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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday, under the Presidency of Bro. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hampshire. A very large gathering assembled. Bro. JUSTICE CAVE, G.J.W., was greeted with loud plaudits. The usual business was transacted, and all the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were carried. The election of the Boards was proceeded with, for which we refer our readers to the report. Bro. MAJOR BOND being absent, his proposition "dropped," and we hope we have heard the last of it, as its bearing, if carried, on the provinces would be most serious. Bro. BEACH presided over Grand Lodge with great tact and firmness combined.

A SHORT conversation, which took place on the confirmation of the minutes of the Girls' School on Thursday last week, deserves some little attention, as a very important question arises out of it. Is it Masonic or in "good form" to reiterate the printing of circulars on any ground whatever in which reference is made in painful terms to a departed brother? "De mortuis nil nisi bonum" is the recognized adage of all civilized Societies, and as Freemasons we are especially taught to be generous and considerate, tolerant and forgiving. In the present case the poor brother alluded to, than whom no worthier or better Mason ever existed, was dead and buried before the present foolish controversy in respect to some building operations in the Girls' School arose, and one can hardly realize on any grounds of sanity, of decency, or of Masonic good feelings why such circulars should be issued, or why such remarks be made. We do trust that we have heard the last, as all will agree, of most painful and unmasonic proceedings.

THE interest of our brethren is now fixed on the approaching Festival of the Boys' School; that, for many reasons, we hope will be a great success. For the Boys' School has most undoubted claims on the goodwill and sympathy of us all. In one sense it requires more aid than the other Charities, in that it is deficient of capitalized property, but what with Charitable Trusts Bills and other contingencies, we are not quite sure that income arising from "dividends" is much to be desiderated. Still it seems to us that the friends of the Boys' School should not rest until its accumulated income represents a considerable amount. The School is well and carefully managed, is well worth a visit, the governing body is most anxious to do all that lies in it, to augment and uphold its usefulness, and under the superintendence of Bro. MORRIS, whom the School Committee are fortunate in having as Head Master, the School is now in a thorough state of work, activity, and efficiency. We are only repeating the observation of all—that the manners of the boys, who played so vigorously at the Girls' School Festival, are peculiarly engaging, and we say this pointedly because some time back a controversy arose in our pages on this very subject, which, though we regretted to see, yet we could not refuse to insert. Our own experience is exactly the reverse, and we can only express our humble opinion that the best thanks of the Craft are due to all who have aided officially and ministerially in bringing the Boys' School, despite much opposition and hindrances of various kinds, to its present state of thorough efficiency. We, therefore, beg to call the attention of our readers to the subject of the Boys' School once again—its needs, its claims, its approaching Festival,—as all brethren must feel an interest in an Institution which is so needful to our Fraternity, and so useful and beneficial in its work and "outcome." We may add that the list of Stewards is yet far too small, and we hope that the Secretary may shortly receive many additional names.

THE numbers polled at the election of the House Committee for the Girls' School unmistakably demonstrate the feeling of the subscribers in respect of these meaningless and unseemly contests, which proceed on no recognized principle, and give a great deal of trouble to many brethren. It is, no doubt, perfectly lawful for any brother to wish to be on the House Committee of the Girls' School, and there is no "vested interest" in certain names merely. But we can neither admire the "animus" nor the "outcome" of the last nominations, and which gave rise to the contest, some of which had to be withdrawn because the "nominees" had not even been asked by the "nominator" if they would serve. The largest number polled was

140, the lowest 4. One brother, who declared himself an "independent" candidate, polled 33; but the lowest number of the 12 re-elected was 134. Too much praise cannot be given to the old House Committee for their careful, judicious, and economical management of the School.

IT is amusing sometimes to note how Masonic history is manufactured even in 1881; how calmly incorrect we are and beautifully slipshod. We take the following little "gem" from the *New York Dispatch* of May 8th, 1881, and we only wonder that such incorrectness could be tolerated under the able régime of our most esteemed confrère. It is only because it appears in the *New York Dispatch* that we think well to call attention to it:

"GEORGE.—Was the late Pope Pius IX. ever made a Mason? If so, where and when?" There is little doubt but that Pius IX. was a Mason. A writer in the *Masonic News*, of Glasgow, Scotland, stated a few years ago that Mastai Ferretti was admitted to a Masonic lodge during his college days. At that time there was no prohibition by the Catholic Church, either in its canon law or any other of its laws, of its members becoming Freemasons. It also asserted that when he was a missionary on the River Plate, and then known as Mastai Ferretti, he frequently visited lodges there, and his signature as a Mason is still, or was lately, preserved in the archives of one of the subordinate lodges of the Argentine Republic."

It is as clear as anything well can be now that "Pio Nono" was not a "Freemason," though probably as a member of the "Young Italy Party" he may have in his green youth belonged, as we believe was the case, to "Madre Natura" or the "Carbonari." But a Freemason he was not. All the reported cases turn out to be unadulterated "myths," hopelessly inconsistent, historically impossible, and utterly untenable. And what can the brother who answers "George" mean by saying that "at that time there was no prohibition, &c." Has he forgotten the Bull of CLEMENT 1738, placing all Freemasons under sentence practically of the "greater excommunication?" of the subsequent confirmatory Bull of LEO? of the Allocutions of PIUS VII? To this day the Roman Catholics, alike in America and England, base their opposition to Freemasonry on these Papal interdicts. What then can be the meaning of such a statement delivered from the editorial "Cathedral" of the *New York Dispatch* in 1881? What say you, Bro. GOULD?

AT the close of the meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Friday week, Bro. BIRCH, of East Lancashire, suggested that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, like the Boys' and Girls' Schools, should have half-yearly elections. Without at all ignoring some patent difficulties in the way, at first sight, of accepting this seasonable and sensible proposal, we think that the obstacles are not insuperable, and that great good would arise from this alteration, alike to the Institution and the recipients of its bounty. Then all the three Charity Elections could be attended to half yearly—a great convenience to our good "country cousins"—and to ourselves, denizens of the "little village."

THE bye-laws of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund have been sent to us, which, confirmed by resolution of Provincial Grand Lodge January 7th, 1881, demand a notice from us. The object of this Association is (a) the granting of relief to aged or decayed Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons; (b) the boarding, clothing, and educating, wholly or partially, the children of deceased brethren and the children of brethren who, from misfortune, are prevented from properly educating or providing for their children; (c) assisting the advancement of any such child on leaving school. So far the Association is in its infancy, and as such we commend its views and objects, and shall be glad to watch over, and report upon, its active and successful progress.

THE report of the Punjab Masonic Institution for 1880 has also reached us. It seems it is in a very healthy condition, and has now eighteen children under its charge for education.

A WRITER in the *Hebrew Leader* finds the derivation of the word Freemason in the Egyptian and Coptic languages. Ra—Egyptian for sun; Ph, a Coptic prefix; Mes, the Coptic word to "regenerate;" Sn the pre-nomina third person plural. Hence Phre-mes sn, the "sun regenerates them"—symbolically the "sons of light." We need hardly comment, we think, on the patent absurdity and incompatibility of any such a derivation, and may well remember, without incivility, old CARLYLE's terse formula of "bottled moonshine."

THE growth of Freemasonry in America is exemplified strikingly by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, where, a little over thirty-five years ago, nine brethren united to form it, and where there is now a membership of 26,000 good brethren and true.

It seems from the "Deutscher Markur" that the Jesuits have formed a new "Confraternity" in Spain, under high official sanction, called the "Confraternity of the Holy Trinity," for the express purpose of opposing Freemasonry, which, they assert, is, as "everybody knows" the "very worst of all the enemies of the Church in the present evil age." That the Jesuits, though a secret Order themselves, should dislike and antagonize Freemasonry, is, from our experience of human nature, not to be wondered at; that they can do Freemasonry any harm is alike, we feel sure, very improbable and quite impossible.

BRO. DRUMMOND'S American Masonic statistics show a falling off in the number of members in American Masonry of 9239, though, we confess, this fact is not very easy to account for. There were in 1879, 582,556 members; in 1880, 573,317. There were, in 1879, 21,788 Fellow Crafts "raised" to Master Masons, and, in 1880, 19,685, again a falling off of 2103. But then the admissions were 17,523 in 1880, as against 16,880 in 1879, a gain of 643. The main causes of this retrogression appear to arise from three causes: (1.) "Demiissions;" (2.) suspensions for non-payment of dues; (3.) the commendable action of American discipline, which is more active and energetic than our own. Anyhow, the fact as a fact deserves to be noticed by all Masonic students and statistes.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided.

There were upwards of 400 brethren present, including Bros. Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex; Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire; R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Giqualand; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; H. Murray, P.D.G.M. China; S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China; Justice Cave, G.J.W.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chaplain; Lieut.-Col. Creaton, G. Treasurer; Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Registrar; Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board of Gen. Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. Ger. Cor.; Sir James Ramsden, G.S.D.; Major-General H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S., G.S.D.; J. Sampson Pearce, G.J.D.; H. C. Levander, M.A., F.R.S., G.J.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), P.G.W., G. Dir. of Cer.; Capt. A. B. Cooke, G.A. Dir. of Cer.; George Lambert, G. Swd. Bearer; C. S. Jekyll, G. Organist; H. G. Buss, G.A. Secretary; W. Clarke, G. Pursuivant; W. R. Wood, G.A. Pursuivant; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Capt. William Platt, P.G.W.; Rev. J. W. Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. Dr. Alfred Hill, P.G.C.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; John H. Scott, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; E. P. Marrell, P.G.D.; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; James Glaisher, F.R.S., P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Henry Maudsley, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D. of C.; George Burt, P.A.G.D. of C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullins, P.G.S.B.; G. Toller, jun., P.G.S.B.; James Mason, P.G.S.B.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; W. Augh, P.G.P.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; T. B. Whytehead (York), Dr. H. Hopkins (Bath), E. B. Grabham, Dick Radcliffe, C. F. Hogard, A. M. Broadley, J. While (Times), A. Tisley, H. A. Dubois, C. Atkins, A. J. Altman, Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, George Kenning, James Terry, Wm. Stephens, W. J. Murlis, C. W. Thompson, E. H. Tattershall, John Stevens, Rooke, R. H. Crowden, James Willing, jun., Wm. Lake, E. J. Goodern, T. Massa, J. G. Chillingworth, and H. Massey (Freemason).

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd of March, and of the Grand Festival of the 27th of April, were read and confirmed.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER then said the brethren would remember that at the last Grand Festival Bro. Justice Cave was appointed Junior Grand Warden, but he was then unavoidably not present. He was, however, now in attendance, and he (the Acting Grand Master), with the concurrence of the brethren, would immediately proceed to invest him as Junior Grand Warden. (Cheers.)

Bro. Justice Cave was then presented to the Acting Grand Master, and invested with the badge, collar, and jewels of his office. Having been conducted to the Junior Grand Warden's chair, and taken his seat, he was saluted in the usual form at the direction of Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.

The ACTING GRAND MASTER next said that Sir James Ramsden was appointed Senior Grand Deacon at Grand Festival, but he, also, being prevented from attending for investiture, the ceremony would now be performed.

Sir James Ramsden was then introduced in a similar manner and invested, and conducted to his place on the dais, where he received the salute accorded to the Grand Officers below the rank of Wardens.

Scrutineers were appointed for the election of the Board of General Purposes, and the balloting cards were distributed and collected. After the collection, the Scrutineers retired to cast up the votes. (For the result see end of report.)

The ACTING G.M. announced that His Royal Highness the Grand Master had appointed Bro. Sir John B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes (cheers), and Bro. John A. Rucker, President of the Colonial Board. (Cheers.)

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the report of the Lodge of Benevolence for March, April, and May, the following recommendations of grants were confirmed, after motions made and seconded by Bros. JOSHUA NUNN, Senior Vice-President, and JOHN M. CLABON, President:—

	£	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. 1298, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 915, Abingdon ...	200	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond ...	50	0	0

The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, on the motion made by Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, President, and seconded by Bro. Æ. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., Grand Registrar.

Bro. Sir John B. MONCKTON moved the adoption of the first recommendation in the report, which was to the following effect:—

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.

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.

He said that the Board felt that a report involving such important propositions as the present one should not be put before Grand Lodge and passed *sub silentio*. He would deal with the different recommendations *seriatim*. Some brethren might have much to say upon them. The first portion dealt with a proposed increase in the number of Grand Officers; but he should first of all explain that this question had not originated in the Board at all, and he doubted whether such a question ever should originate from them. The suggestion, which they might look upon in the light of a command, came to the Board from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who thought it desirable, looking he (Sir J. B. Monckton) supposed at the large increase in the numbers of the Craft, at the difficulties the Grand Master must have now annually in finding anything like offices enough for the worthy and distinguished brethren who aspired to Grand Office, that some such addition should be made. That he thought was, as he had said, most likely at the bottom of the suggestion, and he thought it only respectful that the Board should have it explained to Grand Lodge that the suggestion emanated from the highest Masonic authority, and that what the Board had bid him to do in the matter had been to consider what would be a convenient addition to the officers of Grand Lodge. Some twenty years ago there were but two Grand Deacons, a Senior and a Junior, and at that time, no doubt from similar reasons as were now supposed to prevail, the number was increased from two to four. It occurred to the Board that it might be possible to increase the number from four to six, and the matter was discussed in all its bearings. They were, however, reminded by the highest authority they had on the Board on such matters, Sir Albert Woods, that in other Grand Lodges it was very common, and, in his opinion, very convenient, to have Standard Bearers—that they added to the dignity and solemnity of processions, and would be likely to be great acquisitions to a Masonic body such as the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge. He also thought, and the Board entirely agreed with Sir A. Woods, that whereas they knew on all occasions there was a large muster of brethren a second if not a third Assistant Director of Ceremonies was required; but they also agreed with him in thinking that it would not be undesirable that a further appointment should be made of a Deputy Director of Ceremonies. Having given the matter full consideration, and acting on the suggestion of the highest authority, the Board recommended to Grand Lodge that an addition be made to the Grand Officers, 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.

Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D., seconded the motion.

Bro. THOMAS MASSA proposed as an amendment that there should be one Standard Bearer, a Trumpeter, and an Assistant Superintendent of Works. A Trumpeter would be a very useful dignitary to the Director of Ceremonies.

The amendment having been seconded, was put and lost almost unanimously, and amidst cheers.

Bro. H. E. FRANCIS moved, as a further amendment, that the office of Director of Ceremonies be a permanent office, and that two Assistant Directors of Ceremonies be appointed.

Bro. F. ADLARD seconded the amendment.

Bro. MCINTYRE, G.R., said the first part of this amendment could not be put, as it would require an alteration of the Book of Constitutions, which could only be done on regular motion in Grand Lodge.

Bro. FRANCIS then withdrew the first part of his amendment, and proposed that there should be two Assistant Directors of Ceremonies.

Bro. Sir ALBERT WOODS (Garter), explained after some discussion, that the object of the form the proposition took was that there should be no confusion as to precedence. The Deputy would take precedence of the Assistant in the absence of the Director of Ceremonies; but if there were two Assistants there would be a question of precedence between them in his absence.

Bro. FRANCIS then withdrew his amendment.

The motion of Bro. Monckton was carried *nem. con.*

Bro. MONCKTON next moved, in accordance with the following recommendation, "That in provinces numbering forty lodges and upwards, the Provincial Grand Master shall be empowered to appoint annually four Deacons instead of two, as at present, and also a Deputy Director of Ceremonies." The matter had been so thoroughly exhausted in the discussion on the former motion that he thought he need not enter into further explanations on the present motion.

Bro. MCINTYRE seconded the motion. Having had charge of several provinces he had some experience of Provincial matters. In Staffordshire, which was one of those where there were a great number of lodges, and there were many worthy Masons deserving of the Provincial purple, there were too few offices to be distributed. It would be a very great advantage to the provinces and the Provincial Grand Master that he should have the opportunity of promoting to provincial office brethren in the way that had been proposed by the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. H. E. FRANCIS proposed the addition of a Standard Bearer; all Provincial Grand Lodges had a Standard Bearer.

Bro. MCINTYRE said the worshipful brother was inaccurate. He (Bro. McIntyre) had had eleven provinces in his charge, and he never had to appoint a Standard Bearer, and no Standard Bearer was appointed as of right in any province. *Pro hac vice*, there might be a Standard Bearer. If there was a standard to the province a Master Mason carried it; and he had not found one except in the Province of Berks and Bucks. There the appointment had been made, and it was his most disagreeable duty, when the province was given to him in charge, to be obliged to rule that that brother had no provincial rank. In Provincial Grand Lodges generally that office was not required; but if they did increase the number of offices, he thought if

they increased the number of Deacons and gave a Deputy Director of Ceremonies that would satisfy the provincial brethren.

A Brother wanted to know when this arrangement was to take effect. He had heard it stated that it was to take effect at and after Grand Festival of 1882. As an old member of a Provincial Grand Lodge, he desired to know whether this would also apply to Provincial Grand Lodges.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON said Provincial Grand Lodges met at different dates each year. In any province affected by this recommendation after the confirmation of the minutes of the present meeting in September, the Provincial Grand Lodge could make the additional appointments. Some of the Provincial Grand Lodges met in August, some in September, and some in October.

Bro. MCINTYRE said the Provincial Grand Master fixed the date of the meeting of his Grand Lodge. Therefore, if his Grand Lodge met after the present minutes were confirmed he could make the appointments.

The motion was carried.

The next recommendation in the report of the Board of General Purposes was—

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.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON in introducing the recommendation as a motion, said a year ago the Board in a similar matter acted to the best of their discretion for the benefit of Grand Lodge. While however their intentions were not impeached, the strict and literal interpretation of their powers was impeached, and the matter was referred to a Committee, which subsequently reported that they had not acted within their powers. The Board therefore were now slow to take the step they did before, and therefore they came to Grand Lodge for authority, and had to publish to the world the amount of money they were to pay for a piece of land. What the consequences might be he did not know, but he did not think it would be always satisfactory to Grand Lodge. He then explained the size and position of the land it was proposed to purchase, and the price it had been valued at by their own surveyor, £600, and concluded by making his motion.

