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THE accounts of the laying in state and of the funeral preparations for the interment of our lamented and late distinguished Bro. General GARFIELD are most touching and impressive. It is a remarkable fact, that the whole of the Anglo-Saxon race to-day, with other incorporated and friendly nationalities, is in mourning for the murdered President. We note that the Masonic Knight Templars, of whom he was one, have taken an active part properly in these solemn proceedings. Since we wrote the above the accounts of the funeral have reached us in England by telegram, and most affecting they are. In England and among English Masons the sympathy with our late lamented Brother's mourning family, and the American people, has been universal and deep.

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BRO. TERRY has secured Colonel LLOYD PHILIPPS, Provincial Grand Master of Wales (Western Division), as the Chairman of the next anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We congratulate the Institution and Bro. TERRY on the fact, and trust that in 1882 the anniversary gathering of that most excellent Institution, a most true Charity in every good meaning of the word,—may show that the sacred fire of Masonic benevolence burns as brightly in the hearts and minds of the brethren as ever.

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THE funeral of the late GRAND MASTER of Dutch Freemasonry, of which we give an account elsewhere, passed over with much proper ceremony, and amid many just manifestations of regret. It is given to few Grand Masters to preside over a Grand Lodge for sixty-five years, and we trust that the memory of their good old GRAND MASTER will long survive in the Dutch Grand Lodge, and among Dutch Freemasons, and keep them steady to the time-honoured landmarks of true cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

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IN our last issue the following paragraph appears—"Some of the Christian churches in New York are adopting the Chicago plan of excluding Freemasons from membership." We could hardly believe our own eyes—pretty good ones, too—when we saw such a statement. Well, Freemasonry has outlived the terrors of Romanist Bulls, Presbyterian Synods, and Baptists assaults, and, we venture to think, it can afford now to laugh at the "childish aberrations" of nondescript bodies. As far as we ourselves can profess to decide the question, the "true religion" of the Masonic body in America is on a far higher level than those of their assailants and excommunicators, if we may judge by the "outcome" we constantly see in word and act, remembering the good old proverb, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating of it." A more uncharitable, intolerant, and we will add "semi-educated" body of antagonists, than those who seek to "ostracize" the American Freemasons, we have never before met, either in controversy, or in actuality.

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OUR contemporary, the *Sydney Freemason*, takes us to task in its issue of August 10th for the expression of our opinion with respect to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales. We confess that,—though, to say the truth, the question has but little interest comparatively for our readers,—yet, if somewhat unwillingly, we recur to the subject, it is more on account of the peculiar line of argument of our "confrère" than from any regard for the merits of the case or the results of the movement. We congratulate our contemporary on the somewhat "spicy" and somewhat "Jesuitical" words he thinks well, "Masonically speaking," to indulge in. We would ask him respectfully to remember that we only professed to deal with "the facts of the case." We neither recognized sentiment, nor local opinions, nor extraneous matters, nor "ad hominem" arguments, but we sought to treat "facts" qua "facts," and only qua "facts" moreover, however they affected him or us, whatever the "upshot" might be, and, therefore, we repeat, calmly and unhesitatingly, that our statement is correct and that of our critic is incorrect. The first point to be settled between us is, How was this so-called Grand Lodge formed? We repeat that it was composed "ab origine" of lodges of only two jurisdictions out of three existing, and of one of the two very sparingly. It is in vain for our contemporary to seek to

diminish the force of this argument by saying that the members of the third jurisdiction would have joined the new body had they "dared," or could they safely have done so; that their hearts were with the movement, but that they were intimidated by their D.G.M. We wonder that our antipodean censor does not see what a reflection he is casting, by his distinct and dogmatic assertions, on the loyalty, honour, and Masonic principles of the brethren of the "absent Constitution." Had there been any real feeling in favour of the change, they had nothing to do but to petition Grand Lodge, respectfully and clearly, in their lodges, through their D.G.M.; and we feel sure of this, that there is no body in the wide world less willing than the English Grand Lodge to retain under its time-honoured jurisdiction by "force majeure," recalcitrant, or dissatisfied brethren. But we do not believe the assertion in itself, and feel certain that when it again reaches Sydney, or even before, it will receive an indignant contradiction and refutation from our loyal brethren in New South Wales. Our illustration of a similar position of affairs in America is perfectly to the point; indeed, our contemporary does not affect to dispute its applicability or validity; and we may well bear in mind that the American law of Masonic recognition is purely American, and is based on views and precedents applicable to, or prevalent in, America alone. There in "unoccupied country" any Grand Lodge may grant "charters," and if eventually a Grand Lodge is formed, to ensure recognition, a "majority" of lodges of some kind must be patent. But if in a new country there were, say, ten lodges existing,—three of one Grand Lodge, three of another, and four of another,—it would be idle, by American law and custom, to attempt to form a Grand Lodge if only two of one jurisdiction, one of a second, and none of a third, made up the proposed new Grand Lodge. And here we leave the question to-day. We have written openly, honestly, and clearly, we trust, and certainly with our "best lights" on the subject, having given to the study of Masonic law and customs much careful and lengthened study. So we neither speak unadvisedly, nor write hastily, though our utterances are delivered in a Masonic spirit, and in all fraternal goodwill.

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IT is sometimes amusing to note how the errors of Masonic incautiousness and incorrectness historically repeat themselves, even to this very hour. In the reply of the *Sydney Freemason*, quoted above, two very grave blunders are to be found, two most unhistorical assertions are made, and which, for fear they will "pass muster" with the many, we think it right to advert to here. One is that in 1717 York had thirty-two lodges owing allegiance to it, and that the London lodges were only four; secondly, that the English Grand Lodge of 1717 was "rebellious" and "schismatic." We have often pointed out the absolute absurdity of such statements, their absolute inaccuracy and incorrectness, as matters of fact. 1. York had *not* in 1717 *thirty-two* lodges attached to it,—it never had. 2. The movement of 1717 was not a rebellious or a schismatical one. What the position of Freemasonry in York was in 1717 is a very difficult matter to decide. What the exact state of activity the York Grand Lodge then upheld is involved in much doubt and obscurity. As far as we know, until 1776 no formal claim of authority over the Grand Lodge of London was made by York, and in the famous "manifesto" itself, it is clear to-day that many of its statements must be taken "cum grano," such, for instance, as the creation of a "Grand Master South of the Trent, 1567," and similar averments. If the early missing minute book of the York Grand Lodge could be found much light would be thrown upon York Masonry from 1705 to 1734. Unless W. PRESTON was at York himself, his history rests on the statement of Bro. W. BASSEY. Our able and zealous Bro. WHYTEHEAD can probably tell us the earliest date on the "roll" of a lodge meeting, and no pains ought to be spared to try and recover this precious minute book for the York Lodge. It is just possible that it is still among those many "minute books" in the Grand Lodge Offices at Freemasons' Hall. Our excellent Grand Secretary would, we are certain, permit a special search. One thing is clear, that in 1717 Freemasonry was dormant in the South. Whether up to the end of the seventeenth century there had been two Grand Lodges or only one is a most "moot point," and, curiously enough, DRAKE himself placed himself at the head of a "Revival" in York towards the close of the eighteenth century, just as at the beginning, the four London lodges had "revived" Freemasonry South of the Trent. It is, therefore, we beg to repeat, a remark founded on a most superficial view of Masonic history, and treating the facts of the case purely as a "sciolist," to state that the brethren of London in 1717 were either in "rebellion" or "schism," as regards the old Grand Lodge at York. If ever there was a legitimate movement, Masonically in the world, it was the Revival of Freemasonry in London in 1716-17.

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WE congratulate Bro. MCCALLA heartily on the 15th volume of the *Philadelphia Keystone*. All of us who peruse that admirably edited periodical, know how much it owes to our kindly and intellectual confrère. There is no Masonic paper in existence which more deserves the sympathy and support of all classes of Freemasons.

ALL our readers will be very sorry to hear of the illness of our very esteemed Bro. Dr. Cox, P.G.C. They will also be pleased to learn that though "weak," he is gradually improving. Few of us there are but are aware of his many excellent qualities of head and heart, and his long and faithful services to the Craft. All our and their good wishes will go with him.

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A FRENCH *savant*, M. DE LAUNAY, has published a very "able and interesting brochure," the *Times* points out to us, to prove the "intellectual inferiority of woman." Well, we confess, having carefully studied the subject for years, especially in the condition of "mixed schools," that we do not believe him, despite his phrenological and other deductions. We think, too, that many of our married brethren can bear witness that, as far as "understanding things" is concerned, there are a great many of the gentler sex who are quite on "a par" with the most erudite of the masculine species. Some women, in fact, see far too clearly as to things in general and particular, to please some of us.

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ONE of the most recent evidences of "Boycotting in Ireland," we are told on the authority of the *Standard*, is, that unless those interesting individuals in the prison at Kilmainham are speedily liberated, the "police" are to be "Boycotted" all through the "Green Isle," and no young woman is, on any account or pretext, to speak to a policeman. This, in the abstract, is a most appalling look out; in the concrete it is simply heartrending. Just let us try to realize to ourselves a similar state of things in our "little village." One pauses, awe struck at the contemplation of such unheard of cruelty, and its possible and probable results!

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A NEW use for French Freemasonry has just been found, and very luckily so, for it seems, as far as Masonic principles are concerned, to be on its "last legs." A young French Freemason of one town, falling in love with a young lady of another town, employs the "Venerable" of the lodge of that same town in which "dwelleth the ladye of his love" to make enquiries as to the object of his devoted admiration and disinterested affection. The W.M., as we should call him, makes the enquiries promptly, and then returns his discoveries to the anxious admirer as promptly. We are not told of the denouement. "Did he, or did he not?" Is there no possibility of English Freemasons "in love" thus utilizing English Freemasonry? We fear that neither the Grand Secretary nor the Grand Registrar would deem that "such enquiries came within the provisions of the Book of Constitutions." We are sincerely glad that the French Freemasons have found some use for Freemasonry.

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WE commend to the attention of our readers the last "Masonic Magazine," as containing a great deal that is both interesting Masonically and generally, both to peruse and think over.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the representatives of the various lodges within the Province of Cheshire, over which Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M., rules with so much popularity and success, was held in the Drill Hall of the prettily situated and bustling town of Macclesfield, on the borders of Derbyshire and Cheshire, on Wednesday afternoon, the 21st ult. Though the meeting-place was situated on the confines of the province, which now embraces thirty-eight lodges, the vitality of Masonry in the division was clearly shown by a very large and most influential gathering of the brethren from every part of Cheshire. The total attendance numbered upwards of 400 brethren, and every lodge was represented on the occasion, several of them sending nearly thirty representatives each. The town of Macclesfield itself put on the gayest appearance in honour of the occasion, and the brethren who conducted the arrangements deserve the highest credit for the fine decorations of flags, banners, evergreens, and mottoes of welcome which were observable at every point in the streets through which the procession had to pass to church. This meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire may fairly be recognised as the most successful which has been held for several years.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Drill Hall shortly after one o'clock, when Bro. Lord de Tabley, P.G.M., took his place on the dais, supported by a brilliant array of his Provincial Grand Officers. Amongst those present were:

Bros. the Hon. Willbraham Egerton, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master; G. W. Latham, P.G.S.W.; S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Hall, P.P.J.W.; Rev. C. E. S. Jones, P.P.G.C.; S. F. Gosling, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Barlow, P.P.G.O.; Stanhope Bull, P.S. of W.; T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Holbrook, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Bates, P.D.G.M. British Columbia; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; J. Birch, P.P.G.P.; J. K. Digges, P.G.A.D.C.; H. Jackson, P.G.P.; R. Sykes, P.G.P.; H. Collier, P.G.O.; W. Matthews, P.P.G.A.D.C.; T. Smith, P.P.G.J.D.; F. A. Dickson, P.P.G.J.W.; A. E. Cokayne, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Wadsworth, P.P.A.D.C.; T. H. Kirk, P.P.G.O.; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec. E.L.; J. Hibbert, P.G.R.; G. Mellor, P.G.D. E. Lanc.; E. Friend, P.P.G.J.D.; J. A. Birch, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Greaterox, P.P.G.P.; T. Marwood, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Mellor, P.G.S.; R. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Lyon, P.G.S.; Rev. J. C. Macdona, P.P.G.C.; T. Rigby, P.P.G.J.D.; T. D. Simcock, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Brookes, P.G.S.; F. Jackson, jun., P.G. Treas.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; C. Dutton, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. of Eng., P.P.G.J.W.; and others.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge meetings, held at Runcorn in September last and at Frodsham last month, when the Cholmondeley Lodge was consecrated, were read by the P.G. Sec., Bro. E. H. GRIFFITHS, and adopted unanimously.

The Right Worshipful PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, who was received with pronounced enthusiasm, said that it was only three short months ago since he thought that he should not be present in Grand Lodge again; and he now desired to express his gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for his restoration to comparative health, and for having permitted him once more to meet so many of his brethren—not for the last time, he

hoped. (Applause.) Speaking of the position of Masonry generally, his lordship said he was happy to inform the brethren that he never remembered a time when its history was so unmarked by any jarring event; and with reference to the condition of the Order within the Province of Cheshire, he was glad to state that during the past year there had been nothing of a startling nature to disturb the tranquillity of their several lodges, and not a single complaint had been made to the Provincial Grand Lodge—a fact which could only be accounted for by the increased goodwill and brotherly feeling which prevailed amongst the brethren as the distinguishing characteristic of their Order. He was also glad to state that he found the minute books of the various lodges kept with much greater care than in previous years, as he found that the errors were comparatively trifling. These were principally with respect to emergency meetings, in connection with which the cause of their being held was not clearly stated. He (Lord De Tabley) must call the attention of the officers to the necessity of this being done, and also to certain irregularities in the election of Treasurer, which must be by ballot. With respect to admission of foreign, Scotch, and Irish Masons, his lordship reminded them that they should first ascertain if they were affiliated with a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England. He had heard of three cases in which this had not been done, and he hoped the brethren would be more careful in future on this point. The P.G.M., continuing, said that with regard to the general aspects of Freemasonry, it was refreshing and consoling to them as Masons to turn from the tormenting events which were now taking place in the outside world, and to find themselves within the calm atmosphere of an Order whose peculiar object was charity. (Hear, hear.) While they had nothing to mar their quietude, there were many things disturbing the outside world most grievously. He need only allude to the most terrible event across the Atlantic, which has sent a thrill of horror through the civilized world, and which he knew would be shared in by every loyal Freemason. (Hear, hear.) They sympathised with their brethren in the United States in having lost a most distinguished and most honest man; and they most sincerely sympathised with his widow and family in their affliction. (Applause.) His lordship, in conclusion, expressed the great pleasure he experienced on again finding himself in Provincial Grand Lodge at Macclesfield. They had not met there since 1868, and he need only tell the brethren of the town that they had given him even a more hearty welcome on that occasion than they had done at the last visit. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. F. JACKSON, P.G. Treas., read the annual statement of accounts, from which it appeared that the amount now in the bank to the credit of the P.G. Lodge was £165, and the money invested was still in the bank. The sum of 100 guineas had been paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from the funds of the P.G. Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and there remained in hand a sum of £165 or £170. On the motion of the D.P.G.M., the accounts were passed; and Bro. F. Jackson, on the motion of the P.G.M., was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—

Bro. Hon. W. Egerton, M.P., 321 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. D.G.M.
" G. W. Latham, 321 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. H. Belyse, 293	-	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. R. H. Hodgson, 1045 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite, 428	-	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. Jackson, jun., 295 (re-elected)	-	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Hibbert, 1166 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. H. Griffiths, 293 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Lockitt, 295	-	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Wood, 267	-	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. J. Cunnah, 721	-	Prov. G.S. of W.
" H. Finch, 104 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Siddeley, 1045	-	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" J. Dutton, 477	-	Prov. G. Sd. Br.
" Collier, 104 (re-appointed)	-	Prov. G. Org.
" J. H. Hartley, 1126	-	Prov. G. Purs.
" J. H. Holtaway, 1289 (re-elected)	-	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. H. Brooks, 295, S. Orme, 295, R. Brown, 295	-	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Harrison, 267, G. H. J. Gundry, 267, and C. A. Hordern, 267	-	

The W.D.P.G.M., G. Wardens, and other officers having been saluted, Bro. J. P. Platt, P.G.J.D., was re-appointed Chairman of the Fund of Benevolence, the P.G.M. referring to the valuable services which he (Bro. Platt) had rendered during the time he had held that office.

