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OUR readers will have noticed, with loyal satisfaction and admiration, the "progress" of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER, accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of WALES and their daughters, to Liverpool, and will have read with heartfelt satisfaction the excellent and sensible speech he there made. The manifestation of the hearty loyalty of the inhabitants of Liverpool, despite Fenian scares and barbarous explosions, will, we think, not only be gratifying to our readers, but have done good at home and abroad; and we shall all rejoice to realize the wonderful prosperity and increase of the trade and commerce of the great city of Liverpool.

THE proceedings in the last Grand Lodge had relatively to the Lodge of Benevolence much importance. Bro. JOSHUA NUNN proposed to increase the granting power of the Board, or rather the paying power, by raising the £10 of any prediate payment into £20. He also proposed to give, after one confirmation of Grand Lodge, a power to pay £50 with grants above £50. At present all grants above £50 require two confirmations by Grand Lodge, practically some months at the least after the original grant by the Board of Benevolence. Bro. PERCEVAL's amendment sought to do away with the second confirmation of Grand Lodge altogether; so that, in fact, a vote of £250 might be paid after the one and the only confirmation by Grand Lodge. 113 voted for the amendment, and 150 for the original motion, so that Bro. NUNN's alterations are carried subject to confirmation at next Grand Lodge. A good deal, no doubt, may be said for Bro. PERCEVAL's amendment, but on the whole we prefer Bro. NUNN's proposition "cautâ prudentiæ." We should bear in mind a case not so long ago in which a large grant had to be recalled. It might just so happen that after the confirmation of Grand Lodge, the vote having been paid, it might be found necessary to reconsider the vote. And as under Bro. NUNN's proposition, when the grant is above £50, the brother or widow can receive £50 after Grand Lodge confirmation, we think it is safer and better on all accounts still to adhere to second confirmation. The matter seems to have been very ably and fairly discussed, and we feel sure that Bro. JOSHUA NUNN's proposition will receive the support of all who habitually attend the Lodge of Benevolence, and are calculated to advance the important cause of real and effective Masonic charity.

A point of order in discussion arising out of the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication seems to demand a passing "note" in the *Freemason*. As we read the report, Bro. JOSHUA NUNN made certain propositions, to which Bro. PERCEVAL moved an amendment, duly seconded. And yet we read that both Bro. PERCEVAL and Bro. NUNN replied, and Bro. PERCEVAL after Bro. NUNN. We always understood that the rules of all public meetings and official bodies were those of Grand Lodge. There alone has the mover the right to reply. But in this case, as reported, the mover of the amendment replies to the mover of the original resolution. Of course, in Grand Lodge we are always glad to hear brethren speaking to the point, and mere objections of "red tape" find little favour with Grand Lodge. But for fear of a mistaken precedent, and to uphold the due order of business in Grand Lodge without confusion, and without irregularity, we think it well to call attention to what we deem an innocent mistake of procedure.

THE success of the gathering at York, and the collection of archaeological rarities, suggests several thoughts, both interesting and important. If, on the one hand, they point in unmistakable terms and potent power to the life, and zeal, and energy of Freemasonry in York, to the friendly courtesy and general hospitality of our good York brethren, so, on the other hand, they seem as clearly to suggest the advisability of an attempt to establish a Masonic museum, or collection of such historic and artistic evidences as bear upon the past existence of Freemasonry, if under altered conditions, in this country. The Grand Secretary, with laudable zeal, has commenced a "museum" at Freemasons' Hall, and to it we wish all success, and for it we ask all support. But we feel it fair to observe that York is

a long distance from London, and as York is undoubtedly connected with Masonic legends as "the city" at a very early date, we think that a York museum of Masonic antiquities would be both reasonable and desirable, and probably successful. It is impossible to read over the list of curiosities exhibited, or to realize the facts they seem to attest, and the dates they appear to represent, without feeling strongly how we are still in the dark—completely in the dark—we repeat, as to the life of Masonry in this country in the seventeenth century, the form it exhibited, the position it assumed, the persons it embodied. And, therefore, thanking our York brethren "once and again" for the forethought they exhibited, the hospitality they exercised, the pleasant and improving gathering they organized, let us hope that their good and seasonable movement will not stop here, but that it will go on and prosper, giving fresh life and vigour to Freemasonry itself, and tending to elucidate and illustrate the past history and somewhat mysterious annals of our ancient, important, and benevolent Order.

ONE thousand nine hundred and thirty-six lodges on the roll of the English Grand Lodge! This is, indeed, a fact to note and comment upon; and even this large number does not now represent the actual number, as day by day fresh applications are made for additional "warrants" and new lodges. The number of 1936, (though, again, we ought to remember there are not actually so many in reality active), carries us back to those early lists of lodges now so scarce and valuable—whether by PINE or COLE—and points out to us markedly the difference between the onward struggle of Freemasonry during the last century and this. At the beginning of this century the two existing jurisdictions did not exceed 700 lodges; and it is a curious fact that we may really date the rapid development of Freemasonry from the Grand Mastership of Lord ZETLAND. One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six lodges! There is no other jurisdiction in the world with such a number of lodges dependant on it, or connected with it, and we can only regard the present and look on to the future of our English Grand Lodge with mingled feelings of anxiety and pride.

WE have received a letter from an esteemed correspondent with reference to certain proceedings in "The Masonic and General Insurance Company, Limited," and our correspondent asks us whether we approve of the apparent connection between Freemasonry and the company. We are among those who deprecate the using the name of Freemasonry for any than purely Masonic purposes. But this society has nothing to do with Freemasonry, *per se*; is simply a commercial institution. Its name is an "accident of usage," so to say, and Masonic principles are in no ways affected, either by the circulars it professes to put forth, or the resolutions it comes to. Our correspondent seems to us to mix up Masonic teaching and commercial proceedings, which are entirely distinct things. We hope we have answered his query satisfactorily.

OUR contemporary, the *Church Review*, is extremely irate with another contemporary, the *Guardian*, on account of the "gush" it has put into its columns anent the DEAN of WESTMINSTER's interment in Westminster Abbey, and comes to the conclusion that we are "a tuft-hunting and tuft-loving people, even at funerals." Without at all commending the highly-sensational style of the *Guardian* correspondent, perhaps a little out of place in the cautious columns of our grave contemporary, we yet cannot see why the somewhat sentimental remarks that same writer has made should demand such serious animadversions from the *Church Review*. The main complaint seems to be that "Nonconformists" and "Scientifics" attended the funeral in amity and admiration for the departed. Alas! brother Editor, have you not yet, in your valuable experience, learned the lesson of comity and toleration? If not, we pity you heartily. If there be a time when all differences should be forgotten, and all distinctions ignored, it is at the grave side.

WE alluded some time ago to Masonic statistics. We came the other day on some "world statistics," which, we think, may interest some of our readers who "heed" such things. It seems that, according to a nameless German "statistician," quoted in a paper the other day, the population of the world now consists of 1,455,923,000 inhabitants, or 16,788,000 more than it did a quarter of a century ago. He allots 834,707,000 to Asia, 315,929,000 to Europe, 205,679,000 to Africa, 95,405,000 to America, 4,121,000 to Australian Polynesia, and 82,000 to the Polar regions. Germany had a population of 43,943,000 in 1877, Austro-Hungary of 38,000,000 in 1879, France of 36,900,000 in 1876, and Russia in Europe of 87,900,000. In Asia, China has a superficies of 7,383,750 square miles and a population of 434,600,000; Japan, 34,300,000 inhabitants, and British India, 240,200,000. Africa is computed to have a total area of 18,364,375 square miles, of which rather

more than a third are deserts, and only a fifth under cultivation; while the Polar regions are reckoned as extending over 2,401,875 square miles, the only inhabitants being 72,000 in Iceland and 10,000 in Greenland. If these "statistical returns" are correct they suggest some curious considerations, but probably they are only, after all, "approximate," and may be taken as "more or less." Like the learned Professor LEONE LEVI's statistics at York, wonderful as they were, we feel, as we read them over, that we must accept them "cum grano salis."

WE must all be struck with the peculiar form contemporary literature is assuming amongst us, whether for good or evil who can venture to say? It is marked by the normal tokens, as in everything else just now of passing life, of exaggeration and bitterness, of profuseness and parsimony. We are having "editions de luxe," a term borrowed, like our dramatic pieces, from the French,—we are having cheap editions,—we see notices everywhere of the reproduction of our national classics, and at the same time of their abbreviation and adaptation for the young and rising generation. "Oliver Twist," forsooth, is threatened with compression and expurgation, as if some of us had never read, and had no pleasant memories of MR. BUMBLE and CHARLIE BATES, and sensational reminiscences of FAGIN, poor NANCY, and BILL SIKES. We do earnestly protest against this interference with the "living words" and "noble thoughts" of dead and vanished authors. It is to us little short of desecration. They are an inheritance greatly to be prized, and not to be "bartered" away for a "mess of pottage." We like the paths they led us along; we love the shadows they conjure up; we sympathize with their griefs and rejoice in their joys; and his must be a most unsentimental disposition who has never sympathized with brave REBECCA, mourned with AMY ROBSART, got cheery with MARK TAPLEY, laughed with SAM WELLER, and been touched deeply by TINY TIM. We feel sure we are doing right in protesting against such abnormal proceedings—against such unhallowed interference with our "vested rights" in the productions of the great and intellectual departed SCOTT, DICKENS, LYTTON, good old MARYATT and pleasant LEVER. We are in favour of good cheap publications. But such outrages on the toils and utterances of mighty minds and gifted men ought to be reprobated by all lovers of literature and all readers of old and new books.

WE think it is a pity that some arrangements should not have been made to give KING KALAKAUA a Masonic reception by Grand Lodge. He seems to be a zealous Freemason, and it is, in our opinion, very undesirable, that he should have returned to his distant home without some recognition on the part of the oldest and greatest Grand Lodge in the world. At the same time as we say this we exonerate our authorities from all blame, as we know full well the "difficulties of the situation."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, V.P., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Charles John Perceval, James Brett, John Bulmer, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, A. H. Tattershall, J. Quittmann, Richard Herve Giraud, S. Rawson, William Hale, W. Hilton, Thomas Goode, F. Adlard, J. M. Case, William Clarke, J. R. Gallant, Dr. Jabez Hogg, James Kench, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Thos. W. C. Bush, L. Stean, Charles Daniel, John Mason, for Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The CHAIRMAN, after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, stated that Bro. Terry had applied to him for leave of absence for a week, having an opportunity of going to Paris by invitation, and he immediately granted him permission.

Bro. MASON reported the death of one female annuitant, and next read the Warden's report.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the House Committee had visited the Institution at Croydon, and found that the new building works were going on satisfactorily. They had been very much interrupted by the bad weather, but, notwithstanding that, the builder was only a fortnight beyond his contract time. There was really nothing to complain of on the part of the builder.

Bro. MASON read letter of Bro. Beavis, Secretary to 879 Lodge of Instruction, pointing out that, while Stewards and Treasurers received recognition for sums of money placed by lodges of instruction on their lists, the Secretaries of such lodges of instruction, who had much trouble in collecting the money, received no recognition.

Bro. TATTERSHALL said the Stewards collected the money themselves. The letter was ordered to lie on the table.

The certificate of the architect having been read that the builder was entitled to £400 for the work already done by him to the building at Croydon, payment of that amount was authorised.

The new offices of the Institution at Freemasons' Hall being very nearly completed, a motion was made to the effect that the Secretary be authorised to expend a sum, not exceeding £50, on the necessary additional furniture.

It was objected that the Committee had not power under the laws to give this authority without notice of motion, and on referring to the laws this was found to be the general feeling of the brethren.

Another motion was then put "That the Secretary be authorised to get the necessary furniture in conjunction with the House Committee."

Bro. GENERAL BOLTON moved as an amendment "That the Secretary get an estimate for the furniture."

On vote the amendment was lost; and the original motion "That the Secretary be authorised to get the necessary furniture in conjunction with the House Committee" was put and carried.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL gave notice of motion for next Committee meeting, "That a Sub-Committee be formed to revise the bye-laws."

The Committee then adjourned.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WILTSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE THYNNE CHAPTER, No. 1478.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., a meeting of the Royal Arch Masons of Wiltshire took place at Warminster, for the double purpose of assisting in the inauguration of a new chapter, and of attending the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wilts. There were present M.E. Comps. Lord H. F. Thynne, P.G. Supt. Wilts; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G. Supt. Hants; Comps. Lord Methuen, P.G.M. Wilts, P.Z. 355; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, Eng.; and a considerable gathering of the Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and others.

The new chapter, to be called the "Thynne" Chapter, has been formed in connection with the Longleat Lodge, No. 1478, and is now the fourth chapter in Wiltshire.

The proceedings commenced by a chapter being opened by Lord H. F. Thynne, the P.G. Supt., as Z., with Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, as H., and Ex. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, as J., after which the companions were admitted, and the acting Z. requested the Grand Scribe E. to take his place and consecrate the new chapter.

Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, having assumed his position, called on the acting Scribe E., Comp. H. C. Tombs, who read the petition and charter for the new chapter. The companions who had signed the petition—ranged in the form of an arch—were then asked whether they approved of the Principals named in the charter, and signified their assent in due form.

Comp. the Rev. F. KING, P.Z. 586, P.P.G.J., then delivered an oration on the principles of the Order and the auspicious occasion on which they were then assembled. He reminded the companions that the efficiency of a chapter did not all depend upon the Principals, but to a great extent upon the officers and companions, and that its welfare was entirely in the hands of its members, who could promote it only by working well and harmoniously together. Remember, he said, that the chain is strong as the links are strong, and is no stronger than its weakest link. If any member allowed himself or his example to do despite to the honour of the chapter, he would be the weak link in the chain, and the whole chapter would suffer. He concluded by expressing his heartfelt wishes for the long continued prosperity of the new chapter.

After a solemn chant the first portion of the dedication prayer was given by the acting Third Principal, and the invocation by the Consecrating Officer. Then followed another chant, and the reading of a portion of scripture (Ezra iii., 8-13), and the pedestal was unveiled. Then an anthem was sung, after which the corn, wine, and oil were respectively carried round by the three acting Principals, and the Consecrating Officer formally dedicated the chapter. The censer was then borne round, and the remainder of the dedication prayer having been given, the chapter was formally constituted by the Consecrating Officer, who, after the anthem, "Glory be to God on High," pronounced the benediction. The Three Principals named in the charter were Ex. Comps. Robert Stokes, P.Z. 586, P.G.H. Wilts, as Z.; Thomas Stephen Putter, P.Z. 586, P.P.G.S.N. Wilts, as H.; and William C. P. Powning, P.J. 586, as J. These having all passed the chairs corresponding to those to which they had been appointed in the new chapter, were installed therein without ceremony, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected and invested. The names of eighteen or twenty candidates for exaltation, and five or six for joining, were proposed. Comp. Henry C. Tombs, P.G.S.E. Wilts, and P.A.S. Eng., who had taken an active part in connection with the formation of the chapter, was unanimously elected an honorary member thereof, on the proposition of Comp. Toone, seconded by Comp. Pike.

A vote of thanks was most warmly passed to the M.E. P.G. Supt. Lord H. F. Thynne, for his liberal donation to the chapter of the whole of the new furniture and appointments, in acknowledging which vote his lordship took occasion to express his high appreciation of the compliment paid to him by the brethren of the Longleat Lodge in naming the new chapter connected with their lodge after himself.

The members of the P.G. Chapter now retired, and on being re-admitted and received by the Thynne Chapter, the M.E. Comp. Lord H. F. Thynne took his seat as P.G. Supt., supported by Comps. Robt. Stokes, P.G.H., and William Nott, P.G.J., and declared the P.G. Chapter open. The roll of the chapters was called by Comp. Tombs, P.G.S.E., all being found duly represented, and the minutes of the last P.G. Chapter were read and confirmed.

The P.G. Scribe E., Comp. HENRY C. TOMBS, P.G.A.S., then read the report of the Charity Committee, held that morning, from which it appeared that out of the balance in hand the Committee recommended that £10 should be voted to the newly-established Wiltshire Provincial Benevolent Fund, and £10 10s. to the Boys' School, in the name of the P.G. Supt., and to be placed on the list of Comp. William Nott, P.G. Treasurer, who had offered to represent the Province of Wilts at the next festival of that Institution. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Comp. NOTT, Secretary of the Provincial Benevolent Fund, at the request of the P.G. Supt., explained the position of that fund, stating that, from the returns already sent in, he had every reason to believe that it would be supported by the various lodges in the province in such a manner as to ensure its success; but that at present, for want of information from some of the lodges, he was not in a position to give any precise figures.

