballot having proved successful in favour of Mr. O. N. Stanger, he was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. C. Veal, W.M., then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. J. Magrath, S.W., into the chair of K.S. The working of this ceremony was performed in a masterly manner; it might perhaps be equalled but not excelled. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Wooding, S.W.; Horsley, J.W.; Beck, P.M., Treas.; A. G. Clements, Sec.; T. J. Tyler, S.D.; Conture, J.D.; G. T. Holdom, I.G.; Rev. M. C. Brown, Chap.; Twinn, D.C.; Sommers, W.S.; J. Loftus and Rayner, Stewards; and Longstaff, Tyler. The W.M., on rising, said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was in the name of the lodge to present Bro. Veal, the retiring W.M., with a M.M.'s jewel. He was confident that it would be highly appreciated. The brethren all considered the jewel well earned, as the duties of his office for the year had been carried out with the greatest excellence. In conclusion, he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would permit him to wear it for many years to come, so that it might be looked upon by his children with the highest value and estimation. A brief acknowledgment was here given by the I.P.M., who had no desire to detain the brethren, as he supposed they would expect to hear his voice later in the evening. Votes of thanks, firstly to Bro. Veal for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge; secondly to Bro. P.M. Dawson for the able manner he had acted as D.C.; thirdly to the Audit Committee; fourthly to Bro. H. T. Hardy for his attention to the duties of Secretary; and two proposals for initiates, brought the business of the lodge to a close.

A sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by the proprietors, Kingston and Fromm, followed. The artistic arrangements and general view of the tables were most enticing, and this was further well supported by the abundance of good things that followed. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were duly honoured. The I.P.M. said he now rose with great pleasure to propose the toast of "The W.M." All present well knew his capabilities and willingness. He had filled creditably the offices prior to that he now held, and he believed this was a unanimous opinion of all the brethren. He had been associated with him for some considerable time, and he trusted that his year of office would be a successful one in every respect. The W.M. replying, thanked Bro. Veal for the kind expressions he had made respecting himself. He was ready and willing to work if it came before him. He sincerely hoped to make good progress, and he thought this might be expected when he saw such good feeling around him. He had every faith in being well supported by his officers. In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M." he could not speak too highly of what Bro. Veal had done for the lodge; his successful efforts were already known to all the brethren—the expense and trouble that Bro. Veal had put himself to in various ways for the welfare of the lodge commanded their gratitude. He would ask them to be upstanding and give a hearty Wapping fire to their esteemed Bro. Veal, which it is needless to say was well responded to. Bro. Veal in reply, said when he first filled the chair he thought it an easy task, he nevertheless was amply rewarded for all that he had done when he saw it so well acknowledged. He heartily thanked them for the handsome present they thought proper to give him and should feel proud to wear it as long as he lived. Notwithstanding that he had left the chair he should always be pleased to be brought into action whenever he was required; he hoped to be amongst them for some time to come, and see the present officers advance and attain the prominent position that Bro. Magrath now held. The toast of "The Initiates" was next given and suitably replied to. The next toast from the chair was that of "The Visitors," all of whom severally responded in terms praising all they had seen and heard. The E.A.'s song with others added much to the enjoyment of the brethren; thus a really pleasant evening was spent. "The Officers" toast was next in order, and that of the Tyler brought the meeting to an end.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on Wednesday, the 20th ult., presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. A. Reid, supported by his officers. The following visitors were present: Bros. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D. England; E. B. Grabham, P.M. 19, P.P.G.S.W. Surrey; J. H. Casson, P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire; Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, P.P.G. Chap. Staffordshire; Ralph Archbold, P.M. 19; E. H. Taylor, P.M. 386; J. Wood, P.M. 1470; C. Ackland, M.M. 205; J. C. Royle, M.M. 511; H. Unwin, P.M. 1106; J. C. Fillan, M.M. 196; W. Mackay, 1319; A. W. Thorpe, W.M. 176; W. W. Little, M.M. 1706; J. Pilson, M.M. 88; and W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Registrar Cornwall (*Freemason*). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The installation of W.M. then took place, and, on presentation by Bro. Langton, P.M., Bro. A. Rosenthal was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. Ralph S. Archbold, P.M. 19, and the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. D. Langton, S.W.; C. E. Barnett, J.W.; J. A. Archer, S.D.; E. G. Marnier, J.D.; T. T. Fillan, I.G.; J. A. Reid, I.P.M.; Joseph Langton, P.M., Treas.; John Westrope, Stwd.; Theodore Drew, P.P.G.O., Org.; and Rowe, Tyler.

After the installation the W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. G. W. Plant, and it speaks well for the training received in the Langton Lodge that the W.M. was thus early enabled to go through the whole of the ceremony in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. Before the lodge adjourned, Bro. Langton, P.M., rose to propose that a jewel be presented to the W.M., as a mark of appreciation by the brethren in the manner in which he had discharged his duties while occupying the chair. This was carried unanimously, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. A. Rosenthal.

The W.M., in giving the first toast, that of "The M.W. G.M., the Prince of Wales," said that H.R.H. was a general favourite in all society, but particularly did they esteem him as a Freemason. Since his installation as ruler of the Craft the Order had increased enormously, and had been honoured by a vast accession of noblemen and gentlemen. The toast having been duly honoured, that of "The Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed; the W.M. remarking that they had a Past Grand Officer in the person of Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., and he was much gratified at having him on his right, as it was from Bro. Hogg that he had received his Masonic baptism. Bro. Hogg returned thanks on behalf of the Grand Officers, and said he was proud of the privilege, and equally proud of being the guest of the W.M. that evening. They had been acquainted many years, and the longer he knew him the better he liked him. He had much pleasure at seeing the installation ceremony so ably performed. The new W.M. had begun well, and he had been ably seconded by his officers, who were perfect in their duties; and as a very old Mason, who had seen a good deal of work, he congratulated them on their proficiency, and he felt sure they would not be found wanting in any duties that they might be called on to perform. The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates." In all lodges new blood was a necessary condition of life, and the Langton was no exception. Old men left them, and it was necessary to fill up their ranks. He had much pleasure in introducing Bro. Plant, and felt sure he would prove a worthy brother. Bro. Plant, in reply, thanked the Worshipful Master and the lodge for the honour they had done him. He could not adequately express his pleasure at the ceremony he had just passed through. It had greatly impressed him, and it would not soon be forgotten. He had come to London only three years ago, and the friendship of the W.M. had been most valuable, and he had advised him in the most kindly way on every occasion when he had sought it. The I.P.M., Bro. Reid, then rose and said that it was always understood when the gavel was entrusted to the I.P.M. it could only have one object, that was to propose "The Health of the W.M." This toast should always be acceptable, for in paying respect to the W.M. they were paying respect to themselves. Bro. Rosenthal had held many offices in the Langton Lodge, and had always been found at his post. He carried out all his duties with earnestness and ability, and they had seen that exhibited in the initiatory ceremony they had just witnessed. He congratulated him on being elected to fill that chair, and wished him a prosperous year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind words. He was pleased to find that what he had done was acceptable to the brethren. He would endeavour to do his best, and hoped it would have their approbation. He would ask all the officers to co-operate with him to that end. While upstanding he would propose "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Archbold." All must have admired his excellent working—they had seen that night the installing ceremony performed to perfection. Bro. Archbold thanked the brethren for their warm reception of the toast. He came there with diffidence, a stranger among strangers, but he found faces that were well-known in Masonry. It was an extreme pleasure to him to be the medium of installing an esteemed friend. They had seen how ably he had performed the ceremony of initiation, and he would say that if their beautiful ceremonies were always carried out so impressively, it would tend to make better Masons, and raise the tone of Masonry. The W.M. said the next toast was that of "The Visitors." He would quote the lines from their menu card:

"Pray you bid these friends welcome,  
For it is a way to make us better friends."—

*Winter's Tale.*

It was always a pleasure to them to receive visitors, and they were invariably welcomed. Masonry, he said, had no nationality or politics; it was cosmopolitan. No matter where a Mason was placed, whether in Russia or England, he was bound to be a peaceable, law-abiding subject; and Masonry taught them to reverence and obey the laws of the Great Architect of the Universe, as revealed to them in His word, for was not the volume of the Sacred Law always open in the lodge. He trusted they would never admit any among them who would be likely to bring dishonour to the Craft, but he feared there was too great a tendency to increase their numbers by receiving into their Order men who did not understand what Masonry was. The true Mason represents religion and true generosity. He was quite sure they never forgot charity, and while they met and enjoyed themselves now and then, he trusted they should never forget the higher claims which Masonry had on them. Bro. Rev. Dr. Rosenthal, P.P.G.C. for Staffordshire, in responding as one of the visitors, said: I thank the W.M. and brethren for the manner in which the toast has been proposed and received, but I regret that I have had to occupy to-night the part of visitor; I would rather have been a member of the Langton Lodge, as I was at its consecration and held an appointment in it, but, unfortunately for myself, I had to relinquish my office and membership because of other duties which made my absence from lodge imperative, seeing it meets on Wednesdays, a day on which I have to hold service in my own church. I must now be satisfied and even pleased to pay it a visit when I may, and I am very glad to have been able to do so to-day, and very much gratified I am to notice the progress of the lodge, its working and its zeal—I am the more pleased in seeing my own brother exalted to the position of W.M.; it almost makes me covet it for myself in spite of the fraternity of nature. It reminds me of a little story I once heard of a very considerate husband who had taken his wife for an outing, and sitting in a railway carriage said to her, "My dear, are you comfortable in your corner?" "Very



much, thank you, dear." "You don't feel the cold?" "Not at all." "The door closes well?" "Very well, thank you." "Well then, come and change places with me." But apart from a lot of fun which may be allowed on this merry occasion, I rejoice greatly at my brother's elevation to the chair, which proves the great interest he takes in the Craft, and I can bear witness to his diligence and perseverance to fit himself for the post he aimed to obtain. As to Freemasonry itself I feel a greater attachment to it every day, for it teaches lessons that prove useful and practical for life if men are exercised by them; no doubt it has attracted the notice of the uninitiated as a system which keeps a man emancipated from local, provincial, and even national influences. No matter what his own political views may be, and however much he may cherish them, he should cherish them as a patriot, as they bring out the best energies of his nature; it teaches him, however, to be an honest and submissive citizen wherever he may be, whether he lives in the most democratic or the most autocratic country, for the well instructed Freemason ever bears in mind the solemn obligation laid upon him—"You shall be a peaceable subject and cheerfully conform to the laws of the country in which you reside." But I like the Craft yet more because it is a handmaid to true religion; it strongly advocates actual and revealed religion, it believes in a first cause and expresses it in its devotional exercises at whose creative fiat all things were first made, it inculcates also the study of the Scriptures; in the very first charge delivered to the young Mason it recommends "the most serious contemplation of the volume of the Sacred Law, it bids him consider it" as the unerring standard of truth and justice, it bids him regulate his actions by the Divine precepts it contains—in fact, tells him that that book teaches us our most important duties to God and man. It is to be lamented that there are found in our lodges men who are not guided by the precepts of our principles—and I think they are unworthy Masons. The volume of the Sacred Book is not studied neither are their actions regulated by its precepts. That is very sad; it has had therefore a sad effect upon many thoughtful men, and in some measure repelled them from joining our Craft, because they noticed an unworthy, worldly, and godless life in some who even held prominent offices, but I think the cause of the evil is to be found in the lodges themselves—they often seek for members, that they may boast of initiations, a policy I consider very pernicious, which must sooner or later end in the departure of the unfortunate glory of any lodge that pursues such practices; because it forgets that Freemasonry is to be extended to worthy men, as our ritual says, "and to worthy men alone," who have given proof of moral goodness. As it is, I have noticed with great regret that some have entered to advance their trade, profession, or worldly interest, and who religiously are utterly indifferent and regardless. Forgive me, therefore, when I say "Be careful how you admit members to our Fraternity—an Atheist, a worldly, and godless man has no business here—he ought never to be allowed to desecrate our temple, or to dishonour our Sacred Rites." By way of contrast to what I have said, as well as an example for imitation, let me refer for a moment to the religious character, as well as to the generosity of disposition, of one who is held high in esteem among Masons, and whose name our brother initiate has learned for the first time to pronounce to-night Masonically, I mean Boaz. In the volume of the Sacred Law there is a book called "Ruth" which brings before us a picture of sorrow and joy among the ancients—in that book we read the history of the good Mason who lived at Bethlehem, and being a landed proprietor was naturally in the habit of visiting his fields, and as he approached his harvest labourers, he addressed them with the beautiful salutation "The Lord be with you." Now this shows at a glance that the root of this man's virtue and the source of his goodness was the "Fear of the Lord," for looking round and gazing upon his fields he felt grateful, he felt that all he had was owing not to his sowing and reaping, but to the Great Architect of the Universe. "The Lord be with you" was not a sort of hackneyed expression like "How do you do?" but it meant to convey the master's good wishes that God might strengthen their hands for their work. Boaz acknowledged Him in all his ways, and I am sure there are Masons in this banqueting room now who feel as Boaz felt, and who realise as he did, that all they are, and have, is owing to the Almighty Father. But I said that another Masonic virtue was beautifully displayed in the behaviour of the ancient Mason, even the generosity of his disposition. You all probably know how a poor Moabitish woman happened to go in his fields to glean ears of corn for her sustenance. Boaz, noticing the modest appearance of the stranger, spoke kindly to her, did not drive her from the field, rather encouraged her to stay—he, moreover, charged his reapers to protect her against rude words, and rude acts, on the part of the young men, and, to crown all, requested them to drop handfuls of corn as if by accident for Ruth to carry away—an act of charity conveyed in such a manner as not to let the recipient feel her poverty and dependence, for gleaning was allowable everywhere. Here we have one "of the distinguishing characters of the Freemason's heart," charity prompted by pity and sympathy. The same virtues, I am glad to say, characterise our modern generation—I speak not merely of the helping hand readily extended to those who "perhaps from circumstances of unforeseen misfortune and calamity are reduced to poverty and distress," but I speak of that noble Institution which affords the aged Mason a refuge and home in his old age, and of those Benevolent Orphanages and Schools which help to bless the poor Mason's children. May it long continue to be our delight to exercise kindly feelings in the practical way spoken of, and may it ever be the motto of our Craft, as far as its members are concerned, "not quantity, but quality." And let me say in conclusion that inasmuch as we all know that Masonry is progressive; and points higher than our ordinary lodges, when we go from labour to refreshment, and refreshment to labour, let us all cherish the cheering hope of being admitted to the Grand Lodge above, where neither Master, H.A., or even King Solomon, but the Great Architect of the Universe Himself, will preside, and there we shall adjourn for refreshment to the Great Banqueting Hall of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Once more I thank you on behalf of the visiting brethren and myself for the honour you have done me. Bros. E. B. Grabham, W. Mackay, W. Lake, and others also responded. The toast of "The I.P.M." was next given by the W.M., who spoke in the warmest terms of the many good qualities of Bro. Reid, and of his steady attention to the duties of his office during the past year. The lodge had unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel, and he had great pleasure in

pinning it on his breast, with the fervent hope that he might live long to wear it. Bro. Reid, in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind expression he had used in making the presentation. He accepted it as a very great honour. He had done no more than his duty; but he hoped that every W.M. who followed him would do the same. It was very important that the lodge should maintain its sound financial position, and always show a good credit balance, for with a diminution of such a balance members always seem to drop off. He trusted they would continue to prosper, and in years to come possess a long roll of Past Masters to maintain the dignity of the Langton Lodge. The toast of "The P.M. and Treasurer," was responded to by Bro. J. Langton, and "The Officers of the Lodge" for whom the Senior and Junior Wardens, Bros. J. D. Langton, and C. E. Burnett replied, concluded the proceedings. We should not omit to mention that the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Theodore Drew, P.P.G.O., were most excellent, and that Bro. Fillan favoured the company with one of his inimitable recitations.

**GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).**—The first regular monthly meeting of this lodge since the installation of the W.M. was held on Monday, the 25th ult., at 34, Denmark-street. The lodge was opened at 7.15 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. Wood, I.P.M.; Edward Liddell, S.W.; E. W. Middlemast, J.W.; Rev. S. Atkin, son, Chap.; D. Sinclair, as Sec.; R. F. Cook, P.M.D.C.; A. Simpson, as S.D.; W. M. Pybus, J.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Raeburn, S.S.; William Dalrymple, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; J. T. Medley, J. Ivison, C. Green, W. J. Reid, John Duckitt, W.M. 48; C. B. Ford, J.W.; T. Dinning, J.S. 48; W. U. Strangeways, 111; J. A. Dixon, J.D. 1626; C. H. Ball, 1643; J. T. Ridley, 406, and others.

The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and three visiting brethren as subscribing members. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Treasurer, Secretary, and S.D. The ordinary routine business was concluded, and the candidate for raising not being in attendance the lodge was closed at 8.15 p.m.

An adjournment was made to the refreshment room, where the brethren were entertained with part songs and ballads by Bros. Richardson, Ferry, Sinclair, and others. During the course of the evening the Masonic toast list was adequately carried out by the new W.M.

**LISKEARD.—St. Martin's Lodge (No. 510).**—The usual monthly meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 19th ult., after which a collation was provided at Webb's Hotel, to which most of the brethren who had been present at the lodge adjourned. After the loyal and Masonic toasts had been ably proposed and suitably responded to, a very handsome marble clock and an illuminated address containing the names of subscribers, were presented to Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., the Secretary, which office he has held for many years, in recognition of his services in connection with the lodge.

The presentation was made by Bro. Thomas Lang, P.M., who, in making it, spoke in very eulogistic terms of the energy and zeal of Bro. Courtney in doing everything he could for the benefit of the Craft generally, but more especially for that of St. Martin's Lodge. It was mainly owing to his retiring perseverance that funds had been raised to build the Masonic Hall, which was not only an ornament to the town, but was second to none in the county for the purposes for which it was intended. Perhaps some of the brethren present were not aware of the difficulties to be overcome in building such a Hall as they now possessed, but he could assure them that it involved hard work on the part of their Secretary, who had been sustained throughout,—not by the hope or expectation of such a recognition as they were about to present to him,—but because his heart was in Masonry, and it was to him a labour of love. In Bro. Courtney's position as P.M. of the lodge, his services had been and were now invaluable, especially to those brethren who had been recently elected to that office.

In replying, Bro. Courtney thanked the brethren generally for the manner in which they had recognised his labours, and for the very handsome testimonial which gave a proof of it. He could assure them that it was difficult to make anything like a suitable reply on such an occasion, yet he felt their kindness and goodwill nevertheless. He valued their present very much,—not so much for its intrinsic value, as for the motives which induced the brethren to make it. From henceforth he should be able to look on the march of time with pleasure.

The clock, which is of black marble, has bronze mounts, visible escapement, and strikes on a gong. It bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. R. A. Courtney, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., by the brethren of St. Martin's Lodge, 510, Liskeard, April 1881."

The surplus balance which remains after paying the expenses of the presentation, will be devoted to the purchase of a Life Governorship in the name of Bro. Courtney, in one of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions.

**NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult., under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. Geo. Green, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, P.G.S.W., I.P.M.; J. J. Hunt, S.W.; H. A. W. Reeves, J.W.; Henry Rosling, S.D.; J. W. Browne, J.D. (Freemason); T. Winter, I.G.; G. Baxter, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; R. A. Madge, Organist; W. Murrell, Tyler; C. Payne, W. N. Cooper, and A. Barnes, Stewards. There were in addition the following brethren present: Bros. B. W. Breeze, T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; M. J. Bailey, G. J. Berry, A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Pankhurst, P.M.; G. Thirkettle, P.M.; T. P. Reeve, H. J. Wave, J. W. Bateman, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. Smith, 45; G. W. G. Barnard, 93, 943; S. H. Page, 591; T. J. Sowins, 433; J. H. Gathercole, 938; and others.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then passed Bro. J. Wave to the Degree of F.C. "Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to supper, and upon the

removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. In responding to the toast of his health, the W.M. informed the brethren of the honour which he had enjoyed on the previous day, in attending the Grand Festival in company with Bros. J. H. Santy, W.M. 52, and G. C. Stevens, P.M. 52, and gave a lucid description of the proceedings, characterising them as of a grand nature. Several very excellent songs and glees were rendered during the evening, affording pleasure to the brethren present.

**NORWICH.—Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held, as usual, in the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. E. Thorns, W.M.; Robert James Mills, S.W.; G. W. G. Barnard, J.W.; E. Baldwin, P.M. 40, S.D.; J. A. Mills, J.D.; W. H. Moss, I.G.; E. Orams, P.M., Treas.; R. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Sec.; Joshua Morse, Tyler; T. W. Muskett, I.P.M.; T. Ballard, P.M.; W. F. Ransome, H. Bingley, and several other brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. W. H. Smith, Hugh Fox, W.M. 93; A. Bullard, W.M. 1500; King, and several others.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The business of the evening was to ballot for Bro. Captain Clements as a subscribing member, and for Mr. J. Francis as a candidate for initiation, both of which were unanimous. The W.M. then performed the ceremony of initiation in a very excellent manner.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to supper, at the conclusion of which the usual Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged.

