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THE gathering for the Boys' School Anniversary at Brighton promises to be one of unusual interest in more ways than one. It will solve, probably, one or two doubtful problems, and settle the course of that great Charity for the "coming years." If the "change of venue" to Brighton be successful in all respects, helpful to the Charity, and welcomed by the Craft, it cannot be doubted but that a precedent will be established for subsequent provincial gatherings. If the festival can be most successfully held at Brighton, why not at Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Bath, and other great towns? Indeed, the issue is a very eventful one for the Charity, and the "outlook" very striking, though what the "outcome" will be who can pretend to prophesy? Let us all hope for the best, and help in bringing the festival to a favourable and triumphant conclusion. There still may be lingering doubts as to the wisdom of the course, and the prudence of the move, but in Masonry, as in other matters, the minority ought to yield gracefully to the openly expressed views of a decisive majority.

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THE advance of our great educational Charities has been very rapid and is very striking. In 1859 a report was printed which stated that there were then in the metropolis 1048 subscribing lodges and brethren to the Girls' School, 307 provincial lodges and brethren, and 113 Colonial, &c., while there were 2942 votes, and of these 2188 were in London, 481 were provincial, and 273 were Colonial. At the same period and in the same report it was said that there were 667 subscribing lodges and brethren to the Boys' School, 236 provincial, and 69 in the Colonies, &c., in all 972; that there were 2544 votes, and of these 1810 were metropolitan, 456 provincial, and 277 Colonial. What the present number of subscribing lodges and brethren, and what the number of votes is after these twenty-two years, we need hardly mention here, though they might be told more than ten times over.

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AT the monthly meeting of the Governing Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution several new cases, we note, were placed upon the list of candidates, and the usual business was transacted. We trust that the gathering at Croydon will be, as usual, a complete success, as we all must feel deep and abiding interest in all that concerns the progress and welfare of that excellent Institution.

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WE are very glad to note that all the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes were carried at the last meeting, wise and seasonable as we deem them to be in themselves, and we feel no doubt but that the provinces, benefited by the proposition, will gladly avail themselves of this new provision of the Book of Constitutions, when it is duly confirmed. We were exceedingly amused by the proposition to have a "Grand Trumpeter," which we fancy was hardly a serious one, but as we all know of some good people who like to "blow their own trumpet" on all occasions, we think that we had better rest "contented with the situation," and bear the "ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of."

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WE believe that we are betraying no confidence in mentioning to our readers that we understand an able and learned brother, well known to many of us, is actively engaged in the careful preparation of a new history of Freemasonry.

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BRO. TUDOR TREVOR did us the honour of alluding to us in the debate of Grand Lodge on Wednesday week, but as his words may be misinterpreted by some of our readers, we think it right to say that our expressions of sympathy with Bro. TREVOR related to the untoward action at law by Bro. VOIGT. We never shut our eyes to the Masonic questions which must necessarily arise from Bro. TREVOR's action relative to the "ballot, &c.," and we said so at the time; but we always regretted the law suit, and wished that it had been stopped "ab initio" by the provincial authorities. On a calm reconsideration of the case, and the "explanations" on both sides, as we under-

stand them, we cannot doubt but that the decision of the Board of General Purposes was a righteous one, befitting the justice of the case, and the dignity and interests of Grand Lodge.

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THE position of Freemasonry in China is a very interesting one, and it is increased by the intellectual tone adopted by many of our brethren in China. It seems to be quite clear, from the able works of Bros. GILES and PICKERING, that there is no real native Masonry. The secret societies of China may have been, and probably were, at one time Masonic, and "CONFUCIUS" himself is said on fair "data" to have been a member of an original Masonic Order. But the native societies in China now, though retaining some faint allusions to Masonry and Masonic symbols, are purely political, and can in no sense be claimed as true branches of the great Masonic family. Freemasonry has nothing to do with secret political societies.

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WE call attention elsewhere to some facts "anent" Freemasonry which appear in the London papers early in the last century. It seems that none can be found after a diligent search in the British Museum, though we will not say that none can be found at all in the years 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, and that in 1721 the first public reference to the Order occurs. This "fact," if it be a fact, opens out a new field of research to Masonic enquirers and students, and it is just possible that the industry of a GOULD, a HUGHAN, a MASONIC STUDENT, a WHITEHEAD, and others, may light upon an obscure paragraph in some forgotten old paper, which may throw material light on the hazy history of English Freemasonry in the two first decades of the last century. There are no Grand Lodge minutes before 1723, though we have heard of an earlier minute, not in the possession of Grand Lodge, going back to 1721.

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THE death of Professor LITRE, the well known "Positivist" Teacher, and whose admission into Freemasonry was the cause of a regrettable scandal, and of subsequent deplorable "aberrations" among French Freemasons, seems to deserve a passing notice in our pages. And for this reason. The new school of Positivism loudly talks of toleration, but is most intolerant, as has been quite exemplified by the mistaken and painful course adopted at his funeral. We quite agree with the correspondent of the *Times*, that a true spirit of toleration, real tenderness of conscience, would have prevented the display of a melancholy "fanaticism," and would have caused those friends and disciples, eager to air their "Positivist views," to think of the weeping widow and daughter at home unable to be present, and protesting against such a parody of toleration, sympathy, and common sense.

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WE are happy in being able to state that we have received from an able correspondent in Spain his assurance that he believes "there is not one single individual belongs to our Order in Spain who has not an utter and instinctive abhorrence of everything Nihilistic." This is in reply to some remarks of ours relative to the attack of a French Ultramontane paper. "Nihilism" as we understand it, is most opposed to all Masonic teaching; the two systems cannot co-exist together; and if the "Illuminati" during their short existence may be fairly charged with such hateful and violent teaching, Freemasons in all countries, (whatever the isolated words or acts of individuals may be), have always been and still are a loyal and a peaceful Order.

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By the report of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, we find that, on the 27th December, 1880, there were 2059 members and 34 lodges, and that Bro. ROBERT MARSHALL, G.M., has been succeeded by Bro. B. R. STEVENSON.

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WE call the attention of Masonic students to the publication in the "Masonic Magazine" for June of the so-called "Wood MS.," which is a very interesting one for many reasons. The attention now paid to Masonic evidences and archaeology is a proof—if proof be needed—of the "life" which is happily prevalent in Masonic lodges and among Masonic writers to-day. Long may it continue. It is truly an augury of good.

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OUR readers will notice elsewhere an elaborate article from an American magazine—the "Masonic Review"—headed "Masonry and the Bible." We are among those who hold strongly to the great landmark of the Bible in all English lodges, from which "point" of universal precedent and cosmopolitan observance we never can swerve. But we quite concur "salvo jure" of the "Word of God" in the reception of proper and legitimate candidates in the manner most binding on their own consciences.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the chair), S. Rosenthal, J. G. Stevens, G. J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, Leopold Ruf, George J. Palmer, Rev. Richard Morris, Alfred Williams, H. M. Taylor, Richard Tyrrell, C. H. Webb, Frederick Adlard, W. Paas, George Motion, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, seven petitions for placing candidates on the list for the October election were examined. Outfits were granted to two boys who had obtained situations on leaving the School. The House and Audit Committees were declared duly elected, there being no opposition, and £250 was ordered to be transferred from the General to the Sustentation Fund.

The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided, and there were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, S. Rawson, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, William Hale, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Daniel, James Kench, William Stephens, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, Thomas W. C. Bush, J. A. Farnfield, William Hilton, John G. Stevens, Charles Atkins, Charles John Perceval, James Willing, jun., Thomas Cubitt, William Clarke, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. TERRY announced that the brethren elected on the Committee of Management at last Grand Lodge were Bros. Charles Atkins, P.M. 27; James Brett, P.M. 177; Thomas W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728 (in place of Bro. Charles F. Hogard, P.M. 205, who wished to retire); William Clarke, P.M. 114; Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 1257; William F. C. Moutrie, P.M. 11; George Penn, P.M. 1642; Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140; Henry George Warren, P.M. G.S.L.; and James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507.

The brethren nominated by the M.W.G.M. were Bros. Samuel Rawson, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Lieut.-Col. Hugh S. Somerville Burney, Richard Hervé Giraud, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Edward J. Barron, Captain Nathaniel George Philips, William F. Nettleship, and James Kench.

Bro. TERRY reported the death of five annuitants, and he also read the Warden's report for the last month. The list of candidates elected at the annual meeting as annuitants on the 20th ult. was taken as read, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for annuities, &c.

Bro. C. F. Hogard and H. G. Warren having resigned their position as members of the Finance Committee, their places were filled by the election of Bros. A. H. Tattershall and Chas. Atkins, the members of that Committee now standing as follows: Bros. W. Hale, R. H. Giraud, W. Stephens, Alfred H. Tattershall and Charles Atkins.

The House Committee were elected as follows: Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles John Perceval, Thomas Cubitt, and Samuel Rawson.

Half her late husband's annuity was voted to one widow.

Bro. TERRY asked for and obtained leave for the use of the hall at the Institution at Croydon for the summer entertainment to the inmates of the Institution, and the usual amount was voted towards the expense of the entertainment.

Four petitions were examined and passed for the election next year.

Bro. TERRY reported that he had received a letter from Bro. J. Derby Allcroft in respect to the Charitable Trusts Bill now before Parliament. Some alterations had been made in it, but there were still objectionable clauses left which it was desirable should be omitted, among which was one for the transfer of the property of the Institution to official Trustees.

The CHAIRMAN said he had seen Lord Carnarvon and Lord Leigh on the subject, and he found they were quite alive to the principles of the Bill; they had also promised to do all in their power to get rid of the objectionable features of the Bill.

The Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Chapter of the H.R. Arch Freemasons of Devon was held on Saturday afternoon, the 4th inst., at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. The principal business was to instal the M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, appointed by patent as the Prov. Grand Superintendent in succession to the Rev. Jno. Huyshe, M.A., for several years Prov. Grand Superintendent of the province and Past G.J., deceased; also to invest the officers for the ensuing year of the Prov. Grand Chapter of the province.

The Ex. Compans assembled in the chapter room of the Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, of which Comp. Viscount Ebrington is a member. A Prov. Grand Chapter was then formed under the following officers: Ex. Comps. L. P. Metham, Prov. G. Supt.; W. G. Rogers, H.; Capt. W. Elphinstone Stone, R.N., J.; John Brewer, S.E.; R. H. Rae, P.P.G.J., S.N.; Geo. Evans, P.S.; Jno. Baxter, 1st A.S.; P. B. Clemens, 2nd A.S.; Alfred Bodley, D.C.; D. Goodall, Org.; P. Blanchard, Janitor; and Jno. Rogers, Asst. Janitor; all *pro tem*.

There was a large attendance of companions, among whom, in addition to the above, were the following officers:—

M.E. Comps. Viscount Ebrington, P.G. Supt. designate; Lieut.-Col. Fitzgerald, P.P.G.S.N.; H. F. Hearle, P.P.G.S.N.; J. Batten Gover, P.P.G.P.S.; A. Woolf, P.P.G.P.S.; Jno. Du Pre, P.P.G.P.S.; L. D. Westcott, P.P.G.A.S.; T. S. Bayly, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Aitken Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; R. Pengelly, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Jno. Lynn, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Hifley, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Loram, P.P.G.S.B.; E. D. Parnell, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Murch, P.P.G.O.; J. E. Curteis, 1st P.P.G.S.B.; R. G. Bird, P.Z. 70; J. T. Browning, Z. 105; C. H. Cooper, P.Z. 105; F. Pollard, Z. 112; R. Cawsey, Z. 230; W. E. Warren, P.Z. 328; J. Hurrell, P.Z. 328; J. S. Swan, Z. 847; C. Watson, P.Z. 954; J. Gould, Z. 1099; C. Stevens, Z. 1138; W. Harris, P.Z. 1138; D. Cross, P.Z. 1205; J. R. Lord, H. 70; J. R. H. Harris, H. 230; D. Banks, J. 156; G. R. Barrett, J. 1253; and W. Brodie, J. 1284; Comps. E. F. Fulford, P.S. 112; C. C. Kendrick, P.S. 1284; J. D. Barker, 2nd A.S. 70; F. B. Westlake, 1st A.S. 70; T. Gray, 2nd A.S. 105; H. Boyling, 2nd A.S. 230; W. H. Huswell, 2nd A.S. 189; W. H. Probert, Reg. 322; Robt. Hambly, P.S. 156; E. Tout, 70; Simon Hynes, 156; C. Croydon, 189; J. Redgate, J. Osborn, J. Spry, E. Percy, Jno. Healy, J. T. Crossley, and J. E. Tredgold, 954; W. Allford, H. Langmead, and J. Benney, 202; C. Marshall, 159; G. Perkins, 1205; T. Gidley, 1205; H. J. Hancock, 251; S. Samuel and S. Zeffert, 223.

M.E. Comp. METHAM explained that Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand S.E., would have been present to instal Viscount Ebrington but for a family bereavement, through which he had been prevented from attending. For himself he had been called upon, but at a short notice, to fulfil the duty, and any shortcomings he might display he was sure the companions would excuse. They were about to receive at their head M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, who was too well known to them to need his adulation on his estimable Masonic qualities. He hoped that his lordship would have as successful a Masonic career as his respected grandfather.

Comp. Viscount Ebrington was then announced as claiming admission. The patent of his appointment, duly signed by Comps. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Z.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Grand H.; the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Grand J.; Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; and Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, G.S.N., was handed in, examined by the acting Prov. G. Supt., and read by the acting Prov. G.S.E. The patent was dated January 18th, 1881. A deputation was then sent out to introduce the Prov. Grand Superintendent designate. On his entry he was very warmly received by the chapter, and his installation proceeded with by M.E. Comp. Metham, and carried out in a very impressive manner.

The M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington then invested the following companions as the officers:

Ex. Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112	- - - -	Prov. G.H.
" Rev. W. Whitley, 156	- - - -	Prov. G.J.
" John Brewer, 251	- - - -	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. B. T. Hodge, 106	- - - -	Prov. G.S.N.
" Mark Farrant, 112	- - - -	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. H. Gillman, 1009	- - - -	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. S. Kersterman, 303	- - - -	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" F. Waldo How, 189	- - - -	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. S. Gill, 1125	- - - -	Prov. G. 1st St.B.
" W. B. Maye, 710	- - - -	Prov. G. 2nd St.B.
" D. Watson, 328	- - - -	Prov. G.D.C.
" Webb, 248	- - - -	Prov. G. A.D.C.
" J. D. Barker, 70	- - - -	Prov. G. Org.
" P. Blanchard, 444	- - - -	Prov. G. Janitor.
" J. Rogers, 202	- - - -	Prov. G.A. Janr.