Lieut.-Col. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, seconded the motion.

Bro. MCINTYRE, while having the greatest confidence that the Board would not lay out one farthing of the money of Grand Lodge which was not to the advantage of Grand Lodge, and which Grand Lodge would not approve, would like to add "or such other sum as may appear necessary to the Board of General Purposes."

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., seconded the proposed addition.

Bro. S. RAWSON thought if this were passed the owner of the property would never accept £600.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN was of opinion that the original motion should stand as it was. If the purchase at the proposed price fell through, let the Board of General Purposes again report. (Cries of "No, no.")

Bro. MCINTYRE objected to this course. If they had to come to Grand Lodge again the vendors would put a much higher price upon their property, because they would think Grand Lodge was bound to give in.

Bro. J. M. CLABON thought they had better leave out all the words after £600, and leave it to the Board to give such sum as they thought proper. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. MCINTYRE said he would withdraw his amendment in favour of Bro. Clabon's.

After some further discussion the motion was carried in the form that the Board of General Purposes were to purchase the premises in question at the best price they could obtain for Grand Lodge.

The next business was the following:

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.

Bro. MONCKTON, in bringing this before Grand Lodge, said the matter was so thoroughly gone into at last Quarterly Communication, that he did not propose to go into it again at any great length. The Board not very frequently receiving special references of this kind were more than ordinarily anxious to deal with it in a way that the result—whatever that result might be—should commend itself to the Grand Lodge as the honest result of a careful deliberation of the Board. They ascertained that the brother who made the application could not, by reason of his engagements, attend the ordinary meetings of the Board between March and June, and although his presence was not a matter absolutely necessary to guide the Board with regard to their regular meetings, and they might come with a report derived from written documents, they thought they would give the brother the opportunity of being heard. They, therefore, cordially fell in with a suggestion that they should meet on a day and at an hour when the brother could attend. They did so meet on the 6th of May. The Board of General Purposes consisted of five or six and twenty members, with a quorum of seven, and out of those the brethren who attended were nineteen, the names of whom were given in the agenda paper that Grand Lodge might know who they were. Bro. Trevor attended, and so did Bro. Voigt and the W.M. of the Alexandra Lodge. The reference to the Board was in the ordinary nature of a Masonic complaint, in which the Board had specific powers to call for persons and papers, as they should in the House of Commons. Both parties were heard at considerable length, and at the end of it every brother was asked to give his opinion separately. The result was the recommendation before Grand Lodge, and the opinion was unanimous. Speaking for himself, he must say he approached the question not without prejudice—he freely owned his bias was in favour of Bro. Tudor Trevor—but after the investigation he thoroughly agreed with the resolution of the Board; and, putting aside any amount of sympathy he had for Bro. Trevor, he could say, honestly and conscientiously, that the recommendation was the just and equitable result of the investigation they held. He now moved that Grand Lodge agree to this recommendation.

Bro. FRANK GREEN seconded.

Bro. TUDOR TREVOR acknowledged the kind allusion made to him by the President of the Board of General Purposes. To go again into the matter, he believed he had right on his side, and he hoped it would not be considered unbecoming of him to meet this report of the Board of General Purposes with an amendment "That it be not received." On the last occasion, he said, he had been before the Board of General Purposes, and so he had, and it now became necessary for him to open out two or three more chapters of this most unfortunate case. He had been trying to get this case heard by the Masonic authorities for three years, but had been unable to do so. Therefore the only course left open to him was to bring the matter forward in Grand Lodge. He sent a memorial to the Board of General Purposes in May, 1879. If the Board had granted his application then it was quite probable the trial would not have taken place. The Board simply said that they found no precedent for a grant towards defraying the expenses of legal proceedings. If no such precedent existed they might have made one. He appealed to Grand Lodge as a final Court of Appeal. On the last occasion if the questions had gone to a division he would have secured many votes. As he was leaving the Hall a brother told him he should have voted for him. On the 13th of January, 1879, when he sent forward his memorial for an enquiry he was in the unfortunate position of living in Westmoreland, where he did not belong to a lodge. His own lodge was in Bath; the cause of complaint arose in Yorkshire. He could not appeal to the Grand Master of the province in which he was living because he was not a member of a lodge of the province, and so the Grand Secretary told him he must refer the complaint to the Prov. Grand Master of N. and E. Yorkshire. He did so, and that Provincial Grand Master said he would not interfere. Then he sent the memorial to the Grand Master, asking him to appoint a place, and he sent the gracious reply that he was unable to interfere. In May, 1879, he submitted his complaint to the Board of General Purposes. (Bro. Tudor Trevor here read his memorial amidst considerable impatience on the part of the brethren.) He proceeded to show that he was forced to go on with his action, and submitted that as it was the result of not being able to get redress in a Masonic body, Grand Lodges should pay his costs. He had simply discharged his duty, and the editor of the *Freemason* openly so stated.

A Brother rose to order. What right had Bro. Trevor to refer to anything the Editor of the *Freemason* or any other paper said? The brother was delaying Grand Lodge unnecessarily. They were anxious to get away, but did not want to go before they had heard Bro. Trevor. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. TUDOR TREVOR said he did not want to take up the time of Grand Lodge unnecessarily, but the matter had been hanging over a long time, and he wanted to relieve his mind of the subject, because it was almost impossible he could rest content with the resolution that was submitted by the Board of General Purposes, though he had every confidence in every member of that Board. It appeared to him, however, that they had sheltered themselves under the protecting regis of precedent, and so got rid of a very disagreeable affair. If it would suit the convenience of Grand Lodge, he would now move the resolution he had on the paper—

"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."

The motion having been seconded,

Bro. JAMES MASON, P.G.S.B., opposed it. They all sympathised with a brother Mason in distress, and he, for one, sympathised with Bro. Trevor. But sympathy was not to extinguish their notions of right. This was the first time an application of this kind had been made in Grand Lodge during his experience of upwards of thirty years, and he hoped it would be the last. Bro. Trevor had mistaken his course. What were they to think of those grand principles of brotherly love, upon which Masons prided themselves with propriety, if matters of this kind were not settled where they ought to be settled—in the private lodges, or by the brothers themselves from kindness of heart? After having read what passed in Grand Lodge on the last occasion he thought there was an absence of this principle. The matter never ought to be brought into the Courts of Law. The brother urged on the case in the Courts of Law; he sought for the decision of a Court of Law, and he got it. As he was not content with it he appealed to Grand Lodge. It was utterly inconsistent with the

usages of Grand Lodge. If the brother was in distress he could appeal to the Lodge of Benevolence. He (Bro. Mason) utterly condemned the course taken by Bro. Trevor; he had been utterly wrong, and Grand Lodge ought to reject his appeal.

Bro. TREVOR's motion, which was put as an amendment to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, was then put, and lost almost unanimously, and the recommendation was put and confirmed *nem. con.*

GRAND SECRETARY said he had received a letter from Major Bond in which he stated that he was unable to attend to bring on a motion he had on the paper.

The appeal by Bro. Charles E. Torrance, P.M. of 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, was brought up by Bro. MCINTYRE, Grand Registrar, who advised that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. JAMES MASON, P.G.S.B., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

#### List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes;— MASTERS.

Votes.	Votes.
Bro. G. Bernard Brodie, M.D., 26 ... 162	Bro. Herbert Thos. Steward, 143 ... 107
„ Charles Harding, 778 ... 153	The above were elected.
„ W. Coppard Beaumont, 1826 ... 151	„ Richard L. Loveland, 1869 ... 62
„ James Robert Cassell, 46 ... 137	„ Frederick John Sawyer, 1339 ... 34
„ George Calkin Andrew, 92 ... 123	„ William Henry Boswell, 1686 ... 32
„ James Walter Waldron, 1383 ... 108	

#### PAST MASTERS.

Votes.	Votes.
Bro. Frank Green, 1567 ... 156	Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois, 1777 ... 89
„ William Stephens, 1489 ... 140	„ Frederick Mead, 227 ... 88
„ Charles Atkins, 27 ... 131	„ George Pitt-Lewis, 165 ... 88
„ Henry Bishop, 66 ... 130	„ Charles W. Thompson, 969 ... 87
„ John G. Stevens, 554 ... 122	„ R. Turtle Piggott, D.C.L., 11 ... 80
„ William Smallpeice, 1395 ... 119	„ Frederick Adlard, 7 ... 67
„ John Messent, 231 ... 109	„ Albert Joseph Altman, 1657 ... 66
The above were elected.	„ Ralph Gooding, M.D., 1 ... 64
„ Edward B. Grabham, 19 ... 106	„ Alfred H. Tattershall, 140 ... 56
„ H. R. Cooper-Smith, 1731 ... 93	„ William Roebuck, 463 ... 35
	„ Henry Edmund Frances, 857 ... 25

#### NOMINATED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President.	Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.
„ Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter).	„ John A. Rucker.
„ Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	„ Thomas Fenn.
„ John Sampson Peirce.	„ Peter de Lande Long.
„ H. C. Lavander.	„ Robert Freke Gould.
„ James E. Saunders.	

#### List of brethren elected for the Colonial Board:—

Bro. James Brett, P.M. 177.	Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., P.M. 4.
„ Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M. 1.	„ Samuel Poynter, P.M. 902.
„ Edward Letchworth, P.M. 1579.	„ Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21.
„ James Henry Matthews, P.M. 143.	

#### NOMINATED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, President.	Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman.
„ Griffiths Smith, Vice-President.	„ Brackstone Baker.

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons:—

#### ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

Bro. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27.	Bro. William F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11.
„ James Brett, P.M. 177.	„ George Penn, P.M. 1642.
„ Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728.	„ Alf. H. Tattershall, P.M. 140.
„ William Clarke, P.M. 114.	„ Henry George Warren, P.M. G.S.L.
„ Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 1257.	„ James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507.

#### NOMINATED BY THE M.W. GRAND MASTER.

Bro. Samuel Rawson.	Bro. Jabez Hogg.
„ Rev. A. F. A. Woodford.	„ Edward J. Burrow.
„ Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.	„ Nathaniel George Philips.
„ Lt.-Col. Hugh S. Somerville Burney.	„ William T. Nettleship.
„ Richard H. Giraud.	„ James Kench.

### GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

The Half-Yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Criterion, Piccadilly. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Masons, presided, and the other brethren present were

M.W. Bros. Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.C., G.M.M.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M.; Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, P.G.M.M.M.; R.W. Bros. Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Dep. G.M.M.M.; Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P. Dep. G.M.; A. M. Broadley, Prov. G.M. Tunis and Malta; Saml. Rawson, Prov. G.M. China; Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M. Kent; Rev. C. R. Davy, M.A., Prov. G.M. Gloucester; W. A. F. Powell, Prov. G.M. Bristol; R. W. H. Giddy, Prov. G.M. South Africa; Right Hon. Earl of Kintore, Prov. G.M. Kincardine, Scotland; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., as G.S.W.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.G.W., as G.J.W.; Lieut.-Col. A. Ridgway, P.G.J.W.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.J.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.J.W.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., G.M.O.; J. F. Tweedale, G.S.O.; T. D. Bolton, G.J.O.; R. Eve, P.G.M.O.; R. J. Mure, P.G.S.O.; R. de M. Lawson, P.G.S.O.; J. Stevens, P.G.J.O.; S. S. Dibdin, P.G.J.O.; Rev. A. W. Hall, G. Chap.; Rev. W. S. Moses, M.A., G. Chap.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Frederick Davison, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Asst. G. Sec.; W. Bros. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex; T. Y. Strachan, Dep. Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham; John Walker, Dep. Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; C. T. Woodall, G.S.D.; R. Boggett, G.J.D.; Sylvester Mattison, G.J.D.; J. L. Thomas, P.G.S.D.; Alfred Williams, C.E., P.G.S.D.; Alexander Spears, P.G.J.D.; Capt. Thomas Hargreaves, P.G.J.D.; J. Edward Curteis, P.G.J.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.J.D.; C. H. Driver, G. Supt. of Wks.; Col. W. Wigginton, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Robt. Berridge, G.D. of C.; S. Rosenthal, P.G.D. of C.; Frederick Long, P.G.D. of C.; Geo. Ward Verry, G. Swd. Br.; Henry George, as G. Std. Br.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., as G. Org.; F. H. Cozens, P.G. Org.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; J. E. Anderson, James Smyth, T. W. Ansell, G. Rennie Powell, A. Haynes, R. L. Loveland, Thomas W. Adams, and T. de Leliva, Grand Stewards; T. J. Pulley, John Barker, H. Massey, George Page, T. W. Murley, C. E. Soppet, George Yaxley, C. Pulman, R. P. Spice, Augustus Greatrex, and T. J. Armstrong, P.G. Stewards; C. P. Speight, Grand Tyler; The Rajah Ramphal Singh; S. S. Partridge, P. Dep. P.G.M. Leicester; J. Randle Ford, P.G.S.W. Somerset; J. F. de Feuvre, P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; E. L. Shepherd, P.G.S.W. Berks and Oxon; George Toller, jun., P.P.G.S.W. Leicester; H. K. Cooper Smith, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Oxon; W. Morris, P.G.J.W. Berks and Oxon; H. Hacker,

P.P.G.J.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; E. C. Milligan, P.P.G.J.W. Leicester; A. Penfold, P.P.G.J.W. Kent; C. S. Lane, P.G.M.O. Northumberland and Durham; J. Kirke, P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; J. Bance, P.G.M.O. Berks and Oxon; W. W. Jeudwine, P.G.M.O. Leicester; R. R. Murchison, P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey; E. Sweny, P.G.J.O. Kent; T. W. Lemon, P.P.G. Chap. Devon; H. H. Hodges, P.G. Reg. Berks and Oxon; A. F. Godson, P.G. Reg. Berks and Oxon; R. Pidcock, P.G. Reg. Berks and Oxon; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; E. Pass-awer, P.P.G. Reg. Middlesex and Surrey; W. F. Lamonby, P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmoreland; R. Glasspool, Asst. G. Sec. Berks and Oxon; E. Gilbert, P.G. S.D. Middlesex and Surrey; G. A. Rooks, P.G.J.D. Middlesex and Surrey; H. Lovegrove, P.P.G. Sup. of Works, Middlesex and Surrey; M. J. Sullivan, P.P.G.D. of C. Kent; R. Finlay King, P.P.A.D. of C. Tunis and Malta; R. G. E. Brown, P.G.A.D. of C. Kent; H. Baldwin, P.G.A.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; J. K. Pitt, P.P.G.A.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; G. J. Cosburn, P.G. St. Br. Berks and Oxon; J. S. Hughes, P.G. St. Br. North Wales; George Westall, P.G. Org. Berks and Oxon; H. W. Homann, P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; Henry George, P.G. I.G. Lincolnshire; Henri Brett, P.P.G.I.G. Berks and Oxon; W. J. Nicholls, P.P. G.S. Middlesex and Surrey; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the GRAND MASTER said, Now, brethren, before we proceed to the rest of the agenda, it is my pleasing duty to inform you that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, has consented to receive the appointment of Past Grand Master of the Mark Degree. (Loud cheers.) It will be in proper form if you now agree by acclamation that that appointment be conferred.

The vote was unanimously passed, and the usual proclamation was made, and His Royal Highness saluted as a Past Grand Master of the Order.

The following report of the General Board was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The Half-Yearly Communication held on Tuesday, the 31st ult. The number of certificates issued during the six months to 31st March, 1881, is 662. Total number of registered advancements, 14,748. In the same period twelve warrants for lodges have been granted—"Newstead" Lodge, under Time Immemorial Constitution, Nottingham; warrant of confirmation.

#### Grand Master's Lodge:

No. 269, Prinsep, Bareilly, Bengal.	No. 274, Tasmania, Hobart Town.
„ 270, Albert, Morar Gwalior, Bengal.	„ 275, St. Austell, St. Austell.
„ 271, Brychan, Brecon.	„ 276, Middlesbro', Middlesbro'.
„ 272, Hiram, Dunedin, N.Z.	„ 277, Fitzwilliam, Malton.
„ 273, Rutland, Wanganui, N.Z.	„ 278, Mediterranean, Gibraltar.

There have been issued 116 certificates for brethren elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, making the total number of registered members 866, and four warrants of lodges of the same Degree:

No. 22, Southwark, London.	No. 199, Duke of Connaught, London.
„ 43, Gibraltar, Gibraltar.	„ 273, Rutland, Wanganui, N.Z.

In connection with the important affairs of Provincial Grand Lodges, the Board have to report as follows:

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.—The loss by death of the valuable services of R.W. Bro. Col. John Whitwell, P.G.W., Deputy Prov. Grand Master. CORNWALL.—The appointment of R.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves Sawle, Bart., as Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Col. Peard.

SOMERSET.—The appointment of R.W. Bro. Richard Charles Else as Prov. Grand Master in succession to Bro. General H. E. Doherty, whose regretted continued ill-health prevented his fulfilling the duties of his office.

SUSSEX.—The appointment of R.W. Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., as Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Thomas Cunningham, M.D.

NEW ZEALAND—SOUTH ISLAND.—The constitution of a new province and the appointment of R.W. Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham as the first Prov. Grand Master. The M.W. Grand Master being desirous to mark his sense of the benefits conferred on Mark Masonry by the distinguished literary labours of W. Bro. Thomas B. Whythead, P.M., power is asked from Grand Lodge to confer on him past rank as Grand Master Overseer; and to confirm in their rank and privileges as Past Masters, W. Bro. William Henry Alexander Mackinnon, No. 248, Malta, who completed six months only as W.M., owing to the exigencies of the service to which he is attached as Surgeon-Major, and W. Bro. Wesley Francis, No. 252, Natalia, compelled to leave the Colony before completing his year of office.