The school of instruction in connection with this lodge and the Social Lodge, No. 93, having been closed for the session, the brethren being members, held their annual supper in connection with the same on Monday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Club Rooms. Among those present were Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, 943, in the chair, supported by Bros. John B. Bridgman, I.P.M.; Hugh Fox, W.M.; Walter Lake, George Jewson, W. H. Smith, E. Coleby, of 93; T. W. Muskett, I.P.M.; Robert E. Thorns, W.M.; J. R. Mills, E. H. Jones, R. Gunn, P.M.; and J. W. Browne, 807 (Freemason), as a visitor. A very excellent repast was provided, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).**—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was an attendance of about eighty brethren, attracted by an unusually attractive and extensive business programme of proceedings. The bill of fare for the afternoon (the lodge being opened promptly at two o'clock) included three candidates for the First Degree, nine for the Second Degree, and two for the Third Degree—a pretty fair slice of business, which clearly shows how the Liverpool Dramatic progresses. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. W. Sandbrook, W.M., who was supported during the afternoon, among others, by Bros. J. B. Mackenzie, I.P.M.; J. Bell, P.P.G.J.D., P.M.; J. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; John Atkinson, S.W.; W. Savage, J.W.; A. Woolrich, Treasurer; J. M. Boyd, Secretary; R. Burgess, Organist; J. Pyer, S.D.; H. P. Squire, J.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, I.G.; O. W. Sanderson, H. Round, and Dr. Whittle, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. Captain Crowley, Frank Emery, E. Rimmer, P. Lowndes, E. Graham, J. Wainwright, R. J. Roberts, Captain Jackson, "Watty" Hildyard, J. Keet, John Hemming, Fred Stimson, W. Addis, F. Duncanson, J. J. Monk, S. Mattison, E. Dacroy, J. W. R. Brown, B. Striem, J. Ballard, R. Geldard, R. Durden, J. W. Collinson, C. Courtenay, and others. The visitors who were present included Bros. A. T. Shore, W.M. 816; G. Black, P.M. 100; I. Jacobs, 1182; W. Ham, 1036; S. Broadbridge, 241; A. Hemming, 1310; S. Forrest, P.M. 241; C. Copeman, 1299; J. Busfield, 1299; T. A. Jackson, and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Edgar Wilson, S. H. Jones, William Calder, and W. T. Robinson. The voting was unanimous in their favour, and the last three named candidates being in attendance, were duly initiated. No fewer than nine candidates were passed, viz., Bros. Hall, Campion, Ferrani, Dacroy, Josef Cantor, Hughes, Neubert, Williams, and J. M. Wood; and Bros. Julian Cross and George Walton were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The heavy work was admirably performed by the W.M., assisted by the S.W. and J.W., and his other officers. Refreshments fittingly followed the hard labour of the afternoon, and a pleasant programme of music and recitations was, after dinner, supplied by Bros. J. Busfield, R. J. Roberts, W. T. Robinson, and Brammall, the piano accompaniments being played by Bro. R. Burgess, Organist.

**LIVERPOOL.—Antient Briton Lodge (No. 1675).**—There was an unusually numerous and influential gathering of the Fraternity at the annual installation festival connected with this lodge, which took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Friday, the 29th ult. The lodge deservedly holds a high position amongst local Masonic associations, as it is the leading representative association of Masonic natives of the Principality of Wales who have settled down in Liverpool, and special interest to some of the brethren was furnished in the fact that Bro. Thomas Evans, who had worthily filled the chair during 1880-81, had been unanimously selected and elected for the same honour during 1881-82.

The lodge was promptly opened the W. Master, who most effectively installed six candidates before the other business was proceeded with. Amongst those present were Bros. J. R. Bottomley, I.P.M.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., P.M.; D. S. Davies, P.M. 216; W. E. Coxon, Treas.; Hugh Jones, Sec.; J. Hughes, S.D.; T. H. W. Walker, J.D.; W. C. Cowell, I.G.; W. H. Rowlands, W. Jones, and G. Chirney, Stewards; T. S. Beswick, Org.; M. Williamson, Tyler; G. A. Hay, J. Pritchard, S. J. Hughes, G. Wright, J. Rees, J. Williams, R. Jones, R. Hitchmaugh, H. Hughes, W. Plumb, E. Bowen, G. Neville, J. Lewis, E. Davies, John Lee, W. R. Williams, W. J. Turton, G. Beaumont, J. Friesdale, J. Sleight, A. Huxley, W. Williams, J. Ireland, H. Pritchard, G. Poster, and others.

The visitors present included Bros. Councillor W. J.

Lunt, P.M. 241; J. Devaynes, P.M. 667; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609; H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. Houlding, P.G. Reg.; J. Bretherton, 241; J. Skeaf, P.G.O.; E. Paull, Treas. 1356; C. Costigan, 1356; A. M. Fabert, S.W. 216; E. King, Ellison, 1350; Walter W. Thomas, S.W. 1570; T. H. Carefull, S.W. 823; F. J. Bailey, P.M. 786; A. D. Hesketh, W.M. 1182; J. Peters, P.P.G.S.W.N. Wales; R. Dean, 1289; C. Mason, W.M. 32; C. Copeman, 1299; J. Keet, S.W. 1356; J. Beesley, J.W. 823; T. Peake, W.M. 667; and others.

Bro. Thomas Evans was duly in-talled W.M. of the lodge for the second time, and the officers invested were Bros. J. R. Bottomley, I.P.M. (who performed the installation ceremony); R. Wylie, P.M., M.C.; Hugh Jones, S.W.; W. E. Coxon, J.W.; John Lees, Treas.; John Hughes, Sec.; T. H. W. Walker, S.D.; W. C. Cowell, J.D.; W. H. Rowlands, I.G.; T. S. Beswick, Org.; G. W. Davies, S.S.; G. Charney, J.S.; John Lewis, A.S.; and Williamson, Tyler (re-elected).

An excellent banquet was supplied by Messrs. Fisk and Fairhurst, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. An excellent programme of music was provided, the chief feature of which performance was the "Fairy Bells" performance of Bro. Hargreaves Gill, who enjoys the special patronage of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).**—At the usual weekly meeting, held at Bro. Fromm's, The Moorgate, opposite the Moorgate-street Station, Finsbury, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., Bro. Partridge presided as W.M., Bro. J. Robson acting as S.W. There were also present Bros. W. H. Myers, Preceptor; McDonald, Macgregor, Goddard, Kimbell, Medwin, C. Robson, Loring, and Seymour-Clarke, Secretary. After the usual formalities, the First Degree was worked by the W.M., the candidate being Bro. C. Robson. Bro. Macgregor was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. Jas. Robson was elected W.M. for Wednesday, May the 4th, and Bro. Fromm was unanimously elected an honorary member. Lodge was then adjourned.

#### Royal Arch.

##### INSTRUCTION.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 975).**—The usual meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present: Comps. Lardner, Z.; R. Payne, H.; J. Payne, J.; W. Fraser, N.; Sayer, P.S.; also Comps. Maidwell, Davey, Edmunds, Goodchild, Veal, Dottridge, Daniels, G. Brown, Sayer, Chicken, J. S. Fraser, Steingraber, Turner, Walker, Massa, Turquand, Taylor, Brasted, Kerke, Gillard, and F. Brown, Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gillard being the candidate. Comp. Daniels, of the New Concord Chapter, No. 813, was elected a member. The following officers were elected for the next fortnight, Comps. R. Payne, Z.; J. Payne, H.; Chicken, J.; Gillard, N.; and Maidwell, P.S. It was announced that Comp. Turquand, M.E.Z. of the Stockwell Chapter, 1339, and 890, Hornsey, will work the ceremony of installation of Principals on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at six o'clock punctually, after which, at half-past six o'clock, the usual exaltation ceremony will be worked. As this is probably the last time during the present session that this important rite will be gone through, it is to be hoped that there will be a goodly muster of Royal Arch Masons to support Comp. Turquand on that occasion, and particularly P.Z.'s, so as to render the gathering one that shall maintain the high reputation of this supreme chapter of improvement, which has undoubtedly been the school of the most distinguished Royal Arch Masons of the present time. The chapter was then closed.

