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We beg to call attention to the notice elsewhere of a Special Grand Lodge in reference to the late atrocious attempt on the life of our beloved QUEEN. We believe that H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER will move the resolution in person. No doubt Grand Lodge will be fully attended.

THE dastardly attempt of assassination by that wretched miscreant, RODERICK MACLEAN, as Her Majesty the QUEEN was leaving the Windsor Station, Thursday week, has aroused through our happily still loyal land one indignant feeling of horror and reprobation. It is, indeed, a little too hard, that, after her long and constitutional reign, her noble life, and her mournful trials, the QUEEN should have to endure the violence of the revolutionist, or the outrage of the maniac. In the good providence of the G.A.O.T.U., this fresh attempt at regicide has happily failed, and we trust that the sound and outspoken loyalty of all classes alike of the people of Great Britain will afford some little consolation to Her MAJESTY under circumstances so trying to herself, so painful to her family, so distressing to her personal attendants. This atrocious and insane attack on the SOVEREIGN is deeply and earnestly resented by millions of loyal subjects; while the whole of Europe, the inhabitants of the United States and Canada, teeming India and the distant Antipodes, all feel and avow the same one honest thrill of heartfelt abhorrence of such an act of iniquity, and of intense rejoicing at the overruling protection of the Almighty Disposer of all Events again so graciously accorded to the best of Queens. We could fain hope that the act itself,—horrible as it is to contemplate,—is an isolated act, the outcome of morbid monomania, the overt act of a witling, or a positive lunatic. Still there are circumstances which require careful investigation; were it to be realized or ascertained distinctly that this cowardly act was the development of connivances or allotted part of the programme of a secret society or disloyal destructionists, no punishment would be too severe to be meted out to such an act of debased ruffinism. Her MAJESTY displayed, as usual, that wonderful serenity and courage which has marked her noteworthy and gracious career; and we need hardly add that the deep, sustained, and heartfelt sympathy and devotion of our loyal Craft, accompanies in fullest measure the universal gratitude and love of a great and loyal people towards the QUEEN and the Royal Family.

SURELY some serious reflections must arise in some of our minds as to the very hurtful tendencies and perverting influences of many writings and lectures just now, which are prevalent and patronized in some quarters, and which tend to hold up Royalty to ridicule, the institutions of our country to contempt, to sow discord between class and class, as well as to preach the theories and advocate the propagation of disloyal socialism and of unbridled Communism. Attacks on the House of Brunswick, to which great family the liberties of the English people owe so much, and under whose august regis, tutelary dynasty, and fostering care, our laws and education, peace and civilization, progress and prosperity, have made such great strides during the last (all but) 200 years, are greatly to be blamed and gravely to be censured. They do but pave the way for social anarchy, discord, revolution, plunder, the overthrow of the rights of property, the confiscation of the rewards of industry. If such be the fruits of a so-called new philosophy, we feel pretty sure that our honest and educated English people will have none of such things; and all such teachers cannot be too carefully shunned or repudiated, who for their own selfish aims, or baser gains, or coarse self-indulgence, endeavour to uproot the ancient and constitutional liberties of all classes, high and low, rich and poor. It is not too much to say that much of the wickedness of RODERICK MACLEAN, and the hopeless follies of destructive Iconoclasts, at home and abroad, may be fairly traced to the active promulgation of hateful accusations, unhallowed aspersions, and the bitter development

of opposition to lawful authority, as well as the encouragement of class hatreds, and the ignorant and vindictive utterances of mendacious charges and criminal libels.

WE are not sorry to note the careful reticence of Grand Lodge as to proposals for change, and suggestions of improvement in the normal constitution and work of our Craft. There are, as we all know, "reforms and reforms," as well as "improvements and improvements." But Grand Lodge is a very cautious body, and peculiarly susceptible of hasty propositions or ill-digested schemes of alteration and amelioration. On the whole, we doubt not that Grand Lodge came to a very wise decision as to most of the notices on the agenda paper; indeed, on the whole, we may say all. And therefore we venture to express the opinion and the hope, in order to prevent fruitless discussion and save the time of Grand Lodge that some worthy brethren will think twice before they give notices of alterations and amendments of our laws and customs, which run counter to the general sense of the Craft, and are most unlikely a priori to find acceptance or approval in Grand Lodge.

WE should have thought that it might have occurred to our esteemed confrère, HUBERT, of Paris, that his correspondent was neither a very wise critic or trustworthy commentator on English Freemasonry. We also, we think, might have expected that our able friend might have deemed it only fitting to himself, and fair to English Freemasonry, to call attention to the charitable work of us poor stupid English Masons. True it is we do not discuss politics, or treat social questions, but we do do a great deal for Charity. And which is best we ask Bro. HUBERT,—active, living practical charity, or inane questions and discordant theories, for Masons and Masonry in general and in particular? While on this side of the Channel the abstinence from burning controversies and personal feuds has enabled the English Freemasons to raise more than a million of francs for our Metropolitan Charities alone, and we say nothing of countless other acts of living and veritable beneficence, the prevalence of these discussions and hurtful changes has induced the French Freemasons to effect—well, positively nothing for charity worth mentioning. What they are doing is positively a burlesque on the word charity; a baneful parody on any profession of Masonic "bienfaisance." We say this in all kindness and goodwill, but we are bound to speak the truth, and point out to our friend Bro. HUBERT, and all French Freemasons, the inevitable result of the downward course which French Freemasonry has now taken.

WE note that an attempt has been made to unite all French Freemasonry under two great heads, the Craft, and a Supreme Council. There is a good deal of indistinctness on the propositions, and we are not quite sure that the proposals for an union were quite sincere. But if they were etc., and we understand them right, they were these. All the grades above the Third Degree were to be under one head, the Rit Ecossais, Mizraim, and the Council of the Grand Orient to be merged into one Supreme Grand Council for France, while the lodges of the Grand Orient, the Rit Ecossais, and the so-called Grand Lodge Symbolique were like under one United Grand Orient or Grand Lodge for France. To this proposition, if an honest one, in the abstract, there cannot be any objection; but we are not on the spot, and we do not quite understand what is the real tone and temper of the project. The A. and A. Scottish Rite and the Rite of the Mizraim have declined to concur, so that at present the only possibility of union seems to be between the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge Symbolique, of whose legality however, there are the gravest doubts, constitutionally and Masonically.

IT was stated sometime back that we were incorrect in saying there were any dissidents to the present proceedings of French Freemasonry. The last Bulletin du Grand Orient, however, gives us the best proof of the entire correctness of our assertions, which were based, we need hardly assure our readers, on competent knowledge of persons and things. It seems that in a certain lodge several of the older members have ceased to attend. Why? Only because they disapproved entirely of the recent changes in French Freemasonry. We suspect that this feeling in France is rather wider and deeper than some good friends of ours like either to admit or recognise.

IN the last *Chaine d' Union* an extract is given from *El Mallette* (the Mallet) a Spanish Masonic review at Barcelona in Spain, which deals with a nonsensical Ultramontane attack on Freemasonry. We call attention to a letter on the subject elsewhere.

WE think it well to allude to the announcements elsewhere as to the manner in which the distressful news of the wicked and atrocious act at Windsor

was received by some of our Masonic bodies. In what the presiding officers then and there said "impromptu" they fitly and forcibly represented the unanimous and more matured feelings of the Craft. We are glad to note the deep indignation with which the announcement of this execrable attempt at assassination was received by the company present, as well as the loyal exultation at Her Majesty's providential escape from injury of any kind.

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WE wish to direct special attention to the announcement, made by Bro. HEDGES, that Bro. H.R.H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, May 20th. We doubt not that the list of Stewards will be very large, and we shall keep our readers "au courant" of the proceedings of the Stewards and the preparations for a successful Festival.

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THE Report of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for 1881 is reviewed elsewhere, and a very striking one it is. It tells a tale of good management, rightful prosperity, and yet of continued need of sacrifice and exertion on its behalf. We have received the Boys' Report and will treat upon it fully next week.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

The following summons has been issued by Grand Lodge:—

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND.

"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c.,
M.W. Grand Master.

"W. Master,—Your attendance is required, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, at a Special Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at Five o'clock in the evening, when the following Resolution will be proposed by His Royal Highness the M.W. the Grand Master:—

"That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons under this Grand Lodge, at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and of their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence."

"The Grand Lodge will be opened at Six o'clock precisely.

"By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

"Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,

"5th March, 1882."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.P., in the chair. The other brethren present were Bros. Alfred Williams, S. Rosenthal, Don. M. Dewar, C. G. Rushworth, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), G. P. Britten, Robert P. Tebb, C. F. Matier, C. B. Harding, Leopold Ruf, A. J. Duff Filer, Joyce Murray, Henry W. Hunt, George P. Gillard, J. L. Mather, F. Adlard, W. H. Perryman, R. P. Spice, C. F. Hogard, Fredk. Birekes (Sec.), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, four candidates were placed on the list for the October election. Outfits were granted to four boys who had been educated in the Institution and have obtained situations. One candidate for the April election, G. F. Beaumont, was withdrawn from the list.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The montly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. Hilton, C. A. Cottebrune, Richard Hervé Giraud, John Bulmer, George Jones, James Brett, William Clarke, Edgar Bowyer, Thomas W. C. Bush, Charles Daniel, C. H. Webb, Louis Stean, C. E. Keyser, James Terry (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Terry reported that the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of the 7th December, 1881, at which the grant of £800 per annum from the Fund of General Purposes was carried, were not confirmed at the Quarterly Communication on the 1st inst.

Bro. Terry also reported the death of three male annuitants and one female candidate for next election.

Bro. Terry likewise reported that the annual festival of the Institution was held on Tuesday the 21st February, under the presidency of Col. Lloyd-Philipps, Prov. G. Master of South Wales, Western Division. The amount announced at the festival was £12,337 3s. 6d., with eleven lists to come in, but the sum had now reached £12,620, with four lists still outstanding.

On the motion of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, seconded by Bro. W. Clarke, G.P., a vote of condolence was unanimously passed to Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, on his recent heavy bereavement.

The Warden's Report was read, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques for accounts.

On the motion of Bro. W. CLARKE, seconded by Bro. R. H. GIRAUD, the Committee resolved to direct the solicitor of the Institution to retain counsel to appear for the Institution in opposition to the Railway Bills affecting the Institution at Croydon, which are now before Parliament.

The Chairman obtained the sanction of the Committee to granting a day in April or May for the Stewards of the late festival to visit the Institution. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE HARDMAN LODGE, No. 1948, AT RAWTENSTALL.

One of the largest gatherings of members of the Craft ever assembled in East Lancashire took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Rawtenstall, to witness the consecration of this new lodge.

The founders are Bros. R. H. Hardman, P.M. 283, P.P.G.S.W.; G. E. Hardman, P.M. 283; Geo. T. Hardman, S.W. 283; James Nuttall, P.M. 215; Thos. Jackson, P.M. 274; Joseph Harling, P.M. 283; J. Collinge, J.W. 283; W. Taylor, 1775; W. Halstead, 1775; W. Wallwork, 283; Richard Barrow, 1775; Martin Brown, 1697; S. Smith, 1775; J. H. Hargreaves, 283; and Geo. Nuttall, 512.

No doubt the popularity of these brethren, added to the fact that the esteemed R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, was announced to preside and perform the consecration ceremony, may be regarded as the main cause of such a numerous assemblage.

At 1.30 prompt the Prov. Grand Master entered the lodge-room, preceded by the founders and accompanied by his Prov. Grand Officers in procession. There were present at the ceremony

Bros. George Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M.; Thos. Hargreaves, P.G.J.W.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. J. E. Roberts, B.D., P.G. Chap.; the Rev. E. H. Thomas, P.G. Chap.; Thos. Nash, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; W. H. Braddon, P.G.S.D.; Henry Thomas P.G.J.D.; S. L. Buckley, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; S. Haworth, P.G.D.C.; Jno. Bladon, P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. Kershaw, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Blacker, P.G. Purst.; J. C. Whittington, P.G. Org.; Edmund Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W.; James Holmes, P.P.G.J.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D. of C.; Robt. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C.; Westry Benn, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Randle Fletcher, P.P.G. Org.; F. Halliwell, P.P.G. Org.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Chas. Wood, P.P.G. Purst.; E. Sourbutts, P.P.G. Purst.; W. H. Cottam, P.G. Steward West Lanes.; Thos. Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; Chas. Nuttall, 215; G. E. Nuttall, 283; Jno. Stewart, 286; R. M. Milner, 163; J. Shuttleworth, J.W. 286; J. E. Wright, P.M. 286; D. Hargreaves, P.M. 286; B. Hill, P.M. 363; Jno. Ramsbottom, W.M. 874; J. T. Butterworth, 363; M. Stuttard, P.M. 363; E. Barber, P.M. 113; J. de Pennington, S.W. 113; J. Cuttle, 274; E. Crossley, P.M. 54; J. Nuttall, S.D. 286; G. Pilling, P.M. 274; J. Halstead, S.D. 274; J. H. Lord, 274; H. Maden, J.W. 303; H. G. Bell, W.M. 113; T. Bradshaw, 126; J. Howarth, 1392; H. Ramsbottom, S.W. 280; Thos. Wilson, 1392; Thos. Sedgwick, W.M. 42; J. Comfort, 128; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; B. Smith, 1694; Jno. Harrison, S.W. 1664; W. J. Melling, 986; Thos. Barlow, W.M. 1664; G. T. Yapp, 1392; Jas. Hopkinson, J.W. 1392; Jas. Entwisle, 1392; W. Sutcliffe, J.D. 1664; E. G. Gregory, 1664; H. Ineson, P.M. 1634; H. R. Heys, S.W. 1634; Jno. Knowles, 1664; S. Porritt, P.M. 1634; W. H. Kershaw, W.M. 269; J. Taylor, P.M. 274; Jas. Howarth, P.M. 1697; H. Pickup, 1697; S. Horrocks, W.M. 1634; C. Lomax, 1634; W. H. Birtwistle, 1634; R. Schofield, 1634; Robt. Hill, 1634; W. H. Milner, 1387; Jno. Kirkwood, 1392; W. Sanderson, 1392; W. S. Hardacre, 1392; Thos. Wolstenholme, 1634; O. Startop, P.M. 934; Henry Taylor, P.M. 286; W. Mossop, 1664; W. Gilleland, 1655; Geo. W. Sewell, 344; Wright Jones, 344; W. Barber, P.M. 344; Rawdon Ashworth, P.M. 286; John Hanson, 1634; Robt. Howarth, 1634; Thos. Sanderson, 344; James Walton, 274; Jno. R. Lord, W.M. 1697; Ingham Taylor, 1697; James Grime, 1775; Robt. Lee, 1775; Jno. Barcroft, P.M. 274; Jno. Nuttall, 274; C. Martin, 283; C. Barker, 1392; S. Bailey, P.M. 166; W. S. Lamb, 1392; R. Greaves, 283; T. Collinge, 215; Jas. Barnes, 283; J. R. Hargreaves, 215; F. Thompson, 216; Jas. Maxwell, 215; W. Pollard, P.M. 126; E. Barlow, W.M. 215; A. Cross, W.M. 283; C. Furniss, W.M. 1145; M. J. Lonsdale, 274; E. Hardman, 274; J. Haworth, 274; James Hall, P.M. 286; T. Mitchell, 274.

After the usual salutations, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed as his Wardens *pro tem*. Bros. Edward Ashworth, P.P.G.S.W., and Capt. Hargreaves, P.G.J.W.

A Craft Lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, after which the R.W. P.G. MASTER delivered a very earnest address to the promoters of the new lodge, pointing out to them in a lucid and impressive manner the duties devolving upon them, as members of the Fraternity generally, and as members of the new lodge in particular.

At the close of the address, Bro. CHADWICK, Prov. G. Sec., stated the desires of the petitioners, and at the request of the presiding officer, read the warrant of constitution, after which the petitioners, having signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the ceremony was proceeded with and performed in a manner which reflected the greatest credit upon all concerned therein.

The Rev. S. E. ROBERTS, Prov. Grand Chaplain, delivered an eloquent oration during the ceremony.

In consequence of the Prov. Grand D. of C. (Bro. Howarth) being indisposed, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C., officiated for him, assisted by Bro. John Bladon, P.G. Asst. D.C.

The musical portion of the ceremony was ably rendered by Bros. Kershaw, Dumville, Bailey, and Lamb, under the direction of Bro. J. C. Whittington, P.G. Organist.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of consecration and dedication Bro. Capt. Hargreaves, P.G.J.W., occupied the W.M.'s chair, and in a very efficient manner installed Bro. R. H. Hardman as the first W.M. of the lodge.

During the Board of Installed Masters more than sixty brethren were present, evidencing the great interest taken in this addition to the already numerous roll of lodges in the Province of East Lancashire.

On the re-admission of the brethren, the following officers were invested: Bros. Major G. E. Hardman, P.M., S.W.; Capt. G. T. Hardman, J.W.; Richard Barrow, Chap.; W. Wallwork, Treas.; J. Harling, P.M., Sec.; W. Taylor, S.D.; W. Halstead, J.D.; T. Jackson, P.M., M.C.; J. H. Hargreaves, Org.; M. Brown, I.G.; J. Collinge and G. Nuttall Stwds.; and S. Smith, Tyler.

The R.W. PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in a few well-chosen words, presented the new warrant to the W.M., after which Bro. Hargreaves addressed the W.M. and Wardens, and Bro. the Rev. J. E. Roberts delivered the address to the brethren with considerable dramatic effect, after which the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Officers retired in procession.

Before closing the lodge the Junior Warden, addressing the W.M., stated that the officers and brethren desired to inaugurate their undertaking as well as to commemorate the installation of their esteemed first Worshipful Master, by exercising that virtue which is so characteristic of the Order, viz., Charity; with this view they had subscribed the sum of £20 to be presented, in the name of the lodge, to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution, which amount he begged to hand to Bro. Chadwick, the Secretary of that Institution.

Both the W.M. and Bro. CHADWICK suitably acknowledged the donation, after which the lodge was closed in solemn form.

The brethren adjourned to an adjacent school room, where a sumptuous banquet was served, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., supported by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a number of Provincial Grand Officers, and about 100 other brethren. An extensive toast list was gone through, interspersed with songs and glees by the choir, accompanied by Bro. J. Randle Fletcher, P. Prov. Grand Organist.

The arrangements of the lodge room, and the decorations in the school-room, were worthy of the highest commendation, and the brethren in whose hands these were placed deserve the best thanks of all who were present.

OUR GREAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

I.—THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Our Masonic Educational Institutions are truly the pride of our Craft, just as they are educationally Institutions which are unique both in their aim and morale, their "raison d'être" and their actual results.

As the report of the Girls' School for 1881 reaches us the first, we take it to-day, hoping next week to give to our readers an equally interesting account of the Boys' School.

We pass over the early history and later development of each, well known to all our readers, and simply essay to deal with their yearly returns and their annual balance-sheets.

During the last twelve months the London individual donations and subscriptions to the School have reached the goodly sum of £4178 18s. 6d., while the subscriptions of London lodges and chapters have reached to £1008 5s. Individual brethren from the Provinces have sent up £2967 6s., and Provincial lodges and chapters £2383 9s. 11d.; London Lodges of Instruction give £59 17s.; while lodges in Ireland, Scotland, and the Colonies have remitted £78 15s. We think that the Colonial lodges might fairly do more than they do, the more so as we have frequent applications now from Colonial candidates. The A. and A. Rite gives £52 10s., and musical fees and sale of old stores produce £172 4s. The funded property of the Society produces in dividends £1260. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter give annually £160 10s. There are miscellaneous payments in London and the provinces amounting to £130 4s. 3d., and with the balance of 1880, £1090 19s., make up the total receipts of £14,338 3s. 3d.