Acting under the powers conferred upon them by Grand Lodge at the meeting in November last, the Board have acquired and entered in possession of new and commodious offices at No. 8A, Red Lion-square, on a lease of twenty-nine years from 25th March, 1881, at an annual rental of £140 for twenty-one years, and of £150 for the remaining eight years. The fitting and furnishing of the offices has been completed under the supervision of the Board, but it has been considered advisable to defer the requisite works for the decoration and adaptation of the spacious and convenient hall (included in the tenancy) for ceremonial and other purposes for the sanction of Grand Lodge. The Board ask for the authority of Grand Lodge for this necessary expenditure on an estimate to be approved by Bros. Edis and Driver, Past G.S.W.

The Board cannot permit this Annual Commemoration of Grand Lodge to pass without drawing special attention to the exceptionally interesting and important circumstances under which it is assembled as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of this Grand Lodge. The unprecedented progress that has been made during this period in the development of the Mark Degree affords gratifying evidence of the important position which Mark Masonry holds in the Universal Masonic Brotherhood.

On Wednesday, 6th July next, the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund will be held under the presidency of the newly-installed Grand Master, Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and at this special period in the history of Grand Lodge, the Board cannot entertain any mistrust as to the result of the labours of the Stewards and their friends who will support the Chairman on that occasion. The Board recommend the following grants from the Benevolent Fund, viz.:—£10 to W. L., of Lodge No. 101; £20 to S. G., widow of W. G., of Lodge No. 152; and they have relieved Bro. J. E. K., of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge, to the extent of £5. The Board also recommend £21 to be granted from the General Fund on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The papers in connection with the question at issue between the Provincial Grand Master of Bristol and Bro. G. Rennie Powell, and the appeal to Grand Lodge by the latter against the decision of the General Board, are in the office for inspection by any brother desirous of referring to their contents.

The Board acknowledge with thanks reports of the proceedings of the following Grand Royal Arch Chapters: Grand Chapters of Quebec, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Columbia, Nebraska.

The Treasurer's accounts, subjoined, show receipts from all sources on account of the General Fund ... .. £836 10 0

and balances on 31st March last—	
In favour of "General Fund" ... ..	£426 4 4
„ "Benevolent Fund" ... ..	142 15 10
„ "Educational Fund" ... ..	117 3 11

#### While investments have been made—

On account of "General Fund" ... ..	£200 0 0
„ "Benevolent Fund" ... ..	200 0 0
„ "Educational Fund" ... ..	200 0 0

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months ending 31st March, 1881, show the following results:—

#### GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1880 ... ..	£293 2 1
Half-year's Receipts ... ..	£801 19 9
Interest on Investments ... ..	34 10 3
	£836 10 0
	£1129 12 1

Half Year's Disbursements :			
Expenditure	£510 12 9		
Purchase of £200 Queensland 4 per Cent. Debentures	192 15 0		703 7 9
Balance at Bankers	£423 18 10		
Balance in hands of Assistant Grand Secretary	2 5 6		426 4 4
BENEVOLENT FUND.			
Balance from 30th September, 1880	£289 7 3		
Half-year's receipts	£138 5 0		
Interest on Investments	32 12 1		170 17 1
			£460 4 4
Half-Year's Disbursements :			
Grants in relief	£25 0 0		
Purchase of £200 New South Wales 4 per Cent. Bonds	206 0 0		
Transferred to Education Fund	86 8 6		317 8 6
Balance at Bankers	£145 15 10		
EDUCATION FUND.			
Balance from 30th September, 1880	£243 11 7		
Transferred from Benevolent Fund	£86 8 6		
Interest on Investments	6 6 4		92 14 10
			£336 6 5
Half-Year's Disbursements :			
Educational Grants	£12 2 6		
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debentures	207 0 0		219 2 6
Balance at Bankers	£117 3 11		
INVESTED FUNDS.			
GENERAL FUND.			
Canadian 5 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	£200 0 0		
New Zealand 5 per Cent. Consols	800 0 0		
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds	200 0 0		
Queensland 4 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	500 0 0		£1700 0 0
BENEVOLENT FUND.			
Canadian 5 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	£600 0 0		
New Zealand 5 per Cent. Consols	400 0 0		
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds	200 0 0		
New South Wales 4 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	200 0 0		£1400 0 0
EDUCATION FUND.			
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds	£400 0 0		
Queensland 4 per Cent. Debenture Bonds	100 0 0		£500 0 0

Audited and found correct, 21st April, 1881,  
(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.  
G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M., President.

The GRAND MASTER said that in accordance with that report he now begged to move that this Grand Lodge confer on Bro. Thomas B. Whytehead, P.M., the Past Rank of Grand Master Overseer. Bro. Whytehead was a brother not only distinguished by great literary ability, by which great benefits had been conferred on Mark Masonry, but he was a very hard-working, good Mason. He was quite sure the brethren would all agree with him in making the appointment.

Lord HENNIKER, G.M. elect, seconded the motion, which was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Thomas B. Whytehead, of York, was then invested with the insignia of his rank amidst loud cheers.

The rank of Past Master was also conferred on Bro. W. H. A. Mackinnon, No. 248, Malta, and Bro. Wesley Francis, No. 252, Natalia, as recommended in the report of the Board.

The Rev. G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M., moved the next recommendation that the Board be empowered to expend money on the new offices and hall in Red Lion-square, which he did not think would exceed the sum of £150 or £200.

Bro. BERRIDGE seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The grants of £10, £20, and £5 from the Benevolent Fund, and £21 to the Girls' School were confirmed.

On the motion of Lord HENNIKER, seconded by Baron DE FERRIERES, the report was received and adopted.

GRAND SECRETARY said he had received a letter from Bro. G. Rennie Powell, stating that under the peculiar circumstances under which Grand Lodge met that day it was not his intention to prosecute his appeal from the decision of the Provincial Grand Master of Bristol at this meeting, but he would reserve it for a future occasion.

Bro. the Rev. G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M., then conducted Lord Henniker to the Grand Master, and said : I have very great pleasure in presenting to you the Deputy G. Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, who has been unanimously elected by this Grand Lodge as Grand Master for the ensuing year. He is, as your lordship is well aware, a brother who has distinguished himself in every walk of Freemasonry, and has given us every reason to feel certain that in entrusting that collar which you now so well wear to his keeping, we shall be entrusting the interests and the honour of Grand Lodge to one who will preserve the one and carry out the other to the satisfaction of the whole of our Order. I have, therefore, to present to you Lord Henniker, and to request that you will install him.

The M.W.G.M. : Bro. Lord Henniker, I am exceedingly glad that the choice of the brethren has fallen upon you to be my successor in this chair. I can assure you you will find the duties of that office by no means very difficult. You will, on the contrary, find them very pleasant, for I am glad to say Mark Masonry is very prosperous, and Mark Masons give their Grand Master every support. I have no doubt they will do the same under your rule. From what I know of your Masonic history I am sure you will do honour to the office of Grand Master.

Lord Henniker was then formally installed, and afterwards saluted according to ancient custom.

The M.W.G.M.M.M. : Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, and brethren, I sincerely thank you for the compliment you have paid me, and for the honour you have done me, in placing me in this

responsible position. I can assure you I do not look upon the task that I have undertaken as a very light one, although I am quite sure and quite aware, from my experience of Mark Masonry, that what your Past Grand Master said is quite true—that to work with Mark Masons is always a pleasant task. But this Grand Lodge is in a most flourishing condition, and I feel it is not very easy to follow some of the distinguished Masons who have held the place that I now occupy. However, I know, brethren, that Mark Masters always give their hearty support to those who are placed in the position in which you have placed me to-day; and I think I may count upon that support from the Mark Masters of England. I think I may also count on the counsel and advice of the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters who have preceded me. While I know, brethren, the responsibility of the position I have taken, I cannot but look with some degree of confidence, under the circumstances which I have mentioned, to the future—that is, to the term of my office; at all events, I can say this, that I will give place to no one among Mark Master Masons in my desire for the prosperity of the Grand Lodge and for the prosperity of Mark Masonry throughout the country; and I will undertake this, to promise you I will spare no pains during my term of office to show you how much I appreciate the honour you have done me by handing over Grand Lodge in, at least, as prosperous and flourishing a condition as it is at present. Brethren, I thank you. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M.M.M. : Brethren, my first pleasing duty is to invest your Immediate Past Grand Master with a jewel which is presented to him by Grand Lodge, and I am sure you will agree with me that not only by his eminent services to Masonry in general, but to Mark Masonry and to this Grand Lodge in particular, we give him this jewel with the greatest possible pleasure and satisfaction.

The Earl of Lathom, Past Grand Master, was then invested by the Grand Master with a valuable Past Grand Master's jewel, amidst cheers.

The Earl of LATHOM, P.G.M., said : I thank you, Worshipful Sir and brethren, for the handsome gift you have presented to me, and I assure you I shall always wear it with pleasant recollections of the time I had the honour of ruling over this Degree. Your Grand Master, brethren, has been kind enough to say something of me, which I hope I deserve; but I may say I always try to do my duty in every station of life in which I may be placed, and when I am doing it in every Degree of Masonry to which I belong I am only carrying out the principle I have laid down for every-day life. I thank you most heartily. (Cheers.)

On the motion of Bro. S. RAWSON, seconded by Bro. BROADLEY, Bro. Frederick Davison was again unanimously elected Grand Treasurer.

Bro. F. DAVISON said he was much obliged to the brethren for the honour done him by his re-election. He was happy to say that during the time he had held the office of Grand Treasurer the funds of the Grand Lodge had very much increased, and at the present time the Degree in its financial position was never better.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Grand Officers for the ensuing year :

Bro. the Earl of Kintore	-	-	-	-	D.G.M.
Lord Arthur Hill	-	-	-	-	G.S.W.
Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett	-	-	-	-	G.J.W.
J. E. Le Feuvre	-	-	-	-	G.M.O.
E. C. Mather	-	-	-	-	G.S.O.
H. R. Cooper Smith	-	-	-	-	G.J.O.
Rev. R. N. Sanderson, M. A.	-	-	-	-	G. Chap.
Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A.	-	-	-	-	G. Chap.
Frederic Davison	-	-	-	-	G. Treas.
H. C. Levander, M.A.	-	-	-	-	G. Regr.
Fredk. Binckes, P.G.J.W.	-	-	-	-	G. Sec.
Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.O.	-	-	-	-	G. A. Sec.
Capt. A. T. Perkins	-	-	-	-	G.S.D.
Thos. J. Pulley	-	-	-	-	G.S.D.
C. S. Lane	-	-	-	-	G.J.D.
S. S. Partridge	-	-	-	-	G.J.D.
Henry Lovegrove	-	-	-	-	G.S. of W.
Robt. Berridge	-	-	-	-	G.D. of C.
Henry Hacker	-	-	-	-	G.A.D.C.
Thomas C. Walls	-	-	-	-	G. Swd. Br.
Thomas Clark	-	-	-	-	G. Std. Br.
Wilhelm Ganz	-	-	-	-	G. Org.
E. C. Milligan	-	-	-	-	G.I.G.
W. Barkley, George Clark, E. T. Fulford, E.	-	-	-	-	
Gilbert, W. Gimingham, T. H. Glendinning, W.	-	-	-	-	
Jedwine, H. J. Lardner, T. Lawrence Lewis, C.	-	-	-	-	Stewards.
L. Mason, W. J. Meek, G. A. Rooks	-	-	-	-	

These officers were then saluted in the usual form.

The brethren nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board were Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., P.G.M., President; S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, Dibdin, Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, and Alfred Williams. The brethren elected were Bros. E. C. Mather, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, Herbert Dicketts, and R. J. Mure.

Bro. BINCKES, Grand Secretary, announced that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M.; W. Kelly, P.G.M. Leicester; W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.G.M. North Wales; Capt. Charles Hunter, D.P.G.M. North Wales; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.G.M.O.; I. J. Hooper Wilkins, P.G.J.O.; Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D., P.G.C.; Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., P.G. Chap.; W. Westgate, P.G.A.D. of C.; Thomas Clark, G. Standard Bearer; Arthur Middleton, P.G. Swd. Br.; W. Belcher, D.M., P.G. Org.; George Morgan, P.G.I.G.; J. H. Glendinning, G.S.; O. H. Pearson, P.G.S.; Foster Gough, LL.D., P.G.S.; Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, P.G.J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.J.W.; Thomas Entwistle, P.P.G.M.; C. L. Mason, G.S.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; Lord Leigh, P.G.M.; G. J. McKay, P.G.S.D.; Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, P.G.M. Cheshire; Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, P.G.C.; W. T. Clarke, P.G.S.; E. T. Inskip, P.G.O.; and Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey.

Bro. REANY, Britannia Lodge, Sheffield, before the lodge was closed, trusted that the Grand Master would excuse him while he invited the next moveable Grand Lodge to be held at Sheffield, at such time as the M.W. G.M.M.M. might think fit. The brethren of Sheffield, on whose behalf he spoke, thought that the holding of the Grand Lodge in the provinces once a year would tend to increase the popularity of the Mark Degree.

The GRAND MASTER said he could assure the brother that the Grand Lodge would endeavour to meet the views of the brethren of Sheffield. The matter would be brought before the General Board, and duly considered.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet.

After dinner the toasts were proposed.

Lord HENNIKER, in proposing the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and Mark Masonry," referred to the fact that three of Her Majesty's sons were already distinguished Masons, and that it had that day been made known that another son, the Duke of Albany, was made a Past Grand Master of the Order.

Earl of LATHOM: I rise to propose the next toast to you, but before doing so I hope you will allow me to make a very few observations. Our Grand Master has shown me an excellent example of being brief in the toast he has just proposed. You also know well that I am never long, but there are some among you who have met with me in Warwickshire, where, I regret to say, I departed from my usual custom of brevity. The matter, however, was taken up with such effect by my hearers that I cannot but say that I thank those brethren who took up and acted on the words I spoke on that occasion. Mark Masonry, during the time I have had the pleasure to rule over you, has prospered; during the past three years seventy-two new Mark lodges have been consecrated, which is double the rate of increase of former periods, and, in proposing "The Health of my Successor, Lord Henniker," I cannot do better than express my hope that he may find at the end of a similar period that instead of seventy-two, a hundred and forty-four new lodges have been added to the roll. Trusting that he may have a prosperous term of office, I now ask you to drink his very good health.

LORD HENNIKER: I thank my respected and worshipful friend, the Past Grand Master, for the kind manner in which he has proposed this toast, and I thank you for the cordial and kind way in which you have replied. I appreciate your kindness, and I appreciate it in this way—for your feeling towards your Past Grand Master, who has proposed this toast, for his past services to you, and for your promise to support me in the task I have undertaken. I shall not easily forget this occasion. I shall remember it as not only the occasion of a great pleasure, in having been so cordially received, but also as a rather conspicuous occasion in Mark Masonry; and I am fortunate that my day of installation is what Bro. Binckes has called the silver wedding of Mark Masonry. Among men and women who have passed periods of five and twenty years together in social happiness and social usefulness the silver wedding marks that they possess in a great degree, in a marked degree, the social quality, the quality we most admire in Mark Masonry. I think, brethren, that this Grand Mark Lodge may possess something of these qualities. You have heard what your late Master has said about the increase of Mark Masonry during his year of office. This is a matter of pleasure and satisfaction, for we must have a feeling of triumph at the success of the Order. I was talking to my friend, Bro. Sandenian, from my own province, and he was telling me that when he was made a Mark Master he was one of the first of those who had joined Lodge No. 7. That is eighteen years ago, and now we have thirty-one provinces, 290 lodges, and 15,000 members, and, as your Past Grand Master has told you, not only have we increased enormously lately, but we are increasing more rapidly now than we have ever increased before. It is something to say, and something for me to think of, that you have placed me over this large portion of the Craft. What I can say, brethren, is this, that I will do my very best to preside over you in a manner which may be satisfactory to you during my term of office, and I only hope that I may be so successful that the good wish of your Immediate Past Grand Master, that his number of new lodges may be doubled during my term, may come true. All I can say is to repeat that I will do my best to arrive at that result, and your kindness to-night encourages me to the task.

Bro. BROADLEY: It is the twenty-fifth anniversary of this Grand Lodge, and I may be pardoned if I say that the toast of "The M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons" is almost the toast of the evening, and we have to congratulate the Grand Mark Lodge of England that it has become what it is to-day. I rise to propose "The Health of the Past Grand Masters of the Order," a list of eight, beginning with Lord Leigh and ending with the Earl of Lathom, who have as Grand Mark Masters devoted their time to the interests of the Order. We have had a great gathering this evening and have many distinguished brethren amongst us, not only from all parts of the country but also from a foreign country, which I am sorry to say is politically under a cloud at present, but where I can tell you the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England will never be forgotten. It is my privilege to propose "The Health of the M.W. Past Grand Masters," coupling therewith the names of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Bro. the Rev. Raymond Portal.

Bro. PORTAL: I feel it is a proud position to have to return thanks for a body of Masons composed of such illustrious names as stand on the roll of the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, and to have assisted one whose rule has been confessedly most able and deservedly most popular. Rome was not built in a day; Sir Christopher Wren lived to see the completion of his work; but we shall not live to see the completion of ours, though we have had the satisfaction to see the vast progress it has made. In times past we have endeavoured to do our best for the Order, and we shall continue to do what we can to conduce to its success.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., also responded to the toast.

Bro. Sir E. LECHMERE, Bart., proposed "The Health of the R.W.D. Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Past and Present."

Bro. Lord KINTORE said it was with no ordinary feelings that he, a Scotch Mason, had assisted there that night, and listened to the toast in which he was concerned. He spoke of the coldness with which Mark Masonry was, only a few years since, looked upon by the Grand Lodge of England, and contrasted it with the more cordial feelings that now prevailed. He hoped the good feeling would go on increasing; that the English and Scotch Masons would work together, and draw the bonds of brotherhood closer. This had been a very great day for them all, and he felt that all their efforts in the past had been amply rewarded by that day's success.