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved, after which the Provincial Grand Registrar, Comp. A. PLUMMER, read his annual report, recapitulating the position of the chapters in the province, both financially and numerically.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions, whom he was pleased to see in attendance in such large numbers. This was a red-letter day, adding to the province, as it did, a new chapter, which he trusted would prosper, as the Longleat Lodge, to which it was attached, had done. He was glad to welcome so many distinguished visitors. He would now especially mention Comp. Col. Shadwell Clerke, and would thank him for performing the consecration ceremony in such an impressive manner as they had heard that day, trusting that when he returned to Grand Chapter he would be able to take back a satisfactory report from Wiltshire. He (the P.G. Supt.) would also particularly express his obligation to M.E. Comp. Beach, from the neighbouring Province of Hampshire, for his valuable assistance to-day. To Lord Methuen, also, the beloved Provincial Grand

Master of the Craft, who had honoured them with his presence, he would express his pleasure at seeing him there.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT alluded to the satisfactory nature of the charity and financial reports which they had to-day heard. He had been somewhat doubtful as to the wisdom of adopting any scheme which would have a tendency to divide ourselves from the head charities, where our candidates had always been so successful, but he hoped that we should not be less successful on account of the new Benevolent Fund scheme. Finally, as a Warminster man, he must thank the companions generally for coming to visit them on the occasion.

The P.G. SUPERINTENDENT then declared all offices vacant.

On the proposition of the M.E. SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by Ex. Comp. FULCHER, Comp. W. Nott was re-elected Treasurer.

The M.E. SUPERINTENDENT then proceeded to appoint and invest the officers of the P.G. Chapter for the ensuing year as follows:

Comp. Henry C. Tombs (P.G.A.S.) 355	-	-	Prov. G.H.
" T. S. Fletcher, 596	-	-	Prov. G.J.
" H. P. Blackmore, 586	-	-	Prov. G.S.N.
" William Nott (by election) 632	-	-	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Rumbold, 586	-	-	Prov. G.P. Soj.
" F. J. Russell, 586	-	-	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Robert S. Edwards, 355	-	-	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Ambrose Tucker, 586	-	-	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chandler, 355	-	-	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Savory (by election) 355	-	-	Prov. G. Jan.

On the proposition of the M.E.P.G. SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by the P.G.H., it was unanimously resolved that the cordial thanks of the chapter be voted to Comp. Shadwell Clerke for coming to consecrate the Thynne Chapter; to Comp W. Beach for his attendance and assistance in the ceremony; and to the P.G. Master of Wiltshire, Lord Methuen, P.Z. 355, for supporting them by his presence.

The companions named respectively acknowledged the vote of thanks.

After the usual routine business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the Bath Arms Hotel, where there awaited them an excellent banquet, to which the M.E. Superintendent had contributed a liberal supply of venison and game.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTH WALES.

The Grand Lodge of this province held a meeting on the 31st ult., in the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, the primary business at which was the installation of Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart, of Goggerdau, as Grand Master of the province.

The lodge was held under the banner of the Langley Lodge, No. 28, and was very largely attended. Since the death of Bro. T. M. Talbot, of Margam, no successor had been appointed until the spring of last year, when the M.W. the Grand Mark Master Mason of England issued his patent to the Grand Registrar, desiring him to take charge of the province, and exercise all the functions of Provincial Grand Master, until the brethren had selected one who, distinguished by birth, social position, and Masonic attainments, should be deemed worthy to occupy the high and honourable position of Grand Mark Master of so important and extensive a province as that of South Wales. The Grand Registrar, after an interval of twelve months, called the lodges together, and having reconstituted the Provincial Grand Lodge, and appointed his officers, called upon them to exercise their privilege in choosing the one whom they desired should bear rule over them. Unanimously it was determined to recommend Sir Pryse Pryse to the W.M. the Grand Mark Master Mason of England, as peculiarly fitted to fill the exalted office. Immediate action was taken, which resulted in the fruition of the wishes of those brethren who desire the extension of this most important degree in Freemasonry.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at two p.m. by the Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. John Rogers, P.M. No. 28, in an impressive manner, and, after the transaction of the ordinary business, he gave place to the installing Master, Bro. Capt. S. G. Homfray, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Monmouthshire, who ably performed the ceremony of installation.

The Provincial Grand Mark Master then appointed, invested, and installed as his Deputy Bro. the Rev. Jonathan Marden, M.A., a selection that has given entire satisfaction to the brethren of the Province.

The following brethren were appointed and invested office bearers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Major Prust, Tenby Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.S.W.
" Joseph Thomas, W.M. Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.J.W.
" E. Daniels, Talbot Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.M.O.
" Howell Davies, W.M. Tenby Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.S.O.
" Wm. Rowe, S.W. Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.J.O.
" T. W. Jacobs, P.M. Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G. Reg.
" N. D. Marks, P.M. Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. O. Lewis, Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. Lock, Tenby Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.S.D.
" A. P. Fabian, P.S.W. 2	-	-	Prov. G.J.D.
" T. G. Glass, P.M. Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.D. of C.
" John R. Ingram, J.W. Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" William Dobbs, Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G.I.G.
" F. B. Atkins, Mus. Bac., Oxon, Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G. Org.
" Amos Jenkins, Langley Lodge	-	-	Prov. G. Tyler.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master, of Monmouthshire, Bro. L. Augustus Homfray, with a large following of his officers, notably amongst whom was Bro. Wm. Watkins, the Grand Secretary (who ably officiated as Director of Ceremonies), honoured the lodge with their presence. The musical arrangements were undertaken and carried out by Bro. H. J. Groves, Prov. G. Org. Monmouthshire, with his usual ability.

The banquet, after the lodge was closed, was held at the Royal Hotel, and was largely attended. The Provincial Grand Mark Master presided, and a very happy and enjoyable evening was spent, one that will be long remembered by the brethren who were privileged to be present.

CONSECRATION OF THE HERSCHEL LODGE, No. 1894, AT SLOUGH.

Upwards of eighty members of the Masonic Fraternity assembled at Slough on Wednesday last, on the occasion of the consecration of the Herschel Lodge, No. 1894, on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, so designated in honour of Sir William Herschel, the famous astronomer, who conducted his important and successful researches within a short distance of the spot where the interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday. For several years past a desire has been expressed for the formation of a Masonic lodge in this place, and through the exertions of Bro. R. P. Bent, Past G. Chap. of England; Bro. A. H. Kennedy, Bro. Doran Webb, and others, the matter has been brought to a successful issue, and there is every prospect of a strong and flourishing lodge being established in the Province of Berks and Bucks.

The brethren, who assembled at the Crown Hotel, shortly after twelve o'clock, included the V.W. Bros. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Past G. Chap. and Dep. Prov. G.M. of the province; Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec. of Eng.; Rev. R. P. Bent, Past G. Chap. and W.M. designate; Bros. the Rev. Nicholas T. Garry, Prov. G. Chap.; the Rev. C. G. Browne, P.P.G.C. Hants; T. Taylor, P.G.S.W.; J. Wilson, P.G.J.W.; H. C. Levander, J.G.D. Eng.; A. H. Kennedy (who had been indefatigable as acting Secretary); W. Biggs, P.P.G. Sec. (who officiated as Prov. G. Sec., in Bro. Broadley's absence); C. W. Cox, P.P.G.D.C.; James Rutland, P.P.G.O.; H. H. Hodges, P.P.G.S.W.; E. Davey, P.G.R.; Major George Shanks, K.M., P.P.S.W. Devon; Rev. Vernon Blake, P.G. Chap. Oxfordshire; Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chap.; W. B. Farr, P.G.S.W. Bengal; J. O. Carter, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. W. J. Mills Ellison, Powell, Jas. Batting, G. Rowles, D. A. Mardon, H. W. Nicholson, E. Cotton, J. Harper, W. Phillips, G. S. Emanuel, W. Hinckley, H. Arrowsmith, R. Nicholson, Francis J. Ferguson, R. Mount, W. Severnake, G. Clarke, C. A. Poole, J. Fisher, F. Marsh, Heath, Rev. G. N. Clements, A. B. Baker, R. C. Baverstock, Geo. Fountain, Rev. B. T. Thompson, R. Puttick, P. Stevenson, Rev. J. H. McSwiney, H. W. Liverd, H. Lovegrove, Jos. Martin, H. G. Quilter, Charles Turner Stephen Knight, Prov. G.D. of C.; R. P. Webb, C. Nowell, P.G. Purst.; Dr. Alfred Meadows, W. N. Crowhurst, M. Duffield, James Strange, P.P.G.D.C.; L. Lichtwitz, C. E. Riley, N. Isaacs, S. Kirkby, L. Nixon, P.G.S.D.; J. Goddard, F. Manley, R. E. Hannis, W. S. Cantrell, P.P.G.D.; H. D. Marshall, Welham Clarke, H. P. Prosser, Robt. Ramsay, Chas. Cousins, Thos. Brooks, E. T. Brown, R. Barton, J. Evans, George Westall, H. Kaswer, G. J. Cosburn (*Freemason*), and others.

At a quarter past one the brethren, marshalled by Bro. Stephen Knight, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, formed into procession, and walked to the parish church, where Divine service was held, and one and all were struck with the architectural beauty of the interior, due to the skill of Mr. John G. Scott, (son of the late Sir George Gilbert Scott) under whose direction the restoration of the sacred edifice was so ably carried out. The prayers were intoned by Bro. the Rev. B. Thompson, and the lesson was read by Bro. the Rev. N. T. Garry, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading, and Provincial Grand Chaplain. The service was full choral, the efficient choir sustaining their parts admirably, Mr. Blanchett ably presiding at the organ. The anthem, taken from Psalm 133, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" was beautifully rendered.

The concluding prayers were intoned by Bro. the Rev. J. H. H. McSwiney, Vicar of Penn, Staffordshire, and the Rev. P. W. Phipps, Vicar of Slough, pronounced the benediction.

The pulpit was occupied by Bro. the Rev. R. P. BENT, Past Grand Chaplain of England, who preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon from the 1st Kings, 6th Chap., 7th verse: "And the house when it was in building was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it was in building." The reverend brother observed that the congregation gathered in that temple of the Most High that day was such a one that was not often to be seen within those sacred walls. Indeed, he knew that such a congregation had never assembled in that parish before in the memory of man. The congregation was mainly composed of those to whom that portion of Holy Writ from which he had selected the text was specially interesting, because therein they obtained a description of the building which the royal architect reared in Jerusalem for T.G.A.O.T.U. It was to that portion of Holy Writ, describing the building of the Temple and its magnificent services, that they, as Masons, owed so much of their ritual, impressive symbolism, and legendary lore, and to Masons especially it must always possess a strong interest, ever bright and fresh. Freemasons, however, did not presume to think they had an exclusive interest in any part of the Bible more than any other people. They venerated the whole of the Sacred Volume, and recognised the fact that it should be the lamp of light, and the rule of faith to all alike, whether enrolled in the Masonic fraternity or not, and he ventured to hope that his sermon might be neither uninteresting or unprofitable to the non-Masonic members of the present congregation. Let him at once, before proceeding any further, assure his hearers—one and all—that while, as Chaplain of the Ancient Order, he took his place in the pulpit of their parish church, he dare not forget that he was a minister for One who was greater than Solomon. It was his privilege, three years ago, to visit Jerusalem, and see the very place where the preparation of the stones referred to in the text went on. The stones for the Temple were hewn out of the solid rock at no great distance from the site chosen for the Temple. They were shaped and smoothed on the spot, and then conveyed to their destination, and fixed in their respective positions. The result of the excavations was the formation by degrees of a set of underground vaults and chambers, where ample space was afforded for the works, which must have been carried on by the aid of lamps, as then became further and further removed from the light of day. When inspecting the quarries three years ago, he had pointed out to him the very places where the lamps were undoubtedly hung. Those quarries had been thoroughly examined by the officers of the Palestine Exploration Fund, who had prosecuted their researches to the very foundations of the Temple itself. Those quarries were used not many years ago for a similar purpose to that for which they had gathered together that day, a Freemason's lodge having been consecrated in those very quarries where King Solomon had the stones prepared for the building of the Temple. They could see in the work described in the text

worked described in the text a type or symbol for their own learning and edification. God's people were like the stones in the Temple, each filling the place assigned by the Divine architect, and taking their place in humble

submission to His governing and Fatherly hand. His Masonic brethren would at once see that he could easily apply that view of the subject more closely to them with reference to the various offices they held in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and also in their private lodges, for such was the nature of their institution that some must rule and teach, and others submit and obey, while humility on the part of all was an essential duty. There were to be found in every building stones of different quality and value, some finding places in the vaulted arch, and some in the pillars supporting the building. The same order of things prevailed in the social condition of the world at large, and there was no need of anyone who, by the appointment of the Divine Builder, had been placed in a less conspicuous position than others, to suppose that he was on that account useless or of no consequence. A stone in an obscure and humble position may be as important to the entire structure as any in the building. The welfare of any association must depend in a great measure upon the conscientious performance of the allotted task by every member, and especially by every office bearer, however humble the office he bears may be. On the other hand those who were placed in more prominent positions had no right to be puffed up as if they formed the mainstay of the building, because they would be as nothing but for those very stones of which some might take little or no account, owing to the minor positions they occupied. Rather let them look up to the Great Architect who rules the universe, and acknowledge that He it was who had placed them in their present positions, and that it was from Him alone that they could hope to receive strength so to fill their parts as not to be mere useless ornaments in the Master's house. Referring to the more especial cause of their gathering that day, the preacher said they had come together to consecrate a Masonic lodge in that town, which had not hitherto possessed one. At the close of the present service the Masons would adjourn to their lodge-room, and there consecrate with reverence and solemnity their new lodge in conformity with the ancient usages and landmarks of the Order. Although as Masons they performed their peculiar work in secret, their Order was—as the term Freemasonry implied—free and open to all men who, in good, faith and honest purpose, were seeking admission to their institution, and, therefore, it was in the power of any respectable member of society to become acquainted with the mysteries of the Order. As Masons, they had nothing to be ashamed of; but, on the other hand, much to be proud of; and when their Order was extended by the consecration of a new lodge, they wished to make the fact both public and conspicuous. They desired to show their unselfishness by giving their alms that day for the Building Fund of the Parish Church. The rev. brother went on to refer to the Freemasons as the builders of some of the noblest cathedrals, and to the fact that the foundation stone of the new cathedral for the West of England—at Truro—had been laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England by the Grand Master, the Duke of Cornwall; and that the collected offerings for the work were received by the Duchess of Cornwall. In conclusion, the preacher expressed his earnest hope that the Herschel Lodge would never be found wanting in one of its most and important duties, namely, the support of those noble Institutions—the Masonic Charities.

Hymn 274 was then sung, and a collection made for the Parish Church Building, Fund amounting to £10 9s. 6d.

On leaving the sacred edifice the brethren again formed into procession, and walked to the Mechanics' Institute, where lodge was opened, and the consecration service was performed according to the ancient rites and ceremonies by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and other officers.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER expressed the pleasure it afforded him to visit Slough for such a purpose, and his hope that in some other parts of the Province where there was a desire for Freemasonry new lodges might be consecrated. It gave him much pleasure to install Bro. Bent as first Master of the Herschel Lodge, having long known him as a member of Grand Lodge, and as one whom he had begun to reckon among his best friends. He wished the lodge all possible prosperity.

The GRAND SECRETARY and the representatives of the different lodges tendered their "Hearty good wishes" for the success of the lodge.

Bro. BENT, the newly-installed W.M., thanked the brethren, mentioning that it gave him special pleasure to see neighbouring lodges so well represented, as it showed there was not the slightest amount of jealousy, but quite the reverse, which augured well for the future, and, he hoped, there would be a frequent interchange of visits between them.

The W.M. appointed Bros. J. Watson, High Sheriff of Bucks, as S.W., but being abroad, his collar was temporarily handed to Bro. Turner; A. H. Kennedy, J.W.; Turner, Treas.; Lawton, Sec.; D. Webb, S.D.; and Crowhurst, J.D.; the remaining appointments being deferred until after the initiations at subsequent meetings.

The business in lodge having closed, the brethren returned to the Crown Hotel, where Bro. Herold provided an excellent banquet, at which Bro. Bent, the W.M., ably presided, Bro. Turner filling the vice-chair. The banqueting room was beautifully decorated with floral designs and plants by the employees at the Royal Nurseries, through the kindness of Bro. Turner.

The musical portion of the consecration service, and the vocal performances at the banquet were sustained by Bros. Rutland, Cox, and Fountaine, to whom the brethren were much indebted. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, and some excellent speeches delivered.

THE EARLY USE OF THE WORD FREEMASON.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

The very able paper under this head published in the last *Freemason* deserves the attentive perusal of all Masonic students, as a lucid and careful contribution towards a subject full of abiding interest, both to the philologist and archaeologist, whether Mason or non-Mason.