Ex. Comp. Whitley was unable to be present, but his appointment met with the very hearty approbation of the chapter.

Through the long illness of the late Prov. Grand Superintendent the last annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter at which he had acted was the one held at Topsham, October 10th, 1877, since which there had only been one special meeting, that held at Paignton, March 13th, 1879, over which Ex. Comp. W. G. Rogers presided as acting Prov. G. Superintendent. The minutes of those were read and confirmed. The Treasurer was unable to attend, but his accounts were present and submitted by Comp E. T. Fulford, and contained the returns for the following years from the following lodges: For the year 1876, Nos. 159 and 1099; for 1877, Nos. 70, 105, 112, 156, 159, 189, 202, 223, 230, 248, 251, 282, 303, 328, 710, 847, 954, 1125, and 1138; for 1878, Nos. 112, 156, 159, 189, 202, 223, 230, 251, 282, 303, 328, 710, 847, 954, 1125, 1138, and 1284; for 1879, Nos. 112, 156, 189, 202, 223, 230, 282, 303, 328, 710, 847, 954, 1099, 1128, 1138, and 1284. The balance in hand was £68 18s. 6d. The accounts were received and adopted, subject to the approval of the Auditors, who had not received notice in time to examine the accounts.

It was then proposed by Ex. Comp. ROGERS, and seconded by Ex. Comp. J. E. CURTEIS, that twenty guineas should be voted to each of the four great Masonic Charities in London.

Ex. Comp. AITKEN DAVIES said while every companion present must fully recognise and appreciate the great benefits received by the province from those charities, and every Mason in the province be ready at all times to acknowledge the duty to render those charities liberal support, yet the proposition was hardly fair to absorb all the present available funds of the chapter in that object without considering the Educational Fund of the province. He would therefore propose as an amendment that fifteen guineas each be voted to the four London Charities, and the balance of twenty guineas be voted to the Devon Educational Fund.

The amendment was promptly seconded by Ex. Comp. SAMUEL LORAM and half a dozen other companions, and on being put to the chapter was carried by a very large majority.

Ex. Comp. GOVER proposed Ex. Comp. J. E. Curteis as the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

This was seconded, unanimously carried, and Ex. Comp. Curteis invested in that office.

The M.E. the Prov. G. SUPERINTENDENT pointed out that through various circumstances it had become very desirable to amend the bye-laws of the Provincial Chapter.

This was acknowledged, and a Committee appointed the two Principals and the S.E. of the chapter to frame a new set of bye-laws and submit them to the next meeting of the chapter. Ex. Comps. T. S. Bayly and John Lynn were elected the Auditors. On the proposition of Ex. Comp. METHAM, seconded by the Prov. G. SUPERINTENDENT, the S.E. was directed to convey the sympathy and condolence of the chapter in a letter to Mrs. Huyshe on the death of the late Prov. G. Superintendent. This concluded the business of the convocation, and the chapter was adjourned.

The handsome R.A. jewel of the Rev. John Huyshe, the late Prov. G. Superintendent of the Province, has been presented by his widow to Ex. Comp. W. Brodie as a mark of esteem of herself and her late husband for that companion.

MASONRY AND THE BIBLE.

As the report of the Select Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio has been discussed in our pages by Bro. Hughan and Bro. Van Cleve, it may be well to re-publish the report, which has never been published in the *Review*:

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the annual address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master as refers to the communication of Bro. A. C. Scott, of Bladensburg Lodge, beg leave to report that upon examination of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for the year 1844, they find in [the address of Most Worshipful Grand Master William B. Thrall a discussion of this subject, and his conclusions thereon. This portion of his address was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Bros. Erastus Burr, W. B. Hubbard, and Norman Root, which Committee submitted an able and elaborate report.

Your Committee so fully agree with the sentiments contained in said address and report, that they beg leave to make the same a portion of theirs, and to reaffirm the sentiments therein expressed :

"It was asked by a respectable lodge whether 'the denying of the Divine authenticity of the Holy Bible be an offence against the institution of Masonry; and, if so, what are the prerogatives of the lodge in such cases?' While 'tis most true that Masonry is not sectarian in its character, and that the established rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge positively inhibit all religious tests as a pre-requisite to initiation, save only the acknowledgment of a 'steadfast belief in the existence and perfection of Deity,' it is equally true that, were it possible to wrest from the 'first Great Light' in Masonry its attribute of Divine authenticity, the very act would overwhelm the Craft with a visible and tangible darkness, equalled only by that which existed ere 'the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.' It is impossible to despoil our great Masonic trestle-board of its distinctive characteristic, without at the same time rifling the work of our lodges, our charges, and our lectures of every conservative and life-giving principle. If the Bible be not, indeed, an emanation from Deity, then is Freemasonry an empty cheat; and those who minister at her altars accessories to fraud and vile delusion. True, we have among us no lodges exclusively Christian, for the reason that Masonry dates anterior to the Christian era, and because her charity is sufficiently expansive to embrace within its ample folds, in fraternal union, the good and true of whatever name or nation. While, therefore, Christian Masons dedicate their lodges to those two eminent and sainted Christian patrons who are always represented in every regular and well-governed lodge by most attractive and peculiar hieroglyphics, our Jewish brethren may, at the same time, without let or hindrance, and without the remotest cause of offence to any, still commemorate in the lodges him whose name is the synonym of Wisdom, and whose virtues are embalmed alike in the hearts of all good Masons, whether Christian or the lineal descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. But surely it could not have been the purpose of those great and good men of old, in laying thus broad the foundations of our Order, to provide in it a covert for the deriding infidel, or any asylum for the dissembling hypocrite. And if, by any means, such have found their way into our midst, it is the first duty of the lodge so invoked, by well doing, to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, and to teach them that, though free, they may not use their liberty for a cloak of licentiousness. And, if thus admonished, they refuse to be restrained, let them be regarded as walking disorderly, and not after the tradition they have received of us. And if any man obey not our word, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

"The Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M.W. Grand Master's address as relates to the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, respectfully report that they have had the subject entrusted to them under very careful consideration, and have become so deeply impressed with the importance of the question that they deem its proper settlement of vital consequence to the welfare of our institution.

"After looking at the foundations on which all our work is constructed, and contemplating the teachings of Masonry in her lectures, charges, &c., your Committee can come to but one conclusion on the subject, viz., that the Holy Bible is the great standard of truth and duty in Masonry, and, consequently, that an humble and sincere acknowledgment of its Divine origin is indispensable, in the very nature of the case, on the part of all who come to seek or dispense light among us.

"After the very clear views on this subject presented by our worthy Grand Master in his annual communication, your Committee deem it unnecessary to say much in addition, except in reiteration of the sentiments by him so ably and eloquently expressed.

"It is one of the oldest requisitions of the Fraternity that no regular and well-governed lodge can be without its Bible. The Bible is held up to the candidate on his initiation as the first Great Light in Masonry. He is told that it is the inestimable gift of God to man. His onward pathway in its entire extent is lighted up by its blessed precepts. The Faith, the Hope, the Charity, in which he is admonished to abound, is the Faith, the Hope, the Charity of the Bible. The star, which shines from the centre of one of the three ornaments of the lodge, is the star which appeared to guide the wise men in the East to the place of the Saviour's nativity. The two eminent patrons of the Order, to whom Christian Masons dedicate their lodges, are the Sts. John of the Bible, the precepts of which they present as a wall of defence around about every brother within which he may walk securely and never materially err. No station in the lodge is too high for the reach of the duties which the Bible enjoins. The Worshipful Master must humbly bow to its authority. On him, as he is about to enter upon his arduous labours, is laid the obligation, weighty above all others, of a diligent observance of the Holy Scriptures, which, he is instructed, is to be a rule and a guide to his faith. And when sorrowing brethren gather around the final resting place of the departed, they mourn not as those who are without hope; the sprig of acacia tells of an ever verdant and bright land beyond the grave. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has vanquished the foe, and hope and consolation are imparted by the thoughts of that life and immortality which the Bible, and the Bible only, has brought to light.

"These are but a few of the many evidences that might be presented to show how essential the Bible is to the existence of Masonry. What then is Masonry without the Bible—the Bible acknowledged in the truth of its Divine inspiration? It is the casket without the jewel. It is the body without the soul. It is the world without the sun. And what might be its value despoiled of this, its richest treasure and brightest ornament, would not be worth the trouble of a conjecture.

"Your Committee, in their search for grounds on which to sustain an opposite opinion, have found nothing meriting that character, unless it be a single clause in Section 6 of our Rules and Regulations, the language of which is that 'no religious test shall be required of any applicant for the benefits of Masonry other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity.' In regard to this provision, it is respectfully submitted whether a proper belief in the existence and perfections of Deity does not, of necessity, imply a belief in the Divine authenticity of the Bible, since from that book we derive the only intelligent and satisfactory knowledge of Deity; and whether, therefore, said clause was not predicated upon this hypothesis. But whatever interpretation may be given to this provision, and granting that it requires only such a belief in Deity as natural religion may afford, your Committee are of opinion that it is entitled to no serious weight against the abundant and clear testimony furnished by the lectures and charges, the authority of which no well-informed Mason, it is thought, will be disposed to gainsay or resist."—*Masonic Review*.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON NEWSPAPERS RELATING TO FREEMASONRY.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

The years 1717, 1718, 1719, and 1720 do not contain any article, or advertisement, respecting Freemasons.

The *Post Boy*, June 24 to 27, 1721.—"There was a meeting on Saturday last at Stationers' Hall of between two and three hundred of the Ancient Fraternity of Freemasons, who had a splendid dinner, and music. Several noblemen and gentlemen were present at this meeting, and His Grace the Duke of Montagu was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year, and Dr. Beale Sub-Master. The Reverend Dr. Desaguliers made a speech suitable to the occasion."

The *Weekly Journal*, or *Saturday's Post*, July 1, 1721.—"On Saturday last was a meeting at Stationers' Hall of some two or three hundred of the Ancient Fraternity of Freemasons, who made a splendid entertainment. Many noblemen and gentlemen were present at this meeting, and His Grace the Duke of Montagu was unanimously chosen Master for the ensuing year, and Dr. Beale, Sub-Master. The Rev. Dr. Desaguliers made a speech on the occasion."

The same account in the *Weekly Journal*, or *British Gazetteer*, July 1, 1721.

The *Daily Post*, June 20, 1722.—"All belonging to the society of Freemasons who design to be at Stationers' Hall on the 25th inst., are desired to take out tickets before next Friday, and all those noblemen and gentlemen that have took tickets, and do not appear at the hall, will be look'd upon as false brothers."

The *Weekly Journal*, or *British Gazetteer*, June 23, 1722.—"On Monday next, being the 25th inst., will be kept at Stationers' Hall, the Grand meeting of the most noble and Ancient Fraternity of Freemasons, as usual, and in which Society there is some peculiar word or signal given, so that if one of them walks by, or is drinking in any Edifice Building of Stone, they all come down immediately from their work and wait upon him with great respect."

The *Daily Post*, June 27, 1722.—"On Monday last was kept at Stationers' Hall, the usual annual Grand meeting of the most noble and Ancient Fraternity of Freemasons (where there was a noble appearance of persons of distinction), at which meeting they are obliged by their Orders to elect a Grand and Deputy Master, in pursuance whereof they have accordingly chosen His Grace the Duke of Wharton their Grand Master, in the room of His Grace the Duke of Montagu, and Dr. Desaguliers Deputy Master, in the room of Dr. Beale for the year ensuing."

The *Weekly Journal*, or *Saturday's Post*, June 30th, 1722—"On Monday last the Ancient Society of Free Masons held their annual meeting at Stationers' Hall, and, as we hear, chose the Duke of Wharton for their Governour."

The *Weekly Journal*, or *British Gazetteer*, June 30th, 1722—"On Monday last the Grand Meeting of the Most Noble and Ancient Fraternity of Free Masons was kept at Stationers' Hall, where they had a most sumptuous Feast, several of the nobility who are members of the Society being present; and his Grace the Duke of Wharton was then unanimously chosen Governour of the said Fraternity."

The *Post Boy*, November 10th to 13th, 1722—"On Thursday last Sir Christopher Wren, the celebrated Architect, was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Corporation of Clergymen's Sons, in the room of Sir Gilbert Dolben, Bart., deceased."

The *Weekly Journal*, or *British Gazetteer*, December 1st, 1722—

"THE FREE MASON'S HEALTH.

"Come, let us prepare
We Brothers that are
Met together on merry occasion;
Let's drink, laugh, and sing,
Our wine has a spring,
'Tis a Health to an accepted Mason.

"The world is in pain
Our secret to gain,
But still let them wonder and gaze on;
Till they're shewn the Light
They'l ne'er know the right
Word or Sign of an accepted Mason.

"'Tis this and 'tis that,
They cannot tell what,
Why so many great men in the nation
Shou'd Aprons put on
To make themselves one,
With a Free or an Accepted Mason.

"Great Kings, Dukes, and Lords
Have laid by their Swords,
This our Mis'try to put a good grace on,
And ne'er been ashamed
To hear themselves named
With a Free or Accepted Mason.

"Antiquity's Pride
We have on our slide,
It makes each Man just in his Station;
There's nought but what's good
To be understood
By a Free and Accepted Mason.

"Then joyn Hand in Hand,
Teach other firm Stand,
Let's be merry and put a bright Face on;
What Mortal can boast
So noble a Toast
As a Free and Accepted Mason."

Bro. Marcus Richardson, the aged Freemason of North Bangor, Me., who recently celebrated his centennial birthday with Montgomery Lodge, of Milford, of which he was made a member October 5th, 1803, at Franklin, died at his home on Thursday, January 13th, aged 100 years 2 months and 14 days. He had been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for more than 77 years. He had resided in Maine 58 years, always led a quiet, unostentatious life, and was universally respected. At the time of his death he was generally acknowledged one of, if not quite, the oldest Mason in the world.—*Masonic Review*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

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K.G., M.W.G.M.

EIGHTY-THIRD
ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,
ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1881.

THE MOST HON. THE
MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, K.P.,
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W. BRO. WM. ROEBUCK, G. Steward 29, Prov.
G.S.W. Middlesex, &c.

DINNER,

Provided by Messrs. Sayers and Marks, Brighton, will
be on the table at 4 p.m.

Particulars as to prices of dinner tickets and railway
arrangements may be had on application to the office.

The names of brethren willing to act as Stewards may
still be received.