Bros. J. B. Deakin, J. Hamilton, and Captain Gilbody were invested with charity jewels in recognition of their services as Stewards at the charity festivals; and Bros. T. Marwood, T. Chesworth, and H. Bulley received bars to add to the jewels which they already possessed, in recognition of further services in the same direction.

Bro. G. W. LATHAM, P.G.S.W. moved that the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and that the money should be invested in the name of the P. G. Lodge. The education and maintenance of the candidates elected from the province at present cost the sum of £120 annually, and he thought the brethren would show their appreciation of this fact by unanimously voting the sum he had named. An annual outlay of about £600 was necessary to support the candidates from the province in the three charities, and therefore, he asked for confirmation of his proposition not merely as an act of charity, but also as an act of justice. (Hear, hear.) The motion was carried by acclamation. The P.G.M. said he heartily endorsed all that had been said on the subject, and congratulated the brethren generally on the proud position which the Province of Cheshire now held with regard to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. H. BULLEY, Past G.D., then moved that the salary of Bro. E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Secretary, be increased from £80 to £100 per annum, the increase to date from last September. He had not asked any brother to second the proposition, but he was sure that the matter need only be mentioned to meet with the heartiest approval. When Bro. Griffiths was appointed there were only seventeen lodges in the province, but now there were thirty-eight, so that it would at once be apparent the amount of extra work he had to perform, and performed so well. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously; and in announcing the result to Bro. Griffiths, the P.G.M., Bro. LORD DE TABLEY, said he scarcely ever performed a more grateful or more satisfactory duty than he did on that occasion in seconding the terms of the vote to their worthy P.G. Secretary. He knew the work of Bro. Griffiths, and the admirable manner in which he did his duty, and he (his lordship) considered he was fully entitled to the compliment which had been paid to him. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. GRIFFITHS, in thanking the brethren for their kindness, assured them that the vote of that day would induce him to exercise even greater energy on their behalf in the discharge of his duty in the future than he had done in the past.

The P.G.M. having announced that he would hold his next annual meeting at Northwich, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The musical features of the meeting were greatly enhanced by the efforts of Bros. T. Batley, 852; G. A. Batley, 1814; and H. Collier, P.G.O.

The brethren then formed in procession, and marched through the streets (which were crowded by the residents of the town) to St. Michael's Church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the P.G. Chaplain, the musical portion of the ceremony being under the direction of Bro. Collier. A collection was made at the close in aid of the Provincial Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund and the Macclesfield Infirmary.

A banquet was subsequently served in the Town Hall, at which Bro. the Right Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., D.P.G.M., presided, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

An excellent portrait of Bro. Lord De Tabley, painted by Mr. F. Holl, subscribed for by the brethren in the Province of Cheshire, was exhibited in the Drill Hall. The likeness, which was greatly admired, will be presented to his lordship on his birthday.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CORNWALL.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of the Province of Cornwall was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at Liskeard. The town was *en fête* for the occasion. The church bells rang merrily, and rows of flags hung in gay festoons across the streets at several points. The handsome but small Masonic Hall of the local lodge, St. Martin's, No. 510, could not accommodate so large a gathering as was expected. The Prov. Grand Lodge was, therefore, convened for business in the Parochial Schoolrooms, adjoining the church. Shortly after eleven a.m. the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Provincial Grand Master of the Province. Over 350 brethren were in attendance, amongst whom were the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers:

W. Bros. Sir Charles B. Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Philip F. Simcoe, P.S.G.W.; John Hocking, jun., P.J.G.W.; Bro. the Rev. E.S. T. Daunt, P.S.G. Chap., vicar of St. Stephen's-by-Launceston; W. Bros. the Rev. P. H. Newnam, M.A., P.P.G. Chap. of Hampshire, Dorset, and Devon, P.J.G. Chap., vicar of Maker; H. F. Whiteford, P.G. Reg.; W. Tweedy, P.G. Treas.; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Sec.; S. Serpell, P.S.G.D.; Gilbert P. Pearce, P.G.S. Wks.; J. Crossman, P.G.A.D.C.; J. F. Hooper, P.G. Org.; W. H. Christoe, P.G.S.B.; W. Rooks, P.P.G. Purs., P.G. Assist. Purs.; J. Jose, 331; Thomas H. Lukes, 496; W. Nettle, 510; J. H. Mitchell, 589; Richard John, P.P.G.D.C., Clerk Assistant to the P.G. Sec. The following officers were also among the brethren present: W. Bros. F. J. Hext, P.P.S.G.W.; E. D. Anderton, P.P.J.G.W.; C. G. Archer, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Couch Stephens, P.P.J.G.W.; J. F. Penrose, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Kempthorne, P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. George Kerswill, P.P.J.G.W.; the Rev. F. B. Paul, P.P.G. Chap.; the Rev. F. T. W. Wintle, P.P.G. Chap.; T. Beale, P.P.G.T.; P. Carroll, P.P.G.T.; W. Ough, Past G. Purs., and P.P.G.D.C.; John F. Childs, P.P.G. Reg.; Emra Holmes, P.P.G. Reg., and P.P.G.D.C., Suffolk; J. Cardew, P.P.G.S.D.; R. A. Courtney, P.P.G.S.D.; G. P. N. Glencross, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Dennis, P.P.G.J.D.; H. S. Boyle, P.P.G.S. Works; G. Roseveare, P.P.G.S. Wks.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. Wks. Devon; T. White, P.P.G.S. Wks.; W. Rowe, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Chegwidan, P.P.G.D.C.; J. C. R. Crewes, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Guy, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. Bedford Kerswill, P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; F. B. Williams, P.P.G.S.B.; W. E. Michell, P.P.G.S.B.; Edwin Poor, P.P.G. Purs.; H. Trembath, P.P.G. Purs.; W. Pascoe, P.P.G. Purs.; P. Gills, Samuel Mitchell, John Hill, Robert Coath, W. Cawse, H. H. Kidd, and N. Henwood, P.P.G. Stewards.

Business commenced with the Assist. Secretary, W. Bro. JOHN, reading over the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at St. Ives, September 28th, last year. Those minutes were unanimously confirmed.

W. Bro. TWEEDY read his report as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

W. Bro. JOHN, as Assistant Secretary, read the Secretary's report, which stated that the number of lodges in the province was 28. For the year 1879 there were 96 initiations, 30 joining members, members from previous year 1481, total for 1879, 1607 members; for the year 1880 there were 104 initiations, 25 joining members, 1592 total membership—a reduction of 15. The report continued:

I have to report no great change in our numbers for the year 1880, nor have we had any new lodge established; but I have received a petition for one at Wadebridge, which the Prov. Grand Master has approved of, but as yet the warrant has not been granted. I have to thank our P.G.M. on behalf of the lodge for his lordship's kindness in sending us a photograph of the trowel used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (Grand Master) on the ceremony of the laying the foundation-stone of the Cathedral at Truro on the 20th May, 1880. In presenting this, my last report to the province, I take this opportunity of thanking his lordship and the brethren generally for their great kindness and courtesy towards me during the long period I have had the honour to hold office.—E. T. CARLYON, P.G. Secretary.

R.W. Bro. the P.G. MASTER, in reference to those reports, said complaints were again to be made at the dilatoriness of some of the lodges in making their returns and paying their dues. The returns were due on the 31st of January, and the dues should be paid before March 31st. Those delays caused great inconvenience. One effect, he regretted to say, was that it had contributed to the "Directory of the Province" having not been published this year. The returns had not come in in time. The brethren, he thought, ought to consider the advantages of that little book. It was most desirable that it should be published. Then it had been arranged that payment should be made for that work by those who wanted it. The price was proposed to be 6d., and an application had been made to the lodges to know how many they would require. Fifteen lodges only had replied, and the aggregate number they asked to be supplied with was 239—that was not enough to meet the expense. The printing cost from £8 to £9. If the book was desirable, he thought each lodge should take a certain number of copies, and should send in their returns in time to have the book printed. Without the book he was at fault to see who were the Past Masters unless he waded through the sheets before him; and if the returns were not properly made he might not be aware who were those that had claims for provincial honours. He hoped there would be an improvement, and the returns sent in more promptly by all lodges. There had been a larger number initiated this year than last year, and the decrease had arisen principally from brethren leaving the province. Their numbers remained nearly the same—about 1600.

W. Bro. J. C. R. CREWES, as Assistant Secretary to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, then read the reports of the Treas-

urer (V.W. Bro. W. Tweedy, P.G.T.) and Secretary (V.W. Bro. T. Chirgwin, P.P.S.G.W.) of that Institution, as follows:—

The donations and subscriptions for the year, balance in hand from last year, and the revenue resulting from invested funds amount to £465 os. 6d. receipts; payments, £334 16s.; balance in hand, £130 4s. 6d. By the recent death of Bro. Wyatt, the number of annuitants is reduced to three. The vacancy cannot be filled until next year. There are at present four educational grants of £15 pounds a year each. No petitions for relief or other grants have been received. Since the last annual meeting the capital account has increased by £152 6s. 10d., and there is an increase of £7 5s. in the annual subscriptions as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The capital stands now—£910, 4½ Debenture Cornwall Railway Stock; £400, Great Western Railway 5 per cent. Debenture Stock; £300, Railway Debenture 5 per cent. Trust Funds; £200, Pennsylvania Consolidated 6 per cent. Mortgage Bonds; £600, West Hartlepool Railway 4 per cent. Debentures; £200, Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock; £300, New South Wales 4 per cent. Bonds; £200, Victoria 4½ per cent. Bonds; cost, £3156 15s. 6d. Annual revenue therefrom, £140 19s. With balance in bankers' hands of £130 4s. 6d., the capital was £3287.

These reports were received and adopted.

W. Bro. ANDERTON, in the absence through illness of W. Bro. William James Hughan, P.M. 131, Past S.G.D. of England, and P.P.G. Sec. of the Province, read Bro. Hughan's report respecting his management of the votes for the London Masonic Charities on behalf of the province.

In presenting my twelfth and last report as manager of the votes for the great Masonic Charities, I have much pleasure in thanking the R.W. Prov. G.M. and the other subscribers, who promptly forwarded their voting papers. There are still a few who are either knowingly or carelessly defaulters. I refrain from mentioning their names. There have been five elections since the last report, viz., the "Girls" and "Boys" in October, 1880, and April, 1881, and the Benevolent in May last. A brother of 450, Hayle, was the accepted candidate by us for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but the members of 977, Fowey, were also anxious to have a brother of that lodge elected (though the W.M., Bro. Alfred Luke, handsomely refrained from unduly pressing his claims). I felt that as the two brothers were strongly supported by their lodges, the better way out of the difficulty would be to get both elected, which I did accordingly, in May, 1881, on their first application, and without a printed circular being issued for either. It is the first time in the history of the province that such a result has been achieved, and it affords an apt illustration of the value of the system commenced by me in 1868, of uniting the votes for the general good of the province. There will be no charge for out-of-pocket expenses, as they were at once defrayed by the members of the Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle. The brethren of that lodge and also of 977 were very kind in their expression of thanks to me and to my friends, Bros. Constable and Terry, who so ably assisted. There are now four annuitants of £40 per annum and two widows of £32 per annum on the funds of this institution from Cornwall, and another widow has half her late husband's annuity for three years from his decease. She is a candidate for the £32 annuity in May, 1882, and I hope that my successor will obtain her election, as I leave the management without owing a single vote on behalf of the province, though to secure these two brothers I polled a total of 2141 votes, and yet only received 150 votes from Cornwall for the institution. The balance was made up of loans repaid and exchanges, &c. Bro. Controller Bake, W.M. 1151, acted as Steward for the Boys' and Benevolent this year, and is ready to do so again. Bro. John Coombe, P.M. 450, Hayle, has engaged to represent the Province and lodges in Cornwall as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons in 1882, and I hope that the Provincial Grand Lodge will vote the sum of 50 guineas to be placed on his list, so as to set a good example to the lodges generally. I wish much the funds would allow of 100 guineas. Owing to the returns of some of the lodges being so late, some, I understand, only being completed this month, I have not been able to edit the Directory as usual, so the table of the votes of the province for the Masonic Charities has not been printed. It is such a great pity that such a useful publication has thus been delayed by the neglect of a few brethren. I beg most positively to decline re-election as manager, and have the voting papers ready to hand to my successor for the ensuing elections on the 8th and 10th October. I promise him all the aid in my power, and regret my absence to-day.—W. J. HUGHAN. Truro, 27th September, 1881.

The R.W. the Prov. G.M. said he had ascertained that Bro. Hughan could not be induced to hold any longer the management of these votes for the London Masonic Charities. They were deeply indebted to him for his services in aiding them to acquire the many advantages they had obtained in connection with those Charities. He was very sorry that he was not present for them to thank him personally, for all must feel how much they owed to his exertions. He did not know exactly how Bro. Hughan originally entered upon those duties—in fact, how he was appointed; but, in consequence of his positive retirement, it was necessary that they should appoint a brother in his stead. It had occurred to him (the P.G.M.) that if it was left for a variety of suggestions to be made it might lead to some confusion, and he thought it would be best for him to express an opinion, and if that suggestion met the approval of the brethren he would do so, as he had some enquiries into the matter, and it must be some active, zealous brother who had the time to devote to the work.

A BROTHER suggested that he thought that in accepting Bro. Hughan's resignation they should express to him their thanks for his service, and add to it their extreme regret that he from illness was not able to retain the position.

Lord MOUNT EDGCUMBE and the brethren generally unanimously approved of the suggestion.

The P.G.M. said the system, as they found it had grown up with Bro. Hughan, worked well, and met with the general approval of the P.G. Lodge, but he thought whoever they selected that would undertake the management of those votes should, in some measure, have his responsibility shared. In the selection of candidates, &c., some representative body should take part to assist that brother in his duties. Now that proper body, he thought, should be the Committee of Relief. That Committee consisted at present of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Secretary, *ex officio*, and three other brethren elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge. The brother that managed the votes he thought should be appointed one of those elective members of the Committee of Relief. He had consulted a brother whom he thought suitable for the office and found him willing to serve. He had plenty of time to attend to the duties. That was W. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun.

R.W. Bro. TWEEDY suggested that if the appointment of the Committee of Relief was adjourned the report of that Committee had, perhaps, better be read.

The suggestion was adopted. The report stated:

Your Committee beg to report that they have already granted during the past year the following sums, viz., to a brother of 1066 and a brother late of 131 £2 each. Your Committee also report that they have received petitions from a brother, late P.M. of 131; a widow of a brother late of No. 75, Falmouth; a widow of a brother late of No. 967; and a widow of a brother late of 699; and, finding that the bye-laws had been complied with, beg to say that they considered each of these cases deserving, and would recommend that a grant of £8 be made to the brother of 131, and £5 to each of the widows.

The lodge was then adjourned. The brethren present formed in procession, and proceeded in full regalia, with banners and insignia displayed, and headed by a band, to the borough church. The formation of the procession was admirably carried out under some practical suggestions of the R.W. Bro. the Prov. G.M. The church was crowded. The preacher, the

Prov. J.G. Chap., Bro. the Rev. P. H. Newnham, delivered an eloquent and cogent discourse from Ephesians ii., 10.

At the close of the sermon the brethren re-formed in procession, and returned to the improvised lodge-room at the parochial schoolrooms. Business was then resumed. W. Bro. Charles Truscott, jun., as proposed by the Prov. G.M., was elected to take Bro. Hughan's office and enter upon that duty, which he promised to carry out to the best of his ability, conscious, as he said he was, that he should not be able to fill the office with that credit which Bro. Hughan had achieved, yet he felt assured that he should meet with every help from that experienced brother. The following brethren were then elected the Committee of Relief: W. Bros. the P.G.T. and P.G. Sec. ex-officio as before, and W. Bros. Charles Truscott, J. F. Penrose, 589, and Gilbert B. Pearce, 450.

