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WE note that the correspondence "anent" the relative precedence of Grand and Prov. Grand Officers is rather languishing, as was pretty sure to be the case in this period of seasonable summer and Masonic holiday. Indeed, the whole matter lies in a very little compass, namely, What is the exact meaning of certain words in the Book of Constitutions? Beyond this one point, however many words the friendly combatants use, we cannot go, and all must really turn upon their full and fair interpretation. Two errors have to be avoided in dealing with this recondite and important question. The one is, appealing simply to custom on the one hand; the other is, affixing an arbitrary and subjective meaning to certain words. We apprehend, on the contrary, that the question, if it is to be settled, must be ultimately decided by a conjoint consideration both of the "Lex Scripta" and the "Lex Inscripta," the "Statute and Common Law" of English Freemasonry. But there is another point not without interest and importance in its bearing on Masonic harmony and good will, which is this: the question having been raised and discussed, asserted and controverted, had the matter not better be allowed to drop "pro tempore?" the more so, as before long our "Masonic Parliament" will probably be called upon to consider carefully some needful alterations in the verbiage and provisions of the Book of Constitutions. We say this in all friendliness, as ever, and under all circumstances in our remarks as a Masonic journal, writing as "Amici Curie."

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THE "returns" for our great Metropolitan Institutions are, so far, in 1881 very remarkable, and highly creditable to our Order. We have raised already close on £40,000 for those useful and well managed Institutions, and there seems to be little doubt but that by the end of the year that amount will be raised to a sum, on the lowest estimate, of £45,000. Some of our friends seem to think that the amount will positively be nearer £50,000 than £45,000. We can only hope that it will be so, in the best interests of our great and admirable Charities, and, above all, as a startling and striking proof of the unquenched devotion and ceaseless munificence of our large-hearted and kindly Fraternity.

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WE are pleased to note that a recognition of the Masonic worth and work of Bro. WHYTEHEAD has been recently made by the York brethren. The account of the proceedings reads very pleasantly, and seems to reflect equal credit on those who planned and carried to a successful result such a kindly undertaking, as well as on the worthy recipient of such truly fraternal sympathy, interest, and goodwill.

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A NEW lodge, to be connected with our good brothers the "reporters" of the "press," and principally intended, we understand, for those occupied in Parliamentary reporting, and of which our well-known Bro. H. MASSEY is to be the first W.M., is to be consecrated by the G.S. on the 13th. We wish the lodge all success. We trust that it may have a pleasant career before it of fraternal union and concord, and may be alike distinguished amongst its contemporaries both by Masonic work and social amenities. We always welcome the members of the "press" amongst us, as we think the "juxtaposition" is equally good for us and for them.

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WE are not among those, we wish emphatically to say, who "cry out" because "new lodges are springing up like mushrooms." We have heard a good deal of nonsense talked upon this subject, and have been astonished at times to find what "fallacies" go down, even with well-informed Masons, on the subject. To listen to some distinguished censors and critics of Grand Lodge proceedings you might positively believe, that there was something inherently wrong and improper in yielding to the almost "natural law" and necessary "outcome" of active increase and development. That there are "new lodges and new lodges" we do not profess to doubt; that is to say, that every now and then we are able to put

our finger on a "weak case," and an unreasonable application for a new lodge. But, on the other hand, we must remember that this desire for new lodges is not necessarily wrong or improper, that it may proceed from a love of Masonry, or a desire to propagate and perpetuate its great and beneficent principles. Then, on the other hand, we must be on our guard against two very common grounds of opposition to new lodges, which, in our opinion, are neither Masonic, just, nor really tenable. The one is what may be called the "vested interests view," which dislikes new lodges because they take away the ground from some older lodges of new members and "fresh recruits." But we must bear in mind that there is sometimes, especially in old lodges, "a period of stagnation," in which often many zealous Masons give up work and leave an Order, in which, to use a common expression, there is neither "going forwards nor going backwards," and where the only "look out" is positively a "stationary one" for years. In such cases the need of a "swarm," and the desire for a new lodge are, in our humble opinion, neither unreasonable nor unfitting. There is still a good deal of latent jealousy of the power and growth and prestige of Grand Lodge. We have heard it said, "Grand Lodge is getting too powerful and too rich;" and we are a little afraid that such a "paradox" as this, often repeated and glibly enunciated, may be received too easily by some who do not discern the latent fallacy and absurdity of any such proposition, or theory. If Freemasonry is good both for what it is and what it does, what it teaches and what it perpetuates,—if English Freemasonry at the present time has reached a position of unequalled prosperity and unrivalled greatness, surely it is not unreasonable that the English Grand Lodge—the first and oldest Grand Lodge in the world—should accommodate itself to what is the almost imperious necessity of a growing Craft and of an expanding sodality. We doubt not—as, indeed, we know, when we say this—that all applications for new lodges are most carefully considered and most fairly dealt with; but we are rather seeking to meet certain current and common objections to the increase of lodges, which we have some times heard, and, as we venture to think, hastily and unreasonably made, and which may, by reiteration, tend to re-act, so to say, on the always scrupulous wishes and feelings of our authorities. The only one weak point we have been able to find in the "new lodges" is their slackness in respect of the great Charities, and the "contrast" in this respect they evidence with some of our older and wealthier lodges. But then we are told their "time has hardly yet come," and "they will yet do their duty." So mote it be! But otherwise, we confess we see no reason why, under proper safeguards and with due caution, new lodges may not be formed both in the metropolitan district and in provincial circles, or why the formation of new lodges should in any sense be discouraged.

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MASONIC life seems to shine very brightly in our provincial assemblies. We call special attention, and with approving admiration, to the reports recently printed in the *Freemason* of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent. In the former case, under the presidency of that distinguished member of our Fraternity, Bro. T. F. HALSBY, M.P., Prov. G.M., the proceedings were alike marked by all Masonic good feeling and practicality. In the latter case, a pleasing presentation was made by our zealous brethren of Kent to the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord HOLMESDALE, M.P., and to Lady HOLMESDALE. We have read both these reports with great pleasure, and which will be shared in, we think, by our many readers.

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WE have often thought that our lodge Recreation meetings might be made more pleasant to us all by a little variety,—by a little change of "venue" and a little "life" thrown into the somewhat dull routine of similar friendly "Symposia." If speeches are forbidden rigidly at such meetings, a very proper proceeding, the normal Masonic recreation banquet is a slightly heavy and dull affair. Do not be offended, worthy and kindly readers; but "confess" the truth—is it not so? We, of course, have a good dinner—"constat;" and if a hot dinner, very ingenious and artistic; if not a hot dinner, very "recherché," and very comfortable. We have met each other over and over again,—we shall meet, probably, over and over again. No doubt there are the ties of old friendship and "camaraderie," but after all, in most things here, sooner or later "sameness palls" a little on our weak and wayward humanity. If there are speeches, we know beforehand what every one is going to say, and how he will hang on his little "tag." We knew a dear, old brother,—now alas, no longer to the fore, and many such we all have known,—who always used the very same words to the very same toast, for many revolving years, and would have done so as often as the Recreation Gathering came round. Therefore, we want a little change often, as it seems to us, to lift up our genial assemblies above the level of merely social reunions. The ladies would, as in some

wise lodges, add grace, dignity, interest, and attractiveness to the party—would please the young, and still, yes still, charm the old. Or if, like our brethren of No. 469, the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, we made a little excursion, as they did, to "Sandringham," we should break into that "formality" and "red tape" of even our very sociality, which may attract some, but certainly repels others. In the latter case, after their agreeable "outing," their friendly reception, and the sights of interest they witnessed, the recording scribe may well end his report in words, which we think all well understand, "Thus ended a day of the greatest enjoyment, which will long remain a red-letter day in the memory of all those brethren who participated in it."

By the accounts of Grand Chapter, it seems that the "receipts" for 1880-81, are £2840 2s. 6d., including a balance of £1493 14 8d.; and the expenditure £1651 os. 4d., leaving an available balance, April, 1881, of £1189 2s. 2d. But this expenditure of £1651 os. 4d. includes special donations of £900 to the three Charities, and formal donations of £150 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and £10 10s., to the Boys' and Girls' Schools each. The contributions from chapters amount to £1273 5s. 6d., and the amount of funded capital appeared to be £1750 Consols.

It seems to us a great pity that so many of our contemporaries will exercise their imaginations about the movements of the EMPEROR OF RUSSIA, and find "fear" of the Nihilists to be the motive of every step he takes and every journey he makes. After the cruel murder of an excellent ruler, surely the Imperial Family may have just grounds for retirement and quiet. It is, in fact, playing into the hands of a contemptible handful of assassins to be always debating on their mysterious influences and secret movements. Let us hope that the law will yet be too strong for them in Russia, and for our amiable "Dynamitists" at home.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The quarterly convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when the following companions were present: Comps. Rawson, Past District Grand Supt., China, as M.E.Z.; J. A. Rucker, Past Sojourner, as H.; Col. John Creaton, Grand Treasurer, President of the Committee of General Purposes, as J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; E. R. N. Grey, S.N.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.S.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 1st A.S.; Sampson Pierce, 2nd A.S.; A. J. Duff Filer, Grand Sword Bearer; Rev. C. W. Arnold, Joshua Nunn, Dr. Scott, Magnus Ohren, Raphael Costa, H. G. Buss, E. Letchworth, F. Adlard, P.Z. 214, Thomas Massa, C. F. Hogard, H. 10, Neville Green, P.Z. 1524, W. H. Lee, James Lewis Thomas, Wilhelm Ganz, H. J. P. Dumas, G. S. Wintle, H. 79; J. W. Lambert, Z. 142; E. Somers, J. 1524; Charles Pulman, Z. 1339; A. M. Thomas, P.Z. 134; H. Goulden, Z. 548; Joseph S. Badkin, Z. 1365; W. H. Perryman, Z. 1348; James Hillhouse, Z. 228; Henry Sadler, Janitor; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the formal opening of Grand Chapter, Grand Scribe E. read the minutes of the quarterly convocation of May last, which were then put and confirmed.

On motions duly made and seconded the prayers of the following petitions were granted, as recommended by the Committee of General Purposes:

1st. From Comps. the Rev. Frederick Vernon Bussell, as Z.; William Newton, as H.; and Richard Francis Henry King, as J.; and thirteen others, for a chapter to be attached to the Newton Lodge, No. 1661, Newark-upon-Trent, to be called the Alexander Chapter, and to meet at the Savings Bank, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

2nd. From Comps. Herbert Jordan Adams, as Z.; Alfred Durant, as H.; Francis Joseph Stohwasser, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, London, to be called the Fitzroy Chapter, and to meet at the Armoury House, Head-quarters Honourable Artillery Company, London.

3rd. From Comps. Price James Edelsten, as Z.; William Richardson, as H.; Thomas H. Sutton, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Warrington, to be called the Gilbert Greenall Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, Lancashire (Western Division).

4th. From Comps. Robert Stokes, as Z.; Thomas Stephen Fitcher, as H.; William Charles P. Powning, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, Warminster, to be called the Thyñne Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Warminster, Wiltshire.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Charles Parkinson, as Z.; William Bache Roberts, as H.; Edwin Howard, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Universal Lodge, No. 181, London, to be called the Universal Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London.

6th. From Comps. the Rev. Robert Hall Baynes, as Z.; Sidney Henry Knaggs, as H.; Francois Klatt, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Temple Lodge, No. 558, Folkestone, to be called the Temple Chapter, and to meet at the Town Hall, Folkestone, in the county of Kent.

Comp. EDWARD LETCHWORTH then rose and said, that in pursuance of the notice which stood in his name he begged to move "That the Committee of General Purposes meet at four o'clock instead of three o'clock, as heretofore; and that Article 76 of the Royal Arch Regulations be altered accordingly." He felt that any words of his in support of this motion were quite unnecessary on that occasion. Grand Chapter Committee was, as a rule, composed of companions who had various business avocations, and it had been for some time felt that it would be much more convenient if the hour were to be altered from three to four. In making that proposal he was following the course which was adopted several years ago by the Board of General Purposes in the Craft, and he had only to add that he had ascertained from Grand Scribe E. that the alteration of the hour would suit his convenience, and would not interfere with any other arrangements of the office.

Comp. GREY seconded the motion, which was then carried, and Grand Chapter was closed.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

I wish that we could get a few more "facts" about 17th century Freemasonry. If we could stumble upon even partial records we might gain a good deal of light on what is now so obscure, and such a tantalizing "crux" for the student. We have undoubted evidence of some sort of "lodges" existing in the middle of the 17th century.

Ashmole's account of his initiation at Warrington, 1646, pre-supposes an existing lodge, but so far as we can now gather from his concise statement, all were of the "Craft of Masonry," except himself and Col. Mainwaring. And yet, in 1682, when those assembled are hardly "operative Masons," if of the "Masons' Company," he calls himself the "oldest fellow," as if such a "use" was familiar to him, and as if several other "fellows" existed.

If Padgett was not clerk of the Masons' Company, of what "Worshipful Society" was he clerk in 1686? (See Antiquity MS. in Hughan's "Old Charges.") (I am writing far from books of reference); and to this and similar questions there is, as far as I know, but one answer—that a society or lodge of Freemasons existed in Lancashire in 1646, in London in 1682, 1686, and at York (of which, I think, there is evidence by implication) in 1690-93.

What then have become of the records of these and similar societies? Were they written; and were they preserved?

It is a point in this "history question" that Oliver's evidence of the Masters' Lodge in Witham, Lincolnshire, middle of 18th century, even seems to point to the fact that no Third Degree minutes were kept, though the "fact" is sometimes alluded to in the general lodge minutes. It has often occurred to me that, as regards the Scottish minutes, with which Bro. D. M. Lyon has made us familiar, there seems to be here and there a sort of allusion to other "meetings," as I pointed out years ago, and thus to "proceedings," of which no minutes ever were taken.

If then we are to be left in this position, that we can obtain no records of 17th century English Masonry, which I apprehend is more than likely from this one fact—that even of early 18th century Masonry we have so far only one minute book (as far as is publicly known by Masonic students) before 1723—I ask your readers to note this statement, as it is just possible that a diligent search in some lodge chests might bring out some long-forgotten minute book of the first decade of the 18th century. I do not feel quite certain, as I am writing at a distance from references, whether in the account of the Lodge of Swalwell, published in the "Masonic Magazine," allusion is not made to some operative minutes of 1721-22. The great difficulty then remains—how are we to bridge over the period between 1717 and 1682, first of all; and how, again, between speculative Masonry and the Guilds dissolved in the reign of Edward VI.; and how, again, connect the Guilds dissolved in that reign with those existing in the reign of Richard II.? There are, as it is known, several hundred Guild returns of the date of Richard II. in one of the collections of Law Records, awaiting, in their dust and silence, some future Murray Lyon or Gould to disinter, collate, and bring to light. But enough for to-day.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

BY BRO. H. J. BURGER.

Extracted from the "Handbook of Jamaica" for 1881.

We are pleased in being permitted, by the kind communication of Bro. Burger himself, to publish "in extenso" this interesting little sketch of the history of Freemasonry in Jamaica. It is from these authentic evidences that the Masonic historian is enabled to educe carefully an historical and trustworthy account of Freemasonry.

No documentary evidence has yet been found to show that Freemasonry existed in Jamaica, in a regularly organised condition, before the 14th April, 1739, when Mother Lodge, of Kingston, was warranted as No. 182 by the original Grand Lodge of England. The Island of Antigua appears to have had the precedence of Jamaica by two years, but no other colony in the West Indies can claim priority of introduction, whilst Jamaica received the light before Switzerland, Frankfurt, Denmark, Rotterdam, and Amsterdam.

In 1742 the second lodge was organised at Port Royal as No. 193; on the 29th April, 1746, the third as No. 208 in Spanish Town; on the 17th February, 1757, the fourth as No. 219 in St. Mary's; in October, 1771, the fifth as No. 418 in Kingston; and nine other lodges from that date to 1775.