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

The Annual Fête, Stewards' Visit, and Distribution of
Prizes, will be held on Tuesday, 28th June, under the
presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Std.,
and Pat. of Inst., Sec. of Inst., Hon. Sec.
Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,
June, 1881.

PROVINCE OF SURREY.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
BRO. GENERAL STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, C.B.
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

that a
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

will be held on
SATURDAY, the 25th Day of JUNE, 1881,
at One o'clock in the Afternoon punctually, at the
PUBLIC HALL, REIGATE,
in the County of Surrey,

when the members of the PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,
and other Brethren of the Province, are requested to
attend.

By command of the R.W.P.G. Master.
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
Prov. G. Secretary.

61, Nelson-square, Blackfrairs-road,
May 25th, 1881.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock pre-
cisely, Tickets for which (price 15s.) may be had of Bro.
JOHN LEES, P.M., P.P.G.W., Reigate, Surrey, or of the
PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the
Brethren at Divine Service at the Parish Church, at 2.15
p.m. A Sermon will be Preached by the W. Bro. the
PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN. Brethren not to appear
in Masonic Costume at Divine Service.

PROVINCE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The Annual Provincial
GRAND LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE
Will (D.V.) be holden at the OLD HALL, GAINSBORO',
On MONDAY, the 20th day of June inst.,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

At Half-past Twelve the
FOUNDATION STONE
Of the
CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
Will be laid by the R.W.P.G.M.

The officers of Provincial Grand Lodge are hereby con-
vened to attend, and all Master Masons are invited to
be present.

By Order of
W. Bro. WILLIAM HENRY SMYTH, R.W.P.G.M.
(Signed) FREDC. D. MARSDEN,
P.G. Sec.

Louth, June 4th, 1881.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Publishing and Printing Offices

OF
"THE FREEMASON"

HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO

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

To Correspondents.

A FOREIGN P.M.—We think on the whole better not
to publish the letter.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Sunday Times," "Hull Packet," "New York Dis-
patch," "Allan's Indian Mail," "The Citizen," "The
Mystic Tie," "Keystone," "The Broad Arrow," "The
Hebrew Leader," "La Acacia," "Orient Aintliches
Organ der Johannis," "Grosslage Von Ungaen," "Der
Long Islaender," "Sydney Freemason," "Australian
Freemason," "Le Monde Maconnique," "Proceedings
of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar, and
the attendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island,"
"The Masonic Review," "Constitution, Bye-laws, and In-
stallation Ceremonials of the Grand Lodge of Indiana."

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

OXON.—Will you kindly inform me whether a W.M.
can appoint a layman to act as Chaplain in a regular lodge,
and if so, whether he should wear a surplice or gown?
[Masonry disregarding "sect and opinion," there
would seem to be no reason why a layman should not be
appointed Chaplain, although I think such an appointment
both inappropriate and inexpedient, except, perhaps, for a
special or temporary purpose, such, for instance, as the
consecration of a lodge when no clergyman is forthcoming
to perform the duty. Since the Union the Grand Chap-
lains have invariably been selected from clergymen of the
Church of England, and private lodges cannot do better
than follow the example of Grand Lodge. The surplice is
not a part of the Masonic clothing of a Chaplain, and it
is never worn in Grand Lodge. It is, however, worn in
processions and in the pulpit on Masonic occasions, with
the apron and collar over it, and as a soldier or volunteer
may wear his uniform in lodge, I presume there can be no
objection to a clergyman wearing his surplice in a lodge,
provided he wears his Masonic apron over it, but it would
be very improper and I should even say ridiculous, for a
layman to wear a surplice or gown.—T. F.]

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1881.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I find that some remarks of mine have been mis-
understood in a recent account of the School which I wrote,
I wish to point out that, as I took my financial calculations
from the accounts for 1880, which necessarily do not in-
clude the full amount of needful expenditure for the Junior
School, my estimate of £7184 for ordinary expenses is not
by any means sufficient, or correct. On the contrary, the
lowest amount which could safely be put down for ordinary
expenses would be £7984, and when you add to this what may
be termed annually "special expenses," but which are actu-
ally necessary, and which, including the Junior School, are
certainly not under £1000 annually, you reach a sum of nearly
£9000, which is absolutely requisite for keeping the
School in a normal state of efficiency and energy. And
even now no allowance is made for unforeseen ex-
penses, nor even for repairs and painting, and, above all, for
any payments of "emergency," which constantly take
place in a school like the Girls' School. Under these cir-
cumstances it is not too much to say, in any sense, that

over and above the dividends, a sum of over £9500 is
absolutely annually required towards the support of the
Girls' School, instead of £6000, which I somewhat inadver-
tently mentioned.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLE.

THE ERROR OF THE SCRUTINEERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Percival's letter, and Bro.
Matier's statement, and feel bound to say that I am per-
sonally quite satisfied with Bro. Matier's lucid explanation
of what seemed at first sight an extraordinary and unpre-
cedented proceeding. And as I understand that a
satisfactory explanation also is made of what seemed to
many in the hall so strange in itself, that one of the Scrut-
ineers should challenge the return of the Chairman, I do
not think that there is need of any further remarks
from me, except to apologize to you for intruding on your
valuable space, and to thank Bro. Matier for his courteous
communication.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
A VOTER.

A NEW GRAND OFFICER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I heard with much amusement, as did Grand
Lodge, of the proposal of a brother to add a "Grand
Trumpeter" to the roll of Grand Officers. I have puzzled
myself since in trying to find out what could be the pos-
sible "idea" (if any) of the brother in such a proposition,
but I have signally failed to "spot" any reasonable one.
One solution has indeed occurred to me which I think it
well to confide to your friendly pages—that the brother may
have called to mind, when he spoke, the well known lines
said to have been written by the famous "Porson"—

"Trumpeter unus erat, qui coatum scarlet habebat,
Et Pecu Periwig pendet like tail of a dead pig."

Yours fraternally, QUOTATION.

THE PUNJAB MASONIC INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I see in the last *Freemason* you notify the receipt
of the Punjab Masonic Institution's Report for 1880.

Might I beg the favour of your giving the public a short
abstract of the contents. I have not yet received a copy,
and should be glad to know—

1. The number of subscribers,
2. The amount received during the year under review,
amount expended, and amount funded, and
3. The total amount funded.

The Province of the Punjab is a small one, but, Sir, I
can assure you, contains many very zealous brethren,
none more so than our respected District Grand Master,
Bro. the R.W. Colonel M. Ramsay, who has been obliged,
owing to ill health, to visit his native country, but to
whose fostering care the prosperity of the Institution is
mainly owing.

Yours fraternally,

A PUNJAB MASON AND P.M.

A MASONIC ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What has become of the old Masonic Archæologi-
cal Institute or Association, whatever it was called? Were
there not a number of Life Members elected? What has
become of the funds? or is the Society dormant altogether?
If so, would it not be well to revive it, or start a fresh
association?

Yours enquiringly, BRO. DRYASDUST.

LAWRENCE DERMOTT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Last month I observed in your columns an admir-
able letter from your valued coadjutor "*Masonic Student*,"
in which was indicated a line of inquiry with regard to
Lawrence Dermott and his connection with Irish Free-
masonry.

This line promises to be valuable, and has certainly not
been hitherto worked out.

Perhaps you will allow me to point out that valuable in-
formation on Dermott's relation to the Royal Arch Degree
is very likely obtainable in Ireland from the records of the
present Grand Lodge and Grand Royal Arch Chapter. If
so, the brethren from whom we could most probably obtain
the information are, in the first place, the Hon. Judge
Townshend, LL.D., principal officer of the Grand Royal
Arch Chapter of Ireland, who is certainly the most learned
Freemason in the country; and, secondly, the Grand
Registrar of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruc-
tion, W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., the present Grand
Inner Guard of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

I know that both these brethren have devoted much
labour and research to the early history and development
of the Degrees, and I am sure that an appeal through your
columns to them would not be in vain. Both the Hon.
Judge and Dr. Chetwode Crawley have delivered for the
last two years lectures in the esoteric circle of the Capitular

Degree bearing on the subject, and to men of their literary powers and acknowledged erudition the task would be a labour of love.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

AN EXILED ENGLISH P.M.

P.S.—I would take this opportunity of thanking Dr. Chetwode Crawley, to whom I am personally unknown, for a singularly lucid lecture, delivered year before last, on the M.M.M. Degree. Although a long-standing member of the Grand Mark Lodge of England, I never thoroughly comprehended the bearing of the Degree and its concomitants till illustrated by him.

BRO. TREVOR'S MOTION IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is simply impossible for you to afford me space in your columns to say what I feel on this subject, so I shall not attempt to ask you for such a favour. You have been necessarily obliged, I suppose, to curtail my remarks at last Grand Lodge, for I notice that you have omitted some of them. Allow me, however, to thank the unknown brother who was brave enough to stand alone with me on that occasion, so as to second my motion, and to say that I am taking advice as to what my next steps should be to redress my grievances. All I want is justice from the Craft, and before justice can be dispensed the complaint must be heard. I mean, therefore, never to rest until I have obtained an enquiry into the grievances I laid before the Board of General Purposes in May, 1879, or I am repaid my costs in the late trial. I wish you had published (as you have done in your last issue) all that took place regarding my motion at Grand Lodge in March last, as the Fraternity at large have lost the benefit of the speech then made by Bro. Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Registrar.

Yours fraternally, TUDOR TREVOR.

7, Blenheim-square, Leeds, June 7th.

P.S.—I cannot make out what your reporter means when he makes me say (in your last issue) that I sent a memorial to the Grand Master, "asking him to appoint a place."

Reviews.

THE TUNISIAN QUESTION AND BIZERTA. By Bro. M. J. GUEST, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire. F. Chifferiel and Co., 31, Cursitor-street, London, E.C.

This interesting and admirably illustrated pamphlet has been much read, and it is no doubt a seasonable contribution to the full understanding of a question of great geographical importance. Thanks to the maps and "lithographic views" contributed by Vice-Admiral T. Spratt, R.N., we are able to understand the exact position of the "Benzirta Lakes," and to realize the possibility of the formation of a "Harbour," so far unheard of in the history of nations. But here we must perforce stop. We cannot enter upon that great political question which is before us in the present, or looms out from the future. We can but express our admiration artistically of the pamphlet of our distinguished brother, call attention to its existence, and leave to the conscientious conclusions of others their appreciation of its relative and general importance in regard of subjects of discussion which interest so many in England, France, Tunis, and the East at this very hour.

CATALOG. Gustav Wolf. 43, Nurnberger Strasse, Leipzig.

Gustav Wolf has put forth a catalogue, No. 10, to which we alluded last week, containing the names of 832 works bearing on "Freemasonry," "Rosicrucianism," "Illuminati," "Jesuits," the "Templars," "Knights Orders," and "Miscellanea." Most interesting is the catalogue, and it deserves the close attention of Masonic students and book collectors. The editor divides his catalogue into eight heads, which should be carefully consulted, as under each of them really some scarce works are to be found, and not at unreasonable prices, though as in England, so in Germany, the price of Masonic and Hermetic literature seems to have perceptibly risen. To any one who understands German and who is interested in Masonic literature, Gustav Wolf's catalogue will be a most interesting subject of study and comparison with others, and we therefore call attention to it, though we are well aware that Masonic readers and students are, unfortunately, "few and far between." The catalogue would, no doubt, be sent to all applying for it, through a London foreign bookseller or otherwise.

A CATALOGUE OF BOOKS, ANCIENT AND MODERN, &c. E. W. STIBBS, 32, Museum-street, W.C.

Mr. E. W. Stibbs has issued his catalogue—No. 33—consisting of a "large collection of British typography, Greek and Latin classics, and works relating to Scotland, voyages and travels, the Troubadours, history, biography, witchcraft, poetry, and numerous books in the Spanish and Portuguese languages." It is a most interesting catalogue, and we recommend book collectors to obtain it and peruse it carefully. We would call attention to the following works in it: "The Storie of Stories, 1632;" "Sadler's State Papers, 1809;" "Sydney Papers, 1746;" "A Learned Summary, 1621;" "Saint Graal, &c., le Mans, 1875;" "Fludd's Mosaical Philosophy, &c., 1659;" "Demoniality, &c., 1879, Paris;" "Calmet's Dissertation (Dom Augustin), 1759;" "Des Mousseaux Le Magie, &c., 4 vols., 1860;" "Virgilius-Codex, Florence, 1741;" "Walton and Cotton," "Sir H. Nicolas, 1860."

THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines for June are before us, but are not very striking.

"Scribner" is remarkable, no doubt, both from the "even tenour" of its high standard and its admirable illustrations. We commend it to the notice of our readers.

"Temple Bar" is, to our mind, not up to its old renown,

and is on a duller level. "Mere Chatter" is very good. "Richelieu" is "flimsy," and though we like the "Frères" on the whole, we cannot say that we are so far much impressed with "Kith and Kin." A writer with the initials "W. D. S." makes a vigorous protest against the spurious classicalism of much modern poetry, pointing out that it is heathenish actually in dogma, and immoral in practice.

The "Antiquary" is very readable. "All the Year Round" contains some good papers, but we do not profess to like "Lady Deane." "The Question of Land" is painful, and Herr Crambo, begging the writer's pardon, seems to us like "gyratic nonsense."

Masonic Notes and Queries.

"LONG LIVERS."

Paragraph V. of my article on "Long Livers" (vide *Freemason* of last week) should read:—

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

Also for "Hermes Tresmesgiscus, an Egyptian Philosopher," read *Hermes Tresmegistus*, etc.

R. F. GOULD.

MASONIC EMBLEMS IN HERALDRY.

I add a few more coats of arms to the list given by me in the *Freemason* of June 4th.

19. *Azure*, the sun, the full moon, and seven stars, or, the two first in chief and the last in orbicular form in base; *John de Fontibus, sixth Bishop of Ely.*

20. *Argent*, a chevron between three squares, *sable*; *Atlowe.*

21. *Argent*, a chevron *gules* between three plummetts, *sable*; *Fenings.*

22. *Gules*, two single arches in chief and a third in base, *Argent*, capitals and pedestals or; *Arches.*

HER. ORD. TEMP.