The Prov. G.M. submitted to the lodge the circular of the Committee for raising a testimonial to the memory of the late W. Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary. He explained that the memorial of that brother was to take the shape of being funded, and the interest applied to the relief of the unsuccessful candidates for the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund, and was to be entitled "The Hervey Benefaction."

It was resolved that a contribution should be raised by voluntary donations among the brethren present. Those donations at the close of the meeting amounted to £6.

The Prov. G.M. also submitted to the lodge the proposed memorial to the late Prov. G.M. of the adjoining Province of Devon, Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, and explained that in that case the memorial is to take the form of 500 guineas being raised to purchase the right of the appointment of a boy to the Boys' School during the life of the present P.G.M. of that province, the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, and that brother had promised to insure his life for another 500 guineas, so that at his death the right be made perpetual. The province thus obtaining the privilege of always having a boy upon the Institution without the necessity of election.

Lord MOUNT EDGUMBE said Bro. Huyshe had always shown a very cordial and kindly feeling towards the Province of Cornwall. The two provinces had acted together in great harmony on the visit of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master to Plymouth, and Bro. Huyshe had installed him into his office.

On the proposition of W. Bro. PENROSE, seconded by W. Bro. T. C. STEVENS, five guineas were unanimously voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge funds to the Huyshe memorial.

The question was then risen as to the state of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds towards voting donations to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund and to the Great Masonic Charities. It was explained that the Cornwall Charity at present was not in need of money, and was therefore passed over.

W. Bro. TWEEDY, the P.G.T., explained that after meeting all the present claims, including the expenses, twenty-one guineas previously voted to the Girls' School, £23 5s. voted that day, and £8, the half share of the expenses of the Truro Masonic Demonstration, there would remain £87 available.

W. Bro. ANDERTON proposed that £30 should be voted to the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, as in part meeting the suggestion of Bro. Hughan in his report.

W. Bro. JOHN THOMAS proposed an amendment. He said there was ample money to vote the fifty guineas recommended by Bro. Hughan, and it should therefore be so voted. Also the vote should in some way be connected with Bro. Hughan's name, as a mark of their gratitude for his services, which, he said, had exceeded the services of any brother in the province.

W. Bro. GILBERT PEARCE seconded the amendment, which met with the general approval of the lodge, and was adopted, Bro. Anderton withdrawing his proposition.

The manner in which the vote should be connected with Bro. Hughan's name was left to the arrangement of the Prov. G. Officers.

W. Bro. TWEEDY reported that he had received from the Truro Cathedral Masonic Fund £241 9s., of which £219 11s. 9d. had been expended in purchasing £220 Consols, and there remained £21 17s. 3d. in his hands as the Treasurer. There were further promises of £84 9s., and when the whole of the money was collected he believed that the fund would be found to exceed £300.

W. Bro. TWEEDY also reported that the amount of the collection at church had been £15 2s. 9d.; of this, in accordance with the usual arrangement, one-fifth was given to the vicar for his private charities, two-fifths to the Masonic Benevolent Fund, and the remaining two-fifths—usually applied to some local charity—was voted to the funds of the vicar's parochial schools.

W. Bro. Tweedy was elected Treasurer, W. Bro. Chirgwin Secretary, W. Bro. Crewes, Assistant Secretary, and W. Bros. W. P. Smith, 856, Jno. Thomas, 589, Auditors of the Cornwall Benevolent Fund. Bro. W. Tweedy was also unanimously re-elected the Treasurer of the province.

The R.W. the P.G.M., then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

W. Bro. Sir Charles Sawle, 496	Prov. D.G.M.
" W. E. Mitchell, 1558	Prov. G.S.W.
" Dr. J. Bedford Kerswill, 1164	Prov. G. J.W.
" Rev. P. H. Newnham	Prov. G. Chap.
" John H. Ferris, 131	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Tweedy, 331	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. D. Anderton, 331	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Cause, 893	Prov. G.S.D.
" Wm. Foxwell, 1071	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Nettle, 510	Prov. G.S. Wks.
" John Jacob Taylor, 121	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. H. Lukes, 496	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Captain W. F. Sharp, 331	Prov. G.S.B.
" Richard White, 121	Prov. G. Org.
" J. F. Williams, 557	Prov. G. Purs.
" W. Rooks, 131	Prov. G.A. Purs.

W. Bros. John Harris, 510; John W. Collins, 1136; Thomas Heath, 1136; John H. Sampson, 131; J. Beaglehole, 510; and A. B. Cheves, 893. } Prov. G. Stwds.

W. Bro. Richard Penwarr } Prov. G. Tyler.

W. Bro. Richard John was re-appointed Clerk Assistant to the Prov. Grand Secretary.

W. Bros. James Lovell, jun., 121, and W. Guy, 496, were elected the P.G. Auditors.

The Prov. G.M. explained that to his regret Bro. E. T. Carlyon had resigned the office of P.G. Secretary; personally he felt much indebted to him for his valuable services during the time he had occupied the office of P.G.M., and he was sure the brethren generally must all feel indebted to him for the many years service he had given them as Prov. G. Secretary.

The lodge unanimously expressed the same feeling, and Bro. CARLYON acknowledged the compliment paid him.

The Prov. G.M. said, although he had lost Bro. Carlyon as Prov. G. Secretary, yet he knew that would make no diminution of their intimacy, and he should still have a large share of his active assistance.

The business having been completed, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

A large party of the brethren then adjourned to the Market Hall, where they sat down to a cold collation, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk.

The hall was decorated for the occasion with banners, flags, and evergreens, and while it looked a handsome, proved also a convenient room for the occasion.

CONSECRATION OF THE HESKETH CHAPTER, No. 1350.

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., this chapter was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, in the presence of an influential gathering. A chapter was formed pro tem., presided over by Comp. H. S. Alpess, P.G.S.E., acting Z.; Comp. W. Goodacre, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire, acting H.; Comp. W. B. Ackerley, P.P.G.S.N., acting J.; Comp. R. Wylie, P.P.G.H., acting S.E.; Comp. Dr. F. J. Bailey, J. 680, acting S.N. Among others present were Comps. J. Higson Johnston, P.Z., First Principal designate; Frederick H. Stephenson, P.P.G.J. Cheshire; C. Titherley, Robert P. Gill, Henry B. Browne, T. K. Hughes, P.Z. 241; E. King Ellison, 241; Dr. A. Samuels, Z. 241; R. Carruthers; A. C. Wylie, Z. 292; Thomas Armstrong, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Ashmore, Z. 823; Joseph Skeaf, P.G. Org.; D. Frazer, P.Z. 477; J. Salter, J. 241; David Jones, P.Z. 216; J. T. Callow, P.Z. 673, 86; Richard Washington, P.P. G. Std. Br., and others.

The acting M.E.Z. then, as Consecrating Officer, called upon the S.E. to read the petition and also the warrant from Grand Chapter, and then delivered an address, in the course of which he said that he particularly wished to impress upon the members of the new chapter they were about to consecrate, the fact that they had every opportunity in Craft Masonry of obtaining an accurate knowledge of the characters and dispositions of those whom they proposed to admit among them as Royal Arch Masons. It ought, therefore, to be morally impossible for any unpleasantness to occur after they were so admitted. He also hoped soon to see uniformity of working in this province, and offered a few remarks on the antiquity of this branch of the Order, concluding by wishing them every prosperity.

The lodge was then consecrated according to the usual form, Comp. Alpess being assisted by Comps. Goodacre and Ackerley. The installation of Principals then took place, and the following officers were placed in their respective chairs by Comp. Alpess in a highly creditable manner: Comps. J. Higson Johnson, M.E.Z.; Frederick K. S. Stevenson, H.; C. P. Titherley, J. The following were then elected and invested: Comp. Henry B. Browne, S.E.; Robert P. Gill, S.N.; R. Carruthers, P.S.; Thomas K. Hughes, P.Z., Treas. Comp. Dr. A. Samuel was appointed M.C., and Comp. P. Ball, Janitor.

Eleven brethren were proposed as candidates for admission, and the chapter closed. Comp. Skeaf superintended the musical arrangements.

At the dinner which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a very harmonious evening was spent.

THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

So much has been written of a biographical character concerning our late Bro. James Abram Garfield, President of the United States of North America, that of a general character little more need be said than that he is stated to have been the ninth in direct lineal descent from Edward Garfield, who emigrated from one of the Welsh border counties to Massachusetts in 1636—about the time when the Pilgrim Fathers sought a home in New England; that he (the subject of this sketch) was born in Ohio on 19th November, 1830, and died on the 19th ult., from the effects of wounds inflicted on him by the assassin Guiteau on the 2nd July. On Monday his remains were committed to their last resting place, at Cleveland, in his native State. What will chiefly interest our readers, however, is that the late President was a Freemason, though the particulars respecting his career as such are, unfortunately, scanty. He was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree on the 22nd November, 1861, while in command of Camp Chase, near Columbia, Ohio, in Magnolia Lodge, No. 20 on the roll of Grand Lodge of Ohio, and had consequently at the time of his death almost completed a connection of twenty years with the Craft. He was also a subscribing member of Pentalfa, No. 23, of Washington City, a Royal Arch; and a Knight Templar—being a member of the Columbia Commandery, No. 2, stationed at Washington, District of Columbia. He was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. As evidencing the high esteem in which our deceased brother was held, we may state that at the regular meeting, on the 19th July, of the Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sir Knight James Garfield was unanimously elected honorary member—a compliment which was highly appreciated, and which his private Secretary, J. Stanley Brown, acknowledged on the late President's behalf in a letter bearing date 2nd August, and addressed to Em. Commander Sir Knight Theodore F. Nieman. Secretary Brown wrote: "The gratifying and highly complimentary action of your Commandery has now been made known to him (the President), and he desires me to convey to you, and through you to the knights of the Commandery, his acceptance and appreciation of the honour which has been conferred upon him." Alas! that the late President should have lived so short a time to enjoy an honour so well and worthily bestowed!

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will visit Folkestone and Hythe on Wednesday week, the 12th inst. The arrangements in connection with the royal visit have now been definitely announced. The Prince will alight at the Hythe Railway Station, and, proceeding to the sea front, will drive along the Seabrook Wall, which will then be formally declared open to the public. It is understood that the Prince will then drive, via Shorncliffe and Sandgate, to Folkestone, where, after visiting the statue of Dr. Harvey on the Lees, he will lay the foundation stone of the New Harbour Works.

MOVABLE GRAND MARK LODGE.

In response to an invitation by the Sheffield brethren, the Grand Master of Mark Masons, Lord Henniker, held a Movable Grand Lodge on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Surrey-street, at the Britannia Lodge, No. 35, of which Bro. J. E. Reaney is the Worshipful Master.

Amongst the brethren present were Sir Francis Burdett, Grand Master of Surrey; Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Grand Senior Warden; Dr. Trollope, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex; John Walker, Deputy Provincial Grand Master Gloucester; Julius Arensberg, Past Provincial Grand S. Bearer, East Lancashire; Rev. A. A. Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Chaplain; John Chadwick, Past Provincial Grand Secretary, Lancashire; F. A. Waghorn, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies West Yorkshire; Thomas J. Pulley, Grand Senior Deacon; Thomas Cubitt, Provincial Grand Steward; W. Roebuck; Donald M. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary; Robert Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies; J. F. Tweedale, Provincial Grand S.O.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire; Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary; F. Davison, Grand Treasurer; J. L. Hine, of Manchester; Captain Frank R. Mott, United States Army, K.O.M., K.G.H., K.L.H.; Colonel Somerville Burney; J. N. Blake, 91; Edwin Gilbert, P.M. 222; J. B. Phillips, P.M. 18; William Valentine, Present W.M. Time Immemorial, York; Thomas B. Whythead, John S. Cumberland, Thomas D. Wigg, 182; R. Heber Radford, Wor. Master Ivanhoe (Craft) Lodge; John Shaw, W.M. Britannia (Craft) Lodge; and four members of the Grand Lodge of Cumberland—Bros. Major Sewell, Deputy Provincial Grand Master designate; Joseph Nicholson, Prov. Senior Warden; G. J. McKay, Provincial Grand Senior Warden; J. H. Banks, Past Provincial Grand Senior Overseer.

The officers of the lodge present at and taking a part in the ceremony were Bros. J. E. Reaney, W.M.; S. H. Gatty, S.W.; John Unwin, jun., J.W.; Thomas Blair, M.O.; J. E. Darling, S.O.; Thomas Clarke, J.O.; J. Garnett, P.M., Treasurer (acting as Immediate Past Master); H. A. Styring, Secretary; John Shaw, Registrar of Marks; Frederick Barber, S.D.; J. P. Hewitt, J.D.; and Isaac Eyre, I.G.

The ceremony was very imposing, there being no less than 200 Mark Master Masons present, and this number being still further swelled before the work was concluded by the arrival of a large number of Provincial Grand Officers. Lord Henniker, the Grand Master, was not present, his health lately having been indifferent, and his medical adviser having urged him not to attend. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., one of the Past Grand Masters, acted for Lord Henniker, and together with many Grand Officers from Grand Lodge sat on the dais with Bro. Reaney. The ceremony of advancement was fully choral, which gave the brethren an opportunity of hearing the notes of an excellent little organ, and an admirable performance by Bro. S. Suckley, Past Provincial Grand Organist. All the officers, from the Worshipful Master to the Inner Guard, were perfect in their work. Bro. Garnett, P.M., gave the working tools, and Bro. Bromley, P.M., the congratulation. The historical lecture and the lecture on the tracing board were given; the former by Bro. Gatty, S.W., and the latter by the W.M.

At the conclusion of the work the lodge was "called off," and subsequently, on resumption, the Movable Grand Lodge was received by the Britannia Lodge, and Bro. Reaney resigned the Master's chair to Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master. After the Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the usual ceremonies were observed, Bro. Berridge acting as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. BINCKES, Grand Secretary, read a letter from Bro. Lord Henniker, apologising for his absence, and stating the reasons, and that his medical adviser assured him that he could only attend at the risk of permanent ill-health. The letter went on further to express Lord Henniker's great sorrow at his enforced absence, and thanked Bros. Reaney, Woodall, and other brethren for what they had done on behalf of Mark Masonry in Yorkshire. He hoped also that he would at a future time be favoured with an invitation to Sheffield, that he might show the sincerity of his present expressions by accepting it.

Bro. BEACH said he was sure the brethren had all heard with extreme regret the letter which had just been read. They would all sympathise with the Grand Master in the cause of his absence, and would wish him a speedy return to health. Nothing but the gravest causes would have prevented his being present that day, as he had long wished and hoped to be. In his absence he (Bro. Beach) would perform the Grand Master's duties.

Bro. REANEY, on behalf of the brethren of the Britannia Lodge, expressed their deep and very sincere regret at the Grand Master's illness.

The patent of appointment of Bro. John Woodall Woodall as Grand Master of North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was then read by Bro. Binckes, who, with Bro. Matier, afterwards conducted Bro. Woodall into Grand Lodge, and presented him to Bro. Beach.