On the "per contra side," we note that the ordinary expenses amount to £7952 5s. 11d. The ordinary expenses include the provisions for an average of 221 girls and 35 adults, 256 persons, £2435 3s. 10d. Clothing, &c., for the girls, £1319 4s. 8d. Office expenses, which seem to us very moderate, amount to £650, and teachers' salaries, &c., to £1213 12s. 8d., which includes all salaries at the school. The ordinary house repairs and painting, £268 5s. 11d. The normal wear and tear of furniture, linen and crockery &c., £434; medical attendance, a very noteworthy item, only £60; school books and stationery, £112 18s. 11d.; printing the reports and appeals, £378 8s. 11d.; coals, gas and water, £491 13s. 11d.; rates, £202 5s. 8d.; office expenses, £338; and a few other small items make up the £7952 5s. 11d.

The extraordinary expenses include pensions, £350; a purchase of Stock in the Sustentation Fund of £3000; new furniture for Junior School, £495 5s.; repairs and painting, £470 18s. 5d.; gratuities and outfits, £49 10s.; prizes and rewards, £85 14s. 8d.; University examination fees, £33 18s. 8d.; and with balance to credit of £1300 18s. 5d., £70 12s. in Secretary's hands and £40 in Matron's, constitute the £6385 17s. 4d. extraordinary expenditure, which, together with the ordinary expenditure of £7952 5s. 11d., make up the entire sum of £14,338 3s. 3d. Subtracting the purchase of Stock and the balance, we have the "extraordinary" expenditure, which "æteris paribus" may be estimated at the same amount, more or less, year by year, of £2025 16s. 11d.

That would make up a sum close on £10,500 absolutely necessary to keep up the Girls' School, annually.

But then that would not be a safe estimate of ways and means, inasmuch as no allowance is made for emergency items, which may arise in any school, and which must either be met by income, or taken out of savings. It is not therefore unfair to say that annual subscriptions and donations of not less than £11,500 are absolutely required from our benevolent Craft to keep the school in its normal state of efficiency, activity and energy. Any amount above that strengthens the hands of the executive to deal liberally and yet economically with all matters that come before it.

It is but fair here to remember that the expenditure for the swimming bath, even in its reduced amount, will form a considerable item, and that in the best interests of the schools it is advisable, nay necessary, to put by annually, if possible, a certain sum, to prepare for less prosperous times, perhaps, or unforeseen expenditure. The larger, therefore, the returns to the Girls' School, the more clear and safe are its future prospects of utility and vitality.

The average expenditure per head on the ordinary income is £35 19s. 8d., and no school in existence can be more economically administered, or more conducive to the great end of all such institutions,—success, satisfactory reality, and thoroughness.

The simple fact that 233 orphan girls of our Order are securing the inestimable blessings of a good education, and the comforts and care of a happy home, is one of which our good old Order may be justly and consciously proud.

Next week we hope to review the report of its Brother Institution, equally useful, valuable, and well administered,—the Boys' School.

LAMBERT DE LINTOT.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

"Masonic Student" has referred to some notes of mine in the *Freemason* of May 14th, 1881, in reference to Lambert de Lintot and the Lodge of Perfect Observance. As I then said, there is no doubt a mystery to be unravelled with regard to this lodge and its founders. The correspondence of Lintot (I judge there was only one Lintot) with the Grand Lodge of Scotland is still preserved; and if Bro. Murray Lyon would be good enough to send a copy of the important portions of it to the *Freemason*, he would be conferring a favour upon all of us. The salient points are, I believe, given in

my notes of May of last year. Lintot seems to have been anxious to gather under the wing of his Lodge of Perfect Observance all the Masonic ritualism of the period, and, with that view, to have corresponded with York and Edinburgh. I have not the least idea as to who Lord McMahon was, but I should think he may have been one of the Jacobite leaders who formulated those grades of Masonry that were thought useful for party purposes. Has the Lodge of Antiquity any of the Lintot papers in its custody? If "Masonic Student" will kindly look again at my former notes to which he has referred, he will find the source of my information at that time. Bro. Hughan has given in his "History of Freemasonry at York" the story of the formation of the Grand Lodge South of the Trent, and mentioned the warranting of its only two lodges. The official letter to York, announcing their constitution, and containing official returns of members, has, I think, never been published, and I therefore enclose a copy, which, I fancy, may be found useful for reference, if printed. I feel convinced that the Scotch records (correspondence) contain valuable information, and might, moreover, possibly throw some light upon the origin of Templar Masonry.

The following is a copy of the letter referred to:

"M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:—

"Conformable to the time appointed in the deputation from you to the brethren in London, under the title of the *Grand Lodge of England South of the River Trent*, I shall now lay before your Worships their proceedings since the Institution on the 24th June, 1779.

"On the 9th August, 1779, in consequence of a petition having been presented at a preceding Committee from several Masonic brethren for that purpose, the Grand Master with his officers attended at the Queen's Head Tavern, in Holborn, to constitute the Lodge of Perseverance and Triumph, when the following appointment of officers took place, viz:—

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| "Bro. Wm. Preston | ... | ... | R.W. Master. |
| " Hugh Lloyd | ... | ... | W.S. Warden. |
| " Wm. Darnborough | ... | ... | W.J. Warden. |
| " Rd. Bishop | ... | ... | Treasurer. |
| " Thos. Birkenhead | ... | ... | Secretary. |
| " Wm. Marsh | ... | ... | } Stewards. |
| " J. Francis Kahn | ... | ... | |

"This lodge ranks as No. 2 in the list of lodges under our Constitution, on account of their petition being subsequent to that from the brethren of the Lodge of Perfect Observance, which I shall take notice of more fully hereafter.

"At a Quarterly Communication on the 3rd November, 1779, the Grand Lodge being informed that Bro. Wm. Darnborough above mentioned had declined being a member of the above lodge, or any lodge under our Constitution, it was resolved that his office of Grand Steward should be deemed vacant, and Bro. John Long has since been appointed to fill the same. At this communication the Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Wm. Preston to be his Grand Orator.

"On the 15th November, 1779, the Constitution of the Lodge of Perfect Observance, No. 1, took place at the Mitre Tavern, Fleet-street, when the following officers were appointed, viz:—

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| "Bro. Pet. Lambert de Lintot | ... | ... | R.W.M. |
| " Daniel Godfrey Hintze | ... | ... | W.S.W. |
| " Adam Girard | ... | ... | W.J.W. |
| " Jno. Christian Falek | ... | ... | Treasurer. |
| " Peter Mercier | ... | ... | Secretary. |

"Some alterations have lately taken place as well in this lodge as in the Lodge of Perseverance and Triumph, which I shall do myself the pleasure of particularising in my next despatch.

"These are the only two lodges at present under us. You may recollect my observations on the slow progress of our influence here in my letter of 6th February last. I have only to remark in addition to what I then mentioned that the present era does not seem distinguished for Masonic pursuits, which I can attribute only to the critical situation of political affairs in this kingdom at present, and the effect it has on the minds of all ranks of men, on account of its influence on their respective affairs in private life.

"On the 19th January last another Quarterly Communication was held, which I took notice of to you in my letter of the 6th February following, at which meeting the office of Grand Sword Bearer was abolished, because deemed an innovation in Masonry, to which office you will find by my letter of the 3rd August, 1779, Bro. Jno. Savage was appointed.

"A Quarterly Communication was likewise held on the 19th April last, but no other business being transacted than such as related to our own internal government, I shall say nothing further respecting it, but draw your attention to the proceedings at the installation of Grand Officers.

"Present:—

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| "M.W. Jno. Wilson, Esq. | ... | ... | G.M. |
| "R.W. Saml. Bass, Esq. | ... | ... | D.G.M. |
| "W. Benj. Bradley, Esq. | ... | ... | S.G.W. |
| "W. Daniel Nantes, Esq. | ... | ... | J.G.W. |
| "James Donaldson | ... | ... | G. Treas. |
| "John Sealy | ... | ... | G. Secy. |
| "Wm. Shepherd. | ... | ... | |
| "Jas. Macombe. | ... | ... | |
| "Theophilus Beauchant. | ... | ... | |
| "John Savage. | ... | ... | |
| "Wm. Norris. | ... | ... | |
| "John Sims. | ... | ... | |

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| "Bro. George Hume | ... | ... | } Grand Stewards. |
| " Fredk. Chas. Kirtiff | ... | ... | |
| " Jno. Jacob Hertel | ... | ... | |
| " Jno. Fras. Kahn | ... | ... | |
| " Thos. Shipton | ... | ... | |
| " John Long | ... | ... | |

"The Master and Wardens of the Lodges of Antiquity, Perfect Observance, and Perseverance and Triumph, respectively, and other visiting and assisting brethren.

"The Grand Lodge being opened in ample form in the proper Degrees, the Grand Master opened the business of the day by informing the brethren of the cause of their meeting, and concluded by proposing Bro. Benjamin Bradley as his successor in the high office of Grand Master, which was unanimously approved of, and he was thereupon duly installed according to ancient custom, after having taken the oath usual on so solemn an occasion.

"The Grand Master elect then proceeded to invest Bro. John Wilson a Past Grand Master, and nominated the following brethren as Grand Officers for the ensuing 12 months:—

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| "Bro. Wm. Preston | ... | ... | Depy. G.M. |
| " Daniel Nantes | ... | ... | S.G.W. |
| " James Sims | ... | ... | J.G.W. |
| " F. C. Kirtiff | ... | ... | G. Mas. of Cerem. |
| Elected by { " Jas. Donaldson | ... | ... | G. Treas. |
| ballot. { " John Sealy | ... | ... | G. Sec. |

"After which the nomination of Stewards for the ensuing 12 months took place, whose names are as follows:—

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| "Bro. Charles Blanchard. |
| " Jas. Poppleton Griffin. |
| " Peter le Mercier. |
| " Jno. Christian Falek. |
| " James Macombe. |
| " Theoph. Beauchant. |

"Such has been the whole of our proceedings, at least such of it as is anyways necessary for your cognisance and information, since I had last the pleasure of writing you on the subject.—I am, &c.,

"Friday-street, London,
"1st July, 1780.
"To the M.W. Grand Master of All England."

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To Correspondents.

The following stands over:—

Worshipful Masters V., by Bro. A. C. F. Calaminus.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Hull Packet," "Keystone," "The Broad Arrow," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Debrett's House of Commons," "Public Ledger," "The Liberal Freemason," "Orient," "The West London Advertiser," "The West Cumberland Times," "The Court Circular," "The Masonic Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "La Acacia," "El Taller," "The Masonic Tablet."



SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1882.

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.]

ANOTHER ATTACK ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A recent attack of an Ultramontane Spanish paper, called "La Revista Popular," which is so amusing that I give it here. The ingenious writer has made an attack on Freemasonry, which the writer in the "Malleto" terms "telum imbelles sine ictu,"—a "harmless weapon without force," in the form of a "creed," which he says is the code of faith and morality of Freemasonry everywhere. Listen to it, I pray my readers.

1. Nos per nos.—Ourselves by or for ourselves.
2. Nullus super nos.—No one above us.
3. Quæ cunquæ, ubicunquæ, quandocunquæ, comedite, bibe, letare.—Eat, drink, rejoice over, whatever things you wish, everywhere, and whenever you like.
4. Cum quâ cumquæ et quâ cumquæ, disjunge et conjunge, dummodo convenias—Marry, separate, just as it mutually suits.
5. Possumus omnia facere quæ volumus absque sive etiam culpa.—We can do all we wish without even venial sin.

6. Ergo semper liberi sumus.—Therefore, we are free for ever.

I leave out several of these absurd articles, as I give your readers an idea of the animus of this pious Roman Catholic assailant, firstly because they are both absurd and profane, and secondly because I cannot help fancying that one of our good friends, the Jesuits, has had a hand in drawing up this profane recapitulation.

The language is peculiar and scholastic, and I think I can trace in this foolish attack some of those subtle phrases, both of metaphysics and casuistry, in which our Jesuit opponents like to indulge. As an incrimination of Freemasonry it is so absurd in itself as to claim no reply.

Yours fraternally, MASONIC OBSERVER.

FRENCH FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your paragraph respecting the Lodge of Pecq and the Grand Lodge Symbolique demands a few explanatory words from me, probably the only member of the Craft under the obedience of the G.L. Symbolique, who will read your estimable journal. I must premise my remarks by informing you that as soon as the Lodge of Pecq had committed the enormity of initiating a lady, and thus making a "Masoness," that precocious lodge was asked to retire from the body of the G.L. Symbolique, a polite way of suspending its activity, which has been done. I hear that the above-mentioned lodge has been asked to be admitted in the bosom of the family of the "Supreme Conseil." I think we may anticipate the reply of the "Supreme Conseil."

Now, dear Bro. Editor, to the point of my letter. I think you must be unaware of the birth of the G.L. Symbolique to call it, as you do, an *illegal body*, and perhaps with your usual fair spirit you will permit me to explain the circumstances connected with the formation of this fourth governing Masonic body in the Republic of France. To do this it is necessary to recapitulate a few points dating a few years back. At the period of which I write, about 1879, in the year of grace, it became apparent that the "Supreme Conseil" were governing with a high and mighty hand, themselves naming the different lodges representatives to them, thus effectually doing away with any particular lodge having even a *consultative* voice in the management of their affairs.

Several lodges thereupon declared themselves *en sommeil* that is, in non-activity, meeting no more, and in a kind of trance. Like Rip Van Winkle, these dozen lodges awoke after a long slumber and formed the Grand Lodge Symbolique Ecos-saise, governing only the first Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, and having obtained the permission of the Supreme Council and Grand Orient they became a legal body; one of their chief causes of existence and creation was, and is still, to re-unite the different rites existing in this country under one grand national lodge governing the first Three Degrees, and a "Supreme Conseil" governing and administering the higher grades.

In this great work of pacification and unity we are happily progressing, sub-committees having been appointed by the different rites with the view of arriving at the desideratum of being able to quote the words, "How pleasant it is for brethren to live together in peace."

I may here add an important point, viz., that the "sine quâ non" of the "Supreme Conseil" is the maintenance of the Lausanne Convention, especially with regard to that point of division hitherto existing—the existence of the G.A.O.T.U.—and no objection, I believe, has been raised to this by the other obediences; we hope, therefore, shortly to be able afresh to claim brotherhood with the Anglo-Saxon branch of the Masonic family, who, in my humble opinion, have by estranging themselves from the Continental branch of the family, commenced an allegorical war of the roses. We, however, will not take up the gauntlet; we feel obliged to you for the leniency with which you judge our materialist brethren, but respectfully call your attention to the fact that it is not your place to judge us; it does no good.

There are many things Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry has yet to learn, and many benefits to derive from a visit to a French Lodge. For instance, I remarked in a preceding number of the *Freemason* a justly placed complaint as to initiations taking place without sufficient guarantees as to the respectability and responsibility of the candidate. Such a state of affairs could not exist with us "castaway, good-for-nothing" brethren, for on a name being proposed for initiation into the mysteries of "Hancient Freemasonry," as I heard a W.M. say in England scarcely a month since, it becomes the duty of the W.M. privately to appoint three members of the lodge who have passed the Sublime Degree to enquire—each of them separately—into the proposed one's life, character, habits, etc., and only upon the three reports being read, the names of the enquirers being suppressed, can the lodge, at three different meetings, vote for initiation. From what I have seen in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, it would not befit them ill to adopt a similar plan.

It now only remains for me amply to apologise for the length of my epistle, pleading Masonic zeal as my excuse, and hoping that the frankness of my speech will not merit your eternal wrath.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

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76, Faubourg Poissonniere, Paris.

GRAND LODGE AND THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I confess I am unable to appreciate the arguments which Bro. Philbrick advanced in support of his motion of Wednesday last, to the effect that so much of the minutes of the December Communication of Grand Lodge as related to the grant of an additional £800 per annum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution should not be confirmed. I agree with him that prudence in all circumstances is a virtue of the highest importance in Freemasonry. This being so, I trust Bro. Philbrick will pardon me for suggesting that he would have done better if before proposing his motion he had been at the pains of making himself acquainted with the circumstances on which alone a prudent man, like himself, and the advocate of prudence in others, would, in the ordinary concerns of life, found so solemn a proposition. Had he adopted this course, I imagine he would never have brought forward a motion inviting Grand Lodge to undo in March what it had unanimously, at one of the most numerous attended meetings of the last few years, resolved on doing last December.

Nor were the means wanting by which he might easily have obtained the requisite information. The statements of account, published quarterly, of the Funds of General Purposes and Benevolence show unmistakably that the contributions of lodges to the former for one year are more than sufficient to cover its normal expenditure for the same period. These "contributions" exceed £7000, while the "expenditure" is within that sum. But, in addition to this regular source of income, there are the sums received from rents and dividends, as well as the one-fifth of the salaries contributed by Grand Chapter, which together are considerably in excess of £3000. Another point, which it may be well to note, is that each of these quarterly statements of accounts show a very formidable balance to the credit of the fund, while every now and then will be found entered in the expenditure one or more sums disbursed in the purchase of stock. At all events, no one who has gone through these statements, even cursorily, can possibly arrive at any other conclusion than that Grand Lodge will be guilty of no imprudence should it ultimately confirm its resolution of last December.

The question may be regarded from another point of view. May I ask Bro. Philbrick, with all deference, if the rent-roll of Grand Lodge may not be looked upon as a permanent source of income, if Grand Chapter's contribution of one-fifth of the sum disbursed for salaries may not be regarded as a sound asset; and if the lodge contributions are of so little account that they must be left out in the cold in estimating the means at the disposal of Grand Lodge to meet its liabilities? If these may be legitimately taken into account, then Grand Lodge has an average income of £10,000 to meet an average expenditure of £7000, and it might grant an additional £800 annually three times over, and yet have a respectable balance on the right side of the account.

On the other hand, if they are to be overlooked in reckoning its available means, then Grand Lodge for years past has been doing nothing else than exhibit a degree of imprudence such as even the most reckless of public companies have rarely equalled.

Let me give just one illustration of this imprudence.

For salaries and wages Grand Lodge stands committed to over £2,400, of which Grand Chapter pays a fifth, so that the net liability under his head is fourfold the income derived from investments.

However, it is hardly worth while pursuing this argument. With a quarterly balance of income over expenditure of over £2000 and upwards, it is clear the Fund of General Purposes must be administered with a degree of prudence which is most creditable to the Board over which Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton so ably presides.

Having already so largely trespassed on your valuable space, I will merely add that during the past few years the resources of Grand Lodge have been such that, after provision has been made for every class of expenditure, it has found the wherewith to invest largely in Government Stock and new buildings. Under these circumstances I think Grand Lodge deserves and will receive a character for prudence in every way worthy of its exalted position as the Parliament of Freemasonry.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

A LOVER OF PRUDENCE.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Ashmole was buried in the north aisle at the east end of Lambeth Church. Therefore, though I cannot speak with certainty, I should think his will was more likely to be found in Doctors' Commons than in the Registry of Wills at Lichfield, his death having taken place, I believe, at his chambers in the Temple. When the second part of my memoir appears in the "Masonic Magazine" it will be found to contain an extract from a description of his will which I have lighted upon, and which is to the effect that he bequeathed to the Ashmolean Museum his library, "which consisted of one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight books, of which six hundred and twenty were manuscripts, and of them three hundred and eleven folios relating chiefly to history, heraldry, astronomy, and chemistry, with a great variety of pamphlets, part of which had been sorted

by himself, and the rest are methodised since, and a double catalogue made, one clas-ical, according to their various subjects, and another alphabetical." He also left the valuable gold chains and medals which had been presented to him after the publication of his "History of the Order of the Garter."

Fraternally yours, G. B. A.

APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I reply with great willingness to the two questions asked in your last issue by "The Compiler of the *Freemason* Historical Calendar," though I fail to see their bearing on the question at issue between us.

1. The W.M. designate of a new lodge can most certainly have no status whatever as a member of that lodge until the lodge has been formally constituted.

2. He could certainly not act as W.M. until he had been constitutionally installed in due form.

The Book of Constitutions in describing the process of constituting a new lodge provides (a) that the lodge shall be duly consecrated; (b) that the W.M. shall be installed; (c) that the Wardens and other officers shall be appointed and invested. It is then added (p. 131, ed. 1873): "The lodge, being thus completely constituted, shall be registered," &c.

As "The Compiler of the *Freemason* Historical Calendar" admits, this process was not complete in the case of the Apollo University Lodge until February 19th, 1814, consequently I still maintain that the lodge cannot be described as "open" on February 10th.

