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THE following passage in a letter from the Times correspondent at Paris last week seems to us deserving of "note and comment," in that it is so historically incorrect as to fall into the region of "muthos" entirely. The writer says, in reference to some Napoleonic history, to which we need not further allude, as far outside our boundary line : " The Empire was Democracy with the purple in addition for those who like to be dazzled. It was the only dangerous rival of the Republic; nay, it had the advantage over it of being double-faced, of offering one hand to the Church and the other to the Freemasons, and of flattering Democracy by creating marquises and dukes. The Empire's last champion has retired, and, contrary to the cry of the Roman gladiator, those who see him go say, 'Ave Cæsar moriturus ! victores te salutant." We only give the whole "extract" at all like as we "bid" at a sale, for a whole lot of rubbish for one little book of rarity or value, on account of the allusion to the Freemasons. We are amused to note "en passant," that the printers of the Times, like other printers, have made a "hash" of the Latin. What the writer says of the " Freemasons" is clearly historically incorrect. In the first NAPOLEON'S time the French Freemasons, who were recovering from the "Slough of Despond " of the French Revolution, had very little power in France, and never were high in favour with NAPOLEON himself, though he allowed them to meet and put first CAMBACERES, and then his brother JOSEPH, at their head. In the last NAPOLEON's reign the Freemasons were latterly at open war with the Government, in our opinion most unwisely; and the theory that at any time they are a political power in a State is fatal to the genius and mission of Freemasonry, and, as far as France is concerned, is indeed a "myth of myths." It may flatter the vanity of some, that love of public discussion which is the bane of true Freemasonry, and in which our French brethren too much indulge, but as Freemasonry has suffered equally from "panegyrists and calumniators, each equally mendacious," (these are Mr. HALLAM's words, not ours), we think it well to protest to-day against a mis-reading of Masonic history in France, which may do much harm. The other remarks apply to an eminent French Statesman, M. ROUHER, on his avowed retirement from public life.

THE train of thought into which the foregoing article has led us is this-that we may rejoice to think that we English Freemasons have nothing to do with either political, or religious discussions. So far, happily, our Order has been kept free-truly free, perfectly free-from the excitement of political discussions, or the outflow of acrimonious controversies; and long may this "golden age" for us as Masons continue. In public life we are often worried and jostled angrily by heated combatants and unreasoning controversialists, but in a Masonic lodge all is peace and calm, mutual consideration, and fraternal respect for others. We "honour all men," and so long as our brother is neither a stupid Atheist nor an irreligious libertine we forbear all questions as to his creed, and welcome him as a brother of our Order. We are absolutely so far exempt from the untoward knowledge or discussion of sectarian differences, and any one who hastily lightens any torch of discord or throws down a gauntlet of animosity in our midst is not fit to remain in our peaceful, tolerant, charitable, and kindly Order. We see every now and then "loose words," and read apathetic statements on this vital principle of Freemasonry, and we think it right to raise our humble note of friendly warning and sympathetic concern.

A LETTER we published last week, signed "A Rough Ashlar," raises a very serious question. Undoubtedly since 1813 we in England must honestly

admit that the teachings and proclamations of the Grand Lodge have been non-denominational, and the entire ritual has been simply Theistic, though there has remained in our midst, and probably always will remain, a limited Johannite School, which finds Christian symbolism in Freemasonry, In Scotland and Ireland Christian prayers can be used; but the general use in England (though there is no rule, it is said, without an exception), since 1813, has been what may be fairly termed " universal," in opposition to "particular." Of late on several occasions we have noted that Christian prayers have been used ; and we presume that the instance referred to by our correspondent is one of these cases. Remembering JEREMY TAYLOR'S eloquent and indignant claim for "liberty of prophesying," we are not ourselves inclined to take much notice of such little deviations from our well-known formularies, and we often think that about such matters, and many more like them, the old proverb still holds good emphatically-" The least said, the soonest mended." Still, our correspondent was in "his right" in calling attention to the fact.

WE have always boasted that Freemasonry knew neither political prepossessions nor sectarian controversies. It seems, however, that some worthy brethren, under the Scottish Constitution, in New Zealand, from a paragraph in last Freemason, are about to prove the incorrectness of such constant declarations by the formation of a political lodge. We can hardly believe the statement, and think that it must be an Antipodean " canard." But we know enough of the Masonic principles and spirit of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to feel persuaded that any such perverse parody on Masonic teaching will at once be repudiated and condemned by its distinguished authorities.

WE are pleased to note that the Everton Lodge, No. S23, added to the pleasure of its annual recreation gathering by making an excursion to Llandudno. This is a most sensible proceeding, and one to be imitated by other lodges.

WE have heard, though we can hardly credit the report, that Grand Lodge is again to be distressed and annoyed by some absurd personal questions, arising out of some petty matters in the Committees of the Girls' School. We beg to express our hope that steps may be taken in some way or other officially, to put a stop to proceedings which make Freemasonry a subject of ridicule to all outsiders. It is a little too bad.

VERY soon on the Victoria Embankment the bronze Sphinxes will flank "yon stately obelisk," to its manifest improvement, and we are forcibly reminded whenever we see it of the patriotic munificence of our esteemed Bro. ERAS-MUS WILSON, whose zeal both for Masonry and philanthropy is well known, and, in our opinion, highly commendable. The nohle work which he is so liberally carrying on at the Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate, is one entirely characteristic of himself, and is certain in every way to be a lasting aid and blessing to our common and suffering humanity.

WE are much struck by the number of good brethren and true who transact the routine, but needful, work of "Masonry" while every one is "out of town." We think especial praise is due to our GRAND TREASURER, always ready for duty, and who certainly deserves the sympathy and regard of all his brethren for what he does so zealously and consistently for the welfare in every way of our Ancient Craft.

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WE have often said that we are but at the threshold of our Masonic studies, and we repeat the assertion to-day. The fact alluded to by "Masonic Student" in regard to ASHMOLE's initiation opens out many questions, and suggests numerous considerations. So far from investigation upholding the so-called 1717 theory, it entirely upsets it, and we feel assured that present investigation will result in the certainty of an existing Freemasonry in the 17th century in this country, entirely akin to the revival of 1717.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held in the Board-room at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart in the chair; and there were also present Bros. Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, R. B. Webster, Rev. Dr. Morris, Arthur E. Gladwell, Richard Tyrell, Alexander Wallace, S. Rawson, James Winter, Frederick Adlard, Edward Baxter, F. Binckes (Secretary), and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and confirmed. The minutes of the last General Court of the House Committee, &c., were read for information. The report of the Audit Committee was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Three petitions for candidates for election were deferred, two because certificates were incomplete, and one on account of the candidate's inability to read.

A grant of \pounds_5 was awarded a former scholar upon a satisfactory certificate from his present employer.

The SECRETARY reported that the Charitable Trusts Bill introduced into the House of Commons had been withdrawn.

The CHAIRMAN said that he regretted to inform the brethren of the decease of Bro. Moutrie and Bro. Meggy, members of the House Committee. The SECRETARY reported that the new offices would be ready in about

a fortnight, and received authority to expend a sum not exceeding £50 in the purchase of additional furniture for the same. À vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the preceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rawson, G. Bolton, J. A. Farnfield, William Clarke, J. M. Case, C. G. Dilley, C. J. Perceval, F. Adlard, John M. Stedwell, Charles Daniel, Thomas W. C. Bush, Edgar Bowyer, Charles Atkins, W. F. Nettleship, W. Hilton, and James Terry

(Secretary). After the reading and verification of the minutes of 23rd July, the Warden's report for the last month was read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the annuitants, &c.

The SECRETARY read letter announcing the withdrawal of the Charitable Trusts Bill from Parliament.

Two petitions were examined, and the candidates were placed on the list for election next May. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

A very important "factor " in the whole history of Freemasonry, at any rate during and since the Middle Ages, is the question of those wandering bands of Freemasons who built in this country, and other countries, those mighty structures which still attest their constructive skill, adorn architecture proper, and are the admiration and astonishment of successive ages and of our own times.

Earlier writers, as Hope, Gunn, Dallaway, Poole, &c., have alluded to the "Freemasons" as "builders" in express terms, and though the fact, as a fact, has been questioned by some and denied by others, I apprehend that there can be little doubt but that in some sense, at any rate, those writers were correct in their assertions founded on fact. Mr. C. J. Ferguson, an architect well-known in the north of England, in an interesting publication on Lanercost Abbey, assumes that the work of the Freemasons was a real work.

Recent researches, like Sir Gilbert Scott's Fabric Rolls of Westminster Abbey, the Fabric Rolls of York Minster, and of Durham, published by the Surtees Society, the Register of Wm. Molash, Prior of Canterbury, and numerous extracts from older documents, seem to demonstrate unmistakably that some Master Masons and Masons worked consecutively in the north and in the south, and that most of the great abbeys had a skilled staff or "lodge" of workmen attached to them. Sir Gilbert Scott asserts that there were Masons and a Master Mason in the King's pay, and the power of the Crown to impress Masons for special service is proved by undoubted authorities. In the lists of names of Masons preserved as working both at St. Stephen's Chapel, and at Durham, the former of which has been pub-lished in the "Masonic Magazine" some time back, we note the fact of the great preponderance of English and local names, with a small admixture of foreign Masons. The German theory, that at one time the Masons in England were mostly foreigners or Germans, is nowhere proved, so far as any list of names has yet been published, though we undoubtedly find names of Flemish or German origin among well-known and undoubted English names. But then the question comes in—Who were these Free-masons? masons '

Why were they termed Freemasons? Was it because they worked "free stone," and were Masons "de Franche Pierre," in opposition to rough Masons; or were they called Freemasons because free of their guild, chapter, or lodge?

The argument, as regards the derivation of "Freemason" from "Franche Pierre" has always appeared to me to be particularly weak and haphazard. It is the "post hoc, propter hoc" with a vengeance. Neither philologically nor realistically could we get Freemason from "Free-stone Mason." There

The Act, often quoted, of Edward III., talks of "Mestre Macon de Franche Pierre," "Master Mason of Free-stone," but it is an unique use of the word, and no traces of any distinction between those Macons who

worked in Free-stone and those who did not anywhere else appears. In all the Fabric Rolls and Lists, though the Masons are sometimes termed "Masons of the Lughe or Loyge," they are not distinguished from one another.

There is the "Magister Cementariorum," the "Mestre Macon," the

"Mayster Mayson," the "Cementarii, Latomi, Latami, Lathomi," also "Operarii, Operantes, Laboratores," Masons called setters, ligiers, tegula-tores, and other specific names, but they are all of quite late use. Indeed, the intense simplicity of the early term "cementarii" is very re-markable. Strictly speaking, "cementarii" are not Masons in any sense

of the word.

of the word. "Latomi," from the Greek "Lithos and temno;" "Lithotomi, Lapi-cida," from the "Lapicidinæ, a quarrier," are, properly, stone cutters, stone hewers. "Latomi" are said to come from Latomiæ. The "Cementarii" are probably the users of "cementum" or cement, and are, strictly speaking, perhaps, as Mr. Britton said, "Bricklayers," really doing the "Romanum opus" in brick, that being, of course, carefully cemented. I have not "Pacciolati" at hand, but, if I remember rightly, such is his use, though the word is used for Masons : and Facciolati knows nothing of

use, though the word is used for Masons; and Facciolati knows nothing of "Latomus," which is, I apprehend, a word of pure monastic use. If, also, I remember rightly, Facciolati spells the word "cœmentum," but of this I am not quite sure.

In the early 15th century ordinances of the Dean and Chapter of York, and those of the 14th century, a Mason to be admitted to work must be admitted with the consent of the Magister and Guardiani, (Wardens), and Majores, (Elders), of the lodge, and take the "corporal oath" of fidelity to his "work" and the Dean and Chapter of York. I think, then, though it is still, so far, only the evidence of inference, that we may fairly contend that Freemasons were called Freemasons because they

were members of a Free Guild, either incorporated by Royal Charter, or, like Bishop Lucy's Fraternity at Winchester, or the Confraternity at Glas-

gow, by a religious authority. It seems that in England, if Toulmin Smith be correct, the "Royal Licence" for a Guild was always needful, and probably one of the reasons for the return of the Guilds in Richard the Second's time, was to ascertain how many were merely ecclesiastical Guilds, as well as for the question of "property" held by "Mortmain," for at that time, as we know, the con-

test between the Papal and Regal power was coming rapidly "to the fore." But here we are "estopped" by want of evidence, and the "crux" endures, and must do so, until further facts are before us -1. What is the history of the Guilds from Richard II. to their suppression in Edward VI.? 2. What is the connection between them and the operative lodges existing in 1646? and what, again, is the "link" which binds the speculative Masons of 1717 with those of Ashmole's days, and, above all, with the Mediaeval Guilds of Freemasons?

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The children, to the number of nineteen, of this excellent Institution, left behind for their holidays, were on Tuesday last taken to Brighton, under the care of Bro. H. A. Dubois, Chairman of the House Committee. They left Clapham Junction at a few minutes after nine o'clock, in a sidoon car-riage specially provided by the Railway Company, and on their arrival at Brighton proceeded at once to the Old Ship, where refreshment was promptly served, under the superintendence of Bro. Bacon.

The children were then taken to the beach, where they, the whole morning, "battled with the waves" to their heart's content, a strong breeze blowing.

At one o'clock the company returned to the Ship, where a capital dinner was served, At its conclusion the young ones were taken through the whole of the rooms and private apartments of the Royal Pavilion- a pri-vilege obtained through the kind influence of Bro. V. P. Freeman, the Prov. Grand Secretary of the Province of Sussex.

The children next visited the Aquarium, and appeared highly delighted and amused with the objects exhibited therein. After tea, which was pro-vided at half-past six o'clock, the company repaired to the Pier. During the day the children met many of their old schoolfellows, a fact which added considerably to their enjoyment. The happy and healthy appearance of the young folks elicited many complimentary remarks from the Brightonians, the universal opinion being that their behaviour and appearance altogether reflected the highest praise upon all connected with the Institution.

Unfortunately few of the Sussex brethren were present, owing to a prior engagement with Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., at a dinner at West Grinstead.

The children returned to Battersea in the evening, thoroughly well pleased with the change in the trip, which has heretofore been to Hampton Court. The weather was all that could be desired. The company in attendance upon the children included Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Dubois, Miss Buck, Miss hepherd, Miss Barrett, Mr. Peachey, and Bro. F. A. Kelly (Freemason).

LEGEND, THE, OF FREEMASONRY.--Legend, which comes from the Latin "legenda," seems to take its actual meaning from the old "Legenda Sanctorum," and the like, which, preserved in MS., were read sometimes at meals in the monasteries. But a "legend" may also be oral—a story pre-served traditionally; and there is also a meaning, formerly apparently, and latterly certainly, attached to "legend," which would seem to imply a marrative, whether true or false, or even what has been termed a "fiction, with a protopoint to truth" and Makeur propagar product on the second se with a pretension to truth," as Mackey properly reminds us. One common use of the word seems to be a national chronicle or a religious tale which professes to be true, but is not actually so ; hence our frequent use of the word "legendary" in this sense. "Legenda" is clearly of monastic and mediæval, not classic, use. Some, like Mackey, have divided legends into mediæval, not classic, use. mythical, philosophical, and historical, but we do not think that such a division of the subject can be accepted, as we thereby exclude alike the mystical, the religious, and the romantic. In old days, most of the "Mysteries" or "Crafts" had some favourite Saint, whose legend was "Mysteries" or "Crafts" had some favourite Saint, whose legend was bound up with its history and rules; and the operative Freemasons had, undoubtedly, that Legend of Freemasonry which may be called the "Legend of the Guilds" (see Guilds), which is found in what we term the "Con-stitution of Masons," or, as in the Masonic Poem, the "Constitution of Geometry." We need not dilate upon it here, as it is now well known to us, thanks mainly to the publications of Bro. W. J. Hughan. We shall hope that some day a "Magnum Opus" may appear of all the existing Constitu-tions and Legends.—Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.

ADDRESS OF BRO. THE HON. H. T. PRINSEP, D.G.M., TO THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

We acknowledge with thanks a copy of "Report of Proceedings at a Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, held on the 21st March, 18S1." To do justice to it, we have embodied the whole of the overlent address. excellent address.