Artificers (saith *Plutarch*) doe vse their *Squires*, their *Rules*, their *Lines*, and *Leuels*; they goe by measures and numbers, to the end that all their works there should not be any thing found done, either rashly or at adventure: and therefore much more should *Men* vse the like moderations and rules in the performance of those *Actions* of vertue wherein *Man's happiness* doth consist: especially those who sit in the *Seats of Justice*, which in *Moses* time were wont to be *Men Fearing God*, and *hating covetousnesse*, which is the perfect *Squire* which such ought to follow. But *Aristotle* writeth of a *Lesbian Squire* or *Rule*, which was made of so *flexible* a stuffe, that it would bend any way the workman would haue it: but most dangerous is the *Estate* of that *Common-wealth*, whose *Judges* work by such *Squires*, and make the *Laws* to bow to their priuate affections, and sometimes to meane one thing, another time, the contrary, as themselves are disposed to incline.—"Gwillim's Display of Heraldrie," ed. 1611, page 208.

This *Instrument* [the Plummet] is the *Type of Equity* and *Ypocrisis* in all our *Actions*, which are to be *leuelled* and *rectified* by the *Rule of Reason* and *Justice*. For the *Plummet* euer fals right, howsoeuer it be held, and what euer betide a *Vertuous* man, his *Actions* and *Conscience* will be vncorrupt and vncontrolable.—"Gwillim," p. 208. H.

PAPAL BULLS TO FREEMASONS.

"It has been asserted, that in the early part of the thirteenth century, 'The Colleges of Masons,' in every country of Europe where they had assembled themselves, received the blessing of the Holy See, under an injunction of dedicating their skill to the erection of ecclesiastical buildings; and that certain immunities were conceded to them, such as forming themselves into small and migratory societies, under the government of a Master of the Craft, with the privilege of taking apprentices, who, after due initiation, became Free and Accepted Masons (*Vren's Parentalia*). But it is certain that such a Papal rescript or document has been industriously sought for in the Vatican Library, and without success. If this indulgence took place in the first half of the thirteenth century, as it is said to have done, there were three Popes before 1250."—*Dallaway's Historical Account of Master and Free Masons*, 408-9.

It is but right to add that the *Parentalia* is very limited authority, and has done a good deal of harm by its dogmatic and yet unhistorical statements. It has been said by a German writer, I admit, that a Papal Bull existed, but a fresh search in the "Bullarium" has been made, and in vain.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE TETRAGRAMMATON.

Can any one supply me with the Greek original of these lines:

"By that pure, holy Four-Lettered Name on high,
Nature's eternal fountain and supply,
The parent of all souls that living be,
By Him, with faithful oath, I swear to thee."

They are said to be the invocation or obligation used by Pythagoras, and it would be a curious fact if it could be proved that the "Tetragrammaton" was the mysterious formula used in all the Craft sodalities and Hermetic associations.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

The illustration offered by the Editor of the *Freemason* of the "real difficulty of Masonic history" is certainly in many respects a sad one. That a Grand Lodge, or one so-called, as that of *New South Wales* should issue such nonsense in their "Proceedings" as the extract given in the *Freemason* is much to be deplored. The Grand Lodge of England 1716-7 was, as a Grand Lodge, a new creation. It is, in fact, the parent of the Grand Lodge system. Of course the old lodge at York and many other lodges preceded it, some of which continue to this day, but as a Grand Lodge it was not a secession, but the first of its kind. Neither is it true that the "Grand Lodge of all England at York" had thirty-two daughter lodges under its jurisdiction 1716-7; first, because it was not a Grand Lodge then; and, next, because it never had so many on its roll since. The probability is that the writer of the article had Bro. Hyneman's last work before him, for they have much in

common, and distort the facts of history most extensively and unmercifully. I am glad the editor has exposed the hollow grounds on which the secession of *New South Wales* brethren is based.

W. J. HUGHAN.

New Zealand.

INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF WESTLAND.

The 10th of March, 1881, will long be remembered by the brethren of the West Coast of the Middle Island as one of the pleasantest on record in connection with Masonic events.

The weather was truly what may be termed "Queen's weather"—a cloudless sky; the sea smooth as a mill pond; the grand mountain range of the great southern Alps standing out in bold relief, with snow-capped peaks, as far as the eye could reach, forming a delightful and magnificent panorama, and a noble and majestic background to the ever green and impenetrable forests of Westland.

The first evidence of Masonic life was imparted by the arrival on the early morning tide of the tug boat "Lioness," flying at her mast head a flag bearing the well-known Masonic emblems of the square and compass, with her deck thronged with brethren from the neighbouring town of Greymouth, all wearing holiday faces, of the true mystic Order. Coaches from the country soon followed in quick succession, and notably the coach from Ross, with the respected D.G. Chaplain, Bro. Rev. E. E. Chambers, and the brethren from the Totara Lodge, was covered with evergreens, and was lustily cheered on its arrival. By noon the town was quite lively by the addition of so many well-dressed brethren mingling in the ordinary throng of business life. The cause of all this Masonic commotion was to do honour to the newly-appointed and much respected District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan, on the occasion of his formal induction to his high and well-merited office.

The Committee wisely selected the annual meeting as the most opportune time for such an interesting event. Punctually at 1.30 p.m. the District Grand Lodge was opened in the pretty lodge room, at the Masonic Hall, Revell-street, the newly-appointed District Grand Master presiding. No stronger proof of the esteem in which Bro. John Bevan is held, or the general satisfaction with which the honour conferred on him is regarded, could have been given than that afforded by the attendance of such a large gathering of Freemasons, probably the largest assemblage of the kind ever known on the Coast, for the hall was crowded to the door, many of the brethren being scarcely able to find standing room.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER having announced the receipt from Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, the Grand Secretary, of his patent of office, under the hand of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which was duly exhibited and read by the District Grand Secretary, expressed his deep sense of the honour which had thus been conferred upon him, in succession to one who was so beloved as their late D.G. Master, whose virtues he would strive to imitate, and whose wise counsels he would ever endeavour to follow out in the administration of the sacred duties of his exalted office, having always a regard to the happiness of the brethren and the promotion and extension of that truly Masonic spirit which had ever been displayed by the lodges in Westland. He was proud and gratified beyond all measure to find that the appointment had met with general approval, as evidenced by so many brethren being present from all parts of the district, and, no doubt, at much personal sacrifice to many of them. He accepted this kindly and brotherly manifestation as a good omen of that unswerving faith and adherence to the grand principles of the time-honoured Craft, and urged the brethren to faithfully practise the sterling truths of Freemasonry in public and private life, and thereby enhance their happiness, in the full enjoyment of the blessings arising therefrom.

The D.G.M. then installed the various District Grand Lodge officers in a masterly and impressive manner, pointing out to each the importance of his office, the necessity of an assiduous attention to the various duties, and complimented those who had been re-appointed on their past services.

The following are the officers who were installed:

Bro. W. H. Revell	...	Dist. D.G.M.
" G. Benning	...	Dist. G.S.W.
" T. Kerr	...	Dist. G.J.W.
" C. Malfroy	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" Rev. E. E. Chambers	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" M. Pollock	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" W. D. Banks	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" John Williams	...	Dist. G.S.D.
" Henry Thomson	...	Dist. G.J.D.
" R. Ferguson	...	Dist. G. Dir. of Cer.
" T. C. Malfroy	...	Dist. G. S. of W.
" A. L. Koönig	...	Dist. G. Swd. Br.
" R. Gosson	...	Dist. G. Org.
" E. Kenway	...	Dist. G. Purs.
" Trice	...	} Dist. G. Stewards.
" Smith	...	
" Warner	...	
" Foldi	...	

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren marched in procession to the parish church of All Saints, where Divine service was conducted by the incumbent, the Rev. H. H. S. Hamilton, and an appropriate sermon preached by the District Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. E. Chambers, from the beautiful and well-chosen text, "Love one another." The subject was treated in a truly Masonic manner, the great Christian principles of brotherly love were most forcibly and eloquently rendered, and the connection of the mystic Order with all that is to be found in the holy precepts of religion was most faithfully and ably illustrated from the more remote periods even to the present day.

After the service an offertory was made on behalf of the church building fund, and resulted in a sum of £19 13s. 6d. being collected. The church was crowded to excess. Many of the business places in the town were closed, and the streets were thronged with spectators all along the line of march. One hundred and twenty-three brethren attended the service at the Church of England.

On the return of the brethren to the lodge room, the

D.G.M., in most complimentary terms, proposed a vote of thanks, which was unanimously carried, to the Rev. H. Hamilton for his kindness in placing the church at the disposal of the brethren, and to the District Grand Chaplain for his impressive and instructive discourse.

The District Grand Secretary then read a whole host of congratulatory letters and telegrams, couched in the most complimentary terms, from private members, lodges, and District Grand Lodges of all Constitutions, from all parts of the colony.

The Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. W. H. REVELL, on behalf of the Phoenix Lodge, of Westport, of which lodge he is the W.M., rose, and tendered the R.W. District Grand Master the warmest and heartiest congratulations of the brethren of his district, expressing the great satisfaction which the appointment had created, owing to the esteem in which Bro. Bevan is held from one end of Westland to the other; indeed, he would go further and say throughout New Zealand.

Bro. JAMES KERR, District Grand Senior Warden, followed on behalf of the Greymouth Lodge, and, in an eloquent speech, referred in like flattering terms to the appointment and the high Masonic qualifications of the recipient, and hoped, in all sincerity, that the youngest brother in the district would be a grey-headed old man before the Masons of Westland should again meet for a similar celebration.

Bro. J. R. HUDSON, P.D.G.S.W., on behalf of the Pacific Lodge, of Reefton, read a most fraternal telegram, and endorsed the high encomiums of previous speakers.

Bro. C. MALFROY, District Grand Registrar, W.M. of the Totara Lodge, spoke at some length of the personal friendship he had enjoyed for many years with Bro. Bevan, and called upon his Secretary, Bro. W. McKay, to read an illuminated address proposed by the members of his lodge for the occasion, which was as follows: "Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the Totara Lodge, No. 1241, E.C., offer our congratulations to you upon your elevation to the important office of District Grand Master, the highest position that can be bestowed upon any Mason in Westland. From our personal knowledge of your capabilities and thorough comprehension of Masonry, we feel assured that the choice made by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, will be endorsed by every Master Mason in Westland, and that under your able administration Masonry will continue to prosper, and the landmarks of the Order be carefully preserved. In conclusion, we hope that under the protection of the Most High and with the guidance of the Grand Geometrician and Architect of the Universe, you may be an ornament to the Craft, a worthy representative of your predecessor, and live long to enjoy the honour conferred upon you."

Bro. W. NICHOLSON, W.M. of the Lazar Lodge, also presented a similar address on behalf of his lodge, and added his own personal testimony of pleasure and gratification as well.

Bro. H. HYAMS, W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, of Hokitika, of which lodge the D.G. Master is a subscribing member, conveyed his warmest assurance of the great satisfaction the appointment had created, and the profound personal respect entertained by all the brethren for Bro. Bevan.

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the warm congratulations, was considerably overcome, and confessed his inability to find words to express his thanks for the kind wishes tendered to him by the brethren there assembled, as well as from Masons in all parts of the colony. He would endeavour to do his duty to the best of his ability, and hoped that the same good feeling and Masonic spirit that had always prevailed in the district would long continue to exist, and thus strengthen the bonds of so generous and noble a Brotherhood as that of Freemasonry, the great principles of which had been so firmly established and maintained for so many years past in Westland.

A prayer having been offered by the D.G. CHAPLAIN, the District Grand Lodge was closed at 5.30 p.m.

At 9 o'clock the brethren assembled in the spacious Town Hall, which was gaily decorated with flags and evergreens, to partake of a banquet prepared in honour of the event. The tables were bountifully supplied with all the delicacies of the season, and literally groaned under the abundance of good things provided by that well-known Masonic caterer, Bro. T. R. HUDSON. The District Grand Master presided, and was supported on his right by the D.D.G.M., Bro. W. H. REVELL, the District Grand Chaplain, Bro. Chambers, and other officers, and on his left by the Worshipful Masters of the Lavar, Totara, and Pacific Lodges, also Past Masters from each lodge. 107 brethren altogether assembled to do justice to the good things provided.

After the removal of the cloth, the District Grand Master rose to propose the first toast of "The Queen and the Craft." He said: "The association of the name of this noble lady with our ancient and honourable Craft fills the heart of every Freemason with an inborn pride and affection—pride because she is the beloved Queen of our great nation, upon which, like Masonry, the sun never sets, and because she is the mother of him who sits upon our great Masonic throne, and of others of her illustrious family who honour and delight in our traditions. She reaches our affections by her manifold and noble acts of charity, by her homely and loveable nature, and by the purity, peace, freedom, and happiness of her queenly reign, and in our loyalty we defy the world to sing with more grateful hearts 'God save the Queen.'" (Prolonged cheering.)

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of England," said that he regarded it as the greatest triumph of modern times for his Royal Highness so generously to devote so much of his valuable time to the interests of the Craft. It proved conclusively that he was a true Mason at heart, that he was determined it should retain its great and dignified prestige, that the world should know of his attachment to its doctrines, and thereby silence the traducers of its fair fame. The speech delivered by the Grand Master at the Truro Cathedral demonstrations was in itself a reflex of his nature, a true, noble, and generous one, the spontaneous language of a great and gifted mind; and the Freemasons throughout the length and breadth of the land, and from the farthest confines of the earth, received with gratitude the name of

their Grand Master, and honoured it with true Masonic loyalty. (Cheers.)

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER next gave the toast of "The Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland," and referred to the great constitutional improvements which had of late years taken place in Scotland, and the general progress of the Craft under present administration.

The Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. W. H. REVELL, in proposing the next toast, that of "The newly appointed District Grand Master, Bro. John Bevan," said he felt proud of the privilege of proposing the health of so worthy and respected a brother, one whom he had known for so many years, and who had so endeared himself to the brethren of the district by his good and genial qualities. It was only necessary to look into his face to find depicted there the outward signs of his internal worth, for he had during his long residence on the coast displayed all those great qualities of a manly nature, and amongst his brethren had ever evinced a liberal and ardent Masonic spirit. His appointment was a most popular one. There was not a brother in Westland but was pleased beyond measure, and he was certain no one could so worthily adorn the position or advance the interests of Masonry as Bro. Bevan, for he was a perfect lexicon of Masonic knowledge and jurisprudence, and his well-balanced mind would tend to promote the happiness of the brethren under all circumstances of difficulty and doubt. The large gathering of brethren was sufficient proof of the popularity and esteem in which their worthy brother was held, and he rejoiced greatly with the brethren on the appointment. (Prolonged cheering and applause—musical honours.)