I am, yours fraternally,

A MEMBER OF No. 357.

THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am a good deal exercised by the constant use of the word *aesthetic*. Whence does it come? What is its meaning? There is no word just now so often on our lips, and yet I doubt very much, if many are able to realize either its present meaning or its original use. It is unknown to Johnson and our other good lexicographers, and is, I apprehend, of quite modern creation.

It seems to come from "aisthesis" or "aisthetikos," for the Greek "aisthesis" means "perception by the senses," and "a vision," &c., while "aisthetikos" is "belonging to, fitted for perception," and "aisthetes" is "one who perceives." The present sense is therefore purely factitious and slang.

There are in the Greek "esthes," or "esthema," meaning a garment, and "esthesia," means eating, and hence by a conglomeration and conjunction of ideas we get, I apprehend, the present forced and strained meaning of "aesthetic." Facciolati recognises no Latin equivalent, and I shall be much obliged if some correspondent of yours will kindly tell me what technical authority does, and what is the meaning given to the word, and how it is obtained.

Yours fraternally,

QUEEN'S ENGLISH.



WILTSHIRE MASONIC CALENDAR 1882.

This very useful provincial calendar, edited by our esteemed Bro. W. Nott, reflects equal credit on the compiler, by whose care and diligence it has been put together, as on the distinguished province whose work and efforts it represents so well. We are very glad to have been permitted to receive it, and thank heartily the kind transmitter. One amendment we would suggest—or rather addition another year—the provincial balance sheet. It is very interesting for Freemasons to know the exact amount of charitable work done in our provinces, but at present the statistics are difficult to obtain and collect. If each province had its official calendar, like Wiltshire, and its official financial return, we should be able to present a very happy and effective tabular return of English Masonic Charity in the metropolis and the provinces alike, as given by Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges. We congratulate Bro. Nott on his increased return for the great charities, and we know him to be a most zealous Secretary for the Charity Committee. So we wish him "God Speed" and "Good Speed."

THROUGH SIBERIA. By H. LANSDSELL. Illustrated with forty-three illustrations and two maps. Sampson Low & Co. London: 1882, 2 vols.

"Through Siberia" is the work of a most painstaking author, Bro. the Rev. Henry Lansdell, F.R.G.S., the recently installed Master of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4. Bro. Lansdell is also one of the Grand Stewards for the year, and a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Province of Devon. In addition to the philanthropic object of supplying the convicts of Siberia with wholesome literature, the author has supplemented that personal task with the fulfilment of another duty, which under the favoured circumstances in which he was placed he owed to the public at large, viz., that of rectifying many imperfect and erroneous ideas of Siberian matters. Intending only to penetrate half way across the country to Kiakhta, thence to get a glance of the Celestials and return by the same route, circumstances opened up a way homewards through East Siberia, past Japan, over the Pacific, across the States and the Atlantic, and so to London. The whole journey was occupied in amassing vast stores of information, now given to the public in two elegant volumes. An inspection of the copious

index is enough to excite an ordinary reader, but the accompanying maps, the elaborate illustrations, and the photograph of the author in a salmon-skin dress, as worn by the Gilyak tribe, are more appetising than usual. There are several very distinct features in the work, each of which is admirably treated; and in fact some parts have been pronounced as the standard of information by Russian experts. For example, wherever the Russian travels (and in Siberia he is the governing element), thither he takes his church, for with all his faults he is intensely religious, and in no book that we can call to mind, is there a more compact and vivid account of the gorgeous Greek Church ritual than in "Through Siberia." And by the side of this description there are notices of other religious rites among the natives, some of which are very debasing, and some of a type peculiar to heathendom. There are two great masses of population, the Russian and the native. This latter class consists of about thirty tribes, whose history and peaceful lives are a pattern to more civilized communities. Mixed up with these tribes are the penal settlements, full of Russian incorrigibles, murderers, forgers &c., and the irrepressible political offenders. Mr. Lansdell is the first foreigner who has had unlimited authority for seeing all that was to be seen, and more especially of visiting the convicts at home. Their crimes, march to Siberia, and their unhappy condition in the land of exile, are all faithfully described. The *Illustrated London News*, of February 11th, gave a large pictorial supplement, in which one method of transport was ably shown. Among the details respecting the Fauna and Flora of the country, the minerals, and the thousands of miles of travel on the rivers Obi, Amur, and Ussuri, there is one underlying experience which is of an unusual character, viz., the extremely courteous manner in which the author is everywhere received, so that he unhesitatingly awards the palm of national hospitality to Siberia. Here is an example: vol. iii., p. 55—"Their hospitality is unbounded, though, of course, its manifestation differs according to the means of the host. Our first dinner in Siberia was at a merchant's house—a hotel. We were asked if we would have our dinner in our own room, or *en famille*. I was rash enough to choose the latter, and we found ourselves at the table with mine host, and a queer lot of male guests (there were no females), who appeared to be clerks or fellow lodgers. We were first requested to help ourselves from a tureen, in the centre of the table, to "steech," or soup, on the top of which the fat floated like oil; and for the next course we had bones of veal, followed by game and sour berries. Our fellow-guests ate ravenously, tearing the bones to pieces with their teeth. Nothing was placed on the table to drink, but towards the close of the meal a glass of milk was given to each. If any one wishes to be brushed clean of over-fastidiousness in the arrangements of the table, I can conscientiously recommend a tour across Siberia. In one house where I was entertained—and entertained most kindly—the fish was brought in in the frying pan, and thus placed in the middle of the table, which, if it did not minister to the delights of the eye, gave us food admirably hot." We are glad to learn that three-fourths of the first edition of Bro. Lansdell's book was ordered before the day of actual publication, and a second edition is all but ready.

GOD BLESS OUR FAMILY ROYAL. Grand National Song, written and composed by C. R. KING. Woodford: King and Co. London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street W.C.

National songs that are likely to produce a lasting influence on the public mind are written only at very rare intervals. The requirements are with difficulty satisfied. Words and air alike should be simple and yet commanding, so that they may be capable of arousing national enthusiasm, and at the same time may be easily mastered even by the very young. These requirements are fully met by "God Bless our Family Royal," which has already met with the distinctly expressed approval of several members of the family, whose virtues and claims on our loyal and respectful devotion it so eloquently records. The air is stirring and attractive, and when played by a full orchestra, or by such a band as that which with military precision and skill obeys the baton wielded by Bro. Dan Godfrey, we should say it is in the highest calculated to excite the loyalty of our fellow countrymen.

THE MAGAZINES.

"Knowledge" is very effective and interesting, varied in its contents, and striking in its outcomes. We congratulate Bro. Wyman on its success.

"Temple Bar" is again before us in monthly reality. Perhaps we are hypercritical or very idiosyncratic, for where others praise we find fault, and where others complain we are satisfied. "Jane Austin" and "Bishop Berkeley" are both interesting "monographs." "The Princess of Asnières" is very pretty, though a little fanciful. The story of "Marie Dumont" is powerfully written; and "A Ball Room Repentance," "The Freres" and "Robin" proceed "moribus suis." "A Gossip about Bookstalls" is amusing, if somewhat superficial, for Bibliomaniacs and book hunters.

"The Antiquary" gives us some good reading, as the article on "Lady Day," "Old Rome," "Notes on the Names of Women," "Gleanings from the Public Records," "Archaic Land Tenure in Domesday," and "Communal Habitations of Primitive Communities." Its reports, and reviews, and notes are equally interesting and valuable for antiquarian students.

"The Century," is, in reality, a very wonderful production, doing huge credit to American art and the nineteenth century. "From Morchia to Mexico," "A Ramble in Old Philadelphia," "Opera in New York," "Lord Beaconsfield" and "Sesostris," all deserve being made acquaintance with, calmly, and leisurely, and studiously. The illustrations are remarkably artistic and effective.

"The Bibliographer" is very good this month with old magazines, needlework and lace patterns, "Notes on English MSS. Abroad," "The Woodcutters of the Netherlands," "Codex Alexandrinus," &c. The remarks of last week about the article on the Bishop's Bible may be advantageously repeated this.

"All the Year Round" is as usual very pleasant reading. There is both a simple and hearty tone about its contents, which besides being healthy is very good for us. Fervid nonsense and high-flown rubbish are just now very prevalent, as much so, as Mr. Samuel Weller once declared, the growth of "weeds" to be alarming and luxuriant, see the

little episode of Mangle and Smivens. And yet at the same time we say this, we have the very bad taste not to like, we hardly know why, "Jack Doyle's Daughter." "Daffodil" promises very well, though, perhaps, the writer shows his or her hand too soon. "Through a Glass Darkly" is very affecting. "A Famous Quaker's School," "All Round Yule," "Newgate Ahoy," "A French Stamp Act," are all good reading.

BOOK CATALOGUES.

Mr. Quaritch (15, Piccadilly) puts out a wonderfully tempting catalogue of romances of chivalry, allegorical romances, fables, apologues, national legends, popular ballads, grotesque stories, Dances of Death, and what Mr. Quaritch eloquently calls "The Literature of Fiction and Imagination from the ages of Homer to the Seventeenth Century."



MASSONS-VERRIERS.

Who are the "Massons-Verriers" mentioned in an old work on patterns for needlework, according to the *Bibliographer*, in the sixteenth century? Whatever is the meaning of this compound word, is it not Mason-glaziers?

BOOKWORM.

LELAND MS.

Horace Walpole, writing to the Rev. Mr. Cole, after the appearance of the "Life of Leland," &c., talks of the Leland or Locke MS., as if the fact of Mr. Locke writing that letter was a fact. He says, "inter alia," that if he could learn anything about Peter Gore (Pythagoras), from the French "Petagore," he would be a Mason like Mr. Locke. The Leland MS. deserves still further investigation.

MASONIC STUDENT.

OLD PARCHMENT CERTIFICATES.

I have lately got possession of a number of old parchment certificates, bearing dates from 1801 to 1835, issued in favour of members of the following lodge; some are signed, and appear to have been used by the members, others have not, and bear no signature in the margin:—

- Lodge 327, Bridge End, Etruria, Staffordshire.
- „ 327, The Talbot, Stoke, Staffordshire.
- „ 285 } Etruscan, Stoke, Staffordshire.
- „ 417 }
- „ 050, 2nd Battn. 53 Regt., issued in Dublin.
- „ 000 }
- „ 050 } Lodge of St. John, Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Royal Arch Chapter, dates 1807 and 1810. A written document, which appears to be a certificate of character, signed by the M., S.W., J.W., and Secretary of the Fermoy Lodge, No. 555, with blue ribbon and seal attached. I should think that they are the contents of some Secretary's box belonging to an old lodge in Staffordshire.

ALFRED JUDD, 605.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A largely attended meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.D., occupied the chair, and during the evening the claims of eighteen children of deceased Freemasons were brought forward. After careful consideration of each case, the Committee agreed to recommend a sum equivalent to upwards of £100 a year for the education and advancement in life of these children.

At the conclusion of the business Bro. Richard Brown, who has been one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Institution for nine years, intimated his desire to resign that office. He said that he was compelled to take this step with the greatest regret, but he must carry out the instructions which he had received from his medical adviser, Bro. Dr. Smith, who, as it were, had raised him from death to life.

In moving that Bro. Brown's notice of resignation be placed on the next circular to the Court of Governors of the Charity, Bro. TOMAS expressed deep regret that the honorary secretary should have found it necessary to resign an appointment which he had filled with so much honour to himself and advantage to the Institution.

The CHAIRMAN said that every brother must regret the retirement of the honorary secretary, having regard to the circumstances which had led to Bro. Brown's resignation. Bro. Brown acknowledged the complimentary observations that had been made respecting himself and his services, saying that he should continue to exercise the warmest interest in the welfare of so admirable a charity as the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

The financial report of the charity shows the total income for the year, including a balance of £754, to have been £2290. The expenditure amounted to £1001, of which sum £937 was paid for the education and advancement of children. There is now in hand a balance of £1289. The amount of money invested, chiefly in Mersey Dock Bonds, is £15,228, and the total sum at the credit of the Institution is £16,518.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. ROBERT HUDSON, PROV. G.D.C. DURHAM, AT SUNDERLAND.

On Tuesday, the 28th ult., a complimentary supper and presentation of an address to Bro. Robert Hudson, P.M., Prov. G.D. of C., by the united lodges and chapters, on his leaving Sunderland, took place in the Masonic Hall, Sunderland. Bro. W. H. Crookes, P.G.S., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. Hudson, D. Sinclair (Gateshead); G. Greenwell, P.G.A.D. of C. (Durham); E. D. Davis (Newcastle); B. Levy (Sunderland); Coulson (South Shields); W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; F. Maddison, P.P.G.S.D.; and J. Potts P.M. (Sunderland). The vice-chairmen were Bros. J. J. Clay, P.G.R.; J. Lowes, P.M.; and W. H. Craven. Among the brethren present were

the following: Bros. W. Beattie, P.M.; G. Lord, P.M.; S. J. Cockburn (Seaham); T. Sharp, P.M.; C. W. Souter, M. Frampton, P.M.; S. W. Rackley; M. Douglas, P.M.; P.P.G.J.D.; C. Cobham, J. C. Moor, A. T. Munro, P.M., P.G.S.B.; J. Hudson, M. E. Nelson, J. Waller, C. McNamara, J. R. Pattison, G. C. Watson, I.P.M.; H. Tonkinson, P.M.; C. M. Wake, R. Kimmond, W.M.; R. Kimmond, jun., H. S. Halvorsen, R. Singleton, E. Clarkson, T. Hunter, J. J. Wilson, J. Atkinson, R. W. Halfknight, P.M.; W. Brandt, P.M.; T. M. Watson, P.M.; T. Tilman, W.M.; T. Burlinson, J. Ayre, P.M. (Seaham); T. Render, P. Maddison, W. Key, J. Riseborough, P.M.; J. B. Wilkinson, C. Smart, H. Wrightson, J. Morgan, J. H. Thompson, H. T. Turnbull, P.M.; J. B. Wells, P.M. (Seaham); G. Porteous, W.M.; J. H. Leech, W.M.; J. R. Smart, W.M.; T. W. Pinkney, T. Elwen, P.M.; M. Joseph, P.M.; R. Lutert, P.M.; B. Swain, R. Smith, and P. Stabler.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Bro. E. D. DAVIS, responding to the toast of "The Masonic Powers, Supreme and Subordinate."

The CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Robert Hudson, P.G.D. of C.," and on behalf of the lodges and chapters he presented a handsomely framed illuminated address to Bro. Hudson, and remarked that everything he had undertaken in Masonry had been performed to perfection, and that he had assisted in every way that lay in his power, not only in the lodges of Sunderland, but elsewhere, and he was proud there were many present from Sunderland and other towns who, while they were sorry to part with Bro. Hudson, appreciated his valuable services, both in his Masonic offices and also in connection with the Church. (Applause.) He then made the presentation, and wished Bro. Hudson health, happiness, and prosperity in his new career. (Applause.)

Bro. G. C. Watson, I.P.M. 97, also presented Bro. Hudson with a gold pencil-case on behalf of the Lodge of Instruction, No. 97, of which Bro. Hudson was the Preceptor.

Bro. HUDSON, in accepting the presentation, referred to the pleasure with which he had fulfilled his various duties in Freemasonry during the past twenty years, his having assisted with others at the installation of the Marquess of Londonderry as Prov. G.M. in October, 1858, and expressed the source of great pride and satisfaction it had been to him that from all classes of the community in Sunderland, not only Masonic but others, he had received such handsome recognition of the services he had rendered. If he had set the younger brethren a good example he hoped they would not only follow, but improve upon it. (Loud applause.)

AN OCTAGENARIAN FREEMASON.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER AT SOWERBY BRIDGE.

A very interesting gathering took place on the 22nd ult. at Sowerby Bridge, on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Ryburn Lodge, No. 1283, and there was a good attendance of members. After the business of the lodge, a substantial supper was provided in the lodge-room, Central Buildings, to commemorate the 80th birthday of Bro. John Greenwood, P.M. and Tyler, and his 60th year in Masonry. Bro. Robert Wood, W.M., presided, and Bro. Kendall occupied the vice-chair. Bro. John Greenwood, who has opened the door of Masonry to hundreds during his long career in the Craft, occupied the seat of honour on the right of the Chairman.

Justice being done to the repast, the loyal toasts were honoured, followed by that of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, C.B.," proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and accompanied by Masonic honours.

The following letter had been received from Sir Henry:—

"Pyenest, 3rd February, 1882.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I regret to say it will be out of my power to be present at the interesting ceremony you contemplate having on the 22nd inst., in honour of our respected Tyler, Bro. Greenwood, in consequence of another engagement, otherwise it would have been a pleasure to me to offer the old gentleman, who is so much respected by the entire Masonic body of this district, my warmest congratulations and heartiest wishes that he may yet be spared some time to occupy the post he has filled for so many years in the Lodge of Probity and other lodges with so much credit to the Craft, and to the entire satisfaction of all the brethren.—Believe me, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

"HENRY EDWARDS, P.G.M. W.Y.

"Mr. T. H. Crossley."

Bro. KENDALL, P.M. was called upon to give the toast of the evening, and he said although he had been called upon unexpectedly, and felt incompetent to propose the toast, yet no one, no matter whatever eloquence he possessed, could feel more highly towards their brother Tyler than he did. Bro. Greenwood had lived a considerably longer time than the allotted life of man—he had passed his eightieth birthday, and had been sixty years a Mason, and was at the present time, Bro. Kendall believed, the oldest Mason in England. That fact alone ought to endear him to them. He had known Bro. Greenwood masonically for fourteen or fifteen years, and a better friend of Freemasonry there could not be. He had therefore very great pleasure in proposing his health in a bumper.

Bro. MARSHALL, P.M., said that he certainly felt it a privilege to be able to add somewhat to the remarks which had already been made by Bro. Kendall, with respect to their esteemed friend Bro. John Greenwood. He opened the door for him (Bro. Marshall) into a Masonic lodge, and ever since that day he had only known him to respect him. He felt in a great measure attached to him, and having on many occasions visited other lodges, he had noted the way in which Bro. Greenwood was received and respected. He hoped his declining days would be his best. Bro. Greenwood was a credit to Masonry, and he hoped that he might be long spared to be an honour to it, with his faculties as bright and clear as at present.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Bro. JOHN GREENWOOD on rising to respond received a very cordial reception. He said he regretted the absence of Bro. Fisher, with whom he had been several times up at Bottoms, and who had found him to be as good in the higher degrees as in the Craft. He thanked them for the kindness they had manifested towards him. He had always attended their summonses if possible. He had never been stopped with either rain, snow, or strong wind, but once. The Ryburn

Lodge was held in high esteem by all the other lodges in the district, and he hoped long to be connected with it. He concluded by heartily thanking them for drinking his health.