BRETHREN,—In the discharge of my duties as District Grand Master of Bengal, I have found considerable difficulty in tracing the progress of Masonry in this district because we have no periodical statements of the strength of the superstructure of the strength of the strength of the several lodges, or indeed of their very existence. Our records contain only correspondence and returns submitted as a rule with some irregularity, and therefore I have been obliged to abandon any attempt to trace the origin, decadence and extinction of some lodges whose names are no longer on our rolls, and the successful career or varying fortunes of those now working. Such a state of affairs no longer on our rolls, and the successful career or varying fortunes of those now working. Such a state of affairs has convinced me that it is my duty to endeavour to repair this deficiency of the past by transmitting to my successors the results of my tenure of office. But, though I am un-able to give you any detailed information of by-gone years, as has been correctly observed by one of my predecessors, Rt. Wor. Bro. Sandeman (see proceedings 21st March, 1867), "the progress of Masonry in the Province may always be tested in a measure by the sums received by the District Grand Lodge on account of fees." I have there-fore prepared a statement of the receipts of District Grand Lodge for funds for the maintenance of establishment, Lodge for funds for the maintenance of establishment, &c., and on account of the fund of benevolence for the last twenty years, and my excellent Secretary has prepared a statement of the work done by each lodge within the district, and its strength at the commencement and at the end of the past year. I propose in future at each succeedend of the past year. I propose in future at each succeed-ing March meeting to provide you with this information for permanent record for the use of our successors, and I have little doubt also that such information will incite lodges to a laudable emulation to maintain their position in lodges to a laudable emulation to maintain their position in the district; and to compete with other lodges in working strenuously for the furtherance of our Order; but I must take this opportunity of expressing an earnest hope that such zeal will be tempered with discretion, and that in the desire to excel, brethren will be mindful of the wholesome rules laid down in the Constitutions and traditions of our Order, that no person can be made a Freemason without due enquiry into his character and qualifications, and that it is not lawful for us to press our friends to become members of our Order.

From the statement prepared by the District Grand Sec-retary, which will be printed in our proceedings, it will be seen that at the end of 1SSo, there were nine lodges on our roll. Since then, I have much satisfaction in announc-ing a new lodge, Faith, has been opened at Saharunpore, which raises our number to thirty. Of these, Beauchamp Lodge, No. 1422, was in abeyance in consequence of the departure of nearly all its members on service in Afghanis-tan, but as I announced to you at our last meeting on St. John's Day, it has now resumed work. Lodge Star of Orissa, No. 1106, at Cuttack, which has for some time been in abeyance, has now re-opened, for which our best thanks are due to W. Bro. Col. C. T. Hitchins. On the subject of this lodge, I must mention to you, that I have allowed its warrant to be returned, and the lodge to resume its work, though more than two years have passed since it From the statement prepared by the District Grand Se its work, though more than two years have passed since it first went into abeyance. It will, therefore, be necessary for me to ask you to confirm my proceedings in the matter, as there has been a transgression of the bye-laws by me in this respect. I must explain that this lodge went into Board of Installed Masters to put him into the chair. I expected him to come to Calcutta for the purpose, but there was some difficulty about it, and at last I had to look around me to make other arrangements, when luckily an opportunity was offered me of resuscitating the lodge through our W. Bro. Licut.-Col. C. T. Hitchins, who is a Past Officer of this District Grand Lodge, and it has now been re-opened and is working successfully. I mention this because it will be necessary for you to consider whether my action, and the steps I have taken, thus explained, are such as to induce you to confirm them for they are really my action, and the steps I have taken, thus explained, are such as to induce you to confirm them, for they are really a transgression, and I am afraid a very great transgres-sion, of the bye-law of District Grand Lodge, which requires the District Grand Secretary to return to England the warrant of any lodge which had been in abeyance for more than two years. On the other hand, I regret to announce that Chota Nagpore Lodge, No. 1352, has been placed in abeyance, and, as I have already stated, I doubt whether, from the reduced condition of Hazaribaugh, it will be possible to maintain a lodge in that station. The district, therefore, now consists of twenty-nine lodges all will be possible to maintain a lodge in that station. The district, therefore, now consists of twenty-nine lodges, all in full work, and to the best of my belief, in excellent

order. I have, as I have already said, been unable to ascertain with accuracy the state of this district at any particular period for purposes of comparison. I learn, however, from the proceedings of this District Grand Lodge (see proceed-ings of 21st March, 1861), that R.W. Bro. Hoff stated that the number of working lodges in 1851 was twenty, and in 1860, thirty. At that time, it must be remembered, the district included the territories which were formed in 1868-69 into the separate districts of British Burmah and the Punjab. But on a careful examination of the lists of ⁶⁹ into the separate districts of British Burman and the Punjab. But on a careful examination of the lists of these lodges, I find that several of them were not then working. This is clear from the fact that in later pro-ceedings of District Grand Lodge it has been reported that some of these lodges had submitted no returns for ¹⁸59, and that they were at that time reported to be in abculance and that they mere at that time reported to be in 1850, and that they were at that time reported to be in abeyance, and that their names do not afterwards appear as working lodges. Bro. Hoff's statement is, therefore, somewhat incorrect, and this is likely owing to the irregu-larity with which returns used to be submitted in those days, and the delay and difficulty in communicating with distant lodges. At present, thanks to the excellent system of accounts introduced by W. Bro. Locke, in 1873, and the improvement in our communications by means of rail-ways and the telegraph, every thing is well up to date. In proof of this I have only to point to the fact that at the present moment we have received the returns and dues of every lodge in this district for the year 1880, except one, every lodge in this district for the year 1880, except one, Mount Everest, No. 1525, and the delay in that case is owing to the incapacity of the Treasurer through illness of a very distressing nature.

I next find that in 1863 (see Proceedings, 21st March, 1863) R.W. Bro. Sandeman announced that there were twenty-seven lodges working under the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. The further statement made by R.W. Bro. Sandeman regarding the strength of these lodge unfortunately affords us little reliable information. He He of 1862, was 544, and he adds to this that "as only one-half of the lodges have submitted their returns for 1862, these returns may be deemed satisfactory." The accounts, however, show that at that time sixteen lodges had subnot were state in the state in bages had sub-mitted their returns for 1862, so that the statement I have quoted is not altogether correct. I have also reason to believe that the figures themselves are not free from error. At all events this is beyond doubt, that at the end of 1862 there were twenty-seven (more or less) working lodges in Bengal. I make the number to be twenty-five, two lodges having ceased to work, and therefore having returned their warrants as was afterwards announced by R.W. Bro. Sandeman. I have taken some pains to verify these figures on careful examination of the accounts up to 1867. In 1868 the District of British Burmah was formed, by which is lodges were lost to this district, and in the follow-ing year by the formation of the District of Punjab, six more lodges were lost to us. From 1869 to 1873, the Bengal Freemasons' Diary affords us some guide for tracing the number of the lodges of this district, and from 1873 to the present day, the new system of accounts gave the requisite information.

It appears then that in 1869 there were 20 lodges; 1870, 21; 187L, 22; 1872, 23; 1873, 24; 1874, 26; 1875, 28; 1876, 27; 1877, 26; 1878, 25; 1879, 25; 1880, 27; and 1881, 29.

This is all the information that is readily available regard-ing the state of this district up to the present time. A care-ful examination of a large mass of records would no doubt give further details of much interest, but neither I nor my laborious Secretary can devote sufficient time for this purpose. I shall, however, be most glad to afford the means of collecting this information to any brother who may have

We have at the present time 29 working lodges and one lodge in abeyance. At the commencement of last year we had 612 subscribing members on our roll, and at the end we have 701. During that time 199 brethren have been initi-ated, 178 passed, and 169 raised, making in all 546 Degrees

ated, 175 passed, and 169 raised, making in all 546 Degrees conferred. Of individual lodges, St. John, No. 486, a Calcutta lodge, is our foremost lodge in the number, both of its members and of the Degrees conferred. The other lodges come in the following order as regards their strength: Morning Star, No. 552, Lucknow; True Friendship, No. 218, Cal-cuta; Humility with Fortitude, No. 229, Calcutta; In-dependence with Philanthropy, No. 391, Allahabad; and Dalhousie, No. 639, Mussoorie. But all these are eclipsed in work by True Freemasonry, No. 1865, Saidpore; Courage with Humanity, No. 392, Calcutta; Kumaon, No. 1870, Naini Tal; Light in Ajoodha, No. 836, Fyza-bad; and Rohilla Star, No. 1843, Bareilly; three out of these five last named being our youngest lodges. It will also be seen from the statement that in the course of the year our lodges have had 1078 members, 377 having left us, owing to resignation, exclusion, death, or being transferred to the absent list. Under ordinary circumstances this loss would be exceedingly unsatisfactory, as it would seem to show that our operations have been unsuccessful in retain-ing amongst us those who have joined our lodges or become members of our Order; but those losses can almost en-tirely be otherwise explained. Very many of our brethren must every year leave us in India, aving to sickness, to transfer in the service of Government to other parts of the country, and to departure from India altogether. It must always be remembered that we are nearly all of us not colonists, but temporary residents of India—visitors, all looking to return to Europe at some future time. Of the 707 subscribing members belonging to 27 lodges of this district 280 belong to 10 metropolitan lodges and 421 to 17 country lodges. I will now turn to the financial figures of this district. lodges.

I will now turn to the financial figures of this district. I must, first of all, repeat emphatically what has often been said from this Chair, that not one piece of these funds has been spent on any kind of refreshment, on eating and drinking.

To the minutes of the proceedings of 27th December, 1873, a statement was appended showing the receipt of fees to District Grand Lodge and to the Fund of Benevo-lence since 1850. I have completed this statement up to the end of 1880, and I have corrected in some respects the former statement. I have had some difficulty in excluding mere items of account loans from one fund and renouver items of account, loans from one fund and repayments, and items such as subscriptions to memorials collected through the District Grand Treasurer which should obthrough the District Grand Treasurer which should ob-viously not appear in our Masonic accounts; but I think I may safely say that my figures are very nearly correct. These will also show that Masonry in this district has by no means retrogressed. The figures in recent years exhibit more correctly the state of the district, because, as I have already pointed out, in former days collection of dues were made with some irregularity, and, therefore, the amount of one year never showed the working of that year or of any particular period. In all these calculations the receipts during each year have been entered. To represent the operations of the past year I have taken the figures from 1st March, 1880, to 28th February, 1881, from the actual returns and payments of the several lodges for 1880, so as to show accurately the result of the work of that year. I have excluded all minor funds from these calculations. We have thus the following general results:

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During the year 1850 our working Masonic Funds have realised Rs. 12,822-9-11 and our Charity Funds have realised Rs. 13,615-10-4, making collections amount to

realised Ks. 13,015-10-4, making conections amount to Rs. 25,090-4-3. I do not desire to make these statements with any wish to claim credit to myself as your local ruler, but to place on record the progress made during the past year, and to satisfy those who do not belong to our Order that we are not idle in furthering the principal object of Freemasonry —Charity—though we must all of us admit that much still remains to be done to meet the calls made on us. I am afraid I have too long trespassed on your patience.

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I have to express my sincere thanks for the attention you have bestowed on my lengthened address. If I have inter-ested you, and if I have furnished you', with information re-garding the state of this district which will stimulate you in your exertions on behalf of our Order, I shall feel that the labour that has been bestowed in placing these facts before you has been well expended, and that I need no apology for the time I have to-day occupied in addressing you. I have next to draw your attention to the tablet which has been placed outside the lodge to the memory of our late W. Bro. J. B. Roberts. There is a surplus left after providing for the cost of that tablet, and it is proposed to devote that surplus to procuring a portrait of our late lamented brother, which may remind us in future of one who for so long labouredwith us for the good of Freemasonry in this district. The sum which we have left is almost adequate for the purpose, but not quite so. We shall therefore be glad to receive subscriptions from any of

Is almost adequate for the purpose, but not quite so. We shall therefore be glad to rcceive subscriptions from any of the brethren who have not already subscribed. W. Bro. J. B. KNIGHT, C.I.E., P.D.D.G.M., then ad-dressed the lodge as follows: Brethren—I think no one here present can have listened to the exhaustive and inter-esting statement which our R.W. District Grand Master has read to us regarding the state of Freemasonry in this district with the grant cornert Master has read to us regarding the state of Freemasonry in this district without being struck with the great earnest-ness he has thrown into the working and ruling of Freema-sonry in Bengal, or with the remarkable way with which that earnestness has communicated itself to all the lodges working under his Hiram in Bengal. I remember well when W. Bro. Prinsep was elected District Grand Master we expected great things from his known ability and his known thoroughness; but we are more than gratified with the results of that appointment. We have seen lodges heretofore in a state of disorder brought into order, and we have seen accounts hitherto neglected kept in a satisfactory way. The account as to the state of Freemasonry in Benhave seen accounts hitherto neglected kept in a satisfactory way. The account as to the state of Freemasonry in Ben-gal, which has now been placed before you, with respect to the present is thorough and complete; and as to the past as complete as the great industry of a man occupied in many other ways can make it. I think that we should not let such a statement as the one we have had placed before us this evening pass without acknowledging in most cordial terms the gratification it has given us, and the indebted-ness under which we stand to our R.W. Bro. Prinsep for the work which he has done for Freemasonry in this district.

for the work which he has done for Freemasonry in uns district. If we all think that Masonry is a good institution, it is right and fitting that it should be conducted in the best way possible. We must all feel that, under the kindly and strong rule of Right Worshipful Bro. Prinsep, Freemasonry will flourish and progress in Bengal, and will still more extend its beneficial influence throughout the district. I, therefore, propose that the cordial thanks of the District Grand Lodge be formally voted to Right Worship-ful Bro. the Hon. H. T. Prinsep for the efforts he has made for the good working of Masonry and of this District Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge. This resolution having been seconded by Wor. Bro. J. W. BROWNE, District Grand Senior Warden, was carried by acclamation.

The RIGHT WOR. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER replied as follows: Brethren, I am very grateful for the kindness which you have always shown to me, and the assistance I have received from those of you who have influence among the younger brethren, for without such influence and such interest it would be quite impossible for me to discharge the duties of my present office. I have done little to deserve the high terms of praise bestowed on me by Wor. Bro. Knight. I am barely through the half of the five years of office which every District Grand Master is expected to fill, and I trust that in the remaining half you will have no cause for being dissatisfied with my work. I take this opportunity of expressing my great obligation to Wor. Bro. Rustomjee, for the care and labour he has always bestowed in carrying on the duties of his office. I am sure his excellent work has been fully recognised by you in all The RIGHT WOR. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER replied his excellent work has been fully recognised by you in all your dealings with the District Grand Secretary's office.

Mr. Arthur Chappell has arranged the next eries of Popular Concerts as early as the latter part of October.

The committee of the "National Eisteddfod of Wales," to be held at Merthyr Tydvil at the end of the present month, have published an extensive programme of their proceedings, which include competitions for prizes of poetry, prose, musical composition, instrumental and vocal proficiency, painting, sculpture, and carving. The "chair subject" is an "Ode on Love," for which a prize of twenty guineas is offered. A Welsh operatic libretto also figures in this department. Altogether sixty-four prizes, ranging from two to twenty guineas, are to be awarded by the adjudicators. adjudicators.

The German papers state, we know not whether on good authority, that the Queen, on the suggestion of the Crown Princess, has presented to the Museum of Berlin a picture by Rembrandt of "The Money Changer," formerly in the Royal galleries at Windsor. Special interest attaches to this picture from the fact that it is dated 1627, when the painter was only nineteen years old. The only other pic-ture by Rembrandt known to be of the same early date is the "Paul" at Stuttgart.

the "Paul" at Stuttgart. HGLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—For had legs, gathered breasts, and scrofulous sores these are genuine specifies. The grateful and carnest gratitude of thousands who have experienced their unrivalled power over these complaints, and whohave been raised from prostrate helplessness and a condition loathsome to them-selves and others, renders it quite unnecessary to enlarge in this place upon their extraordinary virtues. The parts affected should be bathed with lukewarn water, and when the pores are thereby opened the Ointment should be well rubbed in at least twice a day. It is always advisable to take Holloway's Pills in these disorders, as they greatly assist the Ointment's action. The Pills check the fever and inflammation, purify the blood, and eject all morbid matter from the system.—[Anvr.]

To Correspondents.