#### Mark Masonry.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The brethren assembled at 6 p.m., and soon after that hour the lodge was opened by Bro. Philip Abraham, W.M., supported by Bros. Cater, I.P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, Chap., P.G.J.W. of England, and P.M. 26 and 74; C. Wilkinson, S.W.; Murlis, J.W.; J. J. Dutton, P.M. and D.C.; John Dutton, P.M. and Treas.; Radway, Sec.; Dingle, M.O.; Rubie, P.M., as S.O.; Howes, J.O.; E. L. Hill, as S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; Sparrow, Organist; H. Smith, as I.G.; Bigwood, Tyler; and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer gave his report as to the finances, which had been duly audited, and a vote of thanks was accorded to him for the care with which he had discharged his duties. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. Penley, who was unavoidably absent, for the present of a useful addition to the furniture of the lodge. Bro. Dr. Hopkins then took the chair, as usual during each of the last six years, for the purpose of performing the ceremony of installation. Bro. C. Wilkinson was presented as the W.M. elect, and a dispensation was read, as he had not been W.M. of a Craft lodge. He was then duly inducted into the chair of Adoniram with the customary ceremonial, accompanied by Bro. Sparrow on the harmonium and the voices of several brethren carrying out the musical ritual of Bro. Mercer. The following appointments to office were made: Bros. Murlis, S.W.; Radway, J.W.; Dr. Hopkins, Chap.; Abraham, I.P.M.; John Dutton, Treas.; Dingle, Sec.; F. Wilkinson, M.O.; Howes, S.O.; Mercer, J.O.; Penley, Reg.; J. J. Dutton, D.C.; W. Peach, S.D.; F. Baldwin, J.D.; Williamson, I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; Holmes, Stewd.; and Bigwood, Tyler. After the investment of the officers, the Installing Master gave the several addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren. Votes of thanks were carried by acclamation to Bro. Dr. Hopkins for his assistance on this occasion, and to Bro. Abraham for his services during the past year, to which suitable acknowledgments were made. On the proposition of Bro. Radway twelve copies of Bro. Mercer's musical ritual were ordered for the use of the lodge. In recommending this course, the proposer stated that some time ago the Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire was present when this ritual was used, and was so pleased with it that he had taken care that

copies should be provided for the lodges under his jurisdiction. No other business offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the annual banquet.

**SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).**—The brethren of the above lodge met on Thursday, the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, to celebrate their annual festival, to instal the W.M., and invest officers. There were present, the W.M., Mark Frampton, P.S.S.O.; Past Masters W. E. Franklin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; W. Liddell, F. Maddison, J.S.; Pearson, P.P.M.O.; R. Lutert, S.W.; W. Brandt, J.W.; M. H. Dodds, J.D. The following brethren acting Overseers: Bros. R. M. Watson, M.O.; C. W. Huntley, S.O.; M. H. Dodd, J.O.; C. Macnamara, I.G., as S.D.; and others. The lodge having been duly opened, Bro. J. D. Todd, P.M. 94, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. Bro. M. Frampton then presented the lodge with a handsome Bible and cushion, and received a hearty vote of thanks, which was joined in by all the brethren and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. R. B. Lutert, W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. F. Maddison, P.M., to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by Bro. Frampton. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Brandt, S.W.; T. M. Watson, J.W.; W. Coxon, M.O.; R. Kimmond, S.O.; J. Lowes, J.O.; M. Frampton, Treas.; M. H. Dodd, R. of M.; C. W. Huntly, S.; C. Macnamara, S.D.; T. Pinckney, J.D.; H. Parker, I.G.; J. W. Brown, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, when the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**BERWICK.—St. Cuthbert's Lodge (No. 192).**—The annual meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 13th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Parade. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, Bro. R. Weatherhead, W.M., occupying the chair. The W.M. stated that the only business was the installation of Bro. Oswald, W.M. elect. Before vacating the chair, however, he begged to tender the brethren his sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy which had been extended to him during his year of office. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. the Rev. Edward Marrett, P.P.G.C., P.P.J.G.W., P.M. 135, and Vicar of Lesbury, and it is needless to say that the reverend brother performed his duty in an impressive manner. After the W.M. had been installed into the chair, amid the congratulations of the brethren, he invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Weatherhead, I.P.M.; R. Thompson, S.W.; G. F. Steven, J.W.; J. Carr, M.O.; R. Craik, S.O.; A. L. Miller, J.O.; J. Marshall, S.D.; Geo. Riddle, J.D.; A. Wainlaw, P.M., R.M.; G. Moor, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Morrison, Secretary; T. Gilchrist, I.G.; W. P. Carr, Stewd.; F. Turnbull, Tyler.

In the evening the brethren dined together in the King's Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. Carr, and served up in excellent style. After the usual and loyal toasts had been proposed, "The Health of the W.M." was drunk in a very cordial manner. "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Marrett" was drunk with great enthusiasm, the brethren being all delighted to see him for the fourth time in the same capacity. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

**HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).**—A very excellent meeting of this lodge took place on the 23rd ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel. Among those present were Bros. Alfred Tisley, W.M.; Haynes, G.S., S.W.; Goodall, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, I.P.M.; J. W. Baldwin, P.G.S. Middx. and Surrey, Treas.; Lawson, M.O.; Mason, P.P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; Gilbert, P.M. West Smithfield, and others. Bros. Arding and Tinney, 238, were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros. Weber, 1768, Harris, 1728, and Taylor, 298, and it proving to be unanimous they were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree of M.M.M.

Bro. Gilbert having been nominated to the office of Grand Steward, and several communications from absent brethren read, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the W.M." having been proposed by the I.P.M., the W.M. made a witty speech in reply. In proposing "The Health of the Advancers," the W.M. expressed himself delighted at having had the opportunity of inducting three such promising candidates into the Degree of M.M.M. He hoped that they would never regret the step that they had taken. Bro. Weber and Harris having replied, "The Health of the Visitors" followed. Bros. Arding and Tinney, in response, said that they were gratified with their first visit to the Hammersmith, which lodge they were pleased to see was in such a flourishing condition, and they congratulated the W.M. upon the general efficiency of his "working" staff. "The Past Masters" came next in order. In giving this toast the W.M. particularly mentioned the services of Bros. Mason and Baldwin. He said that the latter brother in his dual capacity of Treasurer and Secretary was entitled to their warmest commendations. In conclusion, having also spoken of the I.P.M., he hoped that for many years yet to come the three first Past Masters of No. 211 would continue to honour the lodge with their presence. The Past Masters having replied, "The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 29th ult., Bro. W. B. Gibson, W.M., P.P.S.G.O., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. W. White, S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, J.W., P.M. and P.G.J.W.; J. W. Miles, M.O.; G. Sparrow, S.O.; J. Rothery, J.O.; J. Cooper, Org., P.G. Org.; T. Atkinson, I.G.; J. M. Salisbury, Tyler; and Sutherst, from Union Lodge, 124.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of advancement gone through with a full accompaniment of music by Bro. Cooper. The W.M. afterwards gave instructions to the Secretary to forward a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. McKelvie, expressive of the deep regret the members felt at her irreparable loss, and of a brother so highly esteemed by the Craft. On the usual

proclamations being put, two candidates were proposed for advancement, Bro. J. L. B. Lindow, P.M. 1267, and P.P. S.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Bro. J. Moor, M.M. 872, Lewis. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. JOHN COUTTS, P.G.P.

We have learned with deep regret of the death of Bro. John Coutts, Past Grand Pursuivant, and it is a regret which we feel will be heartily shared in by the brethren generally, and more especially by those numerous London brethren who were so frequently thrown in his company. As a Past Master of the famous Old Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, a P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, a constant attendant and worker in lodges of instruction, an energetic mover in the promotion of new lodges and chapters, where he sincerely knew they were required, and as a strong supporter of what have been frequently described as "the noble Charities of our Order," Bro. John Coutts has left a void which will not readily be filled. It was for the valuable support he had given to Masonry that he was rewarded with the purple by the Grand Master, and every brother who was acquainted with Bro. Coutts, knew that the honour was well deserved. Bro. Coutts was an excellent worker in Masonry, and was always ready at a moment's notice to perform either of the degrees or the installation, whether Craft or Arch. To recount the numerous lodges and chapters he belonged to would be a weary task, but his branches were not confined to London, but extended into Middlesex and Kent. His name and his fame, therefore, were not confined to the small circle of the metropolitan area. Even the brethren of the home counties were not the only brethren to whom he was well known, as from the far north, the east and the west, the Craft were sure to find him at the elections of the Institutions. His name will long hold its place in their recollections and affections, and another monument which he erected himself will be found imperishable in the annually published lists of subscribers to the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Coutts died on Tuesday, at Bournemouth, at the age of fifty-three, and it is intended that his funeral shall take place on Monday next, at the City of London and Tower Hamlets Cemetery, at Bow, where his late wife lies.

