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ALL the members of the Craft will hear with deep satisfaction that HER MAJESTY has called H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD to the House of Peers, by the title of the DUKE OF ALBANY. The public, as well as the Masonic Order, have been able to realize his many and great gifts of eloquence and power, while his friendly sympathy and his "don de pluire," very much resembling the PRINCE OF WALES, have endeared him to all who have heard his kindly utterances, or have been permitted in any way to form part of his society. We feel sure that as the DUKE OF ALBANY he will be greeted by all classes alike in this country, if it be possible, with renewed interest and increased admiration.

THE Stewards' returns for the Girls' School are very interesting, for various reasons, for while they point to much good, hard work, they also suggest several very important considerations as regards the continual and lively interest exhibited by our good brethren in our great Masonic Charities. Despite bad times, and hard times, notwithstanding depression of trade, and pressure, and uneasiness in various departments, agricultural, commercial, exporting, and monetary, the zeal of Freemasons has not slackened, their love of charity has not grown cold. At the recent festival, the metropolis has sent up £5570 7s. 6d., with a few lists to come in, the provinces £5884 17s. 4d., in all £11,455 4s. 10d., and which probably before the end of 1881 will reach £12,000. Of the metropolitan lodges, No. 1642, the Earl of Carnarvon, whose zeal for the Charities is most commendable, with three Stewards, Bros. GEO. PENN, E. M. LUNDER, and S. H. PARKHOUSE, has brought up the goodly amount of £300. Next to it appears No. 65, Prosperity. Bro. G. T. BROWN, with £246 15s., while succeeding it in order of amount is the Grand Stewards' Lodge, Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, with £156 9s. No. 1383, Friends in Council, Bro. Capt. W. R. G. FARMER, is next with £140 14s., and No. 657, Canonbury, Bro. Wm. MAPLE, succeeds with £136 10s. Five lodges now appear, No. 1563, City of Westminster, Bro. EDWIN J. SCOTT, £119 14s., No. 1608, Kilburn, Bro. J. W. CUFF, £108 19s., No. 1719, Evening Star, Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS, £105, and No. 862, Whittington, Bro. J. IRVINE, £103 19s., and No. 167, St. John's, Bro. GEO. DAVIS, £100 16s. This summary exhausts the returns with "three figures," and though many of the other returns are doubtless very praiseworthy, especially if we knew the exact position of affairs, we can only allude to them here "in the gross," as making up the metropolitan total of £5570 7s. 6d. We notice that from 1700 to 1800 only eight lodges in London make returns, and from 1800 only two. This fact we confess to think not at all a healthy one, either as regards the lodges themselves or the great work of Masonic charity. In the provinces the list is gallantly and significantly headed by Gloucestershire with twenty-four Stewards and with £1000, as our esteemed Bro. C. J. MARTYN, P.G.C., remarked in his excellent speech at the festival, a very praiseworthy and striking return for that province—comparatively a small one. Gloucestershire is followed by West Yorkshire, always liberal and "in earnest," with £500, and we may observe that its Prov. Grand Master, and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and twenty-three Stewards attended the festival, and we believe several other West Yorkshire brethren. Kent comes next with ten Stewards and £340, and is succeeded, at some little distance, by Middlesex, with nine Stewards and £307 3s., as well as by South Wales, W. Division, with one Steward and £300. This is a very noteworthy return. Three provinces, Lancashire, Western Division, with eleven Stewards and £277 3s., Essex with four Stewards and £221 3s., and Devonshire with three Stewards and £201 7s., next appear on the scene. In the "hundreds" we have fourteen provinces, Lancashire, Eastern Division, £197 18s., Somersetshire, with one Steward, £181 13s., Staffordshire (a very striking list) with one Steward, £157 10s., Yorkshire, North and East Riding, three Stewards and £134 8s., Cheshire, with six Stewards and £129 3s. 11d., Berks and Bucks, six Stewards and £122 17s., Dorsetshire, two Stewards and £122 17s., Durham, one Steward and £121 15s. 6d., South Wales, Eastern Division, one Steward and £120, Norfolk, with two Stewards and £111 6s., and Sussex, with one Steward and £105. Eight other provinces, with sums under £100, make up the provincial returns to £5884 17s. 4d. In the provinces we note that from No. 1700 to No. 1800 only two lodges have sent Stewards or returns, and from No. 1800 to No. 1900 only two more. Surely this is a fact which deserves atten-

tion, a state of affairs which calls for amendment. Still, as we said before, the Stewards' returns are very noteworthy in themselves.

WE see that the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival have decided to hold their gathering at Brighton, in the Royal Pavilion. We trust sincerely that this change will be for the benefit materially of the Boys' School, and a striking success. Our worthy brethren in Sussex are very zealous Masons, and there are amongst them many who we doubt not will wish to assist what Bro. BINCKES terms "the most deserving of all our Masonic Institutions." We trust that a "visit to London on the Sea," as Brighton has been named, may give pleasure, and health, and a holiday, and good digestion to many of our readers and many warm friends of the Boys' School, and that the festival for 1881 may indeed, by its happy and goodly returns, enable the governing body to add essentially to the funded capital of that important and much needed Institution. It is understood that the distribution of prizes will take place on Tuesday, June 28th.

WE said that we should recur to the subject of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, aided by a kind friend, we do so to-day. The polling on Friday, the 20th inst., was in many respects remarkable and very high indeed; in fact, never so high before for the number elected. In May, 1880, twenty-two "aged Freemasons" were elected, the minimum successful being 320; hence it might fairly have been expected that 500 this year would have been a safe number for the twenty-fifth on the list, but, as a matter of fact, it was not so. The lowest successful polled 719, and one with 705 was "left out in the cold." Every year increases the number of votes, and the management improves likewise, for there are fewer thrown away now than there used to be. In 1880 the highest number was 2163, and in 1879 the maximum reached 2079. In 1881 the first on the list only polled 1511, and from the first to the twenty-fifth of the successful there was only a difference of 792. For the "widows" the maximum in 1880 was 1259, and the twenty-sixth of the successful won with 545, but this time several are disappointed who polled over 700, the minimum successful of the fifteen elected being 872, the maximum only reaching 1697. We understand that as many as 31,513 votes were polled for the "aged Freemasons," making, with 208 left over, a total of 31,305. The total votes used never to reach 28,000 before this election. For "widows," with those left over, the number polled amounted to 29,919, which was largely in excess of any previous election.

WE were pleased to have to record in our pages last week the pleasant and seasonable testimonial of the Britannic Lodge to our esteemed Bro. J. SAMPSON PEIRCE, G.D. of England. No more worthy and hard-working Mason exists in our Order, and no one has more fully gained the attachment of many friends.

WE call attention to a report elsewhere of the distribution of prizes to the Masonic Orphan School, Dublin, by the COUNTESS OF COWPER, wife of the LORD LIEUTENANT, on the 13th inst., before a brilliant assemblage, in the Exhibition Palace. The whole affair appears to have been a great success, and we offer our "Hearty good wishes" for the progress and prosperity of that excellent Institution. We only wish that the pressure on our pages admitted of a fuller report.

By the Agenda Paper for next meeting of Grand Lodge, besides the normal and general business, is the Report of the Board of General Purposes, anent Bro. TUDOR TREVOR's appeal. The report is unfavourable to Bro. TUDOR TREVOR's application for aid, and is an unanimous one. The Board of General Purposes proposes to buy an adjacent piece of property for £600, no doubt a wise act of foresight, and in the best interest of Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. CREATON proposes the usual grant for the coals for the Asylum, and Bro. Major BOND proposes to remit the two shillings a year paid by provincial brethren to the Fund of Benevolence, and return it to the provincial bodies. We hardly think that he realizes the full effect of this proposal, which must deprive the provincial brethren of all further claims on the Fund of Benevolence, and is the "narrow end of the wedge" for the dislocation and breaking up of our now united and homogeneous jurisdiction. Such a resolution has no chance of being carried, and is, in fact, a "Masonic revolution." The important question of increase of Grand Officers and Prov. Grand Officers will also come before Grand Lodge—we venture to think wisely and seasonable. To such a proposal there can be no possible objection. As we have been reminded by a very able correspondent, it is interesting to remember how this "accretion" of Grand Officers has proceeded gradually and carefully. Indeed, the motto of Grand Lodge seems to have been "Festina lente." A Past Grand Director of Ceremonies was appointed on the 29th of April, 1829; Grand Pursuivant, 24th of April, 1833; and a Past Grand Pursuivant, June, 1st, 1859. Two additional Grand Deacons were appointed June 5, 1861; President of Board of General Purposes, September

3, 1862; Assistant Grand Secretary occasionally from April 29, 1854; Past Rank given to Grand Organists, and once or twice since, now to Grand Pursuivants, and so far not to Past Grand Pursuivants. The following provinces are affected by the proposal to increase Prov. Grand Officers:— East and West Lancashire, Kent, West Yorkshire, and Devonshire.

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WE have the Grand Lodge balance-sheet for 1880 to Dec. 31, before us. As regards the Fund of Benevolence the expenditure has been for benevolence £9281; donation to the Royal Benevolent Institution £800; printing £28 5s.; and old deficit £701 15s.—in all £10,811. The receipts from dividends £1500 9s. 10d.; contributions of lodges £7590 10s. 2d.; fees of house £129 3s.; for calendars and pocket books £50; balance against this fund, taken from "General Purposes," £1540 17s. Thus it seems that the Fund of Benevolence is to the debit £1540 17s., which sum it owes the General Purposes Fund, but when you deduct the £800 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £28 5s. for printing, the actual deficit is £711 5s. As regards the Fund for General Purposes there has been received £19,825 9s. 3d., and expended £15,010 19s. 9d., leaving a balance to credit of £4814 19s. 6d.; but this balance includes the £1540 17s. due from the Fund of Benevolence. This expenditure includes £7775 paid for the purchase of new premises in Great Queen-street and New-yard. There are now £50,016 10s. 6d. Three per Cent. Consols on the Fund of Benevolence account, and £11,150 Three per cent. Reduced Annuities on the General Purposes account. During 1880, £6850 Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities have been sold; the dividends amount to £326 16s. 9d.; house property and lodge rents £2621 16s. 6d.; contributions of lodges £7094 4s. 2d.; fees of house, £17 18s., and the balance of 1st January, 1880, £1443 11s. Thus the two accounts represent—receipts £30,630 9s. 3d., and an actual expenditure of £25,821 19s. 9d. Comments are needless on the great financial prosperity of Grand Lodge.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The following is the Agenda of Grand Lodge for Wednesday, 1st June, 1881.

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.
2. The minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.
3. Election of members of the Board of General Purposes.
4. Election of members of the Colonial Board.
5. Election of members for the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. (Vide list of names of the brethren nominated for the several Boards and Committees hereafter given.)
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
The widow of a brother of the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, Berkhamstead ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Virtue and Silence, No. 332, Hadleigh (P.G. Steward) ...	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 199, Dover ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, London ...	150	0	0
A brother of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, London ...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale ...	250	0	0
A brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London ...	150	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Social Friendship, No. 497, H.M. 89th Regiment ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London ...	75	0	0
A brother of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1208, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon ...	200	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond ...	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.—To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows :—

1. Twenty years having elapsed since a permanent addition was made to the number of Grand Officers, during which period a very large increase has taken place, both in number of the lodges and members of the Order under the Grand Lodge of England, the Board are of opinion that the time has arrived when some addition may be properly and advantageously made to the list of Grand Officers annually appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

2. The Board therefore recommend that an addition be made accordingly, that such addition take the form of the appointment annually of two Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1882.

3. The Board also recommend that in provinces numbering forty lodges and upwards the Provincial Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually four Deacons, instead of two as at present, and also a Deputy Director of Ceremonies.

4. The Board have to report further that their Premises Committee have laid before them a statement that an opportunity occurs of acquiring a freehold stable and premises in New-yard, adjoining the property of Grand Lodge; that £1000 has been asked for these premises, which the Committee consider far in excess of its value, but, after careful consideration, are of opinion that for the sum of £600 the premises in question would be a useful acquisition to Grand Lodge, and the Board agreeing with the Premises Committee in their opinion recommend Grand Lodge to authorise the purchase of the said freehold premises (containing some 450 feet superficial) at a price not exceeding £600.

5. The President will move accordingly.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom it was on the 2nd day of March last referred to investigate the appeal involved in the following motion proposed to Grand Lodge by Bro. Tudor Trevor and to report thereon to the next meeting of Grand Lodge :—

"That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the unmasonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the

grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action 'Bro. Voigt versus Bros. Carr, Laking, and Trevor,' tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Bro. Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s. 11d., and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby."

beg to report thereon as follows :—

1. At the request, and for the better convenience of Bro. Tudor Trevor, who represented his inability to appear in London on the ordinary days of meeting, the Board held a special meeting on a day selected by him, for the purpose of considering the reference on the 6th day of May inst., at which were present the following members :—

Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, President; Frank Green, Vice-President; Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter; Henry C. Levander, Robert F. Gould, Frank Richardson, Lieut.-Col. Hugh S. Somerville Burney, Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C.; John A. Rucker, Thomas Fenn, Peter De Lande Long, John Messent, Charles W. Thompson, Charles Atkins, Lieut.-Col. Francis C. Wemyss, Alfred Meadows, M.D.; Edward B. Grabham, Henry Bishop, and John G. Stevens.

2. Bro. Tudor Trevor, Bro. Voigt, and also the W. Master of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, all received an intimation of the meeting, and all availed themselves of the opportunity of being present.

3. Bro. Tudor Trevor and Bro. Voigt were heard at length, and the W. Master of the Alexandra Lodge was also heard in reply to several questions it was thought necessary to put to him.

4. After a careful investigation of the matter referred, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to :—

1.—"That the principle of Grand Lodge devoting any portion of its funds towards defraying the cost of legal proceedings, not incurred by its authority or that of the Board of General Purposes (as its executive Board), would be an innovation constituting a very inconvenient precedent, and leading to most undesirable results."

2.—"That there does not appear to be any sufficient ground or reason why the case now under investigation should be specially excepted from the operation of the principle laid down in the preceding resolution."

5. And the above resolutions are recommended by the Board for the adoption of Grand Lodge accordingly.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 17th May, 1881.

At the meeting of the Board, held on Tuesday, the 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz. :—

"The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes."

(Signed)

FRANK GREEN, Vice-President.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England of £5766 12s. 5d.; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £75, and for servants' wages £96 15s.

8. APPEAL.—Appeal by Bro. Charles Edward Torrance, P.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, against a sentence of exclusion passed on him by the lodge for non-payment of dues, and which appeal the District Grand Master of Montreal had declined to entertain.

N.B.—The papers relating to this appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

9. PROPOSED MOTIONS.—I. Further consideration of motion by Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M. No. 944, Bombay, now of No. 41, Bath and late of No. 1511, Hornsea; referred at last Grand Lodge, on 2nd March, for investigation and report by the Board of General Purposes—

"That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the unmasonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his lodge, No. 1511, of an offending brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes to Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action 'Bro. Voigt versus Bros. Carr, Laking, and Trevor,' tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Bro. Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s. 11d., and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby."

2. By V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer—

"That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the 'Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons,' to supply the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter months."

3. By Bro. Major Edwin Bond, J.W. No. 887, Birmingham—

"That the Fund of Benevolence be decentralised so far as the provinces are concerned, and that a moiety of the subscriptions now transmitted to Grand Lodge by the country lodges be paid direct into the several Provincial Grand Lodges for the purpose of meeting the numerous local claims for immediate relief which are now so constantly made to those bodies."

List of brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes: Masters—Bros. George Calkin Andrew, 92; Wm. Coppard Beaumont, 1826; Wm. Henry Boswell, 1686; George Bernard Brodie, M.D., 26; James Robert Cassell, 46; Charles Harding, 778; Richard Loveland Loveland, 1869; Frederick John Sawyer, 1339; Herbert Thos. Steward, 143; and James Walter Waldron, 1383. Past Masters—Bros. Frederick Adlard, 7; Charles Atkins, 27; Albert Joseph Altman, 1657; Henry Bishop, 66; H. Richard Cooper-Smith, 1731; Henry Arthur Dubois, 1777; Henry Edmund Francis, 857; Ralph Gooding, M.D., 1; Edward B. Grabham, 19; Frank Green, 1567; Frederick Mead, 227; John Messent, 231; Robert Turtle Piggott, D.C.L., 11; George Pitt-Lewis, 165; Wm. Roebuck, 463; Wm. Smallpiece, 1395; William Stephens, 1489; John G. Stevens, 554; Alfred H. Tattershall, 140; and Charles W. Thompson, 969.

List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board: Bros. James Brett, P.M. 177; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M. 1; Edward Letchworth, P.M. 1579; James Henry Matthews, P.M. 143; Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4; Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902; and Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons: Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; James Brett, P.M. 177; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728; William Clarke, P.M. 114; Chas. A. Cottebrune, P.M. 1257; William F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11; George Penn, P.M. 1642; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Henry George Warren, P.M. G.S.L.; and James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507.

NEW LODGES.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :
 Lodge 1898, Central Australia, Bourke, New South Wales.
 " 1899, Wellesley, Sandhurst, Berks.
 " 1900, Montague Guest, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich.
 " 1902, St. Cuthbert, Bedlington, Northumberland.
 " 1903, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Portsmouth.
 " 1904, Rangitikei, Bulls, Wellington, New Zealand.
 " 1905, Prince Alfred, Petersham, New South Wales.
 " 1906, John Miller, Royapooram, Madras.
 " 1907, Notre Dame, Betts Cove, Newfoundland.
 " 1908, Cholmondley, Frodsham, Cheshire.
 " 1909, Carnarvon, Nottingham.
 " 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Notting Hill.
 " 1911, De la Pre, Northampton.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to this Institution was held on the 20th inst. at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Henry Smith, J. L. Hine, Alfred W. Stanfield, J. Wordsworth, John Simpson, Robert Wylie, Charles Godtschalk, John Constable, Charles John Perceval, S. Rawson, Louis Stean, William Clarke, Raynham W. Stewart, Edward Davies, H. S. Alpess, James A. Burch, John Chadwick, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James Butting, Frederic Davison, F. Adlard, W. H. Perryman, Edgar Bowyer, Robert D. Cummings, S. P. Norris, Thomas Cubitt, George Wyatt, W. Hale, John Diprose, T. W. Tew, H. Bartlett, J. R. Gallant, Thomas Meggy, Brackstone Baker, Charles Lacey, A. E. Gladwell, Andrew Middlemas, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes, a copy of which had been sent to subscribers, Masters of lodges, and Principals of chapters were taken as read, and were confirmed. Bro. TERRY read the following report and balance sheet :

REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the progress the Institution has made during the past twelve months. The Annual Festival was directed to be held by the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., on Wednesday, the 23rd February last, and the Committee were exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the consent of Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P. and D.L., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, to preside upon the occasion. He was very nobly supported by the members of his province, as well as by brethren from London and other parts of the country—no less than 399 Stewards acting upon the occasion—their exertions resulted in the handsome sum of £14,360 being raised to benefit the Fund—and, looking both at the number of Stewards as well as the amount, it is with feelings of gratitude that the Committee tender their heartiest thanks to all concerned. Taking into consideration the great depression there has been during the last year throughout the country, in every branch of trade, profession, and business, they hardly dared to hope for such a success.