J.W.-We will enquire.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "The Sunday Times," "Broad Arrow," "Masonic 'Token," "Der Long Islaender," "New York Dispatch," "The Citizen," "Die Baühutte," "Keystone," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Orient-"Bulletin du Grand Orient de France," "Bolletino Ufficiale del Supremo Conseglio del 33° per La Tunisia," "The Northern Advance," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Boletin Oficial del Grand Orient de Espana," "The Mystic Tie."

THE[.] FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 viscussion.]

PRECEDENCE OF PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,-

During the course of my Masonic career, which has now extended over twenty-eight years, during which period I have been continuously in office, it has often surprised me to observe how lengthened disputations and even acrimonious disputes grow out of mere quibbles.

With regard to this prolonged correspondence as to the status of Grand Officers with reference to Prov. Grand Officers, let any brother read, without bias, the paragraph relating to Prov. Grand Officers in the Book of Constitutions, page 51, section 2, and he will find the question is there determined. In line five from the top of the page it says "but they are not by such appointment members of the Grand Lodge." If they are not members of Grand Lodge how can they take precedence of Grand Officers?

Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G. Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, is quite right. Provincial Officers are Grand Officers in their own province, but they are not Grand Officers of England, and therefore in the presence of Grand Officers should willingly yield their pre-cedence. A little common sense, but above all true Masonic feeling, would soon end this and similar discussions. Is it too much to ask of Freemasons to remember that the "sweet small courtesies of life make pleasant the path of it?"

Yours faithfully and fraternally, ANOTHER DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,-

In your July 16th number, referring to my communication of July 2nd, Bro. "Masonic Student" takes me to task for having done something very naughty. " I think (says 'Masonic Student') that our esteemed Bro. Jacob Norton in his impeachment of Bro. Dr. Anderson has found what is commonly called a 'mare's nest,' " &c.

Now, I have more than once impeached Anderson's history, but in my article of July 2nd I have not only not impeached Dr. Anderson, but, on the contrary, I have vindicated Bro. Anderson's character from the imputations of Masonic landmark sticklers, and have demonstrated that he (Bro. Anderson) was much more rational than they thought he was, and more rational than they themselves were-and that's all.

I have certainly proved that Bro. Anderson did not care for sticking to laws; he did not believe in the nonsense that "once a law, is always a law;" he had no scruple in modifying and changing a majority of the laws passed in 1723; and I have no doubt whatever that his Constitution of 1723 no more resembled Bro. Payne's Constitution of 1721 than Payne's Constitution resembled the Constitution in Halliwell's Poem, or than the Constitution of 1738 resembled that of 1723. That the 1721 and 1723 Constitutions differed may be proved from the fact that the latter, while it empowered the Grand Lodge to confer the Second and Third Degrees, withheld from it the right of making Masons, while that of 1721 allowed the Grand Lodge to make Masons; thus, June 24th, 1721, the Grand Lodge "made some new brothers, particularly Lord Stanhope, now Earl of Chesterfield." Now, if the two Constitutions differed in one thing, why could they not have differed in others ?

As far as I can guess from the meagre account furnished by Anderson, I think that, whereas the four old lodges were ruled by what is called "Gothic Constitutions," the Lodge of Antiquity is still in possession of its old MS., hence the two or three lodges that were organised before Payne's Constitution was adopted must also have furnished themselves with similar documents; and I must here add that I strongly suspect that the MS. most recently discovered, called the "Inigo Jones' MS.," though dated 1607, was probably got up for one of the new lodges between 1717 and 1721. Well, then, from those MS. Constitutions, Bro.

know, it may have contained the old charge, "To be true to the Church, and to entertain no heresy."

He doubt less added new regulations; such as the titles of the officers of the Grand Lodge, how they were to be chosen, the necessity of lodges holding charters from the Grand Lodge, &c. All this we may conjecture; but how those laws were worded, and what they were, it is impossible to know. One thing is certain, viz. that Bro. Payne's Constitution must have been considered unfit and useless for the government of the new organisation, and Bro. Payne himself must have been satisfied that the Constitution was not what it ought to have been ; hence, within a few weeks after the Grand Lodge adopted the said Constitution, Anderson was invited to re-write it, and just six months after June 24, 1721, or more properly on the following Evangelist's day, Bro. Anderson presented his new MS. Constitutions to the Grand Lodge, when a Committee was appointed to examine it, &c., and Bro. Payne does not seem even to have been offended that his Constitution was so short lived. But that is not all. On a page at the end of Anderson's Constitution of 1723, headed "Approbation," Bro. Anderson referring to the author, meaning himself, says : "He has examined several copies from Italy, and Scotland, and sundry parts of England, and from thence (though in many things erroneous) and from several other ancient records of Masons, he has drawn forth the above written new Constitution." Now mind, "New Constitution" as above, was printed

in capital letters by Anderson himself. If that had not been true, why did not Payne attack Anderson in the Grand Lodge or elsewhere for his assumption? That Payne found no fault with Anderson shows that the new Constitution of 1723 was new —to all intents and purposes. Why then did Bro. Masonic Student" feel annoyed at my previous conclusion, that what with Anderson's fondness for altering and explicating, he probably retained very little of Payne's Constitution in his own of 1723.

Respectfully and fraternally yours, A CON MODION

THE FIRST AND MOST EMINENT MASON OF THE WORLD.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,-

I read in your issue of the 23rd ultimo, an expostulation that a brother, " Friendly Protest," makes to my assertion as to Bro. Pike's being the first and most eminent Mason in the world. Such is and will be my opinion till the reverse be well proved and settled. My brother "Friendly Protest," in opposing my affirmation and denying such a qualification to Bro. Pike, must have some other brother in view who is worthier of this distinction; if so, he has only to name him, to prove all his rights to a preference, and 1 of course shall gladly bow my humblest assent and plead guilty. But, till then, no "Friendly Protest " whatsoever shall have the privilege to impose on others his own way of thinking and judging persons.

I am also happy to tell him I am neither an American nor a Britisher, but merely a Cosmopolitan Mason, who is a friend to all nationalities and a steady admirer of great men, wherever and whenever they may be found. Fraternally yours,

Cairo, August 1st,
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BRADLAUGH UNDER A WRONG DENOMI-NATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,--

I have to acknowledge the courtesy of your correspondent "South London" in exonerating the Surrey Masons from complicity with an individual on whose merits we are both agreed. But I submit that the lessee of the room in letting it to Bradlaugh should not have allowed the word Masonic to be used, as outsiders, and even brethren not connected with the Southern lodges, might thereby have been led to believe that the junior M.P. for Northampton was acting under the prestige and patronage of the Craft. Indeed, such is the impression left on the mind of a distinguished Provincial G.M., who, writing to me, says : The use of the Surrey Masonic Hall for a Bradlaugh meeting is most improper, and I think Grand Lodge ought to take serious notice of the matter."

Surely, "Surrey Hall, Camberwell New-road," would have been sufficiently indicative of the locality appointed for the meeting, and would have averted an unpleasant misapprehension. I quite concur with "South London" as to the propriety of the erection of a smaller structure devoted exclusively to Masonic gatherings ; and, moreover, think Kennington or Brixton would be preferable to and more central than the present locality. I am, yours fraternally,

HERCULES.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

Dear Bro. Kenning,

I alluded to Ashmole's initiation at Warrington in a communication I sent to the Freemason last week, and to the general impression that all those named, except Ashmole himself and Col. Mainwaring, were members of the Operative Craft. I have received since I wrote, from Payne compiled his Constitution of 1721, and, as far as we | a friend of mine, a most promising and intelligent Masonic

student, the following remarks, the importance of which, as regards our Masonic history, both Bros. W. J. Hughan and Gould will see at once :

" The names given in Ashmole's diary are all local. The Penkeths, of Penketh, and the Sankeys are well-known ancient gentle families, now long extinct or reduced to The Ellams are an old yeoman family, resident poverty. in the adjoining parish of Warwick for centurics." If five of the band were "speculative" what a question

is opened as to the existence of "Freemasonry," as Plot suggests, in the 17th century. I leave this passage to the appreciation of Bros. Hughan and Gould, of my Masonic student confreres generally, and am, yours fraternally,

MASONIC STUDENT.

Reviews.

THE MAGAZINES.

"All the Year Round," for July, with its ordinary and Summer Number combined, is, indeed, a good fifteen-pennyworth. We can cordially recommend it to all our friends, whether wandering in holiday zest over Cumberland hills, or sauntering by theseaside, as an excellent companion, not only to read and enjoy, but to read out to an enthu-siastic circle. All the stories are good, some specially so. We particularly like "Aunt Agatha's Conversion," "A Barrow of Primroses," "An Out of the Way Story," and "Camelot."

"Temple Bar" is very readable and pleasantly gossipy. We like "Personal Reminiscences of the Crimean War" and the "Carlisle Controversy" much; the latter is a most sensible article. We have laughed heartily at the "Major's Monkey," and read with interest "The Freres." "The Awakening" is a little "unreal," though well written. But why will writers always "pose?" The author of this "historiette" is clearly capable of better things. "Scribbard Marthly Illustrated Magnetice." though an

"historiette" is clearly capable of better things. "Scribner's Monthly Illustrated Magazine," though, as usual, admirably edited and illustrated, strikes us, perhaps unfairly, as being beneath its normal level of excellence. "At the Sea in Normandy" is charming alike to study and realize, and makes one wish to be loitering amid "Nor-mandy Pippins," or watching the bathers at "Etretat." "A Little World" is also very good reading, and so is the "Isle of Peace." The claims of "Fulton" deserve atten-tive consideration. He clearly never has had justice done to him. "Scribner," which, by the way, is soon to change its name, undoubtedly stands A1 among magazines, and gives each month matter for serious thought, as well as gives each month matter for serious thought, as well as gratified perusal.

gratified perusal. "The Antiquary" pursues the even tenour of its way— a most useful monthly serial for animated and energetic "Dryasdusts." We, however, grumble a good deal at the late Wm. Henty's unnecessary paper, to prove that Shake-speare did not "poach" the "deer," and above all, his de-fence of him if he did. It seems to us that Shakespeare in his complex character is rather more interesting than other-wise by his early "escapades," and that at this time of day to think it necessary to whitewash "our William" of an offence in the hot days of his youth, is carrying puritanic scruples to an absurd extent. Who thinks worse of him for his encounter with the "three Luces?"

Masonic Notes and Queries.

THE ROSICRUCIANS.

THE ROSICRUCIANS. Izaak Walton, as I once before observed in these columns, talks of the "Rosicrucians" as an existing body in 1653, and in Jesse's edition of the good old angler of 1861 I find a foot-note to this effect: "The title of the Rosycrucians, or the Brothers of the Rosy Cross, was first assumed by a sect of Hermetic philosophers in Germany about the com-mencement of the fourteenth century. They professed to have a knowledge of all the occult sciences—as the work-ing of gold, the prolongation of human life, the restoration of youth—from which they were also called Immortales— and the formation of the Philosopher's Stone; but all these secrets they were bound by a solemn oath to reveal only to the members of their own fraternity, and it is to this custom in particular that Walton alludes." Their founder was a German gentleman, named Christian Crux, who had travelled to Palestine, where, falling sick, he was cured by Arab physicians, who, he asserted, revealed to him their mysterious arts. He died in 1484, and the name of the Society was composed of the words "Ros," dew, and his own name "Crux, or Cross," the old chemical character for light. "Tennemann's Manual of the History of Philosophy," Bohn, 1854, is credited with this statement, which I have not seen, though some of my readers may have done so. Tennemann is in error on two points. (1) The earliest traces of the older Rosicrucians do not antedate the beginning of 15th century, not 14th. (2) Christian Rosenkreutz, is believed by some to be a pseudonym of Cornelius Agrippa. MASONIC STUDENT.

MASSONÉ.

In Coates's "New Dictionary of Heraldry," London, printed for Aaron Ward, at the King's Arms, in Little Britain, 1747, the word "Massone," or "Massoned," is represented to be an heraldic term, and to mean "when an represented to be an include term, and to mean "when an ordinary is represented in the nature of a stone wall, with all the joints between the stones appearing, as they gene-rally do in stone buildings, as the word implies, being as much as done in Maçons' work." My query is—Where is the earliest heraldic use of this word, which clearly comes from the Norman French Maconner or Maconer? MASONIC STUDENT.

FREEMASONRY IN JAMAICA.

Referring to Bro. Burger's interesting sketch of "Free-masonry of Jamaica," I hope to be able in your next to produce one or two facts directly bearing on the subject in the year 1775. W. F. LAMONBY. the year 1775.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

DEVONSHIRE. The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Plymouth, on Saturday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the P.G.M., Viscount Ebrington. The attendance of brethren from all parts of the province was very large. The minutes of the meetings held at Barnstaple and Torrington were read by Bro. Brewer, the Secretary, and duly confirmed. Bro. Moon, the P.G. Treasurer, presented the accounts, which reported a total of receipts of \pounds 149; and a balance, after meeting all liabilities, of \pounds 198 in favour of the province. The statement of the Fortescue Annuity Fund exhibited receipts during the year amounting to \pounds 357, and, after meeting all disbursements, there re-mained an available balance in the hands of the P.G.T. of \pounds 67. The amount invested in Consols and other securities on this account was reported to be \pounds 2229. Bro. Gover presented the report of the Committee of petitions on their proceedings during the past year. They had been success-ful, he stated, in electing the candidates of the Province on the foundations of the great Masonic charities, but to accomplish this very satisfactory result they had not received the support of all the lodges. This was much to be regretted. Whilst the province included 2500 subscribing members, only 1530 hab been represented in the names that had passed through the Committee. The consequence was that fully 600 votes had either been lost altogether, or had been diverted into other channels, which, so far as the interests of the province were concerned, was even worse. At the meeting held that day various sums so far as the interests of the province were concerned, was even worse. At the meeting held that day various sums were voted in relief of the families of deceased or distressed were voted in relief of the families of deceased or distressed Masons, a catalogue of which was now read for approba-tion. The Committee had also determined to propose that sums of fifty guineas each should be voted to the Masonic Institution for Aged Masons, the Masonic Institution for Widows of Masons, and the Masonic Institution for Girls. A brief discussion ensued on the reading of the report. Bro. SIMON HYNE thought that some proportion of these contributions might legitimately be applied to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. He moved a resolution to that effect, namely, the sum of $\pounds 20$, with a view of testing the feeling of the meeting.

effect, namely, the sum of $\pounds 20$, with a view of testing the feeling of the meeting. Bro. LETHBRIDGE seconded the motion. Bro. the Rev. W. WHITTLEY, however, whilst acknow-ledging the hearty good feeling of the brethren who had proposed the amendment, remarked that the brethren iden-tified with the management of the Devon Educational Fund could not be blind to the fact that it was receiving liberal aid in answer to its appeals for assistance. They also re-membered that the great central Charities it was proposed to assist in this way, and the brethren ought to do their utmost for them when the treatment the province received was so generous.

utmost for them when the tree was adopted, the mover The report of the Committee was adopted, the mover and seconder of the amendment alone dissenting. Bro. S. JONES proposed the election of Bro. Stocker as P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year, and he was unani-

mously elected.