The DISTRICT GRAND MASTER on rising to respond was received with a perfect ovation of applause and was some time standing before he could get a hearing. Brethren, he said, I doubt not if I tell you that the events of this day are the proudest in my life, that none of you would attempt to contradict me. I, unfortunately, at this moment labour under a very great difficulty, for I really cannot find words to answer your many kind expressions of good will towards me, for it has been a succession of so many congratulations that I am inclined to think that you honour me too much (no, no), that you will spoil me with your flattery. However, as I am past that time of life to be vain of my good looks, to which my worthy Bro. Revell directed your attention, and which almost puts me to the blush now, I accept therefore your fraternal manifestations of approval as the best index of your personal regard for me, which I value beyond all things; and believe me, as long as I shall live the remembrance of this day will gladden my heart, and whilst I have health and strength you may rely on my faithful discharge of the duties of the exalted station which your kind countenance and recommendation has obtained for me; and as I espoused Masonry nearly a quarter of a century ago, and discovered in it then some of the grandest principles of wisdom, truth, and happiness, so I trust that I may to the end of my days be able to participate in the beautiful and benign influences of Masonry—its simple, but grand and eloquent teachings—if not altogether a religion in the ordinary acceptation of the term, still, one that may be regarded as the handmaiden to its holy influences, a great moral educator leading to happiness here, and doubtless to its enjoyment hereafter. (Applause.)

Bro. JAMES KERR, District Grand Junior Warden, in proposing the next toast—that of "The V.V.D.D.G.M., Bro. W. H. Revell"—expressed the pleasure it afforded him of seeing a brother whom he had initiated holding so important a position. The D.G.M. was to be congratulated for making so worthy a choice, for both as a magistrate and a Mason, Bro. Revell deserved well of the community. He possessed those excellent traits of character which had gained him many warm friends on all parts of the coast, and he (Bro. Kerr) was delighted now to do honour to so worthy a brother. (Applause.)

The DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, in fitting terms, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and referred at length to his connection with, and love for, Masonry, and related some interesting incidents in connection with the early history of Westland, which created much amusement.

Bro. T. R. HUDSON, P.D.G.S.W., also bore testimony to Bro. Revell's sterling qualities and personal worth; and was proud to remind the brethren that the principal street in Hokitika was named after Bro. Revell.

The following toasts were duly proposed and responded to: "The District Grand Officers, Present and Past," by W.M. Lazar Lodge; "The District Grand Lodges throughout New Zealand," by W.M. Greymouth Lodge; "The W.M. and Officers of the Lazar Lodge, Kumara," by DIST. G. SEC.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Phoenix Lodge, of Westport," by DIST. G. TREAS.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Pacific Lodge, Reefton," by DIST. G.S.W.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Totara Lodge, Ross," by Bro. T. R. HUDSON, P.D.G.S.W.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Greymouth Lodge," by Bro. F. EISELDER, P.D.G.S.W.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Pacific Lodge, Hokitika," by W. DIST. G. REG.; "The W.M. and Officers of the Kilwinning Lodge, S.C.," by Bro. T. BRAMWELL, P.P.G.S.W.; "The Visitors," by D.D.G.M.; "The Masonic Charities," by D.G. CHAP.; "Brothers, Wives, and Sisters of Freemasons," by W.M. Pacific Lodge, No. 1229; "The Press," by R.W.D.G.M.; and "All Poor and Distressed Masons," by D.G. TYLER.

Many excellent songs were sung during the evening, accompanied by the District Grand Organist, Bro. R. Gosson, on his splendid pianoforte, brought to the Town Hall for the occasion; and thus the proceedings closed off one of the most enjoyable Masonic events ever celebrated on the West Coast of the middle island of New Zealand.

The newly-appointed District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, Bro. John Bevan, is the third son of the late Mr. Henry Bevan, of Clear View, St. Lawrence Valley, Jersey, in which island he was born. He has been a resident in Hokitika since the formation of the settlement, nearly sixteen years ago, is a most indefatigable Mason, and a member of the well-known firm of Pollock and Bevan, merchants of that town, and is very much respected by all classes of the community. He is ever foremost in the good cause of Charity, and has recently delivered several eloquent lectures at the theatre here and at Kumara to crowded audiences in aid of these objects.

INSTALLATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK MASTER OF NEW ZEALAND SOUTH.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MARK LODGE.

An interesting and important ceremony to the "brethren of the mystic tie" took place on the evening of Wednesday, April 6th, in the large room of the Temperance Hall, Dunedin (which had been specially fitted and furnished for the occasion), and never had so large an assemblage of leading members of the Craft been present at any Masonic gathering in Dunedin as there was on Wednesday. The event they met to celebrate was the constitution of the Hiram Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 272, E.C., and never has any lodge been opened under more favourable auspices. Its officers and members are nearly all prominent members of the Craft, while the Worshipful Master is the R.W. Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of New Zealand South—Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham.

At 8 p.m. the proceedings commenced by the W.M. of the Zealandia Marine Lodge, No. 261, acting under dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, opening the lodge in due form, and receiving the various Past Masters of the Order, who completely filled the dais, while in the body of the hall there were at least one hundred brethren of the three Constitutions. Subsequently Bro. Charles de Longueville Graham, W.M. of the Zealandia Marine Lodge, read his dispensation from the R.W.P.G.M. Master Mason, authorising him to open his lodge and advance candidates, and then proceed to confer the Mark Master's Degree to no less than seventeen brethren, many of whom are exalted members of Craft Masonry. This ceremony being concluded, the W.M. announced that he would be prepared to receive the R.W.P.G.M. Master Mason; and Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham's patent of authority from the M.W. the Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales (the Right Hon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom) was then brought into the lodge with due ceremony, and read aloud by the presiding Master, while the lodge rose to receive the R.W.P.G.M. Master Mason, Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham, who entered and was ushered to his seat with the ceremonials proper to the occasion, and upon assuming the throne was proclaimed by Bro. Charles de Longueville Graham as Provincial Grand Master of New Zealand South—the brethren present, under the direction of Bro. W. L. Buchanan, Master of Ceremonies, rendering the Grand Master the homage due to his rank; while an efficient choir, under the leadership of Bro. John Ross, of the Zealandia Marine Lodge, sang the anthem.

"ALL HAIL, ZEALANDIA!"
 "All hail, Zealandia! queen of Southern Isles,
 On whose bright destiny benignant nature smiles,
 Louder than cannon's roar, echoes from shore to shore,
 All hail Zealandia! Zealandia, hail, all hail!
 All hail, Zealandia! rear we a stalwart race,
 Whose ancestors have made thy plains their dwelling place;

From out thy virgin soil reaping the fruits of toil,
 All hail, Zealandia! Zealandia, hail, all hail!
 All hail, Zealandia! beneath thine azure skies,
 Cradled in infancy an empire shall arise
 Whose countless sons in song shall the refrain prolong,
 All hail, Zealandia! Zealandia, hail, all hail!"

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the lodge, expressing his gratification at the very numerous attendance assembled to do him honour, and assured the brethren it was his intention to promote the spread of Mark Masonry to the utmost of his power. In concluding his speech—a most impressive and interesting one—the Grand Master stated that he had appointed the W. Bro. Charles de Longueville Graham as W. Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason; and that officer was honoured with the salute due to his rank.

The next part of the ceremony was the constitution of the new lodge, which was performed with that exactitude for which the D.P.G.M. is famed, a prayer, suitable to the occasion, being given by Bro. R. BAUCHOP, Chaplain of the Zealandia Marine Lodge.

After the prayer the choir chanted the sanctus, "Glory be to God on high, for His mercy endureth for ever;" and the D.P.G.M. declared the Hiram Lodge, No. 272, duly constituted under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

Afterwards, at the request of the Provincial Grand Master, who is the W.M. of the Hiram Lodge, Bro. de L. Graham proceeded to invest the following officers: Bros. S. de Leon, S.W.; J. A. D. Adams, J.W.; C. Braid, M.O.; E. Nathan, S.O.; J. F. Peake, J.O.; L. Court, Treas.; J. R. Carter, Sec.; Rev. B. Lichtenstein, Chap.; R. Bamfield, R. of M.; D. Cameron, S.D.; — Mackenzie, J.D.; J. A. X. Riedle, Org.; R. Taylor, I.G.; — Meyer, Tyler; T. George, S.S.; and S. Jacobs, J.S.

After the conclusion of the ceremony of investiture, Bro. GRAHAM addressed the W.M. at considerable length; Bro. RITCHIE, S.W. 261, addressed the Wardens; Bro. W. L. BUCHANAN, J.O. 261, the Overseers; and Bro. W. MURRAY, J.W. 261, the members generally.

Prior to the lodge being closed, the heartiest expressions for its prosperity were conveyed to the W.M. by the brethren present; while a cordial vote of thanks was, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. E. NATHAN, S.O., conveyed to the W. Bro. C. de Longueville Graham, officers, and members of the Zealandia Marine Lodge, No. 261, for their assistance on the occasion. The lodge was then closed in due form at 11.15 p.m.

After closing the lodge the members and visitors repaired to the Criterion Hotel, where they partook of a superb banquet, prepared in Bro. W. Thompson's well known style. Between 90 and 100 persons availed themselves of the invitations issued by the Provincial Grand Master, and did ample justice to the recherche viands placed before them.

After the repast the following toasts were given: "Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Grand Patroness," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England;" "The Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom, M.W.G.M.M.M.;" and "The Grand Chapter of the World," responded to by Bro. CALDWELL, P.P.G.S.R.A. Scottish Constitution.

"Prosperity to the Hiram Lodge, No. 272, E.C.," was proposed by Bro. W. CALDWELL, P.M., S.C., and received with considerable enthusiasm, and responded to by the W.M.

"The Newly-advanced Members" was proposed in an eloquent speech by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. L. A. BERESFORD, E. NATHAN, and the Rev. B. LICHTENSTEIN.

"The Officers of the Hiram Lodge," was proposed by Bro. C. DE LONGUEVILLE GRAHAM, W.M. 261, and responded to by Bro. C. BRAID, Master Overseer.

"The W.M., Officers, and Members of the Zealandia Marine Lodge" was proposed by Bro. S. T. KERR, R.W. P.M., Scottish Constitution, who passed a high eulogium on the Master and officers, to which Bro. GRAHAM gave a brief reply.

"The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. W. C. Ball, I.C., and J. W. Small, American Constitution, was proposed by the Rev. Bro. B. LICHTENSTEIN, who expressed his gratification at being present on so auspicious an occasion.

Bros. W. O. BALL and Captain J. W. SMALL, of the American barque Minnie Allen, responded in feeling terms.

During the course of the evening several excellent songs were contributed by Bros. Riedle, Berresford, Braid, Ross, Forrest, Marsden, and others; and Bro. E. Nathan, prior to the closing, delivered a most eloquent and feeling address to the brethren, who, at his request, drank in solemn silence "The Immortal Memory of Bro. George Smith, P.M. and P.D.G.S.W., E.C."

The Tyler's toast terminated a most agreeable evening. We had almost omitted to mention that Bro. JAMES GORE, P.M. S.C., proposed "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of Bro. R. Cumming, New Zealand Freemason, and in the course of his remarks referred to a former Masonic paper of great merit, which had been produced by Bro. P.M. C. de L. Graham.

PORT CHALMERS.—Cargill Kilwinning Lodge, S.C. (No. 632).—At the installation meeting of this lodge there were a large number of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Beresford, of the Melbourne District, E.C., I.C. and S.C.; Murray, P.M. of the Port Chalmers Marine; and J. A. D. Adams, W.M. Lodge of Otago. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. G. L. Asher duly installed as R.W.M. The following brethren were then invested, viz., Bros. A. Perry, R.W.D.M.; R. Sutcliffe, S.W.; J. Baird, J.W.; S. Perry, Treas.; R. Mitchell, S.D.; A. Pickard, J.D.; G. T. Smith, I.G.; J. Dickson, Tyler; and D. Miller, Steward. The ceremony was performed by R.W.P.M. Bro. W. Caldwell, assisted by the officers of the Otago Kilwinning and Celtic Lodges. Bro. Ferguson presided at the organ. Refreshments were partaken of at the Port Chalmers Hotel.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, U.S.A.

We are always glad to note a kindly feeling between our Transatlantic brethren and the Craft at home, and we are pleased to find a well-known brother honoured by a foreign Grand Lodge. The following is a copy of a letter addressed to Bro. Emra Holmes, who has contributed for many years to these columns and to the "Masonic Magazine," by the M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, U.S.A.:

"Austin, Texas,
"May 23rd, 1881.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

"I have this day forwarded to Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke your commission as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, near the Grand Lodge of England.

"Through reading your works, which have given me much pleasure, and knowing your brother, I feel as if I personally knew you, and that the interests of our Grand Lodge are safely committed to your hands. The instructions I now give you are most simple: Act on behalf of our Grand Lodge so that the interests of universal Masonry will be furthered to the utmost; and if you do this, as I know you will, you will give the Brotherhood over whom I have the exalted honour to preside full and complete satisfaction.

"I am, courteously and fraternally,

"J. H. McLEARY, Grand Master.

"Bro. Emra Holmes."

M.W. Bro. McLeary is not only eminent as a Mason, but holds the responsible post of Attorney-General for the State of Texas.

Bro. Holmes is Representative also of the Great Priory of Canada at the Great Priory of England, and is an Honorary Provincial Prior of Canada.

DERVISH FREEMASONRY.