The Atholl, or "Ancient Masons," as they called themselves, determined however that Jamaica should not exclusively belong to the original Grand Lodge, whereupon they granted a warrant of constitution on the 1st October, 1763, to a lodge held at Old Harbour as No. 121; another on the 22nd October, 1772, to a lodge at Green Island as No. 177—places where no lodge had yet been established by the original Grand Lodge.

In 1775 the original Grand Lodge issued a warrant for a lodge to be held at Green Island as No. 483; on this the Athol Masons seem to have considered their jurisdiction had been invaded, and that they were, therefore, at liberty to constitute lodges where others already existed under the original Grand Lodge; for we find that on the 7th February, 1786, a lodge was warranted by them for Kingston as No. 233; another in 1789 as No. 257; a military lodge at Port Royal in the following year as No. 262; another lodge at Port Royal on the 12th August, 1793, as No. 281; and on the 10th May, 1794, the Royal Lodge (still extant) as No. 283, which lodge was recommended by Nos. 257, 262, and 281.

On the 4th February, 1795, Amity Lodge, No. 288, was warranted for Kingston, and continued to work till 1817.

The Athol Masons, finding themselves, in 1806, both numerous and respectable, petitioned their Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Athol, for a patent to create Doctor Michael Benignus Clare Provincial Grand Master for Jamaica. So soon as this Provincial Grand Lodge was erected very many of the old lodges, under the original Grand Lodge of England, ceased to work, whilst others accepted provincial numbers under it.

The first lodge that came into existence after the establishment of the Provincial Grand Lodge was the present Friendly Lodge, of Kingston, under warrant from the Duke of Athol, dated 31st January, 1809, and registered as No. 342; it was followed by nine others that were soon established in several towns of the island; nor were any petitions sent afterwards to the original Grand Lodge for charters till 1812, when some French

refugees in Kingston, from Haiti, obtained warrant No. 638, for La Loge les Freres Reunis, which collapsed, however, after a rather brief existence.

During this long period, from 1739 to 1812, no lodge in Jamaica appears to have sought for a warrant from Scotland; and only one was obtained from Ireland, for the Independent Lodge, No. 35.

At the union of the Grand Lodges of England, in 1813, it was discovered that almost all, if not every one of the lodges previously chartered by the original Grand Lodge, had fallen into abeyance, so that they were all struck off the list then prepared; whilst those that had been warranted by the "Ancients" were nearly all of them in working order.

In 1817 the "Grand Orient" of France issued charters to the French refugees in Kingston to erect three several chapters or consistories; the first was called the Sublime Lodge for conferring the so-called "Ineffable Degrees;" the second for a council of "Princes of Jerusalem;" and the third for a "Grand Council of Thirty-three Degrees." But the members of these bodies soon wearied of those diversions, and becoming desirous of working legitimate Masonry, applied in 1818 to the United Grand Lodge of England for a warrant to open the Loge la Bénignité; the result was that the so-called "High Degrees" rapidly declined, yet, as no more refugees arrived from Haiti, and La Bénignité worked always in French, this lodge lingered out a questionable existence till 1829, when it finally collapsed.

Freemasonry continued, however, more or less prosperous until the 9th June, 1831, when the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Michael Benignus Clare, sailed for England, from whence he never returned; he died about the middle of the following year, and the Provincial Grand Lodge then ceased to exist.

The great social and political changes which ensued on the abolition of slavery in this colony, and the depression of all interests consequent thereon, effected very considerably the progress of Freemasonry. Active members who entertained the opinion that a terrible financial catastrophe had overtaken both the agricultural and commercial interests of the country, hastened away to other fields of enterprise, and left the lodges here to languish. Few or no new lodges were constituted, whilst several old ones, such as the Seville, Concord, St. Elizabeth's, Cornwall, and Union, of Falmouth, closed their doors; nor did any reaction set in until about the end of 1844, when a number of Columbian patriots, who had taken refuge in Kingston, opened a lodge under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Carthage, to work Symbolic Masonry in this city. As this proceeding was, however, in violation of Masonic international law, those brethren were informed that they and their initiates would not be recognised in the island, and were advised to apply for a warrant from England to legalise their work. On this advice they acted, and as they were recommended by the other lodges in Kingston, a warrant was obtained from the United Grand Lodge for the Union et Concordia Lodge, No. 754.

And now a new era appeared to have dawned for Freemasonry in this island, as during the year 1845 certain brethren, residing in St. Thomas-in-the-Vale, became desirous of practising once more the ancient mysteries, and thereupon applied to the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a warrant to constitute the Elgin Lodge, of that parish. Scarcely had the application been considered ere certain other brethren, in Kingston, applied to the same authority for a warrant to establish the Glenlyon Lodge. Brethren in St. Elizabeth sought for a warrant to establish the Union Lodge, at Black River; others at Falmouth for a warrant for the Athol Union, of that town; and St. Andrew for a warrant for its own, Kilwinning.

Scottish Freemasonry having become thus popular, sought now a more prominent position, and petitioned for the erection of a Provincial Grand Lodge for regulating Masonic work in the colony.

The zeal of the Scottish Masons provoked a laudable spirit of emulation amongst the English brotherhood, and this new born zeal was first manifested by a desire to work the so-called High Degrees. The old Royal Lodge began by opening their long-dormant Royal Arch Chapter, and this was the signal for the other English lodges in Kingston to do the same, if they possessed charters, and if not, to apply for them.

The Columbian brethren who founded the Union et Concordia Lodge, now learned that there was then no Masonic Law which prevented the Grand Council of Carthage from issuing Charters for Councils to work the "Sublime Degrees" in this country; and as several English brethren expressed a wish to dabble in those mysteries a "Supreme Grand Chapter" was thereupon established in Kingston. But the brethren soon grew weary of those pseudo-historical and philosophical inventions, and the English Craft in Kingston now thoroughly aroused to the fact that the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland had precedence in all Masonic arrangements, determined on petitioning for a Provincial Grand Lodge of their own, naming at the same time Dr. Robert Hamilton, a landed proprietor in affluent circumstances, and a Past Master of the Sussex Lodge of Kingston, as a competent brother for the distinguished office. To this petition the brethren on the north-side of the Island were invited to subscribe, but they declined to do so on the ground that their distance from the city would preclude them from attending the Provincial Grand Lodge when established; so the Patent, when issued on the 5th November, 1858, constituted Bro. Hamilton as Provincial Grand Master for only East Jamaica—permitting the lodges on the north-side to continue in direct communication with the United Grand Lodge in London.

Soon after the erection of the Provincial Grand Lodge certain brethren in St. Catherine applied for a warrant to open a lodge in Spanish Town and chose, in honour of the Provincial Grand Master, the name of "Hamilton" for their lodge. It continued as No. 805 for some years to prosper, but fell afterwards into abeyance, and was revived in 1873 under a new warrant as No. 1440.

In 1861 the Phoenix Lodge sprang into existence at Port Royal, as No. 914; the Westmoreland, at Savanna-la-Mar, as No. 1377, in 1871; the Jamaica, in Kingston, as No. 1771, in 1878; in 1879 the Collegium Fabrorum, in Kingston, as No. 1836; and the United Service, in 1880, as No. 1873.

Whilst English Freemasonry was so active, Scottish was equally energetic, for in 1860 the Victoria Lodge, No. 402, was warranted for Spanish Town, and in 1873 the Seville Lodge, No. 530, for St. Ann's Bay.

Brethren at Port Maria, in 1874, obtained a warrant for the Caledonian Lodge, No. 554; and others, in Kingston, established the St. John's Lodge, in 1878, under warrant No. 623.

There are at present in Kingston three Grand Lodges, viz., The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Jamaica; the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland; and the Provincial Grand Mark Master's Lodge of England. Under the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Jamaica are the Royal, Friendly, Sussex, Jamaica, Collegium Fabrorum, and United Service Lodges, all in active working order. At Port Royal is the Phoenix; in Spanish Town the

Hamilton; at Savanna-la-Mar the Westmoreland; and at Montego Bay the Friendly Lodge, which last-named holds, however, direct communication with London.

Mark Masters' Lodges are attached to the Royal, Sussex, and Friendly Lodges; but in this latter the title of Clifton Mount has been given in compliment to Dr. Hamilton, this being the name of one of his properties in the island. The Phoenix Lodge, at Port Royal, holds a warrant also for a Mark Master's Lodge.

Royal Arch Chapters are likewise attached to the Royal, Friendly, Sussex, and Phoenix Lodges on the south side, and one to the Friendly Lodge, of Montego Bay, on the north side of the island.

Mark Master Lodges are worked also, under the Scottish Constitutions, by the Glenlyon and St. John's Lodges in Kingston, the Caledonian at Port Maria, and the Seville at St. Ann's Bay; but only to the Glenlyon is a Royal Arch Chapter attached.

There are two Rose Croix Chapters in Kingston, No. 49, called the Jamaica, and No. 80, called the Kingston; and there has recently been established another chapter in Kingston under the authority of the "Supreme Council" for Scotland.

A Council for "the Royal Ark Mariners' Degree" has lately been erected in Kingston, and another at Port Royal; but at present little can be recorded of their work. On the 16th September, 1880, certain brethren opened in Kingston a Preceptory of Knights Templar, but their enthusiasm appears to have been consumed in the effort, as no further work is on record.

English Freemasonry sustained however a lamentable loss during last year (1880) in the death of its Provincial Grand Master, the Hon. Dr. Robert Hamilton, who, after a protracted illness of several months, breathed his last at 2.30, p.m. on the 20th May at his residence, Clifton Mount, in St. Andrew's. On the fact of his death becoming known, all the English Lodges, were for six months put in mourning—a period twice as long as that for which they mourned for Sir Michael Benignus Clare, their first Provincial Grand Master; whilst the lodges under the Scottish Constitutions adopted black crape for an entire quarter of the year.

The Scottish Lodges are under the government of the Hon. Samuel Constantine Burke, Assistant Attorney-General and member of the Legislative Council—a brother whose elevation to the high official positions which he has attained in his native country is a subject of profound gratification to every member of the Craft. As Scottish Provincial Grand Master for Jamaica and Grey Town, he assisted at the installation of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for England, in April, 1875; and on his last visit to Edinburgh, in 1879, was received into the Royal Order of Scotland, and created a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General.

There are no Masonic periodicals in Jamaica, but a practice prevails of supplying the local newspapers, whose editors are members of the Craft, with reports of installation meetings and festivities, and the names of brethren forming every new Administration.

The following schedule gives the names of brethren who now hold office in the several Grand Lodges and subordinate lodges in the island:—

UNDER THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

R.W. Bro. A. deCordova, D.D.G.M.	V.W. Bro. W. G. McFarlane, D.D.S.
" G. C. H. Lewis, D.D.S.W.	W. Bro. J. Harris, D.D.S.
" T. Allen, D.D.J.W.	" C. Bovill, D.D.S.
V.W. Bro. A. Findley, D.D.C.	" G. M. Duff, D.D.S.
" E. Friedlander, D.D.A.C.	Bro. George Magnus, Tyler.
" O. Delgado, D.D.T.	Royal, W. Bro. E. X. Leon, W.M.
" W. Andrews, D.D.R.	Friendly, W. Bro. G. Demercado, W.M.
" B. Stines, jun., D.D.S.	Sussex, W. Bro. A. H. Jones, W.M.
" R. S. Haughton, D.D.A.S.	Hamilton, W. Bro. W. D. Byles, W.M.
" G. J. deCordova, D.D.S.D.	Phoenix, W. Bro. W. Hastings, R.N.,
" G. J. Sargeant, D.D.J.D.	W.M.
" J. Reid, D.D.S.W.	Westmorland, W. Bro. C. P. Bovell, W.M.
" C. H. Davis, D.D.D.C.	Jamaica, W. Bro. John McLean, W.M.
" L. Hollar, D.D.A.D.C.	Collegium Fabrorum, W. Bro. A. H. Cot-
" O. Delgado, jun., D.D.Swd. B.	ter, W.M.
" A. H. Jones, D.D. Org.	United Service, W. Bro. A. W. Warry,
" M. Delgado, D.D.P.	R.N., W.M.
" W. L. Murdon, D.D.A.P.	

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND FOR JAMAICA AND GREYTOWN.

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burke, P.G.M.	V.W. Bro. Geo. M. Duff
" C. W. Steer, D.P.G.M.	" Jas. Sherbon
" Dr. Jas. Olive, Sub. P.G.M.	" Alfred Pawsey
" K. J. Spicer, P.G.S.W.	" George S. Thompson
" Vacant, P.G.J.W.	" A. Munroe
V.W. Bro. Rev. W. C. McCalla, P.G. Chap.	" Henry Steer
R.W. Bro. B. M. Dias, P.G. Sec.	" E. B. Wolfe
" Geo. H. Pearce, P.G. Treas.	" H. J. Bürger
" D. N. Berwick, P.G.S.D.	" W. D. Smedmore
V.W. Bro. A. H. Jones, P.G.J.D.	" D. C. Wepler
" S. J. Streadwick, P.G. Archt.	" J. J. Lyon
R.W. Bro. J. G. Mesquita, P.G. Bible B.	" William Duff
" D. C. De Souza, P.G.D.C.	R.W. Bro. C. M. L. Knox, P.G. Marshal.
" H. P. Thompson, P.G.Swd. B.	V.W. Bro. Jonas Polack, P.G.I.G.
V.W. Bro. E. Melville, P.G. Director of Music.	Bro. John Hoyer, Tyler.
R.W. Bro. A. D. C. Levy, P.G. Std. B.	Glenlyon, Kingston, K. J. Spicer, W.M.
" Capt. G. F. Goward, Pres. Bd. of Stewards.	Athol Union, Falmouth, D.C.D'Souza, W.M.
	Seville, St. Ann's Bay, H. Steer, W.M.
	Caledonian, Port Maria, A.D.C. Levy, W.M.
	St. John, Kingston, Wm. Duff, W.M.

MARK MASTER PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JAMAICA.

R.W. Bro. J. W. Whitbourne, D.P.G. M.M.	V.W. Bro. W. D. Smedmore, P.G.I.G.
" G. J. Sargeant, P.G.S.W.	" J. M. Simpson, P.G. Steward.
" B. Stines, jun., P.G.J.W.	" A. P. Alberga, P.G. Steward.
V.W. Bro. G. Delgado, P.G.M.O.	Bro. G. Magnus, P.G. Tyler.
" J. L. Ashenheim, P.G.S.O.	Sussex Mark Lodge, 41, Pro. 1, R.W.
" O. Delgado, jun., P.G.J.O.	Bro. J. W. Whitbourne, W.M.
" T. N. Aguilar, P.G. Treas.	Clifton Mount, Keystone Lodge, 230, Pro.
" G. A. Campbell, P.G.R. of M.	2, R.W. Alt. De Cordova, W.M.
" E. X. Leon, P.G. Sec.	Royal Keystone Lodge, 240, Pro. 3, R.W.
" D. Bamed, P.G.S.D.	Bro. E. X. Leon, W.M.
" G. R. Taylor, P.G.J.D.	Phoenix Mark Lodge, 242, Pro. 4, V.W.
" Dr. T. Allen, P.G.I. of W.	Bro. O. Delgado, W.M.
" A. H. Jones, P.G.D. of C.	Rose Croix, 49, Jamaica, Ill. Bro. C. W.
" L. C. Hollar, P.G. Swd. Br.	Steer, M.W.S.
" C. P. Myers, P.G. Std. Br.	Rose Croix, 80, Kingston, Ill. Bro. Wm.
	Andrews, M.W.S.

Stewards.

One of the two bronze sphinxes to be placed right and left of the Egyptian obelisk on the Victoria Embankment has been fixed on its granite plinth, and the other is finished and will be placed in position as soon as the masonry is ready. The figures are to look east and west, and the eastern one is that which is completed. The bronze castings for the base of the obelisk itself will soon be finished.

GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BRO. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P.,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.
THE WORSHIPFUL BRO. W. HICKMAN, DEPUTY
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Lodge of this Province will assemble by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in the Lecture Hall of the Soldiers' Institute, Grand Parade, Portsmouth, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of AUGUST, at high noon, and be closed tiled punctually at 1 p.m., where the Provincial business will be transacted. A Banquet will take place at 3 p.m. precisely, at the Soldiers' Institute. Tickets 7s. each, including Wine. The attendance of visiting Brethren is particularly invited.

By command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,

A. J. MILLER, P.M.,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Southampton, 22nd July, 5881.

THE JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount acknowledged in <i>Freemason</i> of 2nd July		Subsequent Receipts to 2nd August.	
Mizpah Lodge, 1671	5 5 0	...	...
Friends-in-Council Lodge, 1383	5 5 0	...	...
Derwent Lodge, 40	2 2 0	...	...
Bro. John Gibson, G.S. of Wks.	3 3 0	...	...
Provincial Grand Lodge of Berks and Bucks	5 5 0	...	...
Lewis Lodge, 1185	3 3 0	...	...
Bro. G. Burt, P.A.G.D.C.	3 3 0	...	...
Bro. H. Septimus Gill, P.M., Z. 1125	1 1 0	...	...
Bro. J. J. Hamilton, P.M. 1692	1 1 0	...	...
Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent	10 10 0	...	...
Victoria Rifles Lodge, 822	2 2 0	...	...
United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, 184	2 2 0	...	...
W.M. of United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, 184	0 10 6	...	...
Carnarvon Lodge, 708	2 2 0	...	...
Total	£717 9 0		

Remittances on account of the Fund, and all communications connected therewith, should be sent to Bro. R. R. DAVIS, P.M. 256, Melville Lodge, Manor-road, Wallington, Surrey, Hon. Secretary to the Fund.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Sunday Times," "Annals of the Grand Lodge of Iowa," "Illustrated Catalogue of Improved Soda Water Machinery, by Dows, Clarke, and Co.," "Der Long Islaender," "Broad Arrow," "The Lifeboat," "Australian Freemason," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," "Le Monde Maconnique," "The Masonic Review," "The Keystone," "West London Advertiser," "The Central Glamorgan Gazette," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The European Mail," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Freemason's Repository," "Allen's Indian Mail."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 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.]

PRECEDENCE OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you allow me to make one remark on the letter of "Lex Latomica," in your last issue?

Your correspondent will find that R.W. Bro. Sir Joseph Bailey, the Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire, was appointed to his high office when only a M.M., and that, though made an Installed Master before his installation, he had not served the office of Master, nor, as far as I can learn, any office in his lodge.

I hesitate to interfere even with this statement of fact in a correspondence which has been conducted on both sides with so much ability, but as "York" would appear to be taking his "well-earned holiday" beyond the reach of the *Freemason*, my temerity may be excused.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
G. N.
Cheltenham, August 3rd.

MASONIC CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In a recent ceremony of laying a foundation stone, the distinguished Mason who presided is reported to have declared the stone "duly laid in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." A question has suggested itself to some inquiring minds whether such a form of ceremony is consistent with the theory of an institution which professes

to embrace all nationalities, and which admits all well-accredited persons who believe in the existence of God as T.G.A.O.T.U.

Such a formula, it is true, might be beyond the limits of the early and, therefore, most generally known Craft Degrees; but, considering that theologians hold that the world came into existence by the fiat of the second person of the Holy Trinity, that this ceremonial was performed in a Christian land, and presumably in the midst of a Christian assembly, such a form is, I presume, quite consistent with the full scope and genius of our ancient Order.

There is no institution which, without being professedly religious or sectarian, is yet so essentially moral, practically charitable in the largest sense—yes, and Christian, too—as Masonry. St. John is the patron Saint of the Order among English Masons, and services are often held in a Christian church by Masons to celebrate his memory. Masonry may be atheous, just in the same sense as astronomy and its mathematical calculations are atheous, as not having God and religion as their primary and immediate object; but it is not antagonistic to, nor unconcerned with, such considerations; on the contrary, all know that the book that stands on the pedestal of every Master of a lodge is the Holy Bible.

I am, very truly, yours,

A ROUGH ASHLAR.

July 28th.

THE OLDEST MARK MASTER MASON IN CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe a letter in your last issue, questioning the correctness of a statement in a former issue of the *Freemason*, that Bro. Jos. Nicholson, P.M. 151, is the oldest Mark Master Mason in the two counties of Cumberland and Westmorland. So far as the facts and figures mentioned by "An Old P.M. of the Mark" are concerned, he is undoubtedly correct; but I imagine the original statement was founded on a circumstance appearing in Bro. Lamont's "History of Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland." I give the extract, as follows, viz., from the minutes of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 371, Maryport, of which lodge, I believe, Bro. Nicholson is the oldest living member:

"The following brethren took the Degree of Mark Master Mason, and had their marks duly registered in the Book of Marks: John Wood, Joseph Nicholson, William Mitchell, John Fletcher, Jabez Alfred Pearce, John Andrew, George Green, and the visiting brethren, Daley and Gorton."

The date of the minute is July 9th, 1844. Whether the ceremony in any way assimilated to the Mark Degree as now practised I am unable to say; but I will inquire of Bro. Nicholson on the first convenient opportunity. As to Bro. Nicholson's subsequent advancement in the Carlisle Lodge, in 1867, that may have been demanded as a *sine qua non*, in the same manner as I know of a case where a brother advanced in a Mark lodge, under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, had to be re-advanced on joining an English lodge—a decided illegality. I may add I have heard Bro. Nicholson say he was a Mark Mason before there was a Grand Lodge of England—our supreme body having been constituted in 1856.

There is, therefore, fairly some foundation for the statement that our veteran brother is the "oldest Mark Mason in the two counties."

Fraternally yours,
July 30th.

DELTA.

A CURIOUS OLD BOOK.

"Fratimonium Excelsium, a new Ahiman Rezon."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read R.W. Bro. W. J. Hughan's article in the *Freemason* of 30th ult., and, as I am called upon by him, beg to give the following information as to this book:—

This book is given by our valued and esteemed M.W. Bro. Enoch Carson, of Cincinnati, as No. 459, in his most valuable Masonic Bibliography, as of 1771. Fortunately, I possess three copies of it—two without plates and one with the two plates.

The date of this book having been issued by Wilkinson must have been after 1794 and before 1813.

Until I examined into the matter I was, like M.W. Bro. Carson and others, led into thinking it was issued in 1770, from that date being given, as mentioned by our M.W. Bro. Hughan, in the address to the Earl of Blessington at page 6.

The Earl of Blessington, Viscount Mountjoy, was Grand Master for years 1783-84 and 89, the Earl of Kingston from 1789 to 81, and the Earl of Donoughmore from 1789 to 1813. I have fixed the date of issue after 1794 and before 1813 for the four following reasons:

1st. The Earl of Donoughmore being only Grand Master from 1789 to 1813.

2nd. From page 13 stating "The first volunteer lodge 27-620, meet every Monday at Shaw's, Capel-street." The minutes of Lodge 620 shows the lodge only met at Shaw's in Capel-street during part of 1791, and again from 3rd June 1797, to January, 1800, the lodge meeting between these dates in Church-street, Cornhill, and at the Ormond Tavern.

Page 13 also states Lord Heath was Master. He only joined Lodge 620 on the 11th October 1787, and was

installed Master on 24th June, 1790, and from that date up to 1800 he was a member of the lodge.

3rd. R.W. Bro. John Fowler's name is given at page 8, as Sir John Fowler, and at page 18 as Master of Lodge 141. R.W. Bro. Fowler joined Lodge 620 on 27th February, 1792, and was

Installed Junior Deacon on 19th April, 1792.

Junior Warden on 17th May, 1792.

Senior Warden on 8th July, 1793.

Master on the 3rd December, 1793.

From the time R.W. Bro. Fowler joined Lodge 620, on 27th February, 1792, until his death on 9th June, 1856 he never ceased being a subscribing member of Lodge 620, being a period of over sixty-four years. He was also a subscribing member during portions of that period not only of 141 but also of other lodges.

The first plate (frontispiece) is a reduction of the frontispiece of the Constitution of 1723, four figures being only in the plate instead of six, as in 1723, Dr. Desaguliers being one of those left out.

The plate is not only a reduction, but the figures are all reversed, the Duke of Wharton being on the left and the Duke of Montague on the right in 1723 Constitution, whereas in this the Duke of Wharton is on the right and the Duke of Montague on the left.

The second plate is simply a copy of the frontispiece of E. Rider's Pocket Companion of 1735, the plate being also reversed.

4th. In "the address agreed to at a meeting of the Grand Kilwinning Chapter of High Knight Templars Ireland, conveyed in Dublin on January 30th, 1806," it is stated that the true source of Knight Templary in Ireland is from Mother Kilwinning by virtue of the charter granted in 1779 to the High Knight Templars Ireland, Kilwinning Lodge. Page 8 gives the Templar lists.

The following is a copy taken from the original lodge minutes (now in my possession) of the first time the Templar Degree was worked under this charter: "1780. Monday, first May. Called off to High Templars, and raised Bro. Sission Darling to that Degree."

I may mention that Bro. Darling was one of the original founders of Lodge 620, on 13th September, 1783. He—27th February, 1792—initiated R.W. Bro. John Fowler. R.W. Bro. John Fowler, on 4th September, 1838, initiated V.W. Bro. Macsorley, the present father of Lodge 620 and Senior Grand Chaplain of our Irish Grand Lodge.

Hence these three brothers prove the continuous working of Lodge 620 from 13th September, 1783, to the present, being a period of nearly eighty-eight years. Can any brother give me a similar case of lodge working being so proved?

R.W. Bro. Hughan will find the Earl of Donoughmore's name in its right place in this year's Irish Masonic Calendar.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES H. NEILSON.
32, Lecson-street Lower, Dublin,
1st August.

THE LATE DEAN STANLEY.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I read your leader about the late Dean it occurred to me that the following verses, "In Memoriam," which appeared in your contemporary, *The Graphic*, and may not have been seen by many of your readers, might well find a place in your columns. They are by J. C. Conybeare:—

Some fifty years save five have passed away
Since fondly pacing Rugby, round "The Close,"
Arnold's most cultured pupil breathed farewell
To his loved school, himself beloved by all,
As one who ne'er had struck unkindly blow,
Or spoke ungenerous word.

His thoughtful boyhood's promise well fulfill'd;
And still, as time sped on, his influence grew
Throughout the English Church, and Realm, and World;
The while his happy pen the story told
Of his great Master's life, or tribute paid
To memories dearer still—"Sweetness and light"
In deed, and word, and thought were ever his
Beyond his fellows, tolerance wide and free,
And kindest Christian thought—yet flash'd at times
His generous anger up for right oppress'd,
Or truth traduced, and from his lips burst forth
Indignant eloquence and scathing scorn.

FRATER.

A SHAKESPEARIAN QUESTION.

As everything relative to William Shakespeare interests all of us alike, we take the following letter from the *Times* of July 30th, as some of our readers do not see that paper:—

To the Editor of the "*Times*."

Sir,—Examining some old deeds in my possession relating to lands in the neighbourhood of Penrith, Cumberland, I came across one bearing date the 21st Richard II., being a conveyance from John Scott, of Penrith, and Elena Hogge, of Carleton (a hamlet in the parish of Penrith), to William Gerard, of Carleton, of several small parcels of land, measuring together an acre and a rood, lying "in campo de Penrith"—that is, in Penrith Field or Town Fields. The remarkable thing about the deed, however, is that one of the pieces of land is stated to lie "juxta terram Alani Shakespeare," and in the testing clause the name of Shakespeare occurs again, the words being as follows:—

"In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti cartæ nostræ, sigilla nostra apposimus, hiis testibus, Roberto de Alanby, Thoma de Carleton, Alexandro Atkynson, Johanne Gerard, *Willielmo Shakespeare*, et aliis. Datum apud Penrith die Dominicâ proximè post festum Paschi, anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi vicesimo primo."

The date of the deed would, therefore, be about April, 1398, or 166 years before the birth of Shakespeare.

May it be that Shakespeare's ancestors were originally settled in Cumberland, near the Scottish border, and that one of them, following the standard of the Earl of Richmond, afterwards Henry VII., settled at Stratford-upon-Avon after the Battle of Bosworth Field?

In an exemplification of the grant of arms by the Heralds' College to Shakespeare's father in 1599 it is recorded that "his great grandfather for his faithful and approved service to the late most prudent Prince King Henry VII., of famous memory, was advanced and rewarded with lands and tenements, given to him in those parts of Warwickshire, where they have continued by some descents in good reputation and credit."

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN NANSON,
Town Clerk of Carlisle.

Carlisle, July 25.

Reviews.

GRAPHIC SUMMER NUMBER. Second Notice. We are pleased to note the approval which this remarkable production has achieved, and to find how much it is appreciated in all quarters. As a literary and artistic contribution we think it deserves the praise of all who admire artistic excellency, or can be pleased with a light and perfectly harmless literature. By the way, why does our excellent contemporary cater to any clique, or the vitiated taste of the hour, by the somewhat careless, and we must say unartistic, caricatures of "Goodwood" in its last number? We regret to see the illustrations for many reasons, and chiefly because they detract gravely both from the high literary and artistic reputation of the *Graphic*. They are unworthy the paper and the subject!

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA. By Bro. H. J. BURGER.

Bro. Burger, who is a student and an enquiring Mason, has written a short history of Freemasonry in Jamaica, which has been printed in the "Government Handbook" for that colony for 1881. He has kindly sent us a copy of it, and while we thank him for it, think it deserves both notice and perusal. Bro. Burger seems to be of opinion that no documentary evidence has yet been found to prove that Freemasonry existed in Jamaica before April 14, 1739, when the mother lodge of Kingston was warranted as No. 182 by the Grand Lodge of England. If Jamaica was "two years" behind "Antigua," it "saw the light," Bro. Burger emphatically declares, "before Switzerland, Frankfurt, Denmark, Rotterdam, and Amsterdam." How far Bro. Burger is actually correct in these statements we must leave other commentators to point out, as we write far from books and authorities and can only rely on our memory. The history of Freemasonry in Jamaica is not, as Bro. Burger tells us, important "per se" or marked by any very noteworthy incidents. But this fact is to be remembered, that in 1813 the lodges working under the Grand Lodge of England, or "Moderns," were all in "abeyance," while those under the "Ancient" Grand Lodge were "working." The first Prov. G.M. was Dr. Sir M. Benignus Clare, under the "Ancients," he it observed, in 1806—he left in 1819. The late lamented Dr. Hamilton was appointed Prov. G.M. for East Jamaica in 1858. From 1739 to 1775 fourteen lodges were constituted by the Modern Grand Lodge and several by the Ancient Grand Lodge, and after the appointment by the Duke of Atholl of Dr. Clare as Prov. G.M., the Modern Lodges "came in" or collapsed apparently. In 1817 the Grand Orient of France issued charters to some French refugees in Kingston (a very questionable proceeding) to erect some chapters or consistories of the High Grade. In 1815 the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued a charter for the "Elgin Lodge," and for others. There are at present in Kingston two Prov. Grand Lodges, the Prov. Grand Lodge of East Jamaica and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Scotland. Under the former there are nine lodges, under the latter there are five. There are also four Mark lodges and two Rose Croix chapters, and a Provincial Mark Grand Lodge. Such is a short "resumé" of Bro. Burger's clear, but contracted "History of Freemasonry in Jamaica."

CHALDEAN MAGIC; ITS ORIGIN AND DEVELOPEMENT. By FRANCOIS LENORMANT. Samuel Bagster and Sons, 15, Paternoster-row.