In reply, Bro. STOCKER acknowledged with warmth the confidence that had been reposed in him, and undertook to d, his utmost to justify the selection. Bros. Curtis and Passmore were re-elected to audit the

accounts The P.G.M. then invested the following brethren as his for the ഫിറ്റ്

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A resolution was then passed appointing Bros. Jones, Curteis, and Pitt-Lewis a Committee to purchase and take the superintendence of whatever jewels and clothing were necessary for the P.G. Officers. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Events and the patient of the brothern the

of England, bringing under the notice of the brethren the proposal to commemorate the work of the deceased Secre-tary, Bro. Hervey. The discussion on the proposed alteration of the bye-laws

The discussion on the proposed alteration of the bye-laws was deferred, the primary consideration of the questions involved being referred to a representative Committee, con-sisting of Bros. Jerman, Curteis, Whittley, Rae, Jarvis, Moon, and Brewer. The brethren then approached the consideration of the question of what form the memorial should take which it was proposed to establish to perpetuate the revered name of the late P.G.M., the Rev. John Huyshe. The P.G.M., Lord EBRINGTON, presented a synopsis of the wishes of the various lodges in the province, the mem-bers of which had been duly consulted. Seventeen out of the total of fifty lodges desired that their subscriptions should be devoted to some charitable or educational pur-pose. Nine lodges had expressed a decided preference for associating the movement with the Devon Masonic Educa-tional Fund, and seven expressed as decided a preference for creeting a memorial window in Exeter Cathedral. Under the circumstances he thought that the window was dis-ingtion. the circumstances he thought that the window was dis the Circumstances he thought that the window was un-tinctly out of the question, and for the same reason the idea of making the memorial partake of an educational form, so far as the Devon Educational Fund was concerned, was out of the question also. The lodges which had given an idea of the same the same test of their subscriptions had idea of the question also. The lodges which had given an idea of the probable extent of their subscriptions had named sums amounting in all to 200 guineas, and if the remainder of the lodges voted sums pro-portionately large, a fund of 500 guineas would in all probability be placed at the command of the Committee

that would have to be appointed for giving effect to such resolutions as they might come to. His lordship proceeded to suggest various other suitable means of commemorating the respect and love of the brethren for their late G.M. It had been suggested that a fit means of so doing would be to link the movement with the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and, so far as his family were concerned, they would be happy to see the names of Fortescue and Huyshe com-bined in one fund for annuitant purposes. Annuitants, however, were proverbially long-lived, and the brethren would rarely be called upon to appreciate the benefits of the scheme. An agreeable alternative would be the pur-chase of the right to place one boy in the Masonic Instituthe scheme. An agreeable alternative would be the pur-chase of the right to place one boy in the Masonic Institu-tion for the sons of Masons. This right could be pur-chased for 500 guineas, and would avail the province during the lifetime of any particular brother in whose name the right was purchased. This right, however, the province could convert into perpetuity by the payment of another 500 guineas on the death of the brother specified. He should be ready, the P.G.M. observed, if this course com-mended itself to the province, to insure his life for the sum pamed. and to keep up the premiums for the benefit of the

named, and to keep up the premiums for the benefit of the province, so that at his death the second 500 guineas might be forthcoming wherewith to make the right perpetual (Loud applause.)

Bro. GODTSCHALK then moved that a fund, to be called

the "John Huyshe Presentation Fund," be called view of purchasing the right as explained. The movement was cordially supported, Bros. MAYNARD and ELPHINSTONE-STONE, however, espousing the cause

and ELPHINSTONE-STONE, however, espousing the cause of an additional annuitant fund. On being put to the vote, however, the proposition of Bro. Godtschalk was carried without a dissentient voice. The P.G.M. then proposed that a Committee to collect the funds should be appointed, consi ting of the following brethren: The D.P.G.M., Bros. Curteis, Rae, Whittley, Gover, Godtschalk, Moon, Brewer, Jerman, Elphinstone-Stone, and Hine-Haycock. The blessing of the Great Architect was then invoked by Bro. the Rev. W. Whittley, and the lodge was closed, as it was opened, with befitting solemnity. The hall, it should be stated, presented an exceedingly chaste appearance, the P.G.M. of Cornwall, Earl Mount Edgcumbe, having supplied an elegant assortment of

chaste appearance, the P.G.M. of Cornwall, Earl Mount Edgcumbe, having supplied an elegant assortment of flowers and plants. The distribution was tastefully super-intended by Bro. Coath. In the evening the brethren dined together at the Globe Hotel, the P.G.M., Lord Ebrington, presiding. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, with especial reference to the self-denying labours of the officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The claim of the Order to universal benevolence was well sustained, seeing that the three great Masonic Charities distributed no less than \pounds 50,000 per annum. (Applause.) Bro. CURTEIS felicitously submitted "The Health of the P.G.M." He spoke in hearty terms of his lordship's desire and ability to thoroughly carry out the functions of his exalted position, and described him as a worthy suc-cessor in the chair of his revered grandfather. (Applause.) The PROV. G.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they haft recognised his efforts, and Bro. Curteis especially for the flattering manner in which hey had recognised his revered grandfather. Bro. Curteis especially for the flattering manner in which he had associated his name with that of his grandfather. His Lordship expressed his regret that he had been con-strained to select a day for the inceting which had ill-suited, strained to select a day for the inceting which had ill-suited, perhaps, the convenience of the brethren, or the majority of them. But his official engagements in town had absolutely precluded his naming any other day in the week, and, as he was one of the few officers with whose attend-ance the lodge could not very well dispense—(much laughter)—the meeting had had to be held to suit his personal requirements. He very much regretted the necessity, however, for inconveniencing the brethren, and another time trusted he should be able to make a selection which would better please all nartices. (Applause.) He which would better please all parties. (Applause.) He then gave "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Rogers," then gave "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Rogers," to whom he was ever indebted for practical and unprejudiced advice. (Applause.) His Lordship also spoke of the pleasure which it gave him to be supported in the Wardens' Chairs by two such distinguished officers as Admiral Glasse and Colonel Fitzgerald. (Applause.) It was a compliment to Masonry that gallant officers, who had long been fighting the country's battles on sea and shore, should bring into the Order the ability and indement which in former days Order the ability and judgment which in former days had been exercised in commanding ships or regiments. (Applause.) Admiral GLASSE and Bro. Colonel FITZGERALD suitably

responded. Bro. PITT-LEWIS made a humorous response, and other

toasts followed.

toasts followed. In the evening there was a meeting of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 1550, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, which was very largely attended, in anticipation of the lodge being honoured with a visit from the P.G. Master. His lordship was accompanied by the P.G. Senior and Junior Wardens, P.G. Sceretary, and many distinguished brethren. The W. Master, Bro. M. C. Lakeman, was complimented on the manner in which the work was per-formed by bimself and his officers and the dutios of the formed by hinself and his officers, and the duties of the evening carried out, the visitors expressing themselves as well pleased with the completeness of all the day's arrangements.

The meeting of the Committee of Petitions was held on the same day at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, there being present a large number of influential brethren.

present a large number of influential brethren. The Secretary (Bro. GOVER) read his report, which was as follows: The number of votes received from the pro-vince for the past year were-for October elections, 245 boys, 135 girls; for April elections, 250 boys, 114 girls; for May elections, 420 men, 368 widows. This is a decrease from last year of 123 votes, or about the number lost by the decrease of the W. Bre. I thumber and he climatic af for May elections, 420 men, 368 widows. This is a decrease from last year of 123 votes, or about the number lost by the decease of the R.W. Bro. J. Huyshe, and the alienation of the votes by Mrs. Huyshe. There are still a large number of lodges and chapters who persistently fail to send their votes through the Committee, whilst some others, from in-attention, retain them until too late to be of service. This would be readily obviated if the representatives of lodges would bestow a very small amount of attention to their duties. The lodges which have not sent their votes are Nos. 494, for the third year; 710, for the tenth year; 1135, for the third year; 1135, for the second year; and 1486, for the third year; 303, first year; 444, first year; 494, seventh year; 303, first year; 847, second year; 1138, first year; and 1284, third year. This report was received and adopted.

The London Representative (Bro. GODTSCHALK) having read his report, it was received and adopted; and Bro. Godtschalk was warmly thanked for his management, and congratulated on his successful efforts. It was resolved that the report be printed for distribution amongst the lodges, and that in future reports be, if possible, printed before the meeting.

Broker the meeting. Bro, GODTSCHALK proposed that the sum of fifty guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons' Male Fund, fifty guineas to the Widows' Fund, and fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. There was an amendment that the sum of fifty guineas be given respectively to the Widows, Boys, and Girls. The original motion was, however, carried by a large majority, and the amounts were ordered to be placed on the list of Bro. Godtschalk, as Steward, and for the benefit of the province.

on the list of Bro. Godtschalk, as Steward, and for the benefit of the province. There were four petitions for relief, and the Committee voted the following sums: $\pounds 5$ to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 112, and recommended a further grant from Prov. Grand Lodge of $\pounds S$; $\pounds 5$ to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 494; $\pounds 5$ to the widow of a late bro-ther of Lodge 156; and recommended a further grant of $\pounds S$ from Prov. Grand Lodge; $\pounds 5$ to the widow of a late brother of Lodge 1205, and they recommended a further grant from the Prov. Grand Lodge of $\pounds 5$. There were three candidates for the votes of the province for the London School, and after discussion—during which the Secretary deprecated the growing practice of the friends of candidates sending circulars to lodges and subscribers, the tendency of which was to weaken the voting power of the Committee, whilst, after all, they must at last depend on it—the poy Sidney Sowden, whose late father was a member of Lodge 372, was unanimously adopted. The report to the Prov. Grand Lodge was then prepared and adopted, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. By direction of the Committee of the Associated Lodges

By direction of the Committee of the Associated Lodges luncheon was provided at the Temple for the brethren who came from a distance.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

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 The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday at the Lecture Hall, Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth. The lodge was closed tyled at one o'clock, when amongst those present were Bros. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M.; Y. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; Rev. F. W. Thoyts, P.G.C., W.M. 601; W. Tasker, P.G. S., of W., P.M. 1373; Richard Eve, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. 300; Geo. Lear, P.M. 604, P.P.G.S.D.; John Parkinson, S.P.M. 112, P.G.S.; Emanuel P.M. 1060; Sec. 1002, P.G. D.; Norfolk; Thomas J. Pulley, P.M. 723, P.G. Stdt, I-tvine Haule, W.M. 1790, P.G.D.; S. Scott, P.P.G. Chan; G. F. Lancarster, P.M. 302, P.G.D.; S. Scott, P.P.G. Chan; G. F. Lancarster, P.M. 302, P.G.D.; S. Scott, P.P.G. Chan; G. F. Lancarster, P.M. 302, P.G.D.; S. Scott, P.P.G. Chan; Robert Barnes, P.M. 324, G.D.; M. Scott, D.P.G. Chan; R. P.P.G. S.; J. R. Wilson, P.M. 424, and 255, P.P. G.P.; John Purnell, P.M. 364, P.P.G. St, S. E. Main, P.M. 176, P.G.D.; O. C.; H. 1 1004; P.M. 300, P.P.G.D. 100; Sc. 1002, P.P.G. St, S. E. S. Main, P.M. 176, P.G.S.; Marset, P.M. 590, P.P.C. Y. G. S. Lancaster, P.M. 424, 1060, P.P.G.D. C.; L. Le Feuvre, P.M. 190, P.R. 200, P.P.G. 200, C.; H. 11004; P.P.G. 200, C.; H. 200, P.P.G. 200, S. Lancaster, P.M. 490, P.P.C.Y. (Gorge Rake, P.M. 457, P.P.G.W.; Gave, P.M. 190, P.P.G. 201, C.; H. 201, P.B. 201, P.P. 201, P.P. 201, P.P. 201, P.P. 201, P. 201, P. 201, P.P. 201, P. 201, P.P. 20

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Dart, I.P.M. So4 and 142S; J. E. Stephenson, 190S;
G. O'Leary, 4S7; J. H. Elverston, W.M. So4; Rev. Thomas White, D.D., P.M. 309; W. S. Pring, P.M. 151; J. T. Craven, S.W. 342; W. M. Chalcraft, S. 1705;
James E. Buck, S.D. 342; Sam Knight, S. 1903 and 487; ont Westaway, D. of C. 1834; J. M'Lcod, I.G. 1903;
R. P. Briant, 1705; G. F. W. Mortimer, I.G. 1102;
Arthur Bell, 304; J. G. Shepard, 1903; G. Ripley, F.C. 1903; J. Winterbottom, Org. 257 and 1903;
W. W. S. Parson, I.G. So4; W. Smith, Sec. 903 and 1705; J. W. Wilmott, P.M. 342; I. S. Gardner, S. 1834; H. J. Dowse, J.W. 257; Edward Huyshe, 257;
T. R. Williams, I.P.M. 257; G. M. Nelder, 1903; Gordon Miller, Sec. 257; Edward T. Crouch, 309; Arthur R. Holbrook, I.P.M. 309; William Furber, P.P.J.D. 359;
C. B. Whitcomb, P.M. 1705; Alfred W. Leaver, 1703;
J. Myer, W.M. 130; G. J. Tillany, P.M. 1461; George Ross, W.M. 359; R. W. Mitchell, I.P.M. 984 and 1705;
John Howell, 1705; Homas P. Hall, P.M. 504; J. W. Harrison, P.M. 132; Robert H. Taylor, 487; Thomas H. Williams, S.W. 1776; Edmund Low, P.M. and Treas. 132; Sam Monck, 1069; H. Smith, P. Steward, 03;
Edgar Goble, P.M. 309; J. M. Foster, 1776; T. P. Palsgrave, 487; W. T. Dupree, 1069; R. Glasspool, S.D. 723; F. Buckler, P.M., G. Steward; G. Dean, 487; James S. Pearse, W.M. 1783; J. Grieve, W.M. 1069; H. Threadingham, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., 487; W. Vare, Tyler, 394; W. Harrington, Tyler, 105; Charles Sims, Tyler, 76; Thomas Mansell, Tyler, 1903; Samuel Carter, Tyler, 257; G. Smith, Act. Tyler, 487; R. Eames, Tyler, 399; J. Groege Blackware, Tyler S04; and our special correspondent.
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respondent. The Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last regular Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed.

The balance-sheet was submitted, showing a very satis-factory balance of \pounds_{436} 4s. The report was, on the motion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. HICKMAN, unani-

motion of the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. W. HICKMAN, unani-mously adopted. W. Bro. A. L. EMANUEL, P.G. J.D., proposed, and the D.P.G.M. seconded, the re-election of W. Bro. M. E. Frost as Prov. Grand Treasurer, the D.P.G.M. speaking of the very satisfactory and efficient manner in which W. Bro. Frost had always fulfilled the office. The resolution was carried unanimously. W. Bro. FROST suitably acknowledged the compliment, thanking the brethren for the honour that had again been conferred upon him.

conferred upon him. The D.P.G.M. said that the Committee which had been elected to frame the bye-laws, &c., for the Provincial Grand Lodge had completed their task; they were now being printed, and proof sheets would be sent to all the lodges in printed, and proof sheets would be sent to all the lodges in the province, so that they might be well debated and con-sidered upon. After that he proposed asking the R.W.P. G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., to convene a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, so that the brethren of that lodge could discuss the bye-laws, and give them that atten-tion which the importance demanded. The P.G.M. said he would be happy to comply with the request and arrange for holding the same in the winter. In

request, and arrange for holding the same in the winter. In the meantime the proofs would be ably considered by the

lodges, and the brethren would be in a good position to offer any suggestions anent them. The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year in the fol-lowing order:

Bro.	W. Hickman, 130			Prov. G.D.M.
,,	J. E. Le Feuvre, 130)		Prov. G.S.W.
,,	Dr. Jacob O'Connor	. 257		Prov. G. J.W.
,,	Rev. A. A. Headley,		7	
,,	G. H. De Fraine, 25		Š	Prov. G. Chaps.
,,	Edgar Goble, 300	·		Prov. G. Reg.
,,	Mark E. Frost, 487			Prov. G. Treas.
,,	Alfred J. Miller, 359			Prov. G. Sec.
,,	C. B. Whitcomb, 17			Prov. G.S.D.
	A. Barfield, 35	-		Prov. G. J.D.
,,	Tilling, 1461		•••	Prov. G.S. of W.
"	Lashmore, 359			Prov. G.D.C.
,,	George P. Arnold, 1	428		Prov. G.A.D.C.
,,	Croisdale, 1331	-		Prov. G. Swd. B.
,,	J. W. Willmott, 342			Prov. G. Std. B.
,,	Valentine Brown, 90	3		Prov. G. Purst.
,,	Osborne, 487		•••	Prov. G. Org.
,,	Murray, 76		۲	5
,,	Scott, 551			
,,	R. W. Downing, 903		· }	Prov. G. Stwds.
,,	J. Gieve, 1069	• • •	Í	
,,	T. Good, 1834		j	
,,	J. Biggs			Dian C. Tulan
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The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that he had a very pleasing duty devolving upon him, in expressing in his own name, and all of those present, the sentiment entertained to a brother who had faithfully served the province in one of its highest offices for so long, and who had during that time given every satisfaction. He meant Wor. Bro. Le Feuvre, who had filled the important and onerous position of Prov. Grand Secretary for some years past. (Cheers.) Bro. Le Feuvre had also secured the respect and esteem of the Grand Lodge, with which he was immediately associated, and that of the whole of the provincial brethren. As most of those present no doubt were aware the office was a peculiarly onerous one, and it was no easy work for a brother to do; and if the laws by which they were governed allowed the appointment of two Sccretaries there would be plenty of work for both. W. Brc. Le Feuvre had not merely dis-charged his duties satisfactorily, but had brought to bear upon them an amount of zeal, ability, and true Masonic spirit which entitled him to the hearty thanks of all Masons, It was the Prov. Grand Master's duty and pleasure to announce that the brethren had recognised Bro. Le Feuvre's services, and it was the speaker's pleasing duty to present Bro. Le Feuvre with a jewel and an illuminated address on vellum. The intrinsic value of it was inadequate to the value of the services received of the brother, and he was ware the brother would accent it in the word The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that he had a very to the value of the services received of the brother, and he was sure the brother would accept it in the good spirit in which it was offered. The testimenial, he was sure, came from the hearts of the brothere. The address, which was framed, was as follows :---

"Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

To the Worshipfel Bro. John E. Le Feuvre, Past Master Nos. 130 and 1112, Past Grand Secretary of the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

"At a Grand Lodge of the above province, held at Andover on the 3rd August, 1880, it was unanimously re-solved that Bro. Le Feuvre having expressed his regret at being compelled to retire from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary, not having now time at his disposal to fulfil the duties of that office, this lodge desire to record their appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by him in that capacity for a period of ten years, by presenting him with this address, accompanied by a Masonic jewel, and at the same time to express their fervent hone that his life may long he spared, and that the brethren hope that his life may long be spared, and that the brethren may have the pleasure of meeting him on many future occasions.—(Signed)

"W. W. B. BEACH, P.G.M. "W. HICKMAN, D.P.G.M. "A. J. MILLER, P.G.S."

