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THE Stewards' lists for the Boys' School Festival of 1881 are now before us, and deserve notice and recognition. We will before we go on express a hope that another time the amounts returned for the metropolis and the provinces be distinctly stated. The trouble of wading through these long figures is very great. We also wish that the provincial returns were added up. As regards the metropolis, the highest amount forwarded must be credited to No. 79, Pythagorean Lodge, Bro. H. ROBERTS, S., which remits the goodly sum of £215 5s. Next to it comes No. 65, Prosperity Lodge, Bro. C. DANIEL, S., £154 7s., who is succeeded by No. 933, Doric Lodge, Bro. T. J. BARNES, S., £136 10s.; and who again is quickly followed by No. 657, Alliance Lodge, Bro. A. J. DUFF FILER, S., £130 4s. No. 1743, Perseverance Lodge, Bro. J. L. MATHER, S., a fact we are pleased to note, next appears with £123 18s., and who again is pressed by No. 538, La Tolerance Lodge, Bros. J. QUITMAN and J. KENCH, Ss., £120, and by No. 1056, Victoria Lodge, Bro. E. H. WILLIAMS, S., with the equal sum of £120. No. 193, Confidence Lodge, Bro. W. WOOD, S., now appears with £115 10s., and No. 27, Egyptian Lodge, with our worthy Bro. CHARLES ATKINS, S., brings up £114., to be succeeded by No. 1366, Square and Compasses Lodge, Bro. J. E. CUSSANS, S., with £112 17s. 6d. We must not here forget our old friend Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, unattached, with £108 3s., or No. 1383, Friends in Council Chapter, Comp. W. A. HICKS, S., with £107 6s., or No. 147, Antiquity Lodge, Bro. GEORGE BOLTON, S., with £106 17s., or No. 1719, Evening Star Lodge, Bro. M. MILDRED, S., with £105. No. 72, Royal Jubilee Lodge, Bro. F. DUNN, S., remits, the last on the list with three figures, £103 3s. 6d. We regret to notice again that only five lodges from No. 1700 send anything at all, and we cannot sufficiently deplore the fact. The whole amount sent by the metropolis is £4572 5s. As regards the provinces, Sussex heads the list gallantly with £791 15s.; and is followed by Durham with £602 2s.; Berks and Bucks follow next with £476 15s.; and are succeeded by Middlesex with £467 5s. "Longo intervallo" come Hants with £299 15s.; and Gloucestershire with £283 10s.; W. Yorkshire with £262; Dorsetshire with £231; Warwickshire with £226; Kent with £221 11s.; Cumberland and Westmoreland with £210; Worcestershire with £206. Another batch of provinces appear, namely, Nottinghamshire £191 2s.; N. Wales £179; Essex £163 18s.; Monmouthshire £157 10s. Derbyshire, £142 5s.; W. Lancashire £138 7s.; S. Wales, £105; Surrey £105; and Hertfordshire, £102 18s. "Errors excepted," such seems to be the provincial return of all lists with three figures. We regret also to notice that only ten lodges from No. 1700 in the provinces have sent up anything at all, but in this they beat the metropolis by fifty per cent. The whole amount forwarded by the provinces is £7010 19s., making a grand total of £11,583, with fourteen lists to come in. The present amount will probably be increased another £200.

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WE are greatly pleased to hear that at the recent gathering for prizes to our "Boys," the Marchioness of LONDONDERRY expressed her highest approval of the "deportment" of the scholars, and the admirable arrangement and appearance of the School. As has been stated, Lady LONDONDERRY intimated her intention of founding two prizes. We are also pleased to add that, great has been the intellectual success of the School this year, its cricketing victories have been equally striking; and we may, therefore, fairly congratulate the House Committee, the Secretary, the Head Master, and all concerned in its management, in respect of its happy progress and its most satisfactory "status," educationally and practically. May it go on and prosper!

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WE think it right to call special attention to the exertions of the Province of Sussex and Durham on behalf of the recent festival of the Boys' School, and which deserve notice and recognition. Very praiseworthy also and zealous have been the efforts of Bro. FREEMAN, the well-known and respected Provincial Grand Secretary of Sussex, aided by the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. SMITH, to make the festival a success. We congratulate him sincerely on his completed work.

WE are pleased to be able to report a considerable amelioration in our Masonic atmosphere. Let us hope that personalities, and complaints, and cards, and circulars are now at an end. There is something very odd in some of these things, to which we will not further allude, as we trust sincerely that they are things of the past, the product of this hot weather, that we can only explain them, if they can be explained, by the good old story—"Mr. JONES, your clock is not quite right. Is it?" "Well, you see, sir," said Mr. JONES, "nobody don't understand much about that clock but me. When the hands of that clock stand at twelve, then it strikes two; and then I know its twenty minutes to seven."

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To show how much there is which yet interests us as "Masons" in old statements, we copy from the last number of the "Antiquary" the following little remark about a well known inscription at Melrose Abbey, often quoted. "According to an inscription, still decipherable on the wall, the abbey was erected by one JOHN MORVO, or MOROW, who is thought to have been Italian or French. The writing itself says, he was born in Parysse, but as this was probably engraven years after his death, not much reliance should be placed on it. The greatest likelihood is that he was a Scotsman of the name of MURRAY, and in those days of spelling very much according to pronunciation it may have been written, as even still pronounced by many Scottish people, "Morow." It is also conjectured by a recent writer that Melrose Abbey was executed by Scotsmen, who though they knew something of English and French, yet were determined to leave the mark of their own hands and minds on the building." Masonic students will easily gather why we reprint this passage.

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WE call the attention of all Masonic students to the publication in the last "Masonic Magazine" for July of the INIGO JONES MS. It is important in itself, and noteworthy as a fact.

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THE discussion about Masonic marks is entering upon an interesting "phase," and we commend all such interesting investigations to the notice and consideration of Masonic students.

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THE whole civilized world will hear with horror and indignation of the recent attempt to assassinate President GARFIELD, and the one feeling of all classes in the country—and not the least of the Masonic body—will be of shame and reprobation at this "cruel and dastardly outrage." The President is a distinguished Brother of our Order.

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WE rejoice to note that the amounts of the LORD MAYOR'S Fund for the Hospital Fund are still improving, and that there is no doubt now that the amount received this year will exceed that of last. Up to Saturday last the amount was £27,000, though many returns have yet to come in.

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AS a good deal is said now about the younger lodges not doing their duty by the "Charities," in which statement there is, we fear, much of truth, we are glad to hear of one comparatively young lodge, which in the five years of its existence has sent £765 to the Charities. All honour to it!

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OUR good brethren in Pennsylvania have had a heavy loss by the sad and sudden death of Bro. JAMES MORROW, P.G.M. It seems, from a telegraphic message in the *Standard* a few days back, that some anxiety had been created in Philadelphia from the fact that he had been seized with a rapid and fatal attack of illness, marked by all the symptoms of Asiatic cholera.

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WE note that Bros. Sir J. MONCKTON, HORACE JONES, and Alderman HANSON have been delivering interesting lectures before the Middlesex Archæological Association.

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WE call attention to a letter from the Editor of the New South Wales *Freemason* elsewhere. We do not see that his statement in any way alters the "facts of the case." On the contrary, be the reason good or bad, he pointedly confirms the "article" of ours he seeks ably enough, no doubt, to impugn. All we have contended for, he unequivocally confesses to be the case, namely, that the original formation of the alleged Grand Lodge of New South Wales was irregular and unprecedented in the highest degree. More we do not care to assert. Perhaps in this, as in many other mundane manners, the adage of the schoolmen is true—"fieri non debet, factum valet." As regards an old editorial deliverance in 1869, the English *Freemason* never claims infallibility.

WE understand that King KALAKUA, who is shortly to be here, is an energetic and well-read Freemason.

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WE have been "called over the coals" by one or two correspondents for our article in favour of admitting "ladies" occasionally to a "Masonic collation." From the extremely angry manner in which they write one would be tempted to suppose that they are "old married men." One says it is "not Masonic," another says it will "interfere with his comfort," while a third declares that he "disapproves of ladies on such occasions." We are very sorry for them all, as not only do we not disapprove of ladies on any occasion, but we honestly say that we feel quite sure that our "Collations" would often be improved by their presence in more ways than one. One correspondent objects to ladies "in toto," and is like the intelligent "Mr. SPOOPENDIKE" in an American story, who could get no help from his wife in making a speech for "The Ladies," and declares "that a woman will never help a lame dog over a stile," and that among his greatest grievances is that he has to "help the ladies first at dinner." For a time, this movement—more important than Woman's Rights—will be delayed probably, owing to the perversity of some and the narrow mindedness of others, but it must be eventually successful, and when it is so, it will only be another fragrant flower in the fair and blooming garland of Freemasonry.

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WE note in the American papers an amusing little warfare going on about mothers-in-law, and widows' and ladies' merits generally. The two following jokes from our grave contemporary, the *Keystone*, show the "animus" of these married complainants, while the remarks on mothers-in-law actually are too much for our bachelor sensibilities, and we suppress them altogether. Please pay attention. No. 1. "Some females have just been arrested in Kentucky for the manufacture of illicit whiskey. This is the first recorded instance of a woman keeping still." No. 2. —"What are the worst results of a civil war?" cried an orator. "Widows!" shouted JONES, who had just married one." Could any but married men have written such things and made such insinuations? Ah, well! it is all very fine attacking the ladies, but, as somebody says, either SHAKESPEARE, or VICTOR HUGO, or MATTHEW ARNOLD, or CLEMENT SCOTT, in a very fine invocation of femininity, "What's the world without you?"

### GRAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual festival in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Wednesday at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, presided; and there were also present Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Fred Davison, Thos. Meggy, J. H. Leggott, A. Williams, T. C. Walls, Jas. Stevens, O. H. Pearson, Capt. Bridger, Capt. Bindley, M. Mildred, Geo. Ker, C. H. Matier, F. Binckes, D. M. Dewar, Truchitt, Hodgkin, Smyth, Pinder, Pearson, Williams (Sheffield), H. Massey (*Freemason*), and several ladies.

After dinner, which was admirably served by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the toasts were proposed and honoured.

In proposing the first toast—that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry"—the CHAIRMAN said, in the first place, he had to apologise for being late at the dinner; but the truth was he had to come nearly 100 miles from the other side of London in order to be present among the brethren and ladies that evening. The toast he had to propose required very few words to recommend it, because it was always received with enthusiasm by all Englishwomen and Englishmen, and never more enthusiastically received as among Freemasons, and Mark Masons particularly, for the reason that the Queen was the Patroness of the whole Order of Freemasons. The toast would recommend itself to them all, not only on account of the high position which Her Majesty held as Sovereign of this country, but more particularly because she possessed all those moral and social virtues which Englishmen and women so much admired.

Baron DE FERRIERES, M.P., proposed "The Grand Mark Master," and in doing so said: The noble Chairman had remarked that the toast of "The Queen" was always well received, as one which dwelt in all our hearts; but at the same time the toast of "The Grand Master of the Order" was likewise most cordially received by Mark Master Masons. Mark Masons must always take an especial pride in their Grand Master, and wish him every good health, blessing, and success in life. Since the Grand Lodge of the Degree had been constituted the noble Chairman was the ninth Grand Master. They had many Past Grand Masters of whom they were justly proud, and especially of their last Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, who, as a Mason, could hardly be surpassed, always doing his work in a most admirable manner. But he was sure they were all satisfied that in Lord Henniker they had one who would be second to none, but who would equal, if he did not surpass, the late Grand Master. The way in which Lord Henniker had thrown himself heart and soul into the work and had exercised himself to do the best he could for the Order—by his presence that evening and the trouble he had taken in coming so long a distance—showed that he intended during his term of office to perform his duties satisfactorily to the brethren. They would all be proud of him, and when his term of office came to a close they would all be able to look back upon it with satisfaction. (Hear, hear.)

Lord HENNIKER, in reply, said he thanked the brethren for drinking the toast and Baron de Ferrieres for his kind words. That brother had certainly not gone too far in saying that he (Lord Henniker) was anxious, and should use every endeavour in his power during his term of office, to promote the prosperity of Mark Masonry. It was most pleasant for the Grand Master to preside over such an assembly as he saw before him, particularly when they were favoured by the presence of ladies. The object of the meeting was the most noble part of the Craft—viz., Masonic charity. When he recollected the assembly they had a short time ago in London, and when he again thought of the distinguished assembly that night—when he remembered the large number of Mark Masons over whom he had the honour to preside—some 15,000 or 16,000—he thought it no small honour to be placed in the

position he was now in, and to return thanks for this toast. But while he felt the responsibility of his position that these kind receptions—the reception of that night and the reception he had at his installation a few weeks ago—threw upon him, he was glad to be able to say they were very pleasantly remembered, and he looked upon the commencement of his term as very prosperous. The Earl of Lathom told the brethren in May that seventy-two lodges had been consecrated during his term of office, and thought he could not wish his successor better than that during his term there should be 144. He had already signed a good many warrants, and there were still many petitions for others. If Mark Masonry went on at the rate it had gone on during the five weeks he had been Grand Master of the Mark Degree, he thought he was fairly on the way to fulfil the wish of Lord Lathom. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. F. DAVISON, Grand Treasurer, proposed "The M.W. Past Grand Mark Master Masons," and stated that at the last Installation of Grand Master they celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of Grand Mark Lodge. The success of that meeting was very great; no less than 194 brethren dined and half as many ladies. The Past Grand Masters of the Degree were Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, W. Beach, M.P., the Rev. G. R. Portal, Earl Percy, the Earl of Limerick, and the Earl of Lathom, all of whom were well known to Mark Masons. Bro. Portal's name was very well remembered, and he was sorry to say there was a telegram to the effect that he was very ill. He was a great friend of his (Bro. Davison's), who valued his services very much. There was another name also now enrolled among the Past Grand Masters—Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. The Prince of Wales took that rank in the Craft before he came to the Masonic throne, and now Prince Leopold had kindly consented to take the same honour in Mark Masonry. He (Bro. Davison) hoped that, like his brother's position, it would be the precursor of his taking the throne in the Mark Degree. He was Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire in the Craft and in the Mark, and he thought it foretold a prosperous future for Mark Masonry. Under the present Grand Master they would have good services performed, and the honour of the Degree would be maintained. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Lord HENNIKER then said the next toast could only be proposed by himself that evening, for the very reason that he was well supported by Past Grand Officers. He was sorry that the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Kintore, was not present. That noble lord was very anxious for the good of Mark Masonry. Grand Lodge proposed to go to Sheffield in the autumn, and he hoped to see many brethren now present on that occasion. Lord Kintore was a Scotchman, but although Scotchmen were greatly occupied in the autumn he had made up his mind to go to Sheffield with him (Lord Henniker). He was sorry Lord Kintore was not present that day, but he would have been present if possible. The toast was "The R.W. Deputy G.M.M.M., the Earl of Kintore, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and with this toast he would couple the name of another Scotchman, Bro. C. F. Matier, a most active and energetic Mason in promoting the cause of charity. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. C. F. MATIER responded, and reiterated Lord Henniker's assertion with reference to the desire of Lord Kintore to promote the prosperity of Mark Masonry.