The toast "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund" was proposed by Bro. BEACH, and responded to by Bro. MATIER, who spoke in so low a tone that only disjointed fragments of sentences reached our reporter.

"The Health of the Ladies" concluded the list of toasts; and Bro. BINCKES, who had been all the evening assisting in entertaining the fair visitors, was summoned from the other room to reply to the toast, which he did with his customary genial exuberance of language.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, P.G. Mark Organist, assisted by Madame Thaddeus Wells, Miss Hebe Barlow, Miss Mary Horton, Bro. John Stedman, Bro. Egbert Roberts, Bro. Schuberth, and Bro. Stedman's choir boys.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We are pleased now to be able to give a detailed list of the contributions from the Province of Gloucestershire announced at the festival. Bro. Henry Godfrey, J.P., who now serves his third Stewardship with an aggregate amount of £446, nobly heads the list with £218 8s., followed by Bro. Clement Tudway with £181 13s., and Bro. J. Brooksmith with £142 14s. To Bro. Col. H. G. Basevi, although the modest sum of £30 9s. only appears against his name, a great portion of the success achieved by the province is due, and we congratulate him and the Province of Gloucestershire on the splendid result of their efforts.

Lodge.	£	s.	d.	Lodge.	£	s.	d.
82 Bro. Col. H. G. Basevi ...	30	9	0	493 Bro. G. W. Haines ...	43	1	0
82 " Baron de Ferrieres, M.P. ...	10	10	0	493 " A. V. Hatton ...	10	10	0
82 " Henry Godfrey, J.P. ...	218	8	0	493 " Samuel Moss ...	10	10	0
82 " Ernest W. Godfrey ...	10	10	0	493 " R. A. Matthews ...	5	5	0
82 " W. H. Gurnett ...	63	0	0	592 " John Mullings ...	10	10	0
Chapter.				592 " Clement Tudway ...	181	13	0
82 Comp. J. Brooksmith, D.P.G.M. ...	142	14	0	839 " James Bruton ...	10	10	0
82 " W. Forth ...	27	6	0	839 " John Bryan ...	10	10	0
82 " W. R. Porcher ...	15	15	0	839 " R. Vassar Smith ...	96	1	0
Lodge.				839 " Robert W. White ...	15	15	0
246 Bro. Edwin Lawrence ...	26	5	0	900 " Edward J. Gregory ...	22	1	0
246 " George Norman ...	10	10	0	1067 " W. C. Heane ...	11	11	0
				1067 " Cranston Kerr ...	16	16	0
				Total	£1000	0	0

## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

As an illustration of the real difficulty of Masonic history still, I take up a contribution to it in 1881 from a new Body at the Antipodes, calling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In its proceedings at p. 25 occurs the following passage, which is a "gem" in its way.

"Now let us see how the Grand Lodge of England was established. It was not established in the same regular and constitutional manner that the Grand Lodge of Canada was, nor is there any analogy between their proceedings and ours. We have chosen to follow the good example of our Canadian brethren, and we have not succeeded as the four London Lodges did from the Grand Lodge of York. At the time of this secession we find that there was the Grand Lodge of England established in the year 926 at York, and having at that time jurisdiction over thirty-two daughter lodges. Notwithstanding that there was a Grand Lodge of England, we find that the Masonic Body in the south of England or London, then numbering four lodges, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge in the year 1717."

There are, perhaps, in this one passage more errors than one could think possible to be found in a Masonic historical statement of 1881, and which will startle Bro. Hughan, as they have startled me, inasmuch as they seem to set at defiance all the careful researches and competent criticisms of these later days.

Let us take the statement in its details.

1. The declaration that in 1717 the Grand Lodge of York, established in 926, was in full jurisdiction at York over thirty-two lodges is, indeed, a wonderful one. The whole question of 926 is pre-historic, at any rate, depends solely on a Guild legend, and how far the Grand Lodge at York in 1717 was in activity is a matter of very grave doubt indeed. The thirty-two lodges "non sunt." Even Bro. Hughan or Bro. Gould will be puzzled at such a statement, and would like, with me, to see their names and numbers. This is the way we write Masonic history to-day.

2. I am not aware that until the patent to the Lodge of Antiquity, late in the 18th century, the Grand Lodge of York, revived by Drake, ever claimed or exercised authority South of the Trent. If it did the proof of it has yet to be found; I know of no such exercise, and I am quite sure Bro. Hughan does not, or he would have told me of it.

3. In no sense, as far as I know, is it true that the London lodge seceded from the Grand Lodge of York. Whatever had become of the Lodge of Warrington in 1646, or the Lodges in Staffordshire in 1667, or of the Masons in London, assembled in Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, in 1682, it is quite clear that early in the 18th century Masonry in London was in a dormant state. There is not the slightest proof that in any way the London Masons had any connection with York. On the contrary, if our Masonic writers can be depended upon, there was a synchronous list of two sets of Grand Masters for the North and South, running "pari passu," side by side.

But leaving this point out, the Masons of 1717 were no seceders, they were acting "pleno jure" in reviving a dormant Grand Lodge, which they sought, remember, to do, (what Drake did at York later), and if the argument is good for anything, (which, however, it is not), the York Grand Lodge, confessedly in abeyance—as the French say "en sommeil," sleep—might with equal justice be contended to be a "secession" from the London Grand Lodge, then in full activity.

But the truth is all such arguments are out of place, and wide of the mark, and practically "nihil ad rem." The York Masons acted on their full right later, just as the London Masons acted on their full right earlier, and all the known London lodges existing met, and unanimously agreed to revive the Grand Lodge, and to set up the Quarterly Communications, &c.

Anderson, in his original account, 1723, says: "And now the freeborn British nations, &c., having of late much indulged their happy genius for Masonry of every sort, revived the drooping lodges of London, this fair metropolis flourisheth as well as other parts with several worthy particular lodges that have a Quarterly Communication and an Annual Grand Assembly, wherein the forms and usages of the most ancient and worshipful Fraternity are wisely propagated, and the Royal Art duly cultivated," &c. In 1723 there were in London twenty lodges.

In 1738 there were 106 London lodges and 47 in the country, and Anderson thus enlarges on the proceedings of 1716: "The few lodges in London, finding themselves neglected by Sir Christopher Wren, thought fit to cement under a Grand Master, &c., they constituted themselves (that is the four lodges mentioned) "pro tempore" in due form, and forthwith revived the Quarterly Communication of the officers of lodges, called the Grand Lodge, &c."

I do not stop to enquire how far Anderson is absolutely correct in all his particular statements, but I merely use his words to shew that no idea of a "secession from York" ever entered into the heads of the Masons of 1716-17.

Indeed, in the nature of things it could not be so, and I have, for my part, never understood how or why any writer could talk of a secession from

York, when there is not the slightest proof that until the Antiquity Patent York ever claimed, or thought of claiming, any jurisdiction South of the Trent.

The history of all pre-1700 Masonry is in England, unfortunately, very hazy and doubtful, and unless we are so fortunate some day as to stumble on some genuine Masonic records of the 17th century, we shall always find a great difficulty in dealing with 17th century Masonry.

But, at any rate, it is hopeless to attempt to clear up Masonic difficulties, both in history and archæology, if thus Masonic history is travestied, and the reign of "myth" is to be revived amongst us in 1881.

### "LONG LIVERS."

ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

The ingenious author of "Long Livers," in his introduction to that curious work, has supplied the Freemasons of to-day with some interesting materials, out of which may be elaborated many new speculations with regard to the origin of our Society. As yet, however, I think no writer of the Craft has published any allusion to the preface of Bro. Eugenius Philalethes, by his contemporaries. A little book in my possession, entitled "Ebrictatis Encomium," of which the first edition appeared in 1723, contains a chapter devoted mainly to the Freemasons, and the then recent work of Eugenius Philalethes is pleasantly alluded to. My copy of this work was printed in 1812, and there is no reference on the title page to an earlier edition. In the *Evening Post*, however, No. 2168, from Tuesday, June 18th, to Thursday, June 28th, 1723, the following notification appears:

"Just published, in a neat Pocket Volume (For the use of the Lodges of all Freemasons), 'Ebrictatis Encomium, or The Praise of Drunkenness.'"

"Confirmed by the examples of (*inter alios*) Popes, Bishops, Philosophers, Free Masons, and other men of learning in all ages, &c. Printed for E. Curll . . . Price 2s. 6d.

At Chapter XV. the peculiarities of the Freemasons are touched upon at some length, but reserving this allusion for separate citation, the language of the author, Boniface Oinophilus De Monte Piascone, A. B. C., in two other parts of his work, may be found interesting. At p. 53, Chap. VIII., he says: "I shall not forget the philosophers, and much less the poets, who loved drinking. Freemasons, and other learned men, who having wearied themselves with important studies have taken this diversion, shall also appear on the Stage."

It proceeds as follows: "Of Freemasons, and other learned men, that used to get drunk." Chapter XV. (p. 88), is thus headed:

"If what Bro. Eugenius Philalethes, author of 'Long Livers,' a book lately printed and dedicated to the Freemasons, says in his Preface\* to that treatise, be true, those mystical gentlemen well deserve a place among the learned. But, without entering into their peculiar jargon, or whether a man can be sacrilegiously perjured for revealing secrets when he has none, I do assure my readers, they are very great friends to the vintners. An eye-witness of this was I myself at their late general meeting at Stationers' Hall, who having learned some of their catechism, passed my examination, paid my five shillings, and took my place accordingly.

We had a good dinner, and, to their eternal honour, the brotherhood laid about them very valiantly. They saw then their high dignity; they saw what they were, acted accordingly, and showed themselves (what they were) men. The Westphalia hams and chickens, with good plum pudding, not forgetting the delicious salmon, were plentifully sacrificed, with copious libations of wine for the consolation of the brotherhood. But whether, after a very disedifying manner, their demolishing huge walls of venison pasty be building up a spiritual house, I leave to Bro. Eugenius Philalethes to determine. However, to do them justice, I must own there was no mention made of politics or religion, so well do they seem to follow the advice of that author. And when the music began to play, 'Let the king enjoy his own again,' they were immediately reprimanded by a person of great gravity and science.

The bottle, in the meanwhile, went merrily about, and the following healths were begun by a great man, The King, Prince and Princess, and the Royal Family; the Church as by Law established; Prosperity to Old England under the present Administration; and Love, Liberty, and Science; which were unanimously pledged in full bumpers, attended with loud huzzas.

The faces then of the most ancient and most honourable fraternity of the Free Masons, brightened with ruddy fires; their eyes illuminated, resplendent blazed.

Well fare ye, merry hearts, thought I, hail ye illustrious toppers, if liberty and freedom, ye free mortals, is your essential difference, richly distinguishes you from all others, and is, indeed, the very soul and spirit of the brotherhood, according to brother Eugenius Philalethes. § I know not who may be your alma mater, but undoubtedly Bacchus is your liber pater.

'Tis wine, ye Masons, makes you free,  
Bacchus the father is of liberty.

But leaving the Free Masons, and their invaluable secrets, for I know not what they are worth, come we to speak of other men of learning, who loved to indulge their genius with the delicious juice of the grape. And here we need not fly to antiquity which would swell this work into a large volume, later time will furnish us with many a bright example. *Non semper confugiamus ad vetera.*

At p. 204, under the form of a postscript from a friend, there appears:

"Thirdly and lastly, I wish in Chap. XXIII. in your answer to the objection, 'That one cannot trust a man that gets drunk,' you had been pleased to have taken notice of the taciturnity and continency of the right worshipful the free masons in this respect. For though otherwise they are free enough of speech, yet I do assure you, as to secrets, though some of them love the creature very heartily, and carouse abundantly, yet has it never been known, though never so fuddled (for free masons will get fuddled), that they ever discover any of their secrets. This is irresistible, irrefragable, irrefutable, or if you will, to speak (*norunt dialectici*) in *stylo infinito*, non-resistible, non-refragable, and non-refutable, and indeed, is my *Argumentum palmare Scotisticum*."

The author of "Long Livers," has been styled by Bro. Jacob Norton, a "half-cracked dreamer." The description is not inapt. Hermeticism was not in very good odour with the general public, when "Eugenius Philalethes," and "Boniface Oinophilus," wrote the several works with which their names are associated. I shall best illustrate this last position, by adducing a short extract from a publication of 1720:—

"*Hermes Tresmegisus*, an Egyptian Philosopher, is said to have lived Anno Mundi 1076, in the reign of Ninus after Moses. He was a wonderful Philosopher . . . but those *Hermetick Men* . . . tho' the pretended Sectators of this great man, are nothing else but a wild and extravagant sort of Enthusiasts, who make a hodge-podge of Religion and Philosophy, and produce nothing but what is the object of every considering person's contempt."

Although various writers have been connected with the authorship of "Long Livers," I scarcely remember having seen the real author's name cited in any Masonic Journal. The writer of this curious work was Robert

\* Vide Preface, p. 17, l. 6, where are these words, viz.: "Thuss shall princes love and cherish you as their most faithful children and servants, and take delight to commune with you, inasmuch as amongst you are found men excellent in all kinds of sciences, and who, thereby may make their names, who love and cherish you, immortal."

† Page 6, l. 9.

‡ Page 16, l. 19.

§ Page 5, l. 12. Page 42, l. 13.

|| *Hudibras*. Ed. 1720. Annotations to the third part, p. 394.

Samber, author of a "Treatise on the Plague." My authority for this statement is the M.S. Catalogue British Museum Library. The last mentioned work (*Treatise on the Plague*) appeared in 1721, one year before "Long Livers." It is dedicated to "His Grace the Duke of Montague," and from the preface I extract a few passages, which will remind readers of the later work of the peculiar phraseology occurring therein:—

"A true Believer will not reveal to anyone his Good Works, but to such only to whom it may belong . . . This elevates us to the highest Degrees of true Glory, and makes us equal with Kings. It is the most pretious and most valuable Jewel in the World; a Jewel of Great Price, redder and more sparkling than the finest Rubies, more transparent than the purest Chrystal of the Rock, brighter than the Sun, Shining in Darkness, and is the Light of the World, and the Salt and Fire of the Universe."

Eugenius Philalethes also exhorts his Grace "to do good to his poor Brethren."

The fact of Bro. Samber having dedicated his earlier work [1721] to the Duke of Montague, then *Grand Master of the Freemasons*, may throw some light upon the circumstances of the subsequent dedication [1722, "Long Livers."] In recent numbers of the *Freemason*, the author of "Long Livers" has been named by two learned brethren—by Bro. Yarker as Dr. Mead, and by Bro. Whytehead as Thomas Vaughan. Who Dr. Mead was I do not know; but as Thomas Vaughan [under the pseudonym of *Eugenius Philalethes*]\* published the "Paine and Confessions of the Fraternity of R.C." in 1652, it would have been, to say the least, a marvel that two works issuing from his pen should have been separated by an interval of seventy years.

In conclusion, I may mention that, according to the register of the British Museum, the work "Ebrictatis Encomium," the only printed book, so far as I am aware, noticing the preface to "Long Livers," first appeared in 1723. A second edition was published in 1743, and a reprint of the original edition was brought out early in the present century. My own copy seems to have been an extra or piratical edition. The work appears to have been a translation of the "Eloge d'yvresse" of A. H. de Sallengrè.

I am writing in haste, and fear a little unconnectedly, but I will just add, that so far, I have been unable to identify Robert Samber as a member of any of the old lodges—1723-30—of which lists are available for reference.

### THE AMERICAN PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

Bro. R. Morris has sent me a copy of the digest of decisions of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky published last year, admirably prepared, and doubtless most valuable to the Masons of that State. I have more than once suggested the advantage which would be derived from the publication of a well edited digest of the decisions of our own Board of General Purposes, and after looking through this American work am more than ever convinced that something of the kind should be attempted.

My immediate object, however, in alluding to this American digest is to call attention to page 111, where I find it laid down under the head of "Past Masters":

"A chapter Past Master cannot exercise in a symbolic lodge any function pertaining to the office and attributes of the Master, and cannot consequently install a newly elected Master.

"A chapter Past Master is not required in this jurisdiction to take the Past Master's Degree in a convocation of actual Past Masters, on being installed as the Master of a lodge; but a newly elected Master who has never received the Past Master's Degree should have it conferred on him only by a convocation of Past Masters, and on such occasions it is improper that any but actual Past Masters should be present."

In England I believe the Board of General Purposes has decided that an American "chapter Past Master"—that is, a brother who has received the "Past Master's Degree" as a pre-requisite to being exalted to the Royal Arch—may be present and sit as a Past Master in a Board of Installed Masters in England. At any rate, I am aware of an instance of a brother sitting in such a Board with no other qualification, and I was informed that the Board of General Purposes had been communicated with on the subject and decided in the brother's favour.

There seems to be a certain incongruity in the matter, that we in England should grant rights to a brother which are not conceded to him by the foreign authority under which his claim is based.

As we know, the Past Master's Degree, as a preliminary to the Royal Arch, was worked in England up to a very recent period, but I am not aware whether it carried with it in this country the privileges to which I have alluded. I fancy not.

### PRESBYTERIANISM AND FREEMASONRY.

It seems that at Brooklyn a section of the Presbyterian Body at its annual meeting endeavoured by a resolution of the "Synod" to force all Freemasons out of the denomination. But, as the writer says, to use an American adage, they had "dug up more snakes than they could kill." Nearly every doctor of divinity, nearly every college professor, nearly every prominent layman in their body was found to be a Freemason. Two facts seem to stand out clearly from this account for our "noting" and "improvement." The one is, that the spirit of bigotry and intolerance survives, whether manifested in Presbyterian Synods or Ultramontane allocutions. Our brethren in Scotland need not be reminded that in the last century the power of Presbyterian Synods was exerted, but in vain, to antagonize and crush Freemasonry. To-day, in another century, we behold the same sad spectacle in this fair world of ours; but, again, if Freemasons are only true to their great Order and themselves, the effort will be in vain. And the other fact is, the happy increase and spread of Freemasonry in America. We congratulate heartily our American brethren on this triumphant advance of their Masonic "phalanx," which eventually we feel sure will prove to be irresistible, triumphing over prejudice and intolerance, opposition and slander. Wherever Freemasonry is truly Freemasonry, there is light, there is toleration, there is justice, and there is brotherly love. In the "Masonic Magazine" for June, the last number of the Eighth Volume, will appear an extract from an able address delivered by GEORGE THORNBURGH, G.M. of Arkansas, before the last meeting of Grand Lodge, dealing with the intolerance of this body of Presbyterians in America.