After the last election, there were 150 males and 155 widows upon the Fund, being an addition of 15 annuitants over any previous year, while to-day awaiting election there is, unfortunately, the large number of 98 candidates.

During the year, 20 annuitants have died—13 men and 7 widows—and the Committee, at their meeting in February last, decided that the vacancies thus created should be filled up ; and, bearing in mind the large number of candidates and the successes of the recent Festival, they have determined to place 5 additional men and 5 additional widows upon the Funds—a step which they feel convinced will have the warmest sympathy and support of the Governors and Subscribers. Since the proxies have been issued, 7 men and 3 widows have died, and, according to the Laws, these vacancies will also be filled up—so that the total number to be elected to-day will be 25 men and 15 widows.

There are, in addition, 14 widows receiving £20 each, being half their late husband's annuity, and which is accorded to them for three years—unless they are elected to the full sum before that time expires.

The various payments thus being made will then amount to £11,600 for annuities only, excluding all working and other incidental expenses in the management of the Institution.

The Committee, however, confidently rely upon the generous support of the Craft to sustain the Institution in every way that is possible, and which has never been more practically exemplified than in its contributions at the last festival.

The Committee again renew their thanks to Grand Lodge for its grant of £70 to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals, and its value was never more appreciated by them than during the inclemency of the past winter.

The Committee also tender their thanks to the Honorary Surgeons, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their unremitting attention and kindness to those under their care.

The Institution is now undergoing reparation rendered necessary by the usual wear and tear inseparable from the structural decay of the building. It is also being enlarged to meet the requirements of the present day, and the Committee are certain that when completed it will add much to the comfort of the residents, visitors, and others when visiting the same.

During the year the Committee have had the pleasure of receiving a legacy of £100, free of duty, and in recording this fact would wish to impress upon those brethren blessed with means the desirability of following so good an example.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March, 1881, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution :—

BALANCE SHEET.

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March, 1880	£	s.	d.
	4023	1	0
RECEIPTS.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£	500	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	100	0	0
" " Special Chapter	150	0	0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	6603	4	3
Annual Subscription ditto	1097	16	6
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	1023	8	0
Legacy	50	0	0
Rent of Field	9	0	0
Cash withdrawn from Call	2000	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	20	2	8
	11,553	11	5

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	£	5710	0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	357	10	0
Collector—Commission	79	3	9
Messenger	5	0	0
Provincial Expenses	50	13	11
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12	10	0
Warden at Institution	20	0	0
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary	54	12	0
Rates and Taxes at Institution	34	0	2
Carried forward	£	6390	11 5

Brought forward	£	6390	11 5
Repairs and Furniture ditto	£	67	1 7
Stationery, Printing, &c.	170	12	5
Advertisements	22	16	9
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	146	6	4
Petty Expenses	14	8	2
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	44	14	3
Votes of thanks to Stewards	15	16	1
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	12	6
Rent of Office	18	0	0
Rent of Field at Croydon	16	18	10
Placed at Call	2000	0	0
Purchase of Stock	1976	5	0
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector (two years)	7	11	3
Banker's charges	0	4	5
Gratuity to Clerk	15	0	0
	10,841	17	5
Balance on this Fund	£	4,734	15 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March, 1880	2035	3	8
RECEIPTS.			
Donation from Grand Lodge	£	300	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Special donation	150	0	0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5395	1	0
Annual subscriptions	927	16	0
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	661	1	11
Legacy	50	0	0
Rent of field	9	0	0
Cash withdrawn from Call	1000	0	0
Interest on Cash at Call	10	1	4
	8,553	0	3
	£	10,588	3 11
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Annuitants	£	5106	0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	357	10	0
Collector—Commission	69	17	3
Messenger	5	0	0
Provincial Expenses	50	13	11
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12	10	0
Matron do.	50	0	0
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary do.	28	12	0
Rates and Taxes do.	34	0	3
Repairs and Furniture do.	67	1	7
Stationery, Printing, &c.	170	12	4
Advertisements	22	16	9
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election	134	19	6
Petty Expenses	14	8	2
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	44	14	3
Votes of thanks to Stewards	15	16	2
Hire of Hall on day of election	2	12	6
Rent of Office	18	0	0
Rent of Field at Croydon	16	18	8
Placed at Call	1000	0	0
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector (2 years)	7	11	3
Banker's Charges	0	3	3
Gratuity to Clerk	15	0	0
	7244	17	10
Balance on this Fund	£	3343	6 1

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March, 1880	46	19	11
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	29	5	0
	£	76	4 11
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Repairs	41	8	7
Balance on this Fund	£	34	16 4
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report	£	8112	17 5

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£	500	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	100	0	0
Dividends on £36,950 Stock in Government Funds	1081	18	0
	1681	18	0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	£	300	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	50	0	0
Dividends on £22,575 Stock in Government Funds	661	1	11
	1011	1	11

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in the Government Funds	30	0	0
Total Permanent Income	£	2722	19 11

Signed, J. CREATON,
Grand Treasurer, Vice Patron, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th May, 1880.

On the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, seconded by Bro. BURCH, the balance sheet was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes ; and on the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART, seconded by Bro. PERRYMAN, the report of the Committee of Management was ordered to be similarly dealt with.

Bros. Quitman, Bulmer, and Hale, the members of the Committee retiring by rotation, were re-elected, on the motion of Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, seconded by Bro. W. CLARKE.

On the motion of Bro. STEWART, seconded by Bro. CLARKE, Bros. H. G. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, and R. B. Webster were re-elected auditors.

Bros. Bowyer, Clarke, Davies, and Stean were named to receive proxies at the election. A list of twenty-five scrutineers was agreed to for the purpose of examining the votes at the election.

The CHAIRMAN announced that in consequence of deaths since the proxies were issued and ten annuitants having been resolved to be placed on the fund, there would be twenty-five men and fifteen widows elected, instead of thirteen men and seven widows.

The brethren then proceeded to elect twenty-five aged brethren and fifteen widows.

At the close of the day the following was found to be the result of the election:—

MALES.	
SUCCESSFUL.	
Chares James Hogg 1511	Abraham Roberts 1016
William Ford 1501	Henry A. Darby 1003
Henry Hart Spratt 1429	John Mannington 998
Charles James Wood 1395	Thomas William Beale 996
Matthew Cook 1329	Charles Lomax 991
Thomas Riley 1323	William Roberts 986
Robert Armstrong 1245	Alexander Douglas Ross 951
Thomas Lampen 1145	John Docchar 901
Joseph Ward 1128	Charles Sutcliffe 785
John Lockwood 1115	John Oatley 754
John Middleton 1108	James Jackson 727
Alfred Smith 1062	Jesse Banning 719
William Smith 1058	
UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Thomas Higson 705	George Worley 372
Joseph Burton 685	Joseph Crisp 112
James Munn 682	James Hayter 78
Thomas Maxwell 611	John Patterson 45
Solomon Marks 556	George Ensell 32
Edward Reed 534	Thomas Halliday 2
FEMALES.	
SUCCESSFUL.	
Maria Fead-Lambert 1697	Charlotte Diver 1101
Hannah Grant 1619	Elizabeth Laing 1097
Phyllis Winter 1574	Margaret Wilkinson 1016
Betty Booth 1413	Sarah Wright 930
Elizabeth Bisco 1270	Rebecca Martin 879
Ann Perkin 1231	Hannah George 875
Emma Eliza Appleby 1193	Hannah Betsy Eade 872
Elizabeth M. Cherrill 1168	
UNSUCCESSFUL.	
Francis Exley 784	Sarah Ann Chrisp 135
Mary Ann Bentley 760	Naomi Gambell 100
Maria Miller 745	Elizabeth Chapple 99
Ann Wakefield 735	Elizabeth Hill 95
Elizabeth Francis 735	Charlotte Muruss 93
Eliza Lafittau 724	Caroline C. H. V. Buckley 90
Elizabeth Mary Mongar 715	Mary Smith 63
Isabella Elliott 648	Phæbe Anne Rumsey 56
Betty Moorhouse 612	Fanny Stubington 29
Eleanor Elizabeth Dover 560	Mary Geary 24
Ann Biles 495	Eleanor Gregory 22
Elizabeth Pearson 451	Ann Roberts 15
Sarah Ann Allen 432	Jane Maddick 12
Lilias Greig 428	May Marianne Rodgers 8
Harriet Kidd 408	Sarah Rigarfsford 6
Margaret Rowell 317	Sarah Coates 4
Mary Nowlan 291	Charlotte Copeland 4
Zelie Emmerson 271	Sarah Fenning 2
Anne Crossman Hambly 261	Harriet Matilda Madeley 2
Elizabeth Mary Thomas 229	Jane Greenwood 2
Annetta T. H. Wood 205	Sarah Greathead 1
Elizabeth Mary Ann Child 204	Mary Pelton 1
Cecil Cogan 178	Elizabeth Isherwood (Dead) —

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The recent Stewards' visit to the Girls' School, and the subsequent successful festival under the Presidency of Sir M. H. Beach, Bart., M.P., and Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, have called attention once again to this very remarkable educational establishment, alike unique in its idea, most efficient in its work, and most successful in its results, that we think it well to place before our readers a few facts respecting it, which while they interest them, as we think they will do, in the history and actuality of a singularly admirable Institution, may also please the many friends of good, sound, and useful education generally.

The Girls' School is the "outcome" of a benevolent desire of the Masonic body, on a work of true and beneficent charity, to give a befitting education to the orphan daughters of their deceased brethren, or the children of those whom unforeseen circumstances have "reduced" in the world, or who, either by illness or afflictive dispensations of one kind or the other, have been unable to give their children a proper education.

The Masonic Girls' School is composed of the daughters of those who fill nearly every conceivable class in society, some the most contrasted, but a common groundwork of care and instruction has been formed, domestic house work being the basis; the children, carefully watched over by one of the most skilful of teachers, Miss Davis, have their talents directed and their powers developed by liberal and persevering tuition in all that is most needful, useful, artistic, and elevating. A short glance at its history may not be without interest.

The following extract from the original book of the rules is interesting, as pointing out clearly the admirable intentions of those who presided over the inception of the scheme "for training young females destitute of parental care and attention to industry and to virtue, to social and religious duties":—

"At a numerous and respectable meeting of the Governors, held at the St. Albans, Wednesday, the 10th July, the Right Hon. Lord Macdonald in the chair, it was unanimously resolved—That, as it appeared to the gentlemen appointed to investigate the accounts that the annual subscriptions were considerably more than sufficient to defray the estimate of the annual expenditure, a house be taken in an eligible situation for the reception of fifteen female orphans, and children of necessitous Freemasons, proper objects of this humane and benevolent establishment, according to the original plan of M. Ruspini."

The original list of subscriptions, including H.R.H. the Duchess of Cumberland, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, was a few hundred pounds.

The School was founded in 1788, the originator of it being the well-known and benevolent Chevalier Ruspini. It speedily obtained the patronage of the Royal Family, the then Duke and Duchess of Cumberland being its early patrons, so that the School was originally called the Royal Cumberland Freemason School.

Among its original patrons were, as we have just said, H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Cumberland, patroness, and Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and the Duke of Gloucester.

It would seem that the original settlement was so early as 1788, in a "spacious and airy mansion, late Mr. Lochee's military academy at Little Chelsea," and where provision was made for fifteen children.

It subsequently received the approval and support of other members of the Royal Family, and is now under the special patronage of the Queen and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, while it also

has the warm support of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany.

It was then set up in a small house in St. George's Fields, in 1793, and some of the children were taught at neighbouring schools, but in 1851, when the old house had quite outgrown the wants of the slowly growing Institution, about three acres of freehold land were purchased at Battersea Rise, Wandsworth Common, on which a building was erected, not all at once, indeed, but as necessity demanded, which may vie with all other similar institutions both in ornamental appearance and scholastic arrangements.

The House and Building Committees, always solicitous for the practical improvement and real utility of the School, have successfully added some adjoining land, an infirmary, and a laundry, and the Alexandra Wing, while not long ago, a most judicious purchase, and at the outlay of £6500, of Lyncombe House was made, and which is now termed the Junior School, by which this great and most important educational Institution second to none in its need and blessing for many a poor child, and most "thorough" in its good and loving work, is safeguarded happily for some time to come from "building operations," or the creation of edifices injurious to its existence and safety as a great female School. Indeed, the governing body would be fully justified in securing any other portions of land which might in any way interfere with its privacy, or be used in any way to incommode its inmates.

There are now 229 children receiving the benefits of a most thoughtful and admirable system of careful education, and probably in October next that number will be still further increased. Since its foundation it has successfully educated 1254 girls, though it is but fair to remark that it is only during the last twenty years that the extraordinary rise in its actual numbers has taken place. No one can see that numerous band of healthy, rosy, cheerful, happy children without feeling persuaded that a most successful system of education has been followed in the Masonic Girls' School, or without realizing how wise and how judicious, while how truly praiseworthy, are those liberal efforts of the Masonic Order, which keep up with such singular efficiency and energy so valuable an educational Institution.

As the last report mentions, an enlarged system of education has for some time past been in operation, and the benefits resulting from this extension can be referred to with the most lively feelings of satisfaction, many of the girls being enabled on leaving the School to gain their livelihood as governesses. In connection with this important subject, the Committee take the opportunity of stating that they have never been anxious to make a display of exceptional talent shown by individual girls, believing that the real interests of the Institution are better served by careful solid teaching throughout, than by any effort to develop the ability of a few to the injury of the less talented. Nevertheless, for the purpose of obtaining an additional test of the standard of instruction, it was resolved that the names of some of the girls should each year be entered as candidates for the Cambridge Local Examination. This practice has been continued with advantage; and the Committee refer with pride and satisfaction to its success, in the fact that in nearly every instance honours with prizes, or certificates of having passed with credit, have been obtained.

The girls remain in the School till sixteen years of age, and are employed by turns in all the domestic duties of the house, and great care is taken to make them expert in needlework; the Committee have also instituted a class for the education of the girls in practical cookery, and have appointed as teacher a lady holding a first-class certificate from the School of Cookery, South Kensington; so that, whilst cultivating the more purely educational branches of study, the humbler, but equally useful, qualifications, so necessary to fit them for their several stations in life, are not forgotten.

The establishment consists of a Matron, a Governess, a Sub-Matron of the Junior School, a School Mistress of the Junior School, five Assistant Governesses, an Assistant Matron, a Needlework Mistress, and five Junior Teachers, a gardener and his wife, and thirteen female servants. There are also a drawing mistress and a teacher of cookery.

We may observe that for some time the girls have all been carefully taught cookery, and take their part in domestic service; and Sir Michael Hicks Beach alluded with much emphasis and rightly to the fact that the winner of the prize for cookery had also won the prize for music, and those who heard her execution on the pianoforte will feel that if she excels as much in cookery she must be a real "cordon blas." As the healthy appearance of the children is favourably remarked by all as striking in the extreme, the following dietary table may be read with interest by some.

Breakfast: Daily.—Bread and butter, milk and water. Dinner: Sunday (summer)—roast beef, vegetables, bread, and fruit tarts; (winter)—stewed beef, dumplings, vegetables, and bread. Monday—roast mutton, vegetables, bread, rice pudding, with treacle. Tuesday—roast or boiled mutton, vegetables and bread. Wednesday—beef steak pies, vegetables, and bread. Thursday—roast beef, with vegetables and bread, plain pudding. Friday—roast or boiled mutton, vegetables, and bread. Saturday—stewed meat, vegetables, bread, and baked rice pudding. Beer to those requiring it. Occasionally when in season—pork, fish, peas, beans, plum puddings, fruit pies, and salads. Tea: Daily—bread and butter, tea or coffee.

The rules and regulations for the School are also very simple and thoroughly sensible. There is surely plenty of work, but yet not overmuch. The Girls are to rise in summer at 6 o'clock a.m., winter 7 a.m.; morning prayers in summer 7.30 a.m., winter 8.45 a.m.; breakfast 8 a.m.; morning school commence 9.30 a.m., close 12.30 p.m.; dinner 1 p.m.; afternoon school commence 3 p.m., close 5.30 p.m.; tea 6 p.m.; evening prayers 7.45 p.m.; to be in bed by 8.30 p.m. Holidays—Five weeks at home in the summer, three weeks at Christmas, Easter-Monday, Whit-Monday, Michaelmas day. Half-holidays—Wednesdays and Saturdays. Girls to walk once a week, and take exercise in the garden every day, weather permitting.

The subjects of instruction make up a full and good "syllabus," beginning with Bible history and religious instruction, going on to housework and cookery, much plain needlework, and all that makes the careful and useful housewife, and embracing arithmetic, geography, French, English composition, grammar, parsing and analysis, zoology, theory of music, practice of music, English history, map drawing, drawing, English literature, all carefully graduated for the classes, seven in number, so that the "all round teaching" of the School is most satisfactory, and one of its most distinguishing characteristics.

To show the really practical work of the School the following is the list of needlework done by the girls during the year 1880: 241 blue stuff dresses, 384 brown holland pinafores, 70 diaper pinafores, 312 chemises, 151 night dresses, 200 flannel petticoats, 128 flannel vests, 10 flannel bathing gowns, 97 linsey petticoats, 82 petticoat bodies, 157 pillow cases, 60 bolster cases, 156 sheets, marked and hemmed, 227 comb bags, made and marked, 230 washing flannels, marked and looped, 236 towels, marked, 23 bath towels,

hemmed and marked, 20 table cloths, hemmed and marked, 61 tea cloths, 618 pairs of stockings, marked and looped, and outfits for girls leaving the Institution, with weekly mending and repairs.