As regards the passage in the "Parentalia" and Henry's history, it clearly rests, after all, on "ut dicitur" of Sir Wm. Dugdale. Now, Sir Wm. Dugdale is himself a great authority, but we can hardly rely on a second-hand, if not a fourth-hand reference, inasmuch as it comes to this: Sir Wm. Dugdale mentioned it probably to Sir Christopher Wren, Sir Christopher Wren to his relative, and his relative to Ames. You may shorten the chain by one reference, but that is all. And yet, perhaps, there is a germ of "truth" in it all, as we may yet light on some papal or ecclesiastical charter, or guild, or fraternity formation which would explain the tradition and give colour to the legend.

In respect of the early use of Freemason, that has yet to be proved, but we obtain a considerable amount of direct and inferential evidence proving that our nomenclature is "Norman-French," "Romane," "Latin." Anglo-

Saxon clearly hardly enters into the origin of the terminology of the building guilds, though the word "guild" itself appears to be Anglo-Saxon.

The old word "Cæmentum" Cementum, is the foundation of Cæmentarius, Cimentarius, Sementarius, Simentarius, just as Macon is the origin of Maccon, Masson, Maszun. Architectus has been generally held to be of Greek origin, and Archiatros is clearly of Greek derivation.

Where the words Latomus, Latamus, Lathomus, Lathamus, Littamus were first used is not yet quite clear, though they will be found, probably, of earlier existence than was once supposed. Indeed, these words seem nearly synonymous, though a "Latamus" is not necessarily a Cementarius, being properly Lapidia, Lithotomos, whereas the Cementarius had to do with the "Cementum."

And hence, as it appears to me, we may fairly lay down the following terms of Masonic use as not only probably, but very nearly certainly, derived from Norman French and Latin; and if so the real origin of the building guilds is also thrown back on Norman French and Latin Roman sources.

Mestre is from Magister; Le Loge, from Logerium; Macon, from Mansio or Maceria; Tyler, from Tegulator; Wardens, from Guardiani, (though something might be said here); and the various names, as Operarii, Operant, Magister, Laboratores, Latomi, &c., are all of Norman French and Latin derivation. Indeed, there is hardly any term of Masonic usage which cannot so be traced, just as Fraternity comes from Fraternitas, of which Brotherhood is probably an Anglo-Saxon translation; and Mystery from Mysterium or Mestiere.

It was pointed out in some "Illustrations of the Early History of Freemasonry in England," published some years back, that all building art in England after the Roman times, when the Collegia Fabrorum executed such works, is to be traced back to Rome, to "Romanum opus" and "Romano more;" and that the "novum ædificandi genus," mentioned by William of Malmesbury as coming in after the Norman Conquest, is by some called Norman; by others Lombardic; by others Romanesque; by others Lombardo Byzantine. In all our earliest Masonic traditions, incorporated into history by Anderson and Preston, curiously enough, the connection seems to be with building operations with Macons from Rome, Italy, Gaul, as under Augustine, at Canterbury; Paulinus, at York; Benedict Biscop, at Weremouth; Wilfred, Dunstan, and Swithin, Alfred and Athelstan. And so, again, after the Conquest, under Gundulph and others.

We ought to be very much obliged, in my opinion, to Masonic students like the writer of the lucid paper I have been alluding to, who do not disdain to employ their valuable time to the elucidation of such intricate points, and, above all, are not so selfish as to keep their knowledge to themselves, but are good enough, as true Freemasons, to afford light and help to their brother Masonic students. These discussions, which are a "spécialité" in the *Freemason*, deserve both perusal and encouragement from all who are pleased with everything which tends to offer value and reality to contemporary Masonic research.

THE M.W. GRAND MASTER IN LIVERPOOL.

The whole Fraternity will rejoice to hear that the visit to Liverpool of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, accompanied by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the three young Princesses, was the most brilliant on record in the annals of the city. The Grand Master was every where welcomed with enthusiasm by the hundreds of thousands who lined the streets, and the whole of the day's ceremonies was acknowledged to be the most brilliantly successful in which their Royal Highnesses ever took part. The proud position held in Masonry by the Prince was not lost sight of by the citizens, as was shown by Masonic flags at the Prince of Wales Theatre (Bro. Emery); 50, Lord-street (Bro. G. G. Walmsley); Monument-place (Bro. Kenning); and at other points on the Royal route.

SOME FAMOUS MASONIC RELICS.

When the historian or magazine writer of the next century selects a topic for the press, he will have at his service an almost inexhaustible mine of records, in the literature of this nineteenth century. Notwithstanding his facilities, it may be questioned whether his labour will be to any degree lessened, but rather increased, from the fact that he will be compelled to digest so many descriptions and incidents, many of which are highly coloured and the work of glib writers, requiring much tact and ingenuity to separate simple facts from rich embellishments. This prospective state of affairs, every student of history knows, is in striking contrast with the labours a writer of the present day has to perform in learning even the more important and prominent events of the past century. The newspapers of that day did not have the space to publish the details that a modern journalist would be eager to record upon a page or more of solid type, in a sixteen page daily; consequently the style of the newspapers of the last century is concise to severity, compared with the flowery diffuseness that characterises the newspaper correspondence with which we are so frequently afflicted.

This paucity of detail renders it extremely laborious to gather anything like an elaborate description of events that took place half a century or more ago, and when the writer has succeeded in compiling a tolerably comprehensive article, its length and accuracy of description give no indication of the scope of his research, nor of the variety of sources from which he has been obliged to glean his information.

These reflections have been forced upon me in the strongest possible manner during the investigation of the subject of this article, and although the experience is by no means novel it has been none the less deeply impressed.

On Wednesday, September 18th, 1793, the important ceremony of laying the corner stone of the United States Capitol, in the embryo city of Washington, was performed in a Masonic manner. Three lodges participated in this great national event: Lodge No. 9, of Georgetown (it had no name); Federal Lodge, No. 15, of Washington (which had been organised but a few days); and Alexandria Lodge, No. 22, of Virginia (of which George Washington was Master several terms, and at whose death the lodge petitioned the Grand Lodge to be known as Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, a title by which it is still designated). Bro. Joseph Clark, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, acted as Grand Master. The newspaper account of this important occasion would occupy about one-fourth of a column of a Chicago daily, scarcely more than the space given to the records of the public court.

(To be Continued.)

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

The whole amount of the funds subscribed has, in compliance with a resolution passed at the final meeting, been returned or handed to the various Charities, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the subscribers; and the balance unclaimed, left in the hands of the Treasurer, amounting to £143 5s. 1d., has been paid to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A SYMPATHETIC MARK OF MASONIC ESTEEM.

Amongst all the grand principles of which Freemasonry can justly boast, there are none so prominent and so much appreciated as the loving and tender sympathy cherished by the true members of the fraternity for those of their brethren who may be in trouble or distress. "To pour the healing balm of consolation into the bosom of the afflicted" is a duty in which every Mason delights, and when he has the opportunity of doing the rare service of a "ministering angel" to those who may be in affliction he feels that there is something more than a mere form in the Order which has charity for its foremost watchword. And as in the case of individuals, so it is with our Masonic brethren in their combinations as lodges. An evidence of true fraternal sympathy was some time since given by the members of the Temple Lodge, No. 1094, which meets at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, who have thus shown the prevalence of the finest spirit in their midst. Bro. Joseph Wood, who for many years fulfilled the onerous duties of Treasurer—a Mason who, by his great courtesy and sterling honesty of conduct won the esteem and admiration of all within the lodge and many outside who knew him—was the recipient of this mark of Masonic sympathy. Mrs. Wood (who was also greatly esteemed) died nearly two years ago, and at the time much sympathy was felt and shown for Bro. Wood in his bereavement. The brethren of the Temple Lodge, to give further proof of sincere feeling, resolved to erect a memorial stone at the grave of Mrs. Wood, who is interred in the Smithdown-road Cemetery, Liverpool. The result of private subscription is that a most artistically designed stone has been erected, bearing the following inscription: "In affectionate remembrance of Ann, the beloved wife of Joseph Wood, who departed this life 9th October, 1879, aged seventy-two years. After long suffering, her end was peace." Then follows the additional superscription: "Erected by the members of the Temple Lodge, 1094, A.F. and A. Masons, Liverpool, 1880." The memorial is beautiful in design, and the spirit which prompted its erection must prove a source of true consolation to Bro. Wood while T.G.A.O.T.U. is pleased to spare him in this world.

MASONIC RECEPTION OF KING KALAKAUA AT EDINBURGH.

King Kalakaua of Hawaii left Edinburgh on Saturday afternoon en route for Lancashire. His Majesty, who was the guest of Mr. Macfie of Dregghorn, planted two Norwegian maples in the grounds on Saturday morning, and shortly after twelve left Dregghorn for Edinburgh. The route chosen was by Hunter's Tryst, past the Comistone and Fair Millhead Toll, and through Morningside. The drive was continued along the Grange to the Queen's Park, where "Samson's Ribs" were first visited. The carriages were then turned, and the party proceeded along the Queen's Drive past Dunsappie and St. Margaret's Loch to Holyrood. After passing Holyrood, His Majesty was driven by Abbeyhill and St. Andrew Square to the Freemasons' Hall, George-street, where an interesting ceremony was about to be performed. There a Grand Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, an ancient chivalric and religious Order in connection with Freemasonry, had been specially summoned for the purpose of investing His Majesty with the Grand Cross of the Order, to which, it may be said, His Majesty already belongs. This knightly fraternity, which was originally instituted by the Emperor Constantine in commemoration of the signal success of his arms, foretold by the appearance of the cross in the heavens, has long flourished in England; but the Order was only established in Scotland as an independent body in 1874. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett was the first Sovereign of the Order in Scotland, with the late Major Hamilton Ramsay of Garion as his Viceroy. The second and present Grand Sovereign is the Earl of Kintore, and his Viceroy Captain Charles Hunter. In the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Kintore, the Grand Conclave on Saturday was opened in due form by V. Ill. Sir Knt. Captain John Crombie, Grand Senior General, Acting Grand Sovereign, there being present, among others, Ill. Sir Knts. James Crichton, Grand Junior General, Acting Grand Viceroy; Robert S. Brown, Grand Recorder; James Dalrymple Duncan, Grand Standard Bearer; and J. B. Mercer, Past Grand Chancellor; the following members of the Grand Senate—viz., V. Em. Sir Knts. W. Milne, Captain A. M. Bruce, J. Melville, Sir Molyneux Hyde Nepean, Bart., Francis Law, and F. W. Roberts; also, Sir Knts. W. Mann, S.S.C., P.G. Warden; and D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Councillor Alex. Henry, G. S. Ferrier, J. Fleming, P. R. Haddow, J. H. M. Bairnsfather, S.S.C.; W. Hamilton, and others. Apologies had been received from the Grand Sovereign and the Grand Viceroy, the Rev. T. N. Wannop, High Prelate; J. H. Balfour, W.S., Grand Marshal; and Colonel J. Todd Stewart, Grand Chamberlain. King Kalakaua was introduced to the conclave by the Recorder and Bro. Murray Lyon, and passed under the arch of steel to a place on the right of the throne.

The ACTING SOVEREIGN, addressing His Majesty, then said: "The members of the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland are very much gratified at having the pleasure of meeting your Majesty here to-day, and conferring on you the highest honour they have it in their power to bestow, and they have desired me to convey to your Majesty their grateful sense of your courtesy in allowing your name to be added to the roll of Knights Grand Cross of Scotland. I regret exceedingly that the Grand Sovereign of the Order—the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore—has been prevented from attending and personally conferring this distinction upon you. As your Majesty's time is

very limited, and as we heartily concur in every word said by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh at the meeting yesterday, I shall only detain you to say that we all join, and every Freemason in Scotland, when he reads of the event of to-day, will join in earnest and heartfelt prayer to our Omnipotent Ruler, the Great Architect of the Universe, that every blessing and happiness may attend your Majesty through life, that you may have a safe and pleasant return to your own kingdom, that your reign there may be long and prosperous, and that you may continue to take a warm interest in, and manifest a zeal for, and be a credit and an ornament to the Craft we all love so dearly.

The King was then presented with a copy of statutes of the Council, which he pledged himself to obey, and the ACTING SOVEREIGN, in investing him with the star of the Grand Cross, further said: In name and by special authority of the Grand Sovereign of the Order, I now invest you with the Jewel of a Knight Grand Cross of the Imperial Council of Scotland, and may I venture to express a hope that the jewel and the patent which our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Brown, will forward in a few days, may sometimes recall to your mind your visit to Scotland, where thousands of Freemasons who have never seen your Majesty's face, but knowing your great talents as a Mason and the high position you have attained in the Craft, extend to your Majesty their fraternal feelings of esteem and love, and will be highly gratified to find that these feelings are reciprocated by your Majesty.

The Star of Knight Grand Cross of the Order, with which the Acting Sovereign invested the King, is one of eight points, in silver and blue enamel, the centre being charged with a red cross and double-headed eagle, in gold. The Acting Viceroy (Ill. Sir Knt. JAMES CRICHTON, P. Sov. No. 1) took occasion also to endorse the remarks of the Acting Sovereign, and offered His Majesty honorary membership in the Edinburgh Conclave, No. 1. This His Majesty accepted, and signed the roll of membership.

King KALAKAUA, in reply, spoke of the cordial reception he had met with in this country, and remarked that he appreciated no honour that had been conferred on him more than the one he had just received. He should ever retain a pleasant recollection of his visit to the Freemasons' Hall; and it would give him great pleasure to convey to the brethren in Honolulu—of whom there were a large number—an account of the hearty reception he had received from the Grand Imperial Council of Scotland.

After the ceremony was concluded, a service of cake and wine was partaken of, and "The Health of His Majesty" proposed from the throne and cordially pledged.

King KALAKAUA shortly replied, thanking the conclave again for their kindness.

Thereafter the knights lined the passage from the hall to the outer doorway, and His Majesty passed out under the arch of steel to his carriage. The knights returned to the hall, where the conclave was closed with the usual ceremonies. The whole proceedings lasted about half an hour.

Among those introduced to His Majesty were Sir Knts. William Mann, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart.; Councillor Henry, and Dr. Loth, who presented a copy of his work on the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Before his departure His Majesty graciously accepted the portraits of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Grand Master of Scotland; and of the Earl of Kintore, Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross Order. His Majesty also accepted a copy of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland Galop," by Francis Law.

The arrival and departure of His Majesty from the Freemasons' Hall were witnessed by a large crowd, who raised a hearty cheer on each occasion.

MASONRY IN UTAH.

Bro. Tilford, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Utah, in the course of his recent annual address, gave the following brief sketch of the history of Masonry in his jurisdiction:—

Twenty-one years ago, under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Rocky Mountain Lodge was organised at Camp Floyd, in this territory. It was composed of officers and soldiers of the United States army, stationed at that place. Two years afterward, this division of the army was ordered to New Mexico, and the charter of the young lodge was surrendered. Five years elapsed before another effort was made to erect a Masonic altar in Utah. On the 5th day of February, 1867, Mount Moriah Lodge was opened under a dispensation from the jurisdiction of Nevada, and the corner-stone of Masonry in Utah was permanently laid. Amid institutions alien from the spirit of Republican freedom, surrounded by a people who viewed with distrust or hostility every movement not under the direction of their leaders; isolated from the States of the American Union by vast deserts, and mountains impassable during the storms of Winter, our brethren dedicated their temple to the worship of the Supreme Being and the service of humanity. Several years later, the completion of the continental railway marked a new era in the history of Utah. From that time until now, the arts, sciences, and aggressive intellect of American civilisation have been at work to develop the material resources of this territory, and aid its intellectual progress. Masonry was encouraged and strengthened within these borders by the same influences. It was enriched by accessions from other jurisdictions in America and Europe. The withdrawals from the Masonic ranks, occasioned by brethren departing from the country, have been almost equal to the additions which they have received. Thus, numerically, Utah Masonry has made very limited progress in the past ten years, nor can you expect any decided increase in its roll of members until the condition of affairs in the territory has radically changed. Do not, however, feel discouraged by this fact. Remember that you constitute the "forlorn hope" of American Masonry, and that the glory of victory, divided among a few, leaves to each a prouder distinction. Remember what you have done, and press forward to the goal. Within the last decade you have succoured and sheltered hundreds of brethren who have wandered to this territory, and who, but for your timely assistance, might have perished in a land of strangers. In you the sick and afflicted, the oppressed and defenceless, the widow and orphan, have found friends and protectors. When the pestilence desolated the cities of the South, and all human aid seemed unavailing to arrest its destroying course, none were readier than the brethren in this jurisdiction to respond to the appeals of the divinest charity. Let the memory of such actions strengthen you through all the

trials which you may be destined to endure, and incite you to grander exertions. Be true to the noble principles of our institution, and you cannot then be false to any duty which arises from the manifold relations of society. Let the emblematic lights illumine your hearts with the holiness of truth, justice, charity, and faith. Above all, banish dissensions from your ranks, and cherish fraternal love in your hearts. Thus, united and harmonious, our Brotherhood in Utah may look forward to a future as glorious as their past has been eventful.