Bro. Lord HENNIKER, in proposing "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and the other Masonic Institutions," said a few short figures would suffice for the purpose of showing what had been done, and what was being done, and also that the Fund was on a sound basis. The amount collected since its foundation was £2777. Forty-five petitioners had been relieved with a sum of £541; £629 had been transferred to the Education Fund; and £1400 had been invested. He wished particularly to call attention to the fact that the expenses of the Fund for the twelve years only amounted to £65—a matter on which the managers were greatly to be congratulated. This made a total of £2635, and a balance was left of £142 in the bank. £1400 had been invested on account of the Benevolent Fund, and £500 on account of the Education Fund; or £1900 invested. Four boys were being educated, two at an annual expense to the Fund of twelve guineas each, one at nine guineas, and one at six; or £40 13s. altogether. One boy was also educated, free of expense, at Notting-hill College by the kindness of Bro. Dr. Passawer, who had given a scholarship to the Fund. The brethren would say this was not a very large fund, but the Order was increasing day by day, and they had every reason to suppose it would increase year by year. It was all very well to say there was a large Benevolent Fund in Craft Grand Lodge, and that large assistance was given by it to poor brethren, but the Craft was increasing largely too. Too much could not be said when they were advocating a Fund of this kind. What he now said he said from his heart. He believed the Masonic Charities to be a most noble work; and when he thought of the increase of Mark Masonry—an increase almost as rapid as that of the Craft—the Fund claimed special support. When he appealed to those present to support the Fund, and through them, and through the Masonic organs, to the brethren outside, he did so with the greatest possible confidence, because he was not recommending some broken-down, badly-managed Fund, but a Fund managed on a sound basis—well managed and well dispensed; and under those circumstances he might appeal to them and to others with confidence for increased support. He had often heard it said, and he had often thought himself, that they might spend their money in charities rather than in entertainments of the present kind; but still he was not one of those who said they should never meet together; nor was he one of those who said they should give all to charity, and never meet on a social occasion like this. If they had all work and no play they would be like the proverbial "Jack." It did a great deal of good to meet together, and more especially when they were honoured with the presence of ladies. When they met together they urged each other to good deeds. These meetings were not only agreeable, but they promoted the object they had in view. He hoped the result of the evening would show as well as former meetings, and he recommended it heartily to the attention of Mark Masons and their friends.

Bro. DEWAR read the Stewards' lists, which amounted to £331 5s. 6d., including twenty guineas from Lord Henniker.

Bro. BINCKES responded.

Bro. MATIER proposed "The Board of Stewards," which was responded to by Bro. O. H. PEARSON.

Bro. BINCKES proposed "The Ladies," and

Bro. TRUEFITT responded, shortly after which the company separated.

During the evening some beautiful vocal music was performed by Bros. Stedman, Egbert, Roberts, and Stedman's choir boys (Masters Probert, Toop, Fielden, G. Hood, Townsend, and Roby Walenn), under the direction of Bro. E. M. Loit, 30<sup>th</sup>, Past Grand Mark Organist.

## CONSECRATION OF THE MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

The consecration of a new lodge within the metropolitan area is now a somewhat rare event, so that when it does occur the Craft may be assured that its promoters have been able to furnish the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge authorities with good and sufficient evidence for its "raison d'être."

The name adopted, that of the Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, is not only well chosen as far as the Craft generally is concerned, but has a peculiar significance in this case. Bro. the R.W. Montague Guest is, it need hardly be said, very popular in his province, and, we believe, it was mainly the desire to do honour to so excellent a Mason that the idea occurred to a few Dorset brethren resident in London to establish a lodge to bear his name. The consent of Bro. Guest was readily obtained, and he evinced a further interest in the matter by accepting also the office of Treasurer of the new lodge.

The consecration ceremony on Wednesday was very ably performed by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, assisted by V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chap., as consecrating Chap.; W. Bros. Capt. N. Philips, P.G.D. as S.W.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D., as J.W.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.D., D. of C.; and there were present Lieut.-Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; George Burt, P.A.G.D. of C., P.G.S.W. Dorset; H. C. Levander, G.J.D.; J. W. Luff, P.P.G.S. of Works Dorset; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; H. A. Dubois, 142, P.P.G.W. Middlesex; George Kenning, W.M. 1657, P.P.G.D. Middlesex; W. F. Cantrell, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; R. Roberts, P.M. 742, 209, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; G. K. Crickmay, P.S.G.W. Dorset; A. H. Tattershall, P.M. 1402; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; W. F. Larkin, 209; G. J. Potts, 209; F. Hunt, 188; A. E. Gladwell, 172; Albert Fish, 1366; T. F. Wuest, P.M. 753; E. C. Davies, 1366; John Hodges, 1706; A. Hubbard, 813; Fred Green, 1687; John H. Sims, 1608; H. W. Ruff, 95; B. H. Malton, P.M. 1563; R. N. Howard, P.G. Sec. Dorsetshire; W. D. Slyman, E. Duret, E. Blow, 1563; F. V. Green, 1687; Chas. Dairy, 141; George Read, P.M. 511, 1767; H. Slyman, 753; John J. Lane, 1872; Louis Beck, P.P.G.O. Middx.; W. W. Morgan, John Lee, 511; D. D. Henderson, 1366; J. Wilson, P.M. 209; W. Wolfsky, P.M. 1621; and W. Lake, P.M., P. Prov. G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

The oration, by the Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, was impressive and eloquent, and was listened to with the deepest attention by the brethren.

The musical portions were well rendered by Bro. Seymour Smith, assisted by Bros. Hodges, Carter, and Hubbard.

At the close of the consecration ceremony, Bro. W. H. Dean was duly installed as first Master, and proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. P. Festa, S.W.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., J.W.; R.W. Bro. Montague J. Guest, M.P., P.G.D., P.G.M. Dorset, Treas.; J. D. Collier, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Capon, S.D.; H. Slyman, J.D.; and W. H. Gardener, I.G.

The W.M. then proposed that Bros. Col. Clerke, Rev. C. W. Arnold, J. H. Montague, Frank Richardson, and R. N. Howard be elected honorary members. This was carried with acclamation.

Col. CLERKE, on behalf of himself and the other brethren, thanked them for the honour that had been conferred in electing them honorary members of the Montague Guest Lodge. They were each pleased at giving their services. They wished every success to the lodge, and hoped to meet the brethren again on many future occasions.

Several candidates for initiation, and joining members were then proposed.

Votes of thanks were then passed, with the unanimous approval of the brethren, and recorded to Col. Clerke and the other brethren who had assisted at the ceremony.

Bro. FESTA then rose, and addressing the W.M., said that he had much pleasure in presenting, in the name of a lady not unknown to them, a banner for the lodge. He begged the brethren to accept it, and also to accept from Madame Festa her good wishes for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. DEAN, in reply, said that he had much pleasure in accepting the banner on behalf of the lodge, and would propose that their best thanks be given to Madame Festa for her exceeding kindness in making the lodge this handsome present.

Apologies and regrets for their inability to be present were then read from Bros. the Hon. R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; Gen. Clerk, G.D.; Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes; Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D. G.M. Bengal; and others.

Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably put on by Bro. Gosden, the courteous manager of the Inns of Court Hotel.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," having been proposed in suitable terms, and most loyally received,

The W.M. then proposed that of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon, and the other Grand Officers," remarking that it would be superfluous on his part to offer any particular remarks on their merits. They had present a great array of Grand Officers, and he associated the toast with the name of Bro. H. C. Levander, G.D.

Bro. LEVANDER said that he did not expect to have to respond for the Grand Officers, and did not know on what principle he had been selected, except that he was the junior officer present. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked them sincerely for the honour they had done them. They would readily understand that nothing pleased them better than to find a new lodge consecrated under such favourable auspices as the Montague Guest Lodge. Starting as it did with such officers, its success was assured. They were then in the 19th century, but this lodge had beaten them, and he had no doubt it would maintain its advanced position.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officers, Bro. Col. Clerke and those Brethren who had assisted him." They would all agree with him as to the very able manner in which Bro. Col. Clerke had performed his duties; and he had to thank him personally for his uniform kindness in giving him all necessary information respecting the formation of the lodge. He had always been accessible and ready to explain everything needful.

Col. CLERKE in reply said there was really such a thing as killing one with kindness, and that was the third time he had had to respond. He regretted that their most eloquent brother was not present to respond, but he had to leave by an early train. They had all been much gratified and impressed by the excellent oration their Rev. brother had delivered that day. The brethren would believe him when he said that it was with real pleasure they came there to consecrate that lodge. He had taken great interest in it from its being strongly recommended to him by Bro. Montague Guest. The officers filled their parts well, and his brother on the right (Bro. Frank Richardson) had performed the duties of D.C. very efficiently. He would ask them then to join him in drinking "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Dean." Bro. Dean was a Mason of much experience; he had already filled the chair of his lodge, and he felt confident he would perform his duties in this lodge with credit. He wished him health and happiness during his year of office.

Bro. DEAN in reply thanked the Grand Secretary for the way in which he had spoken of his humble endeavours. He felt that the position was a responsible one, and he would in every way try to carry out the duties in a manner that would be acceptable to the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors." They had a goodly number present. Unfortunately, two or three of his Dorset brethren had to leave to get home that night. The names of those present were rather too numerous to mention, but they were all most welcome, and he had much pleasure in coupling this toast with the name of Bro. George Burt, P.A.G.D. of C., P.G.S.W. Dorset.

Bro. BURT responded on behalf of the numerous company of visitors. He said he felt sure he expressed the feeling of every visitor present in thanking the W.M. and the brethren for their reception. As a Dorsetshire man he congratulated Bro. Dean on the proud position he then occupied. He had been already the Master of his mother lodge, and he had the privilege of being present when he vacated the chair, and installed his successor, which ceremony he performed in a very able manner. One face they missed that evening, whose genial presence would have given pleasure to all present. He need hardly say that he referred to Bro. Montague Guest, but he was unfortunately abroad, but they might be assured that if it had been possible he would have been present.

Bro. LUFF also replied, also regretting that Bro. Guest was not present. He was a great Mason, a great man, and had a heart equally great. He came of a good Masonic stock, his father and brothers having occupied exalted positions in their provinces.

The next toast was that of "The Officers." The W.M. said he was very pleased to have such a set of officers and founders. In the S.W., Bro. Festa, they had a zealous and good Mason. He could say the same of the J.W.; in fact, it was difficult to say which was the best of the two. The Treasurer, they all regretted, was not present. They had an able and efficient Secretary in Bro. Collier, whom he had the pleasure of seeing initiated. All the other officers were equally efficient, and altogether were such as any W.M. might be proud of.

Bro. FESTA, S.W., thanked the W.M. in the name of his brother officers for appointing them to their respective offices. One and all felt grateful for it. It would be superfluous for him to say that they would serve him faithfully in their several offices, and in order that they might do honour to the lodge that bore the name of their patron and Bro. Montague Guest.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Charities," remarking that it always deserved their attention; for in all their Masonic work if they did not contribute to the Charities they would be very small Masons indeed. He hoped next year to go up for the Girls' School, and that the Montague Guest Lodge would be in a position to help him. He would call on the J.W., Bro. Hedges, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to respond.

Bro. HEDGES, in reply, pointed out the appropriateness of the toast at all times to be received by Masons, and more so at the consecration of a new lodge. They were taught to bring up a child in the way it should go, and this was a step in the right direction. He thanked them with great pleasure for the cordial and hearty response this toast had met with; and pointed out that Masonry had something to be proud of in the Charities, as in the three Institutions there were 800 recipients of their bounty, and that the Craft meant to maintain the proud position they held was proved by the result of the recent festivals, when the total of the announcements that were made was close upon £40,000. He was pleased to learn that the Montague Guest Lodge intended to follow the good example set by the W.M., who had given his name as Steward for the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on behalf of which Institution he thanked him. At that late hour of the evening, and in the presence of so many who had done such suit and service for the Charities, he should not be justified in detaining them any longer, and concluded by thanking them on behalf of the Masonic Charities in general, and the Girls' School in particular.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. C. F. Matier, A. M. Broadley, George J. Row, William Roebuck, George Cooper, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., J. H. Southwood, Edward Baxter, F. Adlard, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

Bro. BINCKES, at the opening of the business, informed the brethren, with great regret, that Bro. W. F. C. Moutrie, a member of the Committee, died that evening.