To keep this Institution in full activity an income for ordinary expenses is annually required of £7184 1s. 9d., and for special expenses of about £700, in all £7900 in round numbers. The actual income from dividends is about £1260 annually, so that £6600 are annually imperatively needed to keep the School in its normal state of efficiency and usefulness.

So far no difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the amount required from the "Craft," as the large amounts received at the annual festivals exhibit. Under Prince Leopold's Chairmanship the amount actually reached £15,186 18s. 11d. as the gross returns for the year. Up to the present the amount contributed in 1881 is a little under £11,500, though that sum will probably be increased before the close of the twelve months. One of the most interesting features of the School work is the striking exhibition of calisthenic exercises. They are, in themselves, both remarkable and elegant in the highest degree, and are always applauded warmly by those who watch with pleasurable emotions that graceful "battalion" of young, healthy girls going through exercises with the steadiness and "verve" of "old soldiers."

We know of no School which better deserves a visit, or will more repay investigation, and from the courtesy shown to all Masonic visitors, we believe that even non-Masonic ones, especially all interested in education, would not only be heartily received, if furnished with a proper recommendation from the House Committee, but come away delighted with all they saw.

The School has the advantage of being under a most excellent and experienced matron, Miss Jarwood, while it is directed by a teacher, Miss Davis, whose zeal and ability in education are indeed subjects of the most grateful appreciation of the many subscribers to the Institution. She is assisted by a zealous body of teachers, many of whom are old pupils. The Managing Committee are elected from the Masonic Order, and annually elected, devote much time, and thought, and care to their important charge. Needless changes are objected to, no material expenditure is refused, while a combined system of true liberality and yet praiseworthy economy is not only inculcated but enforced. As an Institution, *per se*, we believe the Masonic Girls' School is without a rival in this country, and it is a reality and a blessing to many, of which the Masonic Order may be truly proud.

CONSECRATION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903, AT PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth was on Wednesday last the scene of the most successful and brilliant Masonic ceremony ever witnessed in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. We have recorded in previous issues the work of preparation for the ceremony of Wednesday, and the result has not only confirmed, but must have exceeded, the most sanguine anticipations of the founders, graced, as it was, by Royalty, and supported by the largest number of Masons ever gathered together in this town. The Duke of Connaught and many of the Grand Officers arrived at Portsmouth by special train. His Royal Highness was received by General Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who was accompanied by his Staff and Lord Charles Beresford, and proceeded direct to the Soldiers' Institute. The Lecture Hall, in which the lodge was held, is a large, spacious building, used for concerts. The whole floor was covered with red cloth, the centre being laid with a very large Masonic carpet. The dais, approached by two flights of steps, was covered with red cloth, on either side being some very beautiful plants. The back of the dais appeared to be a very elegant conservatory; the W.M.'s pedestal being in the front. The proscenium of the hall was covered with red and white drapery and shields; in the centre being a shield bearing the crest of the lodge, which is the crest of His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. On each side were the shields of the Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught. The doors around the room were draped with red and white bunting, finished off with blue and white rosettes. The heavy, dull wood work around the gallery was covered with red and white bunting, surmounted with bannerettes and shields and rosettes. In the centre of the gallery was another large shield with the crest of the lodge, behind which was the harmonium and the choir. Around the body of the lodge, and surrounding the approaches to the dais, were a large number of very handsome exotics. The whole of the decorations were very tastefully put up.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at noon by the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., who was supported on the dais by the following Grand Officers: Bros. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W.; Lord Tenterden, P.G.M. Essex; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M. Surrey; R. Grey, P.G.D.; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; and Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorset.

The customary salutes having been given, the Provincial Grand Master delivered a very able address on the nature of the meeting. He observed that it afforded him very great pleasure indeed to receive the request of the brethren who were the founders of the new lodge to come there that day to carry out with the assistance of his Provincial Officers and the large number of brethren present, the important ceremony of constituting that lodge; he was also extremely glad to find that the lodge was to be launched under such favourable circumstances. (Hear, hear.) The very large attendance of Freemasons showed that a very deep interest was being taken, not only in the general welfare of the Craft, but in the prosperity of that particular lodge. It was always an interesting event in Freemasonry to call a new lodge into existence, for it was another means of propagating the noble principles of their Order. (Hear, hear.) He would with their permission direct their attention to the purposes for which they had met together. To encourage Freemasonry was no doubt a very great and important duty which all members of the Craft were called upon to perform, and it was always most gratifying when the brethren were found doing their best to create new lodges, and otherwise to advance the best interests of the Order. (Hear, hear.) Freemasonry carried their minds back to the most remote period when it was first initiated. They must look for its origin to the East, which was admittedly the birthplace of the arts and sciences. It was worthy of remark that in whatever country the lamp of knowledge had burned most brightly Masonry had existed, and not simply existed, but had been preserved in all the full integrity of its principles, and had flourished to an extraordinary degree. (Hear, hear.) It was naturally, as the brethren fully understood, connected with the science of geometry and other sciences, which had contributed so largely to the happiness and instruction of mankind. Free-

masonry found a home in Greece amongst the ancient philosophers, and was taken into Egypt, where we know lodges existed to a great extent in the days of old, and where several splendid and important monuments of architecture and other branches of science, not unconnected with Freemasonry, existed. It was subsequently carried into England and other nations on the continent of Europe, being brought here by one Peter Gower, who was found upon enquiry to be no other than the great Pythagoras, whose great interest in the Order was well known. The first great work accomplished in England in connection with Freemasonry was when the good Prince Edwin, the King's brother, procured the charter for the establishment of Masonic lodges. Sometimes the members of the Order met with many discouragements in seeking to extend its noble principles, but it had invariably been found that wherever the discouragement had been the greatest the Order had risen superior to them, and its light had shone out more brilliantly than ever before the world. (Hear, hear.) He attributed the extraordinary manner in which the Order had flourished to the strict adherence which had been given through all times to the grand principles upon which the Order was originally founded. Masons had never swerved from their first lessons in the Craft, and the result had been that it had become the permanent and flourishing institution they now found it (hear, hear). So long as the brethren held fast to the traditions of old, and acted in strict conformity with the lessons they were taught as Masons, advancing and upholding the principles of justice, sympathy, charity, harmony, and brotherly love, so long would Freemasonry continue to flourish in England, and confer the greatest possible benefit upon the human race. (Applause.) The brethren of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, which was about to be consecrated, must, if they wished it to prosper, endeavour by every means in their power to extend the principles they had adopted, and to add another light to those which were already shining in connection with the Order in every part of the globe. This, from the somewhat peculiar constitution of the lodge, they would be well able to do, and he had no fear that they would perform their duties zealously as good and true Masons. (Applause.)

The introductory prayer followed, and the brethren of the new lodge having been arranged in order, the Prov. Grand Secretary read the petition and warrant, to which the brethren signified their approval in Masonic form. The Prov. Grand Chaplain then delivered an oration on the nature and designs of the institution, which was listened to with rapt attention.

The usual dedication and consecration were then proceeded with, the Prov. Grand Chaplain taking part and offering the dedicatory prayer. The Prov. Grand Master having constituted the lodge, a dedication hymn was sung, and the Right Worshipful Brother proceeded to instal Bro. Lord C. Beresford, P.M., in the chair as the first Master of the lodge. The W.M. then invested the officers as follows: Bro. H. W. Townsend, I.P.M.; T. Page, S.W.; S. H. Carden, R.N., J.W.; H. Threadingham, Treas.; A. L. Emanuel, Hon. Sec.; Rev. P. H. Good, Chap.; Knowles, R.N., S.D.; J. Winterbottom, Org.; J. Lind, D.C.; McLeod, I.G.; and H. Long and S. Knight, Stewards.

Bro. TOWNSEND then, in a felicitous speech, which was warmly received, addressed the W.M., congratulating him on the proceedings of that day, and on the success of their efforts. In the name of the newly-constituted lodge, he presented him with a handsome first founder's jewel, and expressed the hope that he would long live to wear it in memory of that auspicious occasion.

The W.M. replied, thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him by placing him in the chair as first Master. He also referred to the great honour that had been done by the presence among them of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who he knew had come there that day at considerable personal inconvenience. He also thanked the brethren present from other lodges and provinces for supporting him on that occasion, and expressed an opinion that no lodge had ever started with so many "Hearty good wishes."

The W.M. then proposed, as honorary members, Bros. the M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master. These nominations were received with loud cheering.

A vote of thanks to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony, and to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught for honouring the lodge with his presence, having been proposed and carried with acclamation, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet at the Drill Hall of the Hants Artillery Volunteers, which was kindly lent by Bro. Col. Lanyon Owen. The whole of the walls, which usually present a very sombre appearance, were covered with bunting. The head of the room—the south side of the shed—was draped with red and white bunting surmounted with shields and bannerettes, over the W.M.'s chair being the lodge crest flanked on either side with the Borough of Portsmouth Arms, and that of the Duke of Connaught. On the opposite side, facing the distinguished guests, was the Royal Standard, and on the top the Prince of Wales' Feathers. On either side of this were two roses formed with bayonets, and ramrods, and brass helmet badges. At one end of the room was a very prettily decorated platform occupied by the splendid band of the Royal Marine Artillery. The main entrance—for the distinguished visitors only—was approached by a very spacious marquee fitted up very elegantly with plants and flowers. The entrance for the others was also very prettily decorated. The W.M., Lord Charles Beresford, occupied the chair, and was supported on the right by Bros. W. W. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Keppel; W. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; W. Pink, Mayor of Portsmouth, and others. On the left of the chair were H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Admiral the Hon. F. C. Foley, Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., Montague Guest, M.P., and others.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said that the two were very well connected, for in Her Majesty were embodied many of the grand principles of the Order—kindness to the poor, and sympathy for every one in distress, whether rich or poor, whether single individuals or public services; in fact, whoever was in distress had the sympathy of Her Majesty. (Loud cheers.) He did not wish to let out any secrets as far as the Craft was concerned, but there were appearances in Masonry which anybody could see, and these were shown in good-fellowship and kindness which all Masons had for one another, no matter what rank in life a brother might be. When a Mason met a brother Mason there was always a bond of sympathy between them which benefited the human race. (Hear, hear.) More particularly was this seen in their Charities and Benevolent Institution, which were kept up entirely by funds from Masons' pockets. (Cheers.)

The noble CHAIRMAN next gave "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," and observed that the Prince of Wales had occupied his present position among Masons for some years, and performed a great deal of arduous work on behalf of the Craft. (Cheers.) His Lordship referred to the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, and pointed out how popular H.R.H. made himself, and said that after the Paris Exhibition even ladies' dresses became à la Prince of Wales. (Laughter.)

The next toast was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England," who, the CHAIRMAN said, had been a Mason for twenty-five years, and who had spent a good deal of his valuable time in furthering the interests of Masonry. The health of the noble Lord having been drunk, the noble Chairman gave "The Health of the Earl of Lathom, D.D.G.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, whose name was associated with the toast, replied as follows: Worshipful Master, Your Serene Highness, my lords, and gentlemen, I feel flattered at my name being connected with the toast you have just drunk with so much enthusiasm. There are many Grand Officers, far senior to myself, who should have returned thanks for this toast, therefore, I feel the more honoured that it has devolved upon me. (Cheers.) I can assure you, gentlemen, that, speaking collectively, we have all had the greatest pleasure and the greatest satisfaction in taking part in the interesting ceremony of this evening. (Hear, hear.) Although I have taken part in different ceremonies as a Freemason, I may frankly say that I have seldom taken part in a ceremony that has given me greater satisfaction than the one that has just taken place. (Cheers.) Speaking personally, it has been a great pleasure for me to come here to-day. It is only fair that you should know that the Prince of Wales expressed a very strong wish that one of the family should come here—(hear, hear)—and I was glad to come as his representative, and to represent all those members of the Royal Family who are Freemasons. (Cheers.) A good many of the Royal Family have been Freemasons, and some of them Grand Masters; but we all take the deepest interest in all that concerns the welfare and good fellowship of the Craft. (Cheers.) I must entirely agree with the sentiment expressed by our Worshipful Master, in saying that we among all others feel that our great safeguard and great watchword is charity and good fellowship—(cheers)—and it is in that sense that we, as the Grand Officers, Present and Past, attended to-day. We see this in the new lodge springing up, and we wish to show the interest we have in it, and we wish most sincerely for its happiness and prosperity. (Prolonged cheering.)

Bro. Sir H. D. WOLFE, M.P., gave "The Health of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," and, in doing so, said they all knew the labours and the attention that Bro. Beach applied to the discharge of the functions of his office. He was brought up in one of the best schools of Masonry—the Apollo Lodge, of Oxford—and they had seen from the manner in which he had discharged his duties that day how apt a pupil he had been in the Craft. (Hear, hear.) He certainly had never discharged a duty with greater pleasure to himself than in opening a lodge in Portsmouth with Lord Charles Beresford as its Master, and dedicated to Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. (Cheers.) They welcomed the formation of this lodge in Portsmouth because it was characteristic of the town, and characteristic of the Masonry of England, and if it had been graced by the presence of a member of the Royal Family and by so many distinguished members of the Craft, it was because loyalty to the Craft implied loyalty to the Crown—(loud and prolonged cheering)—and because they knew that a good Mason must be a good subject. (Renewed and general cheering.)

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., responded, and said that since he had held his present position of honour he had opened three new lodges in Portsmouth. (Cheers.) He congratulated them on the manner in which Masonry was progressing in the old town of Portsmouth and in the province, and he believed it was flourishing in equal proportions in the country also. His sincere hope and wish was that the lodge would be an honour not only to the province, but to the Craft in England. (Cheers.)

Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST, P.G.M. of Dorset, gave "The Health of the R.W. Deputy G.M., Bro. W. Hickman, and Officers of the P.G. Lodge," to which Bro. Captain Martin, of Southampton, responded.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said: My lords and gentlemen, one of the most pleasing duties now devolves upon me, and one which I may say almost speaks for itself. I feel it requires but few words of mine to make you respond to the toast with the heartiest cordiality possible. It is "The Health of the Most Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford." (Great cheering.) Your applause which greets the mere mention of your Master's name shows me that I was not mistaken when I said, that it was a toast that would be received with heartiness and cordiality. In the presence of people of whom you are speaking it is customary not to eulogise them too much, still I hope he will allow me to say that I feel great pleasure in proposing this afternoon his health. I have had the pleasure of his acquaintance for years past. There are many present who know him not only as a Mason, but in his professional capacity as an officer in the navy. (Cheers.) Gentlemen, as an officer in the army it affords me all the greater pleasure in proposing the health of an officer in the sister service—the navy. (Cheers.) You all know his career, and how he has risen from the lowest rank to the rank he now holds, and the respect he is held in by all branches of the navy, from the senior officers down to the blue jackets and marines. (Cheers.) I may say that the same good feeling, the same respect, and the same affection that is shown him in his own profession will be shown him in the Craft. (Loud cheers.) I am convinced that the Lodge Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar has a most excellent Master (hear, hear), and that he will do everything to keep up all that is creditable to the Craft and good fellowship, and I hope that under his Mastership the lodge which we inaugurate to-day will flourish and prosper, and when he comes to hand it over to his successor he may be able to look back upon his work with the greatest pleasure. (Cheers.) I ask you to drink "The Health of the W.M., Lord Charles Beresford." (Prolonged cheering.)

Lord CHARLES BERESFORD briefly responded.

The remaining toasts were "The Visitors," "The Founders of the Lodge," &c.

Among those present were Bros: Capt. S. H. M. Martin, R.N., P.G. S.W.; H. Bronscker, P.G.J.W.; Revs. A. G. Barker, and A. A. Headly, Chaplains; T. Lamb, P.G. Registrar; M. E. Frost, P.G. Treas.; A. J. Miller, P.G. Sec.; R. Sharp, P.G.S.D.; C. L. Emanuel, P.G.J.D.; W. Lasher, P.G. Supt. of Works; R. Barnes, P.G.D.C.; W. Bowyer, P.G.A.D.C.; Quarter-Master G. D. Douglas, P.G. Sword Bearer; J. Harle, P.G. Purst.; J. G. Jones, P.G. Org.; F. Carter, A. H. Jolliffe, T. J. Pulley, H. C. Liddell, J. Parkinson, W. Lake, P.G. Reg. Cornwall (Freemason), and others.

The founders one and all appear to have entered into the work of the new lodge with the greatest spirit, as is evidenced by the following presents to the value of nearly £400 of lodge furniture and jewels by individual members: By the W.M.—Collars, gauntlets, and silver jewels for every officer; S.W.—Set of tracing boards, in gilt frames; J.W.—The Wardens' columns, made of ebony, with gilt tops; Honorary Secretary—Very handsome blue cushion for the Bible; S.D.—Set of solid silver working tools, over thirty ounces in weight, and ivory gavel; Bro. Townsend—A very old Bible, the cover bearing a large gold shield with crest; Bro. Maybom—Silver square and compass for Bible; Bro. Davis—Handsome poignard for I.G.; Bro. Damerun—Handsome Tyler's sword to match; Bro. Backler—Set of ebony gavels, white ivory handles, with silver crest in-laid in head of gavel; Bro. Smith—A very old (said to be over 120 years old) Masonic jug, with plated mountings; Bro. McLeod—Handsome ballot box, with gilt crest in front; Bro. Legget—Ebony maul, with handle to match gavel; Bro. Bourke—Plated triangle, with ebony stand, and rough and perfect ashlar; Bro. Lees—Ebony candlestick, with gilt tops, for the Master's pedestal; Bro. J. Parker—Ebony candlestick, with gilt tops, for the S.W.'s pedestal; Bro. Barnes—Ebony candlestick, with gilt tops, for the J.W.'s pedestal; Bros. Field and Elverstone—Sash belt for Tyler's sword; Bros. Sam Knight, Shepherd, and Long—Deacons' wands, with ebonised silver tops. The founder's jewel presented to Lord Charles Beresford consists of twenty-seven stones, the compass being formed of fine diamonds, and the crown of diamonds and rubies. The W.M. presented similar jewels to all the founders.