Interest in the Masonic discoveries lately made in connection with the obelisk that is to be moved to New York has not yet ceased. Mr. Ralph Borg, British Vice-Consul here, and Worshipful Master of the English lodge, recently made the following statement to your correspondent: "In 1864 I was present in Cairo at a working Masonic lodge composed of Egyptian dervishes, whose traditions purport to emanate from the most remote period of Egyptian antiquity. These traditions are, however, unfortunately oral—they have been handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation—for dervishes know of no other form of record or tradition. I obtained admission to this lodge in the following manner: One of these dervishes was an intimate friend of an English Freemason, resident at the time in Alexandria. The dervish one day, much to the Englishman's surprise, invited him to visit his lodge. The Englishman, who was perfectly familiar with the Arabic language, made three visits to the lodge, but solemnly pledged himself never to reveal anything about it to anybody, because the other dervishes were not at all pleased that one of their number had spoken upon the subject to the Englishman. Subsequently the Englishman asked permission to bring one of his countrymen to the lodge. This permission was at length granted most reluctantly, and upon condition that the new comer should be blindfolded coming and going. The Englishman invited me to accompany him. I was most carefully blindfolded. After proceeding on foot for over an hour and a half, the lodge was reached. It seemed to be in a sort of stone cave or underground temple. From the nature of the ground passed over I should judge that it was situated in the desert near Mount Mokattom. The rites employed were similar to those

employed in European lodges. The dervishes said that this was only a branch of their Grand Lodge, and that their traditions related back to time beyond memory. Upon my suggestion that they might have originated from some one of the numerous Masonic lodges established in Egypt by the French in 1798, the dervishes said that they were entirely independent of those lodges, and that we were the first Europeans who had ever been admitted to their lodge."—*New York Herald.*

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—The W.M. of this lodge evidently means going in for a busy year of office, since on Saturday last the members met for the fifth time under his presidency, which dates only from the beginning of February. The muster at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, was, however, but a small one, many of the brethren excusing themselves on the score that Bank Holiday afforded them the opportunity of snatching a few days at the sea side. The W.M., Bro. Ernest E. Smith, was supported by Bros. E. H. Thiellay, P.M., P.G.S.B. Midds., Treas., as S.W.; Walter Simmonds, P.M., Sec., as J.W. (these two brethren being in their original positions when the lodge was first consecrated); A. G. Thiselton, S.D.; Cash, I.G.; Church, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. Carlo Grassi, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Bertini, was elected a candidate for initiation, and the ballot was then taken for a joining member, Bro. A. J. Thiselton, of the Skelmersdale Lodge, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Hayes, the ballot being unanimous in his favour. Bros. Edmonds and Bertini were then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Mr. Carlo Grassi was initiated into the secrets and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry.

This concluded the business on the agenda paper, and the brethren thereupon took boat to North Woolwich, where Bro. William Holland, P.M., had a *recherche* dinner in waiting for them. Bro. Dr. Joe Pope, P.M., made a material addition to the ranks, and supported the W.M. on his left, Bro. Holland being at the left of the S.W., and in convenient proximity to the door, to enable him to attend to the extensive Bank Holiday attractions. The brethren were loud in their praises of Bro. Holland's superior catering. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Thiellay, who said they were under a debt of gratitude to Bro. Smith for his arranging a series of summer visiting banquets, such a thing having never been done in the New Cross Lodge by any of its preceding Masters. Their W.M. was full of Masonic zeal, energy, and activity, but no matter what shape his energy took, he was certain to score a success, and his selection of Bro. Holland's charming retreat for that afternoon's dinner was a proof of his good judgment. The W.M., in the course of his reply, assured the brethren that when he had arranged the summer tour in his own mind, North Woolwich was down in the list a month or two later on, and Purfleet and Gravesend occupied places on the list. However, having reached North Woolwich he did not care to venture further down the river, and should show his appreciation of Bro. Holland's catering by repeating the visit in July. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Grassi," who suitably replied, and "The Visitors" brought forth amusing speeches from Bros. Dr. Pope and W. Holland.

BLACKPOOL.—Blackpool Lodge (No. 1476).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, on the 17th ult. The following brethren were present: Bros. F. Pattison, W.M.; T. Blane, S.W.; H. Gardner, Secretary; J. Wray, Treasurer; E. Leigh, S.D.; J. S. Todd, J.D.; G. Beneke, I.G.; T. Gregory, Organist; A. Wade, Tyler; V. A. Wartenberg and T. W. Dickson, Stewards; E. Gregson, D.C.; E. G. Stead, I.P.M.; R. W. Braithwaite, P.M.; S. P. Bidder, P.M.; W. B. Richardson, L. Whittaker, and A. J. Holloway. The following visitors were present: Bros. A. H. Whitehead, P.M. 113, P.J.G.D.; Robert Butterworth, P.M. 298, P.P.G.P. E. Lanc.; J. Walker, P.M. 934; J. Hopwood, P.M. 703; J. A. Orr, P.M. 950; B. Hainsworth, W.M. 950; R. N. Horsfall, J.W. 950; H. H. Ormsby, P.M. 950; J. F. Perkins, W.M. 1061; R. Dottie, 1161; and John Grime.

The minutes being read and confirmed, Bro. S. P. Bidder took the chair, to whom Bro. Pattison presented Bro. Thos. Blane, W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being gone through with every satisfaction. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren his officers: Bros. Pattison, I.P.M.; J. Wray, P.M., Treasurer; H. Gardner, P.M., P.G.S.B., Secretary; A. Moore, S.W.; E. Leigh, J.W.; J. S. Todd, S.D.; T. Gregory, J.D.; Wartenberg, I.G.; Dickson, Organist; Richardson and Marsden, Stewards; R. W. Braithwaite, D.C.; and A. Wade Tyler. Bro. Bidder addressed the W.M., and Bro. Pattison the Wardens, after which "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from Lodges P.G.L. of W.L. and E.L., 113, 298, 934, 703, 950, 1159, 1061, and 1161.

The brethren then adjourned to the dining rooms, where—after refreshment—the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and drunk with enthusiasm.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 1st inst., Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, W.M., P.G. Std., in the chair, and supported as follows: Bros. Richard Wilson, S.W., and W.M. elect; J. Ashworth, J.W.; D. Bell, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; Ed. Gibson, Sec.; Jas. Harper, Treas.; Geo. Lowden, I.G.; B. Craig, Tyler; Ed. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; W. Martin, P.M.; F. T. Allatt, J. Mc. Mullin, Ed. Barwise, J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D.; E. Sutherst, W.M. 94; R. Baxter, P.M. 1267; J. McGowan, 872; J. Wilson, J.W. 1267; and others.

On the minutes being read and confirmed, two candidates for initiation were balloted for and accepted. Bro. E. Clarke, P.M., then performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bro. J. Barr, P.M. 119. The new W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Harper, S.W.; J. Ashworth, J.W.; David Bell, S.D.; George Lowden, J.D.; W. Martin, P.M., Sec.; E. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; J. Banks, I.G.; B. Craig,

Tyler; and F. T. Allatt and J. McMullin, Stewards. A vote of thanks having been accorded to the Installing Master, it was afterwards proposed by Bro. George Dalrymple, I.P.M., and received a unanimous vote, that five guineas be forwarded to Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G.S.W., on behalf of his Steward's list. On one brother being proposed as a joining member and "Hearty good wishes" expressed, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony, and the brethren adjourned for a short time to do honour to the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to.

INSTRUCTION.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Joseph Rothschild, W.M.; G. W. Tillett, S.W.; W. C. Gay, J.W.; Robt. D. Cummings, Preceptor; Houghton, I.G.; Harold Halliday, Hon. Sec.; and others.

The lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies, the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the rehearsal of ceremonies the lodge was duly closed.

Royal Arch.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT CHAPTER (No. 1524).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street. There were present Comps. N. Green, Z.; T. C. Chapman, H.; W. H. Lee, P.Z.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G.S.E.; W. Stephens, P.Z.; E. Somers, S.E.; F. Brasted, S.N.; J. L. Payne, P.S.; H. F. Byng, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Beasley, 2nd Asst. Soj.; E. Bell, W. Eldridge, and W. Funston.

Bro. T. Clark, J.D. 1178, having been duly balloted for, and elected, was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. Comp. T. C. Chapman (P.Z. 192) was inducted into the chair of Z., and Comp. Somers was installed as J. for the year ensuing by Comp. Lee, P.Z. The following officers were also invested: Comps. Beasley, S.E.; Brasted, S.N.; Payne, P.S.; Byng, 1st Asst. Soj.; Bell, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Marsh, Janitor. Comp. Brand (H. elect) was absent through ill-health.

The companions afterwards adjourned to banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the proceedings being enlivened by the vocal abilities of Comps. Bell, Brasted, and Funston. Comp. Somers amused the companions by an excellent recital of Hood's lines, "Skying the Copper." During the evening a P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. N. Green, in recognition of his services as M.E.Z. during the past year.

DEGREES.—This word, which properly means "steps," from the Latin "gradus," refers to those distinctions in Masonry which are called grades, which term is in fact synonymous. The question of Masonic Degrees is not an easy one to settle—not so easy as some writers, at any rate, seem to think. The evidence on the subject is not to our mind conclusive, for many reasons, and it must still be left somewhat in suspense. The theory that our present Degrees are the product of the 1717 Revival we cannot accept, though we are quite willing to admit that, owing to careless or incorrect nomenclature, it is not very easy for the Masonic student to-day to speak dogmatically on the subject. It appears to us that the Degrees as we have them now existed practically the same, though with a little difference of ritual accessories and arrangement; and that there always was a distinction between the Master, the Fellow, and the Apprentice. The Scotch Lodge minutes, or the acknowledged statutes of the Craft Lodges (1598), show two steps (or degrees) to have then existed. Apprentices got the "Mason Word;" then, in the admission of "Fellow or Master," there was some sort of ceremony, at which Entered Apprentices should (may *must*) be present. Subsequently, Apprentices were excluded on the admission of Fellows and Masters. The Apprentices were turned out in 1750. Bro. Mackey seems quite to have misread Anderson. Anderson in the Constitution of 1723 and 1738, under the 4th charge, uses the same words—Master, Wardens, Fellows, and Prentices, and makes precisely the same statement. We do not, we confess, understand Mackey's argument, as founded on some alteration in the two editions, because there is essentially none. The alterations are those of convenience alone. It is quite clear that in 1720 the three distinguishing names of Master, Fellows, and Prentices were known to the Craft. In the old and new regulations, in the edition of 1738, there is no doubt a variation in the context, as where, in Regulation xiii., Master Mason in 1738 is substituted for Fellow Craft in 1723; and in Regulation xxv., where in 1738 "Brother" is substituted again for Fellow Craft in 1723. But in regulation xiii., in 1723, the Apprentices were to be made in the private lodge, the Fellows and Masters in Grand Lodge. We may therefore take it for granted that in 1717 the same nomenclature prevailed—indeed, Dermott distinctly states that there was a separate Master's Degree in 1717, though his words require to be taken "cum grano." Whether in those days the grade of Master was confined to those who were Masters of lodges we are not quite prepared yet to say, but there is a good deal to be advanced in favour of such a view. In our humble opinion, the grades of Apprentice and Fellow, and Actual Master, if you like, were distinct grades, and it is incorrect to say that previous to 1717 only one grade, that of Entered Apprentice, was known. Mackey's argument, as based on Anderson, is, as we have ventured to say, untenable, and we cannot, therefore, accept the conclusion to which he seems to have come. According to our esteemed Bro. D. Murray Lyon, ancient Craft Masonry in Scotland, till shortly before institution of Grand Lodge, was composed of *two* Degrees—"Entered Apprentice" and "Fellow or Master." A Third Degree was, he informs us, unknown in Scotland "pro tanto" prior to Désaguliers's visit to Edinburgh in 1721; he might then tell the Edinburgh brethren of it, but it is several years after his visit that the first trace of it appears. We fancy that after all it is only a question of arrangement and terminology.—*Kenning's Masonic Cyclopaedia.*

Bro. J. A. MacLean, editor of *La Acacia*, of Correo, Buenos Ayres, has favoured us with a fine photograph of the facade of the Hall (an imposing edifice) of the Grand Orient of Argentine.

Masonic Tidings.

We are informed that the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall will take place at Liskeard some time in December.

Bro. W. T. Buck was installed W.M. of the Sub-Urban Lodge, 1702, on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore.

Her Imperial Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanying her husband on his tour of inspection as Admiral Superintendent of Naval Reserve, visited Fowey last week. The Duchess was shown over Place Castle and the grand old parish church of St. Fimbarrus, which she told the vicar was the most interesting edifice she had seen on her tour. Her Imperial Highness has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of Bro. Emma Holmes' pamphlet on Fowey: "An Unknown Watering Place," and also a copy of "Amabel Vaughan." A sketch of Bro. Holmes appears in the coming number of the "Biograph."

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction have accepted an invitation from the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, E.C., on Monday, the 27th inst.

The Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, will be consecrated by the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., on Wednesday, the 6th of July next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, W.C.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., the Commandant of the Liverpool Brigade of the Naval Artillery Volunteers, presented a challenge cup which was sailed for by the cutters of the brigade in the Menai States, on Tuesday last, Bognor, Liverpool, Carnarvon, and Southport sending crews. The Bognor crew won the cup.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore will preside at the annual dinner of the Oxford Canning Club, which will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, the 18th inst.

Bro. James H. Windrim, the architect of Philadelphia's magnificent Masonic Temple, and P.M. of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, is President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., P. Prov. G.S.W. Kent, P. Prov. Reg. Oxon, P.M. 478, 1063, 1506, and 1725, P.Z. 1118, presided at the annual festival of the Broadstairs Lodge of Instruction, held at the Railway Tavern, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, the 24th ult.

The Prince of Wales, as the highest officer in Templarism, intends, according to the "Masonic Review," to confer on President Garfield the Grand Cross of the Temple. Only one Knight in the United States is known to have that Order, namely, M. Em. Sir John Q. A. Fellowes, of New Orleans, who was Grand Master of the United States at the time it was conferred.

The Grand Lodge of Utah, at its organization in 1872, had a membership of 125, confined to three lodges. Now it has seven lodges and 392 members, with a large and valuable library.

A new lodge has been created at Naples, under the title Giuseppe Mazzoni; another, called Essenica, has been formed at Volterra.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught will open the new wing of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, West Hill, Putney Heath, on Saturday, July 16th, instead of July 9th, as originally stated, it being postponed in consequence of the Royal Volunteer Review being fixed for that date.

The Grand Orient of Italy has opened a subscription to erect, in the cemetery at Rome, a monument designed to perpetuate the memory of its former Grand Masters.

Bro. P. de Keyser, C.C., will preside at the annual dinner of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, June 14th.

Bro. Diehl, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, was, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by some of the brethren. Bro. Emerson, the Grand Master, made the presentation in an assembly of brethren and ladies.

The appearance of a second edition of "The Cosmopolitan; or, Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" for 1881, just issued by George Kenning, of Great Queen-street, affords perhaps a sufficient indication that this little remembrancer is appreciated by the Fraternity for whose use it is specially designed. It comprises, besides the usual pocket book information, lists of edges, with dates (ancient and modern), chapters, K.T. Preceptories, names of officers at home and abroad, and particulars of every grand Masonic body throughout the globe.—Daily News.

Bro. John W. Brown, the talented editor of the "Voice of Masonry," has received the appointment from the M.W. Grand Master of Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The compliment is worthily bestowed, and we congratulate Bro. Brown upon his preferment.

A bazaar will be held in Bagshot Park, the residence of Bro. the Duke of Connaught, on the 11th and 13th inst., under the immediate patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, in aid of the restoration of Bagshot Church.

