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THE special meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last was a great event in itself, and will constitute a leading landmark in contemporary Masonic annals. The spacious hall in Great Queen-street was far too small to receive the number of enthusiastic members of Grand Lodge who pressed in to offer their expressions of loyal sympathy, and to demonstrate their indignant abhorrence of the execrable act which had necessitated this extraordinary gathering. A large number of our fraternity were unable to obtain admission into Grand Lodge at all, and the feeling of all within Grand Lodge, and out of Grand Lodge, was alike most marked and unanimous in their outspoken detestation of a great crime, and their unshaken fealty to the gracious lady under whose bright and constitutional reign the happiness of all classes in this our land, and the peace and prosperity of the world at large, have made such gigantic strides. H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES, our recently re-elected Grand Master, received a right royal reception; and his speech, which was both most lucid, and effective, and touching, was very warmly received by a crowded hall. The effects of it we would fain hope will long remain in living power among all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons. Indeed, the exuberance of our English Masonic loyalty was most marked and overwhelming, and it may well be doubted if such a scene could be witnessed in any other portion of the globe. Two special statements of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS will be received with enthusiasm wherever loyal English Masons do congregate, wherever the *Freemason* is read—the one is HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS's perfect trust in the unwavering loyalty of English Freemasons under all circumstances; the other is that Her Majesty the QUEEN has condescended to receive a Masonic Deputation with the address. All English Freemasons will look with pride upon the proceedings of Wednesday last, constituting as it does, a triumphant refutation of childish incrimination and unhallowed slanders. Charity and Loyalty are, and will be always, the happy badge of English Freemasonry.

THE able letter of Bro. LAMBERT in our last, puts the best colour possible on the position and claims of the so-called Grand Lodge Symbolique, but we fear that Masonic jurists will take a different view both of its status and its demands. The utmost that can be safely or fairly said on its behalf we think is, that it is a "fait accompli." But several serious questions and considerations crop up. Can the Craft lodges of the A. and A.S. Rite, which has no Craft jurisdiction proper that we are aware of, claim the right of forming themselves on any pretext into a Craft Grand Lodge. We doubt it very much indeed. What precedent is there for such a proceeding? There has always been a grave tension in France between the Grand Orient and the Rit Ecossais, and as the former claims to control certain higher grades, so the latter asserts its right to warrant and govern certain Craft lodges, a pretension which we may observe is a late introduction into the A. and A.S. Rite itself, and which in itself and by itself is utterly inadmissible. A good deal of this latter development of the Rit Ecossais, comes from a curious mistake, into which FINDEL and many more have fallen, viz., the confounding the old Grand Lodge of France with the Scottish Grand Lodge of St. John of the Perfect Observances. These were two distinct bodies. When STEPHEN MORIN took the power of the Grand Council of the empires of the East and the West, to propagate the higher grades in Domingo and America, there were no mention of the Symbolical Grades; and though Scottish Masonry undoubtedly existed on the Continent, and lodges were held under the name of Scottish lodges still, they originally came from the Chapitre de Clermont and the Scottish Grand Lodge of St. John of the Perfect Observance, and not from the Rit Ecossais, which in France did not take its present form until 1803. But as time ran on, the Ancient and Accepted Rite asserted its right to give warrants for Craft lodges in some countries; a great mistake, and one which has gravely

impeded the advance of true Masonry. In England and America, and under the Anglo-Saxon profession of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the wiser and better course has been pursued, at any rate is now pursued, of not interfering with Craft Masonry, and the consequence is that the utmost harmony prevails between Craft and High Grade Anglo-Saxon jurisdictions. In France it were much to be desired that all the High Grades were under one head, and all the Craft lodges under one head, though the rash and untoward proceedings of the Grand Orient of France render such a change very difficult for the lodges under the Rit Ecossais, which still recognize the G.A.O.T.U. We fear that, despite the able pleading of Bro. LAMBERT, the legality of the claim of the Grand Lodge Symbolique to be termed a Grand Lodge is most doubtful. It is simply a swarm or a schism from a lawful authority, and can neither claim for its constitution "unoccupied country," or the "want of a governing power," or a "central authority," but is simply and purely an outcome of Masonic mutiny. We always speak frankly, and we wish to give offence to none. We think Bro. LAMBERT, in his appeal "ad misericordiam," fully realizes the difficulty of his own position, and the serious questions which arise from this alleged formation of a new French Grand Lodge.