SERVICES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

Bro. the Earl of MARCH, M.P., eldest son of the Duke of Richmond, was initiated in the Lodge of Union, No. 38, Colchester, on the 7th April, 1877, and was exalted in Cyrus Chapter, No. 38, Colchester, on the 16th December, 1880.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. GEORGE LAMBERT was initiated in the Percy Lodge, 198 (then 234), in 1843, in which lodge he served the offices of I.G. and J. and S. Wardens, being appointed W.M. in 1849, to which position he was again elected in 1856 and 1857. He took the office of Secretary in 1857, and held that post for thirteen years. He joined the Berkhamstead Lodge, 504, in 1859, being W.M. from 1861 to 1863, and was appointed under a patent from the M.W.G.M. (he being a non-resident of the province), J.G.W. of Herts. In 1856 he was appointed by Grand Lodge one of the members of the first Colonial Board. Bro. Lambert attended, as one of the two representatives of the Grand Lodge of England, the laying of the foundation stone of the new cathedral at Hamburg (in which city he was educated), after the great fire in 1842. Bro. Lambert was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in 1847 in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7; joined the Royal Arch Chapter of Edinburgh in 1857, and the Cyprus Chapter, No. 21, in 1858, filling the Principals' chairs in the latter during the years 1861-63. In 1854 he entered Mark Masonry by joining the Bon Accord Lodge, and was one of the founders (in 1858) of the Keystone Lodge. He joined the Knights Templar at Watford, in 1860, and in 1873 was confirmed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the Temple, in his appointment in the Great Priory as Warden of Regalia. Bro. Lambert became Knight of Malta and Rose Croix in 1863, in which year he also joined the 30th Degree under the High Grades Council, having previously thrown over his allegiance to the G.O. of Paris, in which Order he held the Degree of Areopagite, equal to the 30th Degree in English Masonry. He also joined the lodge Clement Amitie at Paris, and in 1860 was elected Venerable (Master) of the lodge Les Admirateurs de l'Univers. In 1871-72 he joined the Cryptic Degree, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He has served many times Stewardships of the three Masonic Charities. Bro. Lambert made all the working tools used by the Grand Lodge of England. We regret our space forbids our recounting the many meritorious services of Bro. Lambert to the brotherhood, not only in connection with lodge duties, but in a variety of ways that an ardent and conscientious Mason can help on the true principles of the Order. His experiences both at home and abroad have been long and varied, and we think the Craft generally will agree with Bro. J. Havers, who, writing to Bro. Lambert, says that "for his great Masonic services there was not person whom he more wished to see rewarded with Grand Office."

MAÇON, FRANC.—As Thory points out, we think properly, this name is applied to persons who have been initiated in "Francie Maçonnerie." They are termed, he declares, "Francs Maçons," or "Maçons Libres," to distinguish them from Operative Masons, "Maçons de pratique." This we believe to be the true explanation, as such a use is clearly not of very early date. In Depping's "Documens Inédits," under "Règlement des Arts et Métiers de Paris rédigés au 13me siècle, et connus sous le nom de Livre des Métiers d'Etienne Boileau," we find "le maçon" and "le mestier des maçons," as well as "mortelliers," answering probably to "cémentarius," and "tailleur de pierre," to "lapicida" or "latomus." Curiously enough, about the same time "le maçon" was in full use in England. In 1320 Magister Simon, le Masoun cémentarius, makes his will at York, and about 1370 the Chapter of York draws up in English an "ordinacio cémentariorum," in which the word "masouns" is found. In the Westminster fabric rolls, and those of the Chapel of St. Stephen, and of Durham, the word "maçon" or "le masoun" is not found so early, the usual word being "cémentarius" or "latomus." In the 16th century early at Durham, the word "masonn" is in full use. It would almost seem as if the words cémentarius, latomus, le maçon, le masoun, masonn, came gradually into use in England. There is no actual historical evidence that the French Operative Masons were ever called Francs Maçons, as the proper expression would be undoubtedly Maçons Francs, and in all probability the words only date from the 18th century. But yet, as there is evidence of the use of the word "franc homme," a freeman, and all know that the French also used the word franc juge, the judge (of the Vehmie tribunal), we are not prepared to say that the words may not be found to be of early use, and to describe a Mason, as with us, free of his guild or "confraternité." Bazot makes a distinction, like Thory, as between a "Maçon de théorie" and the "Maçon de pratique." Respecting the first he says, "Les Maçons de théorie pratiquent une morale qui peut épurer leurs mœurs, et les rendre agréable à tous les hommes;" while regarding the last, he simply terms him—"ouvrier en batimens."—*Kenning's Cyclopædia.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE AUDLEY LODGE, No. 1896, AT NEWPORT.

The annual festival of the Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire was held at Newport, on Friday, the 20th inst., and a new lodge, the Audley, No. 1896, to be held in that town, was consecrated by the R.W.P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P. The province is an extensive one, embracing several counties, and notwithstanding it is for the most part thinly populated, it contained before the meeting at Newport twenty-six lodges, having about twelve hundred subscribing members. According to the "Provincial Calendar," the oldest lodge established in the province is the Salopian, 262, Shrewsbury, whose warrant dates from 1788. The Salopian Lodge of Charity, 117, having a military warrant, afterwards located in Shrewsbury in 1810, ranks in the province after 262. The province was formed in 1852, when there were only four lodges—the two already named at Shrewsbury, the St. David, 384, at Bangor, and the St. Cybi, 597, at Holyhead. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., was the first P.G.M., and in the first year of his office he consecrated the St. John's Lodge, 601, Wellington, and the Segontium, 606, Carnarvon. Including the Audley, Sir W. W. Wynn has consecrated twenty-three lodges in the province, and under his rule Freemasonry in North Wales and Shropshire is as flourishing as ever. On the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his office as P.G.M., in 1857, Sir Watkin was presented by the brethren with an illuminated album and a congratulatory address, and at the same time £500 was subscribed for presentation to the Masonic School for Boys in London.

The consecration of a new lodge is an event which always excites much interest, and this latest addition to the number of lodges of this province is hailed with great satisfaction, there being in the Newport district many zealous brethren who have done much to promote the welfare of Masonic institutions. Newport was visited by about 100 brethren, and in addition to the P.G.M. there were present Bros. B. Hughes, M.P., D.P.G.M.; Lord Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham; Major Tudor, P.G.M. Staffordshire; H. Clegg, D.P.G.M. Worcestershire; J. Bodenham, P.G. Treasurer Staffordshire; H. C. Clarke, P.G.R.; W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec.; the Rev. J. B. Straubenzee, P.G. Chaplain; H. Shepherd, P.G.J.D.; E. Smith, R. King, and W. Jones, P.G. Stewards; E. Wood, P.G.D.C.; J. C. W. Lister, P.G.D.C.; F. Wrigley, P.G. Organist; J. Salmon, P.P.G.J.W.; John Peters, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Andrew, P.P.G.S.D.; A. McMillan, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; R. Millington, P.P.G. Swd. B.; G. G. Warren, P.P.G.R.; Matthews, P.P.G.W. Staffordshire; T. Wood, P.G.R. Staffordshire; the Rev. E. C. Perry, P.P.G. Chaplain Staffordshire; J. Ingamells, P.P.G.J.D. Staffordshire; T. E. Fowke, P.G.D.C. Staffordshire. St. John's, Wellington, was represented by Bros. T. Millington, S.W.; E. Millington, J.W.; R. Yates, J.D.; J. Smith, S.D.; J. Adams, P.M.; R. King, P.M.; J. Knowles, P.M.; J. Entwistle, A. Taylor, P.M.; and E. Webb, P.M. The Clive Lodge, Market Drayton, was represented by Bros. S. Bennion, W.M.; G. Lashmore, S.W.; J. Ginders, J.W.; Jackson, Chaplain; Thomas Ginders, S.D.; T. E. Critchley, J.D.; J. C. Critchley, Secretary; S. L. Popham, D. Hollins, J. Gouldbourn, and J. G. Judge, Tyler. The Staffordshire Knott, Stafford, brethren present were Bros. J. Baker, J.W.; E. J. Mousley, J.D.; W. P. Duncalf, H. Newton, sen., Frith and Thorne. Almost all the lodges in North Wales, as well as Shropshire, were represented.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge commenced at one o'clock, the P.G. Masters and D.P.G. Masters having been received with the usual salutes, Bro. White was re-elected P.G. Treas., and the following brethren were then appointed by the P.G.M. as officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Ephraim Wood	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" John Davis	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. J. Smith	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. J. Van Straubenzee	...	...
" A. C. Spaul	...	...		Prov. G. Reg.
" W. H. Spaul	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" D. E. Kirkby	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Dr. Jones Morris	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Roff King	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. T. Foulkes	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Smith	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" D. Cameron	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" James Smart	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Richard Lewis, Thomas Roberts,	} Prov. G. Stwds.		
" Dr. R. Roberts, Dr. E. Williams,			
" W. Aston, and Dainty Hollins			
" J. B. Hide and W. B. Newnes	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER stated that the receipts during the past year had been £124 15s., and the expenditure £107 15s., and although there were a few accounts to come in there was a favourable balance. It was stated that there are seven boys from the province in the Masonic School.

At the close of the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the ceremony of consecrating the Audley Lodge took place, Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn being assisted by Bro. W. H. Spaul. The petition to the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, for the warrant contained the names of Bros. John Bodenham, Lieut.-Col. Robert Taylor Masefield, the Rev. Cosmo Reid Gordon, D.D., Samuel Bennion, Thomas Warren Thompson, James Smart, Thomas James, and other "right trusty and well beloved brethren." The warrant is dated February 15, 1881, and signed on behalf of the Grand Master by the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. Bro. John Bodenham, who is designated in the warrant to be the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, is an ardent lover of the Craft, as may be understood when it is mentioned that he is P.M. of Lodges 726, 751, and 1575, P.P. G. Reg. Herefordshire, P.P.G.D. and P.G. Treas. Staffordshire, and P.G.S.W. North Wales and Shropshire. Lieut.-Col. Masefield is named in the warrant as the first S.W., and the Rev. Dr. Gordon the first J.W. After the reading of the warrant, the brethren of the new lodge signified their approval of the officers named therein.

The Rev. JAMES SMITH, Senior Chaplain, then delivered an oration, in which he observed that the cause of their meeting that day naturally reminded them as Freemasons of the building of King Solomon's Temple, which had ex-

erted a great influence on the world in general, and on Freemasonry in particular. From circumstances connected with that building Freemasons had derived their most excellent Masonic ritual. It was said that there was no noise of hammer or axe, or tool of iron, heard at the Temple while the building was going on. They knew from its essence that it was a quiet society. They might be abused and misrepresented, but the best answer they could give to misrepresentation and abuse was a quiet confidence in the good of their own cause. Freemasonry did not attempt to add one to its numbers except by his own voluntary will, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or any other unworthy motives. In that respect Freemasonry stood alone amongst the societies of the world. In every other society efforts were made to spread it by appeals to people to join, but Freemasons had confidence in the good of their cause and received as members only such worthy men as voluntarily joined them. Freemasonry was quiet as to its working; and in reply to those who asked what good it did they might point to their charitable institutions as a sufficient answer. All the stones for King Solomon's temple were cut ready for their position before taken to the building, and so they said if any one was to be made a Freemason he must be properly prepared. The Temple was a magnificent building, and excited the admiration of all who saw it, and he hoped that Freemasons would so follow out their profession as to cause them to be the admiration of the world, and that it might be said of them "See how these Masons love one another." Let them continue to practise in its most ample sense that great virtue—charity; let them cultivate the four cardinal virtues—temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice; let their distinguishing characteristics be justice, honour, and mercy; and might they ever have a firm reliance on the Great Architect of the Universe, so that each should be an ornament of his lodge on earth and afterwards of the Grand Lodge above.

The anthem "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in love and unity" was followed by the dedication prayer, and a reading of a portion of Scripture by the P.G.M., the invocation being given by the Rev. A. J. Van Straubenzee. The lodge board was then uncovered, and the officers appointed for the purpose carried corn, wine, and oil round the lodge as emblems of peace and brotherly love. The censer was afterwards carried round three times by one of the Chaplains, and after more solemn music and prayer the lodge was dedicated by the P.G.M. The music was supplied by the Birmingham Quartett Union, Bros. Bickley, Fellows, Myers, and Champion.

Bro. John Bodenham, the W.M. designate of the Audley Lodge, was afterwards installed by Bro. A. C. Spaul, and in addition to the Wardens named in the warrant the following officers were appointed: Bros. the Rev. B. Baring, Chap.; the Rev. R. Jackson, S.D.; Thomas James, J.D.; James Smart, Secretary; W. Harrison, I G.; J. Cartwright, Tyler.

At the close of the lodge the brethren attended Divine service in the church, to which they walked in procession. The procession was headed by two Tylers with drawn swords. Then came the lodges of the province according to their numbers, juniors first; the P.G. Officers, the volume of the Sacred Law, carried by four Lewises (sons of Masons), named Bennion, Thompson, and Smart (2); the Stewards, the Chaplain, and the P.G.M., a Tyler with a drawn sword bringing up the rear. On arriving at the church door the brethren opened right and left, so as to allow the P.G.M. to pass up the centre, he being preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearer. The brethren then followed in succession from the rear, thus reversing the order of procession. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Gordon, J.W. 1896, the musical portion of the service being rendered by the choir of the church, assisted by the Birmingham Quartett Union. At the close of the service a collection was made on behalf of the North Wales and Shropshire Masonic Chantable Association, and £14 10s. 2½d. was realised.

In the evening a banquet was provided in the Town Hall by Mr. C. Ensor, and it was served up in an admirable manner. The P.G.M. presided, and there were about 100 present.

At the conclusion of the repast, the P.G.M. proposed in succession "The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" which toasts were drunk with Masonic honours.

Bro. BODENHAM proposed "The Health of Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, P.G.M.," observing that Sir Watkin had held that office since the formation of the province in 1852, and during the twenty-nine years that he had ruled over the Masons of that province there had been twenty-three lodges consecrated. Sir Watkin was held in the highest esteem, and they all hoped that he would live long to hold the sceptre in North Wales and Shropshire. (Applause.) He hoped that would not be the last time they would see the P.G.M. at Newport; and there was a general desire that a P.G. Royal Arch Chapter might be established, and that he (Sir Watkin) would become Grand Superintendent of that P.G. Chapter.

The P.G.M., in returning thanks, referred to the postponement of the holding of the P.G. Lodge in consequence of the funeral of the Earl of Beaconsfield. They did not, he said, acknowledge political or religious differences. He felt that it was desirable to have as large a gathering as possible; that those who were of the same political party as the late earl had been would not have attended lodge on the day of the funeral; and that those who were not of the same political faith as the late earl would not have liked to have met together in small numbers. (Hear, hear.) He was afraid the postponement had occasioned a great deal of trouble to those who had arranged for the meeting, and who were entitled to the thanks of the brethren of the province for those preparations. Although the North Wales and Shropshire Province was not a numerous one, it was larger in area than any other, and he must thank the brethren for having come, many of them from a long distance, to meet him on that occasion. They might congratulate themselves on the progress which had been made in the province the last twenty-nine years. (Hear, hear.)

After a short interval the P.G.M. proposed "The Visiting P.G. Masters," for whom Bro. TUDOR, P.G.M. Staffordshire, responded. He said he had been some time a member of a lodge in the province of North Wales and Shropshire, and he was pleased to be able to attend there to

do homage to Bro. Sir Watkin Wynn as his P.G. Master. He was also glad to be able to attend to do honour to Bro. Bodenham, who had been Treasurer of his (Bro. Tudor's) province for several years, and who, he could safely say, was as thoroughly well fitted to take the command of a lodge as any brother with whom he was acquainted. (Applause.) He (Bro. Tudor) then proposed "The Health of Bro. W. B. Hughes, M.P., D.P.M., and the other Officers of the Province, Past and Present," for whom Bro. JOHN DAVIS, J.W., responded.

The P.G.M. proposed the toast of the evening, "The W.M. and Success to the Audley Lodge, No. 1896," observing that it was a pleasure to see another lodge called into existence, and it was a great gratification to see such a large attendance that day. The toast was very heartily received.

Bro. BODENHAM, who responded, said the Audley Lodge had not been long in being originated. Some time ago a meeting was held and it was decided to petition for a warrant, which warrant was dated February, and they would agree with him that no time had been lost in getting the lodge consecrated. In ten days he hoped the lodge would begin to work. He thought he was correct in saying that their lodge had a right to take its name from the first grantee to Newport. Whether he was a benefactor to that town, or got value for what he gave, he (Bro. Bodenham) was not able to say; at any rate they were justified in going back to the grantee of Newport, and the grantor of the marshes for a name for their lodge. (Applause.) No one could tell how many distinguished Masons might rise in the Audley Lodge; but they must all hope for the best. (Hear, hear.) At present their aim was not to be a very large lodge. At the same time they did not wish to make it an exclusive one; but what they desired was to make it fairly representative of the town and neighbourhood, so far as that could reasonably be done. They had already amongst them a fair amount of divinity, whilst trade, commerce, and art were also represented. (Applause.)

Bro. BODENHAM then proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," for whom Bro. MATTHEWS responded.

Bro. WARREN proposed "The Consecrating Officer, Bro. W. H. Spaul," and spoke of the valuable service which he had rendered to the province on many occasions.

Bro. SPAULL responded, and expressed his belief that a Royal Arch Chapter would soon be established in the province.

A few other toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with some excellent music by the Birmingham Quartett Union, and the proceedings of the day were of an interesting character.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the annual Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Royal Rock Ferry Hotel, Rock Ferry. The Provincial Grand Lodge met under the warrant of the Egerton Lodge, No. 105 on the roll of Grand Lodge, of which Bro. John R. Ross was the newly-installed Worshipful Master.

There was a large attendance of this and the adjoining provinces. The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. James Salmon, acting as V.W.D.P.G.M.; Edward Friend, P.G. S.W.; Thomas C. Thorborn, P.G.J.W.; Anthony Stevenson, P.G.M.O.; Samuel Forrest, P.G.S.O.; Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite, P.G. Chap.; F. K. Stevenson, P.G. Treas.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Major Tudor, P.G. Reg.; A. McMillan, P.G.S.D.; Samuel Thompson, P.G.I.W.; C. S. Dean, P.G.D.C.; C. Forbes Bell, P.G.S.B.; Wm. Bennett, P.G.I.G.; J. Matthews Jones, P.G.S.; William Jupp, P.G.S.; John Worthington, P.G. Tyler; and several Past Grand Officers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by the R.W.P. G.M.M. at three o'clock. After the roll of lodges had been called, and letters of apology had been read from officers absent, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Town Hall, Altrincham, in September, were read and confirmed, and other business of the province was transacted.