What adds to the interest of a very curious work is the fact that we have a preface by the original author, as well as one by his editor, W.R.C. The book appeared in France originally in 1874, and the translation which has lately come before us appeared so far back as 1877, but is for some reason or other unknown to most of our readers. Mr. Lenormant has recast some of the earlier chapters of the work, and rewritten some of the latter. How far the Chaldean superstitions came from or went to Egypt is a point yet to be decided. We find, no doubt, in the Chaldean inscriptions the existence of a sacred name—the "Sehem," which may, as the writer points out, be identical with the "Memra" of the Cabalistic Jews, and justifies the apothegm of Varro, "Nomen, Numen." There seems, however, to be a good deal of difference as between Chaldean and Egyptian teaching, though both systems seem to point to a belief in a Great Creator—nay, even to a Triune Deity. Yet this truth is soon lost in the mazes of a plurality of deities. We have not, so far, been able to discover any traces of Chaldean Mysteries—a very curious fact in itself.

GLEANINGS FROM THE "BLUE."

The "Blue" is the magazine of that name, and the "Gleanings" are selections from its pages. The collection, as a whole, may be described as fair reading, though some of the papers will have but little interest for those uncon-

nected with Christ's Hospital. A rather interesting paper—though much too brief—is that on "The Death Scenes of Shakespeare;" and there is also a discriminating notice of Mr. "Du Maurier," as an artist, with some apt observations on modern social life. The paper, headed "The Social Amateur," is instructive as well as amusing, though it is difficult to see how to get rid of such a horrid bore, seeing that he is a production of the age. If men and women would have the courage to be ignorant of some things, they might then have the satisfaction of knowing well a few things; but, alas, we fear this will never be, or at least, not yet. If any of our readers are of the class who look—or affect to look—regretfully to the past, we would advise them to read the article headed the "Good Old Times," where they will meet with a few sensible observations. No doubt the old times were good in many respects, and, in some, superior to ours, but, on the whole, we are decidedly of opinion that the present are better. We cannot agree with the author of the article on the "Puritans." We take his estimate to be poor, and even unjust. We readily admit that the Puritans were not faultless, and that they were guilty of some acts which were highly censurable. But who are we? There can be no doubt as to their deep and strong sincerity, and their personal religiousness was beyond question. Honour, therefore, to whom honour is due. There is a brief notice of the late "George Eliot," and we quite agree with the remarks made about that noble writer. The author of the "Epic of Hades" is also referred to, and we consider the estimate of that writer to be discriminating and just. Undoubtedly the "Epic" is a noble poem, and the author one of the foremost poets. There are a number of other papers in the volume, and more or less interesting to those well acquainted with the "Blue." We may remark, in conclusion, that the volume is dedicated to the Rev. Dr. Brette, a gentleman well-known to many of our readers, and worthy of esteem.

A CORRECTION.

By a typographical erratum "Tao" was put for "Iao," said to be the Sacred Name of Greek and Egyptian mysteries.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

HERMETIC WORKS.

In a catalogue of books appended to a curious old book, termed "The New World of English Words, &c. or General Dictionary," by E. P. E. Phillips, and printed by E. Tyler for Nath. Brooke, at the sign of the Angel, Cornhill, 1658, I found some interesting titles. I may add that this dictionary, or prototypical Cyclopaedia, contains communications by Elias Ashmole, on antiquity; Lilly and Bookler, on astrology; Mr. Turner, on magic; Mr. Sanders, on chryomancy; and Mr. E. Carter, on architecture.

Among the books sold by Nath. Brooke at the Angel, Cornhill, are—1, "New Jerusalem: A Sermon by the Society of Astrologers, 1651;" 2, "Divinity no Enemy to Astrology, by Dr. T. Swadling, 1643, before the Society of Astrologers;" 3, "Magic and Astrology Vindicated, by H. Warren;" 4, "Lux Veritatis, by W. Ramsey, Gent.;" 5, "An Introduction to the Teutonic Philosophy, by C. Hotham, Fellow of Peter House, Cambridge;" 6, "Cornelius Agrippa, his 4th Book of Occult Philosophy, made English by R. Turner;" 7, "Paracelsus' Occult Philosophy and his Secret Alchemy;" and a large number of similar works by Heydon, W. Lilly, Culpeper, G. Wharton, "T. S." Elias Ashmole, and others. I find no trace in the work above mentioned either of Freemasonry or Rosicrucianism.

MASONIC STUDENT.

AN OLD BOOK.

There is a curious little work, not much known, entitled, "Introduction à la Philosophie des Anciens. Par un Amateur de la Verité." Published at Paris, Chez Laurent D'Houry, 1702. I mention it for three reasons: firstly, because there is somewhat of a mystery about its real date, and secondly, because it is an Hermetic work of some pretensions, and thirdly, because it has been carefully read over and interlined by a French student, of the name of "Binet," who signs his name, June 4th, 1727.

It seems that at Cologne, in 1693, a book was published termed "Ecolier des Sages, Tresor de la Philosophie des Anciens, &c., &c." It is stated that this work was published "Mis en lumiere"—"given to the light," by Barentz Coenders Van Helpen, gentilhomme, at "Claude le Jeune's," in folio, 1693.

Curiously enough, the Royal permission to print the "Introduction à la Philosophie des Anciens," at Paris, is dated 1687, and it is expressly stated that it was printed for the "first time," November 23, 1689.

Yet this work, which is complete, has no token of a new or second edition in itself. I, therefore, think it right to call attention to this fact, as another proof, if proof be needed, of the "glorious uncertainty" of "title pages."

2. The work itself, full as it is of alchemical directions, and most diligently studied and conned over as it has been, by some enthusiastic and faithful "Adept," does not seem to recognise the Rosicrucian Fraternity.

3. Can any learned brother tell me who "Binet" was? Was he a Freemason of that epoch in Paris?

MASONIC STUDENT.

EARLY USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

The "point" to which "Brighton" calls attention is a very interesting one, and the statement of "Henry" is one that has formerly attracted my attention. But I apprehend it is founded practically on a statement in the "Parentalia," and that oft-quoted assertion rests solely, it is to be feared, on an "ut dicitur" of Sir Wm. Dugdale, at second-hand, moreover. I am not aware of any such passage in any of Sir Wm. Dugdale's works, and though I for one believe that many of the building fraternities or guilds received religious or Royal charters, yet none such as yet have turned up. Heideloff mentions a Papal "letter" or "charter," but gives no reference and no authority, as far as I remember. I will have a look, when possible, into Matthew of Paris.

MASONIC STUDENT.

THE ARMS OF FREEMASONRY.

Can any brother student tell me when the present coat of arms was first adopted by the Ancient Freemasons? The reason I ask is, I have heard indirectly of a representation of those of "circa, 1680."

HERALDICUS.

CONSECRATION OF THE GRAYSTONE LODGE, No. 1915, AT WHITSTABLE.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., the beautiful ceremony of the consecration of a new Masonic lodge at Whitstable was performed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, assisted by V.W. Bro. James S. Eastes, D. Prov. G.M.; W. Bro. the Rev. R. Jamblin, W.M. 1837, Prov. G. Chaplain; W. Bro. H. Ward, 31, P.M. 586, 622, 1112, P.P.J.G.W. Wilts, acting as D.C.; and W. Bro. Dr. Longhurst, P.P.J.G.W. 31, Organist.

The new lodge is called the Graystone. It is not the first Masonic lodge which has existed at Whitstable, as the records of Grand Lodge show that, early in the century, the Athol Lodge, No. 64, was revived, becoming No. 88 at the Union in 1813. This lodge was originally constituted by the Athol Grand Lodge in 1757, to meet at Deptford, but ceased in 1759. In 1764 it appears to have met at Birmingham. On the 4th June, 1813, a warrant of revival was granted to certain brethren of No. 24 (now 31, Canterbury) to meet at the Duke of Cumberland at Whitstable. The lodge, however, appears to have made only two members before, and one (in 1816) after the Union. The lodge ceased to exist and was crased by Grand Lodge in Dec. 1827. It is rather remarkable that among the names of the brethren of 1813, was one William Griffiths, and that a son of his, a member of the present Graystone, has fortunately preserved some of the relics of the old lodge.

The new lodge meets at the Foresters' Hall, a building well adapted to the purpose.

At the consecration ceremony about a hundred brethren were present, including the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. B. K. Thorpe; the P.G. Sec. Bro. Spencer; Bro. Charles Holtum, P. Prov. G.S.W.; Bro. Herbert T. Sankey, P. Prov. S.G.W.; Bro. Rev. B. Harrison, P.P.G.C.; Bro. W. B. Wood, P.J.G.W.; Bro. W. B. Snowden, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. P. Higham, P.P.J.G.W.; Bro. Finch (Ramsgate), P.P.G.D.C.; brethren from Canterbury, Margate, Ramsgate, Dover, Deal, Faversham, Sittingbourne, &c. There were no less than forty Past Masters present.

The brethren having entered the lodge room in procession, the R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Holmesdale, took the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem.*: Bro. Snowden P.P.S.G., as S.W.; Bro. Wood, P.G.J.W., as J.W.; Bro. John R. Hall, P.P. Assist. G.S., as I.G., when the lodge was duly opened. The R.W.P.G.M. and the W. the D.P.G.M. were saluted in antient form. Bro. Ward having been requested by his lordship to act as D.C., the brethren of the Graystone Lodge were arranged in order, and the Prov. G. Sec. read the petition and warrant, upon which the R.W. Prov. G.M. proceeded to constitute the new lodge. The Prov. G. Chaplain having given the invocation, then delivered an eloquent oration, enforcing upon the brethren the duty of exhibiting in their outer lives the noble principles of Freemasonry. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," was then sung, and the prayer of dedication offered up. Grand Honours followed, and, after the incensing of the lodge by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the truly solemn and imposing ceremony of consecration was performed in a most impressive manner. The R.W.P.G.M., scattering corn, dedicated the lodge to Masonry; then pouring out the wine, dedicated the lodge to Virtue; and pouring out the oil, dedicated the lodge to Universal Benevolence. The scattering of salt was followed by the consecration prayer, and the R.W.P.G.M. declared the lodge duly constituted. The brethren who had most ably taken the musical portion of this ceremony (Bros. Plant, Moulding, Rhodes, and Higgins—Dr. Longhurst presiding at the organ) now sang Boyce's beautiful anthem—"I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in."

On the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale, placed the gavel in the hands of the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. S. Eastes, for the purpose of installing the W.M., Bro. R. Boughton-Smith. After the installation the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Williams, S.W.; G. Barton, J.W.; J. T. Reeves, Sec.; A. Anderson, Treas.; Henry Gann, S.D.; W. P. Coleman, J.D.; McCue, I.G.; and H. Ward, I.P.M.

The W.M. was elected to serve on the Charity Committee of the P.G. Lodge. Thanks to the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale; D. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes; and the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Jamblin, were voted by acclamation, and they were elected honorary members of the lodge. A large number of candidates were proposed and some joining brethren. Nothing further having been proposed for the good of Masonry in general, or the Graystone Lodge in particular, the lodge was closed in due form.

Subsequently about eighty of the brethren adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel, where a splendid banquet had been prepared. The W.M., Bro. Boughton-Smith, presided, and was supported by Lord Holmesdale and the officers of Prov. Grand Lodge mentioned above. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in true Masonic form. Several admirable speeches were delivered by the P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and others. The lodge thus commences its career with a large number of members, and under the most favourable auspices for future prosperity. So mote it be!

ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS AND BOOKS.

—We have been requested to call attention to the fact, which we gladly do, that at the recent exhibition of arts, manufactures, &c., at Lucknow, India, one of the most interesting exhibits was the department devoted to MSS., Indian printing and engraving, and paintings. One of the earliest manuscripts was a copy of the Persian "Game of Polo," written in the year 1581, and illustrated with very curious pictures of the incidents in a polo match between two Eastern Princes. Among the pictures we have, of course, Zoffany's "Ghari Beebe," the Persian beauty whom General Martin bought at the age of six from M. Caré, a Frenchman who went about the Native Courts of India selling Persian and Circassian slave girls. The earliest dated book printed in Oudh comes from the first King's Press in the year 1822, and is a Persian dictionary in seven volumes, entitled the "Seven Seas." The first book printed in India was, we learn from the catalogue, a treatise on Indian drugs, printed at Goa in 1563, only eighty-six years after Caxton's first venture; and one of the earliest books printed in the vernacular was issued from the Tranquebar Mission Press in 1717. The type is said to have been cast by three Danish missionaries from the leaden covers of some Cheshire cheeses sent out to them by the English Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

GARSTON.—Lodge of Harmony (No. 220).—The annual festival of this flourishing lodge took place on the 27th ult., when Bro. E. Humphries was installed in the chair of K.S., in a masterly manner by Bro. T. F. Hill, and in the presence of a large and influential gathering of the brethren. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Hatch, I.P.M.; P. E. Rothwell, S.W.; W. Olver, J.W.; W. Vines, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Treas.; James Carter, Sec.; T. F. Hill, P.M., M.C.; Joseph Williams, S.D.; George Clampit, J.D.; J. R. Wood, I.G.; George Price, P.M. Org.; Birchall, Milner, and Wright, Stewards. The W.M. then, with a few well chosen words, attached to the breast of Bro. Hatch, I.P.M., a P.M.'s jewel of chaste design and considerable value.

The brethren then adjourned to an elegant and substantial banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts met with a hearty reception. In the course of the evening the W.M., on behalf of the members of the lodge, handed to Bro. Hatch, I.P.M., a handsome and valuable necklet and locket for acceptance by his wife, as an appropriate expression of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. Alpass, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Ballard, P.P.G.P.; T. Salter, P.G. Steward; T. G. Fisher, W.M. 1299; W. M. Sandbrook, W.M. 1609; J. Atkinson, S.W. 1609; and others.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The last installation meeting of a series in this district took place on the 20th ult. at the Masonic Hall, William-street, when Bro. E. B. Hobson, W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted by the brethren assembled as head of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months. The ceremony was admirably performed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. Wilkins, and the following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bros. G. Beaver, S.W.; H. J. Roberts, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; T. Ovenden, S.D.; W. Ross, J.D.; W. Bidgood, Org.; C. Sweeting, I.G.; and W. Lacey, D.C. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Wilkins for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, and a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to him and pinned on his breast by the W.M. in recognition of the services rendered by him to the lodge during the past year.