On the recommendation of the House Committee, the salary of Mr. Hopkins (Organist at the School) was increased £10 a year.

There were eight petitions to place boys on the list for election in October, but of these only four complied with the conditions, and consequently these alone were placed on the list.

Outfits were granted to two former pupils of the Institution.

The list for next election was then settled, as follows: forty-eight candidates standing over from April election; twelve since placed on the list; four more this day; or, altogether, sixty-four candidates. For these there will be twelve vacancies.

Bro. BINCKES announced that the result of the festival held at Brighton on Wednesday was a total of £11,583, with fourteen lists to come in.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

It is quite clear by this time that Masonic Historians require a good deal of sifting, and Masonic History rewriting, in order to satisfy the requirements of our critical age. Many questions have yet to be settled, and many curious points disposed of, before we can hope to meet the cavils of some, or remove the hesitation of others. Some Masonic writers are much to blame for the easy credence they have given to unverified statements, for the "sheep walking" they have complacently indulged in, and for the uncritical readiness with which they have assumed doubtful chronology and unhistoric annals to be receivable and reliable.

Even now it is very difficult to get rid of these old ways, and we still give way far too readily to "fads" and theories, and preconceived notions of what Masonic history ought to be. Not only this, but having started a "little vanity" of our own, we proceed to "square" real history, and to dovetail in with it the most recondite speculations and the most unsafe authorities.

But on the other hand we must not too easily accept any one notion of what Masonic history ought to be, and give up "con amore" all that seems to antagonize it.

There is much ground that has to be gone over anew before we can be in a position to pronounce positively one way or the other. Indeed, there are many points which must be left in doubt, and on which it is impossible and hopeless to speak decidedly and dogmatically. In a London paper we noticed the following remarks a short time back, in which we fully concur, and commend them to the notice of our readers:—

The ancient Etruscans have some points of analogy with the modern Freemasons. This last familiar and yet mysterious body seems to let the outer world know everything about itself except what it is. We have read various books by Freemasons about Freemasonry, about its history, its constitution, its forms. On all these points they seem to give us the fullest particulars. We have only to complain that the historical part is a little vague and its evidence a little uncertain. We should not like rashly to decide whether Freemasonry was already ancient in the days of Solomon, or whether it cannot be traced with certainty any further back than the eighteenth century. But we know the exact duties of a Tyler, and we know that at the end of a Masonic prayer we should answer not "Amen," but "So mote it be." Still what Freemasonry is, how a man becomes a Freemason, or really what distinguishes a Freemason from other people are points about which the Masonic books leave us wholly in the dark. So it is with the Etruscans. We seem to know everything about them except who they were. As far as we can know a people from their arts and monuments, there is no people whom we seem to know better. We have full and clear monumental evidence as to the people themselves, as to many points in their ways, thoughts, and belief. We know how they built, carved, and painted, and their buildings, sculptures, and paintings tell us in many points how they lived and what was their faith and worship. We have, indeed, no Etruscan books, but their language still lives—at least, it abides—in endless inscriptions. But who the Etruscans were and what their language was remain unsolved puzzles.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

## FREEMASONRY IN SPAIN.

BRO. H. ECROYD.

*Continued from p. 301 of No. 643.*

Bro. Ortiz likewise brought in, and successfully passed through the Cortes, in the face of the most determined opposition, the well-known "Article of the Constitution," which gave not merely *tolerancia*, but full "Libertad de Cultos" (freedom of conscience, and freedom of public worship) to every one in Spain.

Such notable services, rendered, not only to his country, but to the cause of universal liberty and progress, will not be soon forgotten; and it redounds most especially to the honour of our brother that he has been able so wisely to fashion his political career as to preserve the esteem, and we may say the confidence, of the moderate Conservative party, on the one hand, and of the advanced Democrats on the other. Bro. Ortiz is not a party politician; whatever he can do to promote the cause of liberty and progress, that he will do; but he is not a man who believes "that the end justifies the means" and before all he is a *dynastic* Liberal, and loyal to his King. He will be found in the future leading the great cause of liberty, fraternity, and equality, before the law, and only within the law and Constitution, and subject to the maintenance of the constitutional rights of King Alfonso XII., and his dynasty.

Bro. Antonio Romero Ortiz is President of the Society of Spanish Authors and Artists. He is a well-known archæologist, and his magnificent museum is one of the sights of Madrid. He has represented his native province in *las Cortes* (the Spanish "House of Commons") in no less than eleven Parliaments. First elected in 1854, he was subsequently unelected, but since the year 1869 he has held his seat uninterruptedly up to the present time.

Such is a sketch of the public career of the newly-elected Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Commander, who now presides over our Freemasonic brethren in Spain.

May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper the hour to our Spanish brethren, and give their distinguished Chief both health, and strength, and leisure, to govern his Orient with that firm yet gentle hand which alone can keep down faction, conciliate conflicting interests, and (above everything else) preserve its members from the slightest taint of political partisanship.

*(To be continued)*

## THE LATE BRO. ALBERT MACKAY.

By a communication from our esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan elsewhere it will be seen that Masonic Archæology has sustained an irreparable loss in the somewhat premature death of Bro. A. Mackay, the well-known and able author of that most valuable work "Mackey's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry." We sincerely regret to receive this saddening communication, a regret in which we know full well many of our readers will share, as Bro. Mackay was not only a brother of eminent worth and ability, but his great work will long endure, a speaking witness of his learning, his research, his fairness, and his Masonic zeal. As an earnest and intellectual brother, one of the little band of true Masonic students of the honourable Masonic Guild of truth-seekers, he will be, indeed, a "missed man amongst us." All Masonic students owe him a great debt of gratitude and admiration.

The *Philadelphia Keystone* has the following notice of Bro. Mackey:

It is our painful duty to announce to the Craft the death, on Monday last, June 20, 1881, of Bro. Albert G. Mackey, M.D., Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Secretary

General of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite for the southern jurisdiction of the United States. In the death of Bro. Mackey we mourn both an eminent Freemason and a personal friend. We do his character but simple justice when we state, that at the time of his death he was the ablest, and the most scholarly and accomplished, of American Freemasons. His fame was world-wide—the productions of his pen are read and admired in every Masonic jurisdiction on the globe. He was not only a voluminous writer of Masonic books, but also a diligent contributor to the Masonic press.

In the earlier years of the *Keystone* he was a frequent writer for our columns, and he has occasionally favoured our readers with his finished articles until a comparatively recent date. He died full of years and full of honours, at the ripe age of 74. On Thursday of last week he went to Fortress Monroe, to recuperate his rapidly failing health. On his arrival there he was so weak that he had to be carried to the Hygiea Hotel, and was temporarily improved in health. One week later, however, he suffered a relapse, and passed peacefully away, on Monday of the present week.

Bro. Mackey's Masonic works are full of superior excellence, and one of them—the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," is without a peer for fullness and authority—a monument, indeed, of scholarly research, literary ability, and Masonic wisdom. This book is a library in itself. The Mason of one book should possess "Mackey's Encyclopædia." His other works are, "Manual of the Lodge," "Book of the Chapter," "Symbolism of Freemasonry," "History of Freemasonry in South Carolina," "Lexicon of Freemasonry," "Text-Book of Masonic Jurisprudence, and "Masonic Parliamentary Law." All of these works are of superior worth, and of authority in the Craft. Dr. Mackey's opinions were never shallow, nor his sentences slipshod. His culture was both broad and deep. The Masonic newspapers and magazines of America are especially indebted to him for his scholarly contributions to their pages. He was an exceedingly prolific writer. He had edited several Craft monthlies. The ablest was his own, "Mackey's National Freemason," issued for three years from Washington, D. C., ending in 1874. The suspension of that magazine was a great and permanent loss to the Fraternity, since its standard of excellence was so high, and so uniformly attained.

But our Bro. Mackey is no more. Never again on earth shall we behold the brilliant splendour of his eyes, or feel the warm fraternal clasp of his hand. He has gone over to the majority, and ere this has been received and welcomed by the Grand Master of the Universe. Let us emulate his virtues, and cherish his memory, for he was a true and faithful brother among us, and deservedly ranked at the head of the Masonic students and authors of America, if not of the world. His work was finished, and now he has gone to his exceeding great reward.

## THE MORGAN AFFAIR.

The anti-Masons, last month, started a movement to raise a monument over the supposed bones of William Morgan. They must be considerably puzzled now, in view of recent events. In October, 1827, the body of a man was found at the mouth of Oak Orchard Creek, Lake Ontario, and taken to Batavia, where many persons, although it was badly decomposed, and bore scarcely any resemblance to a human body, came to the conclusion that it was the remains of Morgan, and it was buried as such. Shortly after the clothes were identified by a Mrs. Monroe, as those of her husband, Timothy Monroe, who had been drowned at the mouth of the Niagara River. A coroner's jury then declared that it was not the body of William Morgan, but very many of the citizens of Batavia still believe that it was. This, however, is not the end of the puzzle. On Tuesday of the present week, the town of Batavia has again been excited over the alleged discovery of other bones of William Morgan. By and by he will be as great a man as John the Baptist, whose head is in no less than four of the monasteries of Europe! The last bones at Pembroke, eleven miles west of Batavia, in Genesee county, together, it is stated, with a silver ring bearing the initials W.M., and a piece of paper, in an old tin tobacco box, on which had been deciphered the words, "Masons," "liar," "prison," &c. In view of the further facts that Morgan has been proved to have been alive in Australia, and several other places, twenty years after his alleged taking-off, hadn't the anti-Masons better postpone raising that monument? It would be scarcely fair treatment of any decent man's bones to raise over them a monument to one of Morgan's character. But then, the monument isn't raised yet—the money has to be raised first.—*Keystone*, June 25th.

LECTURES, THE.—The Lectures of Freemasonry form a most important feature in ceremonial instruction, and are very interesting to all Freemasons who wish to be "bright," or seek to rise in the lodge. There are lectures peculiar to each Degree, and they are orally delivered. Their history is peculiar and curious, both to the Masonic student and the Masonic archæologist. It is very difficult to say what was the exact form of the lecture in use. Desaguliers and Anderson are stated by Oliver to have revised them. The so-called Lectures of Henry VI. and of Sir Christopher Wren's time, which Oliver fancied he had verified, turn out to be clearly only portions of the Sloane MS. 3329, of the Grand Mystery, or of Essex's MS. If, indeed, the actual antiquity of the Sloane MS. be ascertained, which Mr. Walbran fixed, from internal verbiage, at about 1640, though its date of transcription is early 18th, we have probably the lectures in use in the 17th century; though if the date cannot be carried beyond early 18th, we still have in the Sloane MS., probably the earliest form of Masonic catechical instruction. Of 15th century or 16th century we need hardly add that so far there is no question, as no such theory can be maintained.—See Sloane MS.—Martin Clare is said to have revised the Lectures again in 1732. In 1770, or thereabouts, Dunckerley again remodelled Clare's system, and about 1775 Preston improved on his predecessors, and some say incorporated in his Prestonian Lectures the views and even verbiage of William Hutchinson. In 1813, at the Union, Dr. Hemming was entrusted with the duty of revising the Lectures once more, for the purpose of uniting the ancient and the modern teaching—though the essential differences do not appear to have been great—which was subsequently perfected by Bro. Williams, and is the recognised working of the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement." There are some Masons who have always preferred the older working, and the Prestonian system has always had a large number of advocates. The American system, which is founded mainly on Webb's, is, no doubt, to a great extent, Prestonian. It has been said that Dermott established a system of lectures of his own, but we are not aware of any actual authority for the statement.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.**

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

PATRONS:—  
 IS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
 K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., PRESIDENT.  
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT  
 of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be  
 held at

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,  
 LINCOLN'S-INN-FIELDS, LONDON,

On Saturday, the 9th day of July, 1881,  
 at Twelve o'clock precisely,

On the general business of the Institution, to place candi-  
 dates on the list for election in October next, and to declare  
 the number of girls then to be elected; also to consider the  
 following notices of motion:—

Upon recommendation of the House Committee, by Bro.  
 Col. Creton, Treasurer and Trustee—

“That the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred  
 upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, in recognition of his valuable  
 services as Honorary Surgeon.”

“That the Honorarium to the Chaplain be increased  
 from £25 to £35 per annum.”

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

Office, 5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-st., W.C.,  
 July 2nd, 1881.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,**

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

PATRON:  
 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:  
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,  
 K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT  
 OF THE  
 GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS  
 WILL BE HELD AT

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN-STREET,  
 Lincoln's Inn-Fields, London,

On Monday, July 11, 1881.

For the transaction of the ordinary Business of this Insti-  
 tution. To receive for approval a list of Sixty-four Can-  
 didates, on the recommendation of the General Com-  
 mittee, from which Twelve Boys shall be elected at the  
 Quarterly General Court, to be held on Monday, October  
 10th, 1881. To consider Petition from Bro. J. E. MORRIS  
 for reinstatement as a Candidate for election of his son,  
 HENRY EDWARD MORRIS, removed from the list of Can-  
 didates at the Quarterly Court held on Monday, April 11th,  
 1881.

The chair will be taken at four o'clock in the afternoon  
 precisely.

By order,  
 FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat. P.G. Std.),  
 Secretary.

Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
 London, July 2nd, 1881.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH, 1881.  
 "YE OLDE RYE HOUSE."

A SPECIAL TRAIN OF FIRST-CLASS CARRIAGES  
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**To Correspondents.**

P.M., in our next.