The R.W.P.G.M.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. the Rev. C. W. S. Stanhope,	V.W.D.P.G.M.M.
" James Salmon	...
" Francis Bolton	...
" J. W. Burgess	...
" J. H. Evans	...
" John R. R. Keane	...
" Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner	...
" Rev. J. T. Rounthwaite	...
" Fredk. K. Stevenson	...
" Richard Newhouse	...
" J. Matthews Jones	...
" Samuel Thompson	...
" C. S. Dean	...
" Henry Jones	...
" John Dutton	...
" William Jupp	...
" Charles K. Benson	...
" John Blackhurst	...
" Thomas H. Kirk	...
" John Edwards	...
" Wallace Lamb	...
" A. Corelli	...
" W. Roberts	...
" John Worthington	...

Before closing the Provincial Grand Lodge the R.W. P.G.M.M. thanked the brethren for the large attendance, and congratulated them on the prosperity of the province; and, in speaking of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls, urged every brother to assist the children after their education was finished, to see them placed in good houses of business. He hoped some of his officers who had the time would visit the towns of Stockport and Hyde, and confer with the brethren of those towns as to the formation of Mark lodges. The next annual meeting would be held at Chester.

The brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, and the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION
FOR AGED FREEMASONS
AND
WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS,
CROYDON.

OFFICE—4, FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c.,
M.W.G.M.

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on FRIDAY, the 20th May, 1881, V.W. Bro. Licut.-Col. CREATON (P. H. Patron, G. Treasurer) in the chair,
After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election of fifteen Female Annuitants from an approved list of sixty-one candidates, and twenty-five Male Annuitants from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:

MALES.		Votes.
Bro. Hogg, C. J. ...	...	1511
" Ford, William ...	...	1501
" Sprat, H. H. ...	...	1429
" Woods, C. J. ...	...	1395
" Cooke, Matthew ...	...	1329
" Riley, Thomas ...	...	1323
" Armstrong, Robert ...	...	1245
" Lampen, T. ...	...	1145
" Ward, Joseph ...	...	1128
" Lockwood, Joseph ...	...	1115
" Middleton, John ...	...	1108
" Smith, Alfred ...	...	1062
" Smith, William ...	...	1058
" Roberts, Abraham ...	...	1016
" Darby, Henry A. ...	...	1003
" Mannington, John ...	...	998
" Beale, T. W. ...	...	996
" Lomax, Charles ...	...	991
" *Roberts, William ...	...	986
" *Ross, Alex. D. ...	...	951
" *Docchar, John ...	...	901
" *Sutcliffe, Charles ...	...	785
" *Oatley, John ...	...	754
" *Jackson, James ...	...	727
" *Banning, Jesse ...	...	719
WIDOWS.		Votes.
Mrs. Fead-Lamert, Maria ...	...	1697
" Grant, Hannah ...	...	1619
" Winter, Phillis ...	...	1574
" Booth, Betty ...	...	1413
" Bisco, Elizabeth ...	...	1270
" Perkin, Ann ...	...	1231
" Appleby, Emma E. ...	...	1193
" Cherrill, Elizabeth M. ...	...	1168
" Diver, Charlotte ...	...	1101
" Laing, Elizabeth ...	...	1097
" Wilkinson, Margaret ...	...	1016
" Wright, Sarah ...	...	930
" *Martin, Rebecca ...	...	879
" *George, Hannah ...	...	875
" *Eade, Hannah B. ...	...	872

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.
JAMES TERRY, Secretary.
20th May, 1881.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Widow of the late Bro. THOMAS DIVER, M.D., begs to return her Sincere Thanks to those Electors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution through whose votes she was elected an Annuitant on the 20th May last.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

OF ENGLAND AND WALES, AND COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION,

AT
THE MASONIC ROOMS, THE CRITERION, PICCADILLY,
LONDON,
Tuesday, 31st May, 1881.

RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM, M.W.G.M.M.M.
RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER, R.W.D.G.M.,
M.W.G.M.M.M. ELECT.

INSTALLATION OF MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

On this, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., it has been determined to extend the customary arrangements for the Banquet to follow the Installation of the Grand Master, and to fix the price of Dinner Tickets at 12s. 6d., the Wine being provided at the expense of the Grand Lodge. A Collation will in addition be provided for Ladies, Tickets for which may be obtained at 7s. 6d. each.
A Musical Selection will be given during Dinner, and a Concert will take place in the evening at which the services of eminent Professionals will be secured, under the direction of the Grand Organist.

To enable the Grand Stewards to carry out the various arrangements efficiently and satisfactorily, the return to the Grand Secretary, not later than the 25th May, of the forms sent out is absolutely necessary.

N.B.—Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be on the Table at 6 p.m. precisely. Ladies to assemble at 7 o'clock p.m.

8a, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.

May, 1881.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

THE M. E. COMPANION
GENERAL STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.,
PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held on Tuesday, 31st day of May, 1881, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the "Masonic Hall," 105, High-street, Croydon, in the county of Surrey, under the Frederick Chapter of Unity, 452, when the Members of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and the other Companions of the Province, are requested to attend.

By Command of the Provincial Grand Superintendent,
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.
(P.G.S.B. England), Provincial G.S.E.
61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road,
May 1st, 1881.

MORNING DRESS.

Luncheon will take place at Two o'clock, Tickets for which (Price 7s. 6d.) may be had of E. Comp. MAGNUS OHREN (P.A.G.D. of C. England), Scribe E. of the Chapter, No. 452, Lower Sydenham, S.E., and of the Provincial G.S.E. Accommodation will not be guaranteed unless application for Tickets be made previously to the 28th inst.

Train from London Bridge, 11.55.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Publishing and Printing Offices

OF

"THE FREEMASON"

HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO

16, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
(Opposite Freemasons' Hall).

To Correspondents.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.
Panmure Lodge of Instruction.
Masonic Cricket Club at Wood Green.
The American Past Master's Degree.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times," "The Liberal Freemason," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Natal Witness," "The Broad Arrow," "Moore's Masonic Messenger," "France and Tunis," "Allan's Indian Mail," "New York Dispatch," "The Staffordshire Advertiser," "Hull Packet."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1881.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Having seen so interesting an account in the *Freemason* of the late Stewards' visit to the Royal Masonic School for Girls, may I be permitted to say a few words about the great benefits received by pupils of the above Institution, and their appreciation of the same.

To the subscribers in general, and to the Committee in particular, I would say we can never be sufficiently grateful for their earnest endeavours to promote the happiness and future welfare of the pupils by providing them not only with all home comforts, but by giving them so thorough an education, embracing, as it does, besides all English subjects, French, music, and drawing. To Miss Jarwood and Miss Davis we owe a debt of gratitude we can never repay; to the former for her unceasing care of and attention to our health and comfort in every way; to the latter for her constant and unremitting efforts for the intellectual, moral, and spiritual welfare of those under her charge. To their united precepts, teaching, and example, under God, and to the generosity of the Freemasons, my present success in life is owing.

Will all those who have thus contributed to the happiness of so many of their brother Masons' children accept this small tribute of gratitude from

AN EX-PUPIL.

May 23rd.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, 1723.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your otherwise admirable report of the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire and the installation of Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., in your allusion to my presentation to the Provincial Grand Master of an original copy of the Book of Constitutions of

1723, there is a typographical error, which will you please kindly correct.

"There was in 1772 an informal issue of the old regulations in a copy of a MS. Constitution."

The year 1772 should read 1722.

I shall be glad to learn where original copies of the 1723 edition may still be found besides the copy which I lately possessed. My copy was bound up with an old book entitled "Principles of the Newtonian Philosophy." That the books were a duality in one I hope is evidence that some old member of the Craft really took to heart what in these modern days is much neglected—the injunction: "to study such of the liberal arts and sciences as come within the compass of a Mason's attainments. The question which Philip put to the Ethiopian eunuch, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" is very applicable to many Masons who, parrot-like, have the Masonic ritual by heart.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY JEFFS.

P.M. 1005, P.P.G.J.W. Gloucestershire.

May 24th.

AN ERROR OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Can any of your readers give any explanation of a great error which took place in the return of the male annuitants on Friday week?

When the numbers were read out, a brother, believed in the hall to be a Scrutineer himself, rose and objected to the announcement of the Chairman of the Scrutineers, on the ground of a gross inaccuracy in the total of one case, as I understood, several hundred votes having been recorded in the office and not counted at all. The Scrutineers were sent back by Bro. Col. Creaton, and they then announced an error of over 400 votes, which error brought the candidate (Beals), if I remember rightly, in and excluded Higson. Several questions arise from this occurrence.

1. Why was not this mistake discovered in the Scrutineers' Room?

2. What is the real explanation of so serious a blunder, almost unprecedented in the annals of the Institution?

3. Are the Scrutineers sure that the error, such as it is, has vitiated no other returns, that is to say, have these missing votes been carried to no other case?

4. Have the voting papers sent to the office gone before the Scrutineers?

I, for one, do not think that the East Lancashire brethren were altogether unreasonable in asking for some further enquiry, as regards a matter which bears a somewhat strange appearance at first sight, and I do not even now profess to understand why the mistake was not found out in the Scrutineers' room before the first announcement.

I am, yours respectfully and fraternally,

A VOTER.

[Bro. Matier, as we understood his words, explained the mistake by saying that the 400 votes had been overlooked altogether in the original summing up. If he sees this letter he may perhaps send a further explanation.—ED. F.M.]

THE BANNERS OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The word we use in the Stability Lodge of Instruction is "Banner," not "Banners."

Yours fraternally,

HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

A VAGRANT MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I take an early opportunity of warning Almoners and benevolent Masons in general against an individual who is unworthy of relief. He has a clearance certificate of the "St. George's" Lodge, No. 190, Aberdeen, and was in the vicinity of Portsmouth about the 12th inst., going, I believe, westward.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE SECRETARY 804.

Reviews.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW S. WALES. Sydney, 1880.

This volume has been sent to us for review, but though we note it, and mention its arrival for Masonic courtesy's sake, we cannot well say much about it. From our point of view the Body is an illegal body, despite the recognition of several American Grand Lodges. But American law is one thing, English and Cosmopolitan law another. Yet even American law does not, as far as we are aware, contemplate, nor has it ever had to deal with, the state of things in New S. Wales. Let us go back a little. There were three jurisdictions extant at the time of the movement. The majority of seceding lodges was composed of one jurisdiction, and one jurisdiction was not represented or concurrent at all. A clear minority of the lodges, and mainly of one jurisdiction, led the movement, and never in Masonic history or experience has such a "speciality" of Masonic "revolution" been accomplished. American law simply deals with the majority of lodges in a State without lawful jurisdiction, but it has never yet ventured to assert that a minority can form a Grand Lodge, and compel the majority to come in, and least of all, when three lawful jurisdictions bore sway. Let us suppose a case. In a new American State there are eleven lodges—three of one Grand Lodge, four of another, four of a third. Would any

American Grand Lodge hold that a Grand Lodge was legally formed which consisted of two of one jurisdictional charter, and one of another? We fancy not. Yet such is the case in New S. Wales. The old Roman saying, "Tres faciunt collegium," though applicable to those ancient Guilds and Confraternities, does not apply here or now, and therefore, legally speaking, the creation of the G. Lodge of New South Wales is, as the French say, "hors de la loi." We say all this in good feeling to our brethren at the Antipodes, and if ever the Grand Lodge of England recognises this Body, it would not be for legality's sake, but simply as a "fait accompli," or as the schoolmen said, "feri non debet, factum valet."

THE REVISED NEW TESTAMENT. Oxford, 1881.

This, the first instalment of the promised revision of the Bible—much expected and eagerly sought after—is, now in its sale of over a million copies, if not two, alike in England and America, before us for careful study, respectful criticism, and honest approval. We confess, with the *Times*, to a sense of doubt, hesitation, and even despondency, at the result of the experiment. If that great leader of public thought and opinion can express a cautious hesitation and grave dubiousness as to the acceptance and endorsing of this revised version, we need not hesitate in our humbler measure to express our fears and indicate our reserve. What are the "doubts" of the *Times*, as was said of some one else, "are other people's certainties," and we feel inclined to believe that the general verdict of the Bible-reading, Bible-using people will not be a favourable one. The new version unsettles a good deal, in our opinion quite unnecessarily, and leaves much more still in "haze." It is too pedantic, too scholastic, too hypercritical to please the real scholar, much less the great mass of readers—too intent, as the *Times* fairly points out, on exhibiting "verbal criticism" to remember that feeling of reverence, and that distaste for change, which so markedly affects us, accustomed as we are to the grace, and vigour, and ring of the good old version. That some needful changes are made no one will attempt to deny, that verbal errors familiar to scholars for long years have been wisely corrected we cheerfully concede. But in two great points, to make use of no others, we think the "Revisers" may fairly be found fault with—as to their judgment and their correctness. 1. The changes in the "Lord's Prayer," for instance, are both of doubtful expediency and of very questionable accuracy. Was it, for instance, needful to alter the "run" of familiar and cherished words, and bring about, with no change of meaning, a slight alteration of the order of the words themselves? This seems to us the "pettiness of revision." But the alteration "from evil" into "from the evil one" is open to very serious question. No doubt "To ponero" may mean, and does probably mean, "the evil one," but it may also mean "what is evil," the abstract principle or quality of evil, as the old translators put it. The utmost, according to us, that ought to have been done was to put the alteration in the margin. But the consequence of this unwise and unsound change is to make henceforth that "Divine Prayer," the antitype of all our Masonic prayers, a controversial prayer, instead of being an universal outpouring of peaceful and loving benevolence. We deeply regret the change. The famous passage of the "Three witnesses" is also, in our opinion, far too readily given up, inasmuch as, though undoubtedly the Greek MSS. know it not, the Latin do, and though the Latin are later, yet it has always been understood that the difference proceeds, more or less, from an explainable cause, but which we cannot comment on here. We can only reproduce the cautious words of the very able review of the *Times* of the 17th inst., as a justification of our own remarks. "We must own, in short, that the Revisers seem to us to have introduced a good many rather gratuitous alterations. For instance, we do not see what is gained in sense, while certainly something is lost in English, by such a change as that Herod 'learned of them carefully,' instead of 'inquired of them diligently;' or 'They, having heard the King, went their way,' instead of 'When they had heard the King they departed;' or 'All that were sick, holden with divers diseases,' for 'All sick people that were taken with divers diseases;' or 'the last farthing,' for 'the uttermost farthing;' or 'Having shut thy door,' for 'When thou hast shut thy door;' or 'In praying,' for 'When ye pray.' What good is obtained by altering 'that he may have to give to him that needeth,' into the awkward phrase 'that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need;' or 'Be ye followers of God, as dear children' into 'Be ye imitators of God, as beloved children?' The alteration of the venerable phrase, 'he shall save his people from their sins,' into 'it is he that shall save his people from their sins,' seems very questionable in sense as well as in sound. A multitude of little changes of this kind, while bringing no appreciable benefit in point of accuracy, arouse a general sense of unfamiliarity, and may give an uncomfortable feeling, if not something more, to the ordinary hearer. They are pedantic particularities of scholarship which will not promote the prospects of the version."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

AN ERROR IN THE LAST MAGAZINE.

Bro. Hughan very properly points out a little error of mine in reference to a curious tract I called attention to, and which seems to have arisen in this way. Though curiously enough I knew the entry in Kloss well, having marked it, as it stands in my copy, I looked simply to those pages of Kloss for tracts, &c., "for and against Freemasonry" from page 20 to page 56. The tract itself hardly properly comes under Kloss's heading of "Ritualistik," as no ceremonial is given in the work, and it is probably a pure "skit." Had I only turned over the pages from 124 to 155, I must speedily have lighted on my "old friend." This fact only shows how "errors" will creep in even in the most careful accounts, and the necessity and advisability of their being noted and corrected.

EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy has obtained a medal and a first-class award at the Melbourne International Exhibition.

CONSECRATION OF THE CITADEL LODGE, No. 1897.

The Province of Middlesex had a substantial addition made to its list of lodges on Saturday, the 14th inst., when the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, was consecrated at the Railway Hotel, Harrow. The province, so admirably ruled by Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, now consists of thirty-three lodges, and the importance of the event now under notice was greatly enhanced by the presence of the gallant Colonel, who performed the duties of Consecrating Officers ably assisted by Bros. Sir Charles Bright, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Rev. John Hawes, Prov. G. Chap.; and Henry C. Levander, G.J.D., Prov. G. Sec. There was a large and influential number of brethren present, and there is little doubt that the Citadel Lodge will prove an acquisition to the province.

The Prov. G.M. having appointed Bro. H. C. Levander, J.G.D., as S.W., and Bro. Henry Lovegrove, G. Supt. of Works Middx., J.W., proceeded to consecrate the lodge in the usual manner, and performed the ceremony in an admirable manner, taking occasion, in the introductory address, in a few earnest and plain sentences, to congratulate the W.M., Bro. Elias Somers, and the brethren on having obtained the warrant, and recommending the Wardens to assist the W.M. in keeping order in the lodge and assisting in the ceremonies; also to limit the number of members, and to be careful as to who were admitted, as after once admitting a member it was very difficult to exclude him. The gallant colonel then related a circumstance which had occurred in his experience of an individual being admitted who ought not to have been, and who, finding himself out of his position after being raised, wisely and judiciously retired from the lodge. Sir Francis concluded an admirable address by expressing the great honour and pleasure he felt in being asked to consecrate the Citadel Lodge, and his thanks to Bro. Terry and the various brethren for their kind assistance in the ceremony, including the services of the musical brethren.