Bro. Wilkins having suitably returned thanks, the brethren took train to Gravesend, where, at the New Falcon Hotel, Bro. Hubbard's now celebrated Masonic retreat, they partook of a delightful and superbly appointed banquet. Among those present were the following Past Masters of the lodge: Bros. J. Rowland, W. J. Graham, G. Crawford, F. Dawson, C. W. Hobson, E. Bowles, and A. W. Woodley; and Bros. R. Byron, P.M. 76; G. Farwig, P.M. 180; W. B. Lloyd, P.M. 913; W. Welding, W.M. 1536; H. S. Syer, W.M. 13; E. G. Bedford, P.M. 437; J. J. Cantle, P.M.; Wigglesworth, P.M.; T. Holleyman, S.W. 1536; J. Jacob, S.D. 829; M. Sherwin, Org. 1076; W. Rees, I.G. 913; T. Peake, 706; G. Risch, 706; J. Hole, 780; G. Austin, 98; W. Taylor, 1475; G. Letton, 913; G. Nichols, 1567; C. G. Barth, 913; A. E. Fisher, 1536; G. B. Gibson, 1536; G. H. Hill, 1437; A. Wallis, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed in felicitous terms by the W.M., and heartily and loyally responded to. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Wilkins, the I.P.M., who said the duty devolved upon him of proposing the toast, and it was a duty and a privilege that he was proud of, because he knew the subject of his toast had, by the excellence of his working and his constant desire to make himself worthy of the position to which he had that day been exalted, won their hearty confidence, respect, and esteem. They had had a series of good Masters to rule and govern the lodge, and he felt they had in Bro. Hobson one who would carry on the lodge even with increased prosperity. For the last six years he had had the privilege of working with Bro. Hobson, and the work had been one of unmitigated and uninterrupted harmony. If there was one thing the Past Masters prized themselves upon and expected of their successors, it was "duty." Like the great Nelson, whose immortal name their lodge was identified with, they expected every man to "do his duty," and, as he had before said, he felt sure they had in Bro. Hobson one who would do it. (Applause.) The W.M., in response, thanked Bro. Wilkins for his kind and encouraging remarks. He should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and do his duty to the lodge in such a manner that at the end of his year of office they would not have cause to find fault with him. He had looked forward to the pleasure of seeing an old friend of his, and an old Past Master of the lodge present, because he had given him his first step in office. He alluded to Bro. Past Master T. Ward, but that brother could not be present on account of the general inspection at Aldershot, where Bro. Ward now was. He again thanked them for their kindness, and resumed his seat amid applause. The next toast was that of "The Visitors." Bros. Syer, Welding, Farwig, Bedford Caul, Wigglesworth, Reece and Peake responding. Bro. Syer felt pleased to see the good feeling that existed in the Nelson Lodge, and would like to belong to it on that account. He asked them all to visit the Union Waterloo Lodge, where they would receive a hospitable welcome. Bro. Welding was delighted with the array of Past Masters present, and thanked them for their recognition of him as the Master of the United Military Lodge. Bro. Farwig said some of the previous speakers had taken the wind out of his sails, yet he could not allow the occasion to pass without saying a few words. He was especially pleased to see Bro. Hobson in the chair of the lodge, as he was proud to say both he and his brother, Past Master Charles Hobson, were personal friends of his. It had been his fortune to see four or five Masters placed in the chair of the Nelson Lodge, and he had looked forward, year after year, to July with pleasure to renew his acquaintance with its excellent working and equally excellent brethren, and he gave them notice that if they continued to send him invitations to their installation meeting he should take them at their word, and come. (Cheers and laughter.) All he would ask of their esteemed Secretary was to choose, if possible, a cooler day, but if that energetic brother could not arrange it he (Bro. Farwig) would still be there. (Applause.) Bro. Bedford said he was a stranger in the land, his lodge being in Cawnpore,

in far off India. He spoke enthusiastically of the installation ceremony, and said he felt sure that as Nelson tried to do his duty, so would their W.M. try to do his. He thanked them for himself and the brethren in India for their hearty and hospitable reception of him that day. Bro. Reece also responded on behalf of No. 915. Bro. Wigglesworth made the brethren roar with laughter at one of his intensely comical and characteristic speeches. Bro. Peake also thanked them on behalf of No. 706. "The Past Masters" were next honoured, and the toast was responded to by Bros. Wilkins, Rowland, Crawford, Graham, C. Hobson, and Woodley, all of whom were pleased to see the lodge keep up its standard of excellence, and so eminent a W.M. in the chair. The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. G. Beaver, who returned thanks, and, after the host had been congratulated, the Tylers' toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some splendid singing by Bros. Cantle, C. Hobson, Roberts, Taylor, Peake, Wigglesworth, and others. Bro. Sherwin presided at the piano, and accompanied the singers, as he can, and always does, and so ended a most enjoyable gathering of Woolwich Freemasons.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, the 2nd inst., Bro. T. C. Robinson, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and past officers:—Bros. H. Peacock, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., Treas., and Org.; Dr. Dodgson, P.M.; W. Shilton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; W. F. Lamony, P.M.; Capt. Sewell, P.M.; T. Mason, Sec.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; F. Smith, Steward; J. Hewson, Tyler; J. Fearon, and J. Fidler. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Fidler gave evidence of his proficiency as an E.A., was instructed, and retired. Subsequently he was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. by the W.M. The working tools were presented by the J.W., the tracing board was explained by Bro. Sewell, P.M., and the charge delivered by the S.W. After arranging for insuring the property of the lodge, in conjunction with that of the Mark Lodge and Red Cross Conclave, the lodge was closed in due form.

BRIDGEND.—Ogmore Lodge (No. 1752).—The installation meeting of this lodge was celebrated on Monday, the 25th ult., when Bro. J. Hemming, the Worshipful Master, and one of the founders of the lodge, installed his Senior Warden, Bro. John Phelp Hitchings, as his successor in office. The popularity of the W.M. elect was testified by the large attendance of brethren from the eastern and western divisions, and including members of the English lodges. The lodge was opened at noon, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. M. Tennant, was received with the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge in attendance. The Worshipful the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the following visitors were present: Bros. George Jones, W.M. 364; D. C. Jones, W.M. 1573; D. J. Hutchings, W.M. 1258; T. Dickson, W.M. 1578; H. Cossens, W.M. 36; Titus Lewis, W.M. 1822; G. Jones, W.M. 364, Prov. G. Steward; J. C. Sladen, P.M. 1674, P.P.G. D.C.; Ino. Jones, P.M., Prov. Grand Reg.; J. R. Davis, Treas. 1573; W. G. Davies, P.M. 364, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; A. F. Fabian, 36, P.P.G.S.W. Hants; A. Traylor, 378, P.P.S.G.D.; Howard D. Reynolds, 378, P.P.S.G.D.; D. Hopkins, 1744, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Harris, 960, J.W.; B. P. Davies, 1753; W. D. Wills, 960; H. Nicholas, 335; W. Churchman, 960, D.C.; J. L. Perrin, J.W. 1674; D. Davies, 237; Lewis Jenkins, 1822, J.W.; J. G. Morris, 818; J. D. Coleman, 960; E. Davies, 1822, Tyler; A. W. Connor, 156; Charles Sylvester, 1429; E. John, 1822; C. E. Burgess, 110; and J. Legge, 237. The following members of the lodge were also in attendance:—Bros. John Hemming, W.M.; M. P. S. Tozer, I.P.M.; J. B. Jenkins, P.M.; J. P. Hitchings, S.W.; C. Walker, J.W.; John Herdman, Treasurer; T. Stockwood, jun., Secretary, Prov. Grand Steward; E. Price, S.D.; Wm. Jenkins, J.D.; P. D. Price, Acting I.G.; L. Beha, Steward; D. H. Davies, J. S. Harris, W. Morgan Richards, B. Edwards, E. Jenkins, W. Thomas, E. Williams, R. Whittle, R. Heydock, J. H. Price, and A. D. Webber, Tyler.

The very impressive ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. John Hemming, and afterwards the newly-installed Master proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. John Hemming, I.P.M.; Charles Walker, S.W.; T. Stockwood, J.W.; J. Herdman, Treasurer; E. Price, Secretary; W. Jenkins, S.D.; C. E. Perry, J.D.; Tozer, D.C.; J. J. Gratex, Organist; L. Beha, I.G.; J. W. Prichard, Charity Steward; W. M. Richards, Junior Steward; and A. D. Webber, Tyler. At the conclusion of this business, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Hemming, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel. The present having been suitably acknowledged, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given to the newly-installed Master by the numerous visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

A most enjoyable feature in the programme was a drive to Southerndown during the interim between the lodge meeting and the banquet, and the visitors greatly appreciated the arrangement. At five o'clock the brethren met at the banquet table, which Mr. and Mrs. Williams served up with great taste and efficiency. The tables were nicely decked with hot-house plants and cut flowers. The newly-elected Master, Bro. J. P. Hitchings, presided at the banquet. The toasts were of the usual kind, and a most enjoyable meeting was agreeably diversified by some excellent singing. The band of the 15th Volunteer Artillery Battery played during the dinner by permission of Bro. Captain Tozer.

Royal Arch.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above powerful and influential chapter took place on the 21st ult., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was attended by a large array of illustrious Masons, whose names are as household words both in Craft and R.A. Masonry, among whom were M.E. Comp. James Smith Eastes, P.Z. 503 and 709, and P. Grand H. Kent; Comps. T. S. Warne, P.Z. 20, and P.G.S.E. Kent; W. Weston, Z. 13; W. G. Batchelor, S.E. 79; J. Wilkins, P.S. 13; and H. De Grey, 13. Among the members of the chapter present, beside those

below enumerated as officers, were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z. and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z. and P.P. G.P.S. Kent; H. Butter, I.P.Z.; D. Campbell, H. Wilson, R. Hewitson, D. C. Capon, G. H. Letton, W. Rees, T. R. Richardson, G. Frost, G. H. Roberts, Joseph Randall, W. Busbridge, J. F. Randall, E. W. Russell, and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The previous night a chapter of emergency had been held at the Lord Raglan, and there Bro. T. R. Richardson, of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, was exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A.M., so that upon this occasion there was nothing but the installation to do, and that was done in brilliant style by M.E. Comp. Penfold, P.Z. of the chapter, and P.P.G.P.S. Kent, and M.E. Comp. T. D. Hayes, Z. elect, was placed in the first chair of the chapter, as First Principal for the next twelve months. The following officers were invested: Comps. W. B. Lloyd, H.; Capt. Eugene Siveny, J.; A. Penfold, Treasurer; H. Pryce, Scribe E.; H. Mason, Scribe N.; T. Vincent, P.S.; R. Edmonds, 1st Asst.; R. J. Cook, 2nd Asst.; W. H. Myers, P.Z., D.C.; W. Musto, P.Z., Wine Steward; and H. Mabbett, Janitor. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to M.E. Comp. Butter, I.P.Z., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year, and he returned thanks most eloquently. A cordial vote of thanks was then presented to Comp. Penfold for his services as Installing Officer, and that brother returned thanks suitably.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions went to Gravesend, where, at the New Falcon, Bro. Hubbard had prepared for them a *recherché* banquet. The cloth having been removed, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Health of the Grand Superintendent of Kent, Lord Homesdale." He said they all knew the genial, kind, and yet at the same time zealous work his lordship did for both the Craft and the chapters in the province. It needed not for him to say a single word in the presence of so good a man and a Mason, but he would ask them to show their appreciation of such grand work by drinking the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved. The M.E.Z. then rose to propose the toast of "Bro. Eastes, Grand H. of Kent." He said they all knew what a good man and excellent Mason Comp. Eastes was, and they all felt greatly honoured at his presence among them that day, because he could see for himself that they were not only dining, but working R.A. Masons. As he had before said, it was a great honour to them to have Comp. Eastes representing, as he did, the Provincial Grand Chapter, among them, and he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm. M.E. Comp. Eastes, in reply, said: I thank you companions very much for the hearty manner in which you have responded to the toast of your M.E.Z. Coming from such excellent companions as those of the Pattison Chapter, I esteemed it a very high compliment. Companions, I have been very anxious to be present to-day, to show you that I feel how much we in the province are indebted to you for the loyalty, zeal, and good feeling emanating and shown towards us by the companions of the Pattison Chapter, and I may safely say that there is no chapter or lodge in the province that does better or more faithful service to the province than does the Pattison Chapter and also the Pattison Lodge. Indeed, I may say the same of the United Military Lodge, the near neighbour of the Pattison at Plumstead, and I sincerely trust that good feeling and good service may long continue. The Degree of R.A. Masonry has been very appropriately said to be "the cream" of Masonry, and we know that we cannot expect to have so large a number of R.A. as we have Craft Masons; nor, indeed, do we desire it, unless we can be sure that those who wish to join its ranks fully appreciate its merits, and are prepared to take a deep interest in its welfare and prosperity; and in that respect I must certainly say that there is not much more room in the province for fresh chapters, if any, certainly for not more than two or three; nor do I believe that it is necessary, for the very reasons above alluded to, that every lodge should have a chapter attached to it. At Folkestone there is a desire to have a chapter, and a petition had been received at Provincial Grand Chapter from that part of the province asking for one. Now I myself do not think it is absolutely necessary, there being one at Dover. Yet, if the companions there think so, perhaps it will be better for them to have it. I only mention this so that the companions may think upon the matter well before they urge Grand Chapter for more. As I said before, Royal Arch Masonry is the cream of all Masonry, and I never felt it more than I do to-night, standing here and seeing around me such good and excellent Masons; and I also say that I never felt greater pleasure in my life than I do to be among you, the companions of the Pattison Chapter—a chapter that has, as I have often told the P.G. Officer, the largest number of subscribing members of any chapter in the province. Unfortunately things were not so well carried out in some of the chapters as in this; and when I look around me and see its number, its solidity, its spirit of brotherly love and unity, as evinced in its every action, and its yearly increase in strength and numbers, I say that it is an honour to the roll of the G. Chapter of the Province of Kent, and that it is a pleasure to myself to represent in it our G.P. Supt., who, I feel sure, will be pleased to hear of what I shall have to tell him of your meeting this day. Bro. Eastes, after wishing the chapter continued prosperity, resumed his seat amid rounds of applause. The next toast was that of "The P.G.J., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," and M.E. Comp. Warnes, in the course of an eloquent response, pleaded for the toleration of the companions on account of a "husky voice," for he felt sure that when he had finished talking the companions would be of the same opinion as a celebrated American general, who had conducted his hundreds of thousands of men during the War of Secession, and who happened to be present at a review of British troops at Aldershot, at the conclusion of which he exclaimed, looking up to the clouds above him, "Thank God, there are not many of them." Yet he could not sit down without saying how much he thanked them for their evident appreciation of the efforts of the Grand Officers for the success of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. It was evident that the names of the officers were received with that deep-seated feeling of respect that made it so welcome. They were all proud of their Grand Superintendent and M.E. Comp. Eastes, and would always endeavour to merit the good opinion in which they were evidently held by the companions of the Pattison Chapter. Comp. Butter, I.P.Z., then rose to propose "The Health of the M.E.Z." He said they might remember that the previous night he was a

strong light in the chapter, but now an eclipse had taken place. Another body had got between him and the sun, and he was no longer the immediate cause of light, for another sun had come into their horizon and shed its benign influence over them, and darkened his. In the course of a long and eloquent address, Comp. Butter spoke of the outcry raised by some persons against Masonry—"That it led men into vicious habits." That he sternly and strongly repudiated, and averred that if a man was not inclined to drink, no Masonry in the world would drive him into it, but rather help to keep him from it; while if he were inclined to drink, he would drink under any circumstances, and most likely where he would not be under the restraining influence set both by precept and example in Masonry. In conclusion, he asked them to drink the toast as it deserved, for he felt sure that M.E. Comp. Hayes would, as he had done as head of the lodge, do all he could to keep it a united and prosperous chapter. Comp. Hayes, in reply, thanked them for the warmth with which they had received the toast. All he could say was that he hoped they would continue to give him in the chapter the same generous support they had given him in the lodge. It would incite him to do the work with credit to himself and satisfaction to them. They might depend upon it if they gave him the work to do it should be done well; and when he had done, he would leave the honour of the chapter as unsullied as when he received it from his respected predecessor. In response to the toast of "H. and J.," Comp. Lloyd said it was a very fortunate thing for them that they had such excellent examples to follow, because, although they could not expect to equal them, yet they knew what the companions expected, and must work up to the standard laid down by their predecessors, and that he would endeavour to do. Comp. Sweney also eloquently responded. "The Health of the Exalte, Comp. Richardson," was then drunk with enthusiasm; and, in reply, he said that it was a very trying thing to ask so young a member of the chapter to make a speech, while the fair songstress present was waiting at the piano to charm them with her melodious utterances, but he would say that so great was the impression made on him by the ceremony he went through the previous evening that it would last him his lifetime, and he trusted would ever keep him straight in the lessons of its exalted teachings. The next toast was that of "The Past Principals," coupled with the name of M.E. Comp. Penfold, who, in reply, referred to that part of Comp. Butter's speech in which he spoke of the charge made against Masonry of inducing bad habits. He never yet knew Masonry make a man intemperate. He always found that those men who made it a practice to be intemperate wanted an excuse for their sin, and if they could not put it to "a bad wife," or "an unhappy home," or "worry of business," or some other trouble that they were too lazy or too dishonest to face manfully and conquer, they, if they were Masons, or, at least, their friends for them, put it down to the score of Masonry. He was proud to have had the privilege of installing Comp. Hayes that day, and felt that he would, as would also the Past Principals, do all he could for the good of the chapter, and keep up the landmarks of the Order in their original integrity. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Comp. Weston; and "The Masonic Press" by Comp. Jolly. The host, Comp. Hubbard, was congratulated for his courtesy, attention, and excellent catering; and the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. F. Carpenter and Howard Moss, who, with Miss May Terry, sang selections throughout the evening splendidly. Some excellent songs were contributed by Comps. Butter, Edmonds, De Grey, Roberts, and Saunders, the latter, with Comp. Musto, an old friend and companion of thirty years' standing, singing "My Old Friend John" with rare dramatic force and feeling.