THE admission of a female as a man, in a lodge in France, to use Bro. HUBERT's words, seems to be a fact, and calls for an indignant protest from all faithful members of the Masonic body everywhere. It is, in truth, an utter departure from Masonic law, precedent, and ritual, constitutes a defiance to all existing Masonic jurisdictions, and is fraught with the most serious considerations in respect of the honour, the safety, and the welfare of Freemasonry. We trust that such proceedings may not be repeated, and that we have heard the last of such a farcical parody in our teaching and ceremonial, which, if persevered in, must bring Freemasonry absolutely into universal ridicule, discredit, and degradation.

AS some of our readers may be amused with the following extract from an American paper, relative to Bro. OSCAR WILDE, we give it, leaving its stern moral to fructify in the minds of some dear and industrious housewives we wot of: "A correspondent of the *Buffalo Express* relates the following on the authority of a friend lately returned from abroad: Mr. Oscar Wilde, paying a morning visit to a lady, surprised her dusting some articles of vertu too precious to be entrusted to any hands but her own. 'Oh,' said he, 'what unnecessary labour! Dust should never be removed; it is the bloom of time.'"

SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

A Special Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last at Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of passing a vote expressive of the horror and indignation felt by Freemasons at the late outrage on Her Majesty, and of their gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, presided, and Bros. the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Albany were on his left, and the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, on his right. The Earl of March occupied the Senior Warden's chair, and Mr. Justice Cave the chair of Junior Warden.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, His Royal Highness was saluted, under the direction of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C., in ancient form, as Grand Master.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the summons calling the Special Grand Lodge, reported to the Grand Master that during the last few days he had received a very large number of letters, resolutions, and telegrams from the various provinces throughout the country, all expressing the utmost loyalty to Her Majesty's person, and their full concurrence in the terms of the resolution which H.R.H. the Grand Master was about to propose.

The M.W.G.M., who, on rising, was received with loud applause, said: Brethren, you have been specially called here together on this occasion for the purpose of agreeing, and I feel assured unanimously—(cheers)—to the resolution which is down in my name, and which I shall have the greatest pleasure in putting before you. (Cheers.) The very large assemblage at Grand Lodge to day convinces me more than anything else how unanimously you will receive the resolution when I put it to you. The resolution is: "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." (Cheers.) It would be unbecoming in me, brethren, as your Grand Master, and also as the son of your beloved sovereign (cheers) if I were, on such an occasion as the present, to enter into any details relative to the horrible event which occurred so shortly ago, and which, happily, has had no ill effects. (Cheers.) But, as your Grand Master, I am sure I may be also your spokesman throughout the length and breadth of this great empire—that among bodies of Englishmen, all those who are subjects of Her Majesty, there is no body more loyal or more devoted to her person and her throne than are the Freemasons of England. (Loud cheers, which lasted for some time.) You are all aware, brethren, of the sympathy which has been shown throughout this country, and you are also aware how gratified the Queen has been—a fact testified by the letter which appeared in all the newspapers yesterday. (Cheers.) I know Her Majesty would gladly receive in person the addresses which have been sent to her; but, as you are well aware, there would not be time to do so. But, brethren, it affords me peculiar satisfaction to announce to you to-day that I have taken the Queen's pleasure with regard to receiving this address—the resolution which I am to receive this evening. I have also great pleasure in informing you that at my special request the Queen will receive in person a deputation from Grand Lodge. (Cheers.) I felt sure, brethren, that this announcement would be hailed by you with gratification, as, I believe, it is a long time since the sovereign has received in person a Masonic address, especially one from Grand Lodge. But as Her Majesty is our Patron, she has graciously consented to receive a deputation, and the date, I trust, will not be far off—after the return of the Queen from the continent. (Cheers.) And now, brethren, I have to put to you the resolution which I have read to you, and I feel sure that it requires no more words from me to recommend it to your notice as I feel convinced it will be so unanimously received that I shall hardly have to put it to the vote. (Cheers.)