The following oration, which was received with the deepest attention by the brethren, was impressively and eloquently given by the Rev. JOHN HAWES:—

Worshipful Master and brethren: It is a time-honoured custom whenever the foundation stone of a public building be laid for some person in authority to address a few remarks to those who are present at the ceremony with especial reference to the object for which they may be assembled; and if, instead of a material fabric, it be a society for promoting religious, moral, social, or political objects, the same course is observed, those purposes and the qualifications needed in the members being the topics mainly dwelt on. In accordance with this rule, it is my pleasing duty this day to speak very briefly on the nature and principles of Masonry. Most of the brethren whom I now address are no longer novices in Masonry, but men experienced in the Craft. They have long since passed through the various stages which are obligatory on us. Some, doubtless, have assisted at the consecration of a lodge; others not. However that may be, I feel assured that I shall have their cordial assent when I say that a return to, and a consideration of, first principles has a bracing and invigorating effect. The founders, the officers, the members of this lodge, have now an opportunity of facing anew the responsibilities which they are taking on themselves. They have to ask themselves whether they are prepared to maintain the ancient constitution of the Order or to allow innovations to be made, fatal to usefulness, and eventually to its existence. Now, brethren, the keystone of the arch of Masonry is the belief in the existence of a God. Remove that belief, and the entire edifice will come to the ground. I say nothing against the right of any man to hold what theological or anti-theological opinions he pleases. They are an affair between him and his Maker; but the man who says "There is no God" (as has been said in a neighbouring country in connection with Freemasonry) cannot, if he be honest and sincere in his convictions, seek an entrance into a Masonic lodge. It is this belief that renders our burdens in life easy, and enables us to perform the onerous duties which, whether here or elsewhere, we have to fulfil. All the members of this lodge will, I hope, in due course sit in the chair of King Solomon. Let them strive to follow his example in the brighter part of his career, and serve God with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, and He who searcheth the counsel of men's hearts continually will not fail to make His face shine upon them and bless them. We determine by our presence this day, and by the solemn service of consecration, that no change of the kind which has been effected elsewhere shall take place in the Order, and that we will have no fellowship with those who eliminate the Deity from the universe He has created. Every rite, every ceremony of Freemasonry is a symbol, having a tacit reference to the great doctrine of the existence of an Almighty Creator. The Prayer of Dedication bears testimony to the same truth. Let us then, brethren, never forget to acknowledge His presence. Let us say with him of old, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Let me add a few words upon the nature and principles of the Craft. It is not restricted to any profession or creed. It has nothing to do with sects or parties. It knows no difference between orthodox and heretodoxy. It embraces the world with its arms, and its duration is eternal. In every part of the globe you will find brethren who will share your joys and divide your sorrows. It appeals to the common sympathies of human nature, and excludes no tribe, no race, no kindred of man. The graces which are unknown to paganism find a permanent place in its system. Charity in its widest sense of love to man, of which almsgiving is a mere branch, and sympathy are the distinguishing characteristics of the Order. Brotherly love, relief, and truth find a prominent place in the heart of every true Mason. Brethren, to you this day will be entrusted the leading mysteries of the Craft. Now this word is very much misunderstood. It may mean either the mastery of some particular trade, as in the case of the great companies of the City of London, or its signification may be that in which it is used amongst us—the making known to an initiate of something before unknown. This is the sense in which the word is used by St. Paul, as also by profane writers. I cannot doubt that the founders, the officers, and members of this lodge, many of whom are distinguished in Masonry, by adequately insisting on this point, will secure a high place for it in the annals of Masonry, and that as years roll on their numbers will increase, because every initiate will distinctly comprehend the basis on which Masonry rests, and be the nucleus of a

fresh addition. Thus, the officers and members working together, every one who is initiated into the lodge, and every one who joins the lodge, will be satisfied that he will find his moral and social equals; that it is his high privilege to be united with those who adorn the Craft with every social virtue, and who work together in the love and harmony characteristic of the true Mason. The three active Masonic graces upon which our system is based may really be reduced to two, for relief necessarily springs from love, as the branches from the trunk of the parent tree. Like its theological counterpart *agape*, love includes in its wide sense compassion for the infirmities of others. It beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. The noble Charities of the Order will doubtless be liberally supported by you, but it is not your money only, but your time and business capabilities will be required. To see that money is properly applied is as essential as the gift of money itself. I thank you, brethren, for the attention you have paid to these few words, trite as they are. You have, brethren, the best wishes of the Craft that you may work together in peace and union for many years. Masonry is not without its witness where those graces are. It is a living power felt and seen by the world around. I commend you, brethren, to the favour and loving kindness of the Great Architect of the Universe. May He bless you and keep you; make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, and give you peace within and without the lodge, now and for evermore.

The musical portions of the ceremony were well rendered by Bros. J. Ion Cantle, James Kift, and other professional brethren.

After the consecration, the R.W.G.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. James Terry, who in his well known able manner installed Bro. Elias Somers, P.M. 1602, into the chair of K.S. Bro. Somers then appointed the following brethren to office: Bros. Henry William Mayes, J.W. 1769, S.W.; Theophilus Inman Bird, J.W.; Hurran, Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524, Sec.; Osborne, S.D.; Gregory (absent through a domestic affliction), J.D.; G. H. Gilham, I.G.; John Weston, D. of C.; and Verry, Tyler.

After Bro. Terry had delivered the customary addresses to the Master and Wardens, a cordial and hearty vote of thanks was passed, with the unanimous approval of the brethren, and recorded to Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart, Sir Charles Bright, and other brethren who had assisted at the ceremony.

Honorary membership of the lodge was then conferred on the R.W. Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., Rev. J. Hawes, H. C. Levander, James Terry, Henry Lovegrove, John Mason, and William Stephens, for which honour Sir Francis returned thanks. The name of Bro. Woodman, as a joining member, was then submitted, as also were the names of ten gentlemen for initiation.

The lodge was then closed, and after a brief interval, which was pleasantly spent by the brethren in the grounds attached to the hotel, or admiring the beautiful country around, the company assembled at the banquet table, where a dinner of most excellent quality was served.

After grace, which was said by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. Hawes, the customary toasts were proposed, but owing to the lateness of the hour, and the fact that the last train for London left at 10.41, they were given in brief terms and as briefly acknowledged. To the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was coupled the name of Bro. H. C. Levander, Junior Grand Deacon of England, who in able terms replied. The next toast was that of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Middlesex," to which Bro. Sir Charles Bright replied, regretting the absence of his chief, Sir Francis, who to reach Richmond that night had to leave by the 9.41 train. He, Sir Charles, had felt much satisfaction in being present at the consecration of the Citadel Lodge, and he was sure the working he had seen that day was a good omen for the future welfare of the lodge, to which he wished long life and prosperity.

Bro. H. C. LEVANDER, in proposing the next toast, that of "The W.M.," expressed the great pleasure it gave him to do so. Time would not permit him to descant upon the virtues of Bro. Somers, but the will must be taken for the deed. Most of those present were well acquainted with the ability of Bro. Somers, which he had so well displayed in other lodges. Bro. Levander concluded his remarks by wishing prosperity to the lodge and success to the ability of the W.M.

Bro. SOMERS having returned thanks, next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," to which Bro. the Rev. J. HAWES replied.

Bros. CLEMENT, DILLON, and GEORGE TIDCOMBE, jun., having acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," "The Health of the Installing Officer," to which was attached the Masonic Charities, was next given, coupled with the name of Bro. James Terry, who made a most eloquent and facetious reply.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Much disappointment was felt at the curtailment of a well arranged musical programme, owing to want of time.

The following were among the brethren present: Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Sir Charles Bright, Prov. Deputy G.M.; Henry C. Levander, G. Deacon Eng., P.G. Sec.; Rev. J. Hawes, Prov. G. Chap. Middx.; James Terry, Past Prov. G.J.W. Herts; Henry Lovegrove, Prov. G. S. of W. Middx.; John Mason, Past Prov. G.D. Middx.; George Tidcombe, jun., Prov. G.D. of C. Middx.; William Stephens, Past Prov. D. of C. Middx.; Alexr. Mullord, W.M. 1288; A. Clement, W.M. 1310; Fred. Brasted, W.M. 1524; A. King, P.M. 45; J. Jewitt Stephens, P.M. 206; R. Percy, P.M. 228; W. Angus, P.M. 619, 1310; James Garnar, P.M. 975; Charles A. Smith, P.M. 975; R. L. Sindall, I.P.M. 1293; G. H. Gilhams, P.M. 1032; J. J. Cantle, P.M. 1791; J. Andrews, S.D. 209; F. B. Page, 214; F. F. Odell, 861; W. Williams, 902; J. F. Rothschild, 1288; H. D. Martin, 1309; E. F. Lynn, 1310; Arthur Thomas, 1319; E. Woodman, 1524; R. H. Dillon, 1567; G. Church, 1567; James Kift, 1791; H. Sadler, P.M., Grand Tyler, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., read a paper on Wednesday evening at the meeting of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain, entitled "Suggestions for the Management of Cases of Small-pox and other Infectious Diseases in the Metropolis and other Large Towns."

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MACDONALD LODGE (No. 1216).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge rooms, at the head quarters of the First Surrey Volunteer Rifles, at Camberwell, on the 12th inst., when a large attendance of members and visitors testified to the interest taken in the continued progress of the Macdonald. Amongst those present were Bros. W. C. Hale, W.M.; D. A. Ross, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. A. Harper, J.W.; A. Styan, Treas.; W. J. Messenger, P.M. and Sec.; C. H. Nevill, J.D.; A. C. Bradley, J.D.; A. J. Style, A.D.C.; Alfred Youngman, I.G.; A. Woodcock, C.S.; Past Masters Charles Fountain, I.P.M.; James Stevens, Newington Bridges, D.C.; H. Hammond, M. S. Larham, and T. W. Carnell; also Bros. A. G. White, H. A. Price, H. Cuff, J. Curtis, A. H. Goggs, E. W. Dubois, W. S. Harvey, A. H. Mann, H. Ward, V. H. D'Avauz, R. Sandell, A. R. Cranch, T. P. Staley, T. V. Turner, F. P. Baxter, P. Yonge, F. Hutchins, and others. Visitors: G. W. J. King, W.M. 985; Thomas Preston, H. Goodman, H. J. M. Williams, W. S. R. Payne, all of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669; H. J. Thorn, D.C. 1818; F. le Rossignol, 1672; A. F. Sowrie, 1556; James Tulloch, 142; John Probert, P. M. British; A. Bertram, of the Great City, and Burcham Cooper, of the Ivy, 1441.

After the confirmation of the minutes and the passing to the F.C. Degree of the initiates in attendance, Bro. D. C. Ross, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., Bro. W. C. Hale, for installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S. by his immediate predecessor. The newly-installed Master appointed his officers in rotation, and Bro. Bridges, P.M., having delivered the customary addresses, the proceedings connected with the installation ceremony were completed. The Auditor's report met with a favourable reception, the balance in favour of the lodge being considered most satisfactory. After the dispatch of some routine business the W.M. announced to the brethren that he had made arrangements for the banquet to take place at the Bridge House Hotel, instead of the large mess room attached to headquarters, and he fully explained his reasons for this departure from former custom, and satisfied his hearers that his reasons were good and sufficient. Consequently, on the closing of the lodge, each brother present declared his agreement with the W.M. by accepting the accommodation provided in the conveyances then in waiting, and by means of which they speedily reached the banquet room prepared for them by Messrs. Roberts. We must candidly admit that, notwithstanding the hitherto good repute in which the festive gatherings of the Macdonald in their "mess room" have always been held, the contrast on this occasion, having regard to display and service, was greatly in favour of the view taken by the new W.M. that change was necessary. At all events, a more elaborate menu, with excellent wines and liberal attendance, could not have been desired, and the proprietors of the hotel deserved the expressions of satisfaction which their efforts to please called forth. After clearance of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, his remarks being greatly assisted by the appropriate Shakesperian quotations with which the menu card was liberally besprinkled. These were not of the usual character, but appeared to be a perfectly new series, and the result of much research on the part of the compiler, who, it was whispered to us, was the W.M. himself. Whether that be so or not the work was very creditable. The toast of "The W.M." was enthusiastically received, and in a manner which testified to his popularity. In reply, the W.M. again referred to the departure from former usage in leaving the lodge rooms for a distant hotel, and his remarks called forth a further endorsement of the policy he had adopted. "The Visitors," in responding for the compliment paid to them, also expressed their conviction that the best interests of the lodge would be advanced by the new arrangement. The customary acknowledgments of services of Past Masters and officers were made and duly responded to. The proceedings of a delightful evening were interspersed by excellent singing and recitals, amongst which may be particularly noticed the recitation by Bro. James Stevens, P.M. (the originator of the lodge), of the admirable Masonic poem "Masons' Vows," which he appears to have made quite his own. With the Tyler's toast this most enjoyable gathering came to a conclusion at a reasonable hour.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—The usual assembly of this very prosperous lodge was held at their ordinary place of meeting at the Spotted Dog. The W.M., Bro. A. W. Fenner, occupied the chair of K.S., and his officers being present, opened the lodge in due form. There was a large attendance of the members and Past Masters; among the latter were Bros. G. Brown, Andrews, John Bellamy, G. Steward, the first Master of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. A. H. Hickinson, S.W. 228; J. Myers, 405 (Scotland); W. Wright, 1524; W. G. Kent, P.S.W. 1297 (West Kent). The lodge having been opened, Bros. Tubefield and Morris were examined and made Master Masons. Having resumed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Sneath, and A. Hartman, and the brethren were unanimous in favour of each. Mr. H. D. Ellison, who had been previously balloted for, being present, each of the candidates were severally initiated in excellent form, the ceremonies in every case were most admirably worked, the various officers being one and all well up in the ritual, and the working of the ceremonies was rendered the more impressive by the excellent manner in which Bro. Sherrin, the Organist, discharged his duties. The W.M., Bro. Fenner, and his officers were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for the summer banquet.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 19th inst., when Bro. Pennefather, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The business of the meeting consisted of two ceremonies, Bros. Thornton, Brasher, and Cooper being raised, and Messrs. Chamber and Wareham, who had been successfully balloted for, being initiated. Both ceremonies were performed in Bro. Pennefather's usual excellent manner, who, on rising, received the congratulations of the visitors and members.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Freemasons' Tavern. After the cloth had been cleared, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The next toast was that of "The Initiates," who returned their thanks. Bro. T. Adams, acting I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," complimenting him on his great success up to the present time. They all knew the modesty of their W.M., and he would refrain from saying more, but ask them to join him in drinking his health. The W.M. returned thanks for the reception of this toast at the hands of the brethren, and was sure they would all give him credit for trying to do his best for the lodge. He had great pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Visitors." They were honoured by three visitors that night, viz. Bros. Lazarus, 1017; Stafford, 1366; and J. F. Van Raalte, W.M. 917. The toast was received with full Masonic honours, and the visitors responded. The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s." Bros. Elliott and Adams replied. Next followed the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge." Bros. Lardner, Howes, Stephens, W. Butt, Greenwood, and Snow returned thanks. "The Lay Members" was then given, to which Bro. King replied, stating that he was doing his best to learn lodge duties, should he be called upon at any time to discharge them, and thanked the W.M., visitors, and officers for the kindly reception the toast had received. The Tyler's toast followed. In addition to the brethren mentioned there were also present Bros. Renaut, Wilkinson, McKay, Walter, Silver, T. Butt, Milton, Gaskin, W. G. Smith, and others. The W.M. was ably supported by his Wardens, Bros. Malthouse, S.W., and M. Butt, J.W.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—Another agreeable meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the rooms, No. 34, Denmark-street, on Monday, the 23rd inst., when there was a capital muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened at 7.15 p.m. by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; E. Liddell, S.W.; E. W. Middlemast, J.W.; W. Brewis Eldson, Treas.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; Thos. Dinning, as S.D.; W. M. Pybus, J.D.; E. Shewbrooks, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Dalrymple, J.S.; and J. Curry, Tyler. Amongst the brethren in attendance were Bros. D. Sinclair, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbett, P.M.; M. H. Dodds, W.M. 1119; W. Leach, M. J. Wheatley, Jos. Ivison, R. Brason, W. Richardson, T. Nichol, Robt. Tate, R. T. Swallow, John Page, P.M. 406; Jas. Cook, P.M. 481; W. F. Carman, 481; J. Heppell, 240; J. A. Dixon, J.D. 1626; Thos. Dinning, J.S. 481; W. L. Welis, 431; W. Cooper, I.P.M. 1432; A. Simpson, 406; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot box was freely used, and the following brethren were unanimously elected as subscribers: Bros. J. A. Dixon, 1626; A. Simpson, 406; and W. A. Smith, 240. There were also duly elected Messrs. Jacob Atkinson, George Parker, and William Clark Thomlinson, all of whom being in attendance were regularly initiated into the mysteries by the W. Master. The working tools were explained by the J.W., and the charge was given in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. M. Corbett, P.M., was elected for the third time to represent the lodge on the Charities Committee for the province. A vote of condolence was unanimously agreed to be sent to the family of the late Bro. Anthony Clapham, P.M., whose decease was announced since last meeting. Four brethren were proposed as joining members, and two names were submitted as initiates, after which heavy programme of work—present and prospective—the lodge was closed at 9.15 p.m.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the refreshment board, and a happy evening was spent until 11 p.m., when the company dispersed.

NORWICH.—Social Lodge (No. 93).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, No. 23, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros Hugh Fox, W.M.; G. Jewson, S.W.; W. W. Lake, J.W.; W. H. Smith, S.D.; W. V. Wilson, acting J.D.; G. W. G. Barnard, acting I.G.; J. B. Bridgman, I.P.M.; J. Dunsford, P.M.; P.P.G.P., D. of C.; J. J. Commins, P.M.; P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. Brittain, P.M. 93, 213, 1500, P.P.G.O., Org.; R. Gum, P.M.; P. G. Tyler, Steward; Joshua Morse, Tyler; H. Thouless, P.M.; P.P.G.S.D.; R. Kent, P.M.; P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Moore, P.M.; J. Coleby, C. Cunnell, H. J. Brooks, Wilkin, E. Pepper, R. H. Fox, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. S. N. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. J. Mackby, P.M.; P.P.G.A.D. of C.; J. Weyer, P.G. Steward, 1500; T. C. Atkinson, P.M. 1648, P.P.G.O. West Yorks; and J. W. Browne, 807 (Freemason). The lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then passed Bro. Brookes to the Degree of F.C. in an exceedingly efficient manner. The lodge was afterwards closed in ancient form.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent supper had been prepared, and upon the removal of the cloth honoured the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts, which were interspersed with some excellent singing, notably that of Bros. Brookes, Thouless, and T. C. Atkinson, the latter rendering that pleasing ballad "The Irish Emigrant" in an exquisite and beautiful manner. The brethren separated shortly after eleven o'clock, having spent a very enjoyable evening. This is a very prosperous lodge and is efficiently worked.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. W. Nicholl, presided, supported by his officers and some twenty other brethren, including three visitors. When the lodge had been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. passed Bro. Berry to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Dawson, P.M., assumed the chair, and raised Bro. Jolly to the Sublime Degree of a M.M.