Mark Masonry.

WHITEHAVEN.—Fletcher Lodge (No. 213). The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., when Bro. W. B. Gibson, W.M., P.P.S.G.O., presided, and was supported as follows: Bros. W. White, S.W., P.G.D.C.; Ed. Tyson, J.W., P.G.J.O.; Geo. Sparrow, S.O.; J. W. Miles, M.O.; Geo. Dalrymple, Sec. and Reg., P.G. Treas.; J. Rothery, S.D.; W. Bewlay, J.D.; Jas. Cooper, Org., P.G. Org.; Thomas Atkinson, I.G.; Jas. M. Salisbury, Tyler. Visitor: James Ramsay, Henry Lodge, 216.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and a ballot was afterwards taken for two candidates for advancement and two joining members, and all were accepted, neither of the candidates being present. A short time was devoted to the musical portion of the ceremony, which Bro. Cooper has given so much attention to with considerable effect. There being nothing further but "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MANCHESTER.—Palatine Chapter (No. 7).—In the absence of the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. George Higgins, 31°, through illness, the chapter was opened by Bro. Smith, I.P.M.W.S., who also gave the Degree most impressively to the candidates, the M.W.S. elect being presented by Ill. Bro. McDowell Smith, P.M.W.S. 30°, to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, who installed Ex. and Per. Bro. R. H. Hutchison, M.W.S., and placed him in the chair of his predecessors, who afterwards appointed his officers.

About thirty of the brethren dined at the Palatine Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., who gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in most appropriate terms, and a very happy evening was spent.

SHEFFIELD.—Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—In consequence of the M.W.S. Bro. John Denton being on the continent, the chapter was opened by Ex. and Per. Bro. E. Drury, P.M.W.S., who resigned his chair and presented the M.W.S. elect, Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33°, who installed the M.W.S. with his usual care and impressiveness, addressing the officers upon their duties in the chapter.

After business was over, nearly thirty dined together in the dining hall of the Institution, under the happy presidency of the M.W., assisted by his officers, each vying with his neighbour to make all happy, which proved a great

success; indeed, these meetings are always most enjoyable. Full justice was done to the loyal and Masonic toasts.

LIVERPOOL.—Liverpool Chapter (No. 19).—This chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Bradshaw W. Rowson, M.W.S. 30°, assisted by his officers. Five candidates were elected and three came up for the Degree, and apologies were received from the others of their inability to attend. The M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. Edward Pierpoint, 32°; Dr. S. Spratley, 30°; H. R. Robertson, 31°; most carefully gave the Degree to the candidates. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, installed Ex. and Per. Bro. Wm. Tyrer M.W.S. with great care, and addressed the brethren on the excellence of this beautiful and Christian Degree.

The Ill. brethren afterwards dined together at the Adelphi Hotel, under the presidency of the M.W.S., the loyal and Masonic toasts being proposed and responded to most heartily, all thoroughly enjoying themselves and looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting.

BOLTON.—St. Peter's Chapter (No. 31).—This chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. Wm. Rowe, assisted by his officers. The degree was given by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank, 32°, and Bro. Thos. Entwistle, 30°. Bro. Josiah W. Taylor was installed M.W.S. by Ill. Bro. Charles J. Banister with great solemnity, and the officers appointed for the ensuing year. A very beautiful loving cup was presented to the chapter by Ill. Bro. Reginald Young, 30°, P.M.W.S., and acknowledged in suitable terms by the M.W.S. Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, in the name of the chapter, presented Bro. Rowe, P.M.W.S., with a very handsome P.M.W.S.'s jewel on the completion of his year of office. Business over, the E. and P. brethren adjourned to the banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in true Masonic spirit.

Cryptic Masonry.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council was held at the new Masonic Hall, 8, Red Lion Square, on the 21st ultimo, and was numerously attended. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, R.P.G.C. of Works; D. M. Dewar, R.P.G.R.; T. Poore, G.M.; T. Cubitt, G.M.; J. E. Anderson, G.S. S. Rawson, Rev. A. Hall, A. Williams, R. Berridge, J. Smyth, Major Dunbar, E. Howard, G. Powell, H. J. Lardner, H. R. Trigg, J. Harrison, G. Graveley, R. P. Spice, D. J. Ramsey, and Dr. Coffin. The visitors were Bros. Captain Hunter, Grand Master of Scotland; J. D. Duncan, G.P.C. of Works, Scotland; and G. T. Miller, G.M. of C. Scotland.

The Grand Council having been opened in due form, the Grand Recorder reported that the T.I.M. Bro. the Rev. Raymond Portal, who was seriously indisposed had deputed Bro. Walls to act for him. The minutes were then read and the report of the progress and financial position of the Order was presented and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Grand Officers appointed for the year were as follows: Bros. S. Rawson, D.G.M.; T. C. Walls, G.I.M.; J. Newton, P.C. of W.; the Rev. A. Hall, and the Rev. T. F. Ravenshaw, Grand Chaplains; F. Davison, G. Treas.; D. M. Dewar, G. Recorder; H. R. Trigg, G.M. of C.; T. Poore, G.C. of G.; R. Boggett, G.C. of C.; A. Williams, G. Lecturer; Major Dunbar, G. F. Lancaster, and R. Berridge, Grand Marshals; R. P. Spice, and E. Howard, Grand Stewards; T. Adams, G. Sentinel. The Grand Council was then closed and the Grand Masters Council No. 1, duly opened. The candidates admitted and received were Bros. D. Cama, F. H. Clemow, E. Storr, H. George and H. Lovegrove. The four ceremonies and attendant lectures were performed by Bro. Walls, D.M., ably assisted by Bros. T. Poore and D. M. Dewar.

Several communications having been read, the council was closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the majority of the brethren adjourned to the Albany Hotel, Theobalds-road, where an excellent collation was partaken of. The only toast proposed was "The T.I.M. and Cryptic Masonry." The proceedings throughout were most successful, thanks to the exertions of the Grand Recorder.

New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND.

A Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland was held in the Oddfellow's Hall, Rattray-street, Dunedin, on the 30th May. Present: W. Bro. Nathan, D.G.T., as D.G.M.; Bros. Burton, P.D.G.S.W., as D.D.G.M.; Peake, D.G.S.W.; G. H. Marsden, D.G. J.W.; J. Ross, D.G.S.W.; C. de L. Graham, D.G.D.C.; Cameron, Waters; Kohn, and Yongg, D.G. Stewards; Riedle, D.C. Org.; De Leon, D.G.S.D.; George, D.G. J.G.; Dench, D.G. Swd. Br.; Sydney James, D.G. Sec.; Ross, acting D.G. Pur.; Meyer, D.G. Tyler.

The lodge was opened in form by the acting D.G.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The acting D.G.M., in calling attention to the fact that six months had expired since the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge was held, explained that the destruction of the old Masonic Hall by fire was the cause thereof. He was sorry to see such a poor attendance, but hoped that when they got into their new hall there would be a vast improvement in that respect. If the District Grand Lodges were not properly attended it would do the Craft a great injury.

On the roll being called only the following lodges were represented: The Lodge of Otago, the Lodge of Dunedin, the Port Chalmers Marine Lodge, the Palmerston Lodge, and the Hercules Lodge.

The acting D.G.M. said he had been requested by the D.G.M. to apologise for his absence.

The D.G.S. intimated that he had received a letter from Bro. Adams, D.G. Reg., apologising for his absence.

Several dispensations to lodges had been granted since the last meeting.

The report of the Board of General Purposes and the report of the Board of Benevolence were read, received, and adopted.

The A.D.G.M. suggested, in feeling terms, that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late much respected Bro. George Smith.

It was carried unanimously, on the proposition of the D.G.S.D., seconded by the D.G.D.C., "That the allowance to our late Bro. George Smith be continued to his widow during the term of her natural life.

The D.G.S. would say, while on the subject, it was the intention of the District Grand Lodge to send a letter of condolence to the widow of our much respected Bro. George Smith, and he should like to have move moved a resolution to that effect.

The A.D.G.M. said it was his intention to have moved a similar resolution to that carried. When they considered what their late Bro. Smith had done for the Craft they could not but do honour to his memory. He had not only established a lodge in Dunedin, but had been most useful in the advancement of Masonry in general. By the death of Bro. Smith the Craft had lost a good friend. It would have afforded him much pleasure to have seconded a resolution by his oldest Masonic friend, Bro. Sydney James, the D.G.S.

A Committee, consisting of Bros. Nathan, Burton, and the D.G.S., was appointed to draw up the letter of condolence to Mrs. Smith, the said letter to be signed by the D.G.M., countersigned by the D.G.S., and the seal of the District Grand Lodge affixed to it.

The D.G. SWORD BEARER thought it would be well if the meeting of the District Grand Lodge were held on Wednesday evenings, so as to give country members a better opportunity of attending them.

The D.G.S. stated that he could not get the hall on any other night of the week than that on which the District Grand Lodge then met.

The D.G.S.D. did not know whether he would be in order or not in asking if all the daughter lodges contributed towards the Benevolent Fund?

The D.G.M.C. asked if the W.G.D.M. knew whether or not the daughter lodges fully approved of contributing towards the Benevolent Fund?

The D.G.S.D. said that the two Dunedin lodges had voted money towards the Benevolent Fund, which had not been forthcoming. The fund in hand was so small that there was nothing to work on, and the District Grand Lodge should impress on the Masters of daughter lodges to pay up. The Lodge of Dunedin had voted money for two years towards the Benevolent Fund, but it had not been paid, and the Lodge of Otago was £5 5s. in arrears. He trusted that the District Grand Lodge would call upon country lodges to contribute towards the fund.

Bro. P.M. CAMERON understood that the money voted by the Lodge of Dunedin had been paid in.

Bro. P.M. CAMERON called attention to the bye-laws respecting officers who were absent being fined, and asked if they were enforced.

Bro. P.M. DENCH asked if the fines had ever been paid, and if no means could be adopted for striking off the names of those officers who did not attend and putting others in their place?

Bro. NATHAN replied that the D.G.M. had power to remove any officer who did not attend to his duties, but he thought that had not been done here.

The lodge was closed in form at 8.45 p.m.

DUNEDIN.—Otago Lodge (No. 844).—The monthly meeting was held on the 11th May, in the Oddfellow's Hall, Rattray-street, the W.M., Bro. Jno. A. D. Adams, in the chair, supported by Bros. Burton, Cameron, James, and Dench, P.M.'s. The W.M. stated that since the previous meeting he had received a letter from Mrs. Smith, in which she tendered her heartfelt thanks for the kindness manifested towards her after the death of her husband, and on the proposition of Bro. Burton, P.M., seconded by Bro. James, P.M., it was carried unanimously, "That the letter be recorded on the minutes." A satisfactory collection for a brother who sought relief was made. Bro. James, P.M., proposed, according to notice of motion, "That the allowance to our late Bro. Smith be accorded to his widow," which was seconded by Bro. Carter, Secretary, and carried unanimously. Bro. James read an application to be sent home to the Board of Benevolence on behalf of Mrs. Smith, and said he had not the least doubt that the request would be granted. After the transaction of a little unimportant business, the lodge was closed in the usual form.

ROYAL ARCH.

DUNEDIN.—Otago Chapter.—The quarterly communication of this chapter was held on the 23rd May, in the Oddfellow's Hall, Rattray-street, when there was a good attendance, the Otago Kilwinning Chapter paying an official visit. Comp. Peake, Z., was in the chair, supported by Comp. Myers, P.Z., who conducted the ceremony of exaltation in a highly efficient manner. A resolution was passed calling upon all companions of the chapter to pay up dues and arrears, to meet the expense for furniture, &c., for the new hall. The chapter was then closed in the usual form.

New South Wales.

SYDNEY.—Harmony Lodge (No. 556).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on 11th May, Bro. Walker, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of members and several visitors, and apologies were received for absence of two members. Ballots were then held for the acceptance of two Past Masters desirous of joining, and for one candidate for initiation, all of whom were favourably received. The latter was subsequently initiated by the W.M., the charge being rendered by Bro. Curtis, P.M. Letters were read from several members enclosing dues; from a brother desirous of calling off as he was leaving the colony, for whom a clearance was issued and delivered; from a brother in distressed circumstances, for whom £2 was voted; and from a P.M. who had been proposed for affiliation requesting that the ballot might be deferred pending receipt of his clearance from sister colony. A brother wished to know why the emergency meeting desired by the lodge, to consider the address of the R.W. D.G.M., had not been convened. The W.M. stated that so far it had not been convenient to call it, but he would do so if he thought fit, and the interest of the lodge demanded it. The next business was election of a W.M. for the

ensuing year. The names of all eligible members having been read, and scrutineers appointed, ballot papers were distributed. Several of the eligible brethren present declared themselves not candidates. Bro. Plumb, S.W., was duly elected W.M. Bro. Torning, Treasurer, was proposed for re-election, but declined; and Bro. Sledge (the only other brother nominated) was duly elected Treasurer. Bro. Stainer was chosen as Tyler. The names of several brethren who were twelve months in arrears of dues were ordered to be erased from the roll unless payment be made before the June meeting. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

SYDNEY.—Zetland Lodge (No. 655).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 10th May; Bro. Hancock, W.M. presiding. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Dunedin, N.Z., Balmain, Empress of India, and other lodges were strongly represented. One distinguished brother honoured the lodge with his presence from Lodge Otago, S.4, Bro. D. M. Masson, who had shown particular attention to Bro. Hancock when travelling lately through that country. Bro. Masson is on his way to Europe, our brotherly good wishes accompanying him, trusting he may enjoy his trip and speedily return. One brother was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a very pleasing manner, although suffering from indisposition. This being the night for the election of W.M. Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year, the lodge proceeded to that important privilege and duty; ten brethren were entitled to nomination; all, however, waived their right in favour of our esteemed and highly qualified S.W. Bro. J. H. Daniels. Bro. Hugh Patrick, was unanimously elected Treasurer in the room of Bro. N. Hopson, P.D.G.T., who wishing not to retain the position in consequence of his removal to his suburban residence, did not wish to be re-elected. Bro. J. Stainer was also elected Tyler. For the honours conferred the brethren returned thanks. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and a brother for joining. The business being concluded the lodge was closed, the W.M. inviting all brethren present to banquet, where the good things were enjoyed, and several stirring speeches commenting on the abilities exercised by the W.M. A very entertaining and lucid account was given of the consecration of a new Masonic Lodge to work under the English Constitution at Paramatta by R.W. Bro. John Williams, D.G.M., his officers, and about one hundred more distinguished members of the Craft. Vocal and instrumental music having been enjoyed, and the usual toasts given and heartily responded to, a very satisfactory and fraternal meeting was brought to a close.

SYDNEY.—Tranquillity Lodge (No. 1552).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on 12th May, the W.M. being in the chair. Two gentlemen were accepted as candidates for initiation, as also one affiliating member. A very large number of visitors, in response to the invitations, being present to witness the installation, other business was considerably curtailed, and that ceremony proceeded with. The W.M., elect, Bro. Solomon, P.M., having been duly presented, the retiring Master, W. Bro. M. D. Mitchell, performed the ritual in a very impressive manner. The officers for the ensuing year are Bros. M. D. Mitchell, I.P.M.; Brickwood, S.W.; L. Barnett, J.W.; E. Saber, Treas.; L. Samuel, Sec.; C. B. Forster, Org.; N. Herman, S.D.; W. P. Bretnall, J.D.; Loebel, I.G.; Day and J. Herman, Stewards; and Stainer, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony the names of two gentlemen were handed to the Secretary as candidates for initiation, and the lodge having been closed the brethren retired to refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the intervals being enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music ably rendered by several talented brethren, under the direction of Bro. C. B. Foster. The newly-installed Master took occasion, in responding to the bumper drank in his honour, to allude in feeling terms to the recent severe illness of the retiring S.W., Bro. I. L. Isaacs, and expressed his sincere regret that, by his medical attendant's advice, he was precluded from accepting the chair of the Worshipful Master, a position which his assiduity and attention had justly given him claim to. Bro. Isaacs thanked the W.M. and members for their expressions of kindness towards him, and said that although he was not in office he hoped his future health would permit him to be as regular in his attendance as heretofore.