The following particulars of Bro. John Greenwood's Masonic career will be of interest. He was initiated in the Prince George Lodge, 308, held at the Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood, near Todmorden, on the 4th of February, 1822. He was passed on April 6th, and raised May 6th, in the same year. On December 26th, 1828, he was installed W.M., an office to which he was again installed on the 4th of February, 1833. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree on April 4th, 1824; installed First Principal January 2nd, 1826; and again in the years 1827, 1832, 1833, 1839, 1840, 1850, 1859, 1860, 1862, 1863, and 1864. Bro. Greenwood was advanced to a Mark Master Mason, Old Mark, Mark Ark and Sink, St. Lawrence, May 19th, 1822, and became a Past Master in the New Mark in 1862. He was installed Knight Templar in 1824, and became a Knight of the Mediterranean Pass, St. John of Jerusalem, and Knight of Malta, December 5th, 1831, and was E.C. of the Prince Edward Encampment in 1834. Bro. Greenwood's name appears very regularly in the books of the Craft, and the Arch, at Bottoms, from his initiation in 1822 to 1864. On May 31st, 1833, the second year he was made W.M., there was held a lodge of emergency, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of Cross Stone Church, when 88 Masons assembled, 14 being from Halifax lodges, Probity and Harmony, and others from Haworth, Huddersfield, Newchurch, and Hebden Bridge. Bro. Greenwood had also been appointed to the following offices: Tyler in the Probity Lodge, in 1861; Janitor in Sincerity Chapter, 1861; and the same year, Equerry Salamanca Encampment. All these offices he has since held, and he is P.M., P.Z., and P.E.P., in each of the above degrees. In 1871 he was presented with a portrait in oil, by the brethren of Probity, which is now hung in their room. Bro. Greenwood has filled the office of Tyler in St. James's Lodge, 448, since 1861, and in 1866 he was elected an honorary member. He was one of the founders of the Fearnley Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 58; and was the first W.M. in 1862. He has been the Tyler ever since, and his portrait as a P.M. is in the St. James's Lodge instruction room. He was also one of the founders of the Regularity Chapter, 448, in 1864, and has acted as Janitor ever since its formation. In 1867 he occupied the position of Z. Since the formation of the De Warren Lodge, 1302, in 1870, he has acted as Tyler. In October, 1871, a large portrait in oil was presented to the lodge by Bro. F. Whitaker, P.M., P.P.G.D., as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by members of the Craft in general. The Savile Lodge, 1231, was consecrated on November 12th, 1868, the date of the warrant being August 20th, 1868. Bro. Greenwood was then elected Tyler, to which office he has been annually unanimously elected ever since, and his duties have always been appreciated and respected by every member of the lodge, as has been the case throughout the province. On the day of the consecration of St. John's Lodge, 1736, viz., the 18th of April, 1878, Bro. Greenwood was appointed Tyler, and still holds that office. In 1846 he took the Rose Croix Degree at Bottoms, and we might give particulars of many other Masonic honours which had fallen thick upon him; but the above will suffice to show what an interest he has evinced in Freemasonry for the long period of three-score years.

Bro. JOSEPH GREENWOOD bore testimony to the diligence in Masonry of Bro. Jno. Greenwood, and he congratulated the lodge that it had fallen to them that night to recognise him as the oldest Mason in England.

Bro. MARSHALL then referred to the foundation by that lodge in May, 1874, of a Masonic Charity Association, which enabled some thirty-two members, by periodical payments, to become life subscribers to one of the Masonic Charities. By this means they contributed £161 to the Charities, and he suggested that as Bro. John Greenwood was an annuitant of the Aged Freemasons' Fund, which placed him beyond the reach of want for the remainder of his days, they could not do better, as a token of respect to him, than re-institute that Association. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Marshall explained the mode of conducting the Association, and the members took the matter up enthusiastically, most of them signifying their willingness to again subscribe.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

THE "AUSTRALIAN FREEMASON."

The following valedictory address has been issued by the proprietor of the *Australian Freemason*:

"The proprietor feels constrained to stop the publication of the journal, after having conducted it for nearly nine years. The present number is to be the last. The following are the reasons:

"1. The continued illness of the editor.
"2. The non-payment by subscribers of subscriptions for years. Though bills have been frequently sent, and the collector in several cases has called on some 'twenty-five' times for the trifling sum of six shillings, 'the brethren' in question promise to pay, but the promise very seldom sees fruition.

"3. Other reasons need not be given.
"There are now £400 or £500 of 'debts' owing by 'brothers' to the proprietor, which we sincerely trust they will 'fraternally' send to their 'brother' proprietor, and not allow him to be out of pocket.

"Only 'a few' have paid their yearly subscriptions of six shillings in advance. That which is due to such will be duly returned in postage stamps. There are 'some' brethren who encouraged the *Australian Freemason* in a variety of ways; but what are 'a few' in comparison with 'hundreds' who have regularly received our journal, and who have forgotten or do forget to pay? Many who were not in a position to pay received the journal 'fraternally'; but surely brothers who are well-to-do, and some who are 'wealthy' even, need not have grudged the magnificent sum of six shillings per annum for the *oldest* Masonic journal in the Australasian colonies!

"We have done what we could to promote the interests of 'loyal Masonry,' but those brethren who have aided us will see that during our severe illness, in particular, we cannot afford 'time, health, and money,' and to them we say—

"'Twere vain to speak, to weep, to sigh;
Oh! more than tears of blood can tell
When wrung from guilt's expiring eye,
Are in that word *farewell, farewell!*'"



Craft Masonry.

FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE (No. 12).—The regular meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, Bro. E. E. Barratt Kidder, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren, Bros. R. Coombs, I.P.M.; W. J. Beedell, S.W.; D. Matthews, J.W.; Dudley Rolls, P.M. Treas.; A. Snellgrove, P.M. Sec.; G. Pigache, S.D.; W. Jones, J.D.; H. Rolls, I.G. Among the Past Masters present were: Bros. L. Ruf, R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; A. Lilley, W. Browne Kidder, and F. Snellgrove. Lay members: Bros. Elliott, Porter, Stanger, Delavaux, and others. Visitors: Bros. Grabham, P.G.W. Middlesex; Murray, Edwards, and several others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read and confirmed, and afterwards Bro. O. F. Peall was with the usual ceremonies raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., after which the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet presided over by Bro. E. E. Barratt Kidder, the W.M.

The usual toasts were given, commencing with "The Queen and the Craft," and on this occasion the W.M. alluded to the late attempt upon the life of Her Majesty, for in consequence of Her Gracious Majesty having so many sons who were Masons, and taking so great an interest in the Craft as she did, Her Majesty could not be looked upon in any other light than as the mother of Masons, and when we Masons, her children, heard of the attempt upon her life it caused a throb of anxiety in the breast of all, and a rush for immediate information as to the result of the attempt, and when it was fully ascertained he (the W.M.) felt sure no inhabitant of England or her vast dominions experienced that sense of gratitude to T.G.A.O.T.U., in passing her safely under his protection than the Freemasons of England, and it was his (the W.M.'s) pleasing duty to be able to propose the toast, for the Masons of England instead of rejoicing, might have been at that present moment in deep sorrow at the loss of their dearly beloved Queen, whom T.G.A.O.T.U. long preserve—(loud cheers)—and, without alluding further to the vile act, he would give "The Queen and the Craft," which toast was most heartily received.

The other loyal and Masonic toasts were then given, but we cannot close the account of the meeting of this lodge without alluding to a most pleasing ceremony, which took place on the proposal of the toast of "The Secretary," viz.: the presentation of a very handsome and valuable gold watch to the esteemed and respected Secretary of the lodge, Bro. A. Snellgrove, P.M., and which, through the kindness of the W.M., was presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Coombs (during whose year of office the testimonial was started), in exceedingly graceful and appropriate terms, and responded to by Bro. A. Snellgrove in feeling sentiments of fraternal affection, and a continued anxiety for the welfare of the lodge and its members, with a hope that the Secretarial duties of the lodge might be his for many years to come.

The brethren, after numerous songs and recitations from those present, separated at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87).—The annual meeting of this old lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the White Hart, Belvedere-road, Lambeth. Present: Bros. J. Skirving, W.M.; W. M. Robinson, S.W.; Thurkle, P.M. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M. Sec.; Knight, S.D.; Bale, J.D.; W. R. Davis, I.G.; A. E. Birch, S. Minstrel, M.C.; R. Hopkins, P.M.; C. Nott, P.M.; A. Timothy, P.M.; Ross, P.M.; C. S. Jolly, P.M.; Whiting, P.M.; Hull, P.M.; H. Maudsley, P.G.D.; and others.

Lodge having been opened and advanced, Bros. Allen and Hardy were raised. The report showed the lodge to be in a flourishing condition with nearly £200 to the credit of its Benevolent Fund.

A Board of Installed Masters having been opened, Bro. Robinson, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Stuart, acting as M.C.

The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Knight, J.W.; Thurkle, Treas.; Stuart, Sec.; Bale S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Minstrel, I.G.; Watson, and Lambourne, Stewards; and Birch, M.C.

The newly-installed Master was then called upon to show his ability in the chair, Messrs. Thackeray and Whiteman offering themselves for initiation.

Bro. Maudsley suggested that some co-operation should exist as regarded the Charities, and eventually a Committee was appointed to consider the subject.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, after which the customary toasts were given.

Bro. Skirving proposed that of "The W.M." Bro. Robinson, he said, had worked for the lodge for the past seven years, and had proved himself worthy of the confidence placed in him. Now that he had been placed in the chair of the lodge he would doubtless do his best to fulfil the duties of his appointment. He had already had opportunity of showing his ability in the work of the First Degree, and had acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He felt sure that during the coming year their new W.M. would do all that lay in his power for the welfare of the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for his kind expressions. He hoped that during his year of office he might have the support of the brethren, and succeed in pleasing them. He thanked them one and all for their past support. He then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master." Although he had seen the ceremony of installation performed in the lodge on many occasions, he had never known it better carried out than it had been that evening. It afforded him great pleasure to present to the retiring Master the Past Master's jewel which the brethren had thought he was worthy of. He could only hope that Bro. Skirving might live for many years to wear it, and ever enjoy the respect and esteem of his brethren.

The I.P.M. responded, thanking the W.M. and brethren for their gift. The services of himself and the Past Masters generally would ever be at the command of the brethren.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, to which Bro. Thackeray and Whiteman replied. The former said that one of his greatest aims had been to become a Mason, now that that wish had been gratified he hoped he might become a credit to the Order.

"The Health of the Visitors" was then drunk, Bros. Butler and Levy responding.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. Whiting and Thurkle, and that of "The Officers" by the Wardens and others present.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This old lodge held a meeting on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Heaphy, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Clark, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Morrison, I.P.M.; Fromholtz, J.D.; Kendall, I.G.; Holmes, W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Mallett, P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Cotham, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Briggs, P.M. 157; Markland, 144; Whadcoat, 448; Saunders, 1257; Phillips, 1550; and Weir, 1622.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Allin and Darling were passed as F.C.'s, and Bro. Bye raised to the Third Degree; both ceremonies being most excellently performed by the I.P.M.

Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. C. Dairy, P.M., briefly but pertinently introduced his motion as to the revision of the bye-laws, and to the appointment of a Committee to consider the alterations necessary.

This was seconded by Bro. Hopwood, P.M., and carried unanimously.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. In introducing the various toasts, the W.M. made some interesting and able speeches.

"The Health of the Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Briggs, Markland, and others. In the course of their respective replies, they each complimented the lodge upon the admirable working of the I.P.M. and the officers generally.

"The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Morrison, and "The Officers" by Bro. Walls.

LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, and was attended with much success. The brethren present included the following: Bros. Stephen T. Lucas, W.M.; W. T. Rickwood, I.P.M.; Captain J. G. Chillingworth, S.W.; Henry Legge, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; T. Cohn, P.M.; E. Jones, P.M.; H. A. Pratt, S.D.; Barclay Perkins, I.G.; Simmons, Fraser, Fisher, and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middx.; Thos. Clarke, 1178; Flaxman Spurrell, 615, P.G. Warden Kent; George Gardner, 177; F. W. Barnes, 879; C. Wickens, 753; W. Summers, 871; William Abbott, 871; Edwin Hughes, 962; Wm. Paas, 28; J. Kennard, 145; William Dunham, 1287; J. Bradley, 507; Thomas Garrod, 73; E. Muddyman, 1158; W. Medwin, 1613; Henry Dille, 991; J. Smith, 55; J. Spender, 1200; J. T. Waldron, 1475; and Chas. E. Thompson, 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last meeting of the lodge having been confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was submitted and approved. Bro. Saward was afterwards passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then very impressively raised Bro. Kemp to the Sublime Degree. The next business was the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, which fell to the lot of the I.P.M., Bro. Lucas, and certainly we may say that it could not have been done better. Bro. Lucas is certainly imbued with the idea that if a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. At the close of the ceremony, and after the addresses of the newly-appointed officers, of which we give a list below, Bro. Lucas received the congratulations of several of the Past Masters, who declared they had never heard the ceremony given in a better manner.

Bro. Captain Chillingworth, the newly-installed Master, said, on behalf of the lodge, he had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Lucas, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas.

Bro. Lucas returned thanks in a suitable manner; after which the Master appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. T. Lucas, I.P.M.; Pratt, S.W.; Stevenson, J.W.; Legge, P.M., Treas.; Abbott, P.M., Sec.; Perkins, S.D.; Fox, J.D.; Darnell, I.G.; Arkell, P.M., D.C.; Cohn, W.S.; and Dowland, Asst. Stwd. Five guineas were voted to a former member of the lodge. Ten guineas were also collected at the banquet table for the same brother.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was served in a manner to reflect great credit upon Bro. Rand, the manager of the hotel.

After the cloth had been drawn, and grace sung, the W.M. proposed the first toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and in doing so alluded to the dastardly attempt which had been made on the life of the Queen that day. He held in his hand a paper containing an account of it, but he was happy to assure them that Her Majesty had not met with any harm. He was sure they would all, as loyal subjects, be glad to hear that. The toast was drunk with acclamation, after which three hearty cheers were given.

"H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of Masons," was the next toast, in proposing which the W.M. said he felt sure that all those brethren who had seen the manner in which he had performed his duties could not but express their entire satisfaction. It was almost needless for him to say a word to recommend the toast, as the warm and active interest which His Royal Highness took in Masonic matters was well known, more especially to those brethren who enjoyed the privilege of attending Grand Lodge. The toast was duly honoured.

The W.M. said the next toast was "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." From the nature and multiplicity of the duties which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was called upon to perform, it was almost impossible for him to attend every meeting of Grand Lodge, and, therefore, it devolved occasionally upon the Pro Grand Master to do so, and to take the position of Grand Master, and the way in which he performed those duties had met with the cordial approbation of all members of the Craft. He had much pleasure in

coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex.

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett said it had very often fallen to him to have to return thanks for the Grand Officers, but he could assure them he did so that evening with peculiar feelings of pleasure. The present Grand Officers had done their duty well and to the satisfaction of the Craft. In alluding to the attempt on the life of the Queen and the fact that Her Majesty had always supported the Order, he said it should not be forgotten by them that she had brought forward her sons to become Masons. It was their duty to repudiate such an act as loyal Masons by every means in their power. In conclusion, he thanked them very much for the very kind way in which they had drunk his health and that of the rest of the Grand Officers.

Bro. Lucas, I.P.M., said as the gavel had been entrusted to his care they all doubtless knew for what purpose. It was to propose what really was the toast of the evening—"The Health of their W.M." He then spoke of the high ability and intelligence Captain Chillingworth had displayed in every position he had held in Masonry. The zeal he had shown in the past was a good augury for the future.

The toast was well received, and the W.M., in response, said he was already beginning to realise the difficulties of the post to which they had elected him. His difficulty now was to find words to express his thanks for the manner in which his health had been proposed and responded to. Doubtless he should find it difficult in following a brother who had given more than ordinary satisfaction. He might not be able to fill the chair with the ability his predecessor had shown, but he would how to no one in his admiration of Freemasonry, and his desire to promote the welfare of the Craft. He had joined the Craft as soon as he had attained twenty-one, and only missed attending the meetings during his absence in Gibraltar, so that he could say that ever since he had belonged to it his interest in it had gone on increasing.

The next toast he had to propose was that of "The Installing Master," one which would be acceptable to them all. Bro. Lucas was entitled to their best thanks for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office. Without stinting them at the banquet table, he had so studied the pecuniary interests of the lodge that at the close of his year of office they found the lodge in a better state than it had been for several years past. There was no need for him to dwell longer upon the subject, for the good qualities of Bro. Lucas were well known, and the impressive manner in which he had performed the beautiful ceremony of installation would be remembered by him to his latest hour.

Bro. Lucas, in returning thanks, made a passing allusion to the horrible attempt to kill the Queen, and it would only be charitable to suppose that the fellow who did it was insane. Referring to the handsome testimonial presented to him that evening, he said he should value it as long as he lived.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and alluded to Dr. Spurrell, Col. Hughes, and others, and said they were always glad to see them, and hoped they were pleased at the way in which the work had been done at the Lion and Lamb Lodge.

This toast having been responded to, others were proposed and replied to, and the brethren separated after having spent a very pleasant evening, enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Chaplin, Henry, Arthur Thompson, and others.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE (No. 1298).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Upper-street, Islington, and, as usual, was numerously attended. Bro. George S. Bigley, the respected W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. A. J. P. Stevens, S.W.; G. Allison, J.W.; H. W. Gladwell, P.M., Treas.; H. E. Cooper, Sec.; Thos. Baldwin, S.D.; A. Nilson, J.; Geo. E. Rean, D. of C.; Arnold Birch, Org.; Ernest E. Street, I.G.; Wm. McNaught and G. Wakefield, Stewards; and amongst the members were Bros. W. E. Hudson, E. Richards, H. Airey, jun., Henry Hart, John Blay, B. Durant, E. Crosse, F. Eeles, C. H. Searle, W. C. Child, F. Dickenson, Tullett, and others. There were several Past Masters present. Bro. P. Dickenson, one of the original members of the lodge being amongst the number. The visitors were Bros. William Drake, W.M. 1506; A. W. Duret, W.M. Progress; J. F. Van Raalte, I.P.M. Cosmopolitan; Thomas Call, P.M. Mount Edgecombe; George More, P.M. Eclectic; W. E. Gompertz, jun., S.W. Gresham; Thos. McButt, S.W. West Smithfield; J. F. Hepburn, S.W. Suburban; Edwin Woodman, S.D. Southgate; R. B. Greenwood; W. S. West Smithfield; W. H. Walkey, Rose; Edwd. Daney, Canterbury; L. E. Eagle, 1901; Charles Townley, Jordan; F. Collier, St. Paul's; T. H. Wilson, St. Paul's; Lucas, Urban; Charles Arkell, P.M. Lion and Lamb; and Chas. E. Thompson, 177 and 1158 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in the customary way, the minutes of the last meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Henry King, 1039, as a joining member, which proved unanimous in favour of his admission.

A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. Bigley in a very careful manner installed Bro. Augustus J. Stevens into the high position of W.M. After the appointment of his officers the addresses were delivered by Bros. Hunter, Gladwell, P.M. and Treas.; and Dickenson. This seemed to some of the brethren an agreeable change from the usual course of one Past Master delivering the whole; and although on this occasion the departure from the ordinary routine was, from its novelty and the ability of the Past Masters, received with much applause, it is questionable whether it is on the whole an acceptable innovation.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a good banquet, after which

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Patron of the Craft, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," and said it was of course always a source of great gratification to the members of the Royal Standard Lodge to know that Her Majesty was in good health, and after the late attempt upon her life he was sure it must be a great gratification to every brother in that lodge—every Mason, and in fact, every man who was an Englishman—to know that she had not perished by the hand of an assassin. To the honour of England he was glad to find that it was proved the attempt had been made by a lunatic. She was going on a holiday now, and her virtues were such that they would all

wish her a recruited health, and a speedy return to her native land.

The toast was well received, followed by the "National Anthem," to which, for this occasion, the following special verse, composed by Bro. Arthur Mathison, was sung—

God guards our noble Queen,
Shields our beloved Queen,
God saves the Queen.
No bullet e'er hath harmed
That sacred life—'tis charmed.
England, be not alarmed,
God guards the Queen.

The other Masonic toasts, of "The Grand Master," "Deputy Grand Master," and "Grand Officers," followed, and were received with good firing.

The W.M. then facetiously announced that he had "taken the duty off tobacco," meaning that the brethren might enjoy the fragrant weed, a privilege which most of them availed themselves of.

Bro. Bigley, the I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," remarked that he was a child of the lodge, had served all the offices, and from the manner in which he had done his duties that evening would, he was sure, make them an excellent Master.

The W.M. in returning thanks said the brethren were very good to him, for he saw already there were the whole three Degrees to be worked at the next meeting. His predecessor had ruled the lodge so well that it was in a better position than it had ever been. Their funds were increasing, so much so that he had little doubt they would soon be able to build a hall for themselves. (Hear, hear.)

A brother here rose and said he thought they should carry a resolution of congratulation to the Queen on her narrow escape, but was informed that he was out of order, as such a motion should have been made in the lodge room, and it was believed a special meeting of Grand Lodge would be called for the purpose.

Other toasts were given, including "The Visitors" (to which Bros. Van Raalte, Duret and Gompertz replied), and "The Past Masters," who in returning thanks, congratulated the Master on his accession to office.