\* The various books and pamphlets classified under the titles of *Eugenius Philalethes* and *Eugenius Philalethes Junior*, fill nearly an entire volume of the British Museum Catalogue. In a great number of instances the real names of the writers are given, e.g.—"Philalethes (Eugenius) Junior—Pseud. [i.e. Robert Samber]."

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Egerton Lodge, 1392	2	2	0
Granite Lodge, 1328	5	5	0
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### To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

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## THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 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 ELECTION R.M.B.I.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My attention having been called to a letter signed "A Voter" making certain queries, permit me, as one of the large body of Scrutineers on that, to briefly state the case, but must premise for those who do not know how the scrutiny is carried on, that the Scrutineers are divided into pairs, who carefully go through all the papers committed to them, and verify or correct each other's work. First, then, the two enumerators into whose hands the misplaced votes had been entrusted had made an error in marking them for No. 11, instead of No. 5, which error was remarkable, as one paper alone represented 300 votes; and the second, that the Scrutineer who demanded the fresh scrutiny had not paid sufficient attention during the casting up of the votes, previous to making the official return, to discover the very large deficiency for case No. 5, which he was interested in supporting. Trusting that these few words will exonerate the parties hinted at, if not accused, and explain the much to be regretted mistake,

I remain, yours fraternally, C. J. PERCEVAL.

S, Thurlow-place, S.W., May 28th.

P.S.—As to vitiating any other candidates, it did not, for No. 11 was returned in spite of the 400 and odd votes deducted from his total; and the West Yorkshire case, the first of the unsuccessful—No. 23—had all the votes to which he was entitled duly credited to him.

[We have taken out one passage of our correspondent's letter which seemed to us to verge upon "personality," though no doubt unintentionally, which is to be deprecated in all such reasonable discussions. "A Voter's" letter was only a letter of "enquiry" and reflected on no one. It only stated "facts," as we understood them.—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In reply to the letter signed "A Voter," permit me to give you the true story of the error in the first announcement of the result of the poll for Male Annuitants, unfortunate, no doubt, but still not altogether unprecedented.

A bundle of papers marked for case No. 5 (Beale) was examined and counted by one of the Scrutineers, and, in error, labelled by him as belonging to case No. 11 (Ross). The brother who checked this bundle found the 404 count, was correct, but failed to observe the error as to the marking of the number of the case, and on the third check, the Scrutineer who was especially told off for this very purpose allowed the bundle to pass by him without discovering the blunder.

On the casting up of the votes case No. 11 was therefore credited with 404 votes to which he was not entitled, making a total of 1355, or fifth on the successful list, while No. 5 had only a total of 592. As the brother who afterwards made the objection had been in the Scrutineers' room all day he had no means of knowing the number of votes to which No. 5 was entitled, and each bundle of voting papers having been checked three times, we considered the result to be correct, and the numbers were read out to the Annual General Meeting. Before, however, any candidate was declared elected by the Chairman, the objection was made, and the Scrutineers retired for a fourth examination of the voting papers, when this most unfortunate and stupid error was discovered, and the 404 votes deducted from No. 11, and added to No. 5, the immediate effect of which was to reduce No. 11 to the twentieth place on the list, with a corrected total of 951, and to place No. 5 seventeenth, with a total of 996.

When the corrected totals were read out, and the explanation given, the Chairman then declared the twenty-five annuitants duly elected whose names have been published in the daily papers. The East Lancashire brethren, although no doubt annoyed at the result of the amended return, had no just cause of complaint, as their candidate had never been declared elected by the Chairman, nor had they polled sufficient votes to entitle them to such declaration.

No one can possibly regret this blunder more than I do, and, although personally innocent, I fully accept the responsibility and the blame which undoubtedly is due for this piece of carelessness.

I must therefore submit to your correspondent that all voting papers have been examined, whether polled in the office or not, and that no return has been vitiated.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. F. MATIER,

Chairman of Scrutineers for the Male Fund Election.

May 28th.

[Bro. Matier's explanation appears to us to be perfectly clear and satisfactory.—Ed. F.M.]

### A TYPOGRAPHICAL MISTAKE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice a mistake in your last impression in the account of the Girls' School, which has literally made the "blood curdle in my veins," as the Irish orator said. Of course, your correspondent meant "Cordon Bleu," and the only consolation is that those who do understand French will "spot" the mistake at once, and that those who "don't" won't, and it will make but little difference to them. There is another aspect of the case I wish also to "ventilate" in your columns, namely, that such "mistakes" will occur in the best regulated papers, whatever their hemisphere or nationality may be. I take up an American contemporary, and find "Frolicksome" complaining, in some very bad lines, I admit, of the "mental efforts of the festive and intelligent compositor."

"The typo stood in front of his case,  
And a fiendish smile crept over his face  
As he butchered his take, nor left a trace  
Of meaning nor sense in any place."

"And the editor wrote of the calm, shrewd head  
That the orator had; but in type it read:  
'That the orator had a calf-shaped head.'  
(When the orator called the editor fled.)"

"Of an actress wrote he, 'She can't be beat,  
And to watch her face is quite a treat.'  
'As an actress,' said typo, 'she is a beat,  
And to wash her face is quite a treat,'"

"And the editor wrote of 'her soul-lit eyes,  
That shine like stars from out the skies.'  
But the typo fixed it, 'Her sore-lid eyes,  
That stone-like stare from out of the styes.'"

Thus errors will creep in even in our typography. Thus, too, history repeats itself even in the "printing case!"

Yours fraternally,

PRAGMATIC.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, opened the first of the series of international exhibitions held at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, the 26th ult.

## Reviews.

## REPORT ON PALI LITERATURE. By the Rev. R. MORRIS, M.A., LL.D.

Our Bro. Dr. Morris is well known to many of us as the zealous Head Master of the Boys' School, under whose efficient superintendence the School has so markedly and patently progressed, until it has become a most valuable and important educational Institution, of which, as an Order, we may feel grateful to think that we have in our time supported its claims, or sought to develop its efficiency. Bro. Morris is well known in literary and antiquarian circles as a ripe scholar and a very able editor. His researches in Oriental literature have brought him great reputation, and his contributions to the Early English Text Society are not forgotten by students or collectors. We can remember gratefully his "Early English Alliterative Poems," "Legends of the Holy Rood," "Old English Homilies," "Old English Miscellany," "Cursor Mundi," and many others, while his educational and etymological works are all of value and utility. His recent paper in the "Contemporary" was marked by much ability, and the report which heads this review, too recondite for most of our readers, is a singularly striking production. Indeed, those who wish to "dip" into the "great sea" of Buddhist literature had better study Bro. Dr. Morris' able "prologomena" to the study which may be found in this little pamphlet. As we realize both what Dr. Morris has done and what he can do, we are gratified to think that our Boys' School has over it such directing influence, and that its destinies scholastically are in the hands of one who is both a remarkable scholar, an excellent Mason, and a kindly gentleman.

## PAPERS ON CHINESE FREEMASONRY. By W. A. PICKERING.

By the kind courtesy of a brother we have had these most interesting papers placed before us. We are much struck with them, and should like much if they were easily procurable and generally read. Mr. (Bro.?) Pickering refers to Mr. Gustave Schlegel's "Thian-Ti-Hui," or the "Triad League," as treating "very exhaustively of the subject of the great Chinese Brotherhood." Mr. Pickering says, and it is a very remarkable passage, "per se," "However degraded the Society may have become in its present hands, there is great reason to believe that originally, in the long past, it was a system of Freemasonry, and that its object was to benefit mankind by spreading a spirit of Brotherhood, and by teaching the duties of man to God, and to his neighbour. The motto of the 'Thian-Ti-Hui,' or 'Thien-Ti-Hui,' for the name is given both ways, whether acted upon or not, is 'Obey heaven and work righteousness,' &c." This is a very noteworthy fact if correct, as it touches upon that great point in Masonic history the indigenous character of Masonry in various and far distant countries. The native Chinese Freemasonry is probably now purely "spurious," but that very "spuriousness" of to-day seems to point to a true Freemasonry, in the days of "Confucius" for instance. This consideration invests the subject with great interest for all Masonic Students. If any one can help us to "Gustave Schlegel's" work, we shall be much obliged.

## PUNISHMENTS OF THE OLDEN TIME. By WM. ANDREWS, F.R.H.S. W. Stewart and Co., 1, Holborn Viaduct Station, London.

We have read with pleasure this well-illustrated little pamphlet, and have no doubt that it will find many friends. Mr. Andrews has collected much curious information relative to the "Ducking Stool," or "Cuching Stool," for "shrewish females," the "Break," or "Scold's and Gossip's Bridle," and when we look at these formidable "apparitions" out of the old past, we feel grateful to think that no such persons exist among us now, and no need is found for any such punishments amid those gentle beings with whom it is our privilege to consort. "Hem—Ha," says the Printer's Devil, meekly, "don't be too sure, my dear Sir; I have a notion some 'females' might still be found to whom these applications sometimes might not be unseasonable or unreasonable." As the Printer's Devil is generally in the right, we bow to such an erudite commentator on the work, and can only express our opinion that, if so,

"Tis true, 'tis pity; pity 'tis, 'tis true."

As regards the pillory and the stocks they carry us back to olden days ourselves. We ourselves can remember the existence of the stocks outside a certain churchyard gate very well known to us, and their removal in our own reforming times some twenty years ago. As regards the pillory we are inclined to think that there are one or two "rogues" still existing in this world whom it would do no harm to place in them. As regards Titus Oates, whose hideous physiognomy is there represented in one of the cuts, we can only express our opinion that no punishment was every better devised for him, who, in the horrible cruelty of unshrinking mendacity, sent so many men better than himself to the scaffold, and caused the shedding, to the disgrace and ignominy of perverted justice, of so much innocent and noble blood."

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE.

Can any brother spare me a copy of the official report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge for December, 1871? In return I will transmit one of the following, at option of my correspondent, viz:—

Reports for June, 1876; March, June, September, 1877; September, 1878; March, September, 1879.

R. F. GOULD.

## MASONRY IN CHINA.

I should like to draw the attention of Bro. Herbert A. Giles, W.M. Ionic Lodge, No. 1781, Amoy, to a pamphlet entitled, "La Franc Maçonnerie chez les Chinois," by L. De Rosny, published at Paris in 1864. It was a reprint, of an article in one of the French Masonic journals. If Bro. Giles has not yet had access to the files of the *Freemasons' Magazine*, the volumes for 1863-65 will repay his examination. An interesting communication from Mr. (now Sir W. Medhurst) will be found in the number of the *Magazine* for June 6th, 1863; and various contributions from Bro. R. A. Jamieson under the heading "Pen and

Ink Sketches by one Fang," appear in the volume for 1865, July to December. The French pamphlet alluded to above can be seen at the British Museum. R. F. GOULD.

## A MASONIC CATALOGUE.

I notice a very remarkable Masonic catalogue of book, by "Gustav Wolf," Leipsic, Germany, over 800 in number to which I will call attention more fully in next *Freemason*. MASONIC STUDENT.

## MASONIC EMBLEMS IN HERALDRY.

The coats of arms of certain families contain Masonic implements, or emblems, and are often pointed out as a proof of the Freemasonry of their original possessors. I have collected a few of these, and some one may, perhaps, be able to add to the list.

1. *Argent*, a pair of compasses extended, and in base an annulet, *sable*; name, *Hadley*.
2. *Azure*, three pair of compasses extended *or*, pointed *sable*; *Bonny*.
3. Per Chevron crenelly *or* and *sable*, three pair of compasses extended, *counter-changed*; *Cartwright*.
4. *Argent (Azure?)*, three levels with plummets *or*; *Colbrand*.
5. *Argent*, three mallets *gules*; *De Fortibus*, or *De Forte*.
6. *Argent*, three mallets *sable*; *Hammoncourt*.
7. *Argent*, three mallets *vert*; *Fynmore*.
8. *Azure*, three mallets *or*; *Bowly*, *Fitzstephen*.
9. *Gules*, three mallets *argent*; *Mallet*, *Martell*, *Mathew*, *De Thornton*.
10. *Or*, three mallets *gules*; *de Maile*, *Marlet*, *Martell*.
11. *Or*, three mallets *sable*; *Ganell*.
12. *Sable*, three mallets *argent*; *Beynham*, *Browne*, *Martell*, *Rainham*.
13. *Sable*, three mallets *or*; *Ganlyn*.
14. *Sable*, a carpenter's square *or*; *Bevill*.
15. *Argent*, three wall stones in pale *or*; *Brickley*.
16. *Argent*, two triangles voided and interlaced, *sable*; in the centre a heart *gules*; *Villages*.
17. *Argent*, a chevron between three compasses extended *sable*; *the Company of Carpenters*.
18. *Azure*, a fess wavy *argent*; in chief a ducal coronet, in base a pair of compasses *or*; *Retchford*.

HER. ORD. TEMP.

## THE BOYS' SCHOOL CRICKET MATCH.

## MASONIC C.C. v. WOOD GREEN C.C., SECOND ELEVEN.

This match was played in lovely weather on Saturday, the 21st ult., on a fairly good wicket, and after an extremely well-contested game resulted in a victory for the Masonic by 3 wickets and 3 runs. The Masonics having won the toss, put their opponents in, who sent in Lewis and H. G. Thomas. The wickets fell very rapidly, owing to the capital bowling of E. V. Gardner and P. James. With the exception of Conolly and Bidwell, who made 16 and 7 respectively, no heavy scoring was shown by the Wood Green. The last wicket fell for 44.

After a lapse of ten minutes, the Masonics resumed the play. The first wicket fell for 12. E. V. Gardner then went in, and after a very steady innings was, unfortunately, bowled for 8. The rest followed in, and the innings ended for 23. The Wood Green went in again, and were easily disposed of by the bowling of E. V. Gardner and P. James, only adding 15 to the total. The score then rested at 59. The Masonics took their place at the wickets, endeavouring to make their 37, which they accomplished in grand style, chiefly owing to the magnificent batting of W. A. Stansfield, who made 27 (not out), and was carried to the pavilion by the Masonic boys, and loudly applauded. At intervals the Masonic band played a selection of music, which highly pleased the spectators, and made the game very pleasant. Score:—

WOOD GREEN.			
1st inn.		2nd inn.	
Lewis, c James, b E. V. Gardner	6 not out	...	2
A. G. Thomas, b James	0	b James	...
Lamprell, b James	...	2	b E. V. Gardner
Conolly, st Pulman, b E. V. Gardner	...	16	b James
C. E. Bidwell, b James	...	7	b James
A. M. Pool, b E. V. Gardner	...	0	b E. V. Gardner
Griffiths, b E. V. Gardner	...	0	b James
Alger, b James	...	0	b James
F. G. Lloyd, b James	...	0	c and b E. V. Gardner
Bennett, b James	...	1	run out
Case, not out	...	2	run out
Carter, b E. V. Gardner	...	4	c E. V. Gardner, b James
Extras	...	6	Extras
Total	...	44	Total

MASONIC.			
1st inn.		2nd inn.	
Duff, b Lewis	...	5	b Bidwell
G. Robinson, b Lewis	...	0	b Lewis
E. V. Gardner, b Bidwell	...	8	b b w, b Bidwell
James, run out	...	1	b Lewis
Pulman, b Lewis	...	0	b Lewis
L. Wain, b Bidwell	...	0	b Lewis
Stansfield, b Bidwell	...	6	not out
Nash, b Lewis	...	0	b Bidwell
Whalley, b Lewis	...	0	b Bidwell
Stephenson, b Lewis	...	0	not out
Percy, not out	...	2	
Pilling, c Poole, b Lewis	...	0	
Extra	...	1	Extras
Total	...	23	Total

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## LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW FREEMASONS' HALL AT MELTHAM.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 25th ult., the foundation stone of a new Freemasons' Hall, for the Lodge of Peace, No. 149, was laid by the W. Dep. Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, at Meltham, near Huddersfield.

There were present brethren from Lodge Britannia, 139, Sheffield; Old Globe, 200, Scarborough; Three Grand Principles, 208, Dewsbury; Nelson of the Nile, 264, Batley; Harmony, 275, Huddersfield; Huddersfield, 290, Huddersfield; Candour, 337, Uppermill, Saddleworth; Abbey, 432, Nuncaton; Wakefield, 495, Wakefield; Truth, 521, Huddersfield; Pelham Pillar, 972, Grimsby; St. John's, 827, Dawsbury; Friendship, 750, Cleckheaton; Airdale, 387, Shipley; Harrogate and Claro, 1001, Harrogate; Mirfield, 1102, Mirfield; St. David's, 1147, Manchester; Defence, 1221, Leeds; Saville, 1231, Elland; Thornhill, 1514, Lindley; Wharnccliffe, 1462, Penistone; Colne Valley, 1645, Slaithwaite; and St. Oswald, 910, Pontefract.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees at the Odd Fellows' Hall by the officers of the Lodge of Peace, No. 149, at three o'clock, viz.: Bros. John Ellis, W.M.; T. W. Lugg, S.W.; J. W. Sykes, J.W.; D. Wood, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Redfearn, P.M., Sec.; John Heywood, S.D.; W. H. Woodhouse, J.D.; Henry Todd, I.G.; David Cairns, P.M., Tyler; and H. W. Wrigley, I.P.M.