The Pro G.M., who was most warmly received, said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have first to tender to your Royal Highness my own unfeigned thanks for the great honour that you have conferred upon me in allowing me to second the resolution which your Royal Highness has just proposed; and secondly, I think I may interpret the feeling of this Grand Lodge rightly when I tender, in their names, their thanks to your Royal Highness for having convened them on this great occasion, and allowed them to express their heartfelt and unanimous gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for His mercy, which He has recently vouchsafed. (Cheers.) Sir, a great crime has been attempted, and we have just escaped a great public calamity—(cheers)—a blow aimed against the head of the State—a blow aimed against the person of our beloved Sovereign. (Cheers.) And surely, never in the annals of this country, has a sovereign sat upon the English throne whose life is more blameless, more pure, more noble—(cheers)—one who, according to all human estimate, less deserved so abominable an outrage. (Cheers.) But, Sir, we live in strange times. In these days of our high so-called civilisation, crimes of monstrous and portentous nature too often arise, and those who are placed in the highest station are mostly exposed to them. And they are exposed because they symbolise and embody the highest principles of law, of order, of good government—of all, in fact, that constitutes the granite foundations of society. (Cheers.) And against them the lawless, the disaffected, the seditious, the turbulent too often combine. But, Sir, the spirit of this country is, I believe, utterly opposed to them. (Cheers.) Misunderstood, misrepresented, travestied, as it sometimes is, I am convinced that the spirit of England is loyal to the very core of its heart. (Cheers.) And, Sir, amongst the thousand and one meetings which have hastened to testify their horror and indignation at this act, and to express their loyalty to the Sovereign of this realm—amongst the thousand and one meetings, I am satisfied that their hearts beat nowhere more truly, nowhere more loyally, nowhere can there be found representatives of order, law, and devotion to the crown than in those brethren whom I see assembled in this hall to-night. (Cheers.) Sir, I venture in the name of this great meeting to say that there are but two feelings which move and animate us—the first, of horror and indignation at this attempt; the second, of unfeigned thankfulness to God that He in His mercy turned aside the hand of the assassin, and cast His protection round the person of our beloved sovereign. (Cheers.) And I will add yet a third feeling, and it is this of hearty and sincere pleasure that you, Sir, and, if I may be allowed to say so, your two Royal brothers, whose presence we welcome in Grand Lodge—(cheers)—are here among us to-night for such an occasion as this. (Loud cheers, which again lasted for some minutes.)

The M.W.G.M. then put the resolution, which was carried unanimously, amid loud cheers.

The National Anthem was then sung by Bros. G. T. Carter, Thomas Lawler, E. W. Mackney, and C. Beckett, accompanied on the organ by Bro. C. S. Jekyll, Grand Organist, and the following verse, special to the occasion, was interpolated.

Saved from the assassin's arm,
Thou, Lord, her shield from harm,
Ever hast been;

Angels around her way
Watch—while by night and day,
Masons in thousands pray
God save the Queen.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, and the Royal party and Grand Officers left the temple in procession amid the loud cheers of the large gathering. Some hundreds of members of Grand Lodge were unable to obtain admittance, so large was the assemblage of brethren from all parts of the country.

Among the Grand Officers present were:

Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; Sir G. Elliot, Bart., P.G.M. South Wales (E. Division); W. W. Beach, P.G.M. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Lord Tenterden, P.G.M. Essex; Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham; Sir Francis Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex; Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., P.G.M. Sussex; the Rt. Hon. Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk; General J. G. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey; Major W. H. Smyth, P.G.M. Lincolnshire; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset; Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.M. Derry and Donegal; F. E. Villiers, P.G.M. Dumfriesshire, N.B.; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; Colonel Creaton, G. Treas; Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Sir J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Ernest E. Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Major-General H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S., S.G.D.; H. C. Levander, J.G.D.; J. Sampson Peirce, J.G.D.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Capt. W. B. Cook, A.G.D. of C.; G. Lambert, G.S.B.; C. S. Jekyll, G. Org.; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; W. Clarke, G. Purst.; W. R. Wood, Asst. G. Purst.; the Rt. Hon. the Lord Balfour of Burleigh, P.G.W.; The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, P.G.W.; Major the Hon. Somerset J. E. Calthorpe, P.G.W.; F. B. Alston, P.G.W.;