The W.M. proposed what he called a special toast, viz., "The Masonic Press" coupling with it the name of our representative. He said the *Freemason* had done a great deal of good to the Craft and he wished it every possible success.

In reply, our representative said it had been, and would always be the wish of the proprietor of the *Freemason*, to uphold the Craft in every way and promote the interests of its members.

Bros. Birch, McNaught, Townley, Mayfield and others sang some very good songs, &c., Bro. Townley's "Moses and Aaron" being very much applauded. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and happy meeting to a close.

TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 1765).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst. at Trinity College, Mandeville-place. Bro. Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Bac. Oxon, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. J. A. Hammond, I.P.M.; Rev. H. G. B. Hunt, S.W.; J. Stedman, J.W.; E. J. Hoare, S.D.; Bradbury Turner, J.D.; G. F. Hammond, I.G.; J. S. Gabriel, Treas.; E. Burritt Lane, Org.; F. W. Plant Martin, C. Taylor, M. Robson, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Stevens, P.M., P.Z.; Scott, P.M.; Cremer, Osborne, and Corderoy.

The lodge having been opened in due form, a ballot was taken for Mr. James B. Sarjeant and Mr. John Govett Hopgood, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were declared duly elected. Mr. James Bloomfield Sarjeant was then initiated, the ceremony being very impressively rendered by the W.M.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which a most pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. Trinity College Lodge being practically confined to members of Trinity College, there is no lack of musical talent at its meetings; and amongst the excellent musical performances with which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed may be mentioned songs by Bros. Stedman, Plant Martin, Gabriel, and J. B. Sarjeant, and an organ solo by the W.M. There were also some capital recitations by Bros. Corderoy, Stevens, and Hunt, S.W. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE (No. 1793).—

This lodge met on the 25th ult., at Teddington. Among those present were Bros. Piller, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; J. W. Baldwin, P.P.G.P. Middx., acting J.W.; Forge, P.M., Secretary; Beauchamp, Treasurer; Goodchild, S.D.; Stevens, J.D.; White, I.G.; Muller, Organist; and Collier, M.C. The visitors were Bros. E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Herbert, 627; Hardy, 889; Beard, 940; Cook, 1157; Jarvis, 1627; and Chandler, 1656.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. C. Worry, J. Burley, and A. H. Gomm were initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. The Auditors' report was then read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing by the W.M., who occupies the chair for the second time, were Bros. Walls, S.W.; Goodchild, J.W.; Stevens, S.D.; White, J.D.; Collier, I.G.; Forge, P.M., Secretary; Beauchamp, Treasurer; Owen, M.C.; Muller, Organist; and Gilbert, Tyler. The notice of motion by the W.M. as to the alteration of the place of meeting from the Masonic Rooms to the Clarence Hotel, Teddington, was considered and unanimously carried.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the hotel, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. A few toasts were given, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour they were necessarily brief and formal.

WINDSOR.—Etonian Lodge of St. John (No. 209).—

The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 7th inst. In addition to the ordinary business transacted, the following address to Her Majesty was enthusiastically adopted:

"May it please your Most Gracious Majesty,—We, the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Etonian Lodge of Freemasons, in open lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, to-day, beg humbly to present our sincere congratulations to your Most Gracious Majesty on your providential escape from the hands of an assassin on the 2nd inst., and fervently hope the Great Architect of the

Universe may be pleased to spare you in health and happiness many years to reign over your faithful and devoted subjects.—Signed, on behalf of the members, Andrew Pears, Worshipful Master; John G. Carter, Secretary; Masonic Hall, Windsor, 7th March, 1882."

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 377).—The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; R. Tomlins, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M., Registrar; J. W. Edwards, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.D.; R. R. Lisenden, J.D. (*Freemason*); J. R. Lever, Org.; J. Smith, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; Park Vickers, P.M.; R. B. Harper, J. G. Elderton, John Garside, and H. Samuels, Stewards; Charles Hart, Jas. Eckersley, Dr. Chas. Jas. Rix, Samuel Percival, Francis Hilton, J. E. Middlehurst, and James Gooden. Visitors: Bros. James McGrath, S.W. 1496; R. B. Carmichael, 1021; Wm. Rumsey, 1357; Robert Daniel, 1357; W. H. Ballard, 350; R. L. Spencer, 204; A. T. Forrest, I.G. 1633; Joseph D. Nelson, S.W. 59; H. Lord and D. A. Murray, 204.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert Toyne Mapleston, and being pronounced in his favour, was declared elected. Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., took the chair of K.S., by permission of the W.M., and initiated the candidate into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The E.A. charge was impressively delivered by Bro. J. Dawson, P.M. There being no further business, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

After partaking of supper, the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The Initiate," who suitably acknowledged the same; and during the evening those clever brethren Bros. Forrest, Ballard, Rumsey, and Murray performed the farce of "The Artful Dodge," and elicited much laughter and applause from all present. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. T. F. Barrett, Prov. G.S., W.M., presided, supported by his officers, viz.: Bros. C. Floyd, as S.W.; Dr. F. D. Grayson, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; G. R. Dawson, S.D.; John Taylor, jun., as I.G.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. D.C., M.C.; and A. Martin, Tyler. There were also present Bros. G. Berry, Prov. G.S., I.P.M.; Dr. E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. R. Hemmann, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. F. Jones, P.M., Prov. S.G.W.; W. H. Bingham, P.M., P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, Prov. G.P.; L. Warren, jun., and others.

The work consisted of passing Bro. H. Hotblack to the Second Degree, which was very efficiently performed. The explanation of the second tracing board was afterwards given by Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M. A letter having been read from Bro. J. A. Wardell, P.M., P.Z., the Secretary of the lodge, resigning the office, Bro. A. Lucking was appointed to the vacancy. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and the lodge was then closed and adjourned.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, when there was a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. J. E. Hannah), Bro. H. Longman, P.M. and Sec., occupied the chair of K.S., supported by Bros. Jas. Taylor, acting I.P.M.; J. Cutts, S.W.; A. Stanley, J.W.; H. C. Moore, S.D.; J. Stanley, acting J.D.; and Capt. Turner, I.G. Bro. Longman read the second of a series of lectures on "The Freemason's Lodge," which had been written by the W.M., the subject treated being "just, perfect, and regular." The writer first submitted that the essential conditions of a just, perfect, and regular lodge were just, when furnished with the three great lights; perfect, when it contained the constitutional number of members; and regular when in possession of a warrant from a legally constituted authority. On these bases, considered in their successive order, the W.M. grounded a very interesting lecture, not the least portion of which was that under the second head, in which a vast number of instances both from Holy Writ and other sources had been collated to show the importance of the number seven. The lecture was a very exhaustive one, and ably handled, and at the close an interesting discussion took place on some of the points adduced by the W.M. in support of his argument. A cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. for his instructive lecture was carried by acclamation, and after the usual proclamations had been made, eliciting hearty good wishes for the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in peace, harmony, and love.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this lodge, attended by upwards of seventy brethren, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. John Atkinson, W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; W. Constantine, P.M.; W. Savage, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Secretary; H. P. Squire, S.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; R. Burgess, Organist; J. J. Monk, Asst. Org.; Dr. Whittle, H. Round, J. O. Maples, and C. Buchanan, Stewards; W. H. Ball, Tyler; Josef Cantor, Captain Crowley, J. Hoult, W. Calder, J. Chambers, D. Cumming, E. Graham, S. H. Jones, L. Neubert, W. Parker, A. Ricketts, H. Williams, E. W. White, F. J. Pilcher, R. Gelding, W. S. Cook, C. Campion, Lieut. Hawksworth, J. Boardman, W. Addis, J. Keet, J. L. Goedhart, C. Burby, A. Woolrich, W. Williams, E. Carter, J. W. Collinson, W. Johnson, H. D. Burton, E. Brammell, and others.

The visitors included Bros. A. Hines, 1082; R. White, S.D. 241; T. Peake, I.P.M. 667; T. Hoskins, 1505; W. Atherton, 823; J. Williams, 203; J. Banning, P.P. G.O. Cum. and West; W. H. Smythe, J.W. 98; J. Lecomber, W.M. 1473; A. Bucknall, S.W. 667; A. Samuels, P.M. 1358; A. V. Speer, P.M. 431; J. H.

Gregory, P.M. 667; W. White, 1325; W. H. Jewitt, Sec. 1393; E. Allen, 786; C. R. Copeman, 786; R. Bennett, P.M. 1299; the Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; J. Busfield, 216; Dr. F. Macpherson, 171; W. E. Richardson, P.M. 1129; W. Mellor, P.M. 758; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the ballot was taken for Mr. Gale St. John (Dwight), and this having proved unanimously in his favour, he was duly initiated into the Order. Four brethren were passed to the Degree of F.C., Bros. F. Cairns, Cooke, Boardman, and Captain White; the whole of the work being most impressively performed by the Master and his officers.

At the close of business the brethren adjourned to the large banqueting room, where, under the presidency of Bro. Atkinson, W.M., dinner was served to about seventy members and visitors.

Various toasts were proposed in appropriate terms by the W.M., and in reply to that of "The Visitors," Bro. the Rev. Dr. Hyde spoke in eloquent terms of the delight he had experienced in paying a visit to the Dramatic Lodge, paying a high compliment to the artistes who performed the duties in connection with the stage with so much success and ability.

A capital entertainment was provided by Bros. F. Cairns, Webster Williams, A. Ricketts, Joseph Cantor, H. D. Burton, J. Busfield, Dr. Macpherson, E. Brammell, and others; the accompaniments being played by Bros. Burgess, Monk, Collinson, Cantor, and Chambers.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1743).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd ult., when there was a numerous and influential gathering of the Fraternity. Bro. J. P. McArthur, J.P., ex-mayor of the borough, took the chair as the retiring W.M. at the opening of the lodge, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. Dr. Thomas F. Young, S.W. (W.M. elect); Councillor W. R. Brewster, J.W.; J. Duncan, jun., P.M.; J. C. Paterson, P.M.; Councillor W. H. Clemmey, P.M.; Councillor S. E. Ibbes, Treas., P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Harold Wyatt, P.M. and Sec.; R. Harley, S.D.; Robert Scott, J.D.; and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. W. Foulson, 605, Mayor of Bootle; Alderman J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035, P.P.S.G.W.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas Chesworth, P.P. G.D.C. Cheshire; J. Wells, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; A. Samuels, P.M. 1350; Rev. J. Stowell, 1350; A. Barclay, W.M. 1182; J. Grierson, W.M. 1750; J. B. McKenzie, P.M. and Treas. 1609; W. Ladyman, W.M. 1547; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; D. Cumming, 1609; R. W. Manning, 1675; W. Knight, 20; and others.

Some preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. Dr. T. F. Young was presented for installation by the retiring W.M., and the ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Duncan, jun., P.M., in a most impressive manner.

The following officers were afterwards elected and invested: Bros. J. P. McArthur, I.P.M.; W. R. Brewster, S.W.; R. E. Milton, J.W.; Councillor Samuel E. Ibbes, P.M., Treas. (elected for the seventh time, and the first Worshipful Master of the lodge); J. Duncan, P.M., M.C.; Harold Wyatt, P.M., Sec.; Robert Harley, Asst. Sec.; Robert Scott, S.D.; Job Clarke, J.D.; Isaac Platts, I.G.; R. Brown, S.S. (by proxy); Dr. Herbert Taylor, J.S.; J. P. Bryan, Hon. Org. (re-appointed), and W. Blake, Hon. Tyler (re-elected).

The brethren after the lodge was closed sat down to dinner, admirably served by Bro. Robt. Scott, of the Wyndham Hotel.

"The Health of H.M.C.M. the Queen, and that of the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" having been heartily honoured, the W.M. rose, and in a few appropriate words proposed "The Health of our Masonic Rulers Supreme and Subordinate," referring in special terms of commendation to the R.W.P.G.M.'s good government of his great province.

Bro. J. F. Newell, P.M. 1035, P.P.G.S.W., in replying, said that often as he had responded to this toast he still experienced as much satisfaction as ever in so doing, for a better Masonic ruler than their R.W.P.G.M. they could not have. He displayed taste, judgment and ability, and his good qualities were as well appreciated in London at the Grand Lodge as in their own immediate neighbourhood. He was thoroughly well posted in all the details of the business of the various lodges in the province, in each of which his interest and supervision was by no means nominal. Bro. Newell concluded by thanking the brethren.

Bros. John Wells, P.M. 580, P.P.G.D.C.; and T. Chesworth, P.M. 724, P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, also replied.

Bro. Harold Wyatt, P.M., proposed "The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution," and in doing so expressed his satisfaction at the readiness with which the brethren of 1473 always came forward to support the charities, not only the metropolitan, in which they had been by no means backward, but more especially those of their own province, and that which they were now asked to honour more particularly. He felt sure the toast he had given them would receive their warmest sympathy, and he had much pleasure in coupling with it the name of Bro. Geo. Broadbridge, P.M. 241, P.P.D.C.

Bro. Broadbridge, in responding, stated that when the report of the West Lancashire Educational Institution came out they would see that more had been done this year than at any time previously. Of course, greater benefits to their little proteges meant greater expense, and he trusted that the brethren of the Bootle Lodge would do as well in the future as they had in the past years, and thanked them for the previous efforts and for coupling his name with the toast.

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by the W.M., who said that the greatest gratification they had in 1473 at their gatherings was to welcome their visitors. That evening they had the honour of the company of his Worship the Mayor and many other distinguished visitors, whom they were glad to see, and he knew this toast would be enthusiastically received. He coupled with it the names of their Worshipful Mayor (Bro. Foulson, 605); Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde, P.S.W., 1086; and Bro. Rev. John Stowell.

Bro. Foulson thanked the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he had spoke of the visiting brethren, and of himself more particularly. He regretted that he was not oftener among them, but felt extremely gratified at having the present opportunity of meeting them. He might be allowed to remark that one reason why of late years he had not mixed so much with his brother Masons was, that at one time there was a tendency to make their

gatherings purely convivial meetings. He was extremely pleased to find that in the Bootle Lodge charity, their highest jewel, was not placed in the second rank; and he looked forward to be at some future time able to meet them in lodge much oftener than his official duties would at present allow him to do. He hoped that the earnestness and devotion he now saw in the Bootle Lodge would distinguish it for all time for Freemasonry. When properly carried out it was second only to one thing—their religion—as laid down in the volume of the Sacred Law.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Hyde said he had considerable diffidence in following the admirable speech of his predecessor, but he could not let the occasion go by without thanking them for the hospitable manner in which he was always received by them.

Bro. Rev. John Stowell, as the personal friend of their esteemed W.M., also thanked the brethren, and stated he could assure them that that brother would be a credit to them in the chair. He concluded by expressing his gratification at the excellent manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed by Bro. Duncan, and by wishing the lodge every prosperity.

Bro. W. Ladyman, W.M., 154, and Bro. Grierson, 1756, also replied.

Bro. J. P. McArthur, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He had the more pleasure in doing so, he stated, as he was sure the brethren had made a good choice. Bro. Young had gone through all the subordinate offices with credit, and he was sure he would have a most successful year.

Bro. Dr. T. W. Young, thanked the brethren heartily. At the same time he expressed the reluctance with which he accepted the post after such a successful Master as Bro. McArthur. Nevertheless he was cheered by the fact that he had the "Hearty good wishes" of all the brethren, a good staff of officers, and the advice and support of the Past Masters to look forward to. He was determined, if possible, to hand down the office to his successor with credit. He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," in highly flattering terms, and said he had much pleasure in presenting to him a token of their esteem, and wished him long life and prosperity.

The toast was most heartily received. The presentation consisted of a handsome time-piece, with the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Bootle Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 1473, to Bro. J. P. McArthur, I.P.W.M.; as a mark of their esteem."

Bro. McArthur, who was much affected, said he could hardly express his appreciation of the kind feeling which had prompted this gift. He could only say he had done his best for the lodge in his year of office, and he was extremely glad to see around him, and supporting their new W.M., the faces of those who first instituted the Bootle Lodge. He had one other favour to ask of them, and that was to support him as a Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in a manner which Bootle might be proud of, and concluded by thanking them one and all, and wishing 1473 prosperity.

"The Installing Master" was proposed by the W.M. in terms highly commendatory of his impressive performance of the ceremony of installation, and of his many personal good qualities.

Bro. John Duncan, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D.C., responded, and said he considered the lodge had honoured him by allowing him to perform the ceremony, which he had had much pleasure in doing. He had to inform the brethren of something that would give them great pleasure, viz., that their Most Gracious Majesty had again escaped unhurt from the bullet of a would-be assassin. He read the paragraph to the brethren, after which the I.P.M. called for three cheers for the Queen, which were immediately given enthusiastically.

"The Past Masters" was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. S. E. Ibbes, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.S.B. (father of the lodge); Bro. W. H. Clemmey, P.M.; and Bro. J. C. Paterson, P.M.

Bro. Ibbes proposed "The Musical Brethren," and said he was sure the brethren were highly indebted to them for the great enjoyment they had derived from an excellent programme well performed. He hoped they would not think he had been making any "bass" remarks; if so they could give him a "tenner," and he would "treble" it, so "alto"-gether if he sung in a duetto they would satisfy everyone.

Bro. Bryan responded. "The Officers" was spoken to by Bros. R. H. Brewster, S.W.; R. E. Milton, J.W.; and Dr. Herbert Taylor, J.S. The musical programme was carried out in a most effective manner by Bros. A. Child, 1750; J. P. Bryan, Org. and musical director; W. Quayle, 1325; T. Foulkes, P.M. 1325; and W. Forrester, 1035.

INSTRUCTION.

PERFECT ASHLAR LODGE (No. 1178).—The weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday evening, the 6th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, Southwark Park-road, Bermondsey, S.E. The lodge was opened at eight p.m. by Bro. Davis, W.M., assisted by Bros. Walker, S.W.; Read, J.W.; Topp, S.D.; Chicken, J.D.; and Eastbrook, jun., I.G. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eastbrook, candidate. Bro. Fountain offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree. He answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Fountain was admitted and passed to the degree of a F.C. Bro. Fountain then offered himself as a candidate for the Third Degree. He answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Fountain was admitted, and the ceremony of raising was most admirably performed by Bro. Topp, W.M. (W.M. 879). The lodge was afterwards resumed to the First Degree. On the motion of Bro. Kent, seconded by Bro. Eastbrook, it was resolved that Bro. Chicken, W.M. 63, should be requested to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday evening, the 20th inst. All duties being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., Bros. Stoddart being the W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Money, J.W.; Chubb, S.D.; Clark-

son, J.D.; Bug, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; and J. T. Tanqueray, acting Sec. The other brothers present were Bros. Pocock, Duret, Steingraber, Besant, Johnstone, and Vials. Visitors: Bros. Hasluck, Moore, and Clayton. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the First Degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Vials acting as candidate. After a call off, Bro. Sudlow worked the First Section of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the lodge closed down to the First Degree. Bro. Saunders was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday evening. Bros. Clayton, 203, F. J. Moore, 1196, and Samuel S. Hasluck, 18, being proposed and seconded, were duly elected members of this lodge of instruction, and the lodge closed.

Royal Arch.

ST. JAMES'S CHAPTER (No. 2).—The meeting of this chapter took place on Thursday last at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Charles Barry, the eminent architect, was exalted into this Supreme Degree by M.E.Z. Comp. Woodford, P.G.S., assisted by Comps. Letchworth, as H., and Captain Davis, as J. M.E. Comp. Letchworth, H., was subsequently installed as M.E.Z. by M.E. Comp. Woodford, and E. Comps. Captain Davis, H., and J. Batley, as J.

The absence of Lieut.-Colonel Creaton was much deplored, and a vote of condolence with him was passed. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was afterwards presented to Comp. Woodford, the retiring M.E.Z., in a few graceful words by Comp. Letchworth, on behalf of the St. James's Chapter, and which were responded to in the same warm and fraternal tone.

The other officers of this chapter are M.E. Comps. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Treas.; J. Sampson Pierce, E.; Rommieu, N.; Rowlands, P.S.; Brodie, D. of C.; Douglas Stuart and H. Lewis, Assistant Sojourners; and Woodford, P.Z.

The companions subsequently adjourned to a very pleasant and genial banquet, when the normal toasts were excellently well given and admirably responded to.