THE CITY CHURCH AND CHURCH-YARD SOCIETY.

We have been requested to call attention to the objects and aims of this society, which is peculiar in one respect, that there is no subscription enforced upon its members, though donations, if its members are willing to offer them, are accepted. The great "idea" and effect of the society is to preserve the City churches from needless destruction, and the graveyards from careless desecration, as was formerly the case. Many of the City churches were built by Sir Christopher Wren. There seems, sometimes, to say no more, to be a needless haste in pulling them down and in uniting adjacent livings. At the same time as we say this we do not mean to contend that no such measures are necessary or advisable, but only to raise a friendly protest and fraternal warning against a tendency to iconoclastic zeal on the one hand, and forgetfulness of the use, value, and importance of the churches on the other. This society has enrolled among its members a large number of the distinguished members of our Order, among whom we notice, as Vice-Presidents, the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; Lord de Tabley, Prov. G.M. for Cheshire; the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. for Bristol; Sir E. Lechmere, Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire; the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.V.; Montague Guest, Esq., M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorsetshire; Sir F. Truscott, P.G.W.; Bro. Alderman Ellis, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P.; Bro. T. F. G. Ouseby, P.G.C.; Bro. Edwin Freshfield, and many others.

Bro. Henry Wright, City Club, Ludgate Circus, E.C., will be happy to answer any enquiries, and give any information as to the rules and objects of the society.

We take the succeeding little anecdote from one of the publications of the society:—

"The following interesting anecdote was related to one of the honorary Secretaries (Bro. Wright) by a Member of the Society (Mr. Fytche): Walking one fine summer morning in June, 1872, down to the Mansion House, on reaching the Poultry I was surprised to see a man on the top of the tower of St. Mildred's Church, hammering away at the stones with a crowbar; so, finding the door open, I went up the stairs of the tower, and said to my friend of the crowbar, 'Why, you are pulling the church down!' 'Ah,' says he, 'it's all to be down and carted away by the end of July.' 'I suppose it's going to be rebuilt elsewhere?' 'Built anywhere?' 'No; my master has bought it.' 'Who is your master?' 'Don't you know him?' 'Mr. So-and-So, the great contractor.' 'What's he going to do with it?' 'Do with it? Why, he's twenty carts and forty horses to lead it away to his stoneyard, and he's going to grind it up to make Portland cement!' So I asked him of the crowbar to show me round the church. 'Would your master sell the stones instead of grinding 'em up?' I asked. 'Sell 'em? Yes.' So I made an appointment for his master to come up to the Langham Hotel next morning, and we agreed about the purchase—he to deliver the stones at a wharf on the Thames, and they were brought down in barges and landed at the head of a canal on the east coast of Lincolnshire, and are now lying in a green field near my house, called St. Katherine's Garth, from an old Priory of St. Katherine, which formerly stood there, and which I hope some day to rebuild as my domestic chapel."

Amusements.

ALHAMBRA.—"The Bronze Horse" is still drawing crowds to this house in spite of the holiday season. Of several comic operas we think none have surpassed this, though "La Fille de Tambour Major," at the same theatre, was we think its equal. Mr. Harry Paulton who will be greatly missed at the "Globe," is the great *Dambo*, and with his jokes and droll remarks keeps the house in roars of laughter. Miss St. Quintin, always a favourite, is encored (we believe) every evening in her principal song. There is a style about her singing so different from many actresses—nothing stagy—which is charming. We should advise our readers who want good acting, fine singing, lovely scenery, graceful dancing, and funny jokes, not to omit paying a visit to the Alhambra at an early moment.

HAYMARKET.—Mr. Francis having taken this theatre for the "silly" season, is doing his best to attract the public by giving them variety. But we would advise him instead of going on with "Blue Buff" to put the "Little Treasure" on the stage again. It is one of the prettiest pieces of its kind we remember to have seen. Miss Rose Doré, than whom we know of no more attractive actress amongst the rising generation, was the life and soul of the piece. As we heard it remarked, "it was better than acting, it was like reality." She is one of the most talented of Mr. Francis's company, and it would be to his own benefit to again give her a prominent part, as now, in "Blue Buff," she does nothing. As the modern school-girl in "The Little Treasure" she keeps the audience in constant merriment; although we are aware it is said the school-girl of to-day is somewhat forward, like her brothers, we know of none amongst our own acquaintance quite so precocious, and we may add so winning, as "the Little Treasure." Mr. Harry S. Maur as her lover and cousin plays his part well. We shall hope to see this revived, for many like the piece as well as its successor "East Lynne," in which Miss Ada Ward is the heroine. The tale from the novel of the same name is so well known as not to require explanation. It is very sad, but certainly not vulgar, as often such things are. The fair sex, especially mothers, are prone to weep at the death scene of little *Willie*, which character is played by Miss Kate Gratton, well remembered in the "Children's Pinafore." We wish Mr. Francis success in his short stay at the Haymarket.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER,
M.W. Grand Master.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF KINTORE,
R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

A MOVEABLE GRAND LODGE
Will be held under the auspices of the Britannia Lodge,
No. 53, at the
FREEMASONS' HALL, SURREY ST., SHEFFIELD,
On THURSDAY, 22nd inst.

Grand Lodge will be opened at 2.30 o'clock precisely.

BUSINESS.
Installation of V.W. Bro. J. W. Woodall as R.W. Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire; and
Installation of Bro. S. H. Gatty, Worshipful Master Elect
of the Britannia Lodge,
By the M.W. Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers

The Banquet will take place at Five o'clock. Tickets,
12s. 6d. each, inclusive of Wine, applications for which
must be made to Bro. H. A. Styring, Freemasons' Hall,
Surrey Street, Sheffield, on or before Monday, 12th inst.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G.J.W.),
Secretary.

Office—Sa, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.,
1st September, 1881.

To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Voice of Masonry," "The Freemason," "The Craftsman," "European Mail," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Chronology of the Bible," "The Hull Packet," "La Tolerance," "The Masonic Eclectic," "Der Long Islander," "The North China Herald," "Masonic Advocate," "New York Dispatch," "Hebrew Leader," "Bulletin du Grand Orient De France," "The South Western Gazette," "The Canadian."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1881.

Original Correspondence.

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

MASONIC BOOKS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to call the attention of your readers to Mr. Bernard Quaritch's Catalogue No. 580, which contains some very curious Hermetic works, and some Masonic books from the library of our lamented Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, of whom some of our brethren may like a "souvenir." Mr. Quaritch has two fine copies of Dr. Plott's "Staffordshire," in which allusion is made to the Freemasons, 1686. Both are in folio, large paper; one is to be obtained for £10, the other for £10 10s.

Among other books I notice "Shakespeare a Freemason," privately printed, by Bro. J. C. Parkinson, 7s. 6d.

I am, yours fraternally,

BOOK WORM.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly inform me if it would be possible to form a lodge in Paris, under the auspices of the British Grand Lodge, specially intended for British residents here, and, if so, what formalities would be required to enable some very desirous brethren to attain this object. If not, why not? as Englishmen residing here find it very difficult to perform their Masonic duties.

Further, an Englishman—not a Mason—wishes to enter the Craft; he is introduced here to the authorities; the usual routine is performed; he becomes initiated according to the French Masonic customs; he thinks he is a Mason. He crosses "the ditch," and, proud of his new honour, he presents himself at an English lodge. Either he is tiled at the first question asked him, or, if he should answer them in a manner sufficiently satisfactory to warrant his admission, he is told that the French Masons are excommunicated, and he is refused admission because his oath was not taken in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U. It is to obviate this I would wish to see an English lodge established here, for the neophyte does not know previous to the initiation of those questions which divide Mason against Mason. He thinks he has done his duty, and is regular; and, when too late, he finds out that, even in Masonry, we are not exempt from internal dissensions.

I shall be pleased to hear of a solution to the above questions, and am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
JOSEPH LAMBERT.

76, Rue du Faubourg, Poissonniere, Paris,
13th September, 1881.

KING KALAKAUA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Is anything going to be done by our esteemed authorities to give King Kalakaua a fraternal reception? I think it is a pity that something has not already been done, and am only sorry that a more influential brother has not "ventilated" the subject in the *Freemason*. I understand that the King is a "working Mason" himself, and surely he deserves some friendly acknowledgment as such by our English Grand Lodge and brethren. And when he is received I hope the orator of the night, or the G.D.C., will quote those famous lines of the pseudo prize poem descriptive of the land over which he reigns—

"When to his view
Slices of bread and meat spontaneous grew,
The gallant Cook in ardent rapture smiles,
And aptly named that spot the "Sandwich Isles."

I am, yours fraternally, ABORIGINAL.

P.S.—Since I wrote the above I see that the King has started across the little millpond, so my letter is out of date. AB.

Reviews.

LES PLUS SECRETS MYSTERES, &c. Devoilés
and Co., à Jerusalem. MDCCLXVII.

We were looking over some old books the other day, and we lighted upon this foreign work, not of itself of any real value, but the counterpart and prototype of many similar worthless compilations. And then the thought came over us (and that is the reason why we fill this column to-day with the notice of a book published 111 years ago), how useless and how meaningless have all these "unfoldings," and "revealing," and "exposures" of Freemasonry been. Freemasonry still endures, despite the attacks of the invidious, the incriminations of the unjust. Innumerable pretended "disclosures" and simulated "discoveries" come up before the Masonic Dryadstod to-day, and in none is anything disclosed, in none is anything discovered. They have neither affected Freemasonry, nor influenced literature; they are as if they had never been written, and though they may perhaps fill the book-shelves of the Masonic collector, they are neither useful nor ornamental—they neither help the student nor benefit the archaeologist. If, indeed, they could be trusted they might be taken for what they are worth, as proving the existence of certain grades. But even for this they are unreliable, and the stamp of treachery, falsehood, baseness being upon them, "ab initio," as always happens, after all, in this world of ours, they are treated as works without reality, evidences without value, the "outcome" of hurtful venality, the production of an open or anonymous "deserter," from the honest ranks and loyal banner of Freemasonry.

THE HISTORY, ART, AND PALÆOGRAPHY OF
THE MS. STYLED THE UTRECHT PSALTER.

By W. De GRAY BIRCH, British Museum. Bagster and Sons, 15, Paternoster-row, 1876.

Palæography has made great strides since this interesting "monogram" was composed and published. Those of us who have dabbled in the subject as "amateurs," indeed not "experts," know how fascinating the subject is, and how full of interest and delight to the humble and persevering student. Some of us may recall pleasant hours—yes, very pleasant—spent with "Mabillon," "Montfaucon," and with "Silvestre." Some of us may have pored admiringly and untiredly over Schilter, Carpentier, the "Nouveau Traite de Diplomatique," &c., and the "Dictionnaire Raisonné de Diplomatique," &c., by Des Vaines. Not a few of us have been pleased when privileged to study the erudite Marini, or the industrious Kopp. The labours of Henry Shaw, of Heinrich Jaekel, the Grammatographie of Jeraud Champollion's "Chartes Latines," Langlois and Bastard's works in French, and last, not least, Professor Westwood's charming publications. The contributions of Letronne, Pertz, the Hon. R. Curzon, Noel Humphry, Paul Pretsch, and Kirchhoff, and many others which might be named, have all tended to facilitate the pathway of students, to open out long-forgotten treasures of archaeology and chirography, alike for the verification of truth, the certainty of history, the illumination of art, and the confutation of scepticism. Who, for instance, can collate the three oldest New Testament MSS.—the Alexandrine, Vatican, and Sinaitic—without discovering how much of importance, happiness, verity, certainty for untold generations, is, so to say, wrapped up in the arduous and often unrequited labours of humble palæographers and patient collationists. Even at this hour, owing to the ingenious comparisons and researches of palæography, we shall probably owe the eventual clearer decipherment of the "Runes," which have been such a "crux" to some, such a puzzle to more. How wonderful to-day are the triumphs of palæology. We have lived to see the collation and explanation of the Rosetta Stone, of the Behistun trilingual inscriptions, of the Runic Monoliths, and now, again, we are on the eve of remarkable results from the careful study of those old MSS. of the past, whose scribes are dead and gone and forgotten, but which still endure silent witnesses, but most emphatic, of the artistic skill, the faithful sacrifices, the undimmed piety of our forefathers, telling on now dim parchment, or dirty papyrus of truths and realities invaluable to seeker and searcher, student and sage. But for all these pursuits there is no "royal road" of learning or experience. It is well that amateurs should write and non-experts should seek, but it must be left for the expert to speak positively and decide dogmatically. A great deal may turn on the thickness and the colour of the parchment, the size, the turn of the letters; and, once for all, we beg to repeat that palæography, like all other sciences, requires humble, patient, watchful, faithful students; it

cannot do with mere "words," and, above all, it repudiates those sciolists of the hour who, affecting to judge from internal evidence or contemporary circumstances, partly pre-supposed and self-assumed, give loud utterances when the real expert is silent or hesitating, because to him, like to the Indian on the trail, there are indicia patent, which none but he can discover; the "empirics" doubts and assurance, are to him, on the contrary, accurate certainty, or indisputable negation.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS. Bernard Quaritch,
15, Piccadilly.

We call attention to a most interesting catalogue—No. 339—because it not only contains a most interesting collection of Hermetic works, but also many works from the Masonic collection of our late lamented friend and brother, John Hervey, G.S. We hope one or two, at any rate, may be secured for the Grand Lodge library; and, talking of that library, surely something should be done to enable brethren to use it as well as to extend it. We must always bear in mind that there are those who understand books, those who don't, and those who think they do, but unfortunately have yet to master the rudiments of the science of "bibliography." It is a pure question for "experts," and "experts" alone. No library can be conducted properly on "non-scientific" principles.

EUCLIDIS ELEMENTORUM. LIBRI XV. GRÆCE
ET LATINE. Paris, 1598.

A Greek and Latin Euclid! We hear some of our young friends say—"Why an English Euclid is hard enough to understand, and the 'Pons Ansinorum' difficult enough in English in all conscience, will be *impassable* in Greek or Latin." Perhaps there is some truth in the remarks of our sapient youth to-day, "utterly utter," as they like to talk in fashionable "patois." We were in an old house in the country, and we took up this old parchment-covered book, once belonging, moreover, to a diligent reader and student. The work itself, in its "ideas" and "memories"—we say nothing of its "contents"—for we might ourselves, if examined, to use the elegant metaphor of the hour, be ourselves "spun,"—carries us back through many years to old teachers and vanished masters. Not that even in our days we "did" Euclid in Latin, but that we find reproduced in Greek and Latin the very same words which puzzled and plagued us of yore. To some of us Euclid is a mine of treasure even now, fresh charming and endearing. To others it is the undeniable of "botheration," the absolute certainty of "despair." To some of us its abstruse problems are a delight and a marvel easy to explain, and, above all, understand. To others they present unsuperable difficulties, and are only remembered as bound up with painful hours of hopeless mental toil. Still here we are to-day, after this lapse of centuries, studying the great mathematician and problemist, our Brother Euclid to boot, mentioned in all our legends more or less, and still "old Euclid" forms part of the "curriculum" of schools and universities, delights first classmen, and inspires wranglers, and is, as some would contend, the foundation of all connected thought and all logical conclusions. If any of our younger readers are frightened by our words, let them take heart. If we go on as we are going, educationally, giving up all our fathers valued and approved, dispensing with this, and deprecating that, we shall have the pleasure of witnessing a still more ignorant and unlearned generation, though in some respects they will have a hard race to run to beat, in this respect, *that* which now precedes them.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

As it is always interesting to students to obtain the name of old Master Masons, I said one, who is called Magistro Johanni Linnomicensi, that is to say, Master John of Limoges, France, though whether he be the "Maistre Mason" or "Mastre Enameller" does not appear. Limoges was formerly famous for enamel work, so far back, too, as 1197. In a tomb erected, Walter de Merton, Bishop of Rochester, in the cathedral, the executors mention in their account: "Fit computant libera, Magistro Johanni Linnomicensi pro tumba Episcopi Roffensis," XL., V., VI.—a large sum then, and now probably £800 of our money. I find this in a note in Dallaway's large and valuable work on Heraldry.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MASSONE.

Under the above heading "Masonic Student" asks (*Freemason*, August 13th) for instances of the use of the term Massoned, or Massoned, in heraldry earlier than "Coate's New Dictionary," &c., 1747. It may assist him in narrowing his field of search if I mention that in "Gwillim" edition of 1611, which lies before me, although several instances of arms containing buildings are given, in no case is the epithet "massoned" applied to them.

HER. ORD. TEMP.

HERMETIC BOOKS.

I have been asked a question as to Hermetic Books, what they really are, as the term is now of such general use?