"A. J. MILLER, P.G.S." The jewel having been placed on the breast of Bro. Le Feuvre by the Prov. Grand Master, the former replied in the following words: I wish I could believe myself en-titled to the kind and flattering remarks you have made in presenting me with this jewel and much prized record of this day's proceedings. The kindness which I have re-ceived at your hands, R.W. Sir, and from every Mason in the province during the ten years I have acted as Secre-tary will never be effaced from my memory. Called to the post then lately held by Sir L. Curtis, it needed all the encouragement that could be given me by the late Bro. Stebbing and Bro. Hickman to assume duties of the onerous nature of which I had but little conception, and which I have endeavoured conscientiously to carry out, perhaps not have endeavoured conscientiously to carry out, perhaps not with a great amount of success, but I am confident with the full conviction of my brother Masons that I was endeathe full conviction of my brother Masons that I was endea-vouring to do my best, and that the errors which may have been committed were owing to want of ability rather than to want of heart. The work of this province has largely increased since 186g, when you honoured me by placing the Prov. Grand Secretary's collar on my shoulders. There were then twenty-four lodges with 100 brethren, there are now thirty-six lodges and double the brethren. The im-parts ciuma to Masonru hu tha installation of our present new lodges which have been constituted during the past decade are now ready to send out their swarms in still Gecade are now ready to send out their swarms in still younger lodges to propagate the principles of our Order, Finding, therefore, last year that the secretarial work of this province, added, to my ordinary business and public engagements, seemed to impose too heavy a strain on me, it was with much satisfaction that I found you raised no difficulty in relieving me from my duties. The manner in which you have recognised any services has been decaply It was with much satisfaction that I found you raised no difficulty in relieving me from my duties. The manner in which you have recognised my services has been deeply grateful to my feelings. This presentation and address was not needed. My labour has been one of love; and it has been a source of extreme pleasure to me to enter into the circumstances of each individual lodge, and to feel that the circumstances of each individual lodge, and to feel that it has been my happy lot from time to time to give some little assistance when difficulties have arisen. I was sure of your sympathy, I was deeply sensible of your forbear-ance as to my shortcomings, and your kind fraternal regard; but having it I shall prize it to the last moment of my life. This address shall be shown with an honest pride to every friend and brother who may come within my cable bow; its possession shall be an additional inducement to continue in that path which has earned me your approbation, and forces me to assure you that no call shall be made on me by my brother Masons in the future which I will not respond to with the utmost readiness. W. Bro, A. L. EXANUEL gave notice of a resolution to

W. Bro. A. L. EMANUEL gave notice of a resolution to the effect that in future the subscriptions from this pro-vince to the Masonic Charities be increased to double the

amount at present subscribed. The D.P.G.M. said that the new bye-laws would deal with the question of Charities. Sundry other business was transacted, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The majority of those present at the Provincial Grand Lodge then adjourned to one of the rooms adjoining the Lecture Hall, and partook of a banquet. The R.W.P.G.M. having had to leave to attend some important business in the House of Commons, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hickman, presided After the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and

After the removal of the cost, the customary logal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The D.P.G.M., in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. Bro, the Prince of Wales, G.M. of England," attributed to His Royal Highness's connection with the Craft the rapid strides Freemasonry had made in this country and its Colonies.

Colonies. In proposing "The Health of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.," the CHAIRMAN said that it was an important engagement that took him away. Nothing but that would have prevented him remain-ing amongst them at the festive board. The fact was there was a troublesome Bill to be disposed of in the House --(laughter)---and in consequence of that Bill being unex-pectedly advanced a stage, the R.W.P.G.M. had had to proceed to London, even before the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

proceed to London, even before the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. Bro. R. EVE, P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Hickman," and remarked that he had held that office for many years. He held the posi-tion of Prov. Grand Sccretary some twenty-one years ago, which he held until promoted to a higher office. There was no Mason in the province who had exhibited a stronger de-sire to promote the interests of Freemasonry than Bro. Hickman. (Apolause.)

Hickman. (Applause.) The CHAIRMAN, in responding, said that he had always met with nothing but kindness at the hands of the bre-thren, and if at times he had had to take part in investgations of an unpleasant character, he was comforted by gations of an unpleasant character, he was comforted by the reflection that all had been actuated by a true and brotherly spirit. (Cheers.) It was impossible, he was certain, to have a better Master than the one he had over him. Freemasonry was making some rapid strides; was in a very flourishing position; and the lodges had increased double since the present P.G.M. had held office. (Hear, hear). No low then four new lodges had low a constituted No less than four new lodges had been constituted hear.) during the past year, making a total in the province of thirty-six, He hoped that four more would be constituted during the next year, and the Prov. Grand Master could then appoint two additional Deacons. (Hear, hear, and chosen) Cheers). Bro, HEADLEY proposed "The Visitors." The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The Present and Past

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Wardens and Officers of the Province," alluded in feeling terms to the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of W. Bro. H. M. Emanuel, P.G.W., and said it was an oversight that that brother's name had not been mentioned in the Deau Craft Ledee bed in the feel was the feel in the Prov. Grand Lodge, but it would not be forgotten at

in the Prov. Grand Lodge, but it would not be forgotten at the next special meeting. W. Bro. LE FEUVRE, G.S.W., responded. W. Bro. M. E. FROST also alluded to the deaths of Bro. Joseph Galt, P.P.S.D., and Bro. Hare, P.P.G. Registrar. In responding for "The Masonic Charities," W. Bro. BINCKES made a powerful appeal for funds. The proceedings terminated shortly before seven o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Railway Hotel, Feltham.

Allouesex was need on Saturday, the off mist, at the Kan-way Hotel, Feltham. At three o'clock punctually the R.W. Prov. Grand Mas-ter, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., entered the spacious lodge-room, attended by the following Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. F. Davison, P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M.; Dr. Ramsay, P.G.W.; H. A. Dubois, P.G.W.; E. B. Bright, J.G.W.; Rev. J. Hawes, G. Chap.; J. Mason, P.G.D.; D. W. Penn, P.P.G.R.; Hickson Briggs, P.P.G.R.; Thos. Nash, P.P.G.S.; H. Lovegrove, G.S. of W.; E. Hopwood, P.G.S.B.; G. Tidcombe, G.D.C.; W. Stephens, P.G.A.D.C.; E. Humber, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Mason, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Tickle, G. Reg.; Rushforth, P.G.D.; H. G. Buss, G.A. Sec., G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G.J.D., G. Sec.; J. Hurst, G. Purst.; and G. J. Dunkley, G. Org. There were also present the Masters and Wardens of many lodges in the province. rovince.

The visitors included Bros. T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Chas. Veal, P.P.G.D. Surrey; H. Laxton, P.P.G.D. Surrey; and G. Dixon, P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, received, and ordered to be entered Bro. H. G. Buss was unanimously re-elected Grand

Preasurer. On motions duly made and carried, it was decided to give \pounds_{10} 105. to each of the Masonic Charities, and \pounds_5 55. to the "John Hervey Memorial Fund." After nominating Bro. Sir Charles Bright as D.P.G.M., the P.G.M. proceeded to invest the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. Sir Charles T. Bright Prov. D.C.M.

Bro.	Sir Charles T. Bright	 	Prov. D.G.M.
,,	R. H. Thrupp	 	Prov. G.S.W.
,,	E. Simpson-Baikie	 	Prov. G.J.W.
,,	Rev. J. Hawes		
<i>,,</i>	Rev. I. Kilduff	 	Prov. G. Chap.
,, ,,	W. F. Laxton	 	Prov. G. Reg.
,, ,,	H. G. Buss	 ••	Prov. G. Treas.
,, ,,	H. C. Levander	 •••	Prov. G. Sec.
,, ,,	C. Harding	 	Prov. G.S.D.
,,	H. M. Gordon	 	Prov. G. J.D.
,, ,,	R. A. Fraser	 •••	Prov. G.S. of W.
,, ,,	T. Nash	 	Prov. D. of C.
,, ,,	R. Lonsdale	 	Prov. G.A.D.C.
,, ,,	Goodall	 	Prov. G. Sw. Br.
,, ,,	I. Dixon	 	Prov. G. Purs.
	Somers	 	Prov. G. A. Purs.
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", J. Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler. The petition of a poor brother was received and the sum of ten guineas voted for his relief, and a letter was also read referring to proceedings at the Girls' School Committee. The Grand Lodge was then closed and the members pro-ceeded to attend Divine service at the adjacent chur ch. The banquet was excellent, but the room was unpleasantly crowded. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and a most successful gathering was pleasantly brought to a close.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The members of this province assembled, on Tuesday, under their respective banners, at the Public Hall, South-end-on-Sea. There was a strong attendance, each of the ninetcen lodges which make up the roll being well repre-sented. Lord Tenterden was supported by his Deputy Grand Master, W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D., and a strong body of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, while many of the neighbouring provinces were like-wise represented. The Great Eastern and the Tilbury and Southend Rail-way Companies had made special arrangements for the

way Companies had made special arrangements for the convenience of brethren who were desirous of attending, and it was satisfactory to know that these arrangements were appreciated.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock,

Right Hon, the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B. After the Prov. Grand Master had been saluted, the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. T. J. RALLING, read the minutes of last Prov. Grand Lodge, which were duly con-formed tirmeð.

Irmed. Letters, expressing regret at inability to attend, were read from Bros. Lord Waveney, Prov. Grand Master Suffolk; the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, D.G.M. Suffolk; Matthew Clark; the Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. Grand Master Kent; Rev. C. J. Arnold, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Surrey, and others. The roll of lodges was then called over, and the amount of contributions and numbers of subscribers in each super-

The roll of lodges was then called over, and the amount of contributions and numbers of subscribers in each were announced. This gave a total membership of So6 against S73 at the corresponding period last year—thus showing an increase of twenty-three for the twelve months. A preliminary meeting for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounts had been held previous to the assembling of Grand Lodge; it therefore now became necessary for the Auditors to make their report. This showed the monetary condition of the province was on a sound basis, with a balance of close upon a hundred sound basis, with a balance of close upon a hundred pounds in hand. The motion that the report be received and adopted was

thereupon carried nem con.

AUG. 13, 1001. The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in addressing the brethren remarked that as he should later on have an opportunity of addressing them, he would not now take up much of their time. It had been well said that happy is the country which has no history. This might be applied to a Masonic province. He was gratified at recognising the happy and harmonious feeling that existed in the province. He alluded in complimentary terms to the energy displayed in the exer-cise of his official duties by their late respected Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Spencer R. Wigram, P.G.C. Bro. Wigram, the Prov. G.M. stated, had removed from the province, and, feeling that the distance of his sojourn would militate against an adequate fulfilment of his duties, had tendered his resignation as Deputy Prov. G.M. He (Lord Tenterden), however, could congratulate the members of the province that there had been no thorough break of con-tinuity. No man could have attended better to his duties — and to this the members would readily testify—than did Bro. Wigram, but he felt he could not take barren honours. However, though one Deputy Provincial Grand Master had left them, he had been able to secure the services of another. Lord Tenterden then spoke in eloquent terms of praise of the zeal displayed by Bro. Philbrick. It did not require much to be said in his favour; he was well known, and the more he was known the more he was respected. Bro. Philbrick had already received his appointment; an occa-sion having arisen where he had an opportunity of being formally recognised as the D. Prov. G.M., and where he had been installed by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Wigram, who kindly undertook the duty in bis (Lord Tenterden's) en-forced absence. The noble lord closed his remarks by calling on the brethren to salue their Deputy Prov. Grand calling on the brethren to salute their Deputy Prov. Grand Master

Master. Bro. PHILBRICK, in responding, stated he felt the great honour that had been conferred upon him, and expressed his acknowledgments for the kind remarks of Lord Tenter-den. It was with great diffidence he accepted the office when it was proffered him; however, he assured the breth-ren of the province he would do all he could to fulfil the duties so satisfactorily carried out hy his predecessor, and he unsted his offorth would be appropriated at their true value trusted his efforts would be appreciated at their true value. The next business was the selection of a Prov. Grand Treasurer, and for this important office Bro. Andrew Dur-rant was by unanimous consent re-elected.

After Bro. DURRANT had expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the

following brethren :

Bro.	G. F. Jones, I.P.M. 1000		Prov. G.S.W.
,,	F. J. Wiseman, P.M. 160		Prov. G.J.W.
33	Rev. H. Hayes, W.M. 1734		Prov. G. Chap.
,,	A. Durrant, P.M. 276		Prov. G. Treas.
,,	J. H. Crowther, W.M. 1457		Prov. G. Reg.
,,	T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51		Prov. G. Sec.
,,	R. Martin, I.P.M. 453		Prov. G.S.D.
<i>,,</i>	T. Jennings, W.M. 650	•••	Prov. G.J.D.
,,	J. P. Lewin, W.M. 276		Prov. G.S. of W.
33	A. Lucking, P.M. 160	•••	Prov. G.D. of C.
,,	J. Godwin, P.M. 1343		Prov. G.A.D.C.
,,	G. J. Glasscock, W.M. 1817	• • •	Prov. O. Sd. Br.
,,	E. Gower, Organist 1024		Prov. G. Org.
,,	W. B. J. Harrington, I.P.M.	тбо	Prov. G. Purs.
,,	Berry, W.M. 1000		
	T. F. Barrett, S.W. 1000		
,,	W. D. Merrett, J.W. 1000		Dron C Stal
,,	W. Richey, W.M. 51	Ç	Prov. G. Stds.
,,	J. Dean, W.M. 433		
,,	Dehane, S.W. 1543	ر	
,,	T. S. Sarel, 276		Prov. G. Tyler.
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After the Prov. Grand Officers had been saluted, what may be considered the feature of the day's proceedings was brought under notice, that is the propositions for the adoption of certain bye-laws relating to charity organisa-tion in the province. Several happy suggestions were made as to the sense in which it was intended they should be exercised, and arrangements made for a Committee who should undertake the establishment of the organisa-tion, which consequently we may soon hope to see in full operation. The remaining business was then proceeded with. A sum of \mathcal{L} to ros, was voted in aid of the South-end Life Boat Sustentation Fund, and after the brethren had expressed their thanks to Lord Tenterden for his kind-ness in attending, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in regular form. regular form.