Bro. BEACH, addressing Bro. Woodall, said the duty of a Grand Master of a province was no light one. He ought to make himself acquainted with the capacities of the several brethren who served throughout the province, so that he might be the better enabled to appreciate the services they had rendered to the Craft, and to reward merit and ability. To do that it was necessary for him to attend as far as he could the meetings of various lodges within his province, so that he might by personal inspection judge of those merits and abilities. It was doubtless impossible in a large and important province for a Provincial Grand Master to attend as frequently as he might desire at the meetings of the lodges, but still, if he wished to do so, he could attend in a great measure and gauge the capacity of the various brethren who were serving offices. He would be enabled to judge by the results of their endeavours how far their exertions would be successful, and he need scarcely exhort him (Bro. Woodall) that to be perfectly impartial in the discharge of his duties was intrinsically essential. He should be courteous in his demeanour to all, should listen to every complaint brought before him. Should any cause of disagreement unhappily arise, he would then, with the benefit of advice of others, and using his own judgment to the best of his ability, be able to terminate any such disagreement. It might be that no disagreement would ever take place in Bro. Woodall's province, but if on any occasion a disagreement did occur, it would be his duty to exert himself to the utmost to put an end to it, and

restore the harmony of all the members of the lodge. From the zeal he had already shown, and the desire he had evinced to forward the interests of the Craft, no doubt he would fully justify the confidence the Grand Master had reposed in him, and answer the hopes and expectations of the brethren of the lodges under his rule. For his own part, he (Bro. Beach) could only wish him, and he wished it in the name of the Grand Lodge of England, a happy rule, and that his governance of his province might be fraught with the most happy results, and tend to the benefit of the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

Bro. Beach then installed Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, of Scarborough, as Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire.

Bro. Dr. Trollope, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, afterwards, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering over eighty, installed Bro. S. H. Gatty, S.W. of the Britannia Lodge and Provincial Grand Inner Guard, of West Yorkshire, as Master of the Britannia Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Reaney was invested as Immediate Past Master; Bros. Frederick Unwin, S.W.; Player, J.W.; Darling, M.O.; Clarke, S.O.; Shaw, J.O.; Garnett, P.M. Treas.; H. A. Styring, Registrar of Marks; Barber, Sec.; Hewitt, S.D.; Eyre, J.D.; Hunt, M.C.; Fletcher, I.G.; Middleton and Cleaves, Stewards; Kirkham, Org.; and Leighton, Tyler.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. F. BINCKES, read letters of regret for inability to attend from Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., Lord Leigh, and other Past Grand Masters and Officers, and the Grand Lodge was then closed. At a latter period of the afternoon the Britannia Lodge was closed, after "Hearty good Wishes" had been given from the brethren present, representing numerous lodges. A grand banquet followed, at which Bro. W. Beach, M.P., presided. After the banquet the customary loyal toasts were given.

Lord ARTHUR HILL, M.P., Senior Grand Warden, proposed "The Health of the Grand Master," coupling with it the name of the Acting Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. In giving the toast his lordship said the brethren who had the advantage of attending Grand Lodge would be only too glad to have this opportunity of bearing their testimony to the admirable manner in which the Grand Officers of England always had carried out their duties. With the toast were included the names of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Lord Leigh, Lord Holmesdale, Bro. Beach, Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, Earl Percy, the Earl of Limerick, and the Earl of Lathom.

Bro. BEACH, in responding, said he was extremely sorry that he was the only representative of the brethren named in the toast, but he was very glad that, in the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, there was one who could take his place. As allusion had been made to the labours of Mark Grand Masters in the past; he could assure the brethren that in former years Mark Masters had no light difficulties to contend with, for there was every discouragement thrown in the way of Mark Masonry some years ago, and it was extremely difficult for them to bear up against it. Still they did, and according to the opportunities they had, they did their best. It was not likely that such an institution could be easily dislodged, and working hard, as the brethren did, they became recognised in every Masonic quarter, till at last they obtained their present proud position, and were acknowledged in every quarter of the globe where Masonry was known. He had travelled in different countries, and had seen a great want of organization in Mark Masonry. In some countries the Grand Lodge presided over it; in other countries the Grand Chapter was the superior authority. This Grand Lodge sprang into existence from the fact of lodges meeting together and forming themselves into a Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England was caused by similar circumstances. Mark Masons had, therefore, an equal right to form themselves into a Grand Lodge. Allusion had been made to the labours of the Past Grand Masters, but there was one brother to whom justice ought to be done. That brother, the Rev. George Raymond Portal, was unavoidably absent, but it was due to his energy that the great difficulties and discouragements had been overcome, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons established on a firm basis. The other Past Masters would disclaim any wish to compete with him for the honours which were due to his position. They were all greatly indebted to him, and they might fairly congratulate themselves on the position which Mark Masonry had taken. He was exceedingly glad to have been present that day, and he thanked all the Mark brethren of West Yorkshire for their splendid hospitality and for the grand attendance there had been. When he was Grand Master the Movable Grand Lodge was held at Hull, and there was a magnificent reception. He was very glad that the institution of a Movable Grand Mark Lodge had been kept up. Ever since it was started it had succeeded, and by that means the working of Mark Masonry in different parts of England had, he thought, improved. He again thanked the brethren for their magnificent reception of the Grand Lodge, and he hoped it would be productive of benefit and prosperity to the Order.

Bro. BEACH next proposed "The Earl of Kintore, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, Bro. J. W. Woodall," was proposed by Bro. MATIER.

Bro. J. W. WOODALL responded. It was a pleasure, he said, to find himself among his brethren of West Yorkshire. He had been advanced to the Degree in a lodge at Bradford, where he also was admitted a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In Scarborough particularly, they seemed to be an annexe of the West Riding, dependent on an influx of visitors from that part of the county, so much that he almost thought they were not quite so much an agriculturist's district as an offshoot of a great industrial centre of the county. He was exceedingly pleased to be present and receive at the hands of the Worshipful Master the distinction that had been conferred on him. He trusted he should be able to discharge his duties with satisfaction to the whole of the brethren over whom he had been called to rule. If the brethren of Yorkshire worked shoulder to shoulder it mattered not whether they came from the east or the west. They had done it before and they would do it again.

Bro. BEACH proposed "The W.M. of the Britannia Lodge," and expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in seeing the ceremonies so ably carried out as they had been that day. The work had been done perfectly,

and that work testified to the great interest the brethren had taken in the Order. The W.M. and the brethren who supported him were all perfect in their work, and it was but just to them that their ability should be recognized. He was glad that the W.M. entered on his year of office with such promise, if what they had seen that day was an omen of success in the future. The Grand Lodge owed the brethren a great debt of gratitude for the way in which they had consulted their convenience, and endeavoured to make their visit to Sheffield pleasant and agreeable.

Bro. GATTY, W.M. Britannia Lodge, responded, and was pleased on behalf of the Sheffield brethren that the reception had met with the approbation of the Grand Lodge. He did not claim to himself any credit for the success of the meeting, although he was exceedingly proud to have entertained such an assemblage. The Sheffield brethren had hardly anticipated it, though they had endeavoured to bring it about. He was sure that what had taken place that day would be an incitement to the Sheffield brethren to forward the interests of Freemasonry. The day had really been a red-letter day for Masonry in the Province.

Other toasts followed.

In the course of the evening a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Garfield, the widow of the late Brother President Garfield, in her affliction.

Before the proceedings terminated, the Grand Master in the Chair proposed, and Bro. Reaney seconded, a vote of thanks to the firm of Messrs. John Brown and Co., for their kindness in allowing an inspection of their works by the brethren, who had expressed their high appreciation of the instructive visit of the morning.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE GRAND MASTER OF HOLLAND.

The obsequies of Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, the German Emperor's brother-in-law and uncle of the King of Holland, were performed on Friday, the 23rd ult., with imposing solemnity. The Prince died on the 9th ult. at his summer residence, the "Huis de Paauw." He was in his eighty-fifth year, and was the oldest representative—the Nestor—of the House of Orange.

After a brief religious ceremony in the morning in the house of the deceased, at which only the Princess of Weid and the Crown Princess of Denmark, his daughter and granddaughter, the Queen of Holland, and the ladies and gentlemen of the court were present, the body was removed to the Voorhout Palace, in the Hague, where the funeral procession was formed. The entire garrison of the capital, together with the Civil Guard and Rillemen, followed the hearse, which was preceded by eleven carriages conveying the Dutch Royal Family and the numerous other princely and distinguished mourners. Amid the playing of sacred music, the tolling of the bells of all the churches of the city, and the firing of guns in the park, the funeral cortege started on its way to Delft, where, in the Royal Mausoleum, the remains of the deceased Prince were to be consigned.

The hearse, drawn by six horses, was covered with black velvet ornamented with silver wreaths of mortality. On the pall were laid numerous wreaths of immortelles and a large cross of white roses, sent by the Queen of England.

The principal mourners were the King of the Netherlands, in a carriage drawn by eight horses, the Prince of Orange, Prince Albrecht of Prussia, representing the German Emperor; the Crown Prince of Denmark, the Prince of Wied, and the Hereditary Prince of Saxe-Weimar, representing his parents, the deceased Prince's cousins. The Sovereigns of Great Britain, Austria, Russia, Turkey, Sweden, Roumania, and Mecklenburg-Schwerin were all represented by Envoys Extraordinary. There was also a representative of the French Government, and officers had been delegated to attend the funeral on behalf of the German and Russian regiments of which Prince Frederick had been honorary colonel.

The streets of the Hague through which the cortege proceeded were densely crowded with spectators, who remained uncovered as the procession passed. In the market place at Delft were hundreds of Freemasons, who had come from all the countries of Europe. In the church at that city the funeral service was attended by the Royal and Princely mourners, the Court and the special Foreign Envoys, as well as by the Diplomatic Body, and by deputations of the Army, the Navy, the Freemasons, and numerous Dutch Corporations.

The coffin was placed near the tomb of William the Taciturn, and thereupon the Rev. Mr. Van Koetsveld, Court Chaplain, performed the funeral service, delivering the usual brief address.

THE LATE MASONIC RECEPTION AT YORK.

A final meeting of the joint Committees of the York and Eboracum Lodges was held on Friday evening, at the Masonic Hall, York, for the purpose of passing the accounts and other matters, Bro. M. Rooke, W.M. 236, in the chair. There were many expressions of satisfaction at the more than anticipated success of the gathering, the only regret being that so many brethren had failed to give intimations of their intention to be present, in which case the gathering might have been held in the Assembly Rooms, and thus have afforded more comfort for visitors, as well as a better opportunity of examining the interesting objects exhibited. It was resolved that votes of thanks should be engrossed on the old form of certificate once issued by the Grand Lodge of all England at York, and forwarded to those lodges and brethren who had read papers or contributed objects of interest to the exhibition, as well as to the York Lodge for kindly granting the use of their beautiful Masonic Hall for the purposes of the reception. It was also resolved that a telegram should be forwarded in the name of the brethren of York, expressing sympathy with the Freemasons of the United States in the loss sustained by the lamented death of their brother, the late President Garfield. Accordingly, on Saturday morning, a telegram to this effect was forwarded by Bro. Whythead to Bro. Meyer, of Philadelphia, with a request that it should be made known. The Committee separated with many expressions of satisfaction at the cordial co-operation which had characterised the united action of the two York lodges, and the success which had attended their efforts on the occasion of the jubilee of the British Association.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this INSTITUTION will be held in the HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, October 8th, 1881, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider notices of motion as follow, and to elect 15 girls into the Schools by ballot from a list of 24 approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, V. Pres.:
"That in the opinion of the House Committee it is desirable to erect a Swimming Bath for the use of the Girls, and that application be made to the Quarterly Court to sanction the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2000, for the above purpose."

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, V. Pat.:
"That the rank of Hon. Vice-Patron be conferred upon Bro. Charles Hammerton, in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution."

By Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL:
Additional paragraph to Law XVI.
"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with Lodges of Instruction) which has paid to the Institution a sum of not less than One Hundred Guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same, and, further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than Two Hundred Guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Great Queen Street, W.C.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS
OF THE

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

MARY LOUISA SHERINGTON,
AGED SEVEN YEARS.

Daughter of the late ROBERT SHERINGTON, Member of the Alexandra Lodge, 1541, who was well-known in the City as Advertising Manager of the *City Press*. He died in September last, at the age of 44, after a lingering illness. This, with the maintenance of a large family (seven of whom survive), prevented him making any provision for his widow and children. His Life Insurance was lost through the failure of the Office.

Proxies received with thanks by the Widow, 5, Stuart Terrace, New Southgate.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

OCTOBER ELECTION, 1881.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is most earnestly solicited on behalf of

CLEOPHAS CROFTON BENJAMIN JONES.

His father was initiated in the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, 1866, and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Mount Zion Chapter, No. 22, 1869, and continued a member of both until his death, which occurred shortly after his marriage—the mother died in giving birth to the candidate. The child is left to the care of relations, who from a succession of misfortunes, are now totally unable to give the boy proper education and training.

Please note the following facts:—

Marriage of Parents, 6th August, 1871.

Death of Father, 28th August, 1871.

Birth of Candidate } 15th May, 1872.

Death of Mother } 15th May, 1872.

The case is strongly recommended by

- R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.G.M. Herts.
" " Lord Tenterden, P.G.M. Essex.
" " F. H. Wilson Hles, M.D., D.P.G.M. Herts, Watford.
* W " Stephen Austin, P.M. 403, P.P.G. Supt. Works, Hertford.
" " T. S. Carter, P.M. 403-1385, P.P.G.J.W., P.G.H., Herts, Hertford.
* " " J. R. Cocks, P.M. 403-1385, Treas. 403, P.P.G.J.W., Herts, Hertford.
* Will thankfully receive Proxies.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Australian Freemason," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Memorbook of Nuremberg," "Freemaurer-Zeitung," "The Sunday Times," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Citizen," "Brighton and Sussex Daily Post," "El Taller," "St. John Globe," "La Tolerance," "The Masonic Advocate," "The Freemason" New Zealand, "Young England," "New York Sunday News," "The North China Herald," "New York Dispatch," "Der Long Islander," "Gleanings from Popular Authors," "Cassell's Illustrated Universal History," "Allen's Indian Mail."

THE FREEMASON.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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.]

REFERENCES TO FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I agree with "Masonic Student" that all references to Freemasonry should be carefully searched and studied. So I give you two to-day, or rather three:

In the additional MSS. British Museum, 5876, p. 177, we find an entry thus: "See the Freemasons' Calendar, or an Almanac, for the year 1775." "L.S., 1775—P.M.," whatever these letters, &c., may mean. Perhaps some one who has the 1775 Calendar will verify any thus alleged reference to Freemasons; and then the writer goes on to say: "Voltaire in his 'Addition à L'Histoire Generale,' speaking of the arts and sciences of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, makes these remarks among others: 'Point de ville qui neut des confrairies d'artisans, des bourgeois, des femmes. Les plus extravagantes ceremonies y etoient erigées en mysteres sacrés. Et c'est de la que vient la société des Francmaçons echapé au temps, qui a detruit toutes les autres.'" "There was not a town which had not its confraternity of artisans, of citizens, and of women. The most extravagant ceremonies were there elevated into sacred mysteries; and it is hence that the Society of Freemasons comes, having escaped the effects of Time, which has destroyed all the others."

Voltaire has given this very flowing description of a state of things of which I am not aware there is any other proof. That there were confraternities like the "Enfants de Salomon" and the "Compagnonage" is true, but I think such a description is too highly-coloured, and the origin of Freemasonry is, I think, too, of much earlier date. "Some account of them," the MS. goes on to say, "is in 'Grose's Antiquities of England and Wales,' preface, p. 68." Can any student throw light upon these passages?

ANTIQUARIUS.

ADMISSION TO PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As many complaints have been made of late by the young brethren that any one might gain admission to our Provincial Grand Lodge meetings and annual festivals without his being a subscribing member to any lodge, or even a non-Mason, and, from my own observations at the last Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of West Lancashire, held at Chorley, I think there is some truth in the statement, it is quite time some more careful attention was given to this subject, if Freemasonry is to flourish. Surely at such times as these none but subscribing members have a right to be admitted. During their secession from the Craft all Masonic privileges should be withheld. It seems to be a growing evil, that after a brother has been once admitted into Freemasonry, and got his certificate, he need not subscribe further, and thinks "Once a Mason always a Mason," having equal rights with others of the Craft.

If due observance of the Book of Constitutions by the Master and Wardens of the different lodges was given both at Provincial Grand Lodge and private lodges—for the Master is responsible for those who seek admittance under his lodge—this circumstance could not take place.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

26th Sept.