Hermetic comes from Hermes Tresmegistus who is held to be the father of all works and statistics relating to astrology, alchemy, theosophy, and magical formulae, since called Hermeticism. It also includes those students and adepts who sought for the Philosopher's stone.

This is the original meaning of the word; it has come to mean also anything occult, mysterious, cabalistic.

The first book printed relating to Hermes—though many MSS. existed—seems to have been his alleged work "De Potestate et Sapientia Dei," in Latin, 1471.

A second edition of this was published in 1554, and a third in 1574.

A famous work was published in 1593 at Vienna, containing the works of Franciscus Patritius, the Oracles of Zoroaster, and the works of Hermes. The "Diviner Pyramander," afterwards translated as the "Divine Pyramander," was published at Cologne, 1630.

MASONIC STUDENT.

FRATERNITY OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE.
It seems, according to Millin, in his valuable "Antiquities Nationales," &c., published at Paris 1791, that there was formally a fraternity of the Holy Sepulchre, to assist pilgrims to, and relieve those who had returned from, the

Holy Land. I cannot help thinking that we shall one day stumble upon a royal or religious incorporation of the Masons, for certain specified purposes.
MASONIC STUDENT.

FREEMASONS.

To the sixth edition of Guillim's "Display of Heraldry," 1724, there is added a "Treatise of Honour Military and Civil." And in the 2nd part, page 13, occurs the following:—"The Company of Masons being otherwise termed Free-Masons, of ancient standing, and good reckoning, by means of affable and kind meetings divers times did frequent this mutual assembly in the time of King Henry IV., viz., the 12th of his reign. Their arms, azure on a chevron between three castles, argent a pair of compasses somewhat extended of the first, were granted by William Hawkslow Clarencieux, 13th Edward IV."

HER. ORD. TEMP.

MASONIC MEDAL.

Can any of your readers explain as to what lodge is meant by "Phoenix, No. 368," mentioned on the medal described below, which I have recently acquired. I cannot trace it either in Bro. Hughan's or Bro. Gould's work.

The medal is of silver, 1½ in. diameter. Obverse—two female draped figures; one pouring fruit, &c., out of a cornucopia; the other holding an olive branch; between the figures below is "I. Milton, F." Inscription: "Plenty and Peace are the fruits of industry and subordination." Reverse—two pillars and arch standing on mosaic pavement, approached by three steps between the pillars and altar. Inscription on the arch: "Holiness to the Lord." Five pointed star on left side of medal. Moon and seven stars on right side. Inscription: "Phoenix, No. 368."

The obverse, I may remark, is struck from a die, and the reverse is engraved.

JAMES NEWTON.

THE CHURCH AND STAGE GUILD.

We have been requested by an esteemed correspondent to reprint this extract from the *Church Review*, which we do with pleasure, though we have had necessarily to abbreviate the account, first in consequence of Masonic claims on our space, and secondly, because we are always anxious to avoid even debatable points. The *Freemason* is a "mutual friend" of toleration and goodwill to all, and we keep out any questions which in any sense may be delicate or "burning." The report is a very interesting one:—

"This flourishing society—which, though a guild in name, can scarcely be recorded as a religious society as other guilds, and it has no binding rules or obligatory prayers connected with it—gave a very successful *conversazione* a short time ago at Drury-lane Theatre, a room in which was kindly lent by the lessee. Amongst the numerous company who availed themselves of the invitation were: Rev. Outram Marshall, Rev. A. H. Stanton, Rev. W. Crouch, Prebendary Dr. Baker, Miss Bertie Coote, Madame Cox, Mr. Henry Wright, Rev. Steward Headlam and Mrs. Headlam, Mr. Charles Powell, Miss Dilke, Rev. G. Meyrick, Miss Costello, Miss Odell, Messrs. Harry Graham, Cecil Bath, R. Crauford, Walter Plimpton, Major McRagh, Miss Thorogate, Miss Carry Coote, and Miss Ricardo. The meeting was held to bring the members of the guild into closer acquaintance with one another, thus carrying out the first of the objects: 'to promote religious and social sympathy between the members of the Church and state.'

"The second annual report was presented, in which it stated that there are now 594 members, of which 184 are theatrical and 109 clerical, leaving 301 purely lay members. It will be noticed that of the names we have mentioned most are connected with the stage. The report also stated that meetings have been held monthly, at which papers have been read, but in every case but one by members of the theatrical profession or clergymen. This we think a mistake. On the council we notice the same thing. It seems composed entirely of professionals and clerics, with, perhaps, one exception. We would strongly advise the council to invite some of the lay members to join the council and read papers, as they compose the majority of the members of the guild.

"To show the footing the guild has got, at the Church Congress last year at Leicester one of the subjects was 'The Relation of the Church to the Stage,' and two of the members—we again regret both clerical—were invited to read papers upon the subject. In the hands of Rev. F. Ponsonby and Minor Canon Shuttleworth the interests of the guild were quite safe. Though the old prejudices were raked up against the theatre, yet the large majority of the speakers and audience recognised the valuable work which may be and is being done by the dramatic profession.

"The Drury-lane *conversazione* was enlivened by music and recitations, a lovely duet being played by Mr. Neville and Miss Dora Doone, the latter of whom also gave a reading from 'Little Nell.' Mrs. Grosvenor, Miss Dora Doone, Miss Lizzie Coote, Miss Everitt Grave, Mr. Bryce, and Mr. Jesse Smith also contributed to the entertainment of the company. Mr. Robert Sweetman, of the Alhambra, wound up the afternoon by giving an Irish recitation. His Irish accentuation was perfect, and produced roars of laughter. We cannot conclude without a word of praise to the honorary secretary, Rev. Stewart Headlam, to whom the guild chiefly owes its foundation, and certainly much of its success. To everyone he seemed the centre of attraction. Persons wishing to join the Church and Stage Guild should write to Mr. Headlam, at St. Michael's, Shoreditch, who, no doubt, will be glad to send forms of nomination.

"By the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's who are always glad to help in any good work, a service was held in the crypt chapel, when the Rev. Prebendary Baker gave a good practical sermon.

"A most successful branch has been inaugurated at Leeds by the persistent efforts of Mr. Inglis, the president of the Church of England Working Men's Society, under Dr. Gott's leadership. Mr. Shuttleworth and Miss Ella Dietz have visited it and read papers there. The same lady and the Rev. C. Ridgway have established a branch in Edinburgh."

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REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

MOUNT EDGCUMBE LODGE (No. 1446).

—The installation meeting of the above-named lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the well-known Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The lodge was opened soon after four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. T. Cull. The minutes of the last regular and an emergency meeting were read and passed. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented by Bro. Black, P.M., and agreed to. There being no other business, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. Bro. J. J. Limebeer was presented to the Installation Officer, Bro. Cull, and on being placed on the chair of K.S., was received with the usual honours. The following officers were then invested: Bros. G. Watson, S.W.; T. Griffiths, J.W.; Ongh, Treasurer; A. Thomas, jun., Secretary; T. Gardener, S.D.; C. Weevil, J.D.; R. Sutton, I.G.; C. von Bibra, W.S.; H. S. Gill, Organist; and T. Steed, Tyler. The three charges were then splendidly delivered by the Installation Officer, and were met *con amore* by the brethren. Before closing a vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and ordered to be placed on the minutes, to the W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, thanking him for the great favour and indulgence allowed to the lodge in permitting them to remove from the White Swan Hotel, Old Battersea-bridge, to the new home in which they had then met for the first time. The lodge was then closed in due form.

The banquet, which was of the most *recherché* description, was served in the usual efficient manner by the Bros. Roberts. Around the table we noticed the following visitors: Bros. C. A. Wilks, P.M. 858, P.G.S.B. Middx.; A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227; G. Hunter, P.M. 1208; T. Watts, 1382; P. T. Thornhill, 1790; J. Turnbull, 1275; R. Hill, P.M. 1288; B. C. Haynes, 27; J. P. Frost, 704, 865, and 2228; T. Groves, 437; R. C. Smaill, 1293, 1597, and 1601; S. E. Holland, 834; and C. Chambers, 834.

The W.M. proposed, and the brethren received, with the cordiality and excellent fring for which this lodge is distinguished, the following toasts: "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," "The Present and Past Grand Officers," "The Visitors" (replied to by Bros. Wilks and Haynes), "The I.P.M., the Past Masters, and the Officers." Bro. T. Cull, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," highly complimented him on his having reached his exalted position, after having done great service to the Craft in general and to the lodge in particular, being one of its founders, and having held the office of Secretary for eight years. The W.M., Bro. J. J. Limebeer, in reply, said it was difficult to find words to express his thoughts on the occasion, but he would endeavour to carry out the duties of his position to the utmost of his ability, and trusted to have the co-operation, not only of his officers, but of every member of the lodge. He regretted to have severed his connection with the worthy Treasurer and facetiously remarked that he did not know how in consequence he would be able to place roofs on some houses he had in construction for want of funds, unless he could work it with the officer he himself had appointed Secretary. The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. T. Cull," deservedly eulogised him for the way he had carried out the duties of his year of office, to the very great satisfaction of every brother in the lodge and also of their visitors; and, in presenting him with a jewel, trusted he would long be spared to enjoy and wear it. Bro. T. Cull, I.P.M., in response, gave some good advice to young Masons, and eloquently thanked the brethren for their kindness and assistance during his term of office. The proceedings were further enlivened by songs from Bros. D. Ross, B. Hosegood, C. A. Wilks, R. S. Sutton, and Gardener, and the brethren separated about ten o'clock, after a most enjoyable evening.

LOYALTY LODGE (No. 1607).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Alexandra Palace. In the regrettable absence, through serious illness, of the W.M., Bro. E. G. Legge, the lodge was opened by the I.P.M., Bro. C. J. Perceval, who was supported by Bros. E. C. Beedell, S.W. and W.M. elect; T. Jones, J.W.; F. Brown, P.M., Treasurer; J. Newton, P.M., Secretary; F. Carr, S.D.; H. W. Roberts, J.D.; W. Giller, I.G.; C. H. Webb, P.M.; W. Gayton, E. Holsworth, J. Little, J. R. Large, A. P. O. Perceval, R. S. Gushing, S. Little, G. Harrison, A. J. Clark, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Wallington, P.M. 860; T. Nettlehip, 1641; J. Mason, P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex; J. W. Beedell, J.W. 12; G. H. Stephens, J.D. 1623; J. Shorey, 1354; W. Ball, J.W. 45; G. W. Pincock, W.M. 183; H. J. Dutton, 1706; A. J. Thompson, 1507; G. J. Glover, 1459, and others. The ceremony of installing Bro. E. C. Beedell was admirably rendered by Bro. J. Newton, P.M., and J. J. Perceval of the lodge, Bros. Past Masters C. H. Webb assisting as Dir. of Cer., J. Mason as S.W., C. J. Perceval as J.W., and F. Brown as I.G.

After usual formalities the W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers: Bros. E. G. Legge, I.P.M.; T. Jones, S.W.; F. Carr, J.W.; F. Brown, P.M. Treas.; J. Newton, P.M. Sec.; H. W. Roberts, S.D.; W. Giller, J.D.; J. Garden, I.G.; C. A. Morgan, D. of C.; Dr. W. Gayton, Steward; and W. Very, Tyler. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the W.M.'s list as Steward to the R.M.B. Institution, which amount was increased by subsequent donations of the brethren to over fifty guineas. A letter from the lodge to Bro. Legge, sympathising with him in his serious illness, and expressing a hope for his speedy recovery, was ordered to be forwarded, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of the banquet in the terrace dining saloon, and afterwards honoured the usual toasts. Under the presidency of Bro. Beedell a highly enjoyable evening was spent, some capital music by Bros. Dutton, C. Stevens, A. Thompson, and C. E. Tinney giving great satisfaction to the brethren present.

LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE (No. 1743).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened at 5 p.m. by Bro. F. Kearney, the W.M., supported by Bro. E. Marlet, S.W., W.M.

elect; Bro. J. B. Wale, J.W.; and the rest of the officers. There were present as visitors the following brethren: Bros. G. T. Brown, P.M. 65; F. Marx, W.M. 957; W. G. London, W.M. 1580; J. P. Swayne, W.M. 1572; R. Ede, W.M. 1471; S. Johnson, 1297; and S. Holmes, 1471.

After the confirmation of the minutes, there being no other business on hand, Bro. Kearney proceeded to instal Bro. E. Marlet into the chair of K.S. with all the usual formalities. The ceremony was very correctly and impressively rendered by Bro. Kearney, who thus finished a very successful year of office in a manner highly creditable to himself and gratifying to the members of the lodge, by whom he is highly respected. The new W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Wall, S.W.; C. G. Sparrow, J.W.; Eade, S.D.; Reed, J.D.; Mitchell, I.G.; Goodchild and Bridgeman, D.C.'s; Smith and Fox, Stewards.

After the addresses had been given and the ceremony completed, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in first rate style, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Begbie, the courteous manager of the Imperial Hotel. After banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal toasts from the chair, which were duly responded to by the brethren. The W.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Kearney," the I.P.M., congratulated him on the very excellent manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during the past year, and in the name of the lodge presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel in token of his services. Bro. Kearney returned thanks in a few well chosen sentences, and expressed his delight at the unanimity and kindly feeling that prevailed in the lodge. "The Health of the W.M." was very cordially received and heartily responded to. The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," gave them a hearty welcome to 1743, a compliment which was cordially endorsed by the brethren. The visitors returned thanks for the reception given them, and all expressed their pleasure at being present. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.M., the Treasurer, in responding to the toast of "The Charities," informed the brethren that on the occasion of going up as Steward of the Festival of the Boys' School, he was thanks to the support he received, enabled to take up over £130, being sixth on the list of London Stewards, a result that so young a lodge as 1743 might well be proud of. Several other toasts were given, including "The P.M.'s," "The Secretary," and "The Officers," when the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

—On Saturday last this lodge, which meets at the Hall in Great Queen-street, held its principal meeting of the year, to "welcome the coming, speed the parting" master. Bro. Corpe, the outgoing Master, who is thoroughly wedded to Freemasonry, deserves all the kind things that can be said of his admirable working. He has also been ably seconded by his officers; and the working of the lodge, which on Saturday included the passing of Bro. E. J. Hodges to the Second Degree, and the installation by Bro. Corpe of his successor Bro. W. Gilsar Bott, deserved the highest commendation. The officers for the ensuing year were: Bros. G. Smith, jun., G.W.; Stokes, J.W.; J. C. Wilkins, S.D.; Dewsnap, J.D. and Treas.; Brooke, P.M. Sec.; G. F. Smith, I.G.; Williams, D.C.; Trego, Organist; Cattermole, W.S.; Goddard, Tyler. Among the members of the lodge present were Bros. Hodges, Basetinski, Marcus, Cox, Da Silva, Jakins, Holmes and Hayton. There were also many visitors, including Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, G.S., and the following brethren: Bros. J. T. Calkin, 586; R. Stott, 1558; H. Garrod, P.M. 749; J. Hall, D.C. 1658; J. P. Saddler, I.G. 1670; J. Dann, P.M. 72; C. B. Cooke, Sec., Gallery Lodge, 1928, and J.D. 1297; W. H. Brand, P.M. 1524; E. Bailey, J.W. 897; T. B. Biddle, P.M. 193; A. Remacres, P.M. 1558; J. Da Silva, S.W. 205; W. L. Morgan, jun., J. Chubb, 186; A. Boehr, 1585; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*.)

It is unnecessary to comment here upon the working of the outgoing W.M. and officers of this lodge; it is not always our lot to witness work so perfect; suffice it to say that the encomiums pronounced at the banquet table were not unmeaning words, but were thoroughly well deserved.