Col. A. L. Coles, P.G.W.; Robert Cunliffe, P.G.W.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G. Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C.; Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. R. Simpson, P.G.C.; Rev. C. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.P.G.M. W. Division South Wales; George Vernon, P.P.G.M. Stafford; H. H. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. A. W. Adair, P.P.G.M. Somerset; Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Grigoland; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; E. J. Barrow, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; J. M. Clabon, P.G.D.; C. Hutton Gregory, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; Henry Maudsley, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Raynham A. Stewart, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; J. W. Rucker, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; B. Baker, P.G.D.; R. Bird, P.G.D.; J. L. Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; W. R. Williams, P.A.G.D.C.; C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.; Nicholas Bradford, P.A.G.D.C.; John Whichcord, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; A. J. Duff Filer, P.G.S.B.; C. E. Willing, P.G.O.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; W. Kuhe, P.G.O.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. G. Foxall, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P. Amongst others present we noticed Bros. Col. Haldane, Dep. Prov. G.M. Malta; Capt. Colville, P.G.S.W. Cornwall; W. J. Murlis, P.M. 1642; Dr. Cross, P.M.; Capt. Davies Sewell; Alfred Brookman, W.M. 1657; R. Roberts, P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; Capt. Reid, 1st Life Guards, P.M.; J. O. Carter, S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; — Wilson, P.G.J.W. Berks and Bucks; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; George Dawson, W.M. 1853; A. J. Altman, P.M. 1657; J. D. Collier; A. Fish; A. Tisley; E. H. Thiellay, Past G.S.B. Middlesex; W. Wood, J.W. 193; Bedford Lemere, P.M. 193; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; and H. Massey, W.M. 1928 (Freemason).

CONSECRATION OF THE ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

The consecration of this new Chapter suggests a passing reference to the lodge from which it takes its name. The Eccleston Lodge was consecrated on the 16th August, 1876, thus being in the sixth year of its existence, during which time it may be credited with an uninterrupted career of prosperity. The first W.M. was Bro. H. A. Hunt, a gentleman who had identified himself with the building and establishment of the Grosvenor Club; and it may incidentally be mentioned that to the members of this club may be traced the formation of the lodge itself. Bro. Hyde Pullen acted as Consecrating Officer, and that worthy Craftsman had the able assistance of Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Hall, now Grand Chaplain of England, and the late Bro. John Coutts, P.G.P., who filled the chair of S.W., while Bro. Verity, at that time W.M. of the Ebury Lodge officiated as Junior Warden. As a matter of course, it was naturally to be expected that applications should in due time be made for a warrant for a chapter, and on the prayer of Comps. W. Vincent, P.M. 1624; H. J. Johnson, S.D. 1624; J. G. Fisher, W.M. 1624; C. Tayler, J.W. 1624; A. W. Beckham, Sec. 1624; I. Isaacs, Treas. 1624; J. Carter, P.M. 1624; H. Bond, S.W. 1314; J. Wyer, P.M. 1314; C. Pulman, P.M. 720, this was duly granted by the M.E. the Grand Z., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and to the Grand Scribe E.M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was entrusted the duty of consecrating the chapter.

The ceremony took place on Monday last, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, where Col. Clerke was assisted by M.E. Comp. Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N., who filled the chair of H., and M.E. Comp. Ambrose Hall, Grand Assist. Soj., who acted as J. There were also present Comps. A. L. Annett, M.E.Z. 180; C. A. Cottebrune, P.Z. 177; Lewis Ascott, P.Z. 733; Charles Fuller, 1604; R. Stamp, 1604; F. J. Wray, 1604; James Oddy, 1237; H. Lovegrove, H. 72; S. Pownceby, M.E.Z. 157; Charles Smith, M.E.Z. elect 1604; John Soper, S.E. 157; W. Ansell, J. 157; C. Polman, Org. 157; T. W. C. Lentz, 145; H. E. Frances, P.P.G.D. Surrey, 857; M. Taylor, Z. 186; F. Bond, 619; H. C. Soper, M.E.Z. elect 157; George Boulton, H. elect 1604; J. I. Cantle, 186; Gilmour McCobell, P.P.J., 196; Arthur Thomas, 1319; Seymour Smith, Org. 1269; John Seex P.Z. 186; S. Carrington, 619; William Poore, I.P.Z. 186; W. W. Morgan, 141; W. Mann, P.Z. 186; R. G. Shute, 186; H. Sadler, Z. 169; H. A. Hunt, H. 1537; John Elliott, 1348; Thomas Bull, P.Z. 145; Walter Elliott, P.S. 382; Addison Potter, G. Supt. Northumberland; W. H. Baker, S.E. 1604, and others.