H. G.

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Perhaps you will allow me to state, through the medium of your paper, that the following numbers of the "Freemason's Magazine" are required, in order to render the Grand Lodge series complete:—

1865—all. 1866—340, 342. 1870—568, and all after 573. 1871—601, and all after 644.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

THE BELGIAN FREEMASONS AND MR.

BRADLAUGH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I beg to enclose you a cutting from the *National Reformer* of the 18th ult., in which it states that a Masonic lodge, named "Les Amis de la Parfaite Intelligence, of Huy, Belgium," has sent through their Secretary, and signed by him on behalf of the said lodge, an address of sympathy and confidence to Mr. Bradlaugh, who is an avowed Atheist, in his Parliamentary struggle.

Knowing that the Order, in the very first instance, is based upon the full acknowledgment of the existence of a Supreme Being, and also that politics are entirely excluded (or, at least, I was taught so at my initiation), I write to ask you to express an opinion through your valuable journal whether this is not utterly at variance with the universal laws and principles of ancient Freemasonry, and, further,

whether it would likely to be allowed to emanate from any lodge in Great Britain without some steps or notice being taken by the Grand Lodge?

I enclose my card, trusting you will excuse trouble, and beg to subscribe myself, yours faithfully and fraternally,
A MASTER MASON.

"The Masonic lodge, Les Amis de la Parfaite Intelligence, of Huy, Belgium, sends to Mr. Bradlaugh an address, signed by its Secretary, of sympathy with, and confidence in, him in the present Parliamentary struggle, and concludes with the declaration: 'That it is contrary to liberty of conscience that there should exist the legal necessity for the introduction of any supernatural dogma in the sacred formula which binds the honour of the public man in the most solemn fashion to preserve the order existing in his country.'"

[We publish this letter somewhat unwillingly. Mr. Bradlaugh having returned his "Certificate" to the late Grand Secretary, has nothing to do with Masonry, and cannot be recognized as a brother in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, and, therefore, we think that neither his name nor discussions about his proceedings should appear in a Masonic journal. We are not surprised at anything the Belgian Freemasons may do, or say. In English Freemasonry any such addresses would be instantly prohibited, and are "ipso facto" illegal.—Ed. F. M.]

MASONIC UNIFORMS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been in hopes of seeing in your last our Bro. Thomas Fenn's answer to Masonic Student's query in yours of 17th ult., as to above. I hope soon to see his answer, as the query is an interesting one.

The first Volunteer Lodge of Ireland (620), was formed out of the regiment on thirteenth (13th) of September, 1783, and for nearly sixty-one years the members of the lodge wore the regimental uniform, and at present use a substituted one.

On the 25th of September, 1783 (being twelve days after the lodge was founded), the Junior Warden proposed, "That in future any brother belonging to this lodge who shall on any future night appear in lodge out of uniform (either full or undress) be fined one British shilling," which, being seconded, the same passed unanimously.

On the 15th April, 1784, it appears "Bros. Andrews and Collins fined 1/1 each for not appearing in uniform."

Not only had the brethren to appear in lodge in uniform, but to attend Grand Lodge and Masonic plays in it also.

This regimental uniform was worn until 10th January, 1844, being a period of nearly sixty-one years. On that day it was resolved, "The dress to be black trousers and coat, satin faced, and velvet collar, and white vest."

The minutes of 10th January, 1844, do not specify what colour the satin facings of the coat is to be; but the father of the lodge (the V.W. Grand Chaplain Macsorby, who was a member of the lodge then, and is still) states that it was specially arranged at that meeting that the facings were to be the same as the colour of the uniform, and these facings will be worn at the centennial of the lodge on 13th September, 1883.

The old first volunteer tunic, worn by the grandfather of our worthy Bro. Galloway, P.M. 25, is now in possession of the lodge.

Can any brother state any other lodges (save that referred to by "Masonic Student," and the first Volunteer Lodge of Ireland) who have worn a regimental or Masonic uniform? Of course I do not mean lodges wearing simply the blue facings, of which there are several here as elsewhere.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON,

P.M. First Volunteer Lodge in Ireland.

32, Leeson-street Lower, Dublin,

27th September.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS—A WARNING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly give me space to warn my fellow-Craftsmen against the fraudulent representations of, I regret to say, one of our Order, whose present practices are such as to hinder that flow of benevolence which is enjoined on us, at our initiation, to be observed towards those "who claim our assistance."

About a fortnight since I "listened with attention to the complaints" of an applicant who introduced himself as Bro. Charles H. Couch, of Lodge St. Aubyn, 954, Morice Town, Devonport, a locality with which I am closely identified, and where many good friends of mine still reside. Several of these he mentioned in such terms of close connection with them that I could not a moment entertain a doubt of the particulars he gave of his "temporary necessities." His story was—that being provided, through the beneficence of Bro. Metham, the D.P.G.M. of the Province of Devon, whom I personally know, with a free passage to his native town, he required the means of subsistence during his voyage, and to be freed from obligations which might interfere with his departure. He protested his ability to repay any advance as soon as he was again "at home." He obtained what he sought for.

Not hearing from him, as promised, I wrote to Bro. Vincent Bird, the Treasurer of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, for information, and this is part of the reply I have received: "I am sorry to say, Charles Couch was initiated in 954 many years ago, but he has not contributed

to any lodge for some time, and is, I fear, an unmitigated scoundrel and a disgraceful Masonic tramp. It would be a lesson to the crowd on the road, and a relief to the Craft, if he could be taken up and punished for obtaining money under false pretences," &c.

I agree with Bro. Bird, and if I get half a chance will certainly charge him with that offence, if only to make him an example to those who, by their specious lies, bias the minds of the benevolent amongst us against those who really require and are deserving, of assistance. Should this man present himself to any one of your readers, I shall esteem it a favour if he will let me know of his whereabouts.

Yours fraternally, JAMES STEVENS.
Clapham, S.W.

GREATEST MASON IN THE WORLD.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

On my return home after a lengthened stay on the Continent, I have seen in a recent number of the *Freemason* a letter from "A. 33," in which he repudiates the suggestion of another of your correspondents, that there may be other members of the Craft of equal eminence and merit to the distinguished Craftsman for whom he "A. 33" claims the proud distinction of being the greatest Mason in the world. "A. 33" challenges your readers to name another Freemason having equal or greater claims to the proud epithet he has bestowed on the illustrious brother referred to.

I humbly accept the challenge and submit the name of Bro. F. F. Oddi, Grand Secretary of Egypt, as being in my opinion the "Greatest Mason in the world." Bro. Oddi is a "Cosmopolitan" Freemason of the highest renown, and one who has admittedly conferred the greatest benefit on all the various Degrees of our beloved Craft.

Yours fraternally,

A PRINCE OF THE ROYAL SECRET.

September 23rd.

[We think that both our esteemed correspondents have forgotten Mrs. Malaprop's sage adage—"Comparisons are odorous." Had not such an unprofitable discussion better cease?—Ed. F.M.]

THE OLDEST FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have been desired by the brethren of my lodge, Peace, 322, to write you on a subject of controversy between many brethren and friends—especially in this district—as to who is the eldest Freemason now living in England; and we should be glad if you could supply the information, viz., age on last birthday and date, and also the date when, and where, the venerable brother was initiated. I am proud to say that we have belonging to our lodge a very good old Mason indeed—Brother Philip Chetham, P.M., Sec.—who was born on the 29th January, 1788; joined Lodge of Peace, Stockport, 3rd October, 1811; installed W.M. 1841; appointed Secretary December 2nd, 1846; and also belongs to the Templar, Arch, and Mark Degrees. I regret to say that he has not been able to attend lodge since April, 1879, being troubled with rheumatism. He always seems happy, and considers himself well in every other way, taking into consideration his advanced age, viz., ninety-four next January; boasts that he never had the headache in his life, and glories in Masonry and in the satisfaction of having done his duty well and faithfully to his Lodge—having rescued it from a comparative state of poverty to a sound financial condition; and, in conjunction with his colleague and Treasurer, the late Bro. Stanyer, enabled the lodge to invest a good round sum for charitable and lodge purposes, in which good cause he was well supported by his son, the late John Clark Chetham, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire, both of whom were proud of the fact of there being at one and the same time three P.M.'s, viz., father, son, and grandson, also three other grandsons and myself (grandson-in-law) and my father, Bro. David Renshaw, a great friend of theirs, all in the same lodge together. I must not conclude this epistle and inquiry without mentioning the very great pleasure it gives old Father Philip to remember and narrate to his visitors the kind encomiums as to his minute book by the late Lord Combermere, also the hearty congratulations to him from the officers of Grand Lodge.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours most respectfully and fraternally, SAMUEL RENSHAW.

22, Bridge-street, Stockport.

September 27th.

Reviews.

BOOK CATALOGUES. Pickering and Co., 66, Haymarket, St. James, W.

This well known firm, which has changed its "locale," a fact to be noted, has just issued its catalogue, No. 103, and which contains many most valuable and scarce works, some of them "nuts" for book collectors. The main contents of the catalogue are books relating to the Prayer book, and the Reformation, Scotland, Shakespeare, Ritson, Shaw, Shelley, Thackeray, the New Testament, Walpole, &c., &c. The catalogue is well worth perusal. To all book collectors it will have much interest.

J. Salkeld, 1, Orange-street, Red Lion-square, W.C. Salkeld's catalogue, No. 183, has some books relating to Freemasons, and among others, "Long Livers," though we think there is an error as to the date, which is said in the catalogue to be 1772. There are a very great number of curious works in his catalogue, which is, as usual, interesting to collectors.

DIE FREIMAUREREI IN IHRER WAHREN BED-EUTUNG. GEO. KLOSS. Berlin, 1855.

We have been looking over some German Books lately on Freemasonry, and think it right to call attention to one or two, which have hardly, though published some years back in Germany, received in England the attention they deserve. This work of Kloss's is one of these. For the time it was written, it is very exhaustive and clear, and though we cannot say, critically, that it is free from errors, or that its conclusions are always sound, yet it is in itself one of the most lucid and conscientious books ever written on Freemasonry. There is one aspect of German Freemasonry, which has always been a severe "crux" to us, and so we think it will be to Bro. Gould, whose attention we know has lately turned in the same direction, when we mention it. It is this. German speculative Freemasonry commences about the third decade of the eighteenth century, and yet the Steinmetzen were still in existence, and "decrees" relating to them on Imperial authority, are mentioned by Kloss, as given late in the eighteenth century. He tells us himself, he has seen records of the Steinmetzen "Bruderschaft" at Frankfurt, and that there existed and still exists a record of admissions into the fraternity from 1707 to 1804 unbrokenly. We also find allusion to the "Haupt Hütte" at Strasburgh, the "Hütten" at Vienna, Basle, Rochlitz, Nassau, Heidelberg, Zurich, Schletstatt and other places. And yet, the whole of this movement and organization passes away, and a new "Fraternity" appears on the scene. Either, then, there was no possible combination and connection between the "Steinmetzen" and the Freemasonry of 1730, or there is some other explanation necessary.

In England the movement of 1717 professed to be a revival of the Grand Assembly. In Germany are found no traces of such a position of affairs. The "Steinmetzen," though recognized by the "State," according to Kloss, are not recognized by the "Freimaurer Logen" at all, as far as we know, and apparently disappear from activity altogether. In the latter part of last century and beginning of this, owing to the letter of the Abbe Grandier, first by Vogel in 1785, and Albrecht in 1792, Schneider in 1803, Krause in 1810, Heldmann in 1819, Stieglitz in 1828, Heideloff in 1844, and others, it was sought to connect German Masonry with the Steinmetzen.

But why this utter disconnection between the German Steinmetzen and German Speculative Freemasonry—at the time, too, when their organization was still existing and under State control? We invite Bro. Finkel's attention to this point, if he still reads our pages, as it is a very important one, in our humble opinion, for a full history of Freemasonry, and requires grave attention.

DIE MYSTERIEN DER HEIDENKIRCHE. G. E. ECKERT. F. Hurter, Schaffhausen, 1860.

This is another German work, little known in England. It professes to divine Freemasonry from Mithraic and Manichaean sources, and declares that the "Cathari," or Catharenses an Italian sect, of whom little is known historically, were called "Sons of the Widow." He also mixes up the Templars with Freemasonry. The value of the work is that it gives some documents not found elsewhere, and provides for the student references which are very valuable. The writer maintains the reality of the charter of Cologne. Among alleged documents from Krause's "Kunsterkunden" he gives us the well-known catechism beginning, "Brother, is there anything between you and I?" This has always appeared to us to be made up, so to say, of several formularies, and to be neither authentic nor correct in itself. The catechism also claimed to be Johannite, and to have been used by the ancients. Altogether, Eckert's work, except for the documents, is not reliable or sound. But it is a very able work. We shall return to one or two points he alludes to and facts he mentions before long.

Eckert talks of a "Haupt Bauhütte," at Cologne, in 1536, and gives an example, at page 281, of an examination common still in Rostock Kiel, and other towns in Mecklenburgh, of a stranger apprentice. But where he get it from he does not say. It alludes to "Anton Hieronymus" and "Balkan," and seems to have a few traces of our Order and system, but very few. There is just an "idea" of Masonry in it, and that is all. We have seen another examination which certainly has no Masonry in it at all. And then this difficult question repeats itself,—what was, if any, the connection between the German Steinmetzen and German Speculative Freemasonry?

Masonic Notes and Queries.

OLD SCOTTISH LODGES.

Can Bro. D. M. Lyon or any other Scottish "student" throw any light on the following entries in a roll of lodges, "holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," in the "History of Freemasonry" published by A. Laurie and Co., Edinburgh, 1804? Among them I find "De la Parfaite Union de Namur," "Roman Eagle, Edinburgh," "La Douce Harmonie," "La Ardente Amitie," "Faithful Friends," "De L'Orient de Marseilles." Can any account or history be given of these lodges, what their end? Where are the minutes of the Roman Eagle Lodge? Several points might arise of deep interest, as students will see, if we could receive a proper account of such bodies, once existing, but now, as far as I know, long since vanished away, and lost in obscurity and forgetfulness.

MASONIC STUDENT.

SCOTTISH AUTHORITIES.

The writer of the history alluded to above claims Ramsay and Robinson as authorities for the theory that "Freemasonry was a secondary order of Chivalry." And we know how far their authority goes. One was a theory, the other an "ut dicitur." But he also mentions "Leyden's Preliminary Dissertation to the Complaynt of Scotland," pages 67-71, and the preface to the sixth edition of "Guillim's Display of Heraldry." Can any Scottish brother help us to verify the first reference? Can the "Her. Ord. Temp." enlighten us as to the other?

MASONIC STUDENT.

MOSLEM FREEMASONRY.

The *Times* of the 27th ult., has the following:—"Important communications have been addressed to the Egyptian vernacular Press, and the powerful confraternity

of Sidi Abdel Kader el Chilian, which has a college at Kairwan and forms one of the five sub-divisions of a widespread system of *Moslem Political Freemasonry*, is using its exertions and influence to prevent the destruction of the sacred city."

Can any reader of the *Freemason* supply a brief history or sketch of the confraternity alluded to?

R. F. GOULD.

EARLY ALLEGED EXPOSURES OF FREEMASONRY.

This list requires a little more time than I can give to it for a few days, and so I leave it until I can fairly put it before my readers. It is important in more senses than one, as we realize thereby the true position of Freemasonry early in the last century.

M. S.

EARLY USE OF FREEMASON.

In the Itinerary of William of Worcester, in 1476, we have a good deal of "Benet le Freemason" and "Fremason work." Such expressions serve to show that "Freemason" is of late use. Can any one verify the reference to Rymer, (I have not time just now), given by Mr. Wyatt Papworth?

M. S.

GUILIM, STOWE, AND "FREEMASON."