After three hours of good work the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent dinner awaited them. When the cloth was withdrawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured. In reply to the toast of "The Health of the R.W. the Pro G.M., the R.W. the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, said: I lose no time in responding to this toast. The Grand Officers, whose health you have just drunk, are a body of brethren who take a deep interest in the welfare of the Craft, who readily come forward whenever they are called upon in Masonic business; and I hope that they may long deserve those kind expressions we are always hearing of approval of the manner in which they perform the duties of their high position. For myself, I am at your festive board without having been at your meeting. My earlier appearance, however, was unavoidable, as I had to be at a very distant part of England to perform an important ceremony, and lunched several hundred miles from London. But, though I was unfortunately absent, I can quite understand what I fully anticipated, viz., that the ceremony of installation was done in a very admirable manner by our Immediate Past Master, Bro. Corpe. I had the honour of consecrating this lodge, and I can bear witness to the very admirable manner in which your first Master and present Secretary, Bro. Brooke conducted the proceedings, and I feel quite sure that the lodge will still further progress under its present W.M. I congratulate you on the proud position to which you have attained; and I thank you, brethren, for the reception you have accorded me upon this as on all other occasions. Bro. Corpe: Brethren, the next toast is one which I have very great pleasure in proposing, but that pleasure is dashed with regret that so important a toast should not have been placed in better hands; but as I falls to me in virtue of the position I hold, I must do the best I can. Brethren, the toast is that of "Our Worshipful Master," and I am sure no toast should be received with greater enthusiasm than the toast of our W.M. We have known him a long time; he has served in two of the most important offices next to the Master's chair; and I think the best test he can have of the appreciation in which he is held by the brethren is to find that we are one

and all proud to see him in that position in which he has been placed. He is in every way qualified to take that position. I am aware that I have not done justice to my theme; I am not capable of doing that; and I will, therefore, conclude by observing that, in my position of I.P.M., I shall have the greatest pleasure during our W.M.'s year of office of rendering any assistance in my power. Bro. Bott: I am sure I am deeply sensible of the manner in which you have proposed the toast of my health this evening, and also to the brethren for the very courteous receipt they had accorded to it. I do not know what I have done to have led the brethren to expect any very great things during my year of office. I have certainly done my best during the two years in which I have been Senior and Junior Warden, and the third year it will not become me if I do not try to follow worthily those who have preceded me in this chair. But it is a very difficult thing to follow such a Master as I have to follow. We have just heard the Grand Secretary speak of the assiduity, &c., of Bro. Brooke. We have had personal experience of the wonderful powers of the last Worshipful Master on his departure from the chair, and it is impossible for me to go on improving the lodge as it has been going on improving; I think it has got to the top for a time. During my time of office nothing shall be wanting to render it a pleasant one in every respect. I never could make a speech, and I do not think I shall be able to do it during my year of office. My feelings at the present time can be more readily imagined than expressed, and I shall, therefore, conclude with simply thanking you very heartily for the very cordial reception you have given to the toast of my health. Bro. W. C. Bott: The next toast that I have the honour to propose is, in fact, the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Corpe." All present will give a hearty response to that toast. I have very frequently listened to the ceremony of installation, but never, during my experience, have I heard it rendered more effectively than I have this evening. As I made a remark a few minutes ago on the way the first Master and the Immediate Past Master have been lauded up to the skies for the way in which they had done their duty, I do not know what we shall come to if we go on progressing. It is a satisfaction to me to have such a support to rest upon during the next twelve months that my Immediate Past Master will be able to help me; if there is any ceremony that I am not absolutely perfect in he will supply the deficiency. The manner that he has worked those ceremonies is a very sufficient proof of his knowledge of the ritual. His kindly feelings to each one of the brethren are well known. Bros. Past Masters Brooke and Corpe and myself, being the three originators of the lodge, of course the onus rested on us in a very great measure of the first steps that were taken in its formation. Bro. Corpe, I.P.M., suggested that when the matter was first of all taken into consideration that Bro. Brooke, from his recognised abilities, was the best man to guide the ship during its first year, and I need only add in asking you to honour this toast that he has had a most worthy successor in Bro. Corpe himself, upon whose breast I have now the honour of placing the jewel of a Past Master, unanimously voted to him by the brethren, which jewel, I trust, will frequently remind him of the many happy times he has spent here. Bro. Corpe: Following the footsteps of those who ought to know, I venture to copy the example of the Grand Secretary of replying before a song intervenes, and say what is uppermost in my mind at once. I have to respond in a two-fold capacity; first of all, I have to render to you many grateful thanks for this jewel which has been presented by our W.M., and I can say that I shall always consider it one of my most precious possessions; and, next, as Installing Master, I can only say that in undertaking to install my successor I did it, first, as a duty, and, next, as a pleasure to myself. I had planted this lodge, and, therefore, I had considered that my work would not have been complete unless I performed that very important duty. As I.P.M., what is my exact position? I have been the Master, and am Master no more; and although I have had the honour of your confidence, I have had my year of office. I have received the most generous acknowledgment on your part, and I now retire to my repose in this lodge adorned with the jewel with which you have presented me. Other toasts were proposed and duly honoured, including "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Press," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

NORWICH.—Union Lodge (No. 52).—This ancient lodge resumed its winter session at the Norfolk Hotel on Tuesday, the 6th inst., under the gavel of the W.M., Bro. J. H. Santy, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. Sir Francis Boileau, Bart., P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; Courtenay Boyle, S.W.; Chas. R. Gilman, J.W.; G. C. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas. and Sec.; G. B. Kennett, P.M., P.P.G.R., acting S.D.; Chas. Cubitt, P.M., P.P.G.R., acting J.D.; Harry Bullard, I.G.; and W. Murrell, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. H. G. Barwell, P.M., P.G. Sec.; S. Stevens, Boswell, Noverre Collier (2), J. W. Browne, S.W., and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. in an excellent and perfect manner performed the ceremony of installing Mr. Clarke into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and Bro. C. R. Gilman, by the request of the W.M., gave the charge with good effect. The lecture on the first tracing board, rendered by Bro. C. Boyle, wherein he introduced some of those exquisite portions of the lectures, was done in such style as to commend the admiration of the brethren and visitors present. The lodge is in perfect order, and the W.M. must be congratulated upon the successful working.

The lodge, after some desultory business, was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a most *recherché* supper, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. The brethren broke up at eleven o'clock, having spent a pleasant and agreeable meeting in Freemasonry.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—On Thursday evening, the 8th inst., the general meeting of this lodge was held, Bro. G. C. Watson, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. M. Watson, P.M.; J. J. Clay, P.M.; R. Hudson, P.M.; T. Twizell, P.M. and Treas.; G. Lord, P.M.; Tonkinson, I.P.M.; J. H. Leech, S.W.; C. McNamara, J.W.; J. C. Moor, S.D.; W. Vincent, J.D.; R. Singleton, I.G.; Punshon, Org.; C. M. Wake, S.S.; Davison, J.S.; J. R. Patti-

son, Hon. Sec.; Nashit, Amandson, Thompson, Hall, Storey, Marshall, Kirkley, Clarkson, and T. C. Wake. Visitors: Bros. Munro, W.M. 949; Kinmond, W.M. 80; Eggleston, P.M. 949; A. Broughton, S.W.; R. Hudson, 949; Smart, S.W. 94; and Bryans, 949.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. Swinhoe was initiated into Masonry by the W.M., Bro. Watson; Mr. Singleton was initiated by Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M.; Bro. Storey was passed by the W.M., and Bro. Marshall by Bro. A. T. Munro, W.M. 949; and Bro. T. Thompson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. T. M. Watson, P.M. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—A general meeting of this lodge was held in the St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Monkwearmouth, on Monday night, the 12th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. George Porteous, the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S. Bro. Porteous was elected unanimously at the April meeting of the lodge, and the installation would have taken place in the usual course at the May meeting, but owing to his severe and prolonged illness the ceremony was postponed till the above evening. Under these circumstances considerable sympathy had been felt for Bro. Porteous, and this found expression in the large company of leading provincial and lodge brethren which attended upon the occasion. The compliment must have been a source of peculiar satisfaction both to Bro. Porteous and the lodge over which he now presides. The following provincial and leading lodge brethren were present: Bros. A. T. Munro, W.M. (in the chair); P.M.'s W. Liddell, R. Shadforth, A. Gray, George B. Hall, John Egglestone, M. Frampton, F. Maddison, W. Beattie, R. Candlish (Seaham), H. Tonkinson, J. S. Nicholson, J. J. Clay, R. Hudson, W. H. Crookes, P.G.S.; T. Sharp, N. Taylor, B. Ludert, M. Douglas, J. Potts, John Newton, and T. Henderson; G. C. Watson, W.M. 97; W. Brandt, W.M. 1389; J. H. Leech, S.W. 97; C. McNamara, J.W. 97; J. C. Moor, S.D. 97 (*Freemason*); and J. R. Pattison, Hon. Sec. 97. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Munro, after the ordinary business had been transacted, Bro. Geo. Porteous was presented by Bro. R. Shadforth, P.M., to Bro. A. T. Munro for the benefits of installation. A Board of Installing Masters having been formed, Bro. Porteous was duly installed in the chair of K.S., in the most impressive manner. The remainder of the ceremony was efficiently performed by Bro. W. Liddell, P.M. Bro. Porteous returned sincere thanks to the G.A.O.T.U. for having been spared to undertake this honourable position. The usual charities having been discussed, the lodge was closed in due and solemn form.

The brethren then retired to partake of refreshments, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. G. Porteous. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed, Bro. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S., responded to the toast of "The P.G.M., the Marquis of Londonderry, and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers." Bro. R. Shadforth, P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a feeling manner, to which Bro. Porteous responded. The W.M. afterwards presented to Bro. A. T. Munro a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his able services to the lodge. The recipient responded in suitable terms. Bro. Eggleston, P.M., next proposed the toast of "The Past and Present Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. D. Cobham, S.W., responded. "The Health of the Installing Officers, Bros. Munro and Liddell," was proposed by the W.M., to which they both responded. The next toast was that of "The Visiting Brethren," which was suitably acknowledged by Bros. T. G. Curry, Sec. 80; J. Potts, P.M. 94; G. C. Watson, W.M. 97; F. T. Cowper, P.S.W., 764; and W. Brandt, W.M. 1389. In the course of the evening Bro. T. Sharp, P.M., W. Beattie, P.M., and G. Porteous, W.M., contributed to the vocal harmony, and an original recitation was given by Bro. C. McNamara, J.W. 97, which was received with applause.

The following are the officers of the lodge for the current year: Bros. G. Porteous, W.M.; A. T. Munro, I.P.M.; C. Cobham, S.W.; B. Swain, J.W.; R. Shadforth, P.M., Treas.; J. Barlow, Sec.; J. G. Kirtley, S.D.; J. Grubb, J.D.; J. Hewson, I.G.; J. Thompson, Tyler; Brooks and J. S. Thompson, Stewards.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1032).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 7 p.m., Bro. Aaron Hall, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. James Lawrence, I.P.M.; John Heald, P.M., Treasurer; James Corbett, P.M.; R. Irving, S.W.; John Luck, J.W.; and a number of members. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the W.M., in the name of the members of the lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Lawrence, with a Past Master's gold jewel, as a token of their regard, and in appreciation of his services as W.M. Bro. Lawrence returned thanks for the valuable present. After the transaction of the usual routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince of Wales' Lodge (No. 1035).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale. This being the date of H.R.H. Prince of Wales and Princess of Wales' visit to Liverpool to open the Alexandra Dock, many members were prevented from attending, but the meeting was nevertheless a hearty one. Bro. W. Donkin, W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. J. P. Bryan, S.W.; John Smith, Sec., acting as J.W.; R. R. Forshaw, I.P.M.; G. Morgan, P.M. (acting for Treasurer); John Tunstall, J.D., acting S.D.; G. Mitchell, S.S., acting as I.G.; S. E. Davies, Org.; and a very fair muster of the brethren of the lodge. After the minutes had been passed the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when the W.M. proceeded to pass Bros. J. and W. Hill in a very efficient manner, the W.T.'s being explained by the S.W.

The lodge was then closed and the members adjourned to refreshment, served by Bro. Casey, 1080, in the lodge room of the hall. In proposing "The Health of the G.M.," the W.M. referred to the visit of the former to the city, happening by a strange coincidence on their lodge night, and expressed his satisfaction that such a cordial welcome had been afforded him. "The P.M.'s" proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Fozzard, P.M., the

senior P.M. of 1035. "The W.M." was given by Bro. Forshaw, I.P.M., and heartily received; while "The Officers" was given by the W.M., and spoken to by Bro. J. P. Bryan, S.W.; J. Smith, Sec.; J. Tunstall, J.D.; and G. Mitchell, S.S. Bros. Grierson, 1756, and George Holmes, 1325, responded for the visitors, as also did Bro. White, 673. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the vocal efforts of Bro. S. Gray, 1325; J. Smith, 1035; Tunstall, 1035; White, 673; and Blackie, 1035; and a very pleasant meeting came to a termination at 10.15 p.m.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday week, the 6th inst., at the Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. E. A. Head, W.M.; W. Rudge, S.W.; G. Mitchell, Sec.; S. Davison, I.P.M.; John G. Horsey, P.M.D.C.; W. Pile, S.D.; G. W. Holmes, J.D.; A. M. Betchley, W. S. J. Cooper, G. Berry, M. Ovenden, G. Histed, H. Histed, and G. D. Woolgar. Lodge was opened at 5.30 p.m. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting Mr. George Edwards was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and lodge closed. The brethren afterwards met at table, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

NORTH WALSHAM.—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Angel Hotel, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., which turned out to be a grand success, not only in the working, but in the subsequent proceedings, for no pains had been spared to render the entertainment of the visitors and brethren enjoyable; and many observed that they had not witnessed for years past such a successful meeting. The lodge was opened about three o'clock in the afternoon, under the gavel of Bro. G. T. Plumby, the retiring W.M., who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. F. Baillie Quinton, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., P.G.R., I.P.M.; Alfred R. J. Woolbright (W.M. elect), S.W.; Geo. W. Rogers J.W.; Jno. Boyce, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., 52, 213, 1808 Treas.; Chas. Barnes, Sec.; D. G. F. Gaul, S.D. Horace Randall, J.D.; A. Bullard, I.P.M. 1500, D. of C.; N. B. Webster, I.G.; and E. Hollidge, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Rev. G. Sharley, A. M. Burrows, W. H. Horner, W. S. Juniper, J. Lovelace, E. G. McLean, M. J. Abbs, J. C. Firman, P.M. 71 and 1808; Robt. Palmer, W. H. Hardingham, Josiah Cooke, W. Churchyard, J. J. Harvey, E. Pugh, G. R. Fitt, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Thomas, P.M. 71; Robt. Kent, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Thonless, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., 93; J. H. Brockbank, 93; E. Howes, P.M.; H. H. Smith, W. G. Greenwood, J. W. French, and J. Wilshak, 100; Rev. H. P. Griffith, P.M., P.P.G.C., 102; Joseph Stanley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Chas. Sexton, J.W.; R. J. Silburn, 213; P. Soman, 213; Jno. M. Canova, W.M. 388; Barker Standford, S.W. 388; Geo. Green, W.M., T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., S. N. Berry, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W., Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G. D. of C., W. E. Provart, P.M., P.P.G.P., and E. Wilkins, 988, of 807; B. Seaman, 929; F. W. Tewson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., 929; R. E. Thorns, W.M. 943; R. J. Mills, S.W. 943; Jas. Barber, 1114; Jacob P. Batch, 1273; Quarter-master F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Isley, P.M., P.G.D.C.; Jesse Weyer, P.G. Steward; J. W. Wilkins, H. G. Chalker, C. W. Bacon, W. R. Le Strange, Chas. J. Campling, D. Bircham, and J. C. Firman, jun., Org. 1808, 1543.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. having put the necessary questions to Bro. W. H. Hardingham, entrusted him with the usual test of merit. Bro. Plumby, in an excellent and impressive manner, performed the ceremony of raising Bro. Hardingham to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. P. Baillie Quinton then assumed the gavel, and the ceremony of installing Bro. A. R. J. Woolbright into the chair of K.S. was then performed, which was done in an excellent manner. Bro. Woolbright having been duly installed, he appointed Bro. G. T. Plumby, I.P.M., and on the ceremony of installation being concluded appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. W. Rogers, S.W.; D. G. F. Gaul, J.W.; Horace Randall, S.D.; N. B. Webster, J.D.; E. Pugh, I.G.; A. Bullard, D. of C.; Jno. Dixon, Organist; and Charles Barnes, Secretary. Bro. J. Boyce having been unanimously elected as Treasurer at the previous meeting, the W.M. invested him with the collar of his office. Bro. E. Hollidge was afterwards elected Tyler for the ensuing year. The speeches to the chair were admirably rendered by Bro. Quinton, who evinced his perfection in the art of Masonry. "Hearty good wishes" being given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form.

The lodge room was then formed into a banquetting room, and a most *recherché* banquet and desert was prepared and served by Bro. J. C. Firman, P.M., who had exerted himself to the utmost of his ability to make it successful, and he obtained the warmest thanks and congratulations, not only from the brethren, but of the visitors, for the pains he had taken for their comfort and enjoyment. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and the Tyler gave the concluding Masonic toast at high twelve. During the evening some excellent singing was rendered by Bros. Thonless, Brockbank, and E. Wilkins, accompanied by Bro. C. J. Campling. We congratulate Bro. Woolbright on his high appointment, and wish him a successful year of office.