The companions assembled in the ante-room at 3.30 p.m., when the Principals entered the chapter room, and opened the chapter. The companions of the new Chapter were then arranged, and the Consecrating Officer addressed them on the nature of the meeting, and then called on the S.E. to state the wishes of the companions, and the proceedings they had taken with respect to the formation of the chapter. The acting S.E. addressed the Principals on the nature of the duties they were about to undertake, and the Consecrating Officer instructed the acting S.E. to read the petition and charter. The companions having signified their approval of the officers nominated in the charter,

Comp. the Rev. AMBROSE W. HALL then delivered the following oration:—
Companions, I to-day approach with pleasure the task (if I may so call it) of assisting to add to the Eccleston Lodge a Royal Arch Chapter, to be called after its name; and I can but congratulate you upon attaching so glorious an adjunct to your numerous and distinguished body, whereby, step by step, you will be led on to the development of those Masonic mysteries prefigured in our Craft Degrees, and to the unfolding of many obscure shadows of the great truths opened out in this truly sublime Order. It is a degree which, in my opinion, should be coupled with every Lodge in the land, and I trust that many will follow your example, so that as years roll on we may see the star which in our Masonic Calendar marks a Chapter as belonging to a Lodge not so thinly scattered as now, but adorning the respective numbers of many more of the Lodges already on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. I am the more gratified at filling the honourable chair of Joshua on this interesting occasion because it carries my mind back to a memorable day in my recollection, when, in the capacity of Consecrating Chaplain, I had the opportunity of addressing you at the foundation of the Eccleston Lodge (some five or six years ago), and when I committed you to the care and guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, bidding you God speed in your then new undertaking; and those wishes have been, so far as I can see, fulfilled, by a steady increase; a brotherly unity; and I trust an advancement individually in the Masonic virtues, which will win for you in your Royal Arch Chapter the success that has accompanied your Lodge. To-day, I again accept at your hands the prominent and honourable position of speaking to you once more upon the Nature, Privileges, and Principles of our Order. It is a responsible task, and one with regard to which difficulties will arise—I mean the difficulty of putting into some new and more interesting form those Masonic duties which, in my sacred office, I have so often inculcated, and which you know so well—viz., the Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty of our teachings, the Lessons and Symbols which are to animate us, and to bring us, heart and mind, closer together in that brotherly union, that mutual equality, which makes all men, high and low, rich and poor, alike in the All-seeing eye of God. The wisdom of our

teaching consists in this, that it represents "Speculative Masonry," by means of which we apply to our morals the working tools of the skilful artist. The strength represents Operative Masonry, by which an edifice is erected to the glory of Jehovah (like your Chapter to-day), offering blessings, I trust, to the Companions now and hereafter, till time shall be no more, while beauty is the personification of both limited; a life-giving power, modelled into a form upon which the eye of the mind can dwell with pleasure, and which constitutes a subject for the consideration of every one who would understand the great principles of the Science into which he has been initiated. I will now, Companions, as suitable to this day's work, and for your edification, make a brief sketch of the characters and deeds of the three ancient worthies that three of you will in future represent in your Chapter, viz., Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Joshua. Zerubbabel, we are told, after many difficulties and dangers returned to Jerusalem, having during his captivity preserved the mysteries of our Order; he then immediately erected a temporary tabernacle, and called a Council, presided over by himself, Haggai, and Joshua, when they determined to rebuild the Temple on the foundation of the structure of King Solomon. The first step was to remove the rubbish of the old Temple, when the important discovery was made, by three sojourners, from which originated our Order of the Holy Arch. That discovery and its sacred import you all know. It was Zerubbabel, who, when asked by King Darius whether the power of wine, women, or the King was greatest, made the memorable reply, that the powers of wine, women, and the King might be great, but that the power of TRUTH bore the victory above all these; teaching you and I that one of the great Principles of our Order is potent above everything. May it flourish in its brightness in your Chapter, and may the example of Zerubbabel guide the members into all Truth! Let us next take Haggai. After the return from Babylon, he zealously encouraged the brethren to rebuild the Temple, and in his ardour for the cause, remonstrated with them for letting it lie in ruins, whilst their own houses were well cared for. He told them that their neglect of God's house and God's honour, had provoked him to punish them. Copy him, Companions, in your new edifice, and never allow the name of Jehovah to be lightly spoken, but let His honour be preserved among you, both by word and deed. We now come to Joshua, that great High Priest who superintended the reconstruction of the Temple, and who is represented by the third Principal in our Chapters. His zeal, his energy, his ability to withstand the assaults of Satan is also a bright example, to all assisting to construct this Masonic edifice, for you will find all these virtues called forth as years go on if you would make your work to-day worthy of the builders, a work to be looked upon by the outer world with respect and veneration. And now, Companions, a word of advice from an old Mason—as to steering the vessel you launch to-day safely on its future voyage. Remember what the solemn doctrines of Freemasonry teach you, think upon the high morality it inculcates, and be especially careful in the choice of your "ship-mates," for all is lost if the barque is not manned by brethren good and true; chose those only who come recommended by some well-known brother for their amiable qualities, for their moral worth, and from their desire to make their lives beneficial to their brethren. And, for yourselves, bear in mind that you have one day to give an account to Jehovah. Remember, too, the wants of others; help the weak, and even deny yourselves to comfort those that are in sorrow; above all, use every effort to support the three noble Charities of the Order—the Boys' School, the Girls' School, and the Royal Benevolent Institution for the Aged; "so shall you have a good reward in the day of necessity." In conclusion, Companions, receive my hearty good wishes. May your work prosper! To which end never forget the glorious light into which we have been initiated. Study the Sacred Law, regulate your lives by God's precepts, fulfil the three great moral duties you owe to God, to your neighbour, and yourselves; to God by reverencing His name, to your neighbour by acting on the Square, and to yourselves by using God's gift, and not abusing them. So shall your journey on in brotherly unity, with one faith and one hope, and after life's few years are o'er, meet in the Grand Lodge above, your spirits clothed with immortality!