When the lodge was closed the brethren partook of supper, and spent the remainder of the evening most pleasantly together. During the evening Bro. John Bladon, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C., appeared on the scene, and was warmly greeted and congratulated on all sides on his appointment and investiture that day at Blackburn, by the Prov. Grand Master, Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, as Asst. Director of Ceremonies.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Wilkins, who was supported by the following officers, visitors, and others: Bros. J. Warren, I.P.M.; J. Rowland, P.M.; G. Crawford, P.M.; W. Bowles, P.M.; A. Woodley, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, S.W.; G. Beaver, J.W.; T. Butt, Treasurer and P.M.; C. S. Norman, Secretary and P.M.; J. H. Roberts, S.D.; W. Ross, I.G.; C. Sweeting, D.C.; W. J. Bidgood, Organist; W. Moulder, W.M. 829; J. Teas, 1096; J. Hole, 780; J. B. Gibson, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913, and I.G. 1472 (Freemason). There was no business before the lodge except the balloting for a candidate, who, however, did not put in an appearance. The minutes and accounts having been passed, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren having partaken of a neat little collation, admirably served by Bro. Moulder, cordially responded to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Warren then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that it was one that would meet with a spontaneous and hearty reception from all present. The geniality, good temper, and energy of their W.M., combined with the excellent example he had set in the work and management of the lodge, had strongly impressed him (Bro. Warren), and he believed that if Bro. Wilkins had had greater opportunities he would have both delighted and as strongly impressed them with the extent of his close attention to the lessons of the Past Masters, whose pupil he had been, both privately and at the lodge of instruction. Bro. Wilkins had one night more to resign over them, and he, Bro. Warren, felt that he would leave the chair with the best wishes of every member of the lodge, and that they would own that he had discharged his duties with credit to himself and honour to the lodge. Bro. Wilkins, in response, thanked Bro. Warren for his graceful compliment, and the brethren for their expression of it in the same brotherly and courteous manner that had ever distinguished them. He could not help feeling a regret that he had not had more to do during the past year. Without new blood it was almost impossible to keep up the prestige of a lodge, while at the same time the addition of it materially added to its strength and importance. What there had been to do he had done to the best of his ability, and had been aided admirably by every officer of the lodge. The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and in giving it, the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the number of Past Masters present, especially at the presence of the father of the Past Masters, Bro. J. Rowland. He was pleased to see him once more restored to health, and trusted he would once more resume the interest in the lodge that had been always so conspicuously shown by him in times past. Bro. Wilkins also spoke highly of Bros. Warren and Norman, who had been of incalculable service to him while working up to the chair, and to the whole of the Past Masters the thanks of the lodge were due. After a reply from Bro. Warren, Bro. Rowland regretted that his illness, almost without cessation since last Christmas, had prevented his attendance, but he could assure them that his heart had always been with them in spirit, and their kind and cordial reception of his name that night proved to him that he had not been forgotten by them. He congratulated the W.M. upon the excellent name he bore as a true "Nelson" worker, and hoped to be spared for many years, either to assist at or rejoice in the prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Bowles endorsed every word that had fallen from his colleague, and Bro. Butt said, "For these and other mercies please receive my most earnest thanks." The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by the brethren above named, and Bro. Hobson replied for "The Officers," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Portland-square, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. J. Coverdale, W.M.; E. G. Burrows, S.W.; G. M'ullen, J.W.; G. Brooker, P.M. and Treasurer, Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.M., and Chaplain; J. Wood, P.M.; J. T. Salkeld, P.M.; T. Dixon, P.M.; P. de E. Collin, P.M.; W. Carlyle, P.M.; H. Irving, P.M.; J. Thompson, Secretary; W. Whitehead, S.D.; A. Osbaldiston, I.G., and about twenty others. The following visitors were also present: Bros. T. C. Robinson, W.M. 1002; and W. L. Lamony, P.M. 1002.

After the minutes were confirmed, the next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. D. Recce, a P.M. of the lodge, was unanimously elected to the important position. Bro. Brooker, P.M., was likewise again re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Tromgear, Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. and Chaplain, was also re-appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, after which the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and spent a couple of hours in toast, song, and sentiment.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this excellently-conducted lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday, the 16th inst., when there assembled a numerous and highly-influential array of brethren. The W.M., Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, was in his place at the commencement of the proceedings, and he was well supported by Bros. Henry A. Tobais, I.P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; Alex. Levy, Dist. G. Treas., P.M.; S. Schonstadt, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; P.P.G. Reg.; M. Aronsberg, S.W.; M. P. Tueski, J.W.; Maurice Hart, P.M., Treas.; J. Saber, Sec.; D. Gabrielsen, S.D.; H. M. Silver, I.G.; B. Levy, M.C.; M. Baum, S.S.; P. S. Levy, J.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The list of members present included the names of Bros. B. Wolf, F. Hooker, J. Winsor, L. Jackson, H. Ellis, Professor Prag, H. Archer, A. Levy, H. de Frece, R. Johnson, M. Parkes, E. Tate, J. Phillips, J. Mitton, R. Abraham, H. Gabriel, A. Lyons, E. Capstick, M. Threefeld, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; H. M. Quick, 1380; J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M. 1609; I. de Frece, 1609; W. J. Daly, 405; W. Savage, J.W. 1609; J. Hamilton, 360; G. Ratcliffe, 1380; J. Winsor, 241; S. Butterworth, 1547; and R. Reader, I.P.M. 292.

The W.M. most impressively raised Bro. Hooker to the Degree of a M.M., and before the lodge was closed, the sum of £10 was voted from the funds towards the contribu-

tions of the brethren in aid of the Boys' School, London, which Bro. Hart, P.M., Treas., will take up as a Steward at the coming festival. The balance-sheet in connection with the ball recently held at the Adelphi Hotel showed a balance of upwards of £50, which was handed over to the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge.

A banquet followed business, and amongst the toasts was that of "The Worshipful Master," of whom Bro. H. A. Tobais, I.P.M., spoke in the highest terms, and wished him the greatest amount of happiness as the result of his approaching marriage. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M., thanked Bro. Tobias and the members of the lodge for their exceedingly kind congratulations and brotherly wishes. The proceedings of the evening were brought to a close at an early hour.

BOGNOR.—Gordon Lodge (No. 1726).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, there being a good attendance of members and also several visitors. The retiring W.M., Bro. R. T. Turner, vacated the chair, and in due form installed as his successor, Bro. Arthur Smith, Prov. Grand Steward, a gentleman who has been long associated with Masonry, in which he has attained much proficiency. Bro. Smith, it may be mentioned, served last year with distinction as W.M. of the old Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester. After returning thanks for the election to the chief place in his native town, he proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. R. T. Turner, I.P.M.; A. G. Harvie, S.W.; H. N. Travers, J.W.; J. A. Swornsbourne, Sec. and Treas.; A. T. Long, S.D.; Causton, J.D.; E. Wood, I.G.; and J. Bishop, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel, when the customary banquet took place. The newly installed W.M. was supported by the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Sussex, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart, M.P.; the W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 38, Bro. R. G. Raper, P.P.J.G.W.; and the W.M. of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 551, Bro. Skindle. About fifty sat down, including several visitors from Lodges Union, No. 38, Hova Ecclesia, No. 1466, St. Cecilia, No. 1636, and others. The proceedings were of an enjoyable nature. Bro. Kenningham, of St. Paul's Cathedral choir, was engaged as vocalist, and sang several songs in a delightful manner.

NORTH WALSHAM.—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Angel Hotel on Wednesday, the 11th inst., under the gavel of its respected W.M., Bro. G. P. Plumbly, assisted by his officers, as follows: Bros. F. B. Quinton, P.M. 213, 1500, 1808, P.P.A.G.D. of C., P.G.R.; Alfred Woolbright, S.W.; G. W. Rogers, J.W.; D. G. F. Gaul, S.D.; Horace Randall, J.D.; N. B. Webster, I.G.; E. Hollidge, Tyler; Charles Barnes, Sec.; Dixon, Org.; C. J. Campling, W. Sutton, J. C. Firman, P.M.; J. C. Firman, jun., G. Fitt, Edward Pugh, R. Palmer, W. H. Horner, E. B. Ridgway, and W. S. Juniper.

The lodge having been regularly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. J. H. Fish and Mr. R. J. Perfit as candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous, but for some reason both were unavoidably absent. The W.M. then in a most efficient manner proceeded to pass Bros. Horner, Ridgway, and Juniper to the Second, or F.C. Degree, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The remainder of the evening was spent in a very jovial manner.

HARROW.—Citadel Lodge (No. 1897).—A lodge of emergency was held on Saturday, the 21st inst., at the Railway Hotel, Harrow, when there were present Bros. E. Somers, W.M.; H. W. Mayes, S.W.; T. I. Bird, J.W.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. Osborn, S.D.; H. W. Gregory, J.D.; G. H. Gilham, I.G.; J. Verry, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Von Holtorp, sen. (the father of one of the candidates), an old Mason of thirty years standing.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. invested Bro. Gregory (unavoidably absent at the consecration meeting) as J.D. Ballot was then taken for several candidates for initiation, and Messrs. Osborn, Von Holtorp, Carter, and Cole, being in attendance, were regularly initiated into Freemasonry.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening spent in social enjoyment. This lodge promises to be a great success, and the W.M. and officers are promised plenty of Masonic work for some time to come.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge took place at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Present: Bros. Brittain, W.M.; Pocock, S.W.; Bué, J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; E. W. Haines, S.D.; H. Clay Sudlow, Preceptor, and other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was then gone through, and Bro. Langton was duly raised to the Degree of M.M. After a section had been worked the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

SOUTHEND - ON - SEA.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—This flourishing chapter held its annual installation meeting at the Terminus Hotel on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Ex. Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch, M.E.Z., presided at the opening of the chapter. After the conclusion of the ordinary preliminaries, Bro. Dr. Thos. King, M.D., P.M. 160, P.P.G.P. Essex, was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree, the three lectures being delivered from the respective chairs. Ex. Comp. Jas. Terry, P.Z. 174, Prov. G.D.C. Herts, in a very able and impressive manner, installed Comp. W. Pessly in the chair of Z.; Comp. E. Judd, as H.; and Comp. Dr. G. F. Jones, as J.; after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Principal for his services. The following were invested officers: Comps. Rev. H. J. Hatch, I.P.Z.; J. A. Wardell, P.Z., Scribe E.; F. Wood, Scribe N.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; J. F. F. Wiseman, Prin. Soj.; and A. Martin, Janitor.

There were also present, amongst others, Comps. Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.Z.; C. Palmer, H. Luker, J. M. Farr, and H. Beecher. Visitor: Comp. W. G. Brighten, P.Z. 73, 1339.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts followed. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch for his able services as M.E.Z. during the past year. Comp. Jas. Terry, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, returned thanks on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).

The regular meeting of this chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Monday, the 21st inst. Present: Ex. Comp. Henry Longman, M.E.Z.; Wm. Duff, H.; Jas. Ellershaw, J.; Comps. Stanton, S.E.; Kelland, S.N.; Jos. E. Hannah, as P.S.; W. W. Wilde, A.S.; Thos. Bayley, A.S.; and others. The muster-roll having been called, and the minutes read and confirmed, the Scribe E. gave notice of motion that the sum of two guineas be given to the Hervey Testimonial Fund. The chapter was then closed in due form.

INSTRUCTION.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—As the meetings of this eminent chapter of improvement are drawing to a close for the season the concluding meetings are more numerous attended, and by some of the most skilful R.A. Masons to be found in the metropolitan district. This was particularly the case on the 17th inst., when the gathering at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, was more numerous than usual. This was to be accounted for on account of a double attraction which had been previously announced, commencing in the first instance with a rehearsal of the ceremony of the installation of the Three Principals by Comp. Turquand, to be followed as usual by the ceremony of exaltation. Now as the formal induction of the Three Principals is seldom witnessed in a chapter of instruction this event was looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. The chapter having been finally opened Comp. Turquand assumed his position as M.E.Z., and in a most masterly manner installed Comp. Field, the newly installed M.E.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, into the first chair, and the beautiful ritual of this Degree was rendered in a manner that elicited the warmest commendations, for seldom is it seen performed so well. The next part of the business was the installation of Comp. Storr into the chair of H., and that was followed by the placing of Comp. Catterson into the chair of J., each of these latter ceremonies being equally well performed. The whole of the work done gave the most complete satisfaction. The convocation of Installed Principals being closed, the companions below the chair were admitted, and the ordinary business of exaltation was proceeded with. The officers present were: Comps. R. Payne, Z.; J. Payne, H.; Chicken, J.; Maidwell, S.N.; M'Dowell, P.S.; T. Brown, S.E. and Preceptor; and Comps. Kirke, Turquand, Massa, Storr, Field, H. Thompson, W. Fraser, Taylor, C. Pulman, Lardner, Turner, Goodenough, King, Veal, Catterson, Edwards, J. S. Fraser, and others.

The ceremony of exaltation was then worked, Comp. Storr being the candidate, the whole of the Principals being well up to their duties. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Comp. Turquand, for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of exaltation of the Principals, which is one seldom to be witnessed outside a regular chapter, which that worthy companion acknowledged. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing fortnight, when the session will be brought to a close: Comps. Massa, Z.; J. Payne, H.; Maidwell, J.; R. Payne, S.N.; Goodenough, P.S. The chapter was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 211).

This lodge met for the dispatch of business on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Among those in attendance were W. Bros. E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey, W.M.; W. Taylor, P.P.G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, I.P.M.; W. Hammond, P.G.S., P.M.; T. B. Walls, P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, J.W.; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and several letters from absent members read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned.

ROCK FERRY.—Egerton Lodge (No. 165).

The annual festival of the above lodge was held at the Royal Rock Hotel on Saturday, the 21st inst., when Bro. J. R. Ross was installed W.M.M. by Bro. E. Friend. The new W.M.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Henry Jones, S.W.; C. S. Dean, J.W.; S. Forrest, M.O.; J. R. Keene, S.O.; Edward Friend, Sec.; and F. L. Bolton, Treas.

Among the visitors were Bros. F. K. Stevenson, Jesse Banning, 161, P.S.W.; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.J.D.; J. G. Adams, 65; J. L. Romthwaite, A. M'Millan, John Edwards, and others.

The brethren of this lodge and of the Provincial Grand Lodge afterwards dined together in the assembly room, presided over by the R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P. An excellent dinner was provided by Mrs. Page, of the Rock Ferry Hotel.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).

The annual festival of this influential council was held on the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, T.I.M.; T. C. Walls, R.I.D.M.; T. Poore, R.I.P.C. of W.; F. Davison, R.I.G. Treas.; D. M. Dewar, R.I.G.R.; A. Williams, Marshal; T. Meggy, Marshal; J. E. Anderson, Stwd.; R. L. Loveland, Sentinel; S. Rawson, R. H. Thrupp, G. Powell, Dr. Ramsey, G. Cooper, R. Rosenthal, R. P. Spice, Rev. J. F. Ravenshaw, Major Dunbar, E. Howard, H. J. Lardner, H. Venn, J. Moon, H. Dicketts, and others.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the following brethren were appointed and invested as officers for the year ensuing, by Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, W.M.: Bros. Walls, D.M.; T. Poore, P.C. of W.; F. Davison, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; H. C. Levander, C. of G.; A. Williams, C. of G.; Rev. W. S. Moses, Chap.; T. Cubitt, J. E. Anderson, and G.

Graveley, Marshals; R. L. Loveland and F. Hedges, Stewards; Berridge, Warden; and Adams, Sentinel.

Several communications having been read, and the sum of five guineas voted to Bro. Walls, Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, the council was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth "The Health of the Queen" was loyally proposed by the T.I.M., and heartily responded to. The toast of "The Thrice Illustrious Master" was given by the D.M., and enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Portal, in reply, expressed his gratification in witnessing the steady progress of the Degree. The position of the Grand Masters' Council was undeniably good, thanks to the exertions of the officers. Last year they had introduced upwards of twenty candidates into the council, and he sincerely hoped that a similar result would crown their efforts in the coming year. Personally he felt flattered at the very hearty way in which his health had been proposed and received, and he would endeavour, as far as his clerical and other duties would allow, to attend their regular meetings. "The Health of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, followed. The recipient of this honour having duly acknowledged the compliment, the toast of "The Officers of the Grand Masters' Council" was most warmly proposed by the T.I.M. He spoke at some length upon the valuable services of Bro. Dewar, who had been instrumental in introducing a great number of very distinguished Masons into the Degree, and he believed that no officer could be found better able to discharge the duties of Recorder. (Applause.) The T.I.M. then went on to speak of the other officers of the council, notably Bro. Davison, the Treasurer, and Bro. Poore, the C. of W., both of whom had devoted their best energies to further the cause. This toast having been honoured, Bro. Dewar in a modest speech responded upon behalf of himself and colleagues. The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Scotland.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. There were present Bros. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Deputy Grand Master, acting R.W.G.M. for Sir Michael Shaw Stewart; R. F. Shaw Stewart, S.G.W.; Earl of Haddington, J.G.W.; Rev. T. N. Wannop, G. Chap.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Kinnear, G. Cashier; George Fisher, G. Bible Bearer; Capt. John Lambie, J.G.D.; William Officer, Representative P.M. of Grand Lodge of Egypt and Lybraria; Alex. Hay, Proxy District G.M. New South Wales; Dalrymple Duncan, Substitute Prov. G.M. Glasgow; R. R. Lisenden, 317, Manchester (*Freemason*), and about 130 other brethren.

Grand Lodge was formally opened soon after 4 o'clock, and after the usual preliminary business had been settled, it was decided, on the motion of a brother, that at the election of all candidates for initiation into lodges throughout Scotland three black balls should exclude.

The motion of Bro. GEORGE FISHER, Grand Bible Bearer, that the words "Inner Guard and" be deleted from the second line of Section II. of Chapter 21 of Grand Lodge Laws was agreed to.

We may state that the object of the motion was to raise the status of Prov. Grand Inner Guard, and attach to the office the right to vote in Prov. Grand Lodge.

A resolution, moved by Bro. A. C. PATERSON, R.W.M. No. 103, to the effect "that the Grand Committee be elected by the Provincial Grand Lodges, and vary the representation according to the number of lodges in each, so that all might be represented," was negatived.

A proposition by the same brother, "that the Grand Lodge meet alternately in Perth, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Glasgow, or Edinburgh," was withdrawn.