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

“The Broad Arrow,” “The Citizen,” “New Zealand  
 Freemason,” “The Sunday Times,” “The Hull Packet,”  
 “Keystone,” “Jewish Chronicle,” “Masonic Review,”  
 “New York Dispatch,” “The Mystic Tie,” “The Free-  
 mason” (Sydney), “Der Long Islaender,” “The West  
 London Advertiser,” “The Freemason's Repository,”  
 “The Egyptian Gazette,” “Allan's Indian Mail,” “Pro-  
 ceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,” “The  
 Military Record and Volunteer News,” “The Assistant.”

**THE FREEMASON.**

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 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.]

**BRO. LAMONBY ON BRO. CREED.**

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Would you kindly allow me sufficient space to  
 second the suggestion of Bro. Lamonby which appears in  
 your issue of to-day, namely, that Bro. Creed's paper on  
 Masonic marks in Carlisle Cathedral be reprinted for the  
 benefit of the Craft in general in the “Masonic Magazine.”  
 I was engaged last week in searching for, and tracing in  
 my note-book, the Masonic marks upon the ruins of Kelso  
 Abbey, which I intend comparing with the marks upon  
 Melrose and Jedburgh Abbey and other ancient buildings.  
 So you see my desire that the above paper should appear in  
 our magazine is not altogether unselfish.

I am, fraternally yours,

W. FRED. VERNON,

D.P.G.M. Berwickshire and Roxburghshire.

Kelso, July 2nd.

**THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.**

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the leading article of your valuable paper of  
 the 5th of February, 1881, you make use of inferential  
 statements anent the Grand Lodge of New South Wales,  
 which, while they convey an impression hostile to that  
 Grand Lodge, are clearly not the outcome of personal an-  
 tagonism, but of lack of exactitude of information. This  
 being the case, I trust you will give publicity to the follow-  
 ing statement of plain truth:

You say: “But we never can concede the right of a few  
 lodges of one jurisdiction, and one or two of another, to  
 create a Grand Lodge, in the face of a majority of dissen-  
 tient lodges;” and in this abstract you sum up the whole  
 of the objections to according recognition to the Grand  
 Lodge of New South Wales. But, sir and brother, if the  
 said abstract conveys a meaning that the Grand Lodge of  
 New South Wales was created by “a few lodges of one  
 jurisdiction, and one or two of another, in the face of a  
 majority of dissentient lodges,” it sets up, as the sole basis  
 of objection, a statement entirely at variance with the facts,  
 which are as follow:

For a number of years past the necessity of founding a  
 Grand Lodge for New South Wales has been freely ad-  
 mitted by the bulk of the brethren here, and none were more  
 enthusiastic in their expressions than the present District  
 Grand Master of the E.C. When at length it was decided  
 by a large number of Past Masters and other brethren to  
 take action, in order to give effect to their long expressed  
 wishes, a general meeting was called through the daily  
 press to debate and decide upon the subject, more especi-  
 ally as correspondence had been received from the Grand  
 Lodges in the Dominion of Canada and the United States  
 of America, giving advice upon the proper course of pro-  
 cedure. At the meeting there was a very large number of  
 brethren of all grades, including the duly appointed dele-  
 gates from eight Scottish lodges and five Irish lodges, and  
 a very large number of our English brethren had intimated  
 their approval of the movement, and had expressed their  
 intentions of taking part in the meeting. However, just  
 prior to the date of the meeting, the District Grand Master  
 of the English Constitution published in the daily Press a  
 proclamation ordering the brethren under his jurisdiction  
 not to take any part whatever in this meeting, under the  
 penalty of suspension and expulsion for so doing; and he  
 sent to every lodge of the English Constitution a circular  
 to be read in open lodge, warning the brethren, one and all,  
 that he would suspend any and all of those who took part  
 in the movement, and would then proceed to expulsion  
 without any further notification. This grossly un-Masonic  
 threat had its effect, and our English brethren were thus  
 compelled to stand aloof, and up to the present date the  
 District Grand Master has not permitted any of the lodges  
 under his jurisdiction to even debate the question; and, in-  
 stead of there being, as you infer, “a majority of dissen-  
 tient lodges,” not one single lodge has expressed its  
 dissent. Consequently the inferential remark in your  
 leader—that there was a majority of dissentient lodges—is  
 totally at variance with the actual state of affairs.

From my own personal knowledge, I aver that if the  
 District Grand Master of the English Constitution had  
 withdrawn his ban, and gave permission to the lodges  
 under his jurisdiction to confer upon the subject, that one  
 and all would at once give in their allegiance to the Grand  
 Lodge of New South Wales.

You say that “the minority must yield to the majority.”

Does this mean that those who expressed their wishes for  
 creating the Grand Lodge of New South Wales must do  
 nothing, because a larger number were prohibited by  
 threats from taking any action whatever? Or what does it  
 mean?

Any brother not acquainted with the deplorable facts,  
 would take from your leader that the majority of the lodges  
 had expressed an opinion adverse to the creation of the  
 Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and that in the face of  
 these dissentient lodges, a minority had proceeded with the  
 erection of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. You  
 surely cannot wish it to be understood that your calm  
 opinion is, that because the only opinion expressed was,  
 that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales should be  
 erected, and that, as there was a majority of lodges which  
 had been prevented by their District Grand Master from  
 expressing any opinion, that, therefore, the action taken by  
 those who were here is in opposition to dissentients.

If so, the subject is narrowed down to this: that so long  
 as the District Grand Master of the English Constitution  
 here forbids, under dreadful penalties, the lodges under  
 his jurisdiction from expressing any opinion thereon, it  
 must be taken that their expressed opinions are dissentient.

You say that we are taking up the Jesuitical axiom that  
 “the end justifies the means.” We can with ample truth  
 say that this must be your excuse for the acts of your  
 District Grand Master.

For many years past there has not been such a warm  
 enthusiast for the erection of a Grand Lodge for New  
 South Wales as your District Grand Master, but for some  
 inexplicable reasons, he has evinced a personal enmity to  
 the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and he has ex-  
 pressed opinions entirely adverse to those for many years  
 enunciated by him, and, in order to carry his point, he  
 deliberately informs the brethren under his jurisdiction,  
 that if they debate the question, or take any part what-  
 ever in the movement, that he will suspend and expel  
 them for so doing, and thus having prevented any expres-  
 sion of opinion whatever, he misleads the United Grand  
 Lodge of England, by stating that his lodges are dissen-  
 tients—truly a most marvellous deduction.

With regard to the principles which rule the erection of  
 Grand Lodges, I with pleasure refer you to your article,  
 published in your issue of the 7th August, 1869, headed  
 “Scions from a Parent Stem.”

I presume that your opinions expressed therein have not  
 altered, and that you still consider that “Autonomy in  
 civil rights gives Autonomy” “in Masonic rights,” and that  
 any citizen who has a right to vote has a right to express  
 his opinion, and consequently, that the action of the dis-  
 trict Grand Master here, in preventing his brethren from  
 meeting, or even expressing an opinion, is not in accord  
 with the true spirit of Freemasonry.

Trusting that the motives and acts of those who created  
 the Grand Lodge of New South Wales [may be better  
 understood, and that you, in your honourable position, may  
 deal with the question in that true spirit of Freemasonry  
 which is inculcated by our holy ceremonies, and trusting  
 that in view of the best interests of the Craft, a speedy re-  
 cognition will be accorded to the Grand Lodge of New  
 South Wales.

I beg to remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,  
 THE ACTING EDITOR, (“THE FREEMASON.”)  
 Masonic Temple, Clarence-street,  
 Sydney, New South Wales,  
 April, 1881.

**BRO. GOULD'S LATEST DISCOVERY.**

To the Editor of the “Freemason.”

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Bro. Gould's inference (in the *Freemason* June  
 4th) relating to Robert Samber being the author of “Long  
 Livers” is highly probable; but as Bros. Yarker and  
 Whytehead have brought forth other claimants for the  
 authorship of that book, permit me, therefore, to suggest  
 another clue, which will either confirm or upset Bro. Gould's  
 theory.

I saw “Long Livers” for the first time within a week,  
 and I noticed, at the end of the introduction or preface, the  
 date “March 1st, 1721,” followed by “Eugenius Philalethes,  
 F.R.S.,” and thought at once that the record of the  
 Royal Society might perhaps disclose the real name of the  
 author of that work. But be that as it may, Bro. Gould  
 should at least ascertain whether Robert Samber was a  
 Fellow of the Royal Society in March 1st, 1721 (or more  
 probably 1721 O.S.) I hope he will do so, and let us know  
 through the *Freemason* the result.

And now I must ask another question—viz., have you, my  
 dear brother, had any communication with Mr. Halliwell  
 about the old Constitution quoted by him in his introduction  
 to the old Masonic poem? and if so, what success have you  
 met with?

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, June 21st.

[I hope to have an answer in a short time from Mr  
 Phillips.—Ed. F.M.]

## PRECEDENCE OF PROV. GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I cannot help thinking that Bro. Newmarch has discovered a mare's nest. The whole controversy which he raises seems to me to be decided at once by analysing the very Rule he quotes from the Book of Constitutions. The paragraph headed "of the other Provincial Grand Officers" begins (Sec. 2) "The Grand Wardens," &c. Grand Wardens of what? Why, of course, of Provincial Grand Lodge. Just so, further on in the same section, we find the words "shall possess within their district the rank and privileges of Grand Officers." Grand Officers of what? Why, of Provincial Grand Lodge, and not of the Grand Lodge of England; and to avoid the mistake into which Bro. Newmarch has fallen, it is added that "they are not by such appointments members of the Grand Lodge—i.e., of the Grand Lodge of England." The whole object of the section is to define their status *in* and *out* of the province. They are Grand Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge within their province, but not outside their province, except by courtesy. As to stating that they rank with the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, nothing of the sort is supposed or intended.

Yours faithfully,

C. W. ARNOLD,  
P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. Surrey.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Every Freemason will be grateful to "Lex Latomica" for taking up the question of the status of Provincial Grand Officers, and discussing it in the courteous and fraternal spirit shown in his letter.

I am glad that he frankly concedes Bro. Newmarch's position, that the question must be settled by the Book of Constitutions alone, and not by usage or precedent. He also admits that the question turns principally on the words—"The Grand Wardens and subordinate Provincial Grand Officers shall possess within their district the rank and privileges of Grand Officers."

"Lex Latomica" thinks that these words are open to doubt. To me they say in the plainest language, the privileges which belong to Grand Officers throughout the whole of England shall belong to Provincial Grand Officers in their province, but only in their province. To this plain meaning the Grand Registrar and "Lex Latomica" demur, saying that, if such be the meaning, the Provincial Grand Master acting in his own province might have to take precedence of the Grand Master himself—which certainly would be a "reductio ad absurdum." But apart from any general argument, is not this case distinctly provided for by the Book of Constitutions, when it states that "the Grand Master has full authority to preside in any lodge, and his Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that lodge during his presence?" The Grand Master is supreme, and stands at the head of the whole Craft, and at the head of every lodge in the Craft. His Wardens, too, have precedence over the Wardens of the province, and inferentially his other officers have precedence over the officers of the province of the same rank. But if I understand "Lex Latomica" rightly, his contention is that the lowest Grand Officer in rank on visiting any province is to take precedence of the highest Provincial Grand Officer. But this decision brings us to a "reductio ad absurdum" with a vengeance. Just suppose our Grand Organist going to Derbyshire and putting aside its Grand Master, the Marquis of Hartington, or going to Lancashire and telling its Deputy Grand Master, Colonel Stanley, to give way to an officer of Grand Lodge!

I feel quite sure that the many distinguished brethren who hold the position of Provincial Grand Master, or Deputy, never dreamed that in accepting the office they would occupy a rank inferior to the lowest Grand Officer. Very possibly the two eminent brethren I have mentioned may be Past Grand Officers, and thus decline to be lowered in their province; but this does not effect the spirit of my argument, for undoubtedly they are many eminent Provincial Grand Masters and Deputies who have never been Grand Officers. Briefly then, my position is this—The Book of Constitutions says "that Provincial Grand Officers in their district shall have the rank and privileges of Grand Officers," whatever that rank and whatever those privileges may be, and, therefore, in any province Grand Officers cannot have further or greater privileges than its Provincial Grand Officers. If the Grand Master, accompanied by his officers, honours Provincial Grand Lodge with his presence, he, by virtue of his supremacy, as well as by the express words of the Book of Constitutions, takes precedence, as he certainly would in any assembly of Freemasons; his Wardens, too, take precedence of the Wardens of the province, but not of its Grand Master and his Deputy; his Deacons may take precedence of its Grand Deacons, but not of its Wardens, and so of the other offices. Surely, it is enough for a Grand Deacon to be at the head of all the Grand Deacons of England, without claiming to be above all the Provincial Grand Masters or Grand Wardens, while acting in their respective provinces, and who, out of their province, belong simply "to the rank and file" of the Craft.

Hoping that I have made my statement in a clear and temperate manner, I am, yours truly and fraternally,

YORK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You were so kind as to give me a good long hearing last week, that my communication this week must be short. But I only wish to point out that, by an accidental typographical error, my words "subsidiary if tantamount," &c., in my letter, should read "subsidiary of tantamount," &c.

I am, yours fraternally,

LEX LATOMICA.

## MASONS' MARKS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Having seen Bro. Lamony's thoughtful suggestion "in re" the Masons' Marks collected by Bro. Creed, and edited by Mr. R. S. Ferguson, in the last volume of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Archaeological Association, I think the suggestion so good a one, that I am in correspondence now on the subject.

Yours fraternally,

EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

## "QUOTATION," &amp;c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I am writing to you, you are welcome to another version of the "Dog Latin" poem which was taught to me in 1837 by my grandfather, who was born in 1778, and was a Fellow of All Souls, Oxford. He was very fond of scraps of scholarship, &c., and he taught me thus:

"Patres conscripti took a boat and went to Philippi;  
Stormum surgebat et boatum oversetebat;  
Omnes drownderunt qui swim away non potuerunt,  
Excipe John Periwig, tied up by the tail of a dead pig.  
Trumpeter unus erat qui coatum scarlet habebat."