The M.E.Z. read the mournful announcement of the dastardly attack on Her Gracious Majesty, which was received with indignant exclamation; and the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was received with unmistakable expressions of devoted loyalty. The companions, after a most cheery and sociable evening, separated at an early hour.

Among the companions present we noticed Comps. Letchworth, M.E.Z.; Davis, H.; Batley, J.; Woodford, Wood, Major Molineux, Whichcord, J. S. Pierce, Rommieu, J. H. Lewis, Douglas Stuart, J. A. Batley, Ames, Rowlands, Shipp, and Browning.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).

On the 2nd inst. a convocation of this chapter was held at Anderson's Hotel. Comp. W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z., presided, and was supported by Comps. C. W. Hudson, H.; Henry Stiles, J.; W. J. Ferguson, I.P.Z.; W. Side, P.S.; T. E. Edmonds, 1st. A.S.; A. Holt, 2nd. A.S.; W. Cook, J. G. Humphreys, D.C.; F. W. Sillis, W.S.; King, Storr, F. H. Clemow, Trice, G. C. Dickey, T. Minstrell, A. N. Clemow, and many others.

The minutes of the January convocation were confirmed, and Bro. J. Michael Rowley was balloted for and approved. Bros. G. Emblin and Rowley presented themselves for exaltation, and the ceremony was most efficiently and admirably performed by the worthy M.E.Z. and his two Principals. Afterwards the companions adjourned for refreshment. Comp. Stiles, M.E.Z. presided, and was supported by Comps. C. W. Hudson, H.; Henry Stiles, J., and the whole of the other companions.

During the banquet intelligence was received of the attempted assassination of the Queen, and the news caused considerable surprise and astonishment. In proposing "The Health of Her Majesty," Comp. Stiles, M.E.Z., said he felt he was but speaking the sentiments of the Freemasons of England, and particularly of the Royal Arch Masons, when he stated how much they all deplored the dastardly attempt which had that day been made upon the life of the Queen. It was a matter of the greatest national satisfaction that that attempt had been unsuccessful. (Cheers.) They were all glad to find the villain—which he thought was far too mild a term to apply to the would-be assassin of a monarch so universally beloved and esteemed—had been arrested on the spot. (Cheers.) Her Majesty had so endeared herself to the hearts of her people that such an attempt on her life was held in universal detestation. He trusted that the Queen might long be spared in health and happiness to reign over a free and united people. (Cheers.) The companions, loyal men and true that they were, would, he was convinced, upon that occasion and under the circumstances pledge Her Majesty's health with more than their accustomed enthusiasm. (Loud cheers.)

"The Health of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Order" was the next honoured, and Comp. Ferguson, who was toasted later in the evening, proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Stiles," congratulating the chapter that they were presided over by such a genial companion and one who had so thoroughly and efficiently grasped the important duties of his office. (Cheers.) The high position of First Principal in a chapter was by no means a sinecure. To discharge the duties creditably and properly required the utmost attention and the greatest amount of ability. Both of these Comp. Stiles, M.E.Z., had brought to bear in the performance of his work, and he heartily and sincerely congratulated the companions in having elected him to such an exalted position. (Cheers.)

In replying, the M.E.Z. said they would soon now be relegating him to what had been called the "grey heads" of the chapter, and if a bald pate was some recommendation to the position he should undoubtedly not be amongst the least distinguished amongst a very distinguished body of Masons. (Laughter and cheers.) When elected First Principal he accepted the duties cast upon him with the fullest intention that the traditions of a highly honoured and very exalted office should not suffer if he possibly could prevent it in his hands, and he trusted that in this intention the companions would think that he had not been entirely unsuccessful. (Cheers.) He had been assisted in the discharge of his duties by two estimable companions than whom no one could have filled their respective chairs more worthily, and in Comps. Hudson (H.) and Henry Stiles (J.)

he was convinced that he should have successors who would strive as he had done, and perhaps with better success—(No, no)—to do honour to the chair he should so soon be vacating. (Cheers.)

Comps. Hudson and Henry Stiles replied in appropriate terms, and "The health of the Exaltees" was then given, and subsequently that of "The Visitors," Comps. Storr and King responding; and that of Comp. F. H. Clemow who was warmly thanked by the First Principal for the admirable arrangements he had made for the repast.

The chapter includes some exceedingly good reciters and vocalists and as a consequence a very enjoyable evening was spent. It may be mentioned that amongst the first telegrams to arrive at Windsor Castle, after the dastardly attempt upon the Queen's life, was one from this chapter in the name of Royal Arch Masons, generally expressive of their great satisfaction that Her Majesty's life had been providentially spared to the nation.

BAYARD CHAPTER (No. 1615).—The installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at 33, Golden-square, W., when Bros. Stark and Boulnois were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, and the following companions installed as Principals: Comps. A. Bristow, as M.E.Z.; Dr. Grigg, as H.; and Cassan, as J. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Somerville-Burney, P.Z., and founder of the chapter, then proposed a resolution that the chapter should place on its minutes its thankfulness and gratitude to the Most High for the preservation of Her Majesty the Queen from the hand of the assassin. This was seconded by the M.E.Z., and carried by acclamation.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 221).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Commercial Hotel on Wednesday, the 1st inst., and was opened by Comp. G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas., acting Z.; Comp. Jas. Richardson, H.; and Comp. J. H. Greenhalgh, J.; and there were present Comps. Thos. Entwistle, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; T. Morris, P.Z.; H. Stead, S.E.; N. Nicholson, P.S.; G. A. Mort, Jno. Aldred, J. Boothroyd, J. Heywood, W. Court, and Thos. Higson. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; W. Nichol, H. 317; T. A. Martin, H. 350; and G. P. Cartwright, J. 359.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe occupied the First Principal's chair, and exalted the following brethren to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry: Bros. T. B. Tonge, Walter Bardsley, and E. G. Harwood; the work of P.S. being ably performed by Comp. Nicholson. After the ceremony of exaltation was completed, Comp. Sillitoe installed the following as Principals: Comps. J. Richardson, Z.; J. H. Greenhalgh, H.; and W. Nicholson, J.; also invested the following officers: Comps. H. Stead, S.E.; Jno. Aldred, S.N.; G. A. Mort, P.S.; J. Boothroyd, 1st. A.S.; W. Court, 2nd. A.S.; and Thos. Higson, Janitor.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the chapter was duly closed, and the companions adjourned to the festive board, where a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following brethren were present: Bro. T. R. Peel, W.M.; H. C. Miller, S.W.; J. E. Lees, J.W.; Julius Arensbergh, Treas.; J. Wilson, Sec.; T. H. Glendinning, M.O.; W. Nichol, S.O.; J. M. Sinclair, J.O.; H. L. Rocca, S.D.; W. R. Dowter, J.D.; W. H. Hopkins, P.M.; J. R. Lever, G. Hunt, A. B. Outram, A. H. Jeffries, and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitors: Jos. Senior, W.M. Union; John Chandler, of Swindon, and W. Parkinson, 156, 32.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the balance-sheet was reported on and adopted. The W.M. elect, Bro. H. C. Miller, was presented to the Installing Master and duly installed.

Bro. Peel then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. E. Lees, S.W.; W. Nichol, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, M.O.; H. L. Rocca, S.O.; W. R. Sowten, J.O.; A. H. Jeffries, S.D.; A. B. Outram, J.D.; Wm. Rome, P.M., Treas.; Frank A. Huet (by proxy), Sec.; T. H. Glendinning, D. of C.; W. J. Cunliffe, I.G.; R. R. Lisenden, Stwd.; J. R. Lever, Org.; and J. Kirk, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. T. R. Peel, and that to the Wardens and Overseers by Bro. W. Rome, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. T. H. Glendinning. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Rome, P.M., assisted by Bro. T. R. Peel. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, and a member proposed by Bro. W. R. Sowter, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting room, where the usual toasts were honoured, including those of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Visiting Brethren," and others.

Knights Templar.

BRADFORD.—Faith Preceptory (No. 13).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, which was of more than ordinary interest from the fact that Sir Knight Thomas William Tew was to be installed Eminent Preceptor. Bro. Tew being well-known in the Masonic world as the W. Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and highly respected by the brethren of the province.

The preceptory was opened in solemn and ancient form, by the E.P., J. L. Atherton, assisted by the following Sir Knights: Sir Knights Samuel White, P.E.C., P. Grand Aide-de-Camp, England, H.P.G.C. Lancashire, Prelate; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.P.; J. W. Holmes, Constable; F. W. W. Booth, Marshall; Charles Crabtree, Sub-Marshal; John Clark, P.E.C., Treasurer; Danl. Hopkins, Registrar; James Dewhurst, Captain of Lines; Thomas Hill, P.E.C., P. Prov. Sub-Prior West Yorks; J. C. Taylor, P.E.C.; Wm. Beanland, P.E.C.; John Gaunt, P.E.C.; Henry Smith, P.E.C.; J. G. Hutchinson, P.E.C.; T. G. Andrews, P.E.P.; George Althorp,

P.E.P.; Joshua Brigg, John Davis, R. D. Kendal, P.E.P.; Frank Holland, Geo. Beanland, and J. J. Holmes.

The following visitors were present from the Hope, Salamanca, Fearnley, Faith and Fidelity, Du Furnal and Fidelity Preceptories: Sir Kts. R. Williamson, P.P.C.; George Buckley, jun, P.E.P., P.G.M. W. Yorks.; William Stott, P.E.P., P.G.S. of W.; Frederick Whitely, E.P., P.G. Expert W. Yorks.; William Gankrager, P.G.D.C.; J. W. Balme, P.G. Herald; William Milligan, P.G. Org.; William Berry, Jos. Sayar, H. F. Holdsworth, Mark Newsome, J. Ibberson, J. Wordsworth, T. Pickles, W. Marshall, Lieut.-Col. J. Hoekley, Constable; H. J. Garnett, P.E.P.; R. W. Moore, T. W. Fourness, J. D. Kay, P.E.C., P.G. Reg. W. Yorks.; Dr. William Paley, P.E.P., P.G. Almoner W. Yorks.; W. J. Beck, P.E.C., P.G. Treas.; Wm. Rowley, P.E.C., P.G. Std. Br. W. Yorks.; C. Eastwood, E.P., P.G. Capt. of Lines W. Yorks.; S. J. Senior, P.E.P.; J. Barker, P.G. Swd. Br. W. Yorks.; Rev. W. C. Lucas, P.G. Prelate; T. R. Tomlinson, Herbert Green, T. Gibson, and W. D. Lemmison.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, and the circular conveying the meeting read, letters of apology were read from a number of distinguished Sir Knights who were unable to be present. The E.P. requested Sir Knight T. G. Andrews to take the Constable's chair; Sir Knight J. W. Monckman, the Marshall's chair; and Sir Knight Geo. Althorp, the Sub-Marshal's chair. Sir Knight John Taylor, Captain of the Lines, and Sir Knight T. Hill, P.F.C., then presented the E.P. elect, Sir Knight Thos. Wm. Tew, to the Installing Preceptor, Sir Knight C. J. Banister, P.E.C., Past Grand Captain of England, Prov. Prior Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-upon-Tweed, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The ceremony was very impressive.

Sir Knight T. W. Tew then invested his officers as follows: Sir Kts. J. L. Atherton, I.E.P.; S. White, Prelate; T. W. Holmes, Constable; F. W. W. Booth, Marshal; Charles Crabtree, Sub-Marshal; John Clark, Treas.; T. G. Andrews, Reg.; F. Holland, Captain of the Lines; G. Althorp, Chamberlain; W. Beanland, 1st. Herald; J. Taylor, 2nd. Herald; and J. W. Monckman, Almoner.

The E.P. then delivered a most eloquent address, in which he stated that although in accepting the honour the Sir Knights had conferred upon him would involve great personal sacrifices, yet he would do his best to fulfil the duties of his office, and claim the support of the Sir Knights during his year of office.

Sir Knight J. C. Banister, in assuring the E.P. of the support of all the Sir Knights, hoped that Sir Knight Tew would allow the very excellent address he had just delivered to be printed and circulated amongst the Sir Knights of West Yorkshire, to which request Sir Knight Tew assented.

After some other formal business, the preceptory was closed in due form, when all the Sir Knights adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a most *recherche* banquet awaited them. Many speeches were delivered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Red Cross of Constantine.

PREMIER CONCLAVE.—An excellent gathering of the members of this old and distinguished conclave was held on the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, when there were present Sir Knights Macartney, M.P., M.P.S.; Massa, V.E.; the Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M. P.S., &c.; Kingston, I.P.M.P.S.; T. Cubitt, P.M.P.S., &c., Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.M.P.S., &c., Recorder; E. H. Thielay, Senior General; Marsh, P.M.P.S., acting Junior General; T. C. Walls, Prelate; Mickle, H.; H. A. Dubois, P.M.P.S.; Moss, P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, Dawes, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knights Lardner and Mickle, were installed as Knights of St. John. Bro. Croxter, P.M., &c., was then duly installed a Knight of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. The election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Sir Knights Massa, M.P.S.; E. H. Thielay, V.E.; T. Cubitt, Treas.

The Audit Committee having been appointed, and a Past Sovereign's jewel voted to Sir Knight Macartney, the conclave was dissolved, and the Sir Knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The customary toasts followed.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

On the 27th ult., the Earl of Mar and Kellie, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, along with a deputation from the Grand Lodge, paid an official visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow. Grand Lodge was opened in the Pillar Hall of the Queen's Rooms by Bro. W. Pearce, Prov. G.M., assisted by Bros. J. M. Oliver, Prov. G.S.W., and J. Morgan, Prov. G.J.W. The other Provincial Officers present were Bros. the Rev. J. Watt, Prov. G. Chap.; D. Reid, Prov. G. Treas.; Collingwood Flower, Prov. G. Sec.; D. Rowland, Prov. G.S.D.; D. Mearns, Prov. G.J.D.; Andrew Holmes, Prov. G. Architect; J. McLeod, Prov. G. Jeweller; William McDonald, Prov. G.B.B.; Wm. Ferguson, Prov. G.D. of C.; Andrew Myles, Prov. G.D. of M.; Allan Macbeth, Prov. G. Org.; J. Kinnaird, Prov. G.S.B.; G. Cranston, Prov. G. Marshal; John McWilliam, Prov. G.I.G.; Thomas Halkett, Treas. of the Prov. Benevolent Fund; James Balfour, Pres. of the Board of Stewards; and others.

The deputation from the Grand Lodge consisted of the R.W. Master, Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie; Bros. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, G. Chap.; R. F. Shaw-Stewart, Sub-Grand Master; R. F. Barrow, Acting S.G.W.; J. Caldwell of Craigielee, Acting J.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; J. Crichton, Vice-Pres. of the Board of Grand Stewards; Captain Ferguson McGilvray, G.D. of C.; J. Clark Forest, Prov. G.M. Lanarkshire, Middle Ward; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Proxy Prov. G.M. Newfouland; J. M. Martin, jun., of Auchindennan, Prov. G.M. Dumbarshire; and Colonel J. T. Stewart, Prox. Prov. G.M. Peru.

After the lodge had been opened in the E.C. Degree, the deputation from the Grand Lodge entered the hall, and Bro. Pearce resigned the mallet into the hands of the Grand Master, who said he would only accept the position until an

examination of the books of the Provincial Grand Lodge was made.

It being reported that the minutes were in perfect order and the accounts properly kept, the cash books showing very liberal grants from the funds,

The GRAND MASTER said that after such a very satisfactory report, he had the greatest pleasure in handing back the mallet to the Provincial Grand Master, and asking him to conduct his lodge as he had shown he could do so well.

Bro. Pearce then resumed the chair, and immediately called the lodge from labour to refreshment. The loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently proposed, followed by "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," coupled with the name of the Earl of Mar and Kellie.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that now the Masons of Glasgow felt themselves identified with the Grand Lodge, which had not been the case a few years ago. A great deal of this had been brought about by the late Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, and when he assured them that the hon. baronet had written, expressing his regret that he had not received his invitation sooner, so that he could have accepted it, they would also be sorry that they had not secured his attendance. (Applause.) Bro. Sir Michael had brought the Grand Lodge out of a state of chaos. When he mounted the throne the Grand Lodge was in debt, but now it was not only relieved of this burden, but was prospering more than it had done for a very great many years. (Applause.) He had now handed over the government to the present Grand Master, the representative of one of the oldest earldoms in the kingdom. (Applause.) They were all gratified to see the Earl of Mar and Kellie mount the throne, and felt confident that under his government Scotch Masonry would prosper as much as, if not more than, it had done at any time. (Applause.) Probably he would not have the same difficulties to surmount, but, on the other hand, there would be more leisure to give *clat* to Masonry throughout the kingdom. (Applause.) This was evinced by the fact that he was now engaged visiting the various provinces which had not been done for many years past. (Applause.) There was great need for such a course, as many of the provincial lodges were in a somewhat unsatisfactory condition, but that could not be said of Glasgow, where they could boast of a benevolent fund having at its credit £1200. (Applause.)

The GRAND MASTER, who, on rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged cheering, said that he hoped in the course of time to prove worthy of the compliments which had been paid him, but he had been hardly long enough in harness to have earned them as yet. As to what had been said about the Grand Lodge, he quite agreed with the Provincial Grand Master. Some twelve years ago no one could have said much in praise of Grand Lodge, but thanks to his predecessor, and to his tact and determination to sift matters to the bottom, the Grand Lodge was brought into thorough working order. (Applause.) It was now not only flourishing financially, but was endeared to the Masons of Scotland. (Applause.) Having set their own house in order, they had now commenced to look after their brethren outside who were not members of Grand Lodge. Only one or two visits had already been paid, but matters had been found, generally speaking, in a very satisfactory condition. Certainly Glasgow had proved second to none, and the Provincial Grand Master, although he had thirty lodges under his jurisdiction, had shown his duties were well attended to. (Applause.) The Grand Lodge of Scotland had 526 lodges under its jurisdiction, and in these lodges there were 111,000 Masons. (Applause.) He did not think that, however hard-working the Grand Master of Scotland might be, he could be expected to visit all these lodges. (Applause.) There were forty-three Provincial and District Grand Lodges, and it would be hard enough work to get through them, and he did not expect to be able to visit them all, but hoped to get to as many as possible. (Applause.) If he found them all in as good and flourishing a condition as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow he certainly would be satisfied, and the Masons of Scotland would be more than satisfied. (Applause.) It was the duty of the Provincial Grand Master to see Masonry carried out thoroughly well, and no one had attended to this more efficiently than Bro. Pearce. (Applause.) If all the Provincial Grand Masters worked as well as he did every individual might be proud to be a member of the Craft. (Applause.)

Bro. SHAW-STEWART proposed "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland," and urged that the Scotch lodges should emulate the English Order. As regards Ireland, he remarked that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was about the only thing that was prosperous in that unfortunate country.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The GRAND MASTER proposed the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master of Glasgow." He congratulated the lodge on the possession of a Master of extraordinary energy and devotion to the Craft. He deprecated the unmasonic practice of admitting to the Brotherhood men unworthy of the fellowship.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER responded amid general applause, and reciprocated the sentiments of the Grand Master in advocating the test of admission, which would constitute so materially to the benevolent funds of the Order.

Bro. STEWART proposed "The Sister Grand Lodges." In the course of his remarks, he stated that the Grand Lodge had 526 lodges in active operation, with an aggregate membership of 111,000. These lodges were governed by the Grand Master Mason and forty-three Provincial or District Grand Masters, fourteen of whom were resident in the colonies and in foreign parts. The oldest Prov. Grand Master was Bro. Whyte Melville, who had been at the head of the Province of Fife for the long period of forty-one years. Next in seniority came Sir E. Mackenzie of Kileoy, who had presided over Ross and Cromarty since 1847. Third on the list was Sir M. Shaw-Stewart, who was appointed to Renfrewshire West on 7th February, 1848, his rule in that province having extended over a period of thirty-four years, during eight of which he was also Grand Master. Having forty-one lodges within its jurisdiction, Ayrshire was numerically the largest home province under the Grand Lodge. Glasgow came next with thirty-one lodges, and Edinburgh third, having twenty-six lodges on its roll. Our Indian Empire had thirty-four lodges, New South Wales twenty-seven, and New Zealand (South) twenty-four. The Grand Lodge exchanged representatives with thirty-seven sister Grand Lodges. There were four Past Grand Masters alive, the eldest being Bro. Whyte Melville, who is also the

oldest Craftsman in the Grand Lodge. He was initiated more than sixty years ago in the Lodge Holyrood House. Seventy Grand Masters had preceded Lord Mar, and the present Grand Secretary was tenth in succession.

Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN proposed the toast of "The Secretary of the Grand Lodge," and passed a high eulogium upon the zeal and energy of Bro. Murray Lyon, who acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. the Rev. JOHN WATT proposed "The Daughter Lodges of the Province," and contented himself with translating a line from Horace, describing the subject of his toast as "Beautiful daughters of a more beautiful mother."

Bro. MORGAN responded.

Bro. GRAHAM proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren."

The toast was responded to by Bros. CRICHTON and GORDON.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the usual formalities.

The Grand Master during his stay in Glasgow was a guest of the Provincial Grand Master.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

On Friday evening, the 3rd inst., the members of the three lodges meeting in the northern part of Liverpool—the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035; the Walton Lodge, No. 1086; and the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, held their annual ball in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale. There was a large attendance, among those present being his Worship the Mayor of Bootle (Bro. Poulson), Mrs. Poulson, Bro. Alderman J. F. Newell, P.P. S.G.W.; Mrs. Newell; Bros. John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; Lewis Peake, S.W. 1035 (Chairman of the Committee); J. Grierson, W.M. 1756; J. D. Reader, W.M. 1086 (Hon. Sec.); G. E. Hamner, P.M., P.Z., 1086; G. J. Townsend, P.M. 1086; J. Bunting, P.M. 1035; E. Johnston, P.M., P.Z., 1756 and 203; J. J. Savage, I.P.M. 1086 (Master of Ceremonies), and others.

Proceedings were commenced by the band (under the direction of Bro. Swinerton) playing the National Anthem, after which dancing was begun and kept up with spirit to an early hour. At the opening of the second part of the programme, Bro. Hargreaves Gill, 1086, gave a very tasteful performance on his fairy bells. Bro. W. Vines, P.M. 1359, P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, catered to the satisfaction of all, and the gathering was a decided success, thanks greatly to the efforts of Bro. J. D. Reader, the Secretary, a substantial addition to the decorating fund, in aid of which the ball was held, being a certainty. The rooms were decorated with flags, evergreens, &c., very tastefully by Bros. Grierson and Tweedley, 1756.

Obituary.

BRO. CHAS. MARSH, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.D. SOMERSET.

On Sunday afternoon last there passed away from this life, in response to the call of T.G.A.O.T.U., Bro. Charles Marsh, at the ripe age of ninety-three, who, for the past twenty-five years, has resided at Tunbridge Wells. He was born at Bath, January 18th, 1789, where he spent fifty-five years of his life, and followed the profession of a miniature painter and engraver. He was the oldest free citizen of the ancient city. He was initiated in the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, on August 6, 1819, and was present the same year at the dinner to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master, when he visited Bath to open the Masonic hall there, in company with the Duke of Leinster. Eight hundred brethren sat down in full regalia, which was an event of unknown precedence. He passed the chair in 1827, and was P.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter. In 1832, Bro. Col. Tinte, P.G.M., appointed him P.S.D. for the county of Somerset. He unfortunately became reduced in circumstances through standing security for friends, and left Bath for Liverpool, October, 1844, and was present there with the Prov. Grand Lodge of Lancashire at the laying of the foundation-stone of the Sailors' Home by His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort. He left there with his family for Sydney, New South Wales, in May, 1853, and while there assisted at the foundation of the Zetland Royal Arch Chapter. In December, 1855, he returned to England, and on June 10th, 1856, two months after his arrival in London, he lost his sight. The following spring he went to reside at Tunbridge Wells, and in February, 1862, was one of the seven brethren who formed the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, and continued a subscribing member to the day of his death. As he was the only one who had passed the chair, he became first acting I.P.M. In April, 1879, his mother lodge hearing that he was still alive, made him an honorary member and forwarded notices of all meetings to him, the last being received the morning of his decease. Two months later the Holmesdale lodge sought to do him honour by resolving to have his portrait painted in Masonic costume and hung on the walls of the lodge. Bro. D. R. Everest, of Worthing, and late of Tunbridge Wells, took the portrait on July 10th of the same year, Bro. Marsh then being ninety-one years of age and a Mason sixty years. The following Christmas the "Masonic Record" of Allahabad, N.W. India, issued the portrait with a sketch of his life.

His genial disposition and patient resignation under his heavy difficulties gained him numerous friends among the resident gentry. Dr. Barker, Bishop of Sydney, N.S.W., when on a visit to England, made a point of having an interview with Bro. Marsh, and so renewing the friendship formed in Australia. He only took to his bed the Sunday preceding his death. He was conscious to very nearly the last, but was too weak to speak the past few hours, and quietly breathed his last in the presence of his sorrowing family.

Bro. Marsh was a lineal descendant of the Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell, his great grandfather, a Welsh gentleman, of the ancient family of the Marshes, of Wales, settled in Glastonbury. His son, Thos. Marsh, an officer in the Somerset Militia, and gentleman of position in the county, married in April, 1757, Frances, daughter of John Cromwell, and granddaughter of George Cromwell, who was married by banns at Rodney Stoke Church, Somerset, 24th January, 1693. He was grandson of Oliver, Lord Protector. The officers of the Holmesdale Lodge held a meeting, and desired to obtain a "dispensation" for a Masonic funeral, but on knowing that the wishes of the

deceased were contrary to the same, they have decided to assemble at the house, 17, Albion-road, in mourning dress, with white gloves and sprig of acacia, and precede the corpse to the cemetery, at two o'clock, on Saturday.

BRO. JOHN GEORGE HUTCHINSON.

Bro. John George Hutchinson, of 57, Aldersgate-street, senior churchwarden of St. Botolph, Aldersgate-street, died a few days ago in the seventieth year of his age. Bro. Hutchinson had been unwell for some little time, but was not confined to his bed long. He had been for years a respected inhabitant of the parish, where every respect has been shown. On Sunday the church of St. Botolph was draped in black (which will be kept up till after Sunday next), and reference was made to the late churchwarden by the vicar, the Rev. S. Flood Jones. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Abney Park Cemetery. Bro. Hutchinson was a member of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.

BRO. WILLIAM BULKELEY HUGHES, M.P.

We have to announce the death of Bro. William Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., R.W. Deputy Grand Master of the Province of North Wales and Shrops., of Plas Coch, Anglesea, which took place on Wednesday. He was the oldest member of the House of Commons, though not the "father" of the House, that honour being reserved for Bro. C. R. M. Talbot, the member for Glamorganshire, who has occupied a seat in Parliament since 1830. He claimed to trace his descent from Llowarch-ap-Ibran, Lord of the Commot of Mena, in Anglesea, where his ancestors had been seated since the twelfth century, and was the eldest son of the late Sir William Bulkeley Hughes, of Plas Coch, by his union with Elizabeth, second daughter and co-heiress of the late Mr. Rice Thomas, of Coerhelen, Carnarvonshire. He was born on July 20th, 1797, was educated at Harrow, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's-inn in 1824, when he chose the Oxford and Chester Circuits. In July, 1837, he was returned as a Liberal-Conservative for the Carnarvon district, which he represented till June, 1859, when he was unsuccessful. He was, however, re-elected in July, 1865, and at each succeeding election up to and including the last, generally without opposition, the last time of his return being contested being in 1868, when he was returned in the Liberal interest by a majority of 550 votes over his opponent. Bro. Hughes, who succeeded to the family estates in 1836, was in the commission of the peace and a deputy-lieutenant for the counties of Carnarvon and Anglesea, of which latter county he was High Sheriff in 1861. He was twice married—firstly in 1825, to Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of the late Mr. Jonathan Nettleship, of Mattersey Abbey, near Bawtry, Nottinghamshire, and widow of the late Mr. Harry Wormald, of Woodhouse, near Leeds, and after her death, which occurred in 1865, in 1866 to Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. W. Donkin, of Rothbury, Northumberland.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CHARLESWORTH.—On the 4th inst., at Westhay, Hawkchurch, Axminster, the wife of Mr. William Charlesworth, of a son.

LORAIN.—On the 3rd inst., at 7, Montagu-square, Lady Loraine, of a daughter.

MANN.—On the 4th inst., at Sidcup, Kent, Mrs. W. W. Mann, of a son.

REES.—On the 4th inst., at Gadlys Cottage, Aberdare, the wife of Mr. William T. Rees, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANE—WADE.—On the 7th inst., at St. Nicholas' Church, Norton, Malton, by the Rev. C. Jackson Chapman, B.A., Charles Sheriffe Lane, of Newstead House, West Hartlepool, to Mercie, second daughter of the late George Wade, Esq., of Heworth Green, York.

THEUNE—LAWS.—On the 4th inst., at St. Saviour's, South Hampstead, by the Rev. G. A. Herklots, W. H. L. J. Theune, of Stettin, Germany, to Louisa Emma Laws, daughter of the late Mr. Charles Laws, of 11, Fellows-road, South Hampstead.

DEATHS.

HUGHES.—On the 8th inst., at Plas Coch, Anglesea, Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., R.W.D.G.M., North Wales and Shrops, aged 85.

HUTCHINSON.—Bro. John George Hutchinson, of 57, Aldersgate-street, in his 70th year.

MARSH.—On the 5th inst., at Tunbridge Wells, Bro. Charles Marsh, aged 93.

MOUNTCASTLE.—On the 4th inst., at 12, Waverley-place, St. John's-wood, Mr. Robert Mountcastle, in his 79th year.

WILLIAMS.—On the 6th inst., at Menaifron, Anglesey, Canon Wynn Williams, in his 84th year.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 18, 1882.

All meetings take place at the Masonic Hall, Molesworth-street, Dublin, except where otherwise stated.

MONDAY, MARCH 13.

Lodge 100, Dublin. | R.A.C. 2, Dublin.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14.

Lodge 245, Dublin. | R.A.C. 500, Dublin.
Boys' School Board.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15.

Lodge 33, Dublin. | Lodge 730, Dublin Garrison.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16.

Lodge 12, Dublin. | Lodge 93, Dublin.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17.

Lodge 225, Dublin. | Lodge 728, Dublin.
R.A.C. 120, Dublin.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18.

Lodge 53, Dublin. | Lodge 269, Malahide.



"Romeo and Juliet" was presented to a distinguished and critical audience at the Lyceum on Wednesday night. Bro. Henry Irving has scored another brilliant success; and whether we consider it as a scholarly interpretation of this great ideal tragedy, a powerful exhibition of dramatic genius, or a gorgeous art spectacle, we are equally charmed and satisfied. We hope to give an extended notice in our next.

Very often the success of a piece is made simply by some excitement caused in its production, and not from its artistic merits, and though "The Squire" did raise much controversy, yet it does not require any such means to make it popular. There is in itself attractiveness, apart from the question as to who is the real author of it. It will be remembered when it was first brought out, early this year, Mr. Hardy and Mr. Carr jointly claimed it as theirs, and charged Mr. Pinero, its author, as having taken the plot from Mr. Hardy's book, "Far from the Madding Crowd," which Mr. Comyns Carr had dramatised, and submitted to Bro. Hare, who declined it. Mr. Pinero states he had not read the book when he wrote it, and that it is his own original. Certain it is, men of the stamp of Bros. Hare and Kendal would not have brought out at their theatre a play by one author which they had already declined from another under a different name. "The Squire" is a faithful reflex of English life. There is no straining after sensational effects, no word torturing, nor punning, but crisp dialogue expressed in natural words. "The Squire" is a woman, *Kate Verity*, who is an orphan. Her land only yields her a small income. She has been secretly married for twelve months to *Lieutenant Thorndyke* (Bro. Kendal). He wishes to keep the marriage a secret, as he is dependent on his mother for his means, excepting his small pay as an officer. His mother would cast him off if she knew he had made such a poor match. The squire's bailiff, *Gilbert Hythe* (Mr. Wenman), is in love with the squire, and being so strong with ardour when he declares his passion, his mistress summarily dismisses him. She appoints *Gunnion* (Mr. McIntosh), a farm labourer, in his place. The rector, the *Rev. Paul Dormer* (Bro. Hare), calls upon the squire to ask for some help for a sick woman, and takes the opportunity of having a long talk with the squire. *Kate Verity* takes into her service *Gunnion's* daughter *Felicity*, which all provokes the jealousy of *Christiana* (Miss Ada Murray), who has up till now been the only female servant. In the dead of night the rector calls, bringing a letter from the said woman avowing she is the wife of *Lieut. Thorndyke*, and the rector urges *Kate Verity* to tell him what relation there are between her and the officer, for it is becoming the talk of the village. The marriage between *Lieut. Thorndyke* and this woman had not turned out a happy one, and he believed her to be dead many years before he met *Kate Verity*. The lieutenant pays one of his nocturnal visits to the squire and overhears the letter read and the conversation which ensues. *Kate* has such command of herself that to the rector she maintains an air of unconcern, but as soon as he is gone, she proceeds to burn all letters and documents relating to her marriage with the officer. Whilst she is kneeling at the fire, her husband comes into the room and tells her he has heard all. The scene between them is intense, as they both love each other dearly. While *Thorndyke* is heart brokenly asking for a kiss, *Gilbert Hythe* enters the room suddenly, and would take the life of *Thorndyke*, not knowing what relations are between the two. His anger is only turned away on *Kate's* avowal that she was married a year ago to *Thorndyke*. In the third act we have the villagers assembled for the harvest home. *Hythe* pleads with *Kate* to allow *Thorndyke* to have an interview with her before leaving for India with his regiment. Her love forces her to consent. The rector arrives at the harvest home, and informs the villagers of the forthcoming marriage between the lieutenant and the squire. Whilst there the news comes of the death of the *Thorndyke's* first wife, and the *Rev. Paul Dormer* whispers he will publicly remarry them. It now only remains to say a few words about the actors. Bro. Hare, as the rector, is a brusque bachelor. Whilst having a loving heart, he declares himself a woman-hater, because in early life he had been jilted. Bro. Kendal, the lieutenant, is a fine, true-hearted man; his acting displays deep passion and tenderness. Old *Gunnion's* make up is a remarkable representation of a country farm-servant. Mr. Wenman, as *Gilbert Hythe*, is very natural. Mr. R. W. Robertson's *Isod*, a brother to *Christiana*, is a good type of the lazy, ne'er-do-well people. Miss Ada Murray, as *Christiana*, is also equal to any of those we have mentioned. But how can we praise Mrs. Kendal enough? Her *Kate Verity* is lovable and loving, and affords her full scope for her remarkable power of delineating gaiety, vivacity, grief, and sadness with which she is endowed. Her unforced laugh changes in a moment to a cry, her smile becomes a tear, affecting to her musical voice the true ring of affection and sorrow. Many persons will be glad to keep the beautiful acting before their mind, and can do it by possessing themselves of a picture. Perhaps the best, at least the most striking, is that of the scene in which *Kate Verity* pleads that *Lieutenant Thorndyke* shall allow it to be known that they are man and wife, so that the village shall not gossip about his frequent visits to her. Bro. Edwards has done justice to a somewhat difficult task. Most photographs are taken of the individual actors, but these are done as if in the act of playing. We ought to add that Bro. Steedman's choir is called into requisition during the third act, to sing the carol for the Harvest Home. Bros. Hare and Kendal are determined to maintain the position they have acquired, and carry out to the detail everything necessary in putting a comedy on the St. James's stage.

At the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, on the 3rd inst., and during the last performance but one of the highly successful pantomime "Aladdin," Mr. Charles Stevens, on behalf of Miss Lizzie Watson, presented Mr. Williams, the musical conductor, with an ebony bâton, handsomely mounted in silver with turquoise bands, on one of which was the following inscription:—"Edward Williams, from Lizzie Watson, February, 1882." Miss Grace Huntley was

also the recipient from the same lady of a handsome half suite of brooch and earrings, set with diamonds. Each presentation was hailed by the audience with repeated cheering, and acknowledged by each recipient with every manifestation of pleasure. The evening had been set apart for a farewell benefit to Mr. Charles Stevens, who is engaged to appear next Christmas at the Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool.

On the Tuesday previous, Bro. J. C. Emerson, the courteous and energetic manager of the above theatre, took his annual benefit, and was rewarded by a full house. The musical effusion, entitled "Gentle Gertrude," was to have been played, but in consequence of the sudden indisposition of Mrs. Saker at the last moment it was withdrawn. However, through the kindness of Captain Bainbridge, of the "Royal," and Mr. Chas. Bernard, of the "Prince's," the ladies and gentlemen engaged at their respective theatres contributed their valuable services on behalf of Bro. Emerson, with a very satisfactory result. Bro. Emerson publicly thanked Captain Bainbridge and Mr. Chas. Bernard for their prompt response to his appeal.



Mr. Bach's concert at St. James's Hall on Thursday evening last consisted wholly of works by Liszt, all of which had been presented before, and on that account proved less attractive than might otherwise have been the case. It is hardly necessary to add that the programme, which included the "Mephisto Walzer" and the "Faust Symphony" was carried out in a most meritorious manner.

Mr. and Mrs. German Reed's entertainment at the St. George's Hall, Langham-place, has lately had some material alterations made in its programme, in the shape of a drawing-room operetta, entitled "The Head of the Poll," and a new musical sketch by Mr. Corney Grain, called "Not at Home," which latter was given for the first time on Saturday last. The operetta, which is written by Mr. Arthur Law, is distinguished by some very tuneful music by Mr. Eaton Faing, and represents in a very humorous light the embarrassments which a certain wealthy man of low origin and great ambition, Mr. Jeremiah Upshotte, experiences, after he has spent his money in securing a seat in Parliament. The part was admirably played by Mr. Alfred Reed, while Mr. Corney Grain as *Colonel Deeplock*, an artful fortune-hunter, Miss Fanny Holland, as *Mrs. Lovell*, who unmasks the schemes of the adventurer, Madame Alice Barth and Mr. North Home very materially contribute to the success of the performance. Mr. Corney Grain's sketch is distinguished by a happy combination of refined humour and artistic skill.

An excellent programme for the still current week will bring the season of the Carl Rosa Opera Company to a close, this day (Saturday), with a performance at two p.m., of "Faust," and in the evening of "The Flying Dutchman." Monday witnessed the one and only performance of Wagner's "Rienzi," with the following excellent cast: Madame Valleria as *Irene*, Herr A. Schott, as *Cola Rienzi*, Mr. Leslie Crotty, as *Stefano Colonna*, and Miss Josephine Yorke, as *Adriano*, with Messrs. Walter Bolton, Henry Pope, Dudley Thomas, and Snazelle, as *Paolo Orsini*, *Raimondo*, *Baroncelli*, and *Cecco del Vecchio* respectively. There was a crowded audience, by whom the admirable and highly successful efforts of the several artistes, and notably those of Madame Valleria as the devoted wife of the great tribune, and Herr Schott as *Rienzi* himself, were heartily and deservedly applauded. "Carmen" and the "Bohemian Girl" were played on Tuesday and Thursday, while "Tannhäuser," which was given on Wednesday, was to be repeated yesterday (Friday). Bro. Carl Rosa is to be congratulated on the success which has attended him throughout the season of 1882. Many signal triumphs have been achieved by the leading artistes of his company, the most conspicuous being those of Madame Valleria, Miss Georgina Burns, Miss Julia Gaylord, Miss Lilian La Rue, Mr. Leslie Crotty, and Bro. Barton McGuckin. The orchestra, under the conduct of Herr Randeegger, has given every satisfaction, and the same must be said of the chorus; while the splendid manner in which the different operas, and particularly "Tannhäuser," were mounted reflect the greatest credit on Bro. Rosa.