We subjoin a list of the lodges and chapters of which Bro. Coutts was a member, and of his Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge appointments.—Joined Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, from Scotch Lodge, 7th May, 1861, W.M. in 1867 and 1868; Founder and first W.M. (1870) of Harrow Lodge, No. 1310; Founder and first W.M. (1871) of Ebury Lodge, No. 1348; Founder and first W.M. (1875) of Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531; Founder and first W.M. (1876) of Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614; Grand Pursuivant, 1870; Provincial Grand Deacon of Middlesex; Member of Premier Conclave of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine; Exalted in Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1863, and P.Z. of that chapter; Joined the Uxbridge Chapter, No. 382, April, 1864; Joined the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Isleworth, as a founder, in 1871; and joined the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, as founder and first M.E.Z., in 1875.

##### FUNERAL OF BRO. W. H. ROBERTS.

On Monday, the 25th ult., the remains of this brother (son of Councillor F. G. Roberts), Past Master of the Zetland Lodge of Freemasons in the city of Gloucester, were interred at the Gloucester Cemetery, and the funeral was attended by a large assemblage of the brethren, who were attired in mourning, and wore white gloves. At the conclusion of the funeral service, Bro. H. Jeffs, standing at the foot of the grave, delivered the following address:

Brethren, in the chaste and beautiful ritual of the Church of England which has been read over all that is mortal of a Past Master of our Order at this open grave, nothing has more deeply touched our hearts than the passage, "We may rest in Him as our hope is this our brother doth." It was but the other day that our departed brother presided over the Masonic lodge of which, at present, I am the Master, and to which most of us here present belong. The voice which was so familiar to us is here hushed in death. Let us think of those traits of character in our deceased brother which exhibited the kindness of his heart. We can say of him that he sought earnestly to promote the welfare of his lodge and to please his brethren. We are taught not to be unmindful of the emblems of mortality which lie around us. We have now not only the symbols of mortality, but the painful reality is before us. Masonry instructs us that in these perishable bodies of ours resides a vital and immortal principle, which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and to lift our eyes to the bright morning star of hope, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and the obedient of the human race. Amongst the heathens it was considered as a test of manhood to be indifferent to the emotions of joy and of sorrow. The Great Teacher—our exemplar—has taught us a better way and consonant with our common humanity; for at the grave of Lazarus his sisters, Martha and Mary, were not the only mourners. Jesus wept! Shall we be indifferent to the sorrow of our brethren and sisters so manifest at this grave? The darkest hour of night is one that precedes the dawn. May the mourners here present remember the invitation of their Divine Master: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest!" May the Great Architect of the Universe whisper comfort to the bereaved ones. May He dry the widow's tear and pour the healing balm of His consolation into the stricken hearts of all here present and relieve the anguish so painfully visible. May we all pray now in language peculiarly familiar to the Masonic body, that in the hour of trial we fail not, but passing safely under the protection of our Heavenly Father through the valley of the shadow of death, we may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever! The sprig of acacia which we have worn at this solemn ceremony, and which amongst Masons has mystical representation of the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body to life eternal, we drop upon the coffin of our departed brother. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand for ever! So mote it be.

## Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., has been elected Chairman of the Board of Stewards for the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be held on Wednesday, the 29th proximo.

Bro. Prince Leopold will preside at the annual festival dinner in aid of the funds of University College (North London) Hospital, at Willis's Rooms, on Friday, May 20.

Bro. H. A. Isaacs presided at the dinner of the Loriners' Company at the Albion Tavern, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. Alderman Knight (Upper Warden); Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Weist Hill, J. M. Burt, S.P. Norris, J. E. Walford, C.C., T. Beard, C.C., and Altman, C.C.

Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, C.C., has taken a house on Champion-hill, long occupied by Alderman Sir John Pirie.

Bro. Benjamin Scott, the City Chamberlain, presided on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the annual meeting of the Working Men's National League for the Repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act, held at the Memorial Hall, Farrington-street.

FARRINGTON WARD WITHIN.—Bro. George Brinsley, of New Bridge-street, has, in response to a numerous signed requisition, issued his address as a candidate for the vacant seat in the Court of Common Council, created by the decease of Mr. Deputy Kelday. Bro. N. B. Headon, of the firm of Freeman, Headon, and Co., 65, Friday-street, has also been presented with a requisition that he would allow himself to be put in nomination for the position.

Bro. Thomas Gerrard Fletcher will preside at the dinner of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, supported by Bro. George Kenning, Senior Warden. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, and the Under Sheriffs, have signified their intention of being present, to be held on May 16th.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis and Lady Truscott and Mr. G. W. Truscott are expected in England this week.

Bro. Baron H. de Worms, M.P., presented a petition to the House of Commons on Wednesday, the 27th ult., from Woolwich, in favour of the abolition of the opium traffic between India and China.

The library of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts now contains 2250 bound volumes and 2000 pamphlets—only 100 of said volumes being not Masonic. It includes the Masonic library of the late Bro. Leon Hyneman, for which 3000 dollars was paid, and 700 volumes, the liberal gift of R.W. Bro. William Sutton. Past Grand Master Nickerson is Chairman of the Committee on Library.

The installation of Principals for the ensuing year in the Panmure Chapter, No. 720, will take place at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday next, at 5 p.m. Ex. Comps. Richard Noakes Field, Samuel Poynter, and Thomas Meggy are the respective Z., H., and J. elect. The ceremony of installation will be undertaken by Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., Scribe E. of the chapter.

A German journal confirms the report that steps are being actively taken for the calling together of an international Freemasonic re-union at Rome, to include delegates from the Grand Lodges of every land. A preliminary conference of brethren favourable to such a re-union during the coming National Italian Exhibition is about to be opened at Milan. It is proposed that this re-union shall exclude all discussion of Masonic Ritualism and shall confine itself to the elucidation of problems affecting the general welfare of the Order.—*Cuckoo.*

Bro. John Coutts, P.M. No. 27, Past Grand Pursuivant, died at Bournemouth on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., aged fifty-three. The deceased brother will be buried at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, at Bow, on Monday next.

Bro. Wm. Roebuck, C.E., has been elected Treasurer of the Board of Stewards for the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The ceremony of consecration and installation was rehearsed by W. Bro. James Terry, P.M. 228, 1728, 1366, P.G.J.W. Herts, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, held at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, S.E.

Bro. T. Beard, who presided at a meeting of the members of the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee and their friends at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday last, in giving "The Visitors," observed that as a Past Master of the Temple Lodge, he was glad to see so many Masons present.

Bro. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales started for Vienna on Wednesday, in order to be present at the nuptials of the Crown Prince of Austria with the Princess Stephanie, daughter of the King and Queen of the Belgians.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., presided at the anniversary festival on behalf of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest on Friday week, at the Cannon-street Hotel.

We regret to announce the death of the wife of Bro. Sawyer, who is well known in the literary and journalistic world. Mrs. Sawyer died on Sunday, at 9, Pelham-place, South Kensington, at the age of forty-nine. She has been ill but a few days. She was a writer of graceful verse, and her amiability and vivacity endeared her to a large circle of friends.

Bro. Heather Bigg died at his residence in Wimpole-street on Saturday last. He was well known in Freemasonry and the medical profession.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 12th inst., at 5.30 p.m., for the installation of the Thrice Ill. Master and appointment of officers. The annual festival will be held at 6.30 o'clock.