Yours fraternally,

P.G.C.

## THE LATE BRO. DR. A. G. MACKAY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very sorry to inform you of the death of my friend and brother Dr. A. G. Mackay, of Washington, D.C. (U.S.A.)

He has been in the front rank as a Masonic Author and Editor for many years, and his last work, the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," is a lasting monument of his learning, research, and zeal.

Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, (the Grand Secretary, Grand Chap. R.A., &c.), tells me our lamented brother died "last Monday," which would be 20th June, as the communication is dated 22nd ult.

His works are very numerous, and several of them exceedingly valuable.

His loss will be deeply deplored by all Masonic students and scholars.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Reviews.

## LE MONDE MACONNIQUE for June.

This magazine for June is taken up with a necrology and account of Professor Littré. Amid the great admiration there is just now among French Freemasons for this "Didaskalos" of the Positivist School, we cannot be surprised at finding the "Monde Maçonique" giving up its pages to his history and laudation. We can only trust that some fine day the intelligent and serious of the French Freemasons will wake up to the inherent absurdity, inconsistency, and unreality of the theories of Comte and Co, and will realize the serious mischief therefrom flowing, though at first it may seem a paradox to say so, to humanity at large. Positivism is nothing after all but the glorification of an æsthetic, yet specious, Atheism, and as such will ever be sternly rejected by all loyal Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. Having said this in justice to our own Fraternity, and to the great principles of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, we do not wish to overlook Professor Littré's claim to the admiration and respect of those who look to his literary labours and his intellectual acquirements. His dictionary will long remain a living witness of his ability and his research. We only regret that the honest critic must regard him, alas, as the "fautor," practically, of a "nova irreligio," though he only calls himself a humble disciple of Comte. We cannot understand, indeed, on what principle Bro. Wyrobouf, who is a Freemason and teacher of toleration, should, in defiance of the known wishes of the surviving family of Professor Littré, deliver the address he did at the grave, declaring his friend Littré's disbelief in "eternity," and announcing that he was now the subject of a "social immortality," whatever that may be. We are irresistibly reminded of the First Napoleon's word—"ideologues"—which expresses a good deal.

## CONGRES PROVINCIAL DES ORIENTALISTES FRANCAIS. 1st Bulletin. Vol. II.

There is in this very interesting volume for "Egyptologists" especially, a paper by the Baron "Textor de Ravisi," on "Freemasonry," which deserves translation. If an esteemed brother of ours, who is an "expert" in Egyptology, would favour the readers of the "Masonic Magazine" with a translation of this paper, and with "notes" by himself, he would confer a great pleasure on all Masonic students in general, and advance materially the cause of Masonic archaeology. It is especially and entirely his own field.

## SEVEN YEARS IN SOUTH AFRICA. By EMIL HOLUB. Sampson Low and Co., 188, Fleet-street, London.

This is one of the most genuinely interesting and exciting books we have read for some time, and once taken up we will defy you to put it down. Let us try to realize what is the meaning of spending seven, perhaps, too, the best years of our life, amid savages, and hard living, dangers

many and deadly, a bad climate, and all the drawbacks of savage life, and then perhaps we shall understand what a real love of exploration animated the efforts and doings of this courageous "pioneer" of civilization. He intimates that he means to return to his work, greatly for the benefit of humanity, and in the still more arduous endeavour to open out "Central Africa." All we can say who "live at home at ease," that such labours and daring are very meritorious, and ought to make those rank high among men who go forth so boldly in the good providence of T.G.A. O.T.U., and very often succumb to malaria or fever, wild animals or treacherous foes, and number them among the benefactors and the "heroes" of mankind. We thank Mr. Holub for a most interesting book, admirably translated by Miss Ellen E. Frewer, and hope that he may have health and strength, and that all good may attend him in his future peregrinations and discoveries.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

What is Bro. Steinbrenner's authority for the statement that in 1396 he finds an entry (where?) "Lathomos vocatos Fremaceons?" I have seen a similar entry somewhere, though my references fail me, but not, I think, so early. As I have often said, the first mention of Freemasonry I have verified is 1435. In 1426 they are called "Latami," and the lodge "Loyge." I rather doubt the early spelling of "Lathomos." If anything they would be "Latomos," or "Latamos," without the "h." Bro. Steinbrenner is wrong about the Act of Edward III. Freemasonry does not occur, though "Maitre Macon de Franche pierre" does, and hence Bro. Halliwell's suggestion of "Free Stonemasons."

Bro. Steinbrenner's "History of Freemasonry" is an interesting compilation, and very compact and readable. For my part, I shall only be too glad if his statement of the use of the word "Fremaceons" in 1396 turns out to be correct.

I am aware, indeed, that my old friend, E. W. Shaw, in the "Freemason's Magazine" for 1862, mentions at Exeter the use of the word "Freemason" in the Fabric Rolls for 1396, 1397, and 1427. But he does not give the "document" or the "ipsisima verba" of the passage. Mr. W. Papworth, in a lecture printed in the same work, January, 1862, takes practically the same view as I do, that Freemasonry is of fifteenth century use, and he uses the word "Latomos" somewhat earlier, and subsequently to "Coementarii." A friend tells me that the words "lathomos vocatos Fremaceons" are in a communication of Mr. Papworth's in May to that Magazine, but all that I find then and there are "Masonic Facts," by E. W. Shaw. I am, therefore, fully confident that Lathomos is a late use, and that if now we can light upon the original passage, "lathomos vocatos Fremaceons" it is later than 1400.

## MASONIC STUDENT.

## MASONS' MARKS.

The Editor of the "Cyclopædia" has done well to refer to the Masons' marks, and, in an able communication, has stated many points of importance on that interesting subject. I cannot, however, agree with him that "it is very doubtful whether the Apprentices had marks at all," for, as a matter of fact, Apprentices had marks selected during the 17th century in the Lodge of Aberdeen; and what is more important still, I find that in some cases they had exactly the same marks as old Fellow Craftsmen, bearing the same name, and likely enough their fathers or grandfathers. The Scottish records then do not prove that marks were given only at the "passing of Fellow Crafts." I have copies of many marks selected by Apprentices many years prior to the advent of Grand Lodges, and do not adopt the fanciful view of different marks being selected for Apprentices as such and for Fellow Crafts during the 17th century. I quite agree with the Editor as to the folly of supposing marks had to contain an odd number of points, and wonder much how such a notion originated.

W. J. HUGHAN.

I entirely endorse Bro. Lamony's suggestion, and hope that it may be feasible; and hope the editor of the "Masonic Magazine" will see his way to complying with it if feasible.

## ANTIQUARIUS.

Has it ever been observed, that what is termed the Masonic Cypher, mainly used, if used abroad, is incorporated in the "marks" also by Masons? There are several cyphers to which the same remark applies. This fact and the other, that the so-called magical or Hermetic alphabet, to which the Masonic cypher has much akin, is to be found in Masons' Marks, are "points" worth noting in the discussion.

## MASONIC STUDENT.

## INIGO JONES' MS.

By a little typographical error, unfortunately overlooked by me, the words "Inigo Jones fecit" ought to be "Inigo Jones delin." It is important to be correct in every particular.

## EDITOR "MASONIC MAGAZINE."

## ALCHEMISTS.

Can any of the readers of the "Freemason" give me any particulars of the "last alchemists," so termed—Dr. Price, of Guildford; Peter Woulfe, of Barnard's Inn; and "Kellerman," of Lilley, a small village between Luton and Hitchin? Is anything known of their wills, or what became of their libraries and MSS., or whether or no they were Freemasons?

## MASONIC STUDENT.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—"Let good digestion attend on appetite." Holloway's Pills are universally acknowledged to be the safest, speediest, and best corrective for indigestion; loss of appetite, acidity, flatulency, and nausea are a few of the inconveniences which are remedied with ease by these purifying Pills. They strike at the root of all abdominal ailments, they excite in the stomach a proper secretion of gastric juice, and regulate the action of the liver, promoting in that organ a copious supply of pure, wholesome bile, so necessary for digestion. These Pills remove all distention and obstruction, and, from their harmless composition, are peculiarly well adapted for delicate persons and young children; they expel impurities, strengthen the system, and give muscular tone.—[ADVT.]

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

In addition to the brethren present at the festival last week at Brighton the following ladies honoured the company with their presence: Mrs. Styer, Mrs. Hurst, Miss Belton, Mrs. R. Bennett, Mrs. Cama, Miss Abbey, Mrs. Abbey, Mrs. W. J. Johns, Mrs. W. Lake, Mrs. J. T. Chappell, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Hetherington, Miss Sharp, Miss Kidd, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. H. H. Davis, Mrs. J. M. Reed, Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. Linton, Mrs. George Kenning, Mrs. A. Williamson, Mrs. Nye Chart, Mrs. C. Vaughan, Mrs. Jefferies, Mrs. G. Masters, Miss Holeman, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Lattrell, Mrs. Dowell, Mrs. Mildred, Miss Davis, Miss Jarwood, and Mrs. Plucknett.

In our list of subscriptions the following names should have been placed under the heading of Yorkshire (North and East Riding), instead of Worcestershire, to which province the amounts were inadvertently credited:—

Prov. Lodge and Chapter	£	s.	d.
Lodge	15	15	0
57 Bro. J. Walton	57	15	0
312 " J. W. Woodall	35	15	0
1605 " Henry Preston	25	0	0
1611 " T. B. Whythead	15	15	0

MASONIC PRESENTATION.

Bro. the Rev. J. A. Willson being about to leave the curacy of Shirley, Southampton, was last week presented with a purse of sovereigns, accompanied by an illuminated address, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by his brother Freemasons, and of their appreciation of the manner in which he has discharged his duties as Chaplain of the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112. The presentation, following a complimentary dinner, was made by W. Bro. Parkinson, I.P.M. of the Shirley Lodge, at his residence, Cleveland House, in the presence of numerous brethren, on whose behalf he expressed to the reverend gentleman their "Hearty good wishes" for his health and happiness in the new sphere of work to which he hopes to be called.

Bro. Willson made an appropriate response, thanking the brethren for their expressions of regard, and also for the very practical way in which it had been exemplified.

The presentation, we may add, was not a lodge matter, but was taken up by a few of the members during the summer vacation.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

**CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Airstreet, W. There were present Bros. J. E. Shand, W.M.; B. Swallow, P.G.D. Middlesex, Treas., P.M.; B. Turner, I.P.M.; E. J. Scott, Sec.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P. (hon. member); G. P. Festa, as S.W.; J. Waugh, J.W.; H. Cox, as S.D.; J. Hammond, W.M. Trinity College Lodge, J.D.; W. C. Smith, as I.G.; H. Hoare, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. G. P. Festa, S.W. designate 1900, and Hedges, J.W. designate 1900, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

After the lodge had been opened, two gentlemen, Messrs. Brander and Filhon, were balloted for and initiated. Bro. Newman was passed to the Second Degree and Bro. Higgins raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge was then closed.

About twenty brethren afterwards dined together at the Café Royale, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Shand, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

**ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).**—On Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. Alfred Brookman, S.W., entertained the W.M. and the members of the above lodge, together with other Masonic friends to the number of thirty, at the New Forest Hotel, Chingford. After partaking of a sumptuous banquet, Bro. Brookman proposed "The Queen and the Royal Family," in response to which the whole party sang the National Anthem to the pianoforte accompaniment of Bro. Bergman. Bro. Brookman then gave "The Health of the W.M." In introducing the toast of the evening to you, that of "The Health of the W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, Bro. Kenning," it needs no words of mine to the brethren of the Aldersgate Lodge to cause that toast to be received with the greatest cordiality. To all the members it is known how well and worthily he has maintained the high prestige which that lodge (short though its life has been) has won for itself in the esteem of the Craft. Apology is, perhaps, due from myself in standing here as a Warden criticising the action of his Master, but Bro. Kenning will forgive me if on this one occasion I speak in the name of the lodge, and state that that lodge, of which he is Master, has the highest sense of the great efficiency which he has brought to bear upon all the work of the lodge during his term of office, and that it has been still a cause of congratulation that the lodge has been to the front in the lists of the Charities. In estimation of the high appreciation in which Bro. Kenning is held, I have only to call to mind that the lodge did him the highest honour it was possible to do—that of electing him for a second time Master at the expiration of his year of office. He has had predecessors in the chair, who command the respect of all who come in contact with them, and I may add the affection of those who know them in lodge as we do. He worthily succeeded to them, and when the time comes for him to hand over to another the Mastership of the Aldersgate Lodge, that position will have been much enhanced by the able way Bro. Kenning has filled the office. He has, indeed, set a high example to all who come after him. Speaking as one of his officers I would like on the part of all of them to bear witness to his great kindness and urbanity on all occasions. To those friends present who belong to other lodges I can as confidently appeal to give due honour to this toast, as Bro. Kenning's is a name known world-wide in connection with Masonry, and wherever known has gained great respect. I take this opportunity of thanking