Yesterday (Friday) was fixed for the performance by the Sacred Harmonic Society, at St. James's Hall, of Haydn's "Creation." M. Sinton, in the continued absence of Sir Michael Costa, wielding the bâton, with Miss Mary Davies, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Signor Foli as principal vocalists, and Bro. C. E. Willing, P.G.O., presiding at the organ. By the way, it seems more than probable this long established choral society will cease to exist at the end of the present season. The directors have already determined it shall be then dissolved, and it only now remains for this decision to be confirmed by the general body of subscribers, and the Sacred Harmonic Society will cease to be anything but an agreeable and instructive memory of much solid and valuable work accomplished in promoting a taste for sacred music of the highest order. And this in the year when, had the support it received been commensurate with its merits, it would, in the ordinary course of things, have been celebrating with all possible éclat its jubilee. This, too, at the very time the public is all eagerness to establish a national school of music, such as other countries have long had in their midst. This, it will be confessed, is not a handsome way of treating a society like this, which has so loyally assisted in developing, or, at all events, extending, a public taste for music.

A Grand Irish Festival will be given on Friday next, St. Patrick's Day, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. Among the vocalists announced are Madame Marie Roze, Miss Mary Davis, Madame Mary Cummings, Madame Fasset, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Patrick Hayes, and Signor Foli. Mr. William Carter's choir and the band of the Scots' Guards will contribute to the entertainment, and Mr. Edwin Bending will preside at the organ.

The Annual Irish Ballad Concert in honour of the same occasion will take place the same evening at St. James's Hall, when among other artistes, will appear Messdames Patey and Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Bro. Santley.

At Mr. Walter Macfarren's Orchestral Concert at St. James's Hall, this day (Saturday), the programme will include Beethoven's overture "Leonora;" Mendelssohn's overture, Scherzo, Notturmo, and Wedding March, "Midsummer Night's Dream;" Mr. Macfarren's new Symphony in B flat, and Pastoral Overture; Sterndale Bennett's Concerto in C minor; and Signor Piatti's Fantasia Romantica, which last will be given for the first time in London.

The programme of the fifth season of the Richter Concerts at St. James's Hall, under the direction of Herr Hermann Franke, is announced. There will be eight concerts in all, the first being fixed for the 5th of May and the last for the 26th of June. Herr Richter will be the conductor.

According to the *Times*, Mr. George Grove will be appointed to the important position of "Director" of the Royal College of Music.



On Saturday last in the Lower Hall, Exeter Hall, Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson commenced a course of nine lectures on the highly important subject of "Domestic Sanitation," given in concert with the Ladies' Sanitary Association. At the end of the series an examination will be held, at which both ladies and gentlemen will be admitted, to compete for certain prizes, the principal being one of ten guineas, given by Mr. Edwin Chadwick, C.B.; one of five guineas, by Mr. George Leon; and one of three guineas, by Miss Marshall. Three others of lesser value will also be awarded.

Mr. J. E. Millais, R.A., was on Saturday elected a foreign associate of the Academy of Fine Arts, Paris, in place of the late Mr. Dupré, sculptor, who died lately at Florence. M. Guillaume Geefs, the Belgian sculptor, and the Abbé Liszt, the well-known musical composer, were also nominated, but at the very first ballot Mr. Millais obtained twenty-one votes, and was elected, M. Geefs obtaining but thirteen, and M. Liszt only one vote.

One of the best conducted, as well as one of the most useful places of public entertainment was, till quite recently, the Royal Polytechnic Institution, but either because the class of entertainments was too old-fashioned and slow for the present generation, or for other reasons, which may be more easily imagined than described, it has not of late years met with that just measure of support it deserved. The directors, therefore, have had to close it, and on Friday last the sale of the chattels on the premises was concluded, the sum realised being over £2500. *Sic transit gloria!*

It is announced that Sir Edwin Watkin, M.P., will deliver a lecture on the subject of the Channel Tunnel before the Society of Arts. The date is not yet fixed, but it is probable the lecture will be given shortly after Easter.

A new picture by Mrs. Butler (*née* Thompson), entitled "Scotland for Ever," and depicting the memorable charge of the Scot Greys at Waterloo, is now on view at the Gracechurch-street Gallery, 7, Gracechurch-street, having been viewed privately on Monday, and opened to the public the day following.

Two art exhibitions that have been open during the winter will be closed to-day (Saturday), namely, that of the Old Masters at the Royal Academy, and the Winter Exhibition of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours.

A meeting of the governors of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education will be held at Mercers' Hall, on Monday next, on which occasion the chair will be taken by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is President of the Society.

Bro. Fall, of Baker-street, has just published several excellent photographs of the Right Hon. the Premier and Mrs. Gladstone. In one the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone is sitting with a grandson on his knee, a child of the head master of Wallington College, who is married to one of Mr. Gladstone's daughters. Mrs. Gladstone is photographed with her granddaughter by her side, and showing her a picture book. In both of these Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone are perhaps taken at their best, for it is in social life they are happiest. Having ourselves visited them in their home at Hawarden, we can corroborate what one of his sons said in showing us the Prime Minister's library, "In this my father's happiest hours are spent." In the beautiful photographs to which we allude there is not that worn look which one sees on the Premier's face in the House of Commons or elsewhere in London, but a countenance beaming with pleasure in looking at his grandchild. Other equally good photographs are published by the same operator of the children (Wickham), "A Christmas Hamper," and the eldest boy and girl playing chess. Of the latter there are two, in one the sister has just made a move, and is looking with delight into the face of her little brother, who is puzzled what to do. Another carte represents him as having ventured to move, and the two equally puzzled as to how to proceed. Many persons will be glad to add to their albums such pretty and interesting photos.

Bro. J. Edwards, of Hyde Park Corner, has just issued a set of excellent photographs of Bro. and Mrs. Kendal in the "Squire."



The office of Deputy Grand Master for the Province of North Wales and Shrops. is vacant by the death of Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., which sad event took place on Wednesday last.

Bro. Morrison, 1827, C.C., entertained the members of the City of London School Committee at dinner last Wednesday, being the chairman. We congratulate Bro. Morrison on the large step he has just taken by being elected the chairmanship of this committee, which is the blue ribbon of this year. It is likely our brother will entertain Royalty at the opening of the new school.

The organ in the hall of Christ's Hospital has been recently thoroughly repaired and renovated. The school museum has been removed to the day-room.

Bros. Alderman Fowler, M.P., and Alderman and Sheriff Hanson are among those who have consented to join a Committee for the protection of the Lower Thames from sewage.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will take the chair at the annual meeting of Governors to be held on Monday next, at half-past three, at Mercers' Hall, when the report for the year 1881 and the balance-sheet will be presented.

The boys of Christ's Hospital have forwarded a subscription to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution through the Head Master, Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, M.A.

The propensity of some people to name their children after the hero or heroine of the time has frequently been commented upon. By the usual public announcements it appears that a gentleman of Dalston has named his newly-born son and heir "Jumbo."—*City Press*.

During the past week Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., and the Princess Helen of Waldeck honoured Mr. Bassano, of Old Bond-street, with sittings for their photographs.

Bro. Sims, C.C., was amongst the supporters of the National Dental Hospital present at the annual meeting held on the 1st inst.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor attended a meeting on Thursday last in connection with the Free Library and Working Men's Club, Kennington-lane.

We regret to announce the death of the youngest son of Bro. W. S. Chapman (of Lodge 1657), of 62, Aldersgate-street.

Mr. John Lobb, F.R.S., editor of the *Christian Age*, delivered a lecture on "The Forty-Two Years' Slave Life of Josiah Henson (Uncle Tom)," on the 1st inst., in the Memorial Hall, Bethnal Green. The Rev. W. Tyler proposed a vote of thanks to Sir T. F. Buxton, Bart., for the loan of a bust of Uncle Tom for exhibition at the lecture. Bro. J. M. Klenck, of Bishopsgate-street Without, presided, and paid a high compliment to the Gurneys, Clarksons, Buxtons, Sturges, and to Lord Shaftesbury for the noble efforts they have made on behalf of the slaves.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor will give a dinner at the Mansion House this day (Saturday), in connection with the Smoke Abatement Exhibition.

Among the more elegant dresses worn at the Drawing-room on Wednesday was that of the wife of Bro. Alderman Staples, being composed of a Court train of Vandyke brown satin, ornamented with trimmings of marabout feathers, petticoat of rich amber satin merveilleux and brocade trimmed point de venise, wreath of velvet leaves, and white peony flowers. Head-dress of plumes, lappets, tulle veil; ornaments, parure of diamonds.

Before Mr. Justice Hawkins on Wednesday last, James Harris and David Adkins were brought up to receive sentence for stealing and receiving the picture known as "The Monarch of the Meadows," belonging to Bro. J. D. Allcroft, from the house of that gentleman in Lancaster-gate. His lordship sentenced Harris, against whom several previous convictions were recorded, to seven years penal servitude. With regard to Adkins, his lordship said that he did not propose to pass a severe sentence, but was inclined to look upon him as one who had been an unwilling accomplice in the robbery, and who had afterwards given every assistance to the police. He therefore ordered that Adkins should be bound over in his own recognisances to come up for judgment if called upon.

Wanted, two thousand pounds! Strangely enough this is not for Jumbo, and curiously enough, too, one-fourth of the amount will suffice—at least, for the present. The fact is, that unless funds are forthcoming the pitiful crew of starving, ragged, and shoeless urchins of Eastern London, who hitherto have looked forward to their Wednesday "Irish stew dinner," will crowd round the London Cottage Mission doors next week in vain. There is yet time to avert this terrible misfortune, for such indeed it would be; and some timely succour, in the shape of subscriptions or donations, would again provide a meal for these "hungry hundreds." There is, however, no time to spare, and all contributions should be forwarded at once either to the Lady Superintendent, Miss F. Napton, 304, Burdett-road, Limehouse, E., or to Mr. Walter Austin, 44, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., who will most gladly receive and acknowledge them.

Those who are enduring the agony of gout, or the lesser torture of rheumatism, will hail with a feeling of joy any remedy which promises to afford even the slightest relief. We gladly, therefore, give prominence to the GOUT AND RHEUMATIC PILL, introduced to suffering humanity by Mr. Fade, the well-known Chemist, and prepared from the formula of one of the most eminent physicians of the day. It is claimed that no alteration of diet is required, nor is confinement to the house by any means necessary. It would appear, then, that a medicine so easily taken, and so efficacious, requires only to be widely known to meet with that recognition it deserves.—*Civil Service Gazette*.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Burt has been elected Treasurer of the Central Association of Master Builders of London.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has been engaged by the City of London College to give his lecture on "Electric Exhibitions at Home and Abroad."

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., was one of those who attended the deputation to Lord Granville on the Suez Canal on the 27th ult.

Mrs. Grossmith, mother of Bro. George Grossmith, died on the 27th ult.

The Hon. Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., Premier of New South Wales, who is expected to arrive about the middle of this month, will be the guest of Bro. Sheriff Ogg, at 98, Lancaster-gate, during his visit in England.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presided on Monday last at the first annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of the East London Nursing Society, at the Mansion House.

The Lodge of Truth, No. 521, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield, will hold the second social gathering of the season on the 24th inst., which is expected to be a great success.

Bro. William Vincent, who at the recent Benevolent Institution Festival took up a list of £110 17s., represented the Villiers Lodge, No. 1194, not, as we stated, No. 1184.

It is proposed to build a new church on the West Cliff, Whitby. The site has been given by Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. S. Wales (E. Division), who, in addition, has promised to contribute £2000 to the building fund. Among the other donations are Mrs. Cholmley, Abbey House, £1000; and Mrs. Christopher Richardson, £500. There are twelve other donations of £100 each, so that the sum actually subscribed and promised is £4700, in addition to the site, which is a valuable one. The cost of the new church will be between £10,000 and £15,000.

The Past Masters' Centenary Club attached to the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 10, held their thirteenth anniversary at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on the 27th ult.; Bro. John C. Goldsmith, P.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. Ernest W. Collard, W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M.; C. J. Fache; George Campion, P.M.; W. Pound, P.M.; W. Nicholson, P.M.; T. H. Potter, P.M.; R. S. Archbold, P.M.; H. C. Jepps, P.M.; and Edward B. Grabham, P.M. and Sec. Bro. H. C. Jepps, P.M., having completed his year of office as W.M., was formally introduced as a member of the Club, and invited by the Chairman to partake of the loving cup. Bro. E. B. Grabham, P.M., was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Club for the year 1883.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday next at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, the Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., at seven o'clock. Bro. J. C. Smith, W.S. 1744, W.M.; Bro. Jas. Hemming, 1287, S.W.; and Bro. E. F. Pierdon, 948, J.W. The working will be as follows:—First Lecture: First Section, Bro. G. W. Knight, D.C. 1507; Second, Bro. E. E. Barratt-Kidder, W.M. 12; Third, Bro. J. W. Smith, I.G. 1744; Fourth, Bro. T. C. Edmonds, W.S. 1507; Fifth, Bro. E. W. Sillis, D.C. 1744; Sixth, Bro. J. Hemming, 1287; Seventh, Bro. J. Paul, 1287. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. R. W. Fraser, 1507; Second, Bro. W. J. Burgess, I.P.M. 1472; Third, Bro. W. Martin, J.D. 879; Fourth, Bro. E. M. Money, 188; Fifth, Bro. G. Mordey, 1744. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. E. F. Pierdon, 948; Second, Bro. Edwin Storr, J.D. 167; Third Bro. Geo. Emblin, 147.

One of our literary contemporaries announces the forthcoming publication by Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., of Hull, of a work on "Typographical Curiosities." It is surprising that such a book should not have been prepared before. We may hope, however, that Mr. Andrews will deal mercifully with the newspaper press in the matter of typographical errors. In spite of all care that is taken now-a-days to ensure literal accuracy in printing, errors will happen, especially in the case of daily journals. No doubt a very amusing chapter might be devoted to these errors—some of which, however, have been of a very serious description. From the first introduction of printing down to the present hour, printers have made mistakes, and their readers have been puzzled, amused, or amazed by them, according to the nature of each particular case. It is to be feared that so long as human nature falls short of perfection these blunders will continue to be made, no matter what care may be exercised in the endeavour to avoid them.—*Leeds Mercury*.

On Thursday week a meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held at its house, John-street, Adelphi, Mr. Thomas Chapman in the chair. Rewards amounting to £130 were granted to the crews of different lifeboats of the institution for services rendered during the past month. Payments amounting to £1100 were made on some of the 270 lifeboat establishments of the institution. A lady had forwarded a contribution of £400 towards the renewal or endowment of the lifeboat she had presented to the institution a short time since; £100 had also been received from Mr. Philemon Land, and a contribution from the school boys of Christ's Hospital, per the head master, Bro. the Rev. R. Lee. The late Mrs. Luckombe, of Brighton, had left the institution a legacy of £1500; Mr. Osgood Torkington, of Clapham, £1000; Mr. William Slocumbe, of Holloway, £900; Mr. Horace Watson, of Wimbledon, £200; Mr. J. A. Baker, of Birmingham, £200; and Miss E. W. Daniel, of Weston-super-Mare, £100. Bro. the Lord Mayor of London has consented to preside over the forthcoming annual meeting of the institution, which will be held at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases and casualties incidental to youth may be safely treated by the use of these excellent medicaments according to the printed directions folded round each pot and box. Nor is this Ointment alone applicable to external ailments; conjointly with the Pills it exercises the most salutary influence in checking subtle diseases situated in the interior of the body; when rubbed upon the back and chest it gives the most sensible relief in asthma, bronchitis, pleurisy, and threatening consumption. Holloway's remedies are especially serviceable in liver and stomach complaints. For the cure of bad legs, all sorts of wounds, sores, scrofulous ulcerations, and scorbutic affections, this Ointment produces a cooling and soothing effect, inexpressibly grateful to the feelings.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, presided at a meeting of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, held on the 28th ult., at 38, Old Broad-street, and Bro. Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. S. Wales, E. Division, also took part in the proceedings.

In the report of the meeting of the Philip Rose Croix Chapter, at Lancaster, in our last issue we stated one of the candidates for perfection was B. Bevan, W.M. 314. It should have been Bro. the Rev. A. B. Beaven, M.A., W.M. 314.

Bro. Sir John Bennett was present at the last meeting of the Tonbridge Lodge, and in speaking at the banquet, gave a very succinct account of the progress of Freemasonry, remarking that dynasties had fallen but Freemasonry still held on its course.

We understand that the name of the Tonbridge Lodge, No. 1678, is to be changed to the Medway Lodge.

The testimonial to Bro. Carlyon, P. Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall, amounts to nearly £100, and we learn that the Committee will expend £80 in a silver salver, and the remainder in a jewel, and perhaps an illuminated address.

Bro. James Glashier is the retiring auditor of the Crystal Palace Gas Company at the next half-yearly meeting, but offers himself for re-election.

Frater Thomas Douglas Harrington, Past G. Sub.-Prior of Canada, died at La Prairie, Quebec, on the 13th January last. The Grand Prior has issued an interesting address, giving an account of the deceased brother's Masonic career, which we hope to reproduce in a future issue.

The London Stereoscopic Company has issued a cabinet portrait of Roderick Maclean, taken specially, subsequently to the attempt on Her Majesty's life.

The local Military and Volunteer review, which was to have taken place at Dover on Easter Monday, has been postponed.

Barskimming House, the Ayrshire residence of Sir William Miller, Bart., was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. Family muniments, old furniture, and silver plate in large quantities were destroyed. It is a matter for congratulation that a portrait of the celebrated Lord Glenlee was saved. The fire originated in the butler's pantry.

As showing the mildness of the season, it is mentioned that butterflies were seen the other day in a wood near Tunbridge Wells.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided on Wednesday last at the thirtieth annual dinner of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond-street. Contributions to the amount of £1600 were announced.

The Directors of the Bank of England met on Thursday last, and lowered their rate of discount from 5 to 4 per cent.

It is announced that a course of lectures, on subjects bearing strictly on the domestic economy of the household, will inaugurate the Dairy, Poultry, and Minor Food Products Exhibition to be held shortly at the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens, South Kensington.

The personality under the will of the late Mr. Alfred Kitching, J.P., has been proved in the Durham Probate Court to be under £344,000.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were present on Wednesday last at the performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at the Lyceum Theatre.

Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh have arrived at 61, Queen's-gate, S.W., for the season.

The subscription list for an American memorial window in Westminster Abbey to Dean Stanley has been filled, and the fund—over 5000 dollars—will be transmitted to the Westminster Committee.

The Earl of Derby presided on Wednesday last at the annual general meeting of the Royal Literary Fund, when it was stated that by next year an amalgamation with the Literary and Art Club would probably be effected. A loyal and congratulatory address to the Queen, expressing abhorrence at the recent treasonable attempt upon the life of Her Majesty, was moved by Sir Theodore Martin, seconded by Dr. W. Smith, and unanimously adopted. The Marquis of Salisbury is to preside at the annual dinner on May 3rd.

Bros. Sir George Elliott, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. S. Wales (E. Division); Baron H. De Worms, M.P., and Alderman Hadley were present at the annual festival of the Railway Officers and Servants' Association, held on Wednesday last, at Cannon-street Hotel. The Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., presided. The Secretary read a list of subscriptions at the dinner amounting to £300, and a further list of subscriptions obtained by railway officials, amounting to £1515. The band of the Hon. Artillery Company played during dinner. Bro. Harker was toast-master.

Jumbo has been in Chancery and out of Chancery in double quick time. But it is easier to get him in and out of Chancery than in and out of the box destined for his transportation, if he ever gets into it. If many people exhibited a similar disinclination to get into Chancery as Jumbo exhibits in getting into the suspicious-looking box, the lawyers would have less to do, and many people would have less anxiety.—*Echo*.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor presided at a public meeting held at the Mansion House, on Friday last, on behalf of the South London Free Library, the only public collection of book and pictures in all South London, which has a population of above a million, mostly of the artisan class. The institution is entirely dependent on voluntary help.

A SEVERE TEST.—Under the guidance of the medical profession during the past quarter of a century, the public have patronized WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. They continue to use it because experience has taught that to have it in the bedroom, bathroom, and throughout every household is a sure preventive of infectious disease. It can be bought everywhere. Fraudulent imitations, however, are to be met with. Purchase no other Coal Tar Soap but WRIGHT'S.—[ADVT.]