Bro. Count Louis Pianciani has been appointed Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Italy, in the place of Bro. Mauro Macchi.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft (Treasurer) attended a Court of Assistants of the Sons of the Clergy held on Saturday last at the Corporation House, Bloomsbury-place.

Pennsylvania will celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its Grand Lodge on St. John's Day, 1882.

Bro. J. B. Martin, M.P., presided at a meeting of Confederate bondholders, held at the Cannon-street Hotel.

In the United States of America there are nearly 60,000 Knights Templar.

Massachusetts has a Grand Lodge library with 2250 pound volumes and 2000 pamphlets.

The Grand Lodge of Sweden has had two lithographic views of the Masonic Temple—exterior and interior—at Stockholm, printed, and copies of them, and also of a chromo-lithographic portrait of His Majesty Oscar II., Grand Master of Sweden, presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland and other Grand Lodges with which it is in fraternal intercourse.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex, will be away from his residence at Richmond until the commencement of next month.

Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold has contributed £5 to the funds of the Hackney and Homerton Working Men's Club and Reading Room.

Bros. Sir Julius Benedict and Sir Michael Costa conducted at the last concert of the season of the Sacred Harmonic Society last night, at St. James's Hall, when Benedict's cantata, "St. Cecilia," and Rossini's "Stabat Mater" were given.

Bro. Sir Knight Hodgkin will be installed Eminent Preceptor of the Black Prince Preceptory, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, on Tuesday next.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold will take his seat in the House of Lords on the 20th inst.

Bro. T. Beard, C.C., Mrs. Beard, and family are amongst the latest arrivals at Bournemouth.

Comp. T. C. Chapman was installed First Principal of the Duke of Connaught Chapter on Wednesday last.

The Corporation of London has just erected the stone-work of the east window of St. Albans Cathedral, which is of an elegant device, and in which they are about to insert a painted window, full of strictly Scriptural subjects.

Bro. John Bevan was installed District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, on the 10th March, at the Masonic Hall, Hokitika.

Bro. T. S. Graham was installed District Grand Mark Master of New Zealand South at the Temperance Hall, Dunedin, on Wednesday, April 6th.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Surrey will be held on Saturday, the 25th inst., at one o'clock p.m., at the Public Hall, Reigate. The R.W.P.G. Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine service at the parish church, at 2.15 p.m., when a sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Provincial Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Alderman Hanson (Messrs. S. Hanson, Son, Evison, and Barter), 47, Botolph-lane, has been added to the council of the National Chamber of Trade.

Bro. Major-General Sir Frederick Roberts, Bart., G.C.B., presided at the dinner of officers who served in the Afghan war on Tuesday night last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street.

Bro. Thomas Beard, C.C., has been elected a member of the local board of the Wandsworth district, as a representative of the parish of Clapham.

M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington was on Saturday last, installed Prov. Grand Superintendent of Devonshire in succession to the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A. The ceremony was performed by M.E. Comp. L. P. Metham.

Bro. Thomas Blanc was installed W.M. of the Blackpool Lodge, No. 1476, Blackpool, on the 17th ult.

Bro. Richard Wilson was installed W.M. of the Arlecdon Lodge, No. 1060, Frizington, on the 1st inst.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held in the Old Hall, Gainsborough, on Monday, the 20th inst., on the invitation of the Yarborough Lodge, 422, at eleven o'clock at noon punctually. The brethren will proceed to the site of the proposed new church, "St. John the Divine," where the foundation stone will be laid with Masonic honours by Bro. W. H. Smyth, Esq., J.P., Deputy Lieut. for Lincolnshire, R.W. Prov. Grand Master. The banquet will be held at 2 p.m. in the Old Hall.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of the Province of Kent and Surrey will be held at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at two o'clock, p.m. Previous to the opening of the preceptory a Priory of the Order of Malta will be held under the banner of the Black Prince Preceptory.

Bro. F. D. Marsden, P.G. Secretary Lincolnshire, will take it as a favour if any brother could supply any old papers or information respecting the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire prior to 1835, no previous data being in his possession.

Bro. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott qualified on Wednesday, at the adjourned quarter sessions, at Newington, as a magistrate for the county of Surrey, and took his seat on the bench. Among the magistrates present were the Chairmen of the first and second courts, Mr. Wm. Hardman and Mr. George Somes, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Yool, and Mr. Ricardo, Mr. Ex-Sheriff Woolton, Mr. Sassoon, Mr. Hornidge, and others. The calendar consisted of nearly sixty prisoners.

Bro. Ganz's fourth orchestral concert takes place this afternoon (Saturday), when Glück's "Orpheus" is to be given, with Miss Carlotta Elliot, Miss Agnes Larkcom, and Adme. Patey as soloists.

Bro. Willing's "Delilah" occupies the stage this week at Sadler's Wells, to be succeeded on Monday by the Gaiety company in "The Forty Thieves."

We regret to learn that Bro. Alderman Sir W. A. Rose died suddenly on Thursday morning. He was in his carriage at Clapham, on his way to town at the time, and did not seem previously to be suffering from illness.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery has been unanimously elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has consented to preside at the Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the Infant Orphan Asylum, Wanstead, on Saturday, the 25th inst.

Bros. the Marquis of Hartington and Lord Rosebery, on the invitation of the committee, have consented to become Vice-Presidents of the City Liberal Club.

The Thames Lodge, No. 1895, was consecrated at Henley-on-Thames, on Thursday last, the 9th inst. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the position of President of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education, and has expressed his willingness to lay the foundation-stone of the Central Institution, at South Kensington, during July.

The Freemason, of Sydney, South Australia, gives the following bit of English news, which will be news indeed to most English Freemasons: "H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, presides at the Anniversary Festival of the British Orphan Asylum, to be held this month at Slough."

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, will preside at the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Aylesbury, on Monday, the 20th inst. A banquet will take place at the George Hotel at three o'clock.

Bro. J. M. Clabon, the President, and the Metropolitan members of the Incorporated Law Society entertained a large number of provincial law students at a banquet on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., in the hall of the Society, Chancery-lane.

General Tidings.

Mrs. Frederick Corfield has forwarded forty pounds to the Royal Hospital for Incurables, being the proceeds of the bazaar held at her residence, Ravenswood, Clapham Park.

The annual meeting of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society will be held at the Guildhall on the 22nd inst., when the Lord Mayor is expected to preside. Various papers will be read, and antiquities and other objects of interest exhibited. It is twenty-one years since this society held their meeting in the Guildhall, and an influential gathering is expected.

The Bethnal-green Free Library, which embraces news rooms, occupies premises near to the junction on the Great Eastern Railway, erected in 1875 at a cost of £5000. About 7000 volumes have been collected, and the committee have commenced a "People's Contribution Fund" to raise £300, the cost of additional furniture and fittings, and increased accommodation for readers. Subscriptions have been received from those who avail themselves of the advantages offered, and also from some of the City companies, and from gentlemen interested in the mental welfare of the inhabitants of the East-End. The library is supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

At the request of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, a second ship is to be prepared for the reception of small-pox patients, it having already been found that the Atlas will not be equal to the demands upon it.

It is understood that there is no immediate intention on the part of the Government to take measures to "authorise" the use of the Revised Version of the New Testament.

The Merchants' Lectures at King's Weigh House Chapel will be delivered on Tuesdays during this month by the Rev. Dr. Aveling.

On Tuesday last Mr. S. Morley, M.P., laid the memorial stone of a new Congregational church, for the ministry of the Rev. L. Parkyn, in Canning-road, Addiscombe, Croydon. The total estimated cost of the structure is £7800. Mr. Morley gave an impetus to additional subscriptions by promising £400, conditionally upon a further £2000 being raised.

Colonel R. J. Tilney, of the Liverpool Rifle Volunteer Brigade, has generously subscribed the sum of £100 to the scheme for providing coffee taverns to the Army and Auxiliary Forces.

The Grocers' Company have forwarded a donation of £200 to the funds of the St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park-corner.

The members of the Royal Naval Club of 1765 dined together to commemorate Lord Howe's victory of June 1, 1794, at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Tuesday evening. Rear-Admiral Richard Mayne, C.B., occupied the chair.

Mr. S. J. Bennett, well-known in the mercantile world, and who was the founder of the Mercantile Association and of the Commercial Gazette, died on the 23rd ult., at his residence, The Firs, Staplecross, Sussex, and was buried at the cemetery at Ore, near Hastings, on Saturday last.

A Leather Trades Exhibition, the first of the kind ever held in Glasgow, was opened on Wednesday. The manufacture of leather from its initial stage to the finest morocco is exhibited; also saddlery, machine belting, and all the apparatus used in the shoe trade.

A scheme is on foot for draining the Regent's Canal, and constructing in its bed a railway, with docks at the entrance, near Limehouse Basin.

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.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Hale Constitutions.—When the human frame has become debilitated from the effects of exposure excesses, or neglect, then these Pills will work wonders. If they be taken according to the lucid directions wrapped round each box, Holloway's Pills exert the most exemplary tonic qualities in all those cases of nervous depression in which the vital powers have become so weakened that the circulation has been rendered so languid and unsteady. They improve the appetite, strengthen the digestion, regulate the liver, and act as gentle aperients. The Pills are suited to all ages and all habits. A patient writes—"Your Pills to be valued, require only to be known. During many years I sought a remedy in vain, was daily becoming weaker, when your Pills soon restored me."—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, June 18, 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 11.

- odge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
- 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
- 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- 1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Swan Hot., Battersca.
- 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.

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 S.
- 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 13.

- Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
- 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
- 1610, Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court.
- 1790, Old England, M.H., Thornton Heath.
- Chap. 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
- 239, Royal Naval, 2, Red Lion-sq.
- K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, S to 10.
- St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, S to 10.
- Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
- Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
- Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
- Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, S.
- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
- Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
- West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
- Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
- Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, S 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 14.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
- 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
- 1209, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
- 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
- Rose Croix 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
- Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
- Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
- Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
- Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
- Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
- Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
- St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
- Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
- 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, 102, 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 15.

- Lodge 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
- 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
- 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.
- Red Cross Con. 15, St. Andrew's, S, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
- Rose Croix 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
- Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.
- New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
- Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, S.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
- Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.
- La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.
- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
- Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
- Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.
- United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
- Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, St, Long Acre, at 8.
- Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
- Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
- Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.
- Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
- Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
- Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
- Pannure, 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 16.

- Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton.
- 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
- Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
- 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
- Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
- Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
- Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
- The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
- Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
- Ebury, 12, Ponsoby-st., Millbank, at 8.
- Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
- Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
- High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, 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 17.

- House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
- 1118, University, F.M.H.
- Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
- K. T. Precept. 6, St. George's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- Unite J Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
- Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
- Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
- St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
- Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
- Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
- William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
- St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
- Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
- 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.
- 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav.
- 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, June 18, 1881.

MONDAY, JUNE 13.

- Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
- 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
- 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
- 1021, Hartington, M.C., Barrow.
- 1350, Fernor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
- 1398, Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Moss-side, Manchtr.
- 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14.

- Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
- 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
- 1256, Fidelity, Black Bull, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
- 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
- Chap. 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
- Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
- Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15.

- Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
- 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
- 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
- 1080, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
- 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
- 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
- 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
- 1730, Urnston, Lord Nelson, N. Urnston.
- Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
- Mark 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
- De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16.

- Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
- 343, Concord, M.R., Preston.
- 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester.
- 605, Combermere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe.
- 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
- 1209, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
- 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
- Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
- Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
- St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17.

- Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

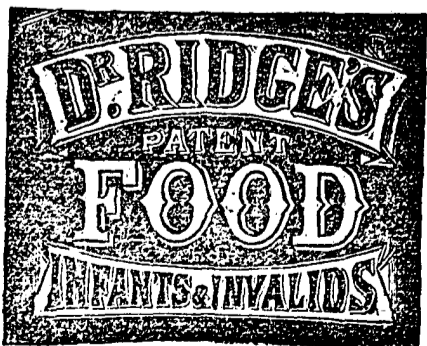
- BASSETT.—On the 3rd inst., at Ivy House, Hants, the wife of R. Basset, of a son.
- BUTT.—On the 6th inst., at Sutton, Surrey, the wife of J. H. Butt, of a son.
- DAWES.—On the 26th ult., at Valetta, Malta, the wife of Capt. B. M. Dawes, of a son.
- GARLAND.—On the 6th inst., at Swanbourne, Bucks, the wife of Mr. George Garland, of Penge, Surrey, of a son.
- NEWTON.—On the 5th inst., at (the) Chaplain's House, Feltham, the wife of the Rev. W. A. Newton, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

- COATSWORTH—HOGG.—On the 14th April, at St. James's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. Hough, Harry F. Coatsworth, to Agnes Fairbairn Hogg. Indian papers please copy.
- DAVY—SYDOW.—On the 4th inst., at the Hotel de Ville, Verviers, and afterwards in the Sacristie of the Church of Notre Dame, Charles Leigh Davy, Esq., late of the Carabineers, and Mdlle. Bertha Sydow.

DEATHS.

- GREAVES.—On the 3rd inst., at Blandford-square, Charles Sprengel Greaves, Esq., Q.C., in his 80th year.
- SCOTT.—On the 5th inst., John Scott, of Upper Thames-street, and Westbrook House, Emsworth, Hants, in his 69th year.



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Rambles among the Shops of London.

THE GENERAL PROVIDERS.

MESSRS. D. B. JOHNSTONE, & Co., EDGWARE ROAD, W.

Alighting from the Edgware-road Station on a visit to the above well-known establishment, now opposite the Station itself, the visitor had to face the question, did the railway create the shop, known under the title of this article, or did Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE construct the railway to bring customers to their varied stores? Certainly, on alighting from a train which brought us from the city in twenty minutes, the first and most patent facts presented were establishments in which the general providers of the West of London supply food, drinks, clothing, furniture, in ALL PRICES AND VARIETIES FOR ALL CLASSES IN SOCIETY.

Having a leisure afternoon at our command we availed ourselves of a card of introduction to the resident principal, Mr. A. Milling, and soon found ourselves in an office bristling with rules and documents and a communicative courtesy which easily supplied information to many inquiries.

CO-OPERATION AND MODERN SHOPKEEPING.