them for coming here to-day, and joining in this compliment to him, and in the name of all present I tender to him the earnest wish for his happiness and prosperity in all his relations of life, social, commercial, and Masonic. Bro. Kenning, in reply, said that he was deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him by the kindness of Bro. Brookman in entertaining the Aldersgate Lodge, and in proposing his health as W.M. in such a pleasant manner, whilst for the exceedingly cordial way in which it had been received he felt very much gratified. He was proud of his membership of that lodge, and that feeling was intensified by the fact that he had been unanimously elected their W.M., not only for one year, but for two in succession. This re-election was, however, tinged with a certain amount of regret, for had Bro. Dr. Alder Smith occupied the chair, he, with his great abilities and talent, would most certainly have filled it to greater advantage than it was possible for him—the speaker—to do. For two reasons he was proud of the Aldersgate Lodge: first on account of the good and useful work it was doing—it brought friends and neighbours together in social fellowship, and in thus meeting with good men and true one's-self derived considerable benefit. The second reason was owing to the way in which the lodge supported the Masonic charities: He was aware that some lodges did not attach so much importance to this as it was desirable for them to do, their plea being that the more you develop the charities, the more you make the Order appear as a benefit society, in consequence of which its dignity and tone were lowered. He could only view this from an altogether different stand-point, and that was the patent fact that numbers of boys and girls, the children of the Order, were in need of that education which is so necessary to fit one for the battle of life, whilst there were numbers of old people who, having borne the heat and burden of the day, required more or less help in their declining years. To the speaker's mind, these reasons were amply sufficient, and he considered it a duty and a privilege for every lodge to do its utmost to support these Masonic charities. The previous day he attended at Brighton as their Steward the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at which by their generous liberality he had the pleasure of handing in a list amounting to more than £50, and in thus doing helped to swell the whole to a grand total of £11,600. Bro. Kenning continued: Now I find on referring to the records of the previous festivals that the Aldersgate Lodge, now in its fifth year of existence, has contributed to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution £343 12s. 6d.; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £222 5s. 6d.; to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £199 7s.; making a total of £765 5s. But we must not nor do we forget that the success of the lodge is mainly due to the well deserved popularity, to the social position, as well as to the open-handed munificence of our first W.M., Bro. John Derby Allcroft, a large and warm-hearted brother, a brother whose daily study is to make himself more extensively serviceable to his fellow creatures. Then we had our dear brother the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette. Well, of him, like learning and knowledge, of which he is such an able representative, the more you know the more you feel you want to know. Then came our Bro. Altman. Can any mention one more active and zealous, whether as churchwarden, as Common Councilman, or to represent the lodge on the Board of General Purposes, or in forming a lodge of instruction. I think not. Our Bro. Altman is ever to the fore, ready to aid us when or wherever his services may be required. Following such men I felt at my election that I was undertaking a great responsibility, and very much feared that I should not be able to keep up that prestige which the lodge had attained under the able and skilful leadership of my predecessors, but the constant kindness, consideration, and support I have received from every member of the lodge have given me a confidence and a stimulus to do my best, and you must really forgive me when I say that I lay the flattering unctio to my soul that this gathering is a proof that my efforts have not been altogether unavailing. I again thank you most heartily, and in so doing take up another subject, which I am sure will meet with the fullest approbation of every brother present—it is "The Health of our host, Bro. Alfred Brookman." Whilst sitting on the pier at Brighton the thought passed through my mind of having to propose Bro. Brookman's health, and with the thought came a fast and furious rush of those good qualities by which he is so thoroughly characterised. Had you been with me then I am sure I could have made you a very long speech. I thought of the thrill of pleasure I always experienced in shaking his hand, feeling as I did on those occasions that it was a hand worth grasping, one that would be always extended for my good, ready even to strike in my defence. Our brother is always ready and anxious to assist every worthy cause, is ever mindful of the wants of others. It matters not whether it is a child seeking admission to one of our educational institutions, an old brother broke down in the race of life, or an appeal from any worthy source, our brother is sure to be there at the right time, and with shoulder to the wheel, he ensures the success of the one, whilst, with purse in hand, he relieves the wants of the others. At times such as these we leave our brother refreshed and stimulated for further work. Never does he urge a hundred-and-one reasons why he should not do what is requested, on the contrary, he gives you what is necessary, and with what pleasure, too, his eyes plainly indicating, "I wish I could do more." You may communicate to him what you please, feeling assured that if repeated it will not be twisted and turned so that what you may have said comes out with an entirely different meaning. You may depend upon our brother on all occasions with the full assurance that your character is in safe keeping. Why, brethren, if I had twenty characters—by the bye, I have but one, and some say that is a bad one—I say if I had twenty characters, I would not hesitate to commit them to Bro. Brookman's keeping. Now, brethren, I insist that Masonry ought to be proud of such a brother; I know the Aldersgate Lodge is more especially so, on account of the fact that in it our brother was initiated. I could say much more respecting our brother, but it is unnecessary to those who know him so well as you all do. I cannot sit down without remarking how much we are indebted to our esteemed brother for this splendid outing and this sumptuous banquet, both of which we have so immensely enjoyed. Brethren, I give you "The Health of our Bro. Brookman," wishing him and all connected with him long life, health, and happiness. Bro. Brookman, in reply, said: The extremely kind way in which Bro. Kenning has proposed, and the overwhelmingly

cordial manner in which you have received my name, have completely sent out of my head any few ideas in which I might have expressed to you how I value the esteem which you have just been good enough to evince. Suffice it to say that I always congratulate myself in being received into Masonry under one who, to my mind, exemplifies in an excellent degree one of the highest teachings of Masonry—that of Charity—and it would be difficult to find a name more coupled with that great virtue, within and outside the Masonic body, than that of the first Master of the Aldersgate Lodge, Bro. Allcroft. I have also the feeling that if one's choice had to be made again that the Aldersgate, of all other lodges, is the one I should wish to be initiated in, and I hope that this feeling is shared in by all who have been introduced into Masonry under its banner. Brethren, again I heartily thank you. Bro. John Derby Allcroft proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers Present," to which Bros. Rawson, Levander, and Case replied, wishing success to the Aldersgate Lodge. "The Health of the Past Masters, Bros. J. D. Allcroft, the Rev. Dr. Brette, and A. J. Altman," was proposed by Bro. Samuel White, S.D., and responded to by each; after which Bro. Brookman gave the toast of "The Absent Brethren."

**NORTH WALSHAM.—Unanimity Lodge (No. 102).**—On Monday, the 4th inst., the members of this lodge held a lodge of emergency at the King's Arms, for the purpose of presenting Bro. George Smith, who has for forty-three years uninterruptedly held the office of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer to the lodge, with a testimonial. The lodge having been duly opened, the W.M., the Rev. J. Neville White, in presenting the testimonial referred to the services done to Freemasonry by Bro. Smith, his admirable management of the business and the funds of the lodge; his courtesy and willingness at all times to impart instruction to younger Masons; and that the lodge not only bore the name of Unanimity, but had always practised what that name implies, was in a great measure due to the tact displayed by Bro. Smith. The W.M. further remarked that Bro. Smith had not been content to confine his labours to the office of Secretary and Treasurer, but had on five occasions filled the Master's chair in his lodge, had been G.S.B. in 1858; S.G.W. in 1869, and was, he believed, almost the oldest Mason in the province. The Masonic Charities had always had a firm friend in Bro. Smith, who was in his life and conduct an embodiment of the virtues and graces characteristic of Freemasonry. The W.M. then, amidst rounds of Masonic applause, begged Bro. Smith's acceptance of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, engraved with Masonic emblems, and inscribed as follows: "Presented to Bro. George Smith, by his brethren of the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 102, in token of their fraternal regard and esteem for him as a good man, a good Mason, and a good Secretary of their lodge for the past forty-three years. June, 5881." The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, and the evening was spent in order.

**LIVERPOOL.—Merchants' Lodge (No. 249).**—The annual installation festival in connection with this "crack" lodge, which has deservedly held a high position in the annals of local Freemasonry for more than a century, was celebrated on Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, the latter including many Provincial Grand Officers and Worshipful Masters of various lodges in the city. The W.M. elect was Bro. John Latta. He was presented by Bro. T. Salter, P.M., P.G. Steward, and Bro. James Winsor, P.M. 203 and 241. Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.M. 241 and P.P.G.R., was the Installing Master, and he performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner, his services receiving the cordial recognition of the brethren. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas H. Sheen, I.P.M.; Thomas Whitehead, S.W.; James Pendleton, J.W.; Dr. S. J. M'George, P.P.G.R., Treas. (re-elected); John Brotherton, Sec.; Thomas Salter, P.M., D.C.; A. B. Ewart, Org.; Roger White, S.D.; C. A. Luker, J.D.; S. Jude, I.G.; and Peter Ball, Tyler.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren banqueted under the presidency of the W.M. In the course of the evening a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by members of the lodge, was presented to Bro. T. H. Sheen, the retiring Master. "The Health of the W.M.," felicitously proposed by the I.P.M., was heartily honoured. A select programme was contributed by several musical members of the Craft, Bro. Ewart presiding at the piano.

**EASTBOURNE.—Tyrian Lodge (No. 1110).**—The annual meeting of this lodge and installation of the W.M. for the year took place at the Gildridge Hotel on Monday, the 27th ult. The ceremony of installation was performed in a very able manner by Bro. Adamson, P.M. The following is a full list of the officers: Bros. George Perry, W.M.; C. W. Tones, S.W.; A. Lye, J.W.; C. Tomes, Treas.; A. Newman, S.D.; Dean, J.D.; Bartholomew, I.G.; W. Leach, Org.; Sutton and Easter, Stewards. Including visitors, nearly fifty brethren were present. The lodge ceremonies were performed for the first time with musical accompaniment, and very successfully, some of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral rendering material assistance.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the brethren dined together in the large new room recently built in conjunction with the Gildridge Hotel. Bro. Sutton catered in a very admirable manner, the waiting being exceptionally good. The usual loyal and Craft toasts having been enthusiastically submitted, Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. Grand Sec., responded to the toast of "The Provincial Officers," and thanked the brethren for their handsome donation of ten guineas to his list for the Festival of the Boys' School at Brighton on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The brethren spent a very pleasant evening together, some capital songs and recitations being given.

**EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).**—This flourishing Cumberland Lodge held its anniversary on Tuesday afternoon, the 28th ult. Assembling in the Oddfellows' Hall, at two o'clock, Bro. J. J. Robson, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by about forty members, not to omit the visiting brethren, who also mustered in strong force. This being a lodge of emergency, the only business was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., took the chair, when Bro. J. F. Kirkconnell, W.M. elect, was presented, and subsequently installed in

a Board comprising the following: Bros. C. Morton, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.W.; Muncaster, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. W. H. Strickland, P.M. 1267, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Lindow Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Baxter, P.M. 1267; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G. Sec.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Metcalfe, P.M. 310; J. Sutherst, W.M. 94, Sunderland; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Tyler; T. Mandle, P.M. 371, P.G.D.C.; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.G. Sword Bearer; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, P. G. Steward; W. Benlay, W.M. 119; W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg.

After the closing of the Board of Installed Masters, the next portion of the ceremony was taken up by Bro. Baxter, P.M., and finally, Bro. Ironmaster, P.M., delivered the address to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The following were the officers appointed: Bros. Dr. Calderwood, S.W.; Dr. Speirs, J.W.; Rev. G. B. Armes, P.G. Chap.; E. Chapman, Treasurer; W. Sharp, Secretary and Organist; Dr. Braithwaite, S.D.; J. Black, I.D.; J. Lewthwaite, I.G.; W. Woosnam, J. Dyson, B. Grey, and W. Blythe, Stewards; W. Towerson, D.C.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, an adjournment was made to the Wheatsheaf Inn, where the brethren partook of a sumptuous repast, on the invitation of the W.M., Bro. Kirkconnell. A very harmonious evening was spent by all, and during the proceedings, a substantial amount was subscribed in aid of the Boys' School.

#### INSTRUCTION.

##### WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

A numerously attended meeting of this lodge was held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, E.C., on Monday, the 27th ult., under the Preceptorship of Bro. Pennefather, when the Fifteen Sections were well rehearsed by the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, Bros. S. E. Mess, W.M.; B. R. Peary, S.W.; and A. W. Fenner, J.W.

The Sections were worked as follows:—

#### FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section ... ..	Bro. Goodenough.
2nd " " " "	" Sproat.
3rd " " " "	" C. Patrick.
4th " " " "	" J. P. Cohen.
5th " " " "	" Sproat.
6th " " " "	" H. J. Lardner.
7th " " " "	" H. J. Lardner.

#### SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section ... ..	Bro. A. R. Green.
2nd " " " "	" D. Moss.
3rd " " " "	" C. Weedon.
4th " " " "	" H. P. Isaac.
5th " " " "	" J. King.

#### THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section ... ..	Bro. J. P. Cohen.
2nd " " " "	" A. W. Fenner.
3rd " " " "	" R. Peary.

Bros. Moss, Peary, and Fenner were made honorary members; several brethren were elected members. After the business was completed the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated with fraternal greetings and a hope of spending many such pleasant evenings together.

Another meeting of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction was held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, E.C., on Monday, 4th inst., when the lodge was adjourned until the last Monday in September.

### Royal Arch.

##### FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1503).

This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 23rd ult., when there were present Comps. Thrupp, M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, H.; Cama, P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, S.N.; W. H. Saunders, S.E.; R. Saunders, 1st Assistant; and Metier, 2nd Assistant. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Cama was presented with a Past Principal's jewel, in recognition of his services to the chapter. Several communications from absent members having been read, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to a cold collation. The usual toasts followed. Comp. Walls responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the Principals" was proposed by Comp. Saunders, and acknowledged by the M.E.Z. "The Health of the I.P.Z." was given in flattering terms by the M.E.Z., and the toast having been warmly received, Comp. Cama briefly responded, and the proceedings terminated.

##### WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).

A meeting of this chapter was held on the 30th ult. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Great delay occurred, owing to the non-arrival of one of the Principals, but, fortunately for the chapter, Comp. Green, P.Z., being on a visit to the hotel, and finding the perplexing position the chapter was in, on solicitation gladly consented to assist, and being voted the post of honour, opened the chapter, assisted by M.E. Comps. Elliott, as H., and Butt, J. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Capt. E. Pettett, who had been previously successfully balloted for, being present, was raised to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z. presiding, who discharged the duties in a most exemplary manner; Comp. Lardner being the active prompter to the whole of the ceremony, a duty he ably performed, and which gave great satisfaction to the chapter. M.E. Comp. Elliott then rose and paid a high compliment to Comp. Green, P.Z., not only for his excellent working, but for the kind manner which had prompted him to give his services on the present occasion. He could assure him that he had not only his best thanks, but also those of the chapter, for the able way he had discharged the Principal's duties, and, although only a small compliment, he should propose that a vote or thanks be given to him, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the chapter. Comp. H. Butt seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried. Comp. Green, P.Z., in returning thanks, stated what he had done that night gave him great pleasure, and he was glad to find his services appreciated. The business of the meeting being ended, the chapter was closed in due form. The following members were present: Comps. G. S. Elliott, T. Butt, J.; Mallett, S.E.; Lardner, S.N.; Goodenough, P.S.; King, A.S.; Patrick, Forsc., and Marsh, Janitor.

#### HASTINGS.—Emulation Chapter (No. 40).

The installation meeting of this chapter took place at the Castle Hotel, last week. Comp. Dr. Trollope conducted the ceremonies in a most masterly manner, the retiring Principals each performing their difficult task very efficiently. The three Principals for the ensuing year are Comps. Rev. Cave-Brown Cave, M.A., M.E.Z.; T. H. Cole, H.; and F. Rossiter, J. The retiring first Principal was Comp. Dr. Croucher, and for the very excellent manner in which he performed the duties of his office last week and during the previous two years, he was unanimously voted a P.Z.'s jewel. At the close of the business, which lasted three hours, the companions dined together, when the usual loyal and Craft toasts were drunk. Comp. Jos. Farncombe, Z., No. 311, responded to the toast of "The Principals of the various Chapters in Sussex," and Comp. Major Gant to that of "The Visitors." The companions spent a very pleasant evening.

### Mark Masonry.

##### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).

This lodge held its last meeting for the season at Anderton's Hotel, on the 21st ult., when there were present among others Bros. A. Tisley, W.M.; Richnell, S.W.; Tinney, acting J.W.; T. C. Walls, G.S.B., I.P.M.; J. H. Dodson, M.O. and Treasurer; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Works, P.M. and Sec.; Beddingfield, S.O.; W. E. Farrington, J.O.; F. Farrington, S.D.; C. Brown, J.D.; Grugger, I.G.; W. Farrington, jun., Org. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. Dudley was duly advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. by the W.M.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Bro. Walls acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," and then proposed "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Tisley having responded then gave "The Advance." This pledge having been warmly drunk, Bro. Dudley made an amusing speech in response. "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Richnell, S.W. The Tyler's toast having been called, the proceedings terminated.

### Knights Templar.

##### MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).

This old encampment met at the Eel Pie Hotel, Twickenham, on the 24th ult. Among the members present were Sir Knights T. C. Walls, E.C.; Dr. Saunders, 2nd Capt.; C. Driver, G.A.D.C., P.E.C.; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., &c., Recorder; F. Driver, C. of L.; Graveley, S.B.; W. Roebuck, P.E.C.; and H. J. Lardner. The visitors were Sir Knights Thrupp, G. Recorder, &c., and R. W. Stewart. The proceedings were of a formal character, and merely consisted of reading the minutes.

The members and their guests then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given. Sir Knights Driver and Thrupp responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers." "The Health of the E.C." followed. Sir Knight Walls having replied, then gave "The Past Eminent Commander," and at the conclusion of his preface to the toast, respectively presented Sir Knights Paas, Dewar, Roebuck, and Driver with a P.E.C.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted to them at the previous meeting. Each recipient having briefly acknowledged the gift, "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Sir Knights Thrupp and R. Stewart, followed. The pledge having been responded to, the proceedings terminated.

### New Zealand.

##### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTH ISLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge for the North Island of New Zealand, under the E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on the 17th of March last. Present: V.W. Bro. George Sisson Cooper, D.D.G.M., as D.G.M.; W. Bros. Sir Edward Osborne Gibbes, Bart., D.G.S.W.; C. A. Vallance, G.J.W.; Rev. Charles H. S. Nicholls, D.G. Chap.; E. Drury Butts, D.G. Sec.; A. Koch, D.G. Supt. of Works, as D.G.S.D.; K. Wilson, D.G.J.D.; Daniel Charles Maunsell, D.G. Steward; Bros. Thomas McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; W. E. Taylor, S.W., N.Z. Pacific, 517; J. M. Girdleston, W.M. Lodge Masterton, 1430; and visitors.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. J. Batt, D.G. Swd. Bearer, and P. J. O'Carroll, D.G. Steward.

The minutes of the quarterly communication of the 16th December, 1880, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The roll of lodges was called, and responded to as follows: 517, New Zealand Pacific; 1430, Masterton; 1521, Wellington; 1720, Greytown; 1721, United Manawatu; 1812, Heretaunga.

The R.V.D.G.M. of Auckland was announced, and upon entering was received in due form.

The D.G. SECRETARY announced the issuing of the following dispensations since last communication:—For opening a new lodge at Nelson, to be named the Victory, first W.M., Bro. Leonard George Boor; Bros William Byers Sealey, S.W.; Robert Wilkinson Pownall, J.W. To Bro. Kenneth Wilson, W.M. Wellington Lodge, 1521, to enable him to pass a candidate to the Second Degree at a less interval than four weeks, but not less than one week.

The D.G. SECRETARY announced the receipt of two letters from Bros. Dimant and Mountain, which were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

A letter was read from Bro. E. Warburton, W.M. of Lodge United Manawatu, 1721, as to the right of E.A.'s and F.C.'s to vote and speak in open lodge. Several of the brethren having stated what was the custom in the lodges to which they were affiliated, the matter was referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report at the next Quarterly Communication of District Grand Lodge.

The D.G. SECRETARY announced the receipt of a warrant of constitution from Grand Lodge for the St. John's Lodge, Featherston. The number on the roll of lodges was 1888.

Several certificates were reported to have been issued during the last three months.

On behalf of the Treasurer, several sums, amounting to £84 3s., were announced as received. There had also been received a special quarterage fee of £15 17s. from the Victoria Lodge, towards the reduction of the District Grand Lodge debt.

A sum of £20 had been paid to the trustees of the Pacific Lodge towards the reduction of the loan to the District Grand Lodge; and a further sum of £40 had been voted by the Board of General Purposes to the same object, and would be paid immediately.

On the motion of Bro. Koch, D.G.S. of Wrks., seconded by Bro. M'KENZIE, P.D.G.S.D., a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Victoria Lodge for its very handsome donation, and a hope was expressed that the same liberal spirit would be shown by other lodges that had promised donations, but had not yet paid.

Bro. GRAHAM, D.G.M. of Auckland, who had just returned from Europe, spoke of the pleasure he had enjoyed while in London from his visits to lodges in the metropolis, and the invariable courtesy he had met with from Grand Lodge Officers and others. He was pleased to state that the working of lodges in New Zealand compared favourably with those at home.

The D.G.M. returned the thanks of the lodge to the Right Worshipful brother for his remarks.

Nothing further offering, the District Grand Lodge was closed in form, after prayer offered by the D.G. CHAPLAIN, and adjourned.

### MARK MASONRY.

##### WANGANUI.—Rutland Lodge (No. 273, E.C.)

The most important ceremony in connection with Freemasonry that has ever taken place here was the opening of this lodge, on the 31st March last. The service was a full choral one, under the direction of Bro. Holden, assisted by Bro. John Stevenson at the harmonium, and proved exceedingly impressive. The following are the office-bearers: Bros. Ancher, W.M.M.; Sewell, S.W.; Matthews, J.W.; Fleetwood, M.O.; H. Nathan, S.O.; Culpan, J.O.; Nicholas, Treasurer; Wales, Secretary; Cenci, Registrar; Horn, S.D.; Spurdle, J.D.; Robinson, D.C.; Keesing, I.G.; Firth, Tyler; and Richmond, Steward. As many as forty brethren were advanced. The W.M.M., Bro. Ancher, conducted the ceremony in an efficient manner, and the lodge was closed in the usual form. The brethren then adjourned to Bro. F. W. Evans', where refreshments were provided, and an hour or two was spent fraternally.

### Amusements.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—"The Bronze Horse."—The production of "The Bronze Horse" at the Alhambra may be unhesitatingly pronounced an enormous success. With the exception perhaps of the Ballet of Birds, and the celebrated China Ballet, there has never been a more gorgeous spectacle presented to the Alhambra loving public than the Japanese Ballet, introduced in the third act of this piece. And having said thus much, it may be safely inferred that the chief object of the frequenters of this establishment was fully attained—such was indeed plainly manifested by the enthusiastic reception given, not only to old favourites, but also to the new stars and company generally, on Monday night. Never has the Alhambra been more crowded than it was at the opening of this promising piece. The resources of the box office, however, under the courteous direction of Mr. Boss, were fully equal to the occasion, in spite of the rush which invariably occurs when anything new is produced at this house. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the general manager of the theatre, Mr. Sutton, for the admirable arrangements for the ventilation of the auditorium, a most important point with the thermometer at 85°. Mr. Howard Paul may be also congratulated upon his libretto, and upon the excellent order into which he has drilled the staff under his command. The scenery throughout the whole play is superb, the room in Miyako's farmhouse being especially worthy of attention as illustrating in gorgeous colour all the peculiarities of Japanese decoration. Mr. Hann is the able designer. All the details of the piece were carried out with as much precision as if the play had been on the stage six months, the Bronze Horse and other properties reflecting much credit on Mr. Sloman, the talented machinist, assisted by Mr. Buckley. That the costumes were all strikingly original in design and gorgeous in their colouring need scarcely be said, but Miss Fisher and the Messrs. May may be particularly congratulated upon certain copper-coloured dresses introduced into the ballet, the colour of which is complementary to some charming light blue costumes which have preceded them. The plot is somewhat difficult to understand, but that is of no consequence to an Alhambra audience. It appears that two magical elements are introduced into the piece—the one the Cheval de Bronz, the other a certain bracelet, which possesses, amongst other properties, the power of turning objectionable individuals into stone at the will of the wearer. The Great Bamboo (Mr. Henry Paulton) is apparently a polygamist, and his fourth wife Sou-Sou (Miss Alice May), and also his fifth and latest wife Peki (Miss Fanny Leslie), are introduced to the audience. Bamboo is tired of Sou-Sou (No. 4), and cares only for Peki (No. 5). The Prince Toko (Mr. Fred Leslie) is also in love with Peki, but in neither case is the affection reciprocal, Peki being faithful to a certain farm labourer, Yanko (Mr. L. Kelleher.) Now comes the point of the Bronze Horse. It appears that any one who mounts this animal is conveyed aloft into space, and this is just what has happened to Yanko, who has either voluntarily or involuntarily taken a rash flight on this preternaturally gifted steed. Consequently there is much shedding of tears on the part of Peki, who imagines that Yanko has been lost in the clouds. Subsequently, however, Yanko returns, much to the joy of Peki, but, of course, much to the annoyance of Bamboo. Later on the magical bracelet changes hands, and comes into the possession of Peki, who immediately turns Bamboo, the Prince, and (if we are right) Miyako into stone. Peki next permits the head only of Bamboo to



Masonic Tidings.

Comp. the Rev. Cave-Browne-Cave was installed M.E.Z. of the Emulation Chapter, No. 40, Hastings, at the last meeting of that chapter.

Bro. Lord Carington is gazetted as captain of the corps of gentlemen-at-arms, in succession to the Marquis of Huntly.

Bro. J. S. Clarke, having completed a series of engagements in the United States, will shortly return to London.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Mr. H. C. Richards delivered two addresses at the Mutual Improvement Hall, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the inauguration of a Working Men's Conservative Association for the town and district.

Bro. G. Sims, C.C., presided at the annual summer dinner of the Past Officers' Club, held at the White Hart Hotel, Windsor, on Wednesday last.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery, at his rent-audit, has again remitted 15 per cent. on the half-year's rents due at Lady-day from the tenants on his lordship's estates at Mentmore, Beds, and Hoggston, Bucks.

Bro. ex-Sheriff East is among the biographies presented to the public by Mr. S. E. Thomas, S.C.L., in the July part of *Celebrities of the Day*.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is president of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the advancement of Technical Education, has consented to lay the foundation stone of the Central Institution, in Exhibition-road, South Kensington, on the afternoon of Monday, the 18th inst.

Bro. Sir John Bennett delivered a lecture at the Collyer Schools, High-street, Peckham, on the subject of the "House of Lords," on Wednesday last.

Bros. J. Defries and Sons, of Houndsditch, have again been entrusted with the contract for lighting the camp for the National Rifle Association at the forthcoming meeting.

We have received the following corrections and additions to the list of subscriptions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bros. R. W. Mitchell, I.P.M., and R. W. Downings, W.M., represented the Gosport Lodge, the former with thirty-five guineas and the latter with forty guineas. The list of Bro. J. Bodenham, who appears as representing North Wales and Shropshire, should have come under the heading of Staffordshire. Bro. Bodenham has also a list for North Wales and Shropshire, but it is incomplete and has yet to be sent in. The name "Bro. Wilkinson" should read "Bro. Williamson."

Bro. Alderman and Mrs. Knight were presented with a valuable and appropriate gift, in the form of a silver model of the Cripple Gate of the sixteenth century, by Mr. Deputy Brass, on behalf of the members of the Common Council and Ward Clerks of Cripplegate, on Wednesday, the 29th ult.

Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., and E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., were among the speakers at the annual meeting of the Church Defence Institution, held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bro. Major-General Sir Frederick Sleig Roberts, V.C., Bart., G.C.B., R.A., has been appointed a member of the Council of the Governor of Fort St. George, at Madras, in the East Indies.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., has consented to preside at the forthcoming anniversary festival of the Metropolitan Free Hospital.

We are informed, says the *Jewish Chronicle*, that it is in contemplation to establish a new Masonic lodge to be named the Baron Henry de Worms Lodge. Baron de Worms has consented to be the first Master of the lodge, which it is intended shall be held at Silver's Rooms, 117, Gower-street.

Bro. G. H. Smith, manager of the North Metropolitan Tramways, is, after his illness, back again at his duties in connection with the undertaking towards the success of which his zeal and assiduity have contributed very much. His attack was evidently the result of overwork, and it is to be hoped that he will not exert himself unnecessarily until his strength is further restored.

Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, having partially recovered from the effects of the recent operation performed upon his tongue by Mr. J. A. Bloxam, has left his residence in Portman-square for 12, Queen's-gardens, West Brighton.

No fewer than three installations have taken place in Liverpool during the week, that connected with St. John's Lodge, No. 673, on Tuesday; with the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, on Wednesday; and with the Mariners Lodge, No. 249, on Thursday. Fuller particulars will be given in a future *Freemason*.

Bro. Henry Robertson, P.D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has written, and is about to have published, a Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence, especially applicable to Canadian lodges.

A bazaar was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., and two following days, in a meadow kindly lent by Mr. Woolton, father of Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woolton, Dulwich-road, in aid of St. Jude's Church, Dulwich-road, the Rev. R. B. Ransford, vicar. The proceeds amounted to over £700.

Bro. J. D. Allerost, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, presided at the annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Fox and Knot School and Mission, on Wednesday.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal Commission of the Exhibition at Melbourne, presented to the Queen a medal of Victorian gold from the Exhibition Commissioners.

We regret to announce that, by reason of ill-health, Bro. G. H. Ramey, editor and publisher of the *Masonic Eclectic*, Washington, D.C., has been obliged to temporarily relinquish his connection with that excellent magazine. Bro. W. R. Singleton will have the management of the *Eclectic* during the absence of its chief, who proposes to spend several months abroad.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

return to life, and only restores his whole body to its vital functions on condition that he consents to an immediate divorce between himself and herself, and also to the much-longed for union with *Yanko*. Thus all ends happily, and a general dance in the true Alhambra style concludes the piece. It is extraordinary on a first night to see so complicated a performance "go" like a greased wheel, without a single hitch. From the very commencement all went well. Mons. René Longrois (*Miyako*) appeared to take his audience by storm in the opening air, "To Thee, mighty power." He has a fine voice, and his "get up" was excellent. Mr. Paulton was received with enthusiastic applause. His "method" of acting suits the Alhambra audience "to a T." It can scarcely be called gagging, because it is so arranged that he never puts any of the other actors out; but we may be permitted to remark that his "method" scarcely corresponds with the words put down in the libretto. For our own part, we like him all the better for this, as his observations are usually much more witty and appropriate to the topics of the day than are those found in the "book of words." Miss Fanny Leslie, who won the hearts of all, both before and behind the curtain, by her interpretation of the part of *Griole* in the "Tambour Major," was also received with that exuberance of feeling only found at the Alhambra. Her acting throughout was even and studied, and, although a notice had been circulated asking for the leniency of the audience on account of a hoarseness, we could not help thinking that she acted and sung in her best form; her rendering of the song "On the rock our house beside," being especially dashing and piquante. Mr. Fred Leslie, whose impersonation of the *Duc Della Volta* will not be easily forgotten, appeared in an entirely different rôle as *Prince Toko*, the "first young man" of the piece. It was very evident to those who are familiar with such matters, that Mr. Leslie must have been working very hard at his music since his last appearance at this house. Formerly he sang an air fairly, but with a something of constraint about it, which suggested further practice. Now he is as much at home in song as in speech, and we should not be at all surprised to find him taking a leading part ere long in one of our opera houses, although, we are sure, this would be much to the regret of the Alhambra management. His ballad, "Sleep upon mine eyes descending," was rapturously encored. Miss Alice May, as *Sou-Sou*, *Bamboo's* fourth wife, was undoubtedly in better voice than any one on the stage. How *Bamboo* could be such a fool as to neglect her as he did was beyond our comprehension. But, then, there was *Peki* in the case; and, as we all know, we are all very constant to our fourth love until we get a fifth. Mr. Kelleher (as *Yanko*), who manufactured the part of *Bambiro* in the "Tambour Major," was also well received, his *entrée*, half sliding, half falling down some steps, exhausted as he was after his aerial flight on the bronze horse, being particularly funny. Madame Perla, a new comer, as the *Princess Stella*, made a most favourable impression, although it appeared to us that her *entrée* in the third act was unnecessarily late. She sings well, acts well, and looked superb in her part of the *Princess*, although we must confess we were unable to discover what the *Princess* had to do with the piece. Madame Perla is, indeed, a great addition to the staff of the establishment, and we hope to see her next time in a better part. Of *Ousi* and *Tamba*, her maids, we can only express our unqualified admiration, but we must not let our feelings carry us away. They performed their parts with appropriate dignity. But, after all, the most important part of the performance at this house is really the ballet, which we most emphatically declare is unequalled anywhere on the continent, and in this declaration we include that carefully arranged divertissement which appears to excite to such a feeble degree the hypercritical audience of the Scala at Milan. A correspondence, graceful as the writer who penned it, is to be found in last week's *Era* concerning priority of place amongst the chief dancers at the Alhambra. Those who run may read, but for our own parts we can only say, "How happy could we be with either." If we wish for youth and activity, have we not *Mlle. Palladius*? If our desire is for the poetry of motion combined with a true appreciation of the spirit of dancing, where could we find a better exponent than in *Mlle. Pertoldi*? If we are in search of the essence of pantomime blended with grace of movement, who in this world could satisfy us like *Mlle. Gillett*? And, again, if we wish for an exemplification of the art of dancing as taught to the young idea at the Alhambra, surely *Mlle. Rosa* gratifies our utmost wishes? It was, indeed, refreshing to see the great M. Bertrand dragged on to the stage by a bevy of his fair pupils to acknowledge the repeated calls of the audience for the author and inventor of this most complicated ballet. To describe it in detail is a matter of impossibility. We had visions of bright copper-coloured dresses opposed to another group in light-blue. Twirling Japanese parasols, nodding Mandarins, accompanied by a clash of cymbals and jingling bells, the rapid advance of a whole battalion of dancers, succeeded by an able quartet, who worked together like clock-work, and this followed by a *pas seul* from one of the four unequalled *premieres*. All these elements produced so confusing yet so charming an effect that to describe the means by which it was brought about is, as we say, an impossibility. But all this would have been as nothing without music. Never have we heard the Alhambra band in such perfection as on Monday night. M. Jacobi may, indeed, be congratulated upon his able leadership of the best trained band in London. The performance of the overture was alone worth going to hear, and, as might be expected, it was received with the acclamation it so richly deserved. One word before we close this notice about absent friends. There were in the audience on Monday night both managers and performers, whose efforts to raise this theatre to its present high standard should not be forgotten. In more than one instance, the *Era* informs us, they are "resting." May their well-earned repose be fruitful in good results, and may their faces, so familiar to all, reappear again amongst us ere long, freshened and revived by sea and country breezes, and invigorated by that change to which all who fairly earn a great reputation are so justly entitled.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught was called to the Bench of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, at a Pension of that Society, on Monday.

J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers), Well Fermented Old Wines and Matured Spirits, 2, Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W.—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Duke of Albany has been elected Queen's trustee of the British Museum, and it is understood that he will be put on the Standing Committee.

Bro. Lord Londesborough, with his usual liberality, has directed his agents to return 10 per cent. to his tenants, at the audit just concluded, on his lordship's Seamer, Selby, and Market Weighton estates.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., will preside at the anniversary festival of the Metropolitan Free Hospital, which will be held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Wednesday, August 3rd.

The *Pictorial World* gives an illustration of the banquet at Kidderminster, with Bro. Sir John Bennett in the act of delivering his speech, in connection with the unveiling of the statue to the late Sir Rowland Hill.

Bro. Robert H. Thomas, P.M. of Kane Lodge, No. 455, of New York city, and Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, died last week at his residence, Port Chester, N.Y. Bro. Thomas was very highly esteemed in the Craft, and was especially devoted to the interests of Masonic literature. The well-known Kane Lodge Library owed its success to his persevering labours.—*The Keystone*.

Bro. William Steedman, P.M. 754, Tyler of the Aldersgate, Great City, and many other London lodges, died, after an illness of five months, at his residence, on Tuesday last, in his 72nd year.

Bro. Lord Carrington on Tuesday laid upon the table of the House of Commons the report of the Census Commissioners; and said that the total population of England and Wales was now 25,968,286, being an increase since 1871 of 3,256,020. The birth-rate during the past ten years was shown to be unusually high, whilst the death-rate was unusually low—a result which seemed to show that modern sanitary legislation had produced useful and important effects. He added that the population of the metropolis was now 3,814,571, showing an increase in ten years of 560,311, whilst the population of the City of London had decreased 24,414.

Bro. Lord Rosebery has secured a site near Albert Gate, Hyde Park, on which he intends to erect a splendid mansion.

Bro. Donald M. Dewar read the Stewards' lists, which amounted to £331 5s. 6d., including twenty guineas from Bro. Lord Henniker, at the annual festival of the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund.

Bro. John Latta was installed W.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult.

Bro. George Perry was installed W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, Eastbourne, on Monday, the 27th ult.

Bro. J. F. Kirkconnell was installed W.M. of the Kenlis Lodge, No. 1207, Egremont, on Tuesday, the 28th ult.

Bro. S. D. Erwins, publisher, has removed from Paternoster-row to 21, Paternoster-square, E.C.

Comp. T. C. Walls was installed M.E.Z. of the Era Chapter, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Thursday last.

Bro. George Smith was presented by the members of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 102, North Walsham, on Monday, the 4th inst., with a tea and coffee set, in recognition of his services as Secretary and Treasurer to the lodge for thirty-six years.

Bro. Alfred Brookman, S.W. of the Aldersgate Lodge, entertained the W.M. and the members to a banquet at the New Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the 30th ult.

Bro. Lord Shaftesbury on Wednesday distributed the prizes to the boys of the Arethusa and Chicester training ships, Greenhithe, on board the former vessel.

General Tidings.

It is among the possible things in the near future, the *New York Semi-Weekly Times* says, that a cheap one-volume edition of Robert Browning's works will be published. It has been long needed. A complete set of his writings is now very rare.

A train completely composed of Pullman cars, with a general saloon, dining-room, smoking saloon, ladies' boudoir, and refreshment bar, is to be placed on the Brighton line in September next. The building of this train, which is very near completion, was commenced several years ago.

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.

CRIPPLEGATE PENSION SOCIETY EXCURSION.—This now well known enjoyable "outing" is looked for with pleasure by many, its rendezvous could not be improved, the arrangements made by the Secretary and Stewards gives the party quite that of a garden party it having for their exclusive use for the day, the lawn, pavillion, and conservatory. We wish it continued success.

Obituary.

BRO. W. F. COLLARD MOUTRIE.

We regret to record the death after a long and painful illness, Bro. W. F. Collard Moutrie, of 90, Southampton-row, London. Bro. Moutrie has long been known in London Masonic circles, and was a P.M. and Secretary of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, also P.Z. of the Enoch Chapter. Outside Masonry he filled important parochial offices, and at the time of his death was Churchwarden, of Holy Trinity Church, Holborn. In all his relations of life Bro. Moutrie was deservedly esteemed and respected.

## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, July 16, 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, JULY 9.

Quar. Gen. Court Girls' School.  
Lodge 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.  
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore.  
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Mark 234, Buxton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

## MONDAY, JULY 11.

Quar. Gen. Court Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
" 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
" 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.  
Mark 239, Royal Naval, S., Red Lion-sq., W.C.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.  
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.  
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.  
West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.  
Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.  
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.  
Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.  
Strong Man, George Hot., Australian Av., Barbican, at 8.

## TUESDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
S.C. 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.  
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-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's-st., Borough, at 8.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 4.  
Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.  
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1593, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1629, United, F.M.H.  
" 1718, Centurion, The Imperial, Holborn Viaduct.  
" 1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace, N.  
Chap. 1549, Stanmore, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.  
Mark, Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
Rose Croix 67, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
S.C. 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, The Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.  
Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., 7 till 9.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, S.  
United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre, at 8.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.  
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., Edmonton.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith-rd., at 8.  
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.  
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

## THURSDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.  
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke H., Notting-hill.  
Chap. 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
" 619, Beadon, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.  
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
Rosicrucian Society, Freemasons' Tav.

## 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.  
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.  
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.  
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.  
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)

## FRIDAY, JULY 15.

Chap. 1328, Granite, F.M.H.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.  
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.  
Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
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.  
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

## SATURDAY, JULY 16.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.  
" 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.  
" 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
Chap. 1194, Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-  
CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, July 16, 1881.

## MONDAY, JULY 11.

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, Manchr.  
" 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.  
Chap. 148, Elias Ashmole, C.R., Warrington.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, JULY 12.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.  
Liverpool Red Cross Conclave, M.H., Liverpool.  
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Wittington.  
" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.R., N. Hill-st., L'pool.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.R., Grange-over-Sands.  
Chap. 178, Harmony, Royal Hot., Wigan.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.

## THURSDAY, JULY 14.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hot., Preston.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., L'pool.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, JULY 15.

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

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