The appendix to the sixth edition of Guillim, 1724, from which I gave an extract (page 419) was by a Captain Logan, and the paragraph struck me—not with any idea of its being original—but as shewing that in 1724 Mason and Freemason were convertible terms even as applied to the City Guild; and, moreover, that the reputation of the Freemasons for "affable and kind meetings" stood as high then as at the present day, and had done so ever since the year 1411. Such a statement would scarcely have been inserted in a book like "Guillim," if the editor had not been satisfied that it rested on some solid foundation, or was a matter of more than usual public notoriety. I am happy to say my note has been productive of good, for it brought forth from "Masonic Student" the interesting information (page 427) that the passage is copied from Stowe. This carries us back another 130 years or more. "Masonic Student" gives no reference, but Stow's first book, "The Summary of the Chronicles," is dated 1565, while his "Survey of London" was published in 1598, a date that reminds me of Bro. Hughan's note (page 427) referring to Bro. Ryland's article in the "Magazine," giving 1594 as the earliest date when *Freemason* is mentioned in connection with the old Masons' Arms.

HER. ORD. TEMP.

DEDICATION OF A LODGE AT CHACEWATER, CORNWALL.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Prov. Grand Master of Cornwall, accompanied by other Prov. Grand Officers, visited Chacewater, on the 26th ult., and in the afternoon formally dedicated Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, in the presence of a large number of brethren. The lodge in which the brethren now transact their business was opened about three years ago, and is a commodious and well-furnished room, forming part of a large building erected at the rear of the Britannia Hotel. In the ordinary course of events the lodge would have been dedicated long since; but unforeseen circumstances have on one or two occasions prevented the ceremony from being performed before, and it was not until the above date that it was found possible to consult the convenience both of the Prov. Grand Master and the brethren of the lodge.

The brethren met at one o'clock for the transaction of ordinary business, and this over the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with.

The brethren present, in addition to the Prov. Grand Master, were Bros. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen, W.M. of the lodge; E. T. Carlyon, P.G. Secretary; Simcoe, P.G.S.W.; J. Hocking, P.G.J.W.; G. B. Pearce, P.G.S. of W.; R. John, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Christie, P.G.S.B.; Rev. G. L. Church, P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Hooper, P.G.O.; W. Rooks, P.A.G.P.; J. Hall, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Paull, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lean, P.P.G.T.; J. Niness, P.P.G.R.; E. D. Anderton, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Mitchell, P.G. Steward; J. P. Trevarrow, P.G. Tyler; W. E. Michell, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Truscott, jun., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Eslick, S.W. 699; W. A. Bennett, J.W. 699; C. Rapson, Sec. 699; H. Scarle, S.D. 699; J. F. Lee, I.P.M.; J. A. Moyle, P.M.; W. Bray, J. Holman, W. Hugoe, and S. Mitchell, P.M.'s of 699; W. Bailey, W.M. 1544; G. Wedlake, 121; W. Simmons, 131; T. Mitchell, P.M. 1006; J. Leverton, P.M. 1006; C. Tyacke, S.D. 1006; W. L. Rowe, 589; J. Jose, P.M. 331; E. C. Carne, jun.; J. M. Carne, 75; J. Reynolds, W.M. 331; G. S. Bray, P.M. 589; G. M. Downing, J.D. 131; and others.

Bro. BOSCAWEN, the W.M., said he was deputed by the brethren to ask the Prov. Grand Master to dedicate the lodge to the purposes of Freemasonry, and he did so with all the greater pleasure because he believed the work had been carried out in a way that would at once commend itself to his lordship, who had always expressed a strong opinion that it was undesirable for any Masonic Lodge to be in immediate connection with a public house. (Hear, hear.) This was a feeling which the brethren of the "Boscawen" Lodge fully shared, and he had now to ask his lordship to dedicate the lodge which the brethren, in recognition of this feeling, had provided for themselves. (Applause.)

The Prov. G.M. said it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present on an occasion of so much interest, and the W.M. had rightly expressed his feelings in saying that he rejoiced whenever he found a lodge had a room of its own, and was not compelled to hold its meetings in a public house. He was glad to see that they had so excellent a room at Chacewater, and to be present to take part in the ceremony of dedication. It was usual, he believed, on such an occasion for the Prov. G.M. to address a few words to the brethren, but it had never been his custom to make what was called a Masonic oration or address of any kind. From their initiation and in the various Degrees through which they had all passed, as well as through seeing the rites performed in the case of others, they had heard the precepts of the Order repeated to them in solemn terms over and over again, and he hoped they had always regarded them as a reality, not merely as a form of words or as a matter of ancient custom. It was not necessary,

therefore, that he should repeat to them on the present occasion what those broad principles and precepts were, and if he said anything at all as to the principles of Freemasonry, his object always was to point out to the brethren how necessary it was that those principles should have a practical bearing on their own actions in the present day, as members of the Fraternity. Especially was it necessary that those principles should be carried out in the working of the lodge itself. Masonry was but a human system, and human frailty often came in and created difficulties amongst its members. And one of the greatest difficulties, one of the greatest snares, perhaps to which Masonry was exposed was the very natural feeling of ambition on the part of the brethren to hold office in the Craft. It was a difficulty which he trusted was merely temporary in lodges, and he hoped it might never occur amongst the brethren of Boscawen. It was usual—and a very natural thing it was—that officers who held subordinate positions should expect in turn to fill the Master's chair. But there were certainly some occasions on which that rule could not always be followed. He did not withdraw from what he had said before, and in which he believed they would all agree with him, that they ought not to admit into Masonry any brother whom they would not be disposed to see Master of their lodge. At the same time, circumstances might occur which would render it sometimes necessary, in the interests of the lodge, to interrupt the ordinary course of promotion; and the brother who was thus passed over and his promotion interfered with might be inclined to feelings of irritation in consequence. But he was quite sure the respect felt for that brother by the members generally would be increased when they saw that he accepted what had been done in a loyal and fraternal spirit, and in recognition of the object in view. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he trusted that Boscawen Lodge would be a credit to the Craft in the Province of Cornwall, and that all the ordinances of the Craft would be duly and prominently observed. Masonry ought to be a real thing, and not a mere matter of form, and if it did not cement real brotherhood, if it did not smooth over political antagonisms among the brethren, sectarian difficulties, personal rivalries, and everything tending to create discord between man and man, then he thought it would be better not to be a Mason at all. (Applause.)

The interesting and impressive ceremony of dedication was then performed by the Prov. G.M., corn, wine, and oil being used according to ancient custom. The musical portion of the ceremony, under Bro. Niness's direction, was well carried out, and the prayers were read by Bro. the Rev. G. L. Church.

After the lodge was closed the brethren dined in another part of the building, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met at the Hall, in Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Colonel Creaton. There were also present Bro. E. Spooner, S. Rawson, A. B. Tattershall, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. A. Dubois, James Peters, E. Letchworth, John A. Rucker, and Joshua Nunn.

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and confirmed. Three candidates' petitions were presented; two of which were approved.

The following notices of motion were lodged:

By Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, V. Pres.:

"That in the opinion of the House Committee it is desirable to erect a Swimming Bath for the use of the Girls, and that application be made to the Quarterly Court to sanction the expenditure of a sum, not exceeding £2000, for the above purpose."

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, V. Pat.:

"That the rank of Hon. Vice-Patron be conferred upon Bro. Charles Hammerton, in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution."

By Bro. ARTHUR E. GLADWELL:

Additional paragraph to Law XVI.

"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with lodges of instruction) which has paid to the Institution a sum of not less than one hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same; and, further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than two hundred guineas shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right."

PRESENTATION TO W. BRO. MAGNUS OHREN, P.G.A.D.C., ENGLAND, BY THE FREDERICK LODGE OF UNITY, 452.

At the ordinary meeting of this lodge on Tuesday, the 20th ult., after the usual business was completed, the W.M., Bro. Frederick A. Manning, stated that in accordance with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of 8th June, unanimously approved by the lodge of 21st June, and confirmed on the 19th July, he had now the pleasing duty of presenting a testimonial from the lodge to Bro. Magnus Ohren. Bro. Ohren was a P.M. of the lodge; had been Secretary for many years; and in the early days of his secretaryship he had brought the lodge through many difficulties; and also had been mainly instrumental in bringing the lodge to its present position in the Craft. The presentation had taken the form of a portrait, and was the work of Bro. M. James Ricks, of 120, Adelaide-road, N.W., an artist whose paintings had been exhibited on the walls of the Royal Academy. Bro. Ricks, was then S.W. of Bro. Ohren's mother lodge, the Britannic, No. 33, and they were old friends. This, perhaps, had given the artist a little more inspiration for the painting. He trusted he would consider that some of his best Masonic friends were around him, and that they joined him in the hope that for many years Bro. Ohren would live to admire this work of art; and—rather a selfish wish on their part—that he would still continue to give his valuable assistance to the Frederick Lodge.

Bro. OHREN, in acknowledging the kindness of the brethren of the Frederick Lodge for the valuable gift, gave a review of the history of the lodge, stating that, although at one time a difficulty had been experienced in holding meetings—the lodge being so few in number—they had now a muster-roll of forty-five members, and that they were able amongst their number to find brothers to act as Stewards of the Charities, and that they were supporters of all three Institutions.

The proceedings were enlivened with music and songs, and after the usual toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the brethren separated.

MARRIAGE PRESENTATION TO A WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

As we briefly stated last week, the first meeting of the members of the Lodge of Israel, 1502, after the summer vacation, which took place on Monday evening, the 10th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, was of a peculiarly interesting nature, as the proceedings comprised the presentation of exceedingly handsome gifts to Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M., on the occasion of his recent marriage. Bro. Henochsberg has long been known and cordially esteemed as an excellent Mason, and an undoubted man of honour; and the popularity of his occupancy of the W.M.'s chair was clearly shown on this occasion by the gifts and the hearty good wishes of every brother connected with the Lodge of Israel.

The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M.; Ralph Robinson, P.P.G.R., P.M.; Maurice Hart, P.M., Treas.; A. Jones, P.M.; S. Schonstadt, P.M.; M. Aronsberg, S.W.; A. Jones, P.M.; M. P. Tueski, J.W.; Jacob Prag, Chap.; B. Levy, M.C.; D. Gabrelson, J.D.; A. M. Silver, I.G.; M. Baum, P. S. Levy, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bro. Alex. Levy, P.M., P.P.G.T. Giquiland; L. Jackson, B. Woosey, R. Johnson, A. Levy, Sol. Jacob, E. Pate, B. Siemmes, T. Henry, M. H. Edwards, J. Archer, E. Capstick, T. Hooker, H. Ellis, A. A. Lyons, S. Simmons, J. Toope, A. Cohen, and R. Abrahams. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. G. Myers, 205; A. Bucknell, J.W. 667; E. Brierley, S23; R. H. Exton, P.M. 1380; W. Brassey, J.W. S23; J. Gage, S23; J. Corson, S23; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., 673 and 1505; J. B. McKenzie, P.M. 1609; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; and others.

The chief Masonic business of the evening was the passing of Bro. B. Siemmes, the ceremony being most admirably performed by the W.M. and his officers; Bro. M. P. Tueski, J.W., deserving special mention for his explanation of the working tools of the Degree. On the motion of Bro. H. A. Tobias, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. R. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R., and supported by Bro. M. Aronsberg, S.W., a substantial sum was voted from the funds of the lodge in aid of the widow of a deceased brother of the Alliance Lodge, 667, Bro. Bucknell, J.W., stating that the sum of £110 had already been raised for the relief of the widow whose case had been brought forward. A note was read from Bro. B. Levy, D.C., acknowledging receipt of a letter of sympathy from the members of the lodge in connection with a recent family bereavement. The S.W., Bro. Aronsberg, reported that the sum of £30 had recently been voted from the Fund of Benevolence attached to the lodge in aid of a distressed brother.

After the transaction of some routine business, the brethren adjourned to the large banquetting hall, where an excellent dinner was served. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given from the chair in happy and appropriate terms,

Bro. H. A. TOBIAS, P.M., rose and said it gave him much pleasure to be again entrusted with the gavel, probably the last time during Bro. Henochsberg's year of office. It was with feelings of the greatest gratification that he now proceeded to perform the duty of proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master." They had all known Bro. Henochsberg for a number of years. In every sphere he had done his duty faithfully, zealously, and well, and he had merited and received the applause, approbation, and love of every member of the lodge. They all knew, however, that since their last meeting the W.M. had gone through another important ceremony, and he was sure that everyone present would join with him (Bro. Tobias) in wishing Bro. Henochsberg the greatest happiness in connection with the most important step he had taken, viz., that of getting married. (Hear, hear.) As they were aware, the lodge voted a sum of money towards the purchase of a testimonial to the W.M. on the occasion of his marriage, but it was further thought that many members would desire privately to show their appreciation of Bro. Henochsberg's many and excellent qualities by additional subscriptions. Accordingly a Committee was formed for the purpose of raising supplementary subscriptions towards the object in view, and as a result a very handsome amount was collected, which enabled them to purchase a very elegant clock and vases for presentation. The W.M.'s tastes were consulted in regard to the shape the testimonial should take, and he (Bro. Tobias) had now the greatest pleasure in presenting the W.M. with the clock and vases, as an evidence of the deep affection and admiration which were entertained for him by the brethren generally. They trusted that he and Mrs. Henochsberg might be spared to each other for many years in health and happiness, and if they should be blessed with children he (Bro. Tobias) hoped they would prove a great comfort to their parents. Bro. Tobias, in conclusion, asked the W.M. to accept, along with the clock and vases, an illuminated address, which was in the following terms: "To Bro. S. J. Henochsberg, W.M. of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502. Dear Sir and Bro.—We beg your acceptance of the accompanying clock and vases on the occasion of your marriage, as a token of the high esteem in which you are held by every member of the above lodge, and we trust that you and your amiable lady may long be spared to each other in health and happiness. Signed on behalf of the lodge members, H. A. Tobias, I.P.M.; Maurice Hart, P.M., Treasurer. Liverpool, 19th September, 1881."

On the clock, which was exceedingly artistic in its design, was the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. Samuel J. Henochsberg, W.M., by the lodge of Israel, No. 1502, as a token of their esteem and regard on the occasion of his marriage, August 9th, 1881."

Bro. Tobias added that every member of the lodge, from the most exalted in Masonic rank to the humblest, had testified their esteem for the W.M. by subscribing to the presentation. (Applause.)

Bro. HENOCHSBERG, W.M., who was cordially welcomed, said he felt very much embarrassed on rising to acknowledge the handsome gifts, especially after the exceedingly kind words of Bro. Tobias and the high eulogium which he had passed upon him. He (the W.M.) could not adequately express to Bro. Tobias and the brethren generally his sense of the great kindness and sympathies which were embodied in the gifts which had just been presented to him. He little thought, in taking the step which he had done a short time ago, that what he considered a purely personal matter should thus have been recognised by the brethren of the Lodge of Israel. He could assure them, however, that such tokens of their regard were extremely welcome. He came almost a stranger amongst them to share the mysteries and privileges of the Order, and from the first he received that cordial and hearty welcome which had always been accorded to him. He spoke most sincerely when he said that if any small effort on his part may have met with their approval he was satisfied; and he could assure them that his constant aim was to do his utmost in his mother lodge for its interests—an object which, after their kindness that evening, he would endeavour still steadily to keep in view. (Hear, hear.) He need hardly say that his dear wife joined him most heartily in thanks for the extremely kind interest which the brethren of the lodge had shown in their recent union and the hearty wishes expressed by word and deed in their future happiness and welfare. In conclusion, Bro. Henochsberg said that if the G.A.O.T.U. should bless them with children, it would be his pride to point out to them the evidences of the kindness and goodwill of the brethren which had been shown that evening. (Applause.)

Other toasts followed, and during the evening some excellent songs were given by Bros. S. Jacobs, M. Hart, and others.

THE FORTHCOMING ROYAL VISIT TO SWANSEA.