ALBURY.—Combermere Lodge (No. 1795).—The regular meeting was held on 17th May. The lodge was opened by the W.M. at 8 o'clock p.m.; the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several accounts passed for payment. A circular was received from Bro. Ewens, Hon. Secretary to the Benevolent Institution, asking that our delegate be notified to attend a general meeting of delegates to be held on 31st May, 1881. The R.W. the D.G. Master's speech was read in the lodge, and after a great deal of discussion it was resolved to forward a donation of £5. 5s.; but as to becoming annual subscribers, it was decided that the matter lie on the table till next regular meeting. In the meantime the Secretary to obtain further information from Sydney. Bro. Lambert resigned his office as S.W. in the lodge, and asked for his clearance, his removal from Albury being the cause of his withdrawing. The W.M., very much regretted the loss to the lodge of Bro. Lambert, who had been a very worthy and energetic Mason while a member of this lodge. Afterwards it was resolved that an address and testimonial be presented to Bro. Lambert, and a Committee was appointed to carry it out.

An emergency meeting was held 24th May, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Lambert, Past S.W. of this lodge, with an address and purse of sovereigns, on his departure for Geelong. The W.M. opened the lodge and addressed the brethren present, stating the object of the meeting, and in a few appropriate words presented Bro. Lambert with the address and purse of sovereigns. Bro. Lambert replied in an eloquent speech, deeply regretting having to sever his connection with this lodge; but it was owing to Mrs. Lambert, as well as himself, suffering from ill-health. Some of the brethren present also addressed a few words to Bro. Lambert on his departure from Albury. This closed the business. The brethren remained a few minutes to drink "The Health of Bro. and Mrs. Lambert."

South Africa.

The installation of the Masters elect of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 1409, the Richard Giddy Lodge, No. 1574, and the Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832, took place in the lodge room of the former on the 24th June (St. John's Day). The members of each lodge met together in large numbers, and the number of Masons then present was an undoubted proof that Freemasonry in Kimberley is in a flourishing condition. Bro. D. Haarhoff conducted the ceremony, and among the visiting Past Masters were Bros. J. Hemming, C.C., Hodgkins, Grand Lodge of China, D. Moss, and J. Alexander.

The following were the officers appointed for respective lodges:

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1409.

W. Bro. D. N. Defries, W.M.
W. Bro. D. J. Haarhoff, I.P.M.
Bro. W. P. Hutton, S.W.
" J. C. Lucas, J.W.
" Joseph Hayes, Treasurer.
" J. S. Stuart, Secretary.
" W. R. Bryant, S.D.
" G. H. Langmead, J.D.
" H. Opie, I.G.
" E. J. Soundy }
" W. D. Smith } Stewards.
" H. Swift }
" C. M. Davis, M.C.
" H. J. Kennett, Tyler.

RICHARD GIDDY LODGE, No. 1574.

Bro. G. C. Kilmour, W.M.
" W. Smith, S.W.
" A. L. Neale, J.W.
" J. D. Norden, Sec.
" S. Neels, Treas.
" W. Forster, S.D.
" P. Tallerman, J.D.
" S. H. George, I.G.
" Cecil Wright, O.G.
" R. A. Heath, }
" A. Hess } Stewards.
" C. E. Thibert }
" Pfaelzer, M.C.

CHARLES WARREN LODGE, No. 1832.

Bro. D. E. Doveton, P.M.
" G. A. Blackbeard, W.M.
" J. C. Wylie, S.W.
" R. H. Blackbeard, J.W.
" C. Aburrow, S.D.
" E. Rowles, J.D.
" F. Harwood, Treasurer.
" A. P. Woolley, Secretary.
" G. Riesle, I.G.
" C. Allen, Tyler.
" J. Withcombe, }
" Dickie, } Stewards.
" A. Wylie, }

DUTOITSPAN.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (Dutch Constitution).—According to custom, this lodge, working under the Dutch Constitution, held their annual banquet on St. John's Day, June 24th, having their installation the same morning, when the following officers were appointed:

Bro. C. Roberts, I.P.M.
" B. Klisser, W.M.
" A. Yockmonitz, D.M.
" I. Sombeek, S.W.
" Barnes, J.W.
" H. Hull, In.
" A. Farr, Or.
" F. Campbell, Al.
" H. N. Campbell, Sec.
" Lomas, Arch.
" E. Harris, M. Music.
" Partridge, M.C.
" Avis, Arm.
" Bayley, I.G.
" Kuiper, Tyler.

The banquet was held in the Carnarvon Hotel, and reflected the highest credit on the host, Mr. Height. Over eighty gentlemen sat down to a most excellent repast, and, to judge from appearances, enjoyed themselves very heartily. Bro. Bernard Klisser, the Master of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, occupied the chair, and was supported by his officers and the newly-installed Masters and Officers of the Kimberley Lodge. All being in full Masonic clothing, wearing the jewels of their different degrees, the appearance of the dining room, when all were seated, was one to be remembered, for we do not recollect having seen in our assemblages here so many high and distinguished members of the Craft together at one time, among whom we noticed Past Masters Hodgkins, Benuie, Hackney, Murray (of Capetown), De Kock, and J. Alexander Richter; also Bros. G. Kilmour, Defries and Blackbeard. We also recognised Bros. L. H. Lyons, Granichstaden, Isaacs, Heath, Goldsmith, Campbell, Weil, Neels, Creewel, Tallerman, Yockmonitz, Langford, Aria, Bailey and Moss, in all about one hundred gathered round the heavily laden tables. The good things of the dinner having received that consideration they were justly entitled to, the speeches usual on such occasions were proceeded with.

"The Queen and the Craft."
"His Majesty the King of the Netherlands."
"His Royal Highness the Grand Master, Prince Frederick of the Netherlands."
"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England."

"The D.G.M.'s of the Various Constitutions in this Province," given by the CHAIRMAN in the order named, being received with enthusiasm.

Bro. RICHTER, P.M., then proposed "The Health of Bro. Klisser, the W.M., in glowing terms, and which was duly responded to. Bro. Klisser receiving quite an ovation on resuming his seat.

"The W.M.'s and Officers of the Different Lodges in the Province" being the next toast, was acknowledged by W.M.'s Bros. KILGOUR, BLACKBEARD, and DEFRIES—newly-installed brethren.

"Our Absent Brethren" were not forgotten, and came next on the list, Bro. BURNES proposing, the response coming from the chair.

The DEPUTY MASTER "Yockmonitz" then asked the members of Peace and Harmony to drink to "The Visiting Brethren"—so many visitors being present it was difficult to select any one in particular, but Past Master Murray, of Capetown, being called upon, replied in a well chosen speech.

"The Press" was left in the hands of Past Master HODGKINS, which was given in a clear and pointed manner, and received accordingly.

"Our Sisters" and "Poor and Distressed Brethren" came last.

And we must not omit to mention that Bros. Foote and Cohen sang some capital songs, both gentlemen luckily being in good voice at the time. The proceedings—enlivened by a brass band—lasted till midnight, and all seem to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The banquet was acknowledged by all who took part in it to have been a complete success. The satisfactory character of all the arrangements is due in a great measure to the pains taken by Bro. Harry Campbell, the energetic Secretary of the Peace and Harmony Lodge.

South America.

BUENOS AYRES.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 617).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on St. John's Day, 24th June. The lodge was opened at 3.15 p.m.; the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and after some private business had been dispatched, visitors were admitted. Commissions from the lodges Star of the South, No. 1025, and Acacia, No. 876, under the Grand Lodge of England, and from the lodges Unione Italiana, Moralidad, Amie des Naufragés, and other lodges working in the Scotch Rite were admitted. A letter from the Grand Master of the Argentine Orient, Bro. M. H. Langenheim, excusing his non-attendance, and wishing the lodge every prosperity, was presented in open lodge by the Grand Warden of that Orient, Bro. C. C. de Ezcurra. Finally the D.D.G.M., Bro. A. M. Bell, the D.G.S.W., Bro. G. J. Ryan, the D.G.J.W., Bro. H. Joseph, the D.G.S.D., Bro. W. T. Livingston, the acting D.G.J.B., Bro. W. J. Corrates, the D.G.A.D.C., Bro. H. Wilson, and the acting D.G.P., Bro. G. Stearn, were admitted and received in due form. Bro. A. A. Bell was passed to the Second Degree. The D.G.S.W., Bro. Ryan, who had been appointed Installing Master, owing to the absence of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. R. B. Masfield, in Cordoba, at the installation meeting of the lodge Southern Cross, No. 1740, now took possession of the chair, and replaced the officers of the lodge by those of the District Grand Lodge. Bro. C. Trevor Mold, D.G. Sec., who had been re-elected, was now presented to the Installing Master, by Bro. I.P.M. Ramsay, D.G. Treasurer, and duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to the ancient rites and ceremonies of the Order. Bro. Ryan then proceeded to invest the officers appointed for the ensuing year as follows, viz., Bros. F. J. Morphy, S.W.; J. Hopwood, J.W.; J. Hogg, Treasurer; R. O. Watson, Secretary; R. O'Grady, S.D.; T. R. Cornish, J.D.; J. H. Getting, M.C.; F. R. Hancock, Organist; W. A. Isard, I.G.; H. W. Watson and C. Schultze, Stewards; and C. Butcher, Tyler. The W.M. now thanked the members of the lodge Excelsior for the high honour they had conferred upon him in re-electing him Master of the lodge. He also thanked the Installing Master, Bro. Ryan, D.G.S.W., and the other members of the District Grand Lodge for their attendance at the meeting, and, in conclusion, he welcomed the various lodges and brethren who had attended the ceremony. Appropriate speeches were made by several of the brethren, and at 6 p.m. the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren of the York Rite then adjourned to the annual banquet, given by the lodges Excelsior and Star of the South, which was numerously attended, and passed off with great success.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

For some time past the approaching visit of the British Association to York for its jubilee meeting has been a matter of interest to the inhabitants of the ancient capital of the North, and the Freemasons have had under consideration the question of according to their distinguished Masonic visitors a special welcome. Committees for the purpose of taking this matter into consideration were appointed some weeks ago by both lodges, and on Monday night a meeting of this joint Committee was held at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. M. Rooke, W.M. York Lodge, 236; A. Buckle, P.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M. Eboracum, 1611; J. S. Cumberland, P.M. 1611; J. S. Rymer, S.W. 236; and others.

The whole question was thoroughly discussed, and it was arranged that the two York lodges should give a reception at the Masonic Hall on a day to be subsequently decided upon; that arrangements should be made for the reading of papers, &c., and for a handsome collation; and that the patronage of the leading Masons in the county should be asked. Bros. A. Buckle, P.M., and J. S. Cumberland, P.M., were appointed joint Secretaries.

There seems to be every prospect of this proving a most successful gathering, and it is certain that nothing will be wanting on the part of the York brethren to make it as successful as possible.

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.

POSTAGE AND RECEIPT STAMPS.—A correspondent to the *City Press* writes: "As, unquestionably, misapprehension exists as to the legality of using two halfpenny stamps in giving a receipt, I have applied to the Inland Revenue Office, Somerset House, and have received this morning their reply, that 'the duty on a receipt cannot be denoted by two halfpenny stamps.'"

Masonic and General Tidings.

The illuminated address presented to Bro. T. B. Whythead a few days ago by the brethren of the York Mark Lodge (F.I.) is a beautiful work of art and is being photographed by Bro. W. T. Gowland, of York. It is surrounded by an emblematical border, appropriate to the Mark Degree, and in every detail it is artistically finished. It is the work of Mr. Morton, illuminator, of York, and was executed from general designs prepared by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, S.W. of the lodge. The frame is of oak, adorned with carved emblems of the Degree.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe laid the foundation stone of new buildings of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital on Friday, the 29th ult., at Plymouth. His lordship was accompanied by the Mayor (Mr. F. A. Morrish) and the Corporation. The old building was erected forty years ago, in the midst of the town. It has been twice enlarged, and is even now crowded. The new building is estimated to cost £24,000, and on Friday morning about £10,000 remained to be collected. A cheque for £1000 was received from Sir Massey Lopes, M.P., in addition to £1000 he had already given.

The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, will be consecrated at Brixton Hall on Saturday next, by Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Portsmouth, on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at the Public Hall, Southend-on-Sea, on Tuesday, the 9th inst.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Burt has been elected President of the Builders' Benevolent Fund for the ensuing year.

The directors of the Masonic Hall Company (Limited), Taunton, have resolved to declare a dividend of five per cent., and carry forward a small balance.

It was a deserved tribute to the musical ability of Bro. Henry R. Palmer, the musical writer, that the Chicago University has recently bestowed upon him the grade of Doctor of Music. His compositions are of a very high order, and many of his sweetest airs are set to Masonic words. We have other Masons among music composers—instance, Butterfield, John C. Baker, H. S. Perkins, &c.—but none have made brighter marks upon the tablet of musical fame than Bro. Henry R. Palmer, Musical Doctor, late of Chicago, Ill., now of New York.—*Masonic Review*.

Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle will be installed Provincial Grand Master Mason of Cornwall on Monday, the 15th inst., at Truro.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon will be held at the Mechanics' Institute, Princes-square, Plymouth, this day (Saturday), at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The subscriptions to the John Hervey memorial fund, to the 2nd August, amount to £717 9s.

Bro. Harrison, of 3 and 4, Fowkes-buildings, Great Tower-street, is the solicitor to the United Kingdom Fisheries Co., Limited.

Bro. G. R. Sims's new piece, to be produced at the Vaudeville Theatre next September, is an original domestic comedy.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., and Bro. Sheriff Waterlow, have given a donation of five guineas each to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

The alterations in the new Freemasons' Hall, Dunedin, are progressing as rapidly as could be expected, and it is probable that the contract will be completed in July. The inside will be made comfortable and convenient; but the front of the building—through want of funds—will have a most unsightly appearance, and be an eyesore to brethren who take an interest in Masonic affairs in Dunedin. It is to be hoped, however, that many more shares in the Freemasons' Hall Co. will be taken up at an early date, so that the directors may be able to call for tenders for the completion of the building.—*New Zealand Freemason*.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., has promised to read a paper on "Capital and Labour" at the Trade Union Congress about to be held in London.

The summer festival of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place at the King's Arms Hotel, Kew Green, on Wednesday, the 10th inst.

Sir Frederick Roberts will represent this country at the manoeuvres of the German army this year.

Bros. Richardson and Sadler, 28, Golden Square, are the solicitors to the Alston College Company, Limited.

MASONIC EXCURSION.—Taking advantage of Bank Holiday, the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, organised and carried out a successful excursion to Llandudno, one of the most charming of Welsh watering places, the object being the benefit of the Benevolent Fund connected with the lodge. The Great Ormshead and Conway Castle were included in the day's visit, and the pleasant day's outing was greatly enhanced by the special arrangements made by Bros. Cottrell, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; and Careful, W.M., each of whom were indefatigable in their efforts to make the trip a complete success.

Bro. H. Hatch, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and a handsome and valuable necklet and locket for acceptance by his wife, by the members of the Lodge of Harmony, Garston, as an appropriate expression of the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren.

Bro. Lord Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, leaves town for Switzerland next week.

The lodges working under the English Constitution in Kimberley, held their united ball on the 5th inst., which proved a great success.

Bro. S. Gibbons, one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is at present in London, staying at 19, Delahay-street.

Bro. Esprit-Eugene Hubert, editor of *La Chaîne d'Union* has been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Haiti to the Grand Orient of France.