The banquet took place at the terminus Hotel, where ample accommodation was provided for the eighty-two brethren who partook. On the removal of the cloth the loyal toasts were fully honoured, the Prov. Grand Master, in consequence of being compelled to leave by an early train made his in-troductory remarks somewhat brief. "The Health of the Right Hon. the Lord Tenterden" was proposed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who introduced the toast with happy allusions to the interest their Prov. Grand Master had unquestionably displayed in his conduct of the business of the day. One thing could but have struck all who were had unquestionably displayed in his conduct of the business of the day. One thing could but have struck all who were present—that was, their Prov. Grand Master was equal to anylemergency. He knew he was expressing the opinion of one and all when he announced they gave him a hearty welcome. If—as had been said—happy was the province that had no history; he might venture to predict that Free-masonry in the Province of Essex had a brilliant future before it, in being under the rule of such a Prov. Grand Master. The toast was received most enthusiastically, and on Lord Tenterden's rising, he was vociferously cheered. His address throughout was listened to with intense interest. After thanking his Deputy for the way he had submitted

After thanking his Deputy for the way he had submitted After thanking his Deputy for the way he had submitted the toast, the R.W. PROV. G.M. spoke as follows: Brethren —In the first place, let me congratulate myself at meeting you all at Southend. Although my carliest Masonic expe-riences in the province were at the old Lodge of Hope and Unity, at Romford, it was at Southend that I became, so to speak, naturalized in the county and I think that there are Unity, at Romford, it was at Southend that I became, so to speak, naturalized in the county, and I think that there are very few people, not natives of the place, who have spent more pleasant holiday hours than I have, collecting wild flowers in the pretty rural lanes of the neighbourhood, or sailing and fishing off its coast. It is therefore a personal satisfaction to me to able to assemble the Provincial Grand Lodge at Southend, where it has not met since 1872. Well, brethren, when I first knew Southend, thirty years ago, it was a little village, merely a row of houses by the sea. By the census I notice that it has doubled its population during the last ten years. In that time Freemasonry in the pro-having been consectated; and this is but a very small frac-tion indeed of the vast increase of Freemasonry which has taken place throughout the British Dominions, under the

Masonic jurisdiction of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. During the last three years upwards of 150 warrants have been granted by Grand Lodge to lodges in all parts of the world. We may truly say, "Quæ regio in terris nostri non pleva laboris." Lodges have been constituted in Bengal, Bombay, Madras, New Zealand, New South Wales, Jamaica, the Island of Dominica, British Burmah, South Africa, Trinidad, China, New Cale-donia, and in the country of which some of us hear a good deal just now—Tunis. The total number of lodges is about 1900, and will soon, I suppose, be 2000. I have no reason to doubt that in other countries, especially in the United States, there has been a corresponding increase. Now, what is the reason of this great spread of Freema-sonry? Some of the uninitiated say—Oh, it is because the Prince of Wales is Grand Master. We all of us here pre-sent, I am sure, fully acknowledge the obligations of the Graft to the zealous ability with which His Royal Highness presides over it, and his example has probably attracted many to our ranks, but it must be something more than the fact that the Craft in England is governed by so popular a Prince which leads our brethren all over the world to estab-lish Masonic lodges. Other people say—It is because Freemasonry leads to pleasant dinners and social gather-ings; but in the days when conviviality, singing Bacchana-lian choruses, and drinking endless toasts were the fashion, lings ; but in the days when conviviality, singing Bacchana-lian choruses, and drinking endless toasts were the fashion, and the popular idea of a Freemason, as illustrated by Hogarth, was a man in a fantastic apron staggering home Hogarth, was a man in a fantastic apron staggering home at early morning, Freemasonry made comparatively little progress. Others, again, say—It is because it is a great Charitable Institution; and this is the true answer, al-though we must not take the expression in its narrowest sense. It is a Charitable Institution, because it inculcates Charity in its noblest, in its widest aspect. Not only must a Freemason have "a tear for pity, and a hand open as day for melting charity," but he is bound by his Masonic obligations to exercise the spirit of charity in brotherly love towards all mankind, and especially towards his breobligations to exercise the spirit of charity in brotherly love towards all mankind, and especially towards his bre-thren in Freemasonry. It is often very much easier to give a sovereign than to forgive an injury. Freemasonry teaches us not only to succour the distressed, but to exercise universal toleration, and to receive and treat as brethren men of all races and creeds who join with us in recognising the landmarks of our Order, the duties we owe to the Most High, to our Fraternity, and to the Queen. This is the secret of Freemasonry, and it is in this respect that Freemasonry may be said to be the handmaid of re-ligion and the support of social order. There have been days when "Christians have burnt each other, quite per-suaded that all the Apostles would have done as they did." Those days have passed, never, it is to be hoped, to return ; Those days have passed, never, it is to be hoped, to return; but the spirit of bigotry still survives in many forms, and it is the great advantage of Freemasonry, as an institution of universal charity, that by banishing from its lodges all ot universal charity, that by banishing from its lodges all questions of political or religious differences, it enables men to "meet on the level, and to part on the square." To enter a Masonic lodge should at all times have elevating and moral influence, and in times of strife and contention should be like taking refuge within the shady aisle of some cathedral from the burning heat of the tropical sun. It is this characteristic of Freemasonty which constitutes its real value to mankind, which has given it permanence, and which is ever attracting worthy members to its ranks. At the present time, when secret societies are principally which is ever attracting worthy members to its ranks. At the present time, when secret societies are principally known as recklessly threatening death and revolution, it seems to me a fitting opportunity for calling attention to the true objects of our Order, and to the fact that through-out the British Dominions, and in every country where freedom and enlightenment prevail, there are thousands, probably hundreds of thousands, of brethren of our Society, who while recording the great minimized of ratural who, while recognising the great principles of natural equality and mutual dependence, are bound to exercise universal fraternal toleration, and above all to render reverence to the Great Architect of the Universe and respect to all lawfully constituted authority.

The next toast brought under consideration was " the Wor. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D., D.P.G.M., and the Rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked those who had ren-The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked those who had ren-dered him such goodly assistance in the past. For his pre-sent officers he had realised the difficulties he had to encoun-ter in making appointments. His idea was to distribute the honours, not to individuals who were popular in any special district, but to those who had distinguished themselves in Freemasonry. In this regard he had done his best to ap-point worthy men. He called upon Bro. Philbrick to reply.

Our learned brother, in the course of his response, marked that the Provincial Grand Master had alluded to the position Freemasonry had taken up both in this country and abroad, likewise to the advance it had made in their own province. The unswerving permanence of our stability was attributable to the fact that we were true to ourselves, true to our Older, and true to our God. This made Masonry what it was a living pen, and not a dead letter. In his opinion, in which he thought all would coincide, Freema-sonry in the province was well represented by its officers. They were a good, hard-working body; men who would strive to uphold the best interests of the Craft. On his own and their behalf he thanked one and all for the reception

and their behalt he thanked one and all for the reception given to the toast. In speaking to the toast of "The Visitors," Lord TENTERDEN regretted the absence of many whose avoca-tions had prevented their attendance; with it he would associate the name of Bro. Leith, Past District Grand S.W. of Bombay—a Mason well-known and highly es-teemed, and father of the present District Grand Master of Bombay.

of Bombay. Bro. LEITH feared he might trespass somewhat upon the limited time at the disposal of the brethren. However, with their permission, he would say a few words respecting what was being done in the district with which he and his sons were more immediately associated. Cur worthy brother then detailed some interesting experiences in con-nection with Freemasorry in the East, his remarks making very powerful impression upon those who were privileged

to listen to them. At this stage of the proceedings the exigencies of the train service necessitated the departure of the P.G. Master and many of the brethren who had corresponding trains to catch.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, however, assumed the chair, and gave several other toasts, making a fervid appeal to the brethren of the province to sustain the several Charitable Institutions in their present state of efficiency. efficiency.

With the "Masonic Charities" he associated the name Bro. Wood, a Vice-President of each, and the first of Bro.

of Bro. Wood, a Vice-President of each, and the first Worshipful Master of the Priory Lodge, under whose bainer they were assembled that day. After this had been acknowledged by Bro. Wood, the W.M.'s of lodges in the province were complimented. Then came the "Reception Committee," a special word of praise being vouchsafed to Bros. Wardell and Albert Lucking. The Tyler was then summoned, and the formal proceedings closed, though for some hour or so afterwards a spirit of harmony prevailed. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Fred Cozens, who had for his associates Bros. J. Brown, Turle, Lee, and T. Lawler. The following byc-laws have been adopted:— I. For the purpose of organising and concentrating the strength of the province at the election of candidates for the Masonic Charitable Institutions, a Committee shall be formed, to be called "The Charity Committee for the Pro-vince of Essex."

vince of Essex." 2. Such Committee shall consist of the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Provincial Grand Secre-tary, and one member from each lodge in the province, who shall be elected annually on the day of installation of the W.M., and whose name and address shall be trans-mitted by the Secretary of the lodge to the Provincial Grand Secretary immediately after the election. 3. Should any brother so elected die, resign, or otherwise become disqualified to serve his term of office, another brother shall be duly elected in his stead on the next regular lodge night, when due notice of such fresh election shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary. 4. The Charity Committee shall meet at least twice in

4. The Charity Committee shall meet at least twice in each year, as soon as the lists of the candidates from the several Institutions have been obtained, and at such other times as they may be convened by the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy. Any member who cannot attend may be represented by any brother of his lodge he may depute. depute

5. The Committee shall select, by majority of members present, the candidates to be supported by the province, and appoint a brother or brethren to conduct the business

of the elections. 6. All votes belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge, or its officers as such, shall be forwarded to the Provincial

Its others as such, shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary, and be dealt with according to decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee. 7. Whenever the Committee shall have resolved that any case is worthy of the support of the province, they shall forthwith communicate with the several lodges in the pro-vince, and take such other steps as may appear advisable to make known the merits and claims of the candidate, and the second the support of the lodger and to secure the support and co-operation of the lodges, and the assistance of the subscribers to the various Charitable Institutions, in order that their efforts may be united and attended with success.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Grand Lodge of Canada met on July 14th, at the Grand Opera house, Hamilton. After the routine business the election of district deputies was proceeded with, with the following result: St. Clair, T. C. McNab; London, W. Milner; Wilson, George E. Eden; Huron, Dr. Wm. H. Martyn; Wellington, S. S. McCromack; Hamilton, W. G. Reid; Niagara, J. Murrison Dunn; Toronto, J. B. Nixon; Georgian, John Creasor; Ontario, G. H. F. Dartnell; Prince Edward, John S. Loomis; St. Lawrence, A. F. Milliken; Ottawa, J. G. Cranston. The election of officers then took place, Lieut.-Colonel James Moffatt, of London, being elected by 616 out of 826.

S26. The GRAND MASTER elect said: Most Worshipful Master and brethren of the Grand Lodge, my feelings at this moment can better be imagined than expressed. For over forty years I have been a recipient of many favours at the hands of my fellow citizens, and many honorary dis-tinctions from my Masonic brethren. I have prized them all very highly; but none of them as highly as this honour you have seen fit to bestow on me to-day. (Applause.) There is a curious coincidence in connection with this elec-tion in relation to me. In 1855, nearly thirty years are There is a curious coincidence in connection with this elec-tion in relation to me. In 1855, nearly thirty years ago, I assisted my brethren in forming the Grand Lodge of Canada, in this same city of Hamilton, and now in the same place my brethren, many of whom were present at that time, honour me by choosing me as the Grand Master. (Cheers.) I trust, I hope, I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may assist me in conducting the affairs of the Grand Lodge to the satisfaction of my brethren of the Craft. Without His assistance our efforts will be a naught and in vain. I am known to a very large circle of Masons in this and other jurisdictions. I have been forty years a Mason, and consequently cannot be regarded as a novice In this and other jurisdictions. I have been forty years a Mason, and consequently cannot be regarded as a novice in the work of the Craft. Thirty years of that time have been spent with my London brethren who knew me as one who identified himself with every object calculated to advance the interests of the brethren. (Loud cheers.) I will do the work assigned me cheerfully, and to the best of my chelity, relying upon the brethren. for that condition my ability, relying upon the brethren, for that cordial support which has ever been vouchsafed the Grand Master in the past. I thank you again, most heartily. (Cheers). Bro. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, was elected Deputy Grand

Master. Bro. Wm. Hayden, of Woodstock, was elected Grand Senior Warden. The next annual communication of Grand Lodge will be

held in London. The affairs of the Grand Lodge are in a flourishing condition, the funds having increased since 31st December, 1870, by 2620.96 dollars. The statement of the benevolent approximate of the statement of the benevolence operations of the Fraternity shows that Hamilton district last year received 1251.99 dollars, and expended 1102.78 dollar

The following are the officers elected :-Be

ro.	LieutCol. Moffatt, Lo	ndon		G.M.	
,,	Daniel Spry, Barrie			G.D.M.	
,, ,,	Wm. Hayden, Woodst	ock		G.S.W.	
	W. G. Gunn, Kingston			G.J.W.	
,,	Rev. Evans Davis, Lor			G. Chap.	
,,	E. Mitchell, Hamilton			G. Treas.	
,,	E. H. Long			G. Reg.	
,,	J. J. Mason, Hamilton	•••		G. Sec.	
,,	F. J. Hood, London		• • •	G. Tyler.	
T	e following brethren	were	elected	to serve	ot

n the Board of General Purposes : Bros. Donald Ross, Picton; at 7.30.

R. T. Walkem, Kingston; Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound; B. Saunders, Toronto; and J. M. Meakins, Hamilton. The Grand Master appointed Bros. M. Mur-ray, Hamilton; L. H. Henderson, Belleville; Dr. Car-scadden, Iona; P. J. Brown, Ingersoll; and D. Glass, London

London. The following are the Chairmen of Committees: Audit and Finance, Bro. H. Murray; Benevolence, Bro. Otto Klotz; Condition of Masonry, Bro. P. J. Brown; Juris-Appeals, Bro. Henry Macherson; Grievances and Appeals, Bro. H. Robinson; and Warrants, Bro. D. Ross. The Committee on Credentials reported, and the report of the Committee on Grand Master's address was pre-

sented. The newly-elected officers were installed. After trans-acting some further business, Grand Lodge finally adjourned

THE MASONIC VETERANS.