After the lodge had been opened, the Treasurer and Secretary were sent as a deputation, accompanied by the Meltham Brass Band, to the residence of Bro. Dr. Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D., to wait upon the Dep. Prov. Grand Master and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, and conduct them through the town to the lodge.

The procession was then formed and marshalled by Bro. Charles Rayner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who acted as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. James Wilkinson, P.M., carrying the cornucopia containing the corn; Bro. A. Holroyd, P.M., carrying an ewer containing wine; and Bro. Wm. Haigh, P.M., carrying an ewer containing oil. The square, level, and plumb rule were carried by Bros. D. Wood, P.M.; Wm. Myers, P.M.; and John Cordgill, in the W.M. carrying the trowel, with a Warden on each side of him bearing the columns; the architect, Bro. J. C. Teale, carrying the plans of the building; and the I.P.M. the mallet.

The brethren having arranged themselves in order in the building, the Hundredth Psalm was sung, after which prayer was offered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Robert C. Wilford, M.A. This over, in the absence of Bro. Captain E. T. Clerk, Prov. Grand Registrar, the W. Deputy Prov. G.M. called upon Bro. T. A. Haigh, P.M., P.P.G.D., to read the report, which was as follows: "Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master,—As an old Past Master of the Lodge of Peace, I have been requested by the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren to offer a few remarks by way of report, and to give you a brief history of the lodge from its origin down to the present time. The warrant of the lodge was granted on the 1st day of April, 1777, and the lodge was first opened in the town of Barnsley, and held its meeting there, but only until the following year, when it is supposed to have ceased working and to have lain dormant for a lengthened period, as there is no record of its proceedings from the year 1781 until the year 1804, when it was revived and removed from Barnsley to Dewsbury, and held its meetings in the latter town until the year 1815, when, on the 26th of August of that year, it was agreed by the brethren, firstly, to pay all expenses which might be brought against the lodge, and secondly, to dispose of the lodge to the best advantage. In a few years after a few brethren, who resided some at Honley and others in this immediate neighbourhood, agreed and purchased the regalia of the lodge from the Dewsbury brethren, but the warrant having been by accident either lost or destroyed, the purchasers on the 30th day of May, 1821, memorialised the then Grand Master of England—the Duke of Sussex—to grant them a warrant of confirmation, and he being satisfied with the reasonableness of their request, granted such warrant to our trusty and well beloved brethren Hamor Hanson, Thomas Beaumont, James Taylor, William Hawkswell, David Redfearn, and others, authorising them and their successors to assemble and hold a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Honley, under the title of the Lodge of Peace. Accordingly the lodge met and held its meetings there until the year 1826, when, on the 26th day of August of that year, the brethren agreed to remove to Meltham, and the first Freemasons' lodge meeting was held in this town on September 13th, 1826, and the Lodge of Peace has been located here since that time, a period of nearly fifty-five years; its number is 149 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and it is the third in the province of West Yorkshire. During the last fifty-five years, Right Worshipful sir, I need not tell you the lodge has had its time of adversity, for when I was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1855, it could scarcely boast of a sufficient number of members to fill its various offices, and those of whom it then consisted were nearly all Past Masters, but since that period, I am glad to be able to report to you, that adversity has given place to prosperity, and it is now in a more prosperous condition than it was ever known to be at any time during its previous existence. It is this prosperity which has caused our present rooms to be too small and quite inadequate for our requirements, and created the necessity for the erection of a more suitable building, in which the brethren will be able to assemble and hold their meetings in a comfortable manner. From time to time the subject of a new lodge room came under discussion, and in September last a building committee was appointed, and plans were prepared by our Bro. Teale, and submitted to and approved of by the committee. The building to be erected will be a substantial one, and replete with all internal requirements necessary for the purposes of Freemasonry, and will cost, including the site, about £800. The committee have accepted tenders as follows: Mason work, Messrs. Wood and Mellor; joiners' work, Bro. Myers; slaters, Messrs. Goodwin; plasterers' work, Bro. Wilkinson; plumbers' work, Mr. J. Taylor; and painting, Messrs. Preston. The trustees of the building are P.M.'s Bros. Wrigley, Wood, Redfearn, W. Haigh, J. Haigh, Wilkinson, and Kaynor. I may also say that several very interesting ceremonies have taken place under the auspices of our lodge, and are as follows: On October 15th, 1827, the foundation stone of South Crosland Church was laid by the brethren with

Masonic honours. On the 5th March, 1835, the foundation stone of the tower of the adjoining St. Bartholomew's Church was laid, in the absence of the Earl of Meltham, by our late Bro. Charles Lee, who then occupied the position in the Craft that you now hold; and last, though not least, on the 29th October, 1868, at the request of the late lamented Charles Brook, jun., Esq., the then Prov. Grand Master, the Marquis of Ripon, assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers, laid the corner stone of the neighbouring convalescent home. In conclusion, Right Worshipful Sir, I now beg to say that we, the brethren of the Lodge of Peace—and I have no doubt the rest of the brethren here present—are very grateful that you have accepted our invitation and come amongst us, and honoured us with your presence on this occasion to lay the corner stone of the Masonic Temple now in the course of erection, and I venture to hope, and also to predict, that the result of the proceedings of this day will not only tend to strengthen and consolidate the Lodge of Peace, but will also greatly add to the future comfort, well being, and happiness of the brethren; and I trust that we shall always have cause to look back on the proceedings of this day with pride and satisfaction, and that the future prosperity of the lodge will far surpass that of the past.

The DEPUTY PROV. G.M. formally returned thanks for the compliment which had been paid to him for coming amongst them that day, and said he should long look back with pleasure on those proceedings.

Bro. J. ELLIS, W.M. of the Lodge of Peace, on behalf of the Craft in Meltham, then presented to the D.P.G.M. a trowel, on which was a suitable inscription and the date, 23th May, 1881.

The DEPUTY PROV. G.M. said he was exceedingly touched by the kind presentation of the trowel. His duty in return would be to simply carry out their wishes. It was with pleasure that he accepted it, and he should always regard it as an interesting souvenir of that day's proceedings.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.S., having read the inscription on the plate, deposited in the cavity beneath the stone a phial containing a copy of the London Times, Freemason, the Huddersfield Weekly News, Examiner, and Chronicle, a list of names of Freemasons, and a few coins. The cement was then placed on the lower stone, and the W. Deputy Prov. G.M. spread it with the silver trowel, after which the upper stone was lowered slowly with three distinct stops, during which the choir sang the ode commencing

"Round the spot—Moriah's hill—  
Masons meet with cheerful will."

The D.P.G.M. having proved the stone, Bro. H. W. Wrigley, I.P.M. 149, presented to him a mallet, with which he tapped the stone three times, and then declared it to be truly laid. He subsequently took from the cornucopia, and scattered on the stone, a quantity of corn, which he said was an emblem of plenty, and of the resurrection to the Grand Lodge above. He then poured wine over it as an emblem of refreshment, for wine maketh glad the heart of man. He next poured oil on the stone, because, as he said, it was a Masonic symbol of joyfulness, and in sprinkling salt over it, he said it was a symbol of perpetuity, of incorruption, of hospitality, and of wisdom. Meanwhile the Acolyte was using the censer. The incense which he next used over the stone was, he said, typical of the purity of their Masonic intentions. The architect now presented the plans of the intended building, which the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master returned to him, requesting him to proceed with the building without loss of time.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then delivered an address. He said the architect had been good enough to present to him the plans of that building, and he had very readily approved of the intentions of the brethren of that lodge. There was one feature in the plans on which he congratulated the architect, and that was that he, and the brethren of the Lodge of Peace had taken time by the forelock in making arrangements for the increased accommodation in the new lodge room, even if one hundred years hence the members of the lodge by increased numbers required that accommodation. He expressed the pleasure it had given him to lay the chief corner-stone of that new building. Now permit him to make a few remarks upon the circumstances which had called them together that day. As the Deputy Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire, he had endeavoured to carry out the wishes of Sir Henry Edwards, their Provincial Grand Master, in acceding to the request of the brethren of the Lodge of Peace—that that effort to build a new temple to Freemasonry should be done with publicity, and also according to intelligent rites and ceremonies. It was always satisfactory to the Craft in West Yorkshire to take part in fostering useful and benevolent institutions. Indeed, there was hardly ever erected a building of an ameliorative or benevolent character in which the Freemasons of West Yorkshire had not been asked at one time or another to participate in the initiative of its construction. (Hear, hear.) The Clayton Hospital at Wakefield, the Pontefract Dispensary, Doncaster Infirmary, and the restoration of the Parish Church at Sheffield, were recent institutions in which the brethren of the blue clothing had been invited to participate in the initiative of benefiting the masses outside the charmed circle of Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) Sympathy was one of their special characteristics—(hear, hear); and the sympathy of Freemasons was given to all craving its aid—to the widow and the orphan; to the sick and distressed; and to those suffering under visitations of Providence. He might say that the alleviation of unforeseen misfortune was their special vocation, while to build Church schools, hospitals, infirmaries, and Masonic halls belonged to the operative classes. The last time the Freemasons were called upon to make a public display at Meltham was when they were invited, as their report told them, to lay the foundation stone of the Convalescent Home. He was present on that occasion. That building was erected and endowed by the late Charles Brook, of Enderby Hall, at a cost of upwards of £40,000. He referred with pride and pleasure to that event, and to the generous deeds of that noble benefactor—(hear, hear)—and he would ask them the question, was not that institution nobly carrying out the views of its founders? Their church of St. Bartholomew was erected and consecrated in 1651, by Bishop Tilson, and was not he in his day connected with the Craft of Freemasonry? That church has since been restored, and the brethren of the lodge of Peace participated in the initiative of its reconstruction. An organ had since been given by the late Mr. Joseph Hirst, of Wilshaw; and their

church of St. James was also built in 1845, by the late Mr. James Brook, and the late Mr. Charles Brook gave £450 to be invested in consols, the interest to be given to the poor of Meltham. He did not know what Meltham would do without the Armitages, the Brooks, the Beaumonts, and the Freemasons. The brethren of the Lodge of Peace celebrated their centenary festival in June, 1877. Their lodge was called into existence on the 1st April, 1777, and during all this period the brethren had been working silently to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellow-creatures. The lodge had been formed of upright men, anxious to do their duty to their neighbours, and to comprehend the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator. The great teaching of Freemasonry was that of moral philosophy—the inculcating into the human mind of an intelligent conception, that selfish and untruthful or irregular courses of life could not be conducive of advantage or benefit to the individual concerned, or serve his future happiness, however powerful or wealthy he might be in a worldly point of view. The old lodge having become too small and inconvenient for the increasing membership, it was becoming absolutely necessary to build a new lodge, which would be not only an architectural ornament to Meltham, but be a fit supplement to the Convalescent Home and other good institutions, and also a philosophical hall of moral dignity and worth for the reception of those new adherents who might desire to enrol themselves members of their ancient fraternity, and to advocate the principles Freemasons professed, although they might be somewhat full of allegory and illustrated by symbols. The implements he had used in laying that stone had each their symbolical meaning. The square represented the perfect Mason, after he had triumphed over the three great enemies of his faith, and it likewise taught them to regulate their actions according to the principles of moral truth and virtue. The level demonstrated that death was the great leveller of all things human, for dust they were and to dust they would return. The plumb rule taught them to regulate their actions according to their several duties in life. Those implements for setting the stone, in their speculative sense, required the application of one more mechanical device. No man could put his foot on the first step of the ladder without wisdom and hope; neither could he climb to the top without faith or charity, for without this they were as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The ladder symbolised faith, and no Mason could reach the Grand lodge above without the help of this symbolical ladder. Now the lodge before them was the Lodge of Peace; and let him venture to express this sentiment concerning it—that he hoped the lodge would be in future what it had been in the past, viz., a reconciler of differences, and a means of bringing men together within its walls; and by so doing they would come to know each other more, and they would better appreciate each others motives and intentions. In all sincerity, he wished the lodge the greatest harmony, the utmost success, and everlasting prosperity. (Applause.)

Bro. CHARLES RAYNER, of Lodge 140, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in returning thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, said: W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, Present and Past, on behalf of the brethren of our ancient Lodge of Peace, No. 149, I beg to thank you for coming here to lay the corner stone of our new Freemasons' Hall. I assure you, W. Sir, that we look upon your visit here to-day as one of great honour to us. It is an act of kindness that we much appreciate, and one which fills us with feelings of deep gratitude; and you may also rest assured that we shall treasure it up in our memories, and hand a record of it down to our successors as one of the red-letter days in the annals of our lodge. We have heard, from the excellent historical report which has been read to us by Bro. Dr. Haigh, that during the fifty-five years the lodge has been established in Meltham we have had five visits from the Provincial Grand Lodge; but on no other occasion has the lodge had as much reason to be proud of its visits as it has now. To-day you are here to lay the foundation stone of attemple of your own—a temple wherein we shall be the better enabled to practise those ancient rites and ceremonies, the solemnity and high moral tone of which are the pride and the admiration of all good Freemasons. And I may also tell you, Worshipful Sir, that I believe we shall be able to erect the building without interfering with, or at all tending to dry up, the springs of that most excellent gift mentioned in the old version of the New Testament, that gift which is one of the chief adornments of our excellent institutions—I mean Charity. In conclusion, let me tell you again how grateful we are for your presence here to-day, and let me thank you again most sincerely for the great honour you have done us.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER thanked them, adding that he cordially reciprocated the sentiments expressed.

The brethren then joined in singing the hymn commencing "Hail, Masonry sublime."

Bro. the Rev. P. F. J. PEARCE, P.G.C., then offered prayer, and the ceremony concluded.

The procession was re-formed, in reverse order, and the brethren proceeded to the Odd Fellows' Hall, where the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren afterwards had luncheon together in the New Assembly Rooms of the Swan Inn, partly under the presidency of the W.M., and partly under that of the I.P.M.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The third meeting of the Board of Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last. W. Bro. J. A. Duff-Filer, V. Patron of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. J. L. Mather, J. Bellerby, W. H. Saunders, H. Balderson, E. Schiemann, F. Quitmann, J. Kench, Fowler, J. Palmer, H. N. Mills, E. Farwig, George Kenning, J. Perkins, A. M. Broadley, W. Wood, C. Atkins, W. A. Hicks, J. C. Woodrow, A. McDowell, C. Smiles, E. Storr, and H. F. Hoole.

The minutes of the second meeting, held on the 16th May, were read and confirmed, and the report of the Sub-Committee on the musical arrangements was received and adopted. The following special Stewards were appointed: Bros. J. L. Mather, J. C. Woodrow, A. McDowell, W. H. Saunders, George Kenning, W. A. Hicks, Dr. Schiemann, F. Quitman, J. Kench, H. Balderson, and C. Atkins. The next meeting of the Board will be held on the 20th inst.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

**WEST KENT LODGE** (No. 1297).—The third regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Crystal Palace Sydenham, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. C. Woodrow, P.M., W.M.; Robert H. Crowden, I.P.M.; Allen, P.M.; Dr. Rosenthal, hon. member; H. D. Stead, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Druce, Chap.; Fullwood, P.M., D. of C.; Gardner, S.W.; Perrin, J.W.; Vizetelly, S.D.; Bellis, acting I.G. in the absence of Bro. Crump, James Crowden, W.S.; Philips, W.S.; Archer, Johnson, and Jenkins. Visitors: Bros. Wenning, Roberts, Slater and A. Stead.

Communications of regret for their absence were received from Bros. Cooke, Orange, and Lomas. The minutes of the lodge held April 23rd were duly read and confirmed, after which Bro. Robins, having answered satisfactorily the usual questions, received the Degree of a Fellow Craft at the hands of Bro. Woodrow, W.M. Bro. Winkworth was prevented from taking the Degree by his unavoidable absence. Preliminary arrangements having been suggested for the ladies' meeting in July and a committee formed for carrying them satisfactorily out, Bro. H. D. Stead proposed his son, Bro. A. Stead, who formerly belonged to the lodge, as a joining member. Before the closing of the lodge Bro. R. Crowden, I.P.M. rose and regretfully informed the brethren that last Monday he had attended the funeral of a former P.M. of this lodge, Bro. Kindon, who had so satisfactorily gone through the various offices, and at length maintained the dignity of the chair in a very praiseworthy manner, and being an old schoolfellow, an intimate friend, besides being one who had introduced him into the light of Freemasonry in the West Kent Lodge, he hoped the brethren would allow him to propose a vote of regret for the sad event, to be placed on the minutes of the lodge, and that expressions of sympathy and condolence be conveyed to his widow, by whom, doubtless, the compliment would be highly appreciated. The W.M. seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously. Bro. Gardner, joining the W.M. and Bro. Stead in expressing personally their feelings at the sad intelligence, said Bro. Kindon was greatly respected by all with whom he came in contact.

The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet. The W.M., Bro. Woodrow, presided in his usual genial and characteristic manner, and was well supported. The regular toasts were duly proposed and responded to, intermixed with songs and recitations, and having spent a very enjoyable evening, the brethren retired at an early hour.

**BAYARD LODGE** (No. 1615).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on Monday, the 30th ult., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wemyss, R.B.G., W.M., in the chair. The following brethren were present: Bros. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; General Clerk, G.D.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; Rucker, P.B.G.P.; Long, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Burney, P.G.D.; Fenn, P.G.D.; Case, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Lumsden, D.G.M. Aberdeenshire; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, Sec.; J. W. Waldron, W.M. 1383; C. Dent, Dr. Whipham, E. Lott, P.G.O.; McClatchie, P.M.; Thomas, Captain Compton, Dr. Kempe, H. S. Smith, Fisher, Wallack, Bagot, Capt. Walker, Bamber, Rev. G. Morse, C. G. Adams, F.S.A.; Hargood-Ash, R. D. Fyers, P.M.; Capt. Vandeleur, and others.