Bro. R. J. Finnemore has been appointed Resident Magistrate of Durban, Natal.

Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, will preside at the anniversary dinner of the Governesses' Benevolent Institution at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday, the 11th inst.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft laid the foundation-stone of Emanuel Church, Putney, on Thursday last.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom is chairman of the dinner committee of the festival in aid of the funds of the Middlesex Hospital, which will be held at Willis's Rooms, on Friday, the 13th inst.

Bro. Alderman Ellis dined with the members of the Savage Club at their new club house in the Savoy last Saturday night.

Bro. Henry Irving presided at the annual supper of the Lyceum Provident Fund, which took place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday last.

A National Grand Priory of the united Orders of the Temple and Malta will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday next, at four o'clock.

Bro. J. Dodson was on Wednesday last installed as First Principal of the St. Dunstan Chapter, No. 1589. A report will appear in our next.

A convocation of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite will be held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday next, the 11th inst.

The Stockwell Lodge of Instruction will in future meet on Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m., instead of Wednesdays, at 7.

The meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales and Salop, and the consecration of the Audley Lodge, which events were announced to take place on Tuesday last, were postponed until the 20th inst., in consequence of the funeral of the Earl of Beaconsfield. A report will appear in the pages of the *Freemason*.

The Earl of Carnarvon is still suffering from a severe cold, which prevented him from attending the funeral of the late Lord Beaconsfield.

A subscription banquet of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, took place at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday evening last.

The consecration of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, takes place to-day (Saturday). The ceremony is to be performed by R.W. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middlesex, assisted by W. Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright, Deputy Prov. G.M., and W. Bro. H. C. Levander, J.G.D., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex. Bro. Elias Somers is the W.M. elect.

The meetings of the Old England Lodge, No. 1790, at the Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath, have been altered to the second Monday in each month, at 6 o'clock.

Bro. Keyworth's bust of the late Sir Rowland Hill has been placed in Westminster Abbey.

## General Tidings.

The Prince of Wales will, it is expected, visit Pesth for the races after the Vienna wedding festivities. The National Club of Nobles intends to offer him a splendid reception, and there will be fêtes every night.

Prince Leopold will lay the foundation-stone of Technical College, Finsbury, in connection with the City and Guilds of London Institute for the advancement of Technical Education, on Tuesday next, the 10th inst.

The Eighth Triennial Festival of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society in aid of the Permanent Sick and Injured, and the Widows and Orphans' Funds, will be held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. The Right Hon. Lord Colville of Culross, K.T., P.C., F.R.G.S., and Chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company, will preside.

As we stated in a former impression, a new stamp has been struck by the Post Office, to be available either for postage or receipt. Arrangements will nevertheless be made for using up the stock both of receipt and penny postage stamps that may be in the hands of the public. The new arrangements will come into force on and after the 1st of June, from which date the penny postage stamps and the old receipt stamps will be equally available for the purposes hitherto exclusively supplied by the latter.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her Majesty's pleasure that a reduced copy shall be made and published of the bust of Lord Beaconsfield which was executed from the life by Count Gleichen, last year, expressly for Her Majesty. The replica of this bust, made by her Majesty's permission for the Beaconsfield Club, is now on exhibition in the Grosvenor Gallery.

Prince Leopold was present on Wednesday at the twelfth annual meeting of the Charity Organisation Society, which was held at the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor in the chair. The adoption of the report was moved by Sir R. Cross, M.P., seconded by Mr. Bryce, M.P., and carried. A resolution approving of a scheme for holding conferences with other charitable societies was also agreed to.

A new Board School was opened last night in Goodson-road, Deptford, by Mr. E. N. Buxton, the Chairman of the London School Board, who explained that it was the 34th school built in the Greenwich district, and the 218th over the whole of London. Accommodation had been provided in it for 800 children, and the cost per head amounted to £13 14s. 7d. He pointed out that the Board Schools in Greenwich had provided 20,000 places, and as the number on the roll was 21,000, it would be seen that the Board had not overbuilt there.

We understand that Mr. Fawcett intends to make an experiment in the General Post Office, which will be watched with great interest and sympathy by the public. He has decided to give employment to a number of deaf-and-dumb persons in the department devoted to the sorting of newspapers.

The Board of Management of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools announce that by the kindness of the Directors of the Crystal Palace the children and subscribers of the Institution will again be admitted by tickets issued from 97, Cheapside, on Saturday, the 28th inst., at reduced prices, upon which an allowance will be made towards the funds of these Schools. The Institution will benefit only by those tickets sold from the offices or from the Board of Management.

FISHERIES EXHIBITION, NORWICH.—The Fisheries Exhibition has proved itself to be a gigantic success, and a large amount of credit falls upon its indefatigable secretary, Bro. Oldham Chambers, of Lowestoft, P.M. of four lodges and P.P.J.W. Suffolk. His duties have been of a very onerous character, but they have been performed with an air of grace and ability. He exhibited some very fine specimens of pisciculture. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the kingdom availed themselves of the facilities offered by the Great Eastern Railway, and paid a visit to the Exhibition, which remained open a week longer than originally intended. Our want of space prevents us giving the list of awards, but which were in every case deservedly given. Some hope is given that H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh may visit it, and if so he will be asked to distribute the prizes.

The usual banquet given by the President and Council of the Royal Academy of Arts previous to the opening of the Exhibition took place on Saturday last, at Burlington House. Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., presided. The guests included the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Cambridge, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., Sir J. A.R.A., Mr. C. B. Birch, A.R.A., Mr. J. E. Boehm, Museum, Mr. F. T. Burnand, the Lord Chancellor, Mr. T. Cheney, Professor A. H. Church, Mr. F. Dicksee, A.R.A., Canon Farrar, Mr. Fawcett, M.P., the Lord Mayor, M.P., the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, Mr. H. R. Grenfell (Governor of the Bank of England), Sir J. M'Garel-Hogg, M.P., Baron Huddleston, Mr. T. Hughes, the Bishop of London, Lord John Manners, Mr. Mundella, M.P., Professor Owen, Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, Sir J. Paget, Mr. J. Pender, M.P., the Rev. W. Rogers (Chairman of the Dulwich Board of Governors), the Master of the Rolls, the Master of the Salterns' Company, Dr. P. L. Sclater, the Earl of Shaftesbury, Captain E. M. Shaw, Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., Mr. W. Spottiswoode (President of the Royal Society), and others.

## Amusements.

ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—The "Lady of Lyons" is still a great attraction at this charming little theatre to all hardened and neophyte playgoers. And, indeed, there is everything in the representation of the St. James's to attract admiration and command approval. Some of us, alas! no longer young, may have still pleasant and lingering memories of the graceful and tender elocution of Helen Fawcett, and have not quite forgotten the "fire" of old Macready. Indeed, the "Lady of Lyons" carries us back through many, many years to a pleasant past, to laughing parties of young men and joyous maidens, now old men and old women, or, alas! no longer to the fore. But it is the privilege of old age to be garrulous and regretful at the same time, and no one who had seen the "Lady of Lyons" forty years ago and witnessed it on Monday at the St. James's, could do so, but with something of the "pathos," at any rate, embodied in Canning's inimitable line,