We take this report from our contemporary the New We take this report from our contemporary the New York Dispatch, as we think it may interest our readers: We trust to the sympathy of the brethren, wherever dis-persed, to pardon us for giving in this issue of the Dispatch the place of honour to the annual meeting of the venerable brethren known by the above title. We speak not so much for ourself as for the rest, but at the same time there is something connected with this gathering that ought to, and we believe does, appeal to the best sentiments of the Craft, and lead them to understand that age and long service only makes more evident the devotion of these brethren to all that tends to magnify the offices of Masonry, and to only makes more evident the devotion of these brethren to all that tends to magnify the offices of Masonry, and to encourage all who have entered its mystic temple so to walk and act that when years have whitened their hairs and crowned their services they shall find in the member-ship of this association the chief reward of their zeal, and the best proof that they have loved Masonry because it is the true exemplification of all that tends to raise us above the common loved and the devoted by the devotes. the true exemplification of all that tends to raise us above the common level, and to make our labours the demonstra-tion of a robust manhood, and the reward of just, upright, and generous devotion to principle—not so much for our-selves as that those who are to come after us may know that, having earnestly and faithfully discharged our duty, the love and respect given to us will later come to them, and we being at rest and forgotten, they will inherit the love given us, and transmit to their successors the same admiration of the Institution we have tried to inculcate and exemplify, and thus, from generation to generation.

admiration of the Institution we have tried to inculcate and exemplify, and thus, from generation to generation, from age to age, will the fire upon our altars be kept burning, and the *esprit du corps* be maintained. The annual meeting was held on the Wednesday evening of Grand Lodge week, and after the admission of a num-ber of aspirants, the brethren were formed in procession, and proceeded to the place selected for the banquet. When all were seated it was found that eighly-six of the veterans were present, and that the average age was sixty years, with a slight fraction over. The *menut* furnished was all that could be desired, being choice, but at the same time such as would become old men, loving each other rather than what they could eat. A Masonic choir furnished some of the choicest music,

and made itself especially noticeable by its selections between the different addresses. After the removal of the cloth, President GEORGE II. FISH made the following address: Venerable brethren, one year more has the Great Architect consented to our Fish made the following address: Venerable brethren, one year more has the Great Architect consented to our living, and allowed us again to meet at our annual feast. Thanks to God for his care and kindness. Life to us is pleasant. It is worth our while to live; then let us so live that death shall lead to abiding peace. Changes must come to us each year. Some who sat with us at our last feast are gone—whither? It is well that we know not, and you can all join with me in remembering our 'dead, and, trusting in that merey " which falleth like the 'gentle rain' from Heaven," rejoice with them in their' new and better life. The contemplation of death should be no bar to en-joyment like this. Scarcely a meeting that we are not reminded of it, never a feast that places are not vacant. It is only bringing us nearer to Him, in whom we avowed our trust so many years ago. This is our annual feast, a time for entertainment and delight; then let us rejoice. Rejoice that, when our names are held "in memoriam," there will be one place from which our Guardian Angel can bring the testimony of loving words from fraternal hearts. Rejoice in the fact that, amid the turmoil and strife incident to earth, there are so many glad trusting brothers who de-light to meet, and with speech, song, and good cheer, brighten these twilight hours of life. In listening to some remarks made last year by Ven. Bro. Pike, I was surprised at their tenour. To think that that grand old man, who loves now "to sit in his chimney corner and cheerily chirp," should have taken so sombre a view of his Masonic life as to question whether it was not a failure ! Could he have looked into the hearts of the thousands who have lis-tened to his sound advice and treasure his words of wis-dom, and who feel that their lives are better from the have looked into the hearts of the thousands who have his-tened to his sound advice and treasure his words of wis-dom, and who feel that their lives are better from the influence of his silver tongue, he could have read his answer there, graven in letters of living love upon hearts ever responsive to his slightest wish. In a moment of despondency he forgot that—

"He who plowed and who sowed is not missed by the

reaper; He is only remembered by what he has done. "Man shuts the door against the setting sun," said a philosopher of the olden time. Human nature still remains the same. There have undoubtedly been times during our Masonic lives when loss of station, business cares, family troubles, or the tongue of misrepresentation have vexed and wearied until, in despondent thought, we too have felt Order were as a myth and ner

sonal friendship a farce, that our brothers were "shutting the door against the setting sun." It is not until the zenith of life is passed, and rank and title have ceased to be an aspiration and become a memory, that we fully appreciate the strength of friendship, and can see the welcoming hands which have always been outstretched, welcoming hands which have always been outstretched, only hidden by the gloom of our own despondency. It is then that the tendrils of sympathy reach out towards each kind word and friendly glance, until, entwined in each other's affection, we realise the fruition of hope and the harvest of our earlier teachings. Venerable brethren, what brings you here to-night? Not an epicurean feast; for we are frugal; not a convivial revel, for we are tem-perate. "The hearts of men vibrate in answer to one another like the strings of a musical instrument," and is

not this the secret of your presence here to-night? The echo in your own heart of the wish of some brother that you may meet and exchange the fraternal greeting, and by the may meet and exchange the fraternal greeting, and by the warmth of your welcome assure him that the pleasure he feels is but a vibration in unison with your own. Music and flowers have been brought in as aids to brighten and cheer us on this occasion; to help, by appealing to our finer sensibilities, to draw our thoughts from self and indi-vidual ends to the more noble fraternal purposes for which we meet. I know there is not one here whose eye does not brighten as he looks upon these art colourings from Nature's studio, or whose pulse does not quicken at the concord of sweet sounds. We can feel kindlier, look kindlier, and speak kindlier, when affected by such influ-ences; and can any of us say we need them not? Are our tempers always under curb, our minds free from imaginary tempers always under curb, our minds free from imaginary grievances, our tongues never forgetful that we are brothers, and our thoughts ever ready to acknowledge the care and and our thoughts ever ready to acknowledge the care and goodness of the Grand Architect? Then let us welcome these, or any aids, that can serve to keep back the grosser parts of our nature and bring into the fuller light all that in us is ennobling. There are many present this evening for the first time, and it may not be amiss to say a few words to them. We are an organisation of old men, who having laboured for the Craft for twenty-one years or more, are anxious to preserve the friendships of past time, and willing to form new ones. Many, in fact most of you, have ceased anxious to preserve the friendships of past time, and willing to form new ones. Many, in fact most of you, have ceased from your especial labor for the fraternity, and are enjoying that well-carned rest which belongs to the faithful. We are in a great degree social. Yet in this as in all organisa-tions, there is work to be done, and we trust that you will not be content to sit quietly down and drift along, satisfied so long as some one has the helm. You can all find some-thing to do to assist your officers in making our meetings pleasant and attractive, and you will find that the more interest you take in this Guild the more satisfaction you will derive from your membership. I will not detain you longer, for there are those present whose ready wit and fluent tongue will fill the coming hours with gems of thought, so rare that memory will ever love to revert to and fluent tongue will fill the coming hours with gems of thought, so rare that memory will ever love to revert to the feast of 1SS1, and so, venerable brethren, I bid you all a most sincere and fraternal welcome, and extend to each that soulful greeting which is the distinguished mark of our grand old brotherhood. Then followed the regular toasts, the first being: "The memory of our Dead." Silent and standing. "The Grand Lodge; the parent whom we still obey." To this sentiment Bro. M. W. C. F. PA1GE responded in an address replete with mother wit; bis allusions to the living landmarks being filled with remarks in the happiest

living landmarks being filled with remarks in the happiest of The Literature of Masonry," M.W. Bro. ALBERT PIKE responded to this sentiment in grand and poetical language, and made all those privileged to hear him feel

that thus was furnished an opportunity to know and appre-ciate the thoughts of a scholar who had given his life to the philosophy of Masonry, and who was prepared to make evident to his hearers the result of his long years of study

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"The Ethics of Masonry." To this sentiment the M.W.
Bro. MARSHALL B. SMITH, P.G.M. of New Jersey, responded in his best style.
"The Sentiment of Masonry." To this toast M.W.
Bro. JOHN W. SIMMONDS responded.
"The Universality of Masonry." To this sentiment Right Worshipful Bro. CHARLES T. MCCLENA-CHANLES of the evening's festivities demands our serious consideration. Were all the finer sentiments and abilities with which the Creator has imbued man called into requisition and concentrated to frame an association that should touch every chord within the human breast—it would not be within the scope of heart or intellect to organise and perfect an institution that would meet every such requirement as the universal Fraternity of Masonry. organise and perfect an institution that would meet every such requirement as the universal Fraternity of Masonry. It is the blessed tie that binds our hearts in friendship's love. Of the myriad sacraments that the Creator has spread before the creature-man-it would seem as if the Divine Will had finally imposed that an universal link should bind them in a brotherhood, whereby they should enjoy and partake of all these sacramental blessings in unison, and drink from the fourt of this how with the day enjoy and partake of all these sacramental blessings in unison, and drink from the fount of His love with thanks-giving and praise. The bond of Masonry extends to infinity. Would we feast our mental eyes on the glories of the Creator, Masonry presents the vision. Would we feed the intellect on the knowledge of things visible, Masonry opens the Book of Nature. Would we sanctify the lips in speech as to the longing of the soul, in praise and prayer, in gratitude and supplication, Masonry in its universality unfolds the Divine Word as the greatest light and guide. Do we crave for greater wisdom, strength, and an harmonious bond? Masonry points to the principles of the new law, to faith, to hope, and the divinity of love. All our powers of action, our intellect and reason, and the passions of the soul are purified and sanctified through the teachings of God's blest institution that enfolds the world. " Before our Father's throne " Before our Father's throne

We pour united prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares."

To those who are the devotees of Masonrywho have scored the toils of passing years-what garlands are too fresh, what strains of harmony too sweet, what zephyrs Iresh, what strains of narmony too sweet, what zephyrs wafted from angelic wings too soft, what praises from the trump too great for services rendered mortal man in sowing the undying seed taught as none others can? But those of this assemblage are growing old, and we are looking back upon the days of "Auld Lang Syne." I know you long and love to sing the good old song, and so I close, quoting the lines of the poet, the illustrious Albert Pike:

" For the truer life draws nigher

Every year; And its Morning Star climbs higher, Every year; Earth's hold on us grows slighter, And the heavy burden lighter, And the Dawn Immortal brighter Every year."

Altogether the occasion was most enjoyable, and will certainly live in the memory of the participants surrounded by pleasant thoughts.

The association is now in the full tide of success. Each | advancement.

year enlarges the number of its members and the circle of its kindly influence, and each annual feast adds increased approval of the happy thought that brought into existence, the Association of Masonic Veterans.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS. Craft Klasonry.

FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge held a regular meeting on the 25th ult. at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, W.M.; J. Strugnell, S.W.; W. Williams, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. and Sec.; Good-enough, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; H. B..Marshall, C.C., &c., I.G.; Hart (Hon. Organist); and Parkinson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confrmed, Bro. Skelhorne having proved himself duly qualified for preferment, was passed to the Degree of F.C., the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet. banquet.

banquet. GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 30th ult., and, the day being delightful, passed off with great success. The W.M., Bro. Roy, opened his lodge punctually at 3 o'clock with the assistance of the following brethren: Bros. C. Long, S.W.; E. Bamford, J.W.; Dr. Royers, Treas.; C. Veal, Sec.; A. Goldsmid, S.D.; T. J. Villiers, J.D.; W. G. Loc, I.G.; G. Tidcombe, P.M.; J Muddleton, Tyler; Sherbrook, Puckett, Dalzell, Paten, Haynes, Biggs, and Felton. Visitors: Bros. F. H. Wilson-Iles, 404, D.P.G.M. Herts; Clement Heaton, 404; W. H. Norris, 404; F. A. Van-setter, 404; ¹. Shepherd, P.M. 27 and 201; Williams, D.C. 975; and Schartan, 1549. The minutes of the previous meeting, and the report of the Audit Committee were then duly confirmed, the latter this year giving more than usual satisfaction, from the fact of the lodge releasing itself of its many liabilities, which by unavoidable misfortune had previously accumulated, thus giving the new W.M. every prospect of a prosperous year, and to speed on in the cause of charity. Bro. Geo. Tidcombe introduced his old friend and brother Mason, Bro. Francis Antoine Vansetter, who was initiated at Ant-werp, at the Lodge Les Amis du Roi et de la Patrie, in 1825. In October of that year he came to England and became a teacher of languages in many of the best fami-

werp, at the Lodge Les Amis du Koi et de la Patrie, m 1825. In October of that year he came to England and became a teacher of languages in many of the best fami-lies and schools in the neighbourhood. He passed through the English Degree of Freemasonry at the Watford Lodge some years after. Ile descends from a well-known old family of Antwerp and Brussells, and with wonderful ani-mation he vividly described to some of the brethren of the Abercorn Lodge the scenes he witnessed at Brussells at family of Antwerp and Brussells, and with wonderful ani-mation he vividly described to some of the brethren of the Abercorn Lodge the scenes he witnessed at Brussells at the time of the Battle of Waterloo. On his way to the field after the battle, at five o'clock in the evening, he met an aide-de-camp of Sir Colin Halket--Capt. Alexander Home--who hurriedly told him the glorious news that he was taking to Brussels--that "The Prussians arrived in time ! The English have won the battle ! The French are in full retreat!" Bro. Vansetter is one of the brethren of Car-thusian Friars of the Charterhouse in London, and is one of the happiest there, full of spirits, and interesting anec-dote, in his eighty-sixth year, having been a M.M. fifty-six years. Bro. Sherbrook was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., and Bro. Dalzell was also passed in the same effective manner to the Second Degree. A can-didate for initiation not appearing, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dr. Wilson-lles, who, on presenta-tion of Bro. C. Long by Bro. Tidoombe, P.M., most im-pressively performed the ceremony of installation. After the customary salutes and investing the 1.P.M., the follow-ing were selected as officers for the ensuing year : Bros. Bamford, S.W.; Goldsmid, J.W.; Rogres, Treas.; Veal, Sec.; Villiers, S.D.; Loc, J.D.; Schartan, Org.; Puckett, I.G.; Tidcombe, D.C.; and Middleton, Tyler. The addresses having been listened to with great enjoy-ment, the W.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented the I.P.M. with the handsome jewel, which he had so well earned and was most unanimously accorded to him, for which he appropriately responded. The customary "Good wishes " from the visiting brethren, and a hearty vote of thanks to the Installing Master, concluded the business, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at six o'clock p.m..

o'clock p.m. The banquet, of the usual *recherchú* character, passed off admirably, many expressions of satisfaction being ac-corded to Bro. C. Veal for his efficient catering. The usual time-honoured to asts were given and responded to; and most worthy of special praise were the musical contributions of Bros. Schartan and Dalzell, of Westminster Abbey, both initiated in this lodge. The W.M. having passed the httle Charity-box most successfully, the Tyler's toast, at ten o'clock p.m., concluded one of the most enjoyable gather-ings for which this lodge is becoming famous.

Mark Masonry.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282). —The first monthly meeting of this new lodge, which was consecrated on the rath ult, was held on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, Portland-square. The whole of the members were present but two, they being out of town. Bro. T. Dixon, W.M., P.G. Reg., presided, supported by Bros. Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., S.W., P.G. Chaplain; J. J. Coverdale, J.W., P.G. Steward; J. A. Salkeld, M.O.; D. B. Winston, S.O.; E. G. Burrows, J.O.; W. Carlyle, R.M.; J. Thompson, Sec.; F. Paul, J.D.; J. J. Little, I.G.; J. Lewthwaite, Steward; W. Wagg, Tyler; and W. Smith. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the business before the lodge was the confirmation of the draft bye-laws, which were ordered to be printed, and a copy forwarded to London for the approval of the General Board. On the proclamations being put, Bro. I. Evening, I.G. Faithfull WORKINGTON .- Derwent Lodge (No. 282). proclamations being put, Bro. L. Evening, I.G. Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, Cockermouth, was proposed as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed. Next meeting it is expected several candidates will be proposed for

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Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, will consecrate the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton, this day (Saturday) at half-past

Bro. Major-General Brownrigg, C.B., Provin-cial Grand Master of Surrey, consecrated the Mozart Lodge, at Croydon, yesterday. A report of the proceed-ings will appear in our next.

Bro. F. Binckes, Secretary Royal Masonic In-stitution, announced at the meeting of the General Com-mittee of that Institution on Saturday last that the new offices will be ready in about a fortnight.

offices will be ready in about a fortnight. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, presided on Tuesday, the oth inst., at the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at the Lecture Hall of the Soldiers' Institute, Grand Parade, Portsmouth, when a testimonial was presented to Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, of Southampton, in recognition of services rendered by him as Provincial Grand Secretary, from which office he has recently retired; he was also ap-pointed Prov. Grand Senior Warden. Lady Monckton and Sir Charlos Vounce added

Lady Monckton and Sir Charles Young added Lady MONCKION and Sir Charles Found attend to their long list of successes on Friday week, by their efforts in connection with the entertainment given at Hampton Court in aid of the Convalescent Home, which the Princess Frederica is endeavouring to establish. The performance was a very brilliant affair, and attracted more than usual attention from the fact that something like 150 wave had elansed since any entertainment of the kind had years had elapsed since any entertainment of the kind had been given at the Palace.—City Press.

The seventh International Medical Congress concluded its labours on Tuesday, after sitting in six general meetings and in fifteen sections daily from August and to August oth inclusive. In the course of the conclud-ing ceremonies medals of honour were presented to mem-hers who had rendered prominent services to the Congress. The question of the next place of meeting for the Congress was left to the judgment of the Executive Committee. In the course of the evening the members and their friends, including the ladies of their families, dined together at the Crystal Palace.

At a meeting of the Irish peers, held at the pri-vate residence of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn on the 3rd inst., Lord Headley was unanimously selected to fill the next vacancy in the Irish representative peerage.

The Masonic bazaar, held at Padstow, last week, in the beautiful grounds of Prideaux Place, produced the

in the beauting grounds of Andraua rates, product an amount of \pounds 155. Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, speaking at a meeting at Dulwich on Thursday night, the 4th inst., said that the various abortive schemes issued by the Charity Commissioners for Dulwich have cost \pounds 50,000.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., the firm of Messrs. Janes and Son, of 101, Aldersgate-street, and 4, Eagle-place, Piccadilly, held their twenty-sixth annual dinner at the Old Red House, Woodford Bridge. After spending a most enjoyable day they returned to town in good time. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. T. M. Janes, Mr. G. Downing presided. Bro. Lord Beechery be

Bro. Lord Rosebery has accepted the Under-Secretaryship at the Home Office, in the place of Mr. Courtney, who goes to the Colonial Office.