Query. Do not co-operative stores meet the requirements of the public for low prices and variety? Reply; No. Co-operation in trade, as understood by the public, may succeed in the city itself, say at Queen Victoria-street, or at Westminster or Covent Garden, but it fails in the suburbs. What is known as co-operation is simply capital to purchase by the principal, and cash payments by the purchasers. When the purchaser pays cash, small profits are practicable, and business becomes remunerative; the buyer is satisfied, and the seller is able to pay his way. Unfortunately, an unreasonable public required low prices and credit. The inevitable average of bad debts ensued and necessitated an increase in price to cover losses. The introduction of co-operation and cash payments conferred a benefit upon modern traders, the healthy results of which are permeating society. Query. What is the difference between a co-operative store and your various departments. Answer. Great. A co-operative store, by an aggregation of capital supplies for cash certain articles in demand to members who pay a premium in the shape of an entrance fee or ticket, but in our business we individually supply the capital, charge no entrance fees or subscriptions, mark every article in plain figures for cash, and, buying with judgment, paying cash, and receiving cash, rule our little kingdom with diligence and courtesy. We forget co-operation, or when alluded to, present to our clients the co-operation *we control*, of capital, enterprise, and knowledge, and *abide the result*.

Querist. But do not many minds, like heads of departments in a co-operative store, secure advantages to the public. Answer. Not necessarily. It is the old question of monarchy or republic. A vigorous monarchy is better than a divided republic, a virtuous body of public men is better than a fiddling Nero, or a luxurious Charles II., or a military despot like the first Napoleon; so in business a concern like D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co.'s, nourished by capital, controlled with personal vigilance with an eye only to the public favour and weal, must be a certain and personal success. It is co-operation pure and simple.

DRAPERS PURE AND SIMPLE (Query).—Why extended to supplies of furniture and goods? (Answer).—The concentration of four millions of people in a narrow area, carried by an underground system of railway in a short space of time, needed a corresponding response from the capitalist. This travelling public, with little time to spare, require, at certain convenient centres, depots where they can buy in *one call*, food to eat, furniture to use, and clothing to put on. The envoys sent to buy reasonably require variety in the stock to select from—the lowest prices for cash payments—well-lighted modern premises in which articles required may be viewed from many standpoints. Evidently these desiderata are not secured in the old City of London proper, where land, light, and space are fabulously valuable. They are at the service of capitalists in the *suburbs*, and the underground railway contributes to the nourishment and development of such suburban trade, to the great advantage of the public.

Fearing lest we should weary our readers with too much of the A.B.C. of political and commercial economy, we brought our enquiries to a close, and requested our courteous host and general provider to enable us to view the machinery by which the world becomes acquainted with Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co.

The house that has been known for many years as D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co., has recently passed into the possession of a firm of silk mercers and warehousemen with large places of business in Leeds, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and possessing collieries and other properties in the North of England. Such an addition of wealth and capital to an old established concern gives the stability and the means of purchase which many an old established concern requires.

The extensive premises occupied by the firm comprise departments of business each presided over by a principal buyer, who is acquainted with the sources of supply, and is personally acquainted with manufacturers at home and abroad. The main divisions of this great business are comprised under the heads of *Clothing*, *Furniture*, and *Food*. Our readers may, perhaps, learn something interesting and profitable from the following notes on CLOTHING.

Dress for ladies, children, and gentlemen covers an enormous area of production. Wool from the Colonies; cotton from India, Egypt, and America; silk from China, Italy, and Japan; Linen from Ireland, Russia, and Belgium; alpaca from South America and South Africa. The whole world is laid under tribute to furnish materials for the clothing supplied by Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co.

Ladies' Dress.—The important articles of dress for ladies in silks, satins, woollens, with a miscellaneous variety of cottons, forms a considerable portion of Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co.'s business, and the towns and seats of industry supplying such are Lyons for silks, Dublin for poplin, Macclesfield, etc. The merinos, a modern industry, are contributed by Bradford, etc. Nor is the continent neglected by the buyers of the firm in seeking for novelties in texture or design. Rouen and kindred towns are periodically visited for the selection of everything that is new, useful, and cheap.

The season of depression having passed away, and the economy necessary thereto diminished, silks and satins appear to be coming into force as the dress in which our fair ones may deck themselves in time to come. To make provision for this probable demand orders have been

placed, and the shelves replenished with novelties in satins, velveteens, and silks.

French Prints and Cottons.—The public is well acquainted with the wonderful strides that have recently been made in cottons for dress purposes. It is impossible in many instances to distinguish the material in which some of the cottons appear, owing to the skilful manner in which the blocks have been cut and so carefully printed.

Mantles and Costumes.—The mantle, costume, and millinery department is so pre-eminently a ladies' department that we hesitate any opinion.

HOSIERY, GLOVES.

The continental sources of supply are very little known to the English public, nor do they understand the care and judgment required by experienced buyers in purchasing the products of flannels from Germany and hosiery of all kinds. We are sorry to state that very many of the best patterns that appear in Messrs. JOHNSTONE'S window are more the invention of German manufacturers than they are of our Leicester or Nottingham friends, who follow at a distance in designs and combinations of colour. So much attention is paid to art in the industrial education of operatives that Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co. would be wanting in loyalty to their constituents if they did not recognise this essential and bring into one great emporium the productions of all looms of manufactories.

We well remember the days of gloves, when kid in its various preparations was of most limited supply, and we venture to say our grandmothers would be surprised to see the modern gloves that are nearly the length of an ancient stocking, with sixteen buttons, encasing a lady's arm in any colour, and forming, in many cases, a very suitable contrast to the dress. In the leading lines of this department Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co. presented to our notice kid gloves for ladies, double buttons, at 2s. 6d. a pair, in all shades. With a view of extending business in this department, we were informed the same are sent in return for P.O. orders, post free.

HABERDASHERY, LACES, FLOWERS, &c.

The sources of supply are Leicester, London, and the Continent. The firm show an endless variety, with constant changes. When it is considered how much the trimmings of a lady's dress and the decorations of a home are contributed to from this department, the necessity for judgment in selection and large variety will be seen.

Owing to the revival of fashion in laces of recent years, the lace department of any large firm must necessarily be a most important one. Lace, as our readers well know, is divisible into two sources of supply—viz., that for personal use, and that for domestic purposes, such as curtains.

Lace is supplied from Brussels, Nottingham, Paris, Calais, Valenciennes, Sepuy, Honiton, etc. They also show the following for the season:—Point d'Alencon, Marie Stuart, Vermicelli, Coraline, Cardinal, Mechin, Newport, Brabant, Duchesse, D'Art, Russe, Languedoc, Bretonne, Fillegreue, Bruxelles, Old English Point, Honiton Point, Dentelle Modjeska, Old Valenciennes Point, Irish Point, Dentelle Bluet, the St. James, the Regency, Old Venetian Point, Old Devonshire Point, etc.

It would appear that Spanish lace is to be the fashion for the coming season, and Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co. have supplied themselves with goods which are practically worth more at the market than what they are now offering them to the public—thus, laces purchased at 8d. in the season are now 10d. and 11d. manufacturer's prices. Spanish lace is to be used for fichus, mantles, and all the latest novelties.

Intimately connected with the millinery department is that of flowers. The perfection which has been attained in recent years making this now an indispensable part of a lady's modern attire. Our country friends can scarcely realize how perfectly modern art and ingenuity can produce flowers so perfectly imitating the beauties of the garden, in fact, even excelling the works of nature herself, as she is often fickle and produces an imperfect article. The manner in which a rose or a camelia, grasses, sprays, &c., are imitated, leaves nothing to be desired either as to perfection of colour or form. Of course there are disasters sometimes in business, and it would appear that one of the most eminent city firms has recently succumbed to such, and the stock of this good firm, whose name it would be invidious to quote, has been purchased by Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co., and we had the pleasure of viewing it, and must confess that the artificial flowers were undistinguishable from real. The window looked very much like a florist's shop such as Messrs. Wills', of Regent-street, and failing their smell or odour one could hardly believe but what they were real. They were sold at 70 per cent. off makers' price.

Owing to the subtle and uncertain climate of the country one hardly knows how to dress one's self, either as against frost or heat. The department of Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co., in which exigencies are made for the weather, includes umbrellas, parasols, and waterproof clothing and cloaks made specially with hoods for the protection of the dress from wet. For the more severe weather (of which we at present have a taste) cloaks lined with fur, and the usual contents of a furrier's shop, are here in great variety.

Gentlemen can find at Edgware Road hats, caps, ready-made clothing for distribution or personal use, or ready-made clothing for the boys; while for their own personal use a first-class cutter, and handsome show-rooms and material are set apart for the use of gentlemen.

We were glad to notice that Messrs. MILLING, the present proprietors, have made provision for a tailoring department being made in well-ventilated premises for the purpose. All who know the sadly squalid homes in which too often the tailor and the operator reside must dread the contagion necessarily consequent upon articles being made up where cleanliness does not prevail. It would appear that at Edgware Road the ladies' costumes are made in apartments clean, wholesome, and well ventilated.

FURNITURE.

In the Furnishing Department several very handsome large and well lit rooms have been devoted, where goods are displayed to advantage, and can be seen without any doubt as to quality or character, which is too often the fate in ill-lighted or over-crowded shops. Every article of furniture, from the simplest cottage or workman's home to the requirements of the bungalow in India or the nobleman's palace in England, can be supplied at the shortest notice.

The selection of carpets from Persia, Kidderminster, Brussels, Turkey, and other looms of the earth contribute a great variety, open to the purchaser at prices varying from tapestry at 1s. a yard up to 20s. a yard when required. This sum not being spared or grudged by the wealthy in fitting up their sumptuous palaces.

We do not know if any of our readers have ever been into a room where carpets are made. Certainly, few have

the ability to plan and make carpets. This would appear to be a special business, both in laying, cutting, planning, and stitching. The floors of single rooms furnished by this firm were reproduced by laying carpets out as they appeared; they were made thereto, every little corner of the intended room is carefully cut out, so that the article can be sent home and falls lightly as a chair into its place.

To make carpets by hand is a special feature requiring a peculiar sleight of hand which at present no machine has ever been able to accomplish. The carpet makers in Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co.'s business have been some years in their service.

Great attention seems to have been paid by the firm in the matter of coverings for passages, kitchens, offices, etc., etc., in the use of materials known as Linoleum, Kamp-tulicon, etc. In a well-lighted vestibule some of the most beautiful prints and fashions upon the old-fashioned oil-cloth were displayed on enormous coils or rollers. As showing the great perfection reached by our modern floor-cloth makers the designs did not exhibit the old glaring colours as formerly, but are more harmoniously blended and resting to the eye.

In these spacious furniture rooms—which we are informed are the largest and best lighted in London, cabinets and general furniture are sufficiently varied to meet all tastes, but the lovers of the Queen Ann era furniture may furnish their houses to any extent with modern reproductions of an ancient form.

HOUSEHOLD LINEN, &c.

All heads of households know full well the importance of what is called solid drapery, in the form of calicoes, linens, blankets, flannels, and the other hard wearing materials for domestic use. This would appear to be one of Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co.'s leading departments, and Rochdale, Manchester, Belfast, and the Yorkshire districts are laid under contribution by buyers for the supply of the various textures required, from a cambric handkerchief to a costly table cloth.

The purchaser need not depart from Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co.'s to seek elsewhere for ironmongery, crockery, electro plate, bedsteads, bedding, kitchen utensils, musical instruments, general bric-a-bac, pictures, oleographs, curtains, and ornaments, as they are displayed in these handsome rooms, in the greatest variety and price. It would appear that in this department Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co. aim to "furnish complete."

FOOD, DRINKS, &c.

Grocery Department.—As the business of Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co. includes customers in all parts of London and its extensive suburbs, it follows as a matter of convenience and development of business, that the same carts that can deliver millinery, furniture, and clothing in general, might just as well deliver provisions to Messrs. JOHNSTONE'S various customers. In recent years a very important addition to their business has been made in the addition of stores where food, consisting of bacon, ham, butter, cheese, potted meats, soups, etc., are supplied at the very lowest wholesale or export prices, the principle being that such exceptional rates require cash payments. Butcher's meat appears to be avoided, but the grocery department appears *par excellence* the leading feature in the food section of their business. We had the pleasure of sampling a blended tea fit for any table at 1s. 8d. per lb. When one old enough remembers black tea at 5s. and 6s. per lb. in his boyhood's days, and can now secure an article equally as good at the ridiculous rate now quoted, some of the advantages of living in 1881 will be apparent.

In connection with this department Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co. supply wines, spirits, clarets, champagnes, beers and ales of all brands; also, for the use of gentlemen, cigars, tobaccos, pipes, &c.

Being colliery proprietors in the North of England, they can supply a special coal of their own production, but owing to its friable character it is undesirable to bring it to the London market. Messrs. JOHNSTONE & Co. having made arrangements with several owners are ready to fill coal-cellars as well as the wine-cellars of their clients with good coals.

STATIONERY, TOYS, DRUGS, PERFUMERY.

In other departments the most ample stocks seem to be kept of stationery, toys, drugs, and perfumery. The great preference the co-operative stores have hitherto had by the public was due to their supplying articles little in demand at a small profit, such as patent medicines, perfumery, etc.; this has hitherto been their chief attraction. Messrs. D. B. JOHNSTONE & Co. supply patent medicines, sauces, etc., at store prices.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS.

All articles are marked in ready-money figures, and the prices will challenge competition. There is a natural reluctance to ask many questions when purchasing about price, when the buyer is hesitating as to what he can spend; here every article is plainly ticketed, thus saving considerable trouble.

While the firm in no case aim to be manufacturers, yet in upholstery special attention seems to be paid to the finishing of materials, hence the house are practically upholsterers, as a large and skilled body of men are kept for this purpose; every article is stuffed with clean, wholesome materials, and furnish a pleasant contrast to many we have seen.

A room of very ample dimensions is set apart for preparing patterns to meet the requirements of country correspondents. Very few people have any idea of the extent to which this is carried in a large house of business, and the material cut up and the cost of postage gratis; also private rooms for trying on ladies' dresses.

The packing room in which the porters rule, and through which the goods pass for distribution by their carts all over London, occupies a basement, commodious, well ventilated, and very different to many where clerks and porters have to pack.

This establishment is served by a staff of 200 or more ladies and gentlemen engaged as assistants in the various sections of the business. The philanthropic among our readers will rejoice to know that this large staff are well housed on the premises, in handsome rooms, with proper accommodation, well fed, and treated with the consideration due to their class, and their salaries are liberal. The various places of business are closed in the evening at 8 o'clock, and on Saturdays at 2 o'clock; these hours of business being very different from those experienced by shopkeepers in general some twenty-five years ago. Every member of the staff has the special privilege of a fortnight's holiday during his year of service. A library and smoke room are at their service; concerts are held, and cricket and rowing clubs and other wholesome forms of recreative amusement are encouraged by the firm and enjoyed by the staff.