Bros. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and H.I.H. the Crown Prince of Germany, were present at the opening of the International Congress at St. James Hall, on Wednesday.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey's cup for naval artillery volunteer cutters was won by the Liverpool battery, at the Beaumaris regatta.

The annual meeting of the British Medical Association, which was to have been held at Ryde this week, has been postponed till next Tuesday, the 9th inst., owing to the meeting of the International Medical Congress in London. The Ryde session will last three days.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the Degree of Doctor in Divinity on the Rev. Henry Aaron Stern, in recognition of his eminent labours as a missionary among the Jews in Persia, Arabia, Abyssinia, and elsewhere.

Bro. Josiah W. Taylor was installed M.W.S. of the St. Peter's Chapter, No. 31, Bolton, by Ill. Bro. Chas. J. Banister, at the last meeting of that chapter. Bro. Banister also installed Bro. R. H. Hutchinson, M.W.S. of the Palatine Chapter, Manchester; Bro. William Tyrer, M.W.S. of the Liverpool Chapter, Liverpool; and Bro. W. R. Thomas, M.D., M.W.S. of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield.

Haddo House, Aberdeenshire, the principal seat of the Earl of Aberdeen, a building of many historical associations, was the scene of an alarming fire on Wednesday, which broke out in an attic where plumbers were at work. The richly-decorated drawing-room underneath was greatly damaged. Haddo House is insured in the North British and Mercantile Office.

Bro. E. B. Hobson was installed W.M. of the Nelson Lodge, No. 700, Woolwich, on the 20th ult.

Bro. John Phelps Hitchings was installed W.M., of the Ogmore Lodge, No. 1752, Bridgend, on the 25th ult., when Bro. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M. of South Wales, Eastern Division, was present.

The funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Sharpe, philanthropist, Egyptologist, and reviser of the Scriptures, took place yesterday at Abney-park Cemetery. The Rev. R. Spears, of College Chapel, Stepney-green, conducted the funeral service. The deceased was 82 years of age.

The marriage of the Hon. Arthur Saumarez, second son of Lord and Lady de Saumarez, and Miss McGarel Hogg, only daughter of Bro. Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P., took place on Wednesday, at St. Peter's, Eaton-square.

Bro. Viscount Hoimesdale, P.G.M. Kent, assisted by Bro. James S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, consecrated the Graystone Lodge, No. 1915, at the Foresters' Hall, Whitstable, on the 28th ult.

Comp. T. D. Hayes was installed M.F.Z. of the Pattison Chapter, No. 913, Plumstead, on the 21st ult.

In our notice of the opening of the Childrens' Hospital at Brighton, on the 21st ult., by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Bro. Lanson, the architect of the building is stated to be Past Grand S.W. of Sussex, instead of Past Grand Supt. of Works, Sussex.

Bro. Henry Irving presided on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund, and pleaded the claims of the institution in a characteristic speech. Bro. J. L. Yoole, in humorous terms, gave "The health of the Chairman." The subscriptions, which included a contribution of £100 from Her Majesty, amounted to £1100. Amongst those present were Bros. G. A. Sala, H. J. Byron, W. Creswick, T. Swinbourne, E. C. Clarke, M.P., James McHenry, the Master of the Loriner's Company, Clement Scott, Wilhelm Ganz, Hollingshead, and Howard Paul.

A few days ago a little drummer-boy, barely thirteen years old, was discovered walking in full regiments along the railway line in the direction of Moscow. On being questioned, he stated that he had set out from Saratoff on foot, with the intention of walking 500 miles along the line to Moscow, in order that he might receive there a "regular musical training." Not having even a copeck to subsist upon, matters might have fared badly with the courageous little fellow, but for some food given him by a platelayer and a judicious piece of advice. "Don't walk on foot," said this man, who was evidently aware of the lax system in vogue on Russian lines, "but stop at the first station, and enter the first train that arrives. Nobody will say a word to you till it approaches the next station, when the guard will come round for the tickets. Tell him, then, that you have lost your's, and you will not only be commiserated by the passengers, but may be even carried on several stations beyond. If, however, the guard is a bad sort of fellow, he will put you out at the first station, where, you having no money upon you, they will be compelled to let you go. Then set off on foot for the next station, and wait for the next train, when you can repeat the process over again." Following this man's advice, the drummer-boy covered 400 miles of his journey before his mode of cheap travelling was found out. On the particulars becoming known the railway officials forwarded him the rest of the distance free of expense, and the passengers subscribed several pounds to assist him in obtaining his "regular musical training" on reaching his destination.—*The Broad Arrow*.

The consecration of the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, will take place at the Masonic Hall, Harwood House, High-street, Croydon, on Friday, August 12th, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon precisely; V.W. Bro. Gen. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., R.W. Prov. Grand Master, will be the Consecrating Officer; Professor E. M. Lott, is to be the first W.M.

Bro. King Kalakua left Berlin on Thursday direct for Vienna, via Breslau.

Bros. Lord Roseberry and G. A. Sala have associated themselves with a movement for the purpose of reorganising the Trades' Guild of Learning, in connection with which a public meeting will be held at the Society of Arts on Monday, August 8.

Mr. J. S. Wood, Secretary of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, owing to the great demand made for "Ye Boke o ye Fayre" a souvenir of the recent gathering at the Albert Hall, is necessitated to re-issue this unique volume.

The chapel of Lincoln's Inn, which is said to have been designed by Inigo Jones, is about to be altered and enlarged under the superintendence of Sir E. Beckett, Bart., Q.C.

Bro. Baron de Worms entertained most of the influential members of the Conservative party in the House of Commons on Wednesday at a fish dinner, given at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Among those present were Bros. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the Earl of Bective, and Lord A. Hill.

Bro. the King of Sweden has invited Count von Moltke to visit Stockholm.

Mr. Henry Harvey has just finished a bust in terra cotta of Bro. Gen. Sir Frederick Roberts, who gave the sculptor several sittings.

Lord Alington was recently memorialised by the Wesleyans of Middlemarsh, Dorset, to grant them a site for a chapel. His lordship not only readily complied with the request, but has given £25 towards the funds, and drawn up a plan embodying his idea of what a chapel ought to be.

Bro. E. Humphries was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 220, Garston, on the 27th ult.

Bro. C. Trevor Mold, D.G. Secretary of the Argentine Republic, was installed W.M. of the Excelsior Lodge, No. 617, Buenos Ayres, on St. John's Day, 24th June, by Bro. G. J. Ryan, the D.G.S.W., assisted by the Officers of the District Grand Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry was held at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, on the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. T. C. Walls, G.I.M., in the absence of the T.I.M., Bro. the Rev. Raymond Portal, who was seriously indisposed.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with three of their children, will visit Liverpool on September 6th, when the new North Dock Works will be opened. The Mayor, when informing the city council, said it was sixteen years since the Prince and Princess had been together in Liverpool, and this was the first time his Royal Highness had honoured the town with his presence for the purpose of performing a Public function.

A POLITICAL LODGE.—It is rumored that some of our brethren in Blenheim purpose opening a lodge under the S.C., with the intention of confining its members entirely to those holding political opinions in accord with their own. We can hardly give credence to this report; but hope that, if it turns out to be true, every means will be taken to prevent a warrant being granted to a political clique.—*New Zealand Freemason*.

The management committee of the Nottingham University College have issued the programme of the session of 1881-2, which will commence in the first week of October. The committee intend to provide for the teaching of subjects which underlie work, bear upon trade, and help to develop the intellects of the workman.

THE TEMPLE BAR MEMORIAL.—This memorial undergoes a process of cleansing twice a week, but the operation is of the most superficial character. Water is thrown on it, but this merely cleans the outside, the crevices and fine work being still left in a dirty condition. What is required is the use of brushes, in order that the accumulations may be swept away. The bronze work is not yet fixed. That will probably soon assume the colour of iron, as it has done on the same kind of material on the lamps which now stand in front of the memorial. Can nothing be done to prevent this?—*City Press*.

THE ROYAL NAVAL CLUB.—The annual dinner of the Royal Naval Club at Portsmouth has been fixed for Monday next, and will be attended by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Crown Prince of Prussia, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, but the proceedings will be of a private character. Their Royal and Imperial Highnesses will cross from Cowes in the Royal yacht Osborne, but as their visit will be unofficial, there will be no formal reception, the illustrious visitors landing at the Victoria Pier, and being driven to the club house, returning after the dinner to Cowes.

THE LATE DEAN STANLEY'S DISCOURSES ON THE "BEATITUDES."—270 thousand copies of the *Christian Age* have been sold. Dean Stanley's Four Last Discourses, with Portrait and Sketch of his Life—Two Hymns by Dean Stanley—Three Memorial Sermons, preached in Westminster Abbey by Revs. Canon Farrar, Dr. Vaughan, the Bishop of Peterborough. Her Majesty the Queen has graciously accepted Dean Stanley's Discourses on the "Beatitudes." Post free, price Sevenpence.—Lobb and Bertram, 1, St. Bride-street; and of all booksellers.

The day of meeting of the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction has been altered from Monday to Tuesday.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS
For the Week ending Saturday, August 13, 1881.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6.
Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
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, AUGUST 8.
Lodge 1228, Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
" 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.
" 1789, Ubiqne, 8, Air-st., Regent-st.
" 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thornton Heath.
Chap. 720, Panmure, Horns Tav., Kennington.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9.
Lodge 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdg., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 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.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, 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, AUGUST 10.
Gen. Com. R.M.B. Institution, at 3.
Lodge 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11.
Lodge 1804, Coburn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 8.30.
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, AUGUST 12.
Lodge 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Gt. Stanmore.
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, AUGUST 13.
Lodge 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1985, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
Chap. 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood-green.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE
For the Week ending Saturday, August 13, 1881.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8.
Lodge 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
" 613, Unity, Palatine-buildings, Southport.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
" 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.
" 1021, Hartington, M.C., Barrow.
" 1359, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
" 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9.
Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Warrington.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1713, Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton.
Prince Arthur L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
Stanley L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10.
Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Wittington.
" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.R., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.R., Grange-over-Sands.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11.
Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Mark 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12.
" 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.
Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.
BATSTONE.—On the 1st inst., at Sussex Cottage, Upper Mall, Hammersmith, the wife of Mr. Sidney E. Batstone, of a son.

DASHWOOD.—On the 2nd inst., at Gowlett-road, East Dulwich, the wife of Mr. Thomas George Dashwood, of a daughter.

RADCLYFFE.—On the 28th ult., at 70, Guilford-street, Russell-square, the wife of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, of a son.

SLATER.—On the 30th ult., at 13, Chatsworth-square, Carlisle, the wife of Mr. John Bedwell Slater, of a son.

MARRIAGE.
FISHER.—PEACOCK.—On the 30th ult., at St. Augustine's Church, Hackney-road, Henry Peirce Fisher, to Julia, youngest daughter of Mr. William Peacock, of York-street, Hackney-road.

DEATHS.
CHAPMAN.—On the 1st inst., at 1, Nettleton-road, Newcross, Mr. John Power Chapman, in the 72nd year of his age.
COLTHIRST.—On the 28th ult., at 72, Seymour-street, Portman-square, the Hon. Henry Forbes Colthirst, M.L.C., of Kingston, Jamaica, aged 59 years.
HEBDEEN.—On the 31st ult., at 15, Compton-terrace, Islington, Mr. George Wright Hebden, aged 83 years.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

Grand Master Horace S. Taylor announces as Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed for the ensuing year, the following names:

- M.W. Bro. Horace S. Taylor, Grand Master, New York.
- R.W. Bro. Benjamin Flagler, Deputy Grand Master, Suspension Bridge.
- " William A. Brodic, Senior Grand Warden, Genesee.
- " John W. Vrooman, Junior Grand Warden, Herkimer.
- " John Boyd, Grand Treasurer, New York.
- " James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, New York.
- " Rev. John G. Webster, Grand Chaplain, Palmyra.
- " Rev. Charles H. Hall, D.D., Grand Chaplain, Brooklyn.
- " Rev. Charles W. Camp, Grand Chaplain, Rondout.
- " Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Marshal, New York.
- " Edward P. Campbell, Grand Standard Bearer, New York.
- " Thomas G. Rigney, Grand Sword Bearer, New York.
- " Cortland Lake, Grand Steward, New York.
- " Millard Van Blaricom, Grand Steward, New York.
- " David M. Rankin, Grand Steward, Troy.
- " Frank Magee, Grand Steward, New York.
- " Stephen M. Wright, Senior Grand Deacon, New York.
- " Lincoln Sage, Junior Grand Deacon, Rochester.
- " George F. Raymond, Grand Lecturer, New York.
- " William H. Costenbader, Grand Librarian, New York.

W. Bro. Johnston Fountain, Grand Pursuivant, New York.
" John Hoole, Grand Tyler, New York.

The following are the District Deputies:

- No. 1, R.W. Bro. George W. Clock, Islip.
- " 2, " John H. Bonnington, Greenpoint.
- " 3, " Fred. H. Wight, Brooklyn.
- " 4, " Lawrence Wells, New York.
- " 5, " James M. McGregor, New York.
- " 6, " Wm. H. Corsa, New York.
- " 7, " Chas. F. Seymour, New York.
- " 8, " Cyrus O. Hubbell, New York.
- " 9, " John T. Underhill, Tuckahoe.
- " 10, " Wm. G. Morgan, Saugerties.
- " 11, " Jonas M. Preston, Delhi.
- " 12, " James Ten Eyck, Albany.
- " 13, " Edward F. Grose, Ballston Spa.
- " 14, " Richard Davis, Fultonville.
- " 15, " Baron D. Bragdon, Canton.
- " 16, " Louis C. Greenleaf, Watertown.
- " 17, " Wm. E. Hopkins, Utica.
- " 18, " Fred. A. Benson, Binghamton.
- " 19, " Fred. D. Heald, Moravia.
- " 20, " Reuben L. Smith, Ithaca.
- " 21, " George McGown, Palmyra.
- " 22, " Josiah Curtis, Genesee.
- " 23, " Harlan J. Swift, Cuba.
- " 24, " Albert S. Warner, Albion.
- " 25, " John C. Graves, Buffalo.
- " 26, " Frank E. Shaw, Sinclairville.
- " 27, " Livingston, Satterlee, Port Richmond.

Lodges working in the German language—Francis de Malignon, New York.

Lodges working in the French, Spanish, and Italian languages—Antonio Gonzales, Brooklyn.

Committee of Foreign Correspondence—M.W. Bro. John W. Simons, W. Bro. M. Pinner, and W. Bro. Julius J. Frank.

MASONIC VETERANS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A number of the brethren met in June in a committee room of Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, for the purpose of forming a Masonic Veteran Association. Bro. Charles E. Meyer was called to the chair, with Bro. Dennis F. Dealy as Secretary. After some remarks from the chair as to the objects of the meeting, Bro. Edward Mason moved that the brethren present form an association to be styled "The Masonic Veteran Association of Pennsylvania," which was unanimously adopted. Bro. M. Richards Mucklé was selected as Treasurer. A Committee, consisting of Bros. E. Masson, W. J. Kelly, J. Parker Martin, in connection with the officers of the meeting, were appointed to draft bye-laws for the government of the Association, and to select a design for a badge to be worn by the members of the Association. Bros. M. Richards Mucklé and John L. Young were appointed. After an interchange of opinions and ideas, the Association adjourned.

The following brethren participated and became members of the Association: Bros. Charles E. Meyer, W. J. Kelly, John L. Young, M. Richards Mucklé, D. F. Dealy, Edward Masson, E. S. Wycoff, Thos. J. Belville, J. Parker Martin, H. G. Clark, C. H. Kingston, W. D. Shubert, Isaac H. O'Harra, Wm. Elder, Collins M. Gatchell, B. D. Franklin, Richard Brown, Benjamin D. Sage, John Sartain, H. F. Printz, John Hanold, W. H. Dougherty and Jacob W. Roberts.

Bros. Hon. Richard Vaux, M. Nisbet, F. R. Gatchell, W. H. Burkhardt, and A. M. Rambo, who could not be present in person, sent their names for enrolment.—*Kayatorne.*

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