"And now I recall with a tear and a sigh,  
His 'beer' with an 'e,' and his 'bier' with an 'i.'"  
But the "Lady of Lyons" of 1881, instead of 1840, has a charm and merit of its own for all who admire natural and receives additional force and most true actors. *Pauline* carries of touch from the admirable conception, and still more artistic rendering, of Mrs. Kendal. To our minds, the consummate actress is shown, in her entire subordination to the "role" itself, and the entire absence of straining for effect. Nothing more true to nature, more realistic in every tone, look, shade, colouring, have we ever seen, than the development of *Pauline's* impressionable, but thoroughly noble, character. From first to last, Mrs. Kendal attracted the admiration of a gratified audience, by an exquisite impersonation of *Pauline* alike in her weakness, her tenderness, and her greatness, which constitute the charm of the play, and yet the difficulty of the situation. The applause was hearty, and the "calls" were frequent, and all must have gone away delighted with three hours of as intellectual and refining, and elevating, amusement as can be found in the Metropolis. Mr. Kendal, (Bro. Kendal for us) was admirable, to our ideas, as *Claude Melnotte*. He equally was "natural," (a great charm), in his very difficult part. We admired the earlier as much as the latter scenes, and were struck with the verity of the impersonation in every detail, and every "nuance," which he so successfully and ably developed. At the "climax," his acting was both forcible and dignified, impressive, and yet unartificial. Mr. Hare was, as usual, unequalled in the delicacy of touch he gives to the character of Colonel Damas, and the bluntness and the truthfulness of the old loyal soldier were admirably portrayed. One of the great charms of the St. James's is the care with which all the accessories are attended to, the "mise en scene," and the humbler parts. And we heartily commend Mrs. Leigh Murray, and the fidelity with which the ignoble character of *Beausant* was rendered, as well as Miss Moodie's representation of *Mme. Melnotte*. It says a good deal for the inherent excellency of the "Lady of Lyons," after all, and the wondrous powers of its great author, that it still survives to delight another generation, as it did our forefathers. It may be even, as some critics have liked to contend, that it represents "crude notions" and "immature views," but, after all, the "Lady of Lyons" is true to nature, and appeals to the best of all arbiters, the "human heart," if we may use such an expression. The beauty of its language, hidden and subtle accompaniment of true sentiment and noble sympathy which runs through it, like a thread of gold, will always enable it to keep its place upon the English stage, and endear it to the thoughtful, the intelligent, the sentimental, and the true-hearted.



METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, May 14, 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, MAY 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4. Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot. 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, MAY 9.

Lodge 5, St. George's and Corner Stone, F.M.H. " 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hot. " 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot. " 957, Leigh, F.M.H. " 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone. " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate. " 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey. " 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court. " 1789, Ubique, S. Air-st., Regent-st. " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath, near Croydon.

Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

" 1118, University, F.M.H.

Mark 239, Royal Naval, 2, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7. 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, 8. 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. 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. Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30. Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30. Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot. " 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead. " 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley. " 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich. " 1604, Wanderer's, F.M.H. " 1668, Samson, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W. " 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st. Chap. 255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond. K.H. 30, 33, Golden-sq., W. S.C. 33, 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 Blds., 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. Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30. Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8. Mount Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8. Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8. Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8. Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7. Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8. Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton. Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas-st., Borough, at 8. Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

Gen. Com. R.M. Benevolent Institution, at 3. Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H. " 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich. " 15, Kent, F.M.H. " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. " 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E. " 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound Hot., Richmond. " 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Hot., E.C. " 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Chelsea. " 1718, Centurion, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct. " 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, N. Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell. " 1549, Stanmore, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore. S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7. Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9. New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8. Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8. Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.

Burdett Coutts, 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, 8. United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7. Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8. Royal Jubilee, St. Long Acre, at 8. Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8. Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30. 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., Limchouse, 7.30. Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8. Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7. Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7. Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot. " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H. " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. " 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav. " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st. " 1216, Macdonald, Hd.-qtrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell. " 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington. " 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell. " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill. " 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.

Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.

" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.

Royal and Select Masters—Grand Master's Council, No. 1, Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.

K.T. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

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, Ponsonby-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, at 8. 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 8.30. 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. Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30. Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., 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, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton. Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H. " 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st. " 157, Bedford, F.M.H. " 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore. Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Royal Order of Scotland, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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. Unite J 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 14.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H. " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st. " 1328, Granite, F.M.H. " 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone. Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green. " 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court. Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE. For the Week ending Saturday, May 14, 1881.

MONDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston. " 613, Unity, M.R., Southport. " 721, Independence, M.R., Chester. " 1021, Hartington, M.C., Barrow. " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool. " 1398, Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness. " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, Manchtr. Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington. Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

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, Black Bull, Poulton-le-Fylde. " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.

Lodge 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton. Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool. Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot. " 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., L'pool. " 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy. " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool. Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan. " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

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, Skelmersdale Ha., L'pool. " 1070, Starkie, Black Horse, Kirkham. " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool. " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles. " 1384, Equity, Alford C., Widnes. " 1576, Dce, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry. Faith Encamp., M.H., Wigan.

REGULATIONS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

The changes foreshadowed in the recent parliamentary debates on the titles, composition, and uniforms, as affecting the officers and men of the infantry of the line and militia, may be looked upon now as an accomplished fact. By the issue of a special order (a copy of which can be obtained, post free, at Kenning's Gold Lace Manufactory, Little Britain, London) by His Royal Highness the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-chief, dated 14th April, 1881, on and after the 1st July, 1881, the infantry branch of the service, which has hitherto consisted of 110 regiments of regulars (including the Rifle Brigade) and some 130 regiments of militia, each bearing its own distinctive title, will be linked together and form 66 territorial regiments. The proportions of the composition being in England, Scotland, and Wales four battalions, two of regulars; the remaining two will be formed out of the existing militia. In Ireland, five battalions, two of regulars, three of militia. In certain cases where more than the requisite number of militia battalions exist, it is intended either to absorb them or convert them into Engineers or Artillery; this will be a matter for future consideration.

The titles hitherto borne by some of the infantry regiments will be abolished, thus for example the 107th (Bengal Infantry) will be linked as the 2nd battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, the 35th Regiment forming the 1st battalion, the remaining two battalions consisting of the present Royal Sussex Militia. One of the most important changes effected by the order is the alteration in the laces, badges, &c., hitherto worn. Up to the present time each regiment (regular and militia) has had its own special badge and lace; in future only three patterns in laces are to be worn by the territorial regiments: English and Welsh Regiments, gold rose pattern; Scotch Regiments, gold thistle pattern; Irish Regiments, gold shamrock pattern. The silver laces and badges hitherto worn by militia regiments are abolished; all must wear gold of the pattern adopted by the territorial regiment; to which they belong. The question of badges, &c., at present is not finally decided. The facings for the new regiments have also undergone a change, Royal regiments of each country wearing blue, other regiments—English, white; Scotch, buff; Irish, green. Space will not permit us going further into details at present; in a future issue we may recur to the subject.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

BETTISON.—On the 1st inst., at Truro, the wife of Mr. Erwin Bettison, of London, of a daughter. GRANT.—On the 23rd ult., at Aylesford, Kent, the wife of the Rev. C. Grant, of a son. LYSER.—On the 30th ult., at Clapham, the wife of R. C. Lyster, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

COSIER—PHILPOTT.—On the 30th ult., at St. Paul's, Canterbury, W. Philpott Cosier, Esq., of Wilmington Hall, Kent, to Ethel, daughter of the late W. C. Philpott, Esq., of Stone House, Canterbury.

DEATHS.

BIGG.—On the 30th ult., at Wimpole-street, Cavendish-square, Bro. Henry Heather Bigg, P.G. Steward, in his 56th year. COUTTS.—On the 3rd inst., at Bournemouth, Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., P.M. 27, 1348, 1614, &c., &c., P.Z. 1348 (of 29 and 30, James-street, Covent Garden), aged 53. Brethren will please accept this intimation. SAWYER.—On the 1st inst., at 9, Pelham-place, South Kensington, Mrs. Sawyer, wife of Bro. W. Sawyer.

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