We are glad to announce that the members of the Craft are likely to muster *en force* at Swansea, on the occasion of His Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England's approaching visit to our town in connection with the opening of the East Docks. At a very influential meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, held at Swansea, on Friday week, presided over by the D.P. Grand Master, M. Tennant, Esq., in view of H.R. Highness, the Prince of Wales, having graciously consented to receive an address from the Freemasons of the Province of the Eastern Division of South Wales, it was resolved that a pavilion be erected in the new street, near the High-street Station of the Great Western Railway. The pavilion will be a large and magnificent structure most elegantly furnished, and will, it is expected, be capable of holding as many as 2000 Freemasons and their ladies. It is also intended to erect near the same spot a grand Triumphant Masonic Arch in honour of the extent. The place selected for the pavilion will be on the most convenient part of the new street, near the stand to be erected for the Choral Society, thus commanding a full view of the procession, and enabling the brethren to take part in the proceedings of the day, by presenting the address which His Royal Highness the Prince has consented to receive; and further, they will be in such close proximity, so as to enjoy the full advantage of hearing the 2000 voices that will be so harmoniously brought into requisition when the procession passes *en route* to the docks. As the pavilion will be exclusively for the accommodation of the Masonic brethren and their ladies, the tickets will be reserved and numbered so as to ensure comfortable seats; and we need hardly add that the brethren will facilitate matters very much by making an early application for tickets to the Provincial Grand Secretary. Any additional information may be had of Bro. Dr. Morgan, of the Indefatigable Lodge; Bro. George Allen, of the Talbot Lodge; and Bro. D. C. Jones, of the Caradoc Lodge. We understand that, in addition to the above, there is some intention of having a grand Masonic ball at the Music hall, in honour of the Royal visit. Should this take place, it will probably be fixed for Monday, the evening preceding the day of opening. A ball of this description, and under such happy auspices, will be a great acquisition, and a pleasing prelude to the ensuing festivities. We, therefore, wish it every success.—*Cambrian*.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A VALUABLE PAINTING.

The celebrated picture known as the "Monarch of the Meadows," painted by Mr. T. Sydney Cooper, R.A., and the property of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, of Lancaster-gate, Hyde-park, has been destroyed or stolen under extraordinary circumstances. On the 13th ult. a room in which the picture was standing was discovered to be in flames. The fire was quickly got under, and it was then found that the picture had been cut out of the frame, either before or after the fire commenced. There is the most distinct evidence that the canvas was cut from the frame, but there are also signs of a tallow candle having been applied to the lower portion of the frame. By the jagged and unprofessional manner in which the canvas has been cut, it is thought that possibly it is the work of some vindictive person wishing to inflict an injury upon Bro. Allcroft. Another supposition is that the culprit, having cut away the picture, set fire to the frame, in order to destroy all evidence of the robbery. No traces however, are to be found of either an entrance or an exit having been made. There were only two maid-servants staying in the house, though during the day time there have been some twenty or thirty workmen on the premises. On the previous evening the house was made thoroughly secure, and there is no evidence of any of the bolts or bars having been tampered with. The smoke also penetrated into the drawing-room, which adjoins the room in which the picture stood, and entirely ruined some valuable marble statues. The painting, which was exhibited in the Royal Academy some years ago, was in the best style of the celebrated artist, and certainly the largest he ever executed, being nine feet high by seven broad, and was valued at £5000. The subject was a group of a bull, cow, and calf, the figures being nearly life-size. A liberal reward has been offered to the workmen engaged on the premises for any information which will throw light on the mystery; and a public reward will be offered in a few days. The rest of Bro. Allcroft's valuable collection of pictures were safely locked in a strong room, but the missing picture was found to be too large to pass through the doorway.

Officers" were proposed and well received. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th ult., when Bro. J. T. Sellar, the W.M. presided, supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; and most of the officers with several other brethren. The appointment of lodge auditors was the principal business, after which Bro. T. Humphries, assistant Secretary presented to the lodge a very curious brown-ware bottle, moulded in the shape of a heavy setting maul, and covered with Masonic emblems in high relief. Bro. Humphries gave an account of the history of this curiosity, which had been in the hands of its late owners for three generations. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Humphries for his valuable gift, as also to Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., for a gift of several Masonic books to the lodge library, which is now assuming large dimensions. Subsequently, during the meeting for refreshment, Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland made reference to the late Masonic gathering in York, and said that the Masons of York had every reason to congratulate themselves on the success which had attended the British Association reception. Already the effect had been made manifest by the number of Masonic odds and ends which had been brought to light by brethren owning them, and who had previously regarded them as of no value; and although the proposal for the establishment of a Masonic museum at York did not seem to be at all practicable or feasible, yet it was quite possible that on some future occasion an opportunity might be offered for another exhibition of loan objects, and if this could be carried out there could be no doubt that the beautiful and interesting display of the 5th September might be easily quadrupled. Several toasts were honoured during the evening, and the absence of the I.P.M. Bro. C. G. Padel through illness was the theme of great regret, and a happy and social evening closed at eleven p.m.

BRIGHTON.—Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—On Friday, the 23rd ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Bro. W. S. Martin, W.M., presiding. Among the large number of brethren present were R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Sussex; W. Bro. J. H. Scott, Junior Grand Deacon of England and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex; and several other prominent Grand Officers and brethren. The ordinary lodge business having been transacted, Bro. J. H. Scott, at the request of the W.M., performed the ceremony of installation in a very effective manner towards Bro. G. S. Godfree, who had been chosen as the new Master. The ceremony ended, the newly-installed Master then invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. Martin, I.P.M.; Newsome, S.W.; Peters, J.W.; G. Smith, Treas.; W. A. Tooth, Chap.; Burfield, Sec.; Councillor Berry, D. of C.; J. B. Hannay, S.D.; R. Allison, J.D.; R. Ancombe, J.G.; J. B. Macfarlane and R. Pearce, Stewards; J. Woodhead, Org.; J. Hughes, Tyler.

Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a most elegant banquet was served by Bros. Sayers and Marks, far eclipsing anything they have previously attempted on behalf of the Craft. The tables were most elaborately decorated, and especially noticeable were a number of gold and silver swan epergnes, quite new, and used on this occasion for the first time.

The brethren who attended included the following: R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; Bros. J. H. Scott, Prov. D.G.M.; C. J. Smith, Prov. J.G.W.; H. Davey (ex-Mayor of Brighton); S. P. Weston, R. Paige, R. H. Pearce, A. Loader, W. J. Bramwell, J. B. Macfarlane, M. Lelew, W. Beard, G. Greenyer, F. H. Wilmer, P. Chargois, H. Fieldus, H. D. Shaft, Rev. W. A. Tooth, Rev. J. H. Cross, Ald. H. Martin, Ald. E. Martin, E. Burfield, 567; Jas. Curtis, P.M. 315 and 179S, Prov. G. Steward Sussex; S. Roberts Legg, P.M. 932; W. Skindle, W.M. 351; W. T. Nell, P.M. 315; A. J. Hawkes, W.M. 1536; Seymour Burrows, 811; W. E. Hollands, 315; Thos. F. Futeher, P.M. 586 and 1112, Hants and Isle of Wight; Dr. Thos. S. Byass, W.M. 1461; George Pike, Harry Evans, W. Roe, E. H. Bramley, C. Wren, E. Broadbridge, C. Sandeman, W. H. Gibson, Dr. Hauxwell, G. Nash, George Smith, Walter Smith, C. J. Hampden, G. L. Fenner, T. Packham, S. Norman, Arthur Johnson, 311; Lewis Jefferies, G. R. Godfree, W. R. Wood, W. Smithers, J. Large, W. Hudson, B. Bennett, H. Alex. Dowell, J. Miller, W. H. Cockburn, J. F. Capon, H. Ross, F. Daniel, T. A. Goodman, Albert Crook, J. M. Kidd, Jas. H. Stephens, Thomas Billing, and others.

Dinner ended, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the company received with special acclamation the toast most ably given by the W.M., Bro. Godfree, of "The R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P." who responded thereto in his usual most felicitous and happy style. The remaining toasts included "The Health of the W. Bro. J. H. Scott, Prov. D.G.M., and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," that of "The Worshipful Masters," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge." Bro. Roe, Prov. G. Org., kindly presided at the pianoforte, and very excellent songs were given by Bros. Burfield, Broadbridge, Large, Harry Evans, and others. Bro. Godfree, the newly-elected W.M., conducted the proceedings of the evening in a manner which gives every confidence that the work of the lodge under his direction will be most efficiently carried out in the future.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Barnett, W.M.; J. T. Tanqueray, S.W.; Stoddart, J.W.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Jos. Langton, Treasurer; J. D. Langton, Secretary; Bué, S.D.; S. S. H. Saunders, J.D.; Bentley Haynes, J.G.; Shaw, Chubb, Kerr, Gayton, Arthur Tanqueray, R. Saxton, and others. The lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Chubb, acting as candidate, answered the usual questions, and was raised to the Degree of M.M. The Second Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Sudlow, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. T. Tanqueray was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. After Bro. R. S. Besant, 1194, had been proposed by Bro. Bué, seconded by Bro. J. T. Tanqueray, and duly elected, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

MID-SURREY CHAPTER (No. 1044).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 23rd ult., at 11.15 a.m., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Present: Bros. E. F. Storr, M.E.Z.; J. Jones, P.Z., acting H.; A. Frances, P.Z., as J.; W. C. Gray, P.Z., Treasurer; and A. J. Jones, S.E. The chapter having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, and a P.Z.'s jewel unanimously voted to Comp. E. F. Storr, as a mark of esteem from the members of the chapter. There being no other business, the chapter was then closed, and the companions repaired to the Ferry Hotel, Cookham, where a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent. After dinner, presided over by the M.E.Z., the companions left or town.

KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).—The members of this chapter met at their new headquarters, the Horns, Kennington, on the 5th ult., when there were in attendance Comp. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; H. Higgins, H.; Speedy, J.; G. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Webb, S.N.; Köhler, P.S.; Appleton and Cooper, Assistants.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, several letters were read from absent members, and the convocation was duly and formally closed.

At the banquet which followed, the usual toasts received full justice. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. G. Everett; "The Second and Third Principals" was acknowledged by Comp. Higgins and Speedy, and "The Health of the Officers" was responded to by Comps. Everett, Webb, Köhler, Appleton, and Cooper. "The Visitors" was fully acknowledged by Comp. Palmer, late of the Domatic.

WOOLWICH.—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—A convocation of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Comp. W. A. Weston, M.F.Z., presiding, supported by Comps. W. B. Lloyd, H. of the Pattison Chapter, 913, as H.; and E. Denton, P.Z., as J. (Comps. E. West, H.; and H. Shaw, J., of the chapter, being unavoidably absent). Among the other companions present were Comps. C. A. Solbé, Chap.; J. Wilkins, P.S.; A. H. Welding, 1st Asst.; G. Kennedy, Scribe E.; T. Ovenden, J. Robinson, W. Branstock, J. B. Wylie, W. G. Warry, R. Bailly, J. Purnell, A. Saunders, E. B. Hobson, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

It had been fully expected that Baron Henry De Worms, M.P. for Greenwich, would have been present to be exalted to the Supreme Degree, and one or two others, but our esteemed brother the Baron was compelled to go on the Continent, and sent a letter to that effect, excusing himself for non-attendance. Bro. Quarter-master W. Smith-Cox, A.S.C. and P.M. of the Priory Lodge, 1000, one of the candidates, was, however, with the usual ceremony, exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

After some other formal business, the chapter was closed in due form, and the companions adjourned to Comp. De Gray's house, the Freemasons' Hotel, where they partook of dinner, and afterwards drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in excellent form. Comp. Denton, P.Z., proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and, in so doing, spoke highly of his many and varied efforts for the good of Freemasonry, and wished him success in his year of office. In reply, Comp. Weston briefly referred to the circumstance that had called them together in that chapter of emergency, and trusted to have all the candidates present next time, and also more of the officers. (Hear, hear.) The next toast was that of "The Second and Third Principals," and, in proposing it, the M.E.Z. spoke highly of the work done by Comps. Lloyd and Denton. He said the latter was the very backbone of the chapter, for in any case of emergency he was always ready and willing to take any office, so that the work might go on and be finished. As to Bro. Lloyd, he hardly knew how to thank him enough for his kindness in taking the chair of H. at a moment's notice. Had it not been for him they could not have done what little work they had done that night, and he cordially, in the name of the companions, thanked him for his services. (Applause.) Comp. Denton, in reply, expressed his readiness to do anything he could for the chapter, but trusted some of the other Past Principals would be present at the next regular meeting. Comp. Lloyd said he had only just been placed in the chair of H. of the Pattison Chapter, and hoped they would overlook all deficiencies. Nothing gave him greater pleasure in attending the Union Waterloo Chapter than the opportunity of doing some little service for it. (Applause.) "The Health of the Newly-Exalted Companion" was then drunk with enthusiasm, and in giving it the M.E.Z. spoke of the regret he felt at the non-appearance of their worthy representative, Bro. Baron De Worms; but he was pleased to have exalted an excellent brother and now companion, Quarter-master Cox. They had both served in the Royal Regiment of Artillery together, but while he had not had an opportunity of seeing active service, Comp. Cox had served his country in Zululand with credit and distinction. Everything Comp. Cox took in heart prospered. He was the founder of two lodges in Essex, for which province he wore the purple, and he felt sure that he would be a credit and honour to the Union Waterloo Chapter. (Cheers.) Comp. Cox said he felt proud to be exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by his old friend and comrade, Comp. Weston. As he had said, they had been boys together in the Royal Artillery, and served at the same stations. He appreciated the honour greatly, and trusted to be not only worthy of the position, but useful in it. (Applause.) The next toast was that of "The Officers," coupled with the names of the P.S. and Scribe E., who the M.E.Z. highly complimented for their splendid services; and Comps. Wilkins and Kennedy responded. "The Visitors" and "Masonic Press" were then honoured, and the toasts having been severally responded to, the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some good singing.

Mark Masonry.

YORK LODGE (T.I.).—This strong and active lodge met on the 20th ult., at York, under the presidency of its W.M., the Rev. W. C. Lukis, of Wath. The principal business was the advancement of two candi-

dates, Bros. H. Smith and Charles Greensides of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416, Thirsk, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. assisted by the following officers: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, S.W.; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M. as J.W.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M. as M.O.; M. Millington, S.O.; A. T. B. Turner, J.O.; J. Redfere, as Reg. of Marks; T. G. Hodgson, S.D.; T. Humphries, J.D.; P. Pearson, Tyler. The W.M. announced his intention of attending the Grand Lodge at Sheffield on the 22nd September, and hoped to be accompanied by as many of his officers and brethren as possible.

Subsequently the brethren met at supper, and during the course of the speeches reference was made to the formation of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of North and East Yorkshire, which seem to have every prospect of success, and a general opinion was expressed that Mark Masonry had before it a prosperous future in the district.

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—A lodge of emergency was called for the purpose of advancing Bro. R. R. Lissenden to the M.M.M. Degree on Tuesday, the 13th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Thos. Robt. Peel, W.M.; George Hunt, acting S.W.; Julius Arensberg, P.M.; P.P.G. Purs., acting J.W.; T. H. Glendinning, M.O.; William Nicholl, S.O.; Outram, acting J.O.; Jas. Wilson, Sec.; Henry L. Rocca, S.D.; W. J. Edwards, I.G.; Hester, Wilde, and J. E. Lees. Visitor, Bro. Parkinson, Prov. G.S.D. Lanc.

The lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Lissenden, and being declared in his favour, he was afterwards advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. by the W.M., assisted by his officers. There being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by Bro. Parkinson, and the lodge was closed in the usual manner at 7.45.

The brethren afterwards sat down to supper, and on the cloth being cleared the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. "The Health of the Newly-Advanced Candidate" was proposed in flattering terms by the W.M., Bro. T. R. Peel, and duly acknowledged by Bro. Lissenden. The brethren separated about 9.30.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 21st ult., when there was a good muster, Bro. Rowland Baxter, W.M., P.G.A.D. of C. in the chair, supported with the following officers, Bros. R. Wilson, S.W.; W. Martin, P.M. as J.W.; D. Bell, M.O.; Jordan Ashworth, S.O.; F. T. Allatt, J.O.; James Harper, P.M., P.G.S.D. Treas.; B. Craig, Sec., P.G. Steward; J. Banks, S.D.; W. Swain, J.D.; J. F. Kirkconel, I.G., P.G.I. of W.; John Close, Tyler, P.G.T.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Walker, P.M., P.G.J.D.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate by a unanimous vote accepted for advancement, but not being in attendance the ceremony was carefully rehearsed, after which Bro. William Martin, the I.P.M. of the lodge was presented with a Past Master's collar jewel, as a small token of esteem—the jewel, with a little adjustment, serving for either Craft or Mark. Bro. Martin feelingly acknowledged the gift, and the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

Knights Templar.