The principal business of the evening was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. F. C. Compton, which was most ably performed by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Burney, who had been requested to undertake that office, as having been the W.M. who had just initiated Bro. Compton. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Lieut.-Col. Wemyss, I.P.M.; Lethbridge, S.W.; Kempe, J.W.; F. Richardson (re-elected) Treas.; Lieut.-Col. Haldane, Sec.; Bagot, S.D.; Capt. Walker, J.D.; Keene, D.C.; Sauerbrey, Org.; Fisher and Major Blunt, Stwds.; D'Avigdor, I.G. The W.M. then in the name of the lodge presented to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Wemyss a handsome P.M. jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him as a mark of appreciation of the zeal and assiduity with which he had discharged his duties in the chair.

The brethren afterwards dined together at Limmer's Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Sandeman responding for "The Grand Officers," Bro. Fenn for "The Visitors," and Bros. Kempe and Haldane for "The Officers of the Lodge."

**ROYAL HANOVER LODGE** (No. 1777).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday, the 28th ult. The business was commenced at four o'clock punctually by the W.M., Bro. George Clark, supported by Bros. M. S. Larham, P.M., as S.W.; C. C. Cruikshank, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., I.P.M.; H. A. Dubois, P.M., P.Z., P.P.J.G.W.; H. B. Marshall, Treas.; H. Baldwin, Sec.; F. J. Perks, S.D.; W. S. Dunkley, J.D.; T. Wood, I.G.; J. Holliday, W.S.; J. Daly, Tyler; J. Johnson, W. Heelis, H. H. Room, R. R. Johnston, R. Thorn, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dawes, Heath, McDonnell, and Fruen.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for several gentlemen for initiation. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. W. J. Lee and J. Kent, the work being very efficiently performed. Bro. J. B. Clark was passed to the Second Degree. There being no other business, the lodge was closed. A capital cold collation was provided by the new landlord of the Albany, and the brethren returned to town soon after half-past eight o'clock. The usual toasts were briefly given, that of "The Grand Officers of Middlesex" being responded to by Bros. Dubois and Lovegrove; and "The Charities" by Bro. H. B. Marshall, who has made himself a name by his liberal support of the same.

**SELWYN LODGE** (No. 1901).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green. The brethren present were Bros. W. H. Hook, W.M.; W. W. Linscott, S.W.; Dr. L. C. N. Nicod, J.W.; A. J. Bellis, Sec.; W. R. Burnett, S.D.; A. R. W. Powles, J.D.; C. Mussared, W.S.; W. J. Bullimore, W.S.; A. F. Grainger,

Org.; W. H. Sedge, T. Johnson, C. Buysman, A. Campbell, W. Davies, J. H. G. Winter, J. S. Gurney, R. Anderson, W. Boshier, G. T. Acock, C. W. Acock, and J. Woodstock, Tyler.

The lodge being opened in due form, and the summons convening the meeting having been read, the following gentlemen were balloted for and unanimously elected, viz., Messrs. W. R. Preedy, E. J. Collins, J. C. Cracknell, J. E. Powell, and H. R. Powell; and Messrs. E. J. Collins and H. R. Powell being present, were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hook, the ceremony being most impressively performed. There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts followed, and, after some capital songs rendered by Bros. Marcus, Mussared, Boshier, and others, the brethren separated.

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—**The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge (being the one immediately preceding the June-July vacation) was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. The proceedings commenced at half-past two o'clock, when Bro. W. V. Sandbrook, W.M., opened the lodge. The chief of his official supporters were Bros. J. B. MacKenzie, I.P.M.; J. Atkinson, S.W.; W. Savage, jun., J.W.; W. J. Chapman, P.M.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; J. Pye, S.D.; H. P. Squire, J.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, I.G.; Richard Burgess, Org.; Dr. Whittle, O. W. Sanderson, and H. Round, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members who mustered on the occasion included Bros. J. Orr Marples, E. Graham, E. Brammall, jun., J. Bayliss, Webster Williams, James Keet, J. Walters, J. W. Brown, Captain Jackson, Josef Cantor, Hugh Williams, R. W. Hughes, J. M. Wood, J. S. Hall, W. Campion, L. Neubert, and others. The visitors, who were not so numerous as usual (to the disappointment of the "Dramatic" members, who are invariably glad to receive representatives of other lodges), included Bro. Hatch, W.M. 220; Ramage, Hough, and others. The ballot proved unanimously in favour of Messrs. H. Cook, J. Chambers, F. Lax, and G. Sarony for initiation, and Bros. T. F. Laya and J. Hoult for joining members. Messrs. Edgar Wilson (elected at a previous meeting), Chambers, and Lax being in attendance, were initiated, and seven were "raised," viz., Bros. Cantor, Wood, Campion, Neubert, R. W. Hughes, Hall, and Williams. Before the close of the lodge, Bro. John Atkinson, S.W. (as Hon. Treasurer), gave in the financial statement of the concert recently held at the Bijou Opera House, under the auspices of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and the benevolent fund attached to the lodge. From the balance sheet it appeared that the total receipts amounted to £108 17s. 3d., and the expenditure to £23 5s. 3d., leaving a balance of £85 12s. On the motion of the S.W., seconded by Bro. J. Keet, it was resolved to apportion the balance as follows: £42 to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution to create the occupants of the chairs of W.M. and I.P.M. Vice-Presidents of the Charity; and the balance of (£43 12s.) to Dramatic Lodge Benevolent Fund. On the proposition of the I.P.M., Bro. MacKenzie, seconded by Bro. Pye, S.D., it was unanimously resolved to record on the minutes votes of thanks to Mr. Carl Rosa for having given his permission to allow the artistes of his company to appear at the concert; to the vocalists and instrumentalists themselves for their invaluable services; to Bros. Bell, Woolrich, and Brown, for granting the free use of the Bijou Opera House for the concert; and to the Chairman, Bro. Sandbrook, W.M., the Hon. Sec., Bro. J. M. Boyd, Sec., the Hon. Treas., Bro. J. Atkinson, S.W., and the members of the Committee, for their labours in connection with the concert. At the close of the lodge business, Bro. R. Burgess, Organist, played the "National Anthem," as a loyal expression of feeling on the part of the members of the Dramatic in connection with the celebration of Her Majesty's birthday.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, and, during the evening, songs, recitations, and instrumental solos were given by Bros. Webster, Williams, Neubert, Brammall, Chambers, Ramage, and others; Bros. Burgess and Bayliss playing the necessary accompaniments.

**CHURCH.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1775).—**The ordinary meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms, Commercial-street, on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., at 6.30 p.m., the W.M., the Rev. T. F. Collins, presiding. After confirmation of last lodge minutes, a ballot took place for Mr. Spencer Rhidehalgh, and he was declared unanimously elected. Bro. J. F. Scott was then raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. Ormerod, P.M. 1145. Bros. Birch and Haythornthwaite were subsequently raised to Master Masons by the W.M., and Bro. Ainsworth was passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. Gossling, I.P.M. 1145, P.G.D.C. Mr. W. Goldsborough Whitlam, B.A. Cant., was admitted and initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Rushton, W.M. 1145, and the lodge was closed according to constitutional and ancient form at 10.15 p.m.

This young lodge has made rapid progress in numbers and very efficient working of the several ceremonies, thanks to the good feeling which exists amongst the surrounding lodges and the indefatigable exertions of their genial Secretary, Captain J. M. Barlow, P.M. Bro. Tattersall presided at the harmonium in his matchless style.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—**A special meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., at seven o'clock, Bros. G. W. Malim, acting as W.M.; Stafford, S.W.; Richardson, J.W.; Dunkley, J.D.; Mitchell, P.M., I.G.; T. Poore, P.M., Hon. Preceptor; C. Everist, Hon. Secretary; Hudson, Martin, Kidman, P.M.; Barton, Allen, P.M.; Bye, Mulley, G. Lambert, Brand, Platt, Holloway, Stafford, Ash, Treeves, Bivaud, and Doughty. The lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed and First Section worked, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, where Bro. Poore, P.M., presided. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Mitchell, P.M., was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary of the lodge of instruction, which post he held for four years, and has now resigned.

Bro. Mitchell returned thanks in a short but effective speech, in which he dwelt upon the fortunate position the lodge held in having such an admirable Preceptor as Bro. Poore, who is a well-known teacher of Masonry. The toasts of "The Panmure Lodge of Instruction, No. 720," coupled with the Hon. Preceptor, Bro. Poore, P.M., "The Host and Hostess, Bro. and Mrs. Silley," "Panmure Lodge, No. 720," "Present Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. Everist," and "Absent Members of Panmure Lodge of Instruction," were given and responded to. The proceedings were enlivened by some vocal music, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—**A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 26th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. A. Pecoock, W.M.; Bué, S.W.; J. S. Fraser, J.W.; Joseph Langton, Treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Wm. Fraser, S.D.; C. E. Barnett, J.D.; Joseph Langton, I.G.; and several other brethren. The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Frank Roberts acting as the candidate. A Section was afterwards worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. It may be mentioned that this lodge of instruction meets every Thursday, at six o'clock in the evening, at the Mansion House Station Restaurant.

#### Royal Arch.

**MID-SURREY CHAPTER (No. 1044).—**At a convocation of this chapter, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 28th ult., the following Principals were installed in their respective chairs by Comp. H. E. Frances, P.Z., P.G.D.C. Surrey: Comps. E. F. Storr, M.E.Z.; Wm. Ashwell, H.; and T. P. Collings, J. The following officers were also duly appointed and invested: Comps. C. W. Gray, P.Z., Treas.; J. R. Jones, Scribe E.; W. J. Huntley, Scribe N.; J. Taylor, P.S.; J. J. Slater, 1st Asst. S.; J. Proffitt, 2nd Asst. S.; and J. Parkinson, Janitor.

After the conclusion of the business the companions repaired to the Crystal Palace, where they spent a most enjoyable evening, the dinner, &c., being prepared and served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts in their best style, and presided over by the newly-installed M.E.Z.

**MANCHESTER.—Trafford Chapter (No. 1496).—**The members of this chapter held their bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, May 26th, at the Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side. The companions assembled to tea at 6.30, and at 7.20 the chapter was opened in due form. The following were present: Comps. Jones, Z.; Watson, H.; J. R. Lever, J.; S. D. McKellen, P.S.; Robert White, 1st Asst. Soj.; Geo. Burslem, Scribe E.; Percival, P.Z.; Gillman, P.Z.; George Hunt. Visitor: Comp. R. R. Lisenand, 317 (Freemason).

Bros. Wood, 1147, and William Cole, 1588, both proposed by Comp. Geo. Burslem to be members of the chapter, were severally and successfully balloted for, but neither being present they were not exalted. The installation of officers, conducted by Comp. Gillman, was then proceeded with, the result being Comp. Watson, Z.; Jones, H.; and J. R. Leven, J., the latter companion, by his own particular desire, being re-invested, as was also Comp. S. D. McKellen as P.S. There being no further business the chapter was closed at nine o'clock.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—**The last gathering of the members of this chapter of improvement for this session took place on Tuesday evening, the 31st ult., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, but the attendance was hardly up to the average. The officers present were Comps. Tayler, Z.; Payne, H.; Chicken, J.; F. Brown, S.E. and Preceptor; Walker, S.N.; Goodchild, P.S.; together with the following companions: Comps. Turquand, Goodenough, W. Fraser, J. Fraser, G. Brown, Edmonds, Sheffield, Warner, and H. Thompson (Freemason).

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Fraser being the candidate, and the whole was well done, more especially those parts of it assigned to the Principals. At the conclusion of it, Comp. Brown, the esteemed Preceptor, said it became to him a very pleasing duty to propose that a vote of thanks should be inserted on the minutes to Comp. Tayler for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Z. that evening for the first time, and especially so as he felt sure when he entered the room that he had not the most distant idea that he should be called upon to fill that position, and go through the arduous duties attached to it. He, therefore, felt that the companions would agree with him in paying to him a compliment which he so well deserved. Comp. Walker, S.N., seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Tayler, in acknowledging the vote of thanks so unanimously passed to him, expressed the gratification he felt in receiving it, although, as Comp. Brown had stated, when he entered the room that night he had not the most distant idea of being called upon to fill the highest position in the chapter. He thanked them most cordially for the honour they had conferred upon him on that (his first) occasion of taking the chair, and by the time they again met he should be able to rub off a little of the nervousness he had felt that evening, and hoped to better deserve the thanks they had given to him. He said that he felt sure before they separated for the season, the companions would be most anxious to recognise the services of Comp. Brown, their able, painstaking, and kind Preceptor, who was always at his post, and always ready to give them instruction. He, therefore, proposed that the thanks of the chapter should be given to him for his services, and his readiness at all times to do anything in his power that might be required of him. Comp. Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Comp. Brown, S.E., and the esteemed Preceptor of the chapter, said he thanked the companions for the vote of thanks they had given to him, which was most pleasing to him, and which he should gratefully remember. He might say that the duties of Preceptor were not always of the most agreeable kind, for, unlike the Craft, those who came there had gained a position in it, and considered, rightly so, that they had gained a dignity in the Craft, and to such

it was not always the most agreeable task to have to go to school again, but he generally found that those who came were most anxious to obtain the instruction that was there afforded to them. He might inform the companions that during the season of 1879 and 1880, during which he had acted as their Preceptor, they had had thirty-three meetings, at which 420 companions attended; they had admitted thirty-one new members, and there had been one visitor, giving an average of thirteen to each meeting. In the season of 1880 and 1881 there had been again thirty-three meetings, 561 had attended, and by a remarkable coincidence thirty-one new members had been again admitted, with three visitors, giving an average of about eighteen to each meeting, and he might say that the funds were in a very satisfactory state. This state of affairs must be very gratifying to the members, as it showed that the chapter was in a very flourishing state, and a month or two, when they again met, he should ask them to devote a portion of their funds to one of the Masonic Charities, for which he intended to act a Steward. The following were the officers elected for the next meeting: Comps. Tayler, Z.; J. Payne, H.; Chicken, J.; J. Fraser, N.; and Goodchild, P.S. The chapter was then closed in due form.

#### Mark Masonry.

**WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—**The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday evening, the 27th ult., when Bro. W. B. Gibson, W.M., P.P.G.S.O., presided, supported as follows: Bros. W. White, S.W.; Edward Tyson, J.W., P.G. Reg.; J. W. Miles, M.O.; D. Bell, S.O.; E. Sutherland, J.O., P.P.G.J.D.; George Dalrymple, Sec. and Reg., P.G.J.W.; J. Cooper, Org., P.G. Org.; J. Rothery, S.D.; W. Bewlay, J.D.; R. Baxter, I.P.M. 216, P.G.I.G.; James M. Salisbury, Tyler; James Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.G. Swd. Br.; E. Clarke, D.C. 216; J. F. Kirkconel, I.G. 216; J. Ashworth, J.O. 216; and W. Holloway. On the minutes being read and confirmed, the business before the lodge was to ballot for Bros. J. L. Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.P.S.G.W., Craft, and Joseph Moore, M.M. 872, Lewis, which proved unanimous in favour of both candidates, and being in attendance were advanced to the Honourable Degree in a most impressive manner. Bro. Cooper's new selection of music adds much to the beauty of the ceremony, and he afterwards justly received expressions of admiration from both candidates. On one brother being presented with his Grand Lodge certificate, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed from Lodges 124, 151, and 216, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

**PREMIER CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND (T.I.).—**The May meeting of the above convocation was held on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present Sir Knights W. H. Hubbard, P.S.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; Thomas Cubitt, P.S. and Treasurer; H. C. Levander, P.S. and Recorder; John Thomas Moss, P.S.; H. A. Dubois, P.S.; Holden, P.S.; George Kenning, P.S.; Thomas Kingston, P.S.; E. H. Thielay, T. Massa; T. W. Macartney, M.P.; Dr. Nickley; Dawes, and Shirley. Visitors: Sir Knights James Lewis Thomas, P.S. Plantagenet Conclave; and Rooke.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Sir Knight T. W. Macartney, M.P., was enthroned Most Puissant Sovereign, and Sir Knight Massa, Eusebius. The report of the audit meeting was received and adopted. A Sir Knight was relieved with the sum of five guineas.

The Sir Knights dined together, when the usual toasts were given by the M.P.S., and cordially responded to.

#### Rosicrucian Society.

**YORK.—York College.—**On Wednesday, the 25th ult., a meeting of this college was held in Selby, a pleasant little market town a few miles from York, whither the members had been invited, and where the Master and brethren of the St. Germans Lodge, No. 566, had placed at their disposal their comfortable Masonic Rooms.

There were present the following fratres: Fras. T. B. Whytehead, IN<sup>o</sup>, Ch. Ad.; T. W. Holme, VI<sup>o</sup>, Celebrant; T. J. Wilkinson, VI<sup>o</sup>, as P.A.; E. Pearson Paterson, V<sup>o</sup>, S.A.; J. T. Atkinson, I<sup>o</sup>, as T.A.; R. W. Moore, I<sup>o</sup>, as O.A.; J. Maffey, IV<sup>o</sup>, C. of N.; A. T. B. Turner, II<sup>o</sup>, Org.; J. Todd, I<sup>o</sup>; W. Bakewell, I<sup>o</sup>; and C. S. Lane, I<sup>o</sup>. A number of letters and telegrams were read from Fras. J. S. Cumberland, C. L. Mason, and other members explaining their non-attendance.

A successful ballot was taken for Bro. C. R. Fry, P.M., of Darlington. Frater J. T. Atkinson read a most interesting paper on Selby, a town which has many historical reminiscences, especially dwelling upon the history of its abbey, formerly one of the wealthiest of the religious houses in the North of England. The Masonic associations of the abbey and the town were not lost sight of; and a vote of thanks was recorded to the worthy frater for his paper. The First and Second Order certificates, issued by the High Council of the Society, were issued, and it was arranged, if possible, to hold the August meeting at Ripon, to include a visit to Fountains Abbey. The names of two candidates were submitted to the college. After its close the party were conducted over the beautiful Abbey Church by Fra. Atkinson, and its principal architectural features were pointed out, the Organist of the church performing a selection of music. Subsequently the members met at the Londesbro' Arms Hotel for tea, and departed for their respective homes at Leeds, York, Bradford, &c., at an early hour.