CROYDON.—Mozart Lodge (No. 1929).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Harewood House, when there were present Bros. E. M. Lott, W.M.; E. Moss, S.W.; T. T. Phillips, J.W.; J. King, S.D.; W. Aynsley, J.D.; R. P. Thomas, I.G.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; T. Tremere, Sec.; J. Rhodes, P.P.G.O. Surrey; J. Kift, and T. W. Simons. Visitors: Bros. Donald M. Dewar, P.M. 1915; J. West, W.M. Penge; W. J. Norris, Old Jubilee; G. Edwards, S.D. 1695; A. J. Bellis, Schwyn; W. Walker, 65; H. D. Martin, 1309; and D. Edwards, St. David's.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the consecration meeting were read and confirmed. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. H. J. Lardner, Treas., Bros. Rev. J. Arnold, D. Prov. G.M. Surrey, and Donald M. Dewar were unanimously elected honorary members. Mr. H. P. Jones, Mr. W. J. H. Leipold, Mr. C. de Wolff King, and Mr. Walter Jones were balloted

for and initiated, the charge being most impressively given by the S.W.

The lodge was then closed with "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. The brethren afterwards sat down to a cosy little banquet in the lodge-room, after which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured; and "The Newly-made Initiates' Health" drunk very heartily, each responding in such a manner as to give great satisfaction. The officers selected to reply to their several toasts spoke most satisfactorily of the progress of the lodge and hopefully of the future. A pleasant break in the ordinary routine of toasts was afforded by the W.M. entrusting the gavel to Bro. Tremere, for the purpose of proposing "The Health of Bro. H. D. Martin," who is about leaving England for Natal. Bro. Tremere explained that his reason for asking this privilege was to give the brethren present an opportunity of expressing their good wishes for his old friend and musical brother, and the hope that every success may attend his new venture. Bro. H. D. Martin responded in a short but eloquent speech, thanking every one very sincerely for the evidence of kindness towards him. The brethren derived much pleasure from the efforts of Bros. T. W. Simons, H. D. Martin, J. H. Leopold, C. de Wolff King, E. Moss, J. Kift, W. Jones, and T. Tremere in a selection of choice glees and instrumental solos. The Tyler's toast concluded a thoroughly successful and enjoyable evening.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 8th inst. at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Steingraber, W.M.; Kern, S.W.; Chubb, J.W.; Jas. Langton, Treas.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Tanqueray, S.D.; Stoddart, J.D.; Sudlow, Treas.; Gayton, I.G.; Saunders, Pocock, and others. Visitors: Bros. Stoddart and A. C. Wickins, 107. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Wickins acting as candidate. The lodge was then opened in Third Degree, and the First Section of the Third Lecture was worked by Bro. Sudlow, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Kern was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bros. Stoddart and Wickins were also elected members of the lodge, after which the lodge was closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 8.30 p.m., there being present Bros. W. Browne-Kidder, W.M.; Samuel Goode, S.W.; T. W. Tillet, J.W.; A. Millward, J.D.; J. Carnaby, I.G.; Robert D. Cummings, Preceptor; and Harold Halliday, Hon. Sec. The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was very impressively rehearsed by Bro. Kidder, Bro. Lawrence being the candidate. The lodge having been opened and closed in the Second and Third Degrees, it was proposed and seconded "That Bro. S. Goode be W.M. for the ensuing week," and the proposition having been carried unanimously, the W.M. elect appointed the officers in rotation. Bro. Hunter, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Hurford seconded, "That a Committee of seven—three to form a quorum, including the Treasurer, Preceptor, and Secretary—be appointed to revise the rules, and submit such revision to the annual general meeting to be held in November." This having been carried unanimously, Bros. A. Millward, T. W. Tillet, Hurford, and Hunter were elected as the Committee. Other business having been duly considered, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1293).—The September meeting of this chapter was held at the Mitre, Hampton Court, last Saturday, on which occasion there were present Comps. Thomas Massa, M.E.Z.; W. Maple, H.; Henry Phythian, P.Z., as J.; H. G. Buss, P.Z. Treas.; D. W. Pearce, S.E.; J. William Sanders, S.N.; W. Alfred Dawson, 2nd A.S.; H. C. Levander, P.Z., G.S.B.; Frederick Davison, P.Z.; A. W. Duret, George Clark, H. W. Roberts, Thomas G. Tarr, William Kirby, Herbert Dicketts, P.Z. 619; W. W. Morgan, 141; T. J. Maidwell, J., St. Mark's Chapter; and Comps. Wigglesworth, and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

The only business before the chapter was the elections, and Comp. W. Maple was elected M.E.Z.; C. W. Gray, H.; H. M. Gordon, J.; J. William Sanders, S.N.; H. G. Buss, P.Z., Treas.; D. W. Pearce, P.Z., S.E.; and Kentish, P.S. A Past Z. Jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Thomas Massa for his ability as M.E.Z. during the past year.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a charming banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual Royal Arch toasts. After the loyal toasts had been disposed of, the M.E.Z. in proposing "The Grand Officers," said the Burdett Chapter had the honour of having two Grand Officers present, and what was more they were members of the chapter, and they were very popular both as members of the Burdett Chapter and of Grand Chapter. Those companions were Comps. Buss and Levander. Comp. Levander responded and said he should imitate the M.E.Z. in making a very short speech. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the M.E.Z., and companions for such a flattering mark of their approval, leaving to Comp. Buss, a much older member of Grand Chapter than he, to make a fuller response. Comp. Buss said that Comp. Levander, as well as himself, had met in Royal Arch Masonry and in Grand Chapter with a very kind reception, and it was very gratifying to his feelings, especially after being associated with his friends in Masonry so many years, to find that his advancement to a high position in Grand Chapter was so cordially approved of on all hands. He felt deeply sensible of the honour that had been conferred upon him, but additionally gratified that it was approved of. It had always been his earnest study to promote the interests of Masonry as far as lay in his power, and if in those endeavours he had behaved in such a manner as to convince the brethren around him that he had tried to promote the interests of the Craft and Royal Arch he was amply repaid for all his exertions. Grand Officers of every grade, if present on this occasion, could not

but feel heartily gratified at the way the toast had been received. The M.E.Z., in giving the toast of "The Provincial Grand Superintendent," said Col. Sir Francis Burdett was very popular, and he had done good work in the province. They had also popular Provincial Grand Officers who were present—Comps. Levander, Buss, Davison, P. H. Phythian, and Pearce. Comp. F. Davison, P. Prov. H., in replying, said that in the Provincial Superintendent and the other Provincial Officers they had a body of Masons who felt that anything they could do to forward Masonry, in whatever grade it might be in the Province of Middlesex, was both a pleasure and a duty, and they would continue to be actuated by those feelings. As to Sir Francis Burdett, the very mention of his name to any brother or companion in the Province of Middlesex was sufficient to arouse a feeling of enthusiasm that showed they appreciated his efforts on behalf of Freemasonry in the province. Sir Francis Burdett was not ungrateful for the kind support he had received from his brother Masons in Middlesex, and although he could not that day be present with the Burdett Chapter, his heart and sympathies were with the companions. He trusted that the Burdett Chapter, which was named after him, would continue to be as great a success as it had hitherto been, and that the companions would often meet around the table to drink the health of the Grand Superintendent. Comp. D. W. Pearce, P.Z. and S.E., proposed "The M.E.Z."—a toast which was really the toast of the evening. If at any time he (Comp. Pearce) should feel any difficulty in speaking of Comp. Massa's virtues, it was quite unnecessary that he should dilate on them on the present occasion, because in chapter the companions had substantially recognised his many virtues. The M.E.Z. had performed his duties as First Principal of the Burdett Chapter, whatever work there had been to do, in an admirable way, and whoever was present on the former occasion would remember how he exalted Comp. Carr into the Order. Although Comp. Massa was in the chapter getting into the sere and yellow leaf, they would find that his ripened age brought matured counsels, and he hoped that the Burdett Chapter would for many years continue to receive the benefit of that matured wisdom which he had gathered up as the M.E.Z. of the chapter. He (Comp. Pearce) was quite sure he had only to mention the toast to secure for it at the hands of the companions their hearty reception of it. The M.E.Z., responding, said if it were at all consistent with his dignity he would say he was an unpretending little chap—but he would not say that. The companions—who were the plural—had given him very kind words, and he, in the singular, returned thanks for them, and also for the great kindness he had experienced in his year of First Principal and the other years he had been in the chapter. He had met with kindness from all the companions—those who were high, as well as those who had just come into the chapter. The M.E.Z., in proposing "The H. and J.," said the companions had elected the H. of the chapter as the First Principal, and that was a proof of the esteem in which they held him. The J. was not present, but he had been elected H., and he was a companion fully competent to do his work, and would make himself a great acquisition to the officers. All the companions knew Comp. Maple would make an excellent M.E.Z. Comp. Maple replied, and said the companions had hitherto heard—and very rightly and properly heard—the praises of their rulers and leaders of the chapter, including the M.E.Z., and he thought this toast separated the rulers from the officers who came in after them. It had been the custom, he thought, and certainly the wish of every Principal, that his officers should work in such a manner as should redound to the credit of himself and the officers of the chapter, and he thought that had been attained. He trusted that in future that excellent rule would not be departed from, but that himself and those who came after him would follow the good example of the M.E.Z., and strive to do their utmost to redound to the credit and honour of the Burdett Chapter. It was some years now since he (Comp. Maple) was exalted in the Burdett Chapter, and he trusted he had not been found wanting in the duties he had been called upon to perform. They had been severe, but they had been performed with the greatest amount of pleasure, because one always felt a certain amount of pleasure in striving for the office of M.E.Z. now filled. He trusted that during his year of office he might have the sympathy and kind assistance of the officers and companions, not only those who had preceded the present M.E.Z. in the chair, but those who would come after him (Comp. Maple), and that his year of office would be a credit and honour to the Burdett Chapter. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Past Principals of the Chapter"—Comps. Pearce, Levander, Phythian, and F. Davison—a toast which he believed would be drunk as cordially as the other toasts had been, because they were all very good fellows, good companions, and good workmen. Comp. Phythian replied, though he thought he was not the companion who should have been called upon to reply while Comps. Pearce and Davison were present. He thanked the M.E.Z. and all the companions for the kind support the M.E.Z. and the other officers had given the Past Principals in days gone by, and also for the very kind attention and excellent manner in which the business of the chapter had been conducted. It was a source of great satisfaction to the Past Principals to find things going on so satisfactorily, and he hoped they would so continue for many years. The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Comps. H. Massey, W. W. Morgan, jun., and T. J. Maidwell returned thanks. Comp. Sanders, in responding for "The Officers," said he hoped as the chapter grew in age the companions would grow in their fellowship with each other, and that harmony might flourish and increase year by year. The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened in the course of the evening by some excellent songs given by the companions.

NORWICH.—Perseverance Chapter (No. 213).—A Chapter of Emergency was held at the Masonic Cull Rooms, 23, St. Giles-street, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. J. Stanley, jun., Z.; George Baxter, H.; J. E. H. Watson, J.; R. Baldry, E.; T. Isley, N.; C. Havers, P.S.; J. Stanley, Sec. 1st A.S.; P. Campling, 2nd A.S.; E. Baldwin, P.Z. 40, and 213, P.G.S.E.; H. Lamb, and S. N. Berry, Z. 807, P.G.O. The chapter being opened in ancient and solemn form the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed; a proposition was then made, and this concluded the business of the evening.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent supper had been prepared, at the conclusion of which the usual Royal Arch, loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged. We look forward to the pleasure of witnessing some excellent working of this chapter at the ensuing convocation.

Mark Masonry.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 1).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern. There were present V.W. Bro. the Rev. Philip Melancthon Holden, P.M., P.G.C., W.M.; Bros. William Stephens, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, J.W.; Major Wm. Edward Williams, S.O.; V.W. Bro. Henry Charles Levander, P.M., G. R., Treasurer; Bros. E. H. Thielay, P.M., Secretary; Charles George Rushworth, S.D.; Thomas Cohu, I.G.; Major Penrose J. Dunbar, D.C.; John Gilbert, Tyler; V.W. Bro. Don. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O., Asst. G. Sec.; V. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G.; Bro. Peter Lund Simmonds, P.M.; Herbert Santer, John Emsley Faith, William Bohn, and the following visitor, W. Bro. W. J. Meeke, G.M.S.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. courteously gave up the Installing Masters' Chair to the veteran M.M.M. Bro. Thomas Poore, a board of Installed Masters was formed and Bro. W. Stephens was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. the Rev. Holden, I.P.M.; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, S.W.; Shepherd, J.W.; Major Williams, M.O.; Lambe, S.O.; Santer, J.O.; Levander, Treasurer; Rushworth, Registrar; Thielay, Secretary; Powell, S.D.; Cohu, J.D.; Major Dunbar, I.G.; Daw Kerrell, D.C.; Simmonds, A.D.C.; Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. P. M. Holden, in recognition of eminent services rendered as W.M. during his year of office, 1880-81. A brother was proposed as candidate for the next meeting in November. Letters regretting unavoidable absence were received from Bros. Edwin Lloyd and H. Lovegrove, P.G. Supt. of Wks. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts ensued.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Station-street. The following members were present: Bros. Major Jewell, P.G.M.O., W.M.; R. W. Robinson, S.W.; J. Black, J.W. and Treas.; W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.G. Sec.; T. C. Robinson, M.O.; H. Peacock, S.O., P.G.I.G.; W. Shilton, J.O.; T. Mason, Sec., and R.M.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Org. and W.M. elect, P.P.G. Org.; W. Paisley, J.D.; J. Hewson, P.P.G. Tyler, Tyler; L. F. B. Dykes, J. Towers, and H. Carruthers. The visitors were: Bros. J. H. Bants, W.M. 151, P.G.S.O.; G. W. Thompson, Sec. 151, P.G. Steward; T. Weatherston, J.O. 151; and J. Lewthwaite, Steward 282. Apologies were received from Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.G. Treas.; T. Dixon, W.M. 282, P.G.R.M.; and others.

On the lodge being opened, and the minutes of ordinary and emergency meetings read and confirmed, Bro. J. Black was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Hewson Tyler, for the ensuing year, whilst the three new overseers were appointed on the Permanent Committee. Bros. Dykes, Towers, and Carruthers were presented with their Grand Lodge certificates. The W.M. then invited Bro. Lamony, P.M., to take the chair, when Bro. Lewthwaite, W.M. elect, was presented and regularly installed. The officers were invested as follows: L. F. B. Dykes, S.W.; J. Black, J.W. and Treas.; H. Peacock, M.O.; W. Shilton, S.O.; T. Mason, J.O.; R. W. Robinson, R.M.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; W. Paisley, S.D.; J. Towers, J.D.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler; the latter of whom was also presented with a handsome Provincial Officers apron, in recognition of his services since the opening of Faithful Lodge. After the customary addresses had been delivered by the Installing Master, and "Hearty good Wishes" tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Rampant Bull for supper, where they partook of one of those incomparable repasts for which Bro. Peacock and his good lady have become famous. Two hours were very enjoyably passed, till ten o'clock arrived, when the Tyler was called to the east.

Obituary.

BRO. EX-SHERIFF WOOLLTON.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Bro. Ex-Sheriff Woollton, which took place on the 7th instant, after a fit of apoplexy, at his residence at Nutfield, Surrey. He had only recently returned from a Continental tour made for the benefit of his health. Our deceased Brother was born in the year 1819, and was therefore sixty-two at the time of his death. Bro. Woollton was the senior partner in an old firm in the hop trade, established by his father, in the Borough. He served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex for the year 1879-80. Amongst the other distinctions to which he attained was that of magistrate and deputy-lieutenant for the county of Surrey, and he was a member of the Lieutenancy of London. He was a member of the Society of Arts, and of the Royal Society of Horticulture and Agriculture, and was a juror on agricultural products for the London Exhibition of 1862, and for those of Paris of 1867 and 1873. He was also intimately associated with several Christian and philanthropic societies, and was chairman and one of the chief supporters of the British Orphan Asylum, at Slough. During his shrievalty the deceased was appointed to represent the Corporation at the Belgian fêtes of independence, and he received from the King of the Belgians the decoration of the Order of Leopold. He also received the Greek Order of the Saviour, on the occasion of the visit of the King of the Hellenes to the City. Bro. Woollton was also a member of the court of the Merchant Taylors' Company.

Masonic and General Tidings.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.—The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M., will hold a moveable Grand Mark Lodge, under the auspices of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Thursday, September 22nd, 1881, and by his permission all Mark Masters may attend. The Britannia Lodge will be opened by the W.M., at 12.30, and the ceremony of advancement, with full choral service, will be worked under the immediate supervision of the Grand Secretary. The historical lecture and the lecture on the tracing board will be given. The business of the Grand Lodge will be the Installation of V.W. Bro. J. W. Woodall, as R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master of North and East Yorkshire, and Installation of Bro. S. H. Gatty, Worshipful Master elect of the Britannia Lodge by the M.W. Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers. The local brethren have arranged for an excursion for such of the brethren attending as like to accompany them to Haddon Hall and Chapworth, and also for such others as may prefer it, to view by permission the leading branches of manufacture in Sheffield, including the works of Sir John Brown and Co., Messrs. James Rogers and Son, and Messrs. Walker and Hall.

Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W.P.G.M., of Cumberland and Westmorland, has fixed Friday, October 7th, for the annual communication, to be held under the banner of Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, Workington. It is fifteen years since the Provincial Grand Lodge visited Workington, the late Bro. F. L. Ballantine Dykes, of Dovenby Hall, being then R.W.P.G.M.

Bro. Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, uncle to the King, expired on Thursday, the 6th inst., at his residence near the Hague. His Royal Highness was in his 85th year.

Bro. Alex. Henderson will re-open, on the 3rd of October, the Royalty Theatre with an opera called "La Mascottes."

Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, speaking at the dinner of the Warwickshire Horticultural Society, held at Rugby, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., said, referring to the prizes given to labourers, that none were so well directed as those for the tidiest cottages; for the more tidy a man was in his domestic life, and the tidier helpmate he had, the better labourer he would prove.

Bro. Augustus Harris, of Drury-lane Theatre, has been decorated by the Duke George of Saxe Meiningen with the Knights' Cross of the Ducal Saxon Ernestine Household.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor has consented to open the Leather Trades' Exhibition, Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday, the 26th inst.

Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart, P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire, and Lady Williams Wynn, are staying in the South of France.

The Royal Court Theatre is announced to re-open on Saturday, the 24th inst.

Oxford-street has at length been renumbered by order of the Metropolitan Board of Works. It has been calculated that this will cost the inhabitants at least £10,000 for alterations to shop fronts, &c.—*Sunday Times*.

Bro. Sir Watkin W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M. N. Wales and Shropshire, is a donor of a special prize at the annual show of the Merionethshire Agricultural Society, held at Bala on Wednesday last.

Mr. Harrison Ainsworth was entertained on Thursday evening at a banquet at the Manchester Town Hall by Mr. Alderman Baker, mayor of that city. About seventy literary people accepted invitations, including Bro. Edmund Yates and several other distinguished gentlemen.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., and Mr. W. A. Westoby, of the Philatelic Society of London, have compiled an illustrated volume detailing the history of the various postage and telegraph stamps used in Great Britain since their first issue.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., will give a farewell banquet to the Lord Mayor and other friends at the Ship and Turtle, on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

Bro. Sheriff Waterlow will give a similar entertainment at his residence, The Avenue, Brondesbury, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.

Bro. James Judd presided at a meeting of the "United Wards Club," held at the salutation Hotel, Newgate-street, on Wednesday evening.

The will of Bro. Thomas Meggy, late of 22, Bedford-place, Russell-square, who died July 19th, was proved on the 26th ult. by Mrs. Jessie Hodgson Meggy, the widow and sole executrix, the personal estate exceeding £2000. The testator leaves legacies to his wife, god-children, and sister, and in certain contingencies £100 to the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood. The residue of his estate is to be held upon trust for his wife for life, and then for his children.

The will of Bro. William Newland Rudge, late of 2, Drapers'-gardens, stock and share dealer, and of 17, South Audley-street, Grosvenor-square, who died on June 16th last, was proved on the 5th ult. by the acting executors, the value of the personal estate exceeding £87,000. The testator bequeaths £1000 each to the National Lifeboat Institution and the Benevolent Fund of the Stock Exchange; £500 to St. Bartholomew's Hospital; £50 to each of his servants in his service at his decease who have been one year with him; £50 each to the captain, steward, and mate of his yacht at his decease if they have been one year with him; and a good many other legacies. One-half of the residue of his property is to be held upon trust for Mrs. Mary Margaret Blanche Kelsey for life, then to her husband for life, and on the death of the survivor as Mrs. Kelsey shall appoint; and the other half of the residue upon similar trusts for the benefit of Mrs. Lucy Maude Philippe, her husband, and appointees.

Bro. Sir John Bennett, on the invitation of the Mayor of Worcester, attended the late Musical Festival and the Inaugural Breakfast in the Guildhall. Sir John has consented to lecture to institutions in connection with the London and Counties Liberal Union on the Farm Labourers, the House of Lords, the Government of London, the Paris Exhibition, the next Reform Bill, and Gambetta and the Lesson of the French Republic.

Bros. Alderman J. Whittaker Ellis, Sir John Bennett, R. D. Odell, and James Wheeler have, among others, been appointed Land Tax Commissioners for the City.

The Excise duty on dogs for the last financial year amounted to the sum of £350,075 2s. 6d.

Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, is one of the eminent men treated upon in the September number of celebrities of the "Day."

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, addressing a farmers' meeting at Bicester on Tuesday, spoke against protective import duties on food as likely to benefit none but landlords, and as tending to increase the inequality of the distribution of wealth in this country.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday evening next, the 19th inst., at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., commencing at seven o'clock. Bros. H. G. Gush, J.W. 1541, W.M.; R. Larchin, W.M. 1541, S.W.; F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M. 1732, W.M. elect 1507, Preceptor; Edwin Storr, I.G. 167, Secretary.

FIRST LECTURE.

1st Section by Bro. R. W. Fraser, 1507.	
2nd " " B. Kauffman, D.C. 1732.	
3rd " " L. Jacobs, S.D. 1732.	
4th " " N. P. Vallentine, W.S. 1017.	
5th " " R. Larchin, W.M. 1541.	
6th " " F. J. Wray, P.M. 1604.	
7th " " C. Koester, P.M. 435.	

SECOND LECTURE.

1st Section by Bro. T. C. Edmonds, 1507.	
2nd " " W. J. Burgess, W.M. 1472.	
3rd " " Jas. Hemming, 1272.	
4th " " J. C. Smith, Org. 1744.	
5th " " W. M. Stiles, W.M. elect 1507.	

THIRD LECTURE.

1st Section by Bro. E. F. Pierdon, 948.	
2nd " " Edwin Storr, I.G. 167.	
3rd " " F. W. Sillis, W.S. 1744.	

Our very excellent contemporary, the *Freemason*, London, England, usually very correct in its reports of Masonic doings, unintentionally, no doubt, made a great mistake in referring to our report of the laying of the corner-stone of the court house at Marion, Ind. We said, "that the Grand Master followed the ceremonies with an appropriate and well-written address of fifteen minutes." This was all right and in accordance with the facts, but the *Freemason* quoting still further says: "The distinguished speaker made an eloquent oration, but most of it, we think, was inappropriate to the occasion, being devoted to Odd Fellowship." Had the editor of the *Freemason* read more carefully he would have seen that the principal oration on that occasion was made by Hon. Will Cumbach, Grand Master of Odd Fellows, and it was to his remarks and not those of Grand Master Prather that the *Advocate* objected. We agree with the *Freemason*, that the oration was but an "equivocal compliment to Freemasonry." We wish it understood distinctly, however, that the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana did not so far forget the proprieties of the occasion as to electioneer for Odd Fellowship. The Grand Master of Odd Fellows is responsible for such an act of indiscretion.—*Masonic Advocate*.

THE LIVERPOOL AUTUMN EXHIBITION.—The Annual Corporation Exhibition of Paintings at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, promises to be even more attractive than any of its predecessors, and artists generally are likely to reap much financial benefit from their exhibits. The gallery was thrown open to the public on Monday week, and since then both sales and attendances have been most satisfactory. One or two of the chief pictures will be noticed in our columns, but meanwhile it will be sufficient to state that the return of the admissions to, and sales at the Autumn Exhibition of Pictures at the Walker Art Gallery, for eight days, ending Saturday last, showed the following results:—3011 admissions at one shilling, £150 11s.; 1507 season tickets, £288 1s.; and 2974 catalogues, £74 6s. 6d. Up to Saturday, 101 pictures had been sold, realising £3681 19s. 6d.

A MASONIC TRIP.—Last week the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, organised and carried out a special trip to Llandudno, from Liverpool, the special object in view being the benefit of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The steamer *Sunshine* was chartered to convey the party to their destination, and a large number of the brethren and their lady friends embarked for the day's excursion to the Welsh watering place. The vessel left the landing-stage, Liverpool, at half-past nine o'clock, and, after a most delightful sail, arrived at Llandudno shortly after twelve. The company then dispersed, some to drive round the Great Ormeshead and enjoy its grand, rugged scenery, and others to stroll along the "yellow sands" or wander up the "happy valley." The weather was beautifully fine, and the visitors were thus enabled to thoroughly enjoy themselves. In the course of the afternoon the party dined together at the Castle Hotel. Bro. John Houlding, Prov. G. Reg., presided, and amongst the others present were Bros. Carefull, W.M. (by whom the trip was specially organised); Boyle, P.M.; H. Ashmore, P.M.; and Mr. C. W. Boote. At half-past six o'clock the *Sunshine*, which was under the command of Bro. Smith, left the landing-stage, Llandudno, and made a capital voyage home, reaching the Prince's Stage in three hours. Music, dancing, singing, and other entertainments were got up on board, and the result was a most pleasant excursion.

The Countess of Bective has addressed a long letter to a contemporary, in reply to some of the objections urged against the Association for the Encouragement of British Wool Manufacturers.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore has gone, with some friends, to America on a sporting expedition, which is to last several months.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Abergeldie on Friday afternoon, the 6th inst. It is expected that their Royal Highnesses will during their stay on Deeside be the guests for a week of Bro. the Earl of Fife, P.G.M. Banffshire, at Mar Lodge.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE GAS COMPANY.—The half-yearly meeting of this company was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., when a satisfactory report was presented by the Secretary, Bro. Magnus Ohren, and a dividend declared of 6 per cent. on the Preference Stock, 7 per cent. on Ordinary 7 per Cent. Stock, 10 per cent. on the Ordinary 10 per Cent. Stock, and 7 per cent. on the New Ordinary 7 per Cent. Shares. The sum of £3994 5s. 9d. was carried forward to the profit of the succeeding half-year.

Mdme. Worrell announces her annual evening concert, which will take place at the Angell Town Institution, Brixton, on Thursday, October 20th.

The Park Theatre, Camden Town, of which Bros. J. and R. Douglass were the lessees, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last.

Four leading artists in stained glass are to be invited to send in designs for the Caxton memorial window.—*City Press*.

Bro. Kidman, W.M. of the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, has, in conformity with the wishes of several brethren, decided that the next meeting, on the 22nd inst., shall be a "ladies' night." The members of 766 appear to have enjoyed themselves vastly on the last occasion, for the W.M. says that the suggestion that it should be repeated was thoroughly approved of by the Past Masters and officers of the lodge. It is not all pleasures that will bear repeating, but we think the "Prestonians" will not soon tire of this.

Bro. T. Jennings was installed W.M. of Lodge Star in the East, at Harwich, on Tuesday last. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at Blackpool on Wednesday last, when the several recommendations of the General Committee were received and determined on, and other business transacted.

The Ceremony of Installation will be worked by Bro. R. P. Tate, W.M., 862, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, held at the Portugal Hotel, 155, Fleet Street, on Friday, 23rd September, 1881, commencing at 7.0 p.m.

As Bro. the Earl of Percy, P.G.M. Northumberland, was exercising the hounds of which he is master, in Alnwick Park, last week, preparatory to the hunting season, his horse, a very valuable charger as well as hunter, burst a blood vessel in the region of the heart, and suddenly fell down dead.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, with the elder members of their family, have left Highclere Castle to visit Lady Chesterfield at Brebby.

Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts excited much interest among the German Officers. Everyone was asking to be introduced to him, but only those who spoke English had an opportunity of conversing with the General, for having spent all his life in India, the gallant officer cannot speak a word of German.—*Truth*.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, P.G.M. Kincardine, and Countess Kintore, were present at the Kighland gathering at Blair Castle last week.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, on Thursday morning last opened the High School for Boys at Oxford, the foundation stone of which was laid by Prince Leopold. A procession walked to the building, headed by the mace-bearer, followed by the Earl of Jersey, the Mayor, the Dean of Westminster, Sir W. R. Anson, Archdeacon Palmer, several senior members of the Union, and the members of the Corporation in their official robes. In the evening the Mayor entertained them at a banquet.

Bro. William Beattie, P.M. of St. Thomas' Lodge, No. 142, and J. of the St. Thomas' Chapter, has recently been appointed Assistant Locomotive and Carriage Superintendent on the South Western Railway. The "South Western Gazette," a monthly periodical which appears to be the organ of the staff of the South Western Railway, thus speaks of the appointment:—"We are very pleased to hear, and we are sure it will be most satisfactory for the staff to learn, that Mr. Wm. Beattie, Assoc. M. Inst., C.E., F.S.A., &c., has recently been appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Locomotive and Carriage Departments. This is a very graceful act on the part of the Directors towards Mr. Beattie after twenty-six years' faithful service, and we are certain the whole of the company's servants, more especially those connected with the above departments, will congratulate that gentleman on his appointment. The name of "Beattie," moreover, has been so closely connected with the L. & S.W. Railway since its foundation, that it is gratifying to find the link with the past will remain unbroken. In Mr. Beattie Mr. Adams will have an assistant, a gentleman respected by all, and we believe we are right in saying, disliked by none."

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

The Directors of the Bristol Tramway Company have recommended a dividend of 7 per cent. for the past half-year, after writing off £2000 for depreciation of horses.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, September 24, 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, SEPTEMBER 17.

Lodge 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 1767, Kensington, Courtfield Hot., Earls Ct., Station.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Lodge 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station, at 7.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredgar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
 West Smithfield, Cathedral Hot., St. Paul's Churchyard, 7.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 7.
 Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 Eastern Star, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., 7.30.
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, "The Moorgate," Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav.
 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea O. Bldg.
 Chap. 933, Doric, Anderson's Hot., Fleet-st.
 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 7.
 Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., 7.30.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping, at 8.
 Islington, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 Lodge 865, Dalhousie, Town Hall, Hounslow.
 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
 1624, Eccleston, Grosvenor Hot., Ebury-sq.

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, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 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.
 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.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-street.
 766, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.

Lodge 1421, Langthorn, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 1563, City of Westminster, Regent M.H.
 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
 Chap. 157, Bedford, F.M.H.
 Mark 118, Northumberland, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.
 Moveable Grand Lodge, F.M.H., Surrey-st., Sheffield, 2.30.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ct., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 United Mariners, Three Cranes Tav., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
 Capper, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michaels, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 8.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

House Com. Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 Unite Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar, at 7.
 Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 8.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Golborne-rd., Notting-hill.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Lodge 1541, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace.
 1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 1793, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Teddington.
 Chap. 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.
 1044, Mid-Surrey, S.M.H., Camberwell.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, Sept. 24, 1881.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Lodge 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1730, Urmoston, Lord Nelson, N. Urmoston.
 Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 Mark Lodge 31, Fidelity, Norfolk Arms, Hyde.
 De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-st., Liverpool.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 202, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Wm. de la More Encamp., A.R., Bootle.
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

HEADON.—On the 5th inst., at Bailiff's Court, Climping, Sussex, the wife of Bro. N. B. Headon, of a daughter.

TRUSCOTT.—On the 4th inst., at 10, Talbot-square, Hyde-park, the wife of J. Freeman Truscott, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HUTTON—PRICHARD.—On the 6th inst., at St. Augustine's, Queen's Gate, South Kensington, by the Rev. C. E. Cornish, Vicar of South Petherton, Arthur Charles Adolph, second surviving son of Bro. Charles W. C. Hutton, J.P., Belair, Dulwich, to Claudia May Stewart, eldest daughter of the late Charles Henry Prichard, Esq., of Bristol. No cards.

LAYTON—CARDEN.—On the 7th inst., at St. Barnabas Church, Holloway, by Bro. the Rev. W. Taylor Jones, M.A., cousin of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. W. Woodward, Rector of Kessingland, Suffolk, cousin of the bride, and the Rev. F. A. C. Lillingston, Vicar, Charles Stubbs, Layton, younger son of Bro. E. J. Layton, of Parkhurst, Bexley, Kent, and No. 29, Budge-row, Under-Sheriff of London and Middlesex, to Hester Louisa, elder daughter of William Carden, Esq., of Lorraine-place, Holloway.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—On the 11th inst., at Dalhousie Grange, Bonnyrigg, N.B., Samuel Anderson, C.M.G., Major Royal Engineers.

PACKER.—On the 9th inst., Mr. Charles Packer, of Kilravock House, Streatham, and late of Regent-street, in his 73rd year.

WEST.—On the 7th inst., Frank West, son of the late Mr. James West, of Tufnell-park, aged 34.

WOOLLOTON.—On the 7th inst., at Elstree, Nutfield, Bro. Charles Woolloton, J.P., of 88, Borough, ex-Sheriff of London and Middlesex, aged 62.

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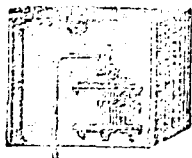
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