LIVERPOOL.—William de la More Preceptory (No. 49).—A convocation of the knights attached to this preceptory, of which Sir Knight Mayor George Turner is the Eminent Preceptor, was held at the Skelmersdale Hall, Westminster-road, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. After the transaction of some formal business, Sir Knight R. G. Brookes was elected the Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year. After holding the office for a period of nine years, Sir Knight Joseph Wood expressed a strong desire to resign the office of Treasurer, and, although strongly pressed to retain the position, he respectfully declined to do so. Under these circumstances, on the motion of Sir Knight J. Wood, seconded by Sir Knight R. G. Brookes, Sir Knight W. J. Thomson was elected as Treasurer for the coming year. A proposition was submitted by Sir Knight W. J. Thomson in the following terms: "That our next and future meetings be held at the Masonic Hall, St. Helen's." A communication was read from Sir Knight Clement Robert Nuttall Beswick-Royds, Grand Commander of Lancashire, approving of the proposed change in the meeting place of the preceptory, and the proposition was accordingly carried.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—On Tuesday, the 13th ult., the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knights Templar held its quarterly convocation at York. In the absence at Buxton of the E.P. Frater G. Simpson, through ill health, E. Frater J. S. Cumberland took the chair, and was aided in the ceremonies by Fraters Rev. J. E. M. Young, Constable; M. Millington, Marshall; T. B. Whytehead, Reg.; A. T. B. Turner, Capt. of G., and other fraters. The ceremony of installation of a candidate was duly performed upon an accepted companion, E. Frater T. B. Whytehead, acting as Sub-Marshal, and after the close of the meeting a pleasant evening was spent in social and Masonic intercourse. A general wish was expressed that a meeting of Provincial Prior should be held as soon as possible for the installation of Frater Woodall as Sub-Prior, and Frater S. Middleton (Geoffrey de Bouillim), of Scarborough, who was present, informed the fraters that he was in communication with the Prov. Prior, Lord Londesborough, and hoped that a meeting would shortly be arranged.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

NOTICE.—The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Diary and Pocket Book" for 1882 is preparing for publication on the 1st of November. To ensure accuracy a form for filling up has been sent to every lodge, and those Secretaries who have not yet made their returns will greatly oblige the Publisher by doing so at their earliest possible convenience.—The *Freemason* Office, 16, Great Queen-street (opposite Freemasons' Hall).

Friday, October 7th, will be a busy day amongst the Freemasons of the town of Workington. In the first place, the annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland will be held, under the banner of the Sun and Sector Lodge, No. 962, when Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, will install as his Deputy Bro. Jonas Lindow Burns-Lindow, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.W., in succession to the late Bro. Colonel Whitwell, M.P. On the same day a special communication of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge will be held, when the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Bective, will install Bro. Major Sewell, P.M. 229, P.G.M.O., as his Deputy.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., K.C.B., arrived at Kirkwall with Lady Brassey and family, on Tuesday morning, in his yacht, the Sunbeam, from Shetland. They intend spending a few days in Orkney in visiting the different places of interest.

Bro. William Thomas Sugg, of Vincent-street, Westminster, has obtained a patent for improvements in gas regulators, and in the application of gas regulators to gaseliers.

A suggestion having been made to the Mayor of Brighton, Bro. Alderman David Smith, that the Royal Counties Agricultural Society should be invited to hold their meeting for 1882 in that town, a preliminary and semi-private gathering of gentlemen interested in the matter was held on Saturday last, at the Town-hall. The Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, Mr. Simmons, was in attendance to afford information, and among numerous influential gentlemen present were Mr. Marriot, M.P., and several members of the corporation. A resolution was unanimously passed requesting the Mayor to call a public meeting of the inhabitants with the object of inviting the society to hold their meeting at Brighton next year.

Bro. Richard Barham will be installed W.M. of the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday next, October 3rd, at 5 o'clock.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR B. S. PHILLIPS.—The many friends of Bro. Sir B. S. Phillips in the City of London, and more especially in the ward of Farringdon Within, of which he has been the respected alderman since 1857, will be glad to learn that he hopes to be among them again in the course of a week or two. His illness has been of a serious character, but thanks to the great medical and surgical skill which has been brought to bear in his case—his advisers, besides his own medical attendant, Dr. Bloxam, having included Sir W. Jenner and Sir J. Paget—he has now almost entirely recovered. He is residing at Brighton. His appearance in the City again will be hailed with great pleasure.—*City Press*.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, accompanied by Dr. Arnold Royle, drove from Balmoral Castle to Mar Lodge last Tuesday, on a visit to Bro. the Earl of Fife. Shortly after the arrival of Prince Leopold the Prince of Wales also reached Mar Lodge, where he is to remain for a few days the guest of Bro. Lord Fife, and is to engage in deer shooting in Mar Forest.

St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, which has been closed for the last four Sundays for repairs and cleansing, will be reopened on Sunday morning next by the Bro. Rev. Dr. Cox (vicar in charge).

Bro. Sir John Bennett will lecture on "The Watch: Its History, Mechanism, and Mode of Manufacture," at Whitfield's Tabernacle, Tottenham-court-road, on Monday evening, Bro. Rev. J. J. Wray, M.A., chairman.

Mr. J. Edgar Williams has been commissioned to paint a life-size group picture of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and their young Princesses for the board-room of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, recently opened by their Royal Highnesses. The project was conceived by the chairman, Mr. W. P. Boxall, and the Mayor, Bro. Alderman David Smith, J.P., D.L., with others interested, and has received the honour of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales's sanction.

The reading-room of the British Museum will be open till seven o'clock, and lighted by Siemens' electric light, early in October. The room will be illuminated, as heretofore, by four arc lights, each of about 4000 candle-power. A new feature will be the introduction into the cloak-rooms and lavatories of several of Swan's patent incandescent lights, of about 20 candle-power. Readers will thus be able to witness the introduction of the electric light into ordinary sized rooms. The whole of the machines for the electric lighting of the museum are driven by two engines, each of eight horse-power.

A Lodge of Instruction called the Selwyn Lodge of Instruction will be held under the sanction of the warrant of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, every Thursday (except the third) during the months of September to April, and first Thursday other months of the year.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction will resume its meetings for the season on Tuesday, October 4th, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. The officers are Comps. Taylor, Z.; A. Payne, II.; Chicken, J., and F. Brown, Acting S.E. and Preceptor.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., entertained the Common Councilmen of the Ward of Cornhill at dinner at the Ship and Turtle on Wednesday, the 21st ult., and was honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor, M.P. There were present among others to meet the Lord Mayor, Bros. Alderman Ellis, Sheriff Waterlow, Under-Sheriff Hanbury, Under-Sheriff Layton, and Thomas Beard.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire will take place on Wednesday next, at Hull, under the banner of the Kingston Lodge. The proceedings will include a procession to Holy Trinity Church, with a sermon by the Dean of York, and a subsequent banquet. We observe from the agenda paper that there are notices of important resolutions by Bros. R. W. Hollin, J. S. Cumberland, J. W. Woodall, and T. B. Whythead, so that we imagine the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge will be somewhat lengthy. The number of notices of motion is at all events a healthy sign, and shows that Masonry in its ancient English birthplace is still full of vitality.

Bro. H. J. Lardner, W.M. Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, worked the ceremony of Installation at the meeting of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, on Thursday.

Bros. H. B. Marshall and William Sugg have been appointed Wardens of the Glass-Sellers' Company.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Cox, Vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, has been appointed to the evening lectureship of Christ Church, Spitalfields, by the Weavers' Company.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., is the subject of a cartoon portrait in the current number of the *Western Figaro*.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., intends paying a visit to the South African Colonies on being released from the duties of the Shrievalty.

Bro. Sheriff Waterlow recently entertained the Lord Mayor, M.P., and a number of friends, at No. 1, The Avenue, Bronesbury.

The new Sheriffs, Bros. Alderman Hanson and W. A. Ogg, entered upon their duties last Wednesday, with like their predecessors, the best wishes of their fellow-citizens. Both are gentlemen of high character, considerable wealth, and sterling reputation, and they will, no doubt, fulfil their important functions in a satisfactory manner.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, assisted by the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, will dedicate the Masonic Hall of the St. Kew Lodge, 1222, at Weston-super-Mare, on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., at two o'clock p.m. The banquet will be held at the Railway Hotel at four o'clock.

Bro. Lewis Lewis was installed W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge, 811, Brighton, at the last meeting of that lodge.

The funeral of the late Bro. President Garfield took place on Monday amid marks of universal sympathy. The funeral ceremony was simple and impressive, consisting of prayer, singing, and benediction.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington has promised to preside at the annual dinner of the Yeovil Agricultural Society, on Friday, November 4th.

The third annual dinner of the officers who took part in the relief of Lucknow was held on Saturday evening, the 24th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Lord Napier of Magdala. Each officer wore the colours of the ribbon belonging to the Indian Mutiny medal.

Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry has taken St. John's Wharf, Millbank-street, Westminster, in order that the public may receive supplies of household coal direct from his collieries.

The Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, 1586, will in future meet on Tuesday, instead of Wednesday, at eight o'clock, at the White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood. Bro. H. E. Frances is the Preceptor.

We beg to call attention to the advertisement, which appears in another part of the paper, of C. C. B. Jones, who is a candidate at the next election of the Boys' School. A more distressing case never came under our notice.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Bective have left Underley Castle, Kirkby Lonsdale, for Hopetoun House, as the guests of the Earl of Hopetoun during the festivities of his coming of age.

Bro. Baron S. B. de Worms has given £5 5s. to the Institution for Relieving the Indigent Blind of the Jewish Persuasion.

The National Lifeboat Institution have formed a new station at St. Anne's-on-Sea, and on Saturday, the 24th ult., the lifeboat, which was built by Messrs. Woolfe and Son, of Shadwell, was launched with considerable ceremony.

A portrait of the Lord Mayor, by Mr. W. B. C. Fyfe, is at present hanging on an easel in the saloon of the Mansion House.

The fifty-eighth anniversary of the Birkbeck Literary and Scientific Institution will take place in December, under the presidency of the Earl of Lytton, when the Countess of Lytton will distribute the prizes to successful students.

A meeting of the United Pilgrims Lodge, 507, was held on Wednesday last at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. Bro. W. H. Beckley, W.M., presided.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters are expected to leave Abergeldie for Marlborough House towards the close of the week.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duchess of Montrose, the Marchioness of Tweeddale, and the Countesses of Lonsdale and Clanwilliam, have intimated their intention of becoming patronesses of the Association for the Encouragement of British Woollen Manufactures.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Monday next, at seven p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Rhodes Bristow, of Lewisham.

A Court of Aldermen was held on Tuesday last at the Guildhall, the Lord Mayor in the chair. The acting Remembrancer reported that henceforth the swearing-in of the Lord Mayor will take place in the Court of Queen's Bench instead of the Court of Exchequer, as heretofore.

Bro. King Kalakaua left New York on Tuesday last for Philadelphia.

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, P.G.W., will visit Salisbury on November 15th, the occasion of the Wilts County Ball, and will be the guest of Mr. Coleridge J. Kennard, of West Park, Damerham, near Salisbury.

At the meeting of the Court of Judges, St. Giles Cripplegate, Bro. James Harvey, C.C. and P.M., President, proposed, Bro. U. Knell seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a resolution expressive of their deep regret and sympathy be sent to the American Legation, in respect of the death of President Garfield.

On Monday, the 17th inst., at eight o'clock, Mr. W. C. Pearson, numismatist, will give a first reading on the coinage of England.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales intends visiting Longleat House, Wilts, on the 6th of December, upon which occasion the Warminster Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry will form a guard of honour at the Railway Station.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, will be held at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, on Wednesday, the 12th October.

Bro. Flavius Josephus Phillips, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, recently died at Moscow, in that State, aged sixty-four years.

The corner-stone of the Presbyterian Church, in Bel-Air, Maryland, was laid with Masonic ceremonies, on the 7th ult.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, assisted by several of the Prov. Grand Officers, dedicated the new hall of the Boscawen Lodge, No. 699, Chacewater, on Monday last, the 26th September.

The inaugural festival of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., at seven o'clock precisely, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on which occasion the ceremony of consecration will be worked by Bro. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, the Preceptor, and Bro. Ambrose W. Hall, G.C., Chaplain. After the ceremony there will be a banquet.

DUNEDIN MASONIC HALL.—We are pleased to find that the alterations and additions to the synagogue have been completed, and that a few decorations are only required to make the new hall fit for use. The furniture arrived in Melbourne per s.s. Orient, on the 23rd July, and was expected to reach Dunedin on August 2nd.—*New Zealand Freemason*.

Young England, which during the last two years has been issued weekly at one penny, and in monthly parts at sixpence, will in future be published monthly only, at fourpence per month.

The Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S., assembled on Tuesday, the 20th September, at ten o'clock a.m., at the Masonic Temple, and held its annual session during the week.

Bro. Philip H. Emerson, Grand Master Mason of Utah, has been re-appointed to the Supreme Bench of the Territory of Utah, and that the same has been confirmed by the Senate. Bro. Emerson is an able lawyer, and has made a most excellent judge, and his re-appointment will be received with great satisfaction by the law-abiding citizens of the territory.

The exchange of money orders with Japan, which was formerly carried on by means of the British Post Office Agency at Yokohama, but was suspended on the abolition of that agency in 1870, will be resumed on the 1st of October next, under a direct arrangement with the Japanese Post Office. The only office on which orders can be drawn will be Yokohama, as formerly; but the arrangements with the Japanese Post Office will admit of payment being made at any place in Japan where there is a Money Order Office. The rates of commission will be—For sums not exceeding £2, 9d.; above £2 and not exceeding £5, 1s. 6d.; above £5 and not exceeding £7, 2s. 3d.; above £7 and not exceeding £10, 3s. No money order can be drawn for a sum exceeding £10.

Bro. G. R. Sims's new comedy, "The Halfway House," will be performed on Saturday next, the occasion being the re-opening of the Vaudeville Theatre.

Bro. J. L. Toole will not return to the Folly Theatre until Christmas.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa will, we understand, again conduct the performances of the Sacred Harmonic Society, which will commence shortly, with Bro. Willing presiding at the organ.

Mr. H. D'Oyley Carte opens his new theatre, the "Savoy," on Monday next, when Mr. Arthur Sullivan is to preside in the orchestra.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Fowler, M.P., left London on Thursday for the Cape, and expects to return in time for the election on St. Thomas's Day.

Mr. John Morley's long-expected "Life of Richard Cobden" will be in the hands of the public in the last weeks of October, it consists of two volumes, with a portrait.

A correspondent informs the *Athenaeum* that the children of Thomas Miller are in destitution. Miller was known as the Basket-maker Poet, but his principle work was his "History of the Anglo-Saxons," in continuation of Sharon Turner's book. The poet Rogers, and afterwards Lord Beaconsfield, were admirers and patrons of Miller. The *Liverpool Albion* will receive subscriptions.

A primer of "Legible Shorthand" has been prepared for the use of schools by Mr. E. Pocknell, the author of the system, and will be published in a few days.

The Rev. Isaac Taylor's work on the "Alphabet" is among the forthcoming works announced by Messrs. Kegan, Paul, and Co.

The mother of Alexander Smith has recently died at Kilmarnock, at the age of seventy-five years. She was described in her son's novel of "Alfred Hagart's Household," and appears to have been of an exemplary and stongly-marked character.

It is stated that Mr. Synros, a Merchant at Athens, has given a sum of 100,000 francs to the Greek Government for the purpose of founding a museum at Olympia.