Among the presents to the Hon. Arthur Saumarez and Miss M'Garel-Hogg was a handsome chiming clock (after Westminster Palace chimes), bearing a suitable inscription, from the colleagues of Bro. Sir James M'Garel-Hogg, Bart., M.P. Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and a diamond pendant from the officers of the Board. of the Board.

THE CHATHAM MURDER. - Notwithstanding THE CHATHAM MURDER. — Notwithstanding the increased reward offered by the officers of the Royal Engineers, amounting, with the Government reward, to £600, for the discovery of the murderer of Lieutenant Roper at Chatham, the Scotland-yard authorities, who have visited Chatham, have not gained any fresh information. The Engineer officers purpose, it is said, to make the reward a thousand pounds, in the hope that, if there was an accomplice, he may be induced to divulge. Bro Sir John Ronnett, presided on Wednesday

an accomplice, he may be induced to divulge. Bro. Sir John Bennett presided on Wednesday evening, the 3rd inst., at the distribution of prizes to the successful competitors at the fourth annual flower show of the Pioneer South Bermondsey Amateur Floral Society. On the proposal of his Excellency Dr. Baccelli, Minister of Public Instruction, and in consideration of special merits, his Majesty the King of Italy has nominated Professor Leone Levi, Cavaliere (Knight) of the Order of the Crown of Italy, to be Cavaliere of the Order of SS. Maurizio and Lazzaro. Sir George, Bose Sartorius, G.C.B. the senior

Sir George Rose Sartorius, G.C.B., the senior Sir George Rose Sartorius, G.C.B., the sentor Admiral of the Fleet, attained his 91st year on Tuesday, having been born on August 9th, 1790. The venerable admiral is the eldest son of the late Colonel John Conrad Sartorius, an Engineer officer in the Hon. East India Com-pany's service, by his marriage with Anna, daughter of Mr. George Rose. Sir G. R. Sartorius is one of the few survivors of Trafalgar, having taken part in Nelson's memorable victory as midshipman of the Tennant, and was also engaged in many other naval operations in the early part of the century. early part of the century.

COMMITTEE FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE KING OF THE HELLENES.—At a meeting of the members of this committee, held on Friday, the 5th inst., it was re-solved unanimously: "That this committee desires to place on record its sincere and hearty recognition of the admirable services of its Chairman, Bro. Sir John Bennett, in con-nection with the visit of the King of the Hellenes to the City of London, and to mark its appreciation of the judg-ment, energy, and courtesy which throughout characterised his fulfilment of the duties of the chair.—City Press. At a meeting of the Tallow Chandlers' Com-

At a meeting of the Tallow Chandlers' Com-At a meeting of the Tallow Chandlers Com-pany, held on Thursday, the 4th inst., it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Alderman Stone, seconded by Mr. E. Gregory, that this company do contribute to the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Tech-nical Education the sum of \pounds_{105} for this year, and a like sum for each of the two following years.

Bro. G. R. Stone was installed W.M. of the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 615, at the Avenue Hall, Erith, on Monday last.

The annual installation meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1152, which closes another year's experience of prosperity, took place on Thursday after-noon, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where Bro. John Barclay was duly placed in the chair of W.M. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, has appointed Tuesday, September 27th, for holding the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall at Liskeard, and on the following day (Wed-nesday) his lordship will hold a meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall at St. Austell.

The hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Pennsylvania Masonry is to be celebrated June 24th, 1852, at Philadelphia, and a committee of twenty-one will have charge of it.

The Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., was badly damaged by a storm on June 27th.

Lanhydrock House, the Cornish residence of Lord Robartes, which was burned down recently, is to be rebuilt on the old site and in the old style at a cost of £ 40,000.

The dramatic performance lately given by Lady Monckton and Sir Charles Young at the Grosvenor Hall, in aid of the funds of St. Gabriel's Home, Herne, near Worthing, realised a net sum of £ 120 for the charity.

Bro. A. Brookman, of 19, Noble-street, will be a candidate for a seat in the Court of Common Council for the ward of Aldersgate at the next election.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., is among the subscribers to a fund for the relief of the families of pilots and pilots' apprentices recently drowned off Cawsand Bay. Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, of Christ's Hospital, was one of the examiners of Grosvenor School, Twickenham, of which the Rev. L. M. d'Orsey is principal.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts has been sitting to Mr. Ouless, R.A., for a portrait destined for Eton.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master A Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the province of Berks and Oxon, will assemble by command of the Prov. Grand Master Bro, the Right Hon, the Earl of Jersey, in the Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, on Tuesday, August 30th, at three o'clock p.m., under the banner of the Abbey Lodge, No. 225, when the Provincial Grand Master will appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year. A collation will be provided in a pavilion in the gardens of the Provincial Grand Treasurer (W. Bro, E. J. Trendeil), at five o'clock p.m.

Bro. Justice Cave commenced sitting on Tuesday as vacation judge at Judges' Chambers, where there will be a judge in attendance during the vacation on every Tuesday and Thursday until further notice.

Bro. Lord Rosebery presided on Monday last at a meeting held at the hall of the Society of Arts, with the object of obtaining increased support from the public for the Trades Guild of Learning, and reorganising it on a larger basis. Resolutions were unanimously passed, pledging the meeting to support the objects of the Guild and urging trade societies to co-operate as far as possible in organising the proposed lectures and classes. The Margue of Martington K G, has con

The Marquis of Hartington, K.G., has con-sented to preside at the twenty-sixth annual festival of the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools, to be held in the early part of next year.

Bro. Professor Emmanuel Galani, Ph. D. 33^c Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Council of Greece, has been appointed Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence of that body.

Three hundred and forty-four of the Masonic works in the library of the late Bro. Albert G. Mackey, M.D., have been catalogued, numbered and priced, with view to their private sale. Many valuable books are included in the list. For copy, address E. W. M. Mackey, 1339, Q. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.—Keystone.

Bro. Emra Holmes, Collector of her Majesty's Customs, Fowey, member of the Royal Institution of Cornwall, and of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland, author of "Notes on the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital," &c., has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

E. Sir Robert L. McCormick has just been elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Min-nesota. The annual Grand Conclave took place at Still-water. The knights had an encampment and competitive drill. E. Sir A. T. V. Pierson was re-elected Grand Recorder.

SITTPWRECKED FISHERMEN AND MARINERS' ROYAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—Her Majesty the Queen, the patron of the society, has just contributed a special donation of \pounds_{25} to the fund being raised for this society, Hibernia-chambers, London-bridge, on behalf of the Local Relief Committee in the Shetlands to assist those afflicted by the recent directory is the Shetlands. by the recent disastrous storm in the Shetlands.

THE LATE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA .-- A [competition, open to foreigners as well as Russians, is announced for the erection of a monument to the late Emperor Alex-ander II. in the Kremlin at Moscow.

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond's tatistics, Bro. Josiah 11. Drithmond's statistics, reported to the Grand Lodge of Maine for 1881, shows that fifty-four Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada have 567,128 members against 573,317 in 1880. There are 21,885 candidates against 19,685; 18,746 aliliations against 17,523; 17,362 dimissions against 17,102; SO8 expulsions against 029; 257 suspensions against 23,210; 6890 deaths pended from membership against 23,210; 6890 deaths against 7113; 3434 rejections against 3615. Although there are 6189 less members, the suspensions from memmay soon look for an advance again.

· The Salford Liberal Association held their annual picnic in Bro. Lord de Tabley's park on Saturday, the 6th inst.

DEATH OF A LADY 102 YEARS OLD.—Mrs. Anne Webb, relict of Mr. Thomas Webb, J.P., has just died at her residence at Ledbury. The venerable lady was in her 103rd year, and the dates of her birth and marriage are beyond dispute. When Mrs. Webb attained her hun-dredth birthday the Queen sent her a letter of congratula-tion and Her Majesty's portrait, with a request that the photograph of Mrs. Webb might be forwarded to the Queen. Her eldest son was born in 1812. The deceased lady was possessed of all her faculties to the last. Bro. G. Lambert has made a domation of C100

Bro. G. Lambert has made a donation of \pounds 100 to the City of London General Pension Society.

Bro. E. G. Legge, of 5, Philpot-lane, Fenchurch-street, has been appointed a commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England. Bro. Legge was admitted a solicitor in 1872.

The annual excursion of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, will take place on Tuesday next, the 16th inst. The party will visit the Crown Gardens, Broxifth inst. The party will visit the Grown Gardens, Brox-bourne, where they will banquet under the able presidency of their Preceptor, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349. We trust the weather will prove propitious, that the brethen and their ladies, who will accompany them, may have a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

Bro. Emmanuel Galani, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Greece, has been appointed Grand Secretary for Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Lodge.

Bro. A. E. Brewis, I.P.M. of the De Ogle Lodge, No. 636, Morpeth, was presented by the brethren of his lodge with an apron and a jewel on the occasion of his leaving the town for an appointment in Liverpool.

Bro. C. Long was installed W.M. of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, on the 30th ult.

Bro. Holland will hold a show to illustrate the manufacture of hats, &c., at the North Woolwich Gardens on the 15th inst.

The oldest known Masonic medal, according to The oldest known Masonic medal, according to Bro. Marvin, is one in silver, struck in 1733, to comme-morate the founding of a lodge at Florence, by Lord Charles Sackville. The oldest English medal is probably of 1755. One of the best collections of Masonic medals is that of the Lodge Pythagoras, in Brooklyn. The largest cabinet known is that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Multichurg at Bostoak which contains over 300 speci-Mocklenburg, at Rostock, which contains over 300 speci-mens. There are in this country several considerable private collections.-Keystone.

Bro. Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S., the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, received the members of the International Medical Congress at a *conversazione*, given by that Institution on Monday last.

Bro. Frederick Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secre-Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of Cornwall, on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Truro.

The Keystone (Philadelphia) commenced its fifteenth volume on the 2nd July.

Bro. the Right Rev. the Bishop of Peterborough has left England on a trip to Norway.

Bro. the Rev. Marshall B. Smith, Past Grand Master of New Jersey has had the honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon by the Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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THE VALUE OF CITY LAND .--- The value of the unoccupied land at the Blackfriars end of the Thames Embankment is stated, on the authority of Sir Henry Hunt, consulting surveyor of her Majesty's Office of Works, to have risen since 1870 from £40,000 to £84,825 an acre.-City Press.

The annual exhibition by the Turners' Company will take place at the Mansion House on Tuesday, October 11th, and the two following days.

A cricket match between the Gentlemen and Players, for the benefit of J. Lillywhite, jun., was brought to a close on Wednesday, at Brighton, the professionals winning a most exciting match by a single run. The totals were: Gentlemen, first innings, 204; second, 111. Players, first innings, 204; second, 112.

The Philharmonic Society has been actively arranging the business of its seventieth season. The open-ing concert will take place on February 9, at St. James's Hall, at which the *pièce de résistance* will be Beethoven's Choral Symphony, originally composed for the Society, Rubinstein's "Paradise Lost" is underlined for one of the concerts and Herr Joachim-Raff has been requested to compose a work for the season.

Miss Jacoba de Graaff, of Rotterdam, whose "Primula Veris" was admired at the late Exhibition of Living Masters at the Hague, is engaged on a picture of English life for exhibition in this country.

Miss Gennadios, the only Greek lady who has devoted herself to sculpture, has received from the Prime Minister of Greece a commission to execute a bust of anning.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS For the Week ending Saturday, August 20, 1881

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 15. No Meetings.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 16.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 1. Lodge 1339, Stockwell, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd. ,, 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Bdg.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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 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 S.
 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.
 Plorence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bdgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at \$.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at S.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at S.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at S.
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at S.
 Mount Edgcumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at S.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at S.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at S.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at S.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at S.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at S.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17.

Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Tav., Dulwich. ,, 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, E.

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 L., F.M. Tav., at 7. Wanderser, Black Hurse, Varlest, SW. at 7.30. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7. Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18. House Com. Girls' School, at 4.

- Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, ,, 1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath. Chap. 507, United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern Kennington. ,, 742, Crystal Palace, Thicket Hot., Anerley. ,, 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton.

 - LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich. Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30, Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30,

Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at S. The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Firsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Milbank, at S.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at S.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at S.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at S.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S.
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at S.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at S.
Grusaders, 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 S.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at S.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at S.
Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at S.
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.)

toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.) FRIDAY, AUGUST 19.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION. Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at S. Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at S. Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7. Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at S. 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 S. Unitel 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, 70, Whitechapel-rd., at S. St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.36. Chigwell, Peince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at S. Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at S. 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 S. Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30. St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Car den Town, at S. SATURDAY, AUGUST 20. LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lodge 1326, Lebanon, Lion Hot., Hampton. ,, 1641, Crichton, S.M.H., Camberwell. Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hot., Walthamstow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, August 20, 1881.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool. ,, 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley. Chap. 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster. Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, N.H., Liverpool. ,, 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow. ,, 1276, Warren, Concert II., Liscard. ,, 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Hope-street, L'pool. Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17.
Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
,, 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
,, 523, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
,, 1080, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
,, 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
,, 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
,, 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson, N. Urmston.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

- Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. THURSDAY, AUGUST 18. Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool. , 343, Concord, M.R., Preston. , 425, Cestrian, M.R., Chester. , 605, Combernere, Seacombe Hot., Seacombe. , 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood. , 1209, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby. , 1303, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool. Duke of Edinburgh L. of 1., M.H., Liverpool. Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool. St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool. FRIDAY, AUGUST 19. Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 28. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

- BEDWELL -On the 6th bornton-heath the wife of Staff-Comr. E. P. Bedwell, R.N., H.M.S. Defence, of a daughter.
- WILD.—On the 8th inst., at Tyson House, Forest-hill, the wife of Mr. Thomas Wild, of a daughter. MARRIAGE.
- ROSE-GREEN.-On the 1st inst., at St. John's, Angell Town, James Cox Rose, of Brixton, to Frances, third daughter of the late Henry Thomas Green, of North Brixton.
- DEATHS. EISDALE.—On the 7th inst, at the Barclay Church, Edin-burgh, Mr. David Anderson Eisdale, M.A., 11, Mar-
- mion-terrace, in his 77th year. LD.—On the 5th inst., Mr. Charles Dyer Field, of the Borough High-street, aged 66.

THE LATE BRO. A. G. MACKEY.

THE LATE BRO. A. G. MACKEY. Masonry suffers the loss of one of its most illustrious members by the death of Bro. Mackey. He was eminent for his learning and Masonic attainments, while for two score years or more he had shown an unfaltering attach-ment to the interests of the Craft. As a writer in all departments of Masonic literature Bro. Mackey had made himself known among the Fraternity everywhere, and his published works have given him a commanding influence. In all matters of Masonic law and jurisprudence Mackey is commonly referred to as the best authority, and his "Encyclopædia of Masonry" is a rich fountain of know-ledge from which intelligent Craftsmen are continually obtaining supplies. Among other valuable works that he has published the following may be named: "Lexicon of Masonry," "Masonic Parliamentary Law," and "Hand-book of the Chapter." He has also written a large num-ber of magazine articles on various matters pertaining to Masonic history and work, and the Craft is greatly indebted to him for the use he has made of his pen. Bro. Mackey was an ardent admirer of Masonry as a philosophy and a science, while all its symbolic teachings were to him a delightful source of investigation and instruc-tion. He devoted much of his best thought to an examina-tion of the principles that are at the foundation of the Masonic system, and it is the productiveness of his thought and study thus applied which constitute his abiding memo-rial. None the less, however, did our eminent brother show an interest in the actual work and present prosperity of the fraternity. He was both a worker with and a leader of his brethren, who often called him to fill important positions. At one time he was Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Bro. Mackey was always glad to meet with the brethren to consider the means of pro-moting the welfare of the Institution, or to enjoy a social hour. He was a true Mason in thought, sentiment and character, and his death will be greatly reg

by his personal friends, but by a much larger circle of appreciative brethren. Bro. MACKEV died at Fortress Monroe on the 20th of June, being in his seventy-fifth year. His home was in Charleston, S.C., which place he had left only a few days previous, thinking to find a benefit by change of air and location. This was not to be, for the time of his departure from earth had come. Peacefully he passed on to join "The innumerable throng, which moves To that mysterious realm." Masonry is something the richer and stronger because of

Masonry is something the richer and stronger because of his connection with it, and the services which he rendered in its behalf. His work remains, and his memory is blessed. -Freemasons' Repository.

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