Miss Jones, the eldest daughter of Bro. W. H. Jones, one of the present lessees of the Alexandra Palace, was on Saturday last presented with a grand piano, by some friends of Bro. Jones, to mark in a substantial manner their sense of the general business capacity as well as the uniform courtesy which distinguished him during the four years in which he was manager of the palace.

## Jamaica.

**KINGSTON.**—Royal Lodge (No. 207).—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, on Monday, the 2nd ult., Bro. E. X. Leon was installed as Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most ably performed by V.W. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, assisted by the I.P.M., V.W. Bro. G. M. Duff, in the presence of R.W. Bros. Altamont DeCordova, D.D.G. Master; R. Langley, S. E. Pieterez, and C. W. Tait; V.W. Bros. B. Stines, jun., L. C. Hollar, A. H. Jones, G. P. Myers, and E. Finzi; R.W. Bro. W. Duff, W. Bro. S. Hart, and a large attendance of brethren. The following is the administration for the ensuing year:—W. Bros. E. X. Leon, Master; G. M. Duff, I.P.M.; Bros. T. N. Aguilar, S.W.; J. M. Simpson, J.W.; G. A. Campbell, Treas.; C. M. Sherlock, Sec.; W. R. Ryder, S.D.; F. G. Fryer, J.D.; P. Simpson, I.G.; D. Stevenson and A. E. Longley, Stewards; and G. Magnus, Tyler. It having been incidentally mentioned that W. Bro. Sargeant would soon be leaving the Island for England, the W. Master appointed a Committee to prepare a farewell address, which will be presented at the next ordinary meeting.

**SPANISH TOWN.**—Hamilton Lodge (No. 1440).—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday evening, the 5th ult., Bro. W. Duncan Byles, Master elect, was installed, the ceremony being performed by the V.W. Bro. G. J. Sargeant, D.G.S.D., assisted by W. Bro. W. J. Jamieson, I.P.M., and other Past Masters. The administration is as follows: W. Bro. W. D. Byles, Master; W. Bro. W. J. Jamieson, I.P.M.; Bro. J. H. Richards, S.W.; Bro. McL. Keer, J.W.; Bro. A. Clunie, Treas.; Bro. C. A. J. James, Sec.; Bro. J. C. Bryant, S.D.; Bro. J. C. Bolton, J.D.; Bro. H. J. Mendes, I.G.; and J. R. Deleon, Tyler.

## Obituary.

## JOHN STEARN GISSING.

It is with much regret we have to announce the death of Bro. John Stearn Gissing, which took place at Woodbridge, on the 13th ult., a loss which will be shared in by all the Masons of Suffolk. Bro. Gissing was initiated in the Doric Lodge December 2nd, 1841, was J.W. in 1842, served as Master of the Doric in 1844, 1852, 1859, and 1864, was also P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk, and served the office of Z. in the Royal York Chapter, 81; was also a Knight Templar and a Rose Croix Mason, and in all these offices he has done good service. He was interred in the cemetery at Woodbridge, on Friday, the 20th inst., followed by numerous members of the Craft and very many sorrowing friends.

## BRO. J. BROADBENT.

We regret to announce the premature death of Bro. J. Broadbent, W.M. St. Thomas's Lodge, 923, Manchester, at the early age of thirty-two years. Bro. Broadbent had for some months past been suffering from congestion of the bowels, which resulted in diabetes, and terminated fatally on Monday, the 9th ult., at his residence, Waterloo-road, Cheetham. The deceased brother was a P.Z. of the Derby Chapter, 1055; a Past S.W. of Concord Lodge, 1534, and W.M. of St. Thomas's Lodge, 992, Lower Broughton. The funeral was attended by several well-known members of the Craft in Manchester, amongst whom were Bros. J. J. Meakin, P.M. and Sec. 992; Joseph Warren, P.M. 992; Henry Fisher, P.M.; J. Johnston, P.M.; J. Heifor, P.M.; J. Hancock, P.M.; E. Hilton, S.W. 992; T. Allershaw, J.W. 992; John Hall, S.D. 992; John Hargreaves, J.D. 992; Riddell, Past Master, Tyler; and Bros. Cromblehouse, Fenis, Farrer, H. G. Rutter, S. Cronshaw, Mark Steinert, W. J. Edwards, William Owen, Alfred Robinson, J. Brookes, and William Sharples (all members of 992), also Bros. A. Morrison, P.M. 1055; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; T. Southern, P.M. 935; Frank Robinson, 1534; and several other brethren. The brethren met at the Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, and proceeded in carriages to the residence of our deceased brother, where the hearse and a carriage containing some immediate relatives were waiting. The cortege slowly wended its way along the Bury New-road to Kersal Church, where the first portion of the service was read by the Rev. Canon Brayshaw, and the brethren afterwards followed the remains of our brother to the grave, and witnessed their interment, during which the Rev. Canon read the concluding portion of the solemn service. The deceased leaves a widow and children.

## General Tidings.

In future the ordinary adhesive penny receipt stamp may be used as a penny postage stamp, and the adhesive penny postage stamp may be used as an ordinary penny receipt stamp. It is to be understood that for purposes of postage the receipt stamps, in common with postage stamps, must have no printing or writing placed on their face by the public.

A band contest, in connection with the National Rifle Association, will take place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., in the Crystal Palace, to select a band for the shooting meeting of the National Rifle Association, which will be held at Wimbledon from Monday, July 11th, to Saturday, July 23rd, inclusive. Prizes: first prize, £15, and an engagement by the Council of the National Rifle Association for the Wimbledon Meeting, the band receiving the sum of £120—in all £135. Second prize, £10. Judges: Mr. J. P. Clarke, Bandmaster Scots Guards; Herr J. A. Sawerthal, Bandmaster Royal Engineers; Mr. C. Thomas, Bandmaster Coldstream Guards.

**WHAT SHALL WE DRINK?**—No summer beverage so refreshing, so wholesome, none so delicious and grateful to the taste, when hot, tired, and thirsty, as a glass of Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy taken with aerated waters or lemonade. Ask pointedly for it by name, as substitutes and mixtures abound, report adulterations to the manufacturer, Thomas Grant, Distiller, Maidstone. Sold at the Crystal Palace, and by Bertram and Roberts everywhere, also at the clubs, the hotels, and all noted places of refreshment.

## Masonic Tidings.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, 31<sup>o</sup>, was installed M.W.S. of the Palestine Chapter, Rose Croix, on Tuesday, the 24th ult.

Bro. S. C. Hall announces the publication, through Messrs. Griffiths and Farran, of St. Paul's Churchyard, of a series of 220 short poems, entitled "Rhymes in Council; Aphorisms Versified." They are written in his eighty-first year, and he bequeaths them as a legacy to his kind; the result of knowledge based on experience and matured by thought, "the proceeds of a long life."

Bro. Sir T. Brassey, M.P. (one of the Lords of the Admiralty), has been unanimously elected on the court of the Shipwrights' Company.

The Queen has signified to Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts her wish that he should sit to Mr. Frank Holl, A.R.A., for his portrait for her own possession.

Comp. M. Bamberger was, at the last meeting of the Faith Chapter, presented with a gold jewel, elaborately chased, together with a testimonial on vellum, beautifully illuminated and aesthetically framed. The inscription on the jewel is—"Presented to Comp. Bamberger, as a slight recognition of his generous and valued services as Treasurer of the Faith Chapter, May, 1881." The testimonial, reads as follows: "This testimonial, together with a Treasurer's gold jewel, was presented to Comp. M. Bamberger by the members of the Faith Chapter, No. 141, in grateful acknowledgment of the valuable aid rendered to the chapter by him for the past seven years, and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem."

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt took the chair on Tuesday evening at the annual meeting of the Protestant Blind Society at the Cannon-street Hotel.

The installation meeting of the Duke of Connaught Chapter, No. 1524, will be held at Anderton's Hotel on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at five o'clock p.m., when Comp. Thomas Charles Chapman will be installed First Principal.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette has been appointed Examiner to St. Paul's School by the Mercers' Company.

Mr. Edgar Henry Bowyer (son of Bro. Edgar Bowyer) has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant 21st (late 39th) Middlesex Rifle Corps.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson's account of ancient Egypt will be published immediately by Messrs. Kegan Paul and Co., of Paternoster-square.

Bro. T. Brassey, M.P., has been honoured with the title of K.C.B. He has earned the reward for his services in the formation of the Naval Volunteer Corps.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to give their patronage to the George Stephenson Centenary Festival, to be held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, the 9th inst.

Bro. Boord, M.P., has given a donation of twenty-five guineas in support of the anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, which will be presided over by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and will take place at the Alexandra Palace on the 9th inst.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette has been appointed by the Lords of the Admiralty Examiner to the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Bro. J. A. Rucker, President Colonial Board, has been placed on the Committee of the John Hervey Testimonial Fund.

The total subscriptions received for the John Hervey Testimonial Fund up to the end of May is £621 11s.

Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, was elected a Governor of the Royal Agricultural Society at a meeting of the council held on Wednesday last.

Bro. W. S. Daniel, W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, worked the ceremony of installation at the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Tuesday last.

Bro. the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry has consented to preside at the distribution of prizes at the Boys' School, on the 28th inst.

We are requested to state that the regular meeting days of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, are the third Thursdays in January, February, March, April, September, October, November, and December.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will attend the regular meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, on Wednesday, August 3rd.

The installation meeting of the Crystal Palace Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Thursday last, when Bro. John Blundell was installed W.M.

In our report of the consecration of the Saxe-Weimar Lodge, last week, we stated that the W.M. presented each of the founders with a jewel, but we are informed that each brother provided himself with one.

Bro. Thomas Brassey has been gazetted K.C.B. in recognition of his services in the formation of the Royal Naval Reserve.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement held their last meeting of the 1880-81 session on Tuesday last.

Bro. Agg Gardner has joined the Wingfield Testimonial Committee.

The installation meeting of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, was held at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on Monday last, when Bro. H. J. Lardner was installed Worshipful Master.

The installation meeting of the William Preston Chapter, No. 766, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 26th ult., when Comp. Henry Garrod was installed M.E.Z.

The Bayard Lodge held its installation banquet at Limmer's Hotel, Conduit-street, on Monday, the 30th ult., when Bro. Francis C. Compton was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, has consented to receive the appointment of Past Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, preached a sermon in that church on Sunday morning on behalf of the Bishop of London's Fund. The amount collected was £2 19s. 4d.

Bro. Sheriff Waterlow and Mrs. Waterlow opened a bazaar on Tuesday at Christ Church, Highbury-grove, in aid of the building fund of St. John's Church, Highbury-vale.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the office of President of the City and Guilds of London Institute. H.M. Commissioners for 1881 having signified their approval of the plans for the Central Institution prepared by Mr. Alfred Waterhouse under the instructions of the committee, the Prince of Wales has expressed his willingness, as President of the Institute, to lay the foundation-stone of the building in July next.

Bros. J. Defries and Sons, of Houndsditch, were entrusted with the entire arrangements of the lighting and decorations on the occasion of the grand ball given by Viscountess Clifden, at Dover House, Whitehall.

We understand that Bro. Emra Holmes's books, "Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers," and "Amabel Vaughan," are both now out of print. A few copies of the latter may still be had, however, of Bro. M. Tweddell, Stokesley, Yorkshire, for whose benefit the works were published. It is in contemplation to publish shortly a new volume of Bro. Holmes's poems which have appeared during the past year or two in numerous newspapers and magazines in England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, and Canada. A sketch of Bro. Emra Holmes will appear in an early issue of the "Biograph."

Bro. Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Master of Indiana, and editor of the "Masonic Advocate," of Indianapolis, celebrated his silver wedding on April 22nd.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft (Treasurer of Christ's Hospital) presided at the fifty-fourth half-yearly election of candidates for the benefits of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, which is situate at West-hill, Putney-heath, at Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 27th ult. There were twenty-five candidates to be elected out of a total of 143 approved applicants, male and female, whose ages ranged from 21 to 83 years.

In our report last week of the consecration of the Audley Lodge, No. 1896, at Newport, Salop, we gave amongst the visitors present the name of Bro. H. Cregg, as D.P.G.M. Worcestershire. It should have been Bro. W. Masefield.

It has now been decisively arranged that the Prince of Wales will visit Yarmouth on Thursday, the 9th inst., arriving by the 1.50 train. He will inspect the Norfolk Artillery Militia at half-past three o'clock. At 6.25 on the same day the Duke of Cambridge will arrive, and on the Friday will inspect first the Norfolk Artillery Volunteers and then the Militia Regiment. The Prince and the Duke will have apartments at Shaddingfield Lodge, the residence of Mr. S. Nightingall, and will mess with the officers of the Artillery Militia, of which Bro. Lord Suffield is colonel, at the Assembly Rooms. Their Royal Highnesses will attend the performance of the London Gaiety Company at the Aquarium on Thursday evening, leaving Yarmouth on Friday.

A meeting of the Joppa Chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last, Comp. Lewis Lazarus, M.E.Z., in the chair, assisted by Comps. Gulliford, H.; Isaac, J.; Baum, S.E.; and Cohen, P.S. The ballot was taken for five brethren and a joining member, who were unanimously accepted and exalted. The following companions were elected for the ensuing year, which commences next November: Comps. Gulliford, M.E.Z.; Isaac, H.; Cohen, J.; Lazarus, Treasurer; Emanuel, S.E.; Davis, S.N.; Henochsberg, P.S.; and others.

The usual monthly meeting of the Lodge of Israel, Liverpool, was held on the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M., in the chair. As the result of the last ball, the sum of £50 was added to the Benevolent Fund, which now amounts to over £300.

Bro. Wilhelm Ganz's (Past Grand Organist) orchestral concerts are approaching the close of the series, but two more remaining to be given. On the latest occasion—on Saturday last—Herr Ernest Loewenburg, a pupil of Rubinstein, made his first appearance here, and played with great success. Another speciality at Saturday's concert was an effective rendering of Berlioz's *Romeo and Juliet* symphony (ending with the "Queen Mab" scherzo). The vocal portions were sung by Miss Orridge and Mr. F. Leigh and a select choir. The remainder of the concert comprised Mendelssohn's *Hebrides* overture, that by Rossini to his *Guillaume Tell*, and vocal solos contributed by Miss Orridge. Bro. Ganz conducted ably. At the next concert on June 11 the music of Gluck's opera *Orfeo* is to be performed.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., P.G. M. North Wales and Shropshire, Lieutenant-Colonel of the 1st Denbighshire Rifle Volunteer Corps, has been appointed one of the aides-de-camp to Her Majesty for the service of her Volunteer Force, with the rank of colonel in that Force.

Bro. Major-General Sir Frederick Roberts, G.C.B., C.I.E., V.C., will not, says the *Standard*, leave England until the end of the year for India, his friends and medical advisers recommending that he should enjoy a complete rest for a short time after the great strain which his constitution has lately suffered during the two years' campaign in Afghanistan.

At the sale of Mr. E. J. Coleman's Landseer pictures on Saturday, the 28th ult., six pictures sold for £26,355. Millais' picture, "The Princes in the Tower," sold for £3990.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, June 11, 1881.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4.

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

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, JUNE 6.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd.  
Chap. 1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## 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, JUNE 7.

Colonial Board, at 4.  
Lodge 171, Amity, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., 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 Edgecumbe, 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.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8.

Gen. Com. R.M. Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.  
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.  
" 1629, United, F.M.H.  
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, N.  
Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot.  
Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

## 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.  
Creton, 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 9.

Lodge 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles.  
Rose Croix 42, St. George, 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 10.

Lodge 134, Caledonian, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.  
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.

## 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 11.

Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Hot., Battersea.  
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bg.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace.  
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.  
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hot.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 11, 1881.

## MONDAY, JUNE 6.

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.  
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
Mark 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
Bootle L. of I., Berry-st., Bootle.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.  
" 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.  
" 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.  
" 758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Wittington.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.R., Grange-over-Sands.

Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9.

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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10.

Faith Encamp., M.H., Wigan.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BOOTHBY.—On the 30th ult., at Car House, Ripley, Derby, the wife of Mr. Henry Vernon Boothby, late 24th Regiment, of a son.

MACKENZIE.—On the 29th ult., at 6, Kensington-park-gardens, W., the wife of Mr. Landseer Mackenzie, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

SPICER.—On the 30th ult., at the Upper Lawn, Tulse-hill, the wife of Mr. Evan Spicer, of a daughter.

REMFREY—COLLOM.—On the 7th ult., at the Wesleyan Chapel, Calcutta, by the Rev. T. H. Whitmore, John Edwards Remfrey, Calcutta, to Janet, daughter of Captain Collom.

SMITH—DALLAS.—On the 28th April, at St. James's, Lahore, by the Rev. Walter Tribe, assisted by the Rev. W. Keene, Turton Smith, Punjab, Lahore, son of the late Mr. Adam Freer Smith, to Kate Lydia, daughter of Mr. A. M. Dallas, Punjab.

## DEATHS.

BRAVO.—On the 28th ult., Mr. Joseph Bravo, of 2, Palace-green, Kensington, and Seville, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, aged 62.

HANKEY.—On the 29th ult., at Dijon, Mr. John Alexander Hankey, of Balcombe Place, Sussex, aged 77.

WHEELER.—On the 30th ult., at Chatsworth-road, Croydon, Mr. William Wheeler, aged 70.

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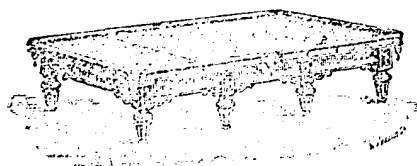
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