Notices of motion for next meeting of Grand Lodge were given in and duly taken account of by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge was afterwards closed at 5.30.

Through the courtesy of Bro. Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary, we were privileged to inspect the various objects of interest in the building, not the least being the signature of Robert Burns in the attendance book of a lodge which the poet had visited.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creation in the chair.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. WOODFORD called the attention of the Chairman to a circular issued by Bro. Massa, in which reference was made to the late Grand Treasurer, and asked him whether it was decent or becoming that disparaging reference should be made to a dead man. Those who were living could defend themselves; but he thought it was highly indecent that such references should be made to a man who was dead long before any of the questions referred to by Bro. Massa took place.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said it was not only indecent, but he would go further and say that it was very indecent. Bro. MASSA attempted to explain, but was stopped by the Chairman.

Some candidates were afterwards placed on the list for election in October.

The brethren then proceeded to elect the House Committee for the ensuing year. The poll was closed at five o'clock, with the following result:—

Bro.	Votes.
Bro. Peter de Lande Long	140
Edmund C. Mather	140
Joshua Nunn	140
John A. Rucker	139
Lieut.-Col. James Peters	138
Griffiths Smith	138
Charles Hammerton	137
Frank Richardson	137
Alfred H. Tattershall	137
Edward Letchworth	136
William Hope, M.D.	135
Henry A. Dubois	134
John Edward Shand	33
William Hale	9
J. B. Lemaitre	4

The first twelve of the brethren were declared duly elected.

Ireland.

THE ROYAL MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

On the 12th inst. the Countess of Cowper presided at the distribution of prizes to the successful candidates of this useful and increasing Institution. The presentation took place in the "Exhibition Palace," specially prepared with great effect for the gathering, and in the presence of 4815 persons.

The following officers of the Irish Grand Lodge received the Countess and the Vice Regal staff: Right Worshipful Bro. R. W. Shackleton, B.C., D.G.M., as well as Bros. Robert Warren, D.L., R.W. Grand Treasurer; Right Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, R.W. Grand Chaplain; Theophilus E. St. George, W. Senior Grand Deacon; George A. Stephens, J.P., W. Grand Superintendent of Works; Harry Hodges, W. Grand Director of Ceremonies; John T. Banks, M.D., W. Grand Steward; James Creed Meredith, LL.D., Grand Sword Bearer; Charles F. Phillips, W. Grand Organist; W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., W. Grand Inner Guard; Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer; and Archibald St. George, Assistant Secretary. There were also present the officers of Grand Chapter, as well as a large number of distinguished brethren.

We unfortunately cannot find room for the interesting speeches this week, of which a full account appears in the *Dublin Daily Express* of May 14th, kindly forwarded to us.

The Countess having proceeded to a dais in the Transept, her Excellency distributed the prizes to the successful pupils, as follows:—

The Fennell prize, value £3, founded by a donation from Lodge No. 248, Roscommon, in memory of Bro. John Fennell, a P.M. of that lodge, for the best answering in scripture, geography, grammar, and English history, was awarded to Catherine A. Johnston. The Astley prizes, founded in memory of the late Bro. Charles D. Astley, Grand Superintendent of Works, consist of two divisions, two prizes being given in each. In the first division for English, comprising spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic, the first prize, value £2, was awarded to Catherine A. Johnston; the second, value £1, to Eleanor E. Burton. In the second division, for French, no first prize was awarded. Two second prizes, value fifteen shillings each, were awarded to Lillian Hay and Mabel Barnwell. The Nagle prizes, founded by members of Lodge 242, Boyle, in memory of Bro. James R. Nagle, M.D., for many years Secretary of that lodge, are awarded for general proficiency and good conduct throughout the year. That for the first class, value £3, was won by Catherine A. Johnston, and that in the second class, value £2, by Annie Browne. The good conduct medals (silver and bronze), presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, Deputy Grand Secretary, were won by Susanna Rapson and Mary Close. These medals are awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves, for general good conduct, amiability, and kindness to their fellow pupils. The ladies' committee prize, for general household work, was awarded to Margaret Buckley, in the first class, and to Mercy Robinson, in the second class. The matron's prize, for general tidiness, was won in the first class by Anna Butler, and in the second class by Annie Browne. Prizes for calisthenics, awarded by Bro. Sergeant Major Gartland—first to Laura Bradburne; second to Lillie Alexander.

The general school prizes were as follows:

Third Class.—Jane Grice—Second in spelling and writing; Isabella Alexander—First in history, geography, and Scripture; Susanna Ranson—First in recitation, writing, spelling, and arithmetic; second in reading, grammar, and good conduct; Annie Browne—First in grammar, reading, arithmetic, drawing, Scripture, geography, and good conduct; second in history and spelling.

Second Class.—Rose A. M'Cook—Second in history, recitation, spelling, and needlework; and special for Scripture; Fanny Dawson—Second in history, reading, writing, spelling, and Scripture; first in geography; Mabel Barnwell—Second in geography, writing, and French; first in spelling, drawing, and music, theory, second in practice; Sarah Browne—Second in grammar and Scripture; first in arithmetic, history, reading, and recitation; Kathleen Tandy—First in writing and music—practice; second in needlework.

First Class.—Susan Green—Second in history, reading, and writing; first in geography; Emily Burton—Second in arithmetic, drawing, and music—theory; first in recitation and reading; Laura Bradburne—First in history, spelling, and dictation; Edith M'Allister—Second in grammar and writing; first in drawing; Margaret Buckley—Second in recitation; first in needlework and music—theory; Lillian Hay—First in Scripture and writing; second in needlework; Catherine A. Johnston—First in grammar, spelling, good conduct, and arithmetic; second in Scripture and geography; Mary Close—First in Scripture and second in spelling; and Anna Butler—First in Scripture and good conduct.

BOYS' PRIZES.

George S. Hitchcock—The school silver medal, and the first prize for general merit; Henry Keily—Second prize for general merit; John A. Johnston—Third prize for general merit, and second prize in French; William S. Little—Fourth prize for general merit, and special prize for long tots, given by Bro. R. W. Griffin, LL.D.; William S. Steele—Prize for general progress in lower division; Henry M. Stephenson—Prize for general good conduct; Herbert K. Irvine—Prize for interest in tidiness of school premises; Thomas H. Barnwell—Prize for drawing; Henry Rountree—First prize in French. The Ashley Prize, value £5, was awarded to Wills Ballantine; Special prizes for writing, given by Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald: first class, Henry Rountree; second class, Henry Stephenson; third class, Henry Smith; Special prizes for English composition, given by Bro. Robert O'Brien Furlong: first class, George S. Hitchcock; second class, Charles Topham; third class, John A. M'Comb. The Oldham Good Conduct Medals were awarded by the boys themselves to Alfred H. Berney (silver) and Henry Rountree (bronze).

This concluded the proceedings, and the Countess Cowper was escorted to her carriage by the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers. It should be mentioned that during the evening several of the girls played musical selections on the pianoforte with very great precision and skill.

Masonic Tidings.

Bro. John Wilson, P.M. and Treasurer of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, and station agent of the Staines Junction of the Windsor and Reading branches of the South-Western Railway, has been presented with £217, as a testimonial subscribed by the residents and tradespeople of Staines, as an acknowledgment of his long service and courtesy. Bro. John Wilson has been in the service of the South-Western Company some thirty-two years, and more than twenty at Staines Junction. Through his kindness and ability he has increased the comforts of the constant travellers and passengers, and we are heartily pleased to hear that the inhabitants have testified to his merits. Bro. Wilson has been a member of the Craft a large number of years.

In our list of the Girls' School subscriptions last week Bro. C. Pulman was represented as Steward for Bedford Lodge, No. 157. It should have been Bedford Chapter, No. 157.

Bros. James Terry and Henry Lovegrove were elected honorary members of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, at the consecration meeting, a fact inadvertently omitted in our last.

At a meeting of Masons at Alexandria, Va., U.S.A., recently, a resolution was adopted tendering to Peyton S. Cole, Grand Master of the Order in Virginia, to be used by him at the Yorktown centennial, the apron and sash worn by General Washington during his service as Master of the lodge. The apron and sash—the handiwork of Mrs. General Lafayette—were presented to General Washington by General Lafayette during his visit to Mount Vernon in 1784, and on the 3rd of June, 1812, Major Lawrence Lewis presented them to Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22, together with the box, made in France, which contained them. The apron and sash were worn by Washington at the laying of the south-east corner-stone of the United States Capitol, in 1793.—*Rochester Democrat*.

Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette will act as Chairman of the reconstituted Christ's Hospital Athletic Sports Committee.

W. Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Oxfordshire, assisted by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, will consecrate the Thames Lodge, No. 1895, at the Masonic Rooms, Henley-on-Thames, on Thursday, June 9th, at one o'clock p.m. precisely. A banquet will be held at the Red Lion Hotel at 3.30. The officers designate are Bros. Rev. Darrell H. W. Horlock, 357, P.M. 1036 and 789, P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, P.P.G. Reg. Oxon, W.M.; Robert T. Hodge, 357, P.P.G.S. of W. Oxon, S.W.; and Archibald Bracksphear, J.W.

The Fifteen Sections were worked by the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday last.

The Half-yearly Communication and twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at the Masonic Rooms, the Criterion, Piccadilly, at 3.30 p.m., when Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker will be installed Most Worshipful Grand Master. A musical selection will be given during dinner, and a concert will take place in the evening, at which the services of eminent professionals have been secured, under the direction of Bro. Professor E. M. Lott, Grand Organist.

The Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of California has 1271 bound volumes, aggregating 632,344 pages, averaging nearly 500 pages to a volume. In addition to these there are a large number of pamphlets on hand, which, if a comparatively few missing years could be procured, would, when bound, considerably increase the number and antiquity of our books of that class.

Bro. Herman J. Huiskamp, of Fort Madison, has presented the Library Association of Keokuk, Iowa, with a portrait in oil of Bro. Robert F. Bower, the Gen. Grand High Priest of the G.G. Chapter of the United States.

Bro. Sir D. Gooch, M.P., presided at a special general meeting of the Great Western Railway Company held on Thursday last, at Paddington Station, to consider Bills before Parliament.

A new weekly financial journal has been started, under the title of *Money*. It is printed and published by Bro. Judd and Co., of St. Andrew's-hill.

Bro. Irving announces that the season at the Lyceum will close on July 23rd, before which he will appear in "Othello," "The Belle's Statagem," "Hamlet," "The Merchant of Venice," "Charles I.," "The Bells," and "Eugene Aram." The dates for each are duly arranged, and those who want to book their seats for any particular performance can do so.

Bro. David James made his re-appearance at the Vaudeville in Byron's new comedy, "Punch," on Thursday evening. Mr. Faren, Mr. Maclean, Miss Sophie Larkin, and Miss Kate Bishop are also included in the cast.

The installation meeting of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, was held at the Agricultural Hall, on Friday, the 27th inst., when Bro. John Osborn was installed W.M.

At the stated Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on the 5th inst., R.W. Bro. Robert William Shekleton, Q.C., D.G.M., in the chair, a report from the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School having been read by the R.W. Bro. C. Capel Macnamara, LL.D., Honorary Secretary, it was proposed by R.W. Bro. the Rev. Joseph A. Galbraith, S.F.T.C.D., Representative from the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Kentucky, seconded by W. Bro. the Right Hon. George Moyers, LL.D., Lord Mayor of Dublin, Junior Grand Deacon, and resolved unanimously: "That the report of the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School, now read, be forwarded by the Deputy Grand Secretary to the Secretaries of the Provincial Grand Lodges and subordinate lodges upon the register, with a request that the same may be read from the chair at the next meeting of their respective lodges, and commended to the liberality of the Order."

Bro. Alderman Hadley has consented to become Treasurer of the Provident Surgical Appliance Society.

Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., has been appointed to the command of the Customs Artillery.

The subscription for the revised version of the New Testament has been enormous: over a million copies.

The Lord Mayor, M.P., will pay a visit to Truro at Whitsuntide which will not be altogether of a holiday character.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft (Treasurer) presided at the fifty-fourth half-yearly election of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, which took place on Friday last at the Cannon-street Hotel.

Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, was present at the banquet of the United Arts Gallery.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the dinner of the Metropolitan Board of Works on Saturday last.

The Balham Lodge of Instruction, No. 720, meets every Wednesday through the year, emergencies excepted, at the Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 p.m.

Bro. W. J. Jennings, on Wednesday last, when returning along Cheapside to the Albion, slipped down in the roadway near the Post Office, and his arm was broken at the wrist. He is going on as favourably as can be desired.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon will preside at the annual general meeting of the London Library, 12, St. James's-square, on Monday.

Bro. Sir John Bennett gave a lecture on Thursday, May 19th, to the members of the Lambeth Advanced Liberal Association in their hall, Walworth-road, on "The House of Lords."

Bro. Brackstone Baker was, on Wednesday last, elected one of the vestrymen for the parish of Lee.

The installation meeting of the Ewell Lodge will be held this (Saturday) afternoon at the Glyn Arms Hotel, Ewell.

Bro. J. Long, Preceptor of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, was presented with a testimonial by the members of that lodge at their anniversary dinner, at Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, on Wednesday evening.

We are requested to state that the working of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, every Thursday, at six o'clock, is that of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

The Queen has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing this date, to grant unto her Majesty's fourth son, his Royal Highness Prince Leopold George Duncan Albert, K.G., K.T., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, the dignities of Baron Arklow, Earl of Clarence, and Duke of Albany.—Whitehall, May 24th.—*Gazette*.

Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D., G. Supt. Dorset, who represented St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Dorset, at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls last week, with £112 7s., was erroneously inserted in the official list as "unattached."

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, writing to the *Standard* with reference to the Charitable Trusts Bill, expresses a hope that those managers and trustees of charities who are not already alive to the importance of the measure will look into it, and place themselves at once in communication with such members of the House of Lords as may be interested in their particular charities, and whose special knowledge will be most valuable on the occasion of its consideration in committee of the whole House.

The whole of the late members of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls were re-elected on Thursday last by overwhelming majorities.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey will be held at the Masonic Hall, 105, High-street, Croydon, under the Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452, on Tuesday, May 31st, at 12.30 p.m.

The consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, will take place the beginning of July next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.

Bro. J. Defries and Sons have been awarded the first prize medal at the Melbourne Exhibition for the manufacture of their crystal chandeliers.

Bro. Anthony Trollope, who has been on a visit to Rome, has returned to England.

The North-Eastern Railway directors have decided to celebrate the Stephenson centenary on June 9th by throwing open the high level bridge at Newcastle-on-Tyne free of toll. Subscriptions towards the proposed Stephenson memorial college now amount to upwards of £3000.

An important personality in the world of luxury and epicurism has just died at Epernay—M. Moët, the chief of the renowned "champagne fabrication" house of Moët and Chandon. There are as many original champagne firms in Epernay as there are original Eau de Cologne firms in the Rhinish capital; but they all agree in conceding to Moët and Chandon the uncontested dignity of primate. M. Moët is the last of his family and name. He has left behind him a personal fortune of nearly thirty million francs.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS.
For the Week ending Saturday, June 4, 1881.

SATURDAY, MAY 28.
Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
" 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, N.
" 1679, Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall, Masons' Av.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
" 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1044, Mid Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.

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 30.
Lodge 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.
" 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
Red Cross Con. Premier, Freemasons' Tav.

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 31.
Grand Mark Lodge, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
House Com. R.M. Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Lodge 1383, Friends in Council, 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.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
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 Edgcombe, 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, JUNE 1.
Grand Lodge, at 6.
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, 81, 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., Limehouse, 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, JUNE 2.
Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
Chap. 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Mark 197, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

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, JUNE 3.
Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.
" 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 223, West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard.

K.T. 134, Blondel, F.M. Tav., Great Queen-st.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4.
Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bdg.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.
For the Week ending Saturday, June 4, 1881.

MONDAY, MAY 30.
Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.

TUESDAY, MAY 31.
Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1.
Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2.
Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3.
Lodge 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTH.

KELLY.—On the 21st inst., at 6, Willes-road, the wife of Mr. H. Kelly, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DONALD—GRAY.—On the 21st inst., at St. John the Evangelist's, Westminster, James Donald, of Bombay, son of Mr. Thomas Donald, of Syra, Greece, to Jane Elizabeth (Poppy), daughter of Mr. Thomas Gray, of Rokesley House, Stockwell, S.W.

WOODHOUSE—MACKENZIE.—On the 18th inst., at All Saints', Coonor, Neigherries, Madras, by the Rev. C. Deane, Alfred, son of Mr. C. M. Woodhouse, Upper Phillimore-gardens, Kensington, to Mary Charlotte Pierson, daughter of Major-General J. R. Mackenzie, Portmore Lodge, Cheltenham.

DEATHS.

BRAND.—On the 21st inst., Lucy Macqueen, aged 16, daughter of Mr. William Brand, of 17, Durham-villas, Kensington.

MACDONALD.—On the 21 inst., Mr. William M. Macdonald, late of Manchester.

PHILPOT.—On the 21st., Mr. Henry Philpot, of 84, Praed-street, Paddington, aged 67.

For the best possible of reasons the medical profession has recently recommended the national beverage of Ireland to all who suffer from indigestion, low spirits, and disarrangement of the biliary secretions. Of old when a man's liver was touched brandy considerably diluted was the commonly prescribed specific. The specialists, however, have discovered that brandy is not only, *ipso facto*, injurious, but that it is of all spirits the most manipulated, while whiskey can be obtained in the purest and most wholesome form. At the same time, all the reliable physicians are unanimous in urging upon their patients the paramount necessity of avoiding as a poison adulterated whiskey, whereof too much finds its way into the London market, and this advice, which must be enforced in the case of those in delicate health, applies equally to the robust. Clearly, therefore, it is imperative to purchase only *bona fide* whiskey which comes direct from Ireland, and it is on this account that the Bann Whiskey has commended itself to the faculty. Analysis shows that it is the pure product of malt only, while the *connoisseur* at once perceives that its softness and mellow flavour on the palate are due to age. The Bann Whiskey, it should be added, is one quality only, and that cannot be improved upon or excelled, for it is emphatically the best. The agents for this seductive yet assimilative stimulant are, for Ireland, Messrs. James Wilson and Son, of Belfast, or, for London, Messrs. Best and Sons, of 22, Henrietta-street, Cavendish-square, either of whom will forward a shilling sample on application.

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