The ceremony was then completed, Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.A.S. fulfilling the duties of Master of the Ceremonies, the musical portion of the proceedings being conducted by Comp. J. I. Cattle, who had the assistance of Comps. Seymour-Smith and Arthur Thomas. Comp. William Vincent, P.M. 1624, the M.E.Z. designate, was then installed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who also placed Comp. H. J. Johnson, P.M. 1791 into the chair of H., and Comp. John G. Fisher W.M. 1624 into that of J. The investiture of Officers was then proceeded with. The Treas. and Scribes E. and N. were balloted for, Comps. I. Isaacs, A. W. Beckham and N. J. Wyer being respectively appointed. Comp. J. C. Tayler was likewise elected, and invested as Principal Soj. and Comp. Church was chosen as Janitor. The M.E.Z. was very happy in the selection of words with which he addressed his Officers, and in speaking to Bro. Beckham made graceful allusion to the eminent services he had rendered the Eccleston Lodge in his capacity of Sec., expressing the fervent belief that Comp. Beckham would exhibit as much zeal in the fulfilment of his new duties as had characterised him in the past. Comp. Henry Bond was appointed First Assistant Sojourner, and then, on proposition made and duly seconded, Comps. Shadwell Clerke, Captain Philips, Rev. Ambrose Hall, and Frank Richardson, were elected Hon. Members of the Chapter. This compliment having been suitably acknowledged by Grand S.E., and a heavy list of propositions for candidates for joining and exaltation read over, "hearty good wishes" were tendered, and Chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards sat down to a capital repast, and Grace after meat having been sung by the musical party we have already named, who were now supplemented by the talented Miss Grace Godolphin, the M.E.Z. in giving the loyal toast, "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," said: But little was needed to commend this toast. He must, however, refer to the thankfulness which must pervade the breasts of all at the failure of the dastardly attempt recently made upon the life of Her Majesty. The toast was most enthusiastically received. Similar enthusiasm followed the M.E.Z.'s remarks in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z."

The next toast was "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.E. Pro G.Z., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.H., the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, G.J., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," and with it was associated the name of Comp. Col. Potter, M.E. Grand Supt., Northumberland.

Comp. POTTER, in acknowledging the honour of having his name associated with the distinguished companions named in the toast, remarked the M.E.Z. had placed him in a somewhat awkward predicament. He was

one of the youngest officers, and living so far north as he did he had not the opportunity of attending Grand Chapter as frequently as he could desire. He assured the Most Excellent he felt it a great privilege in having been present at the interesting ceremony of the day. He would carry back to Northumberland the experiences he had acquired. He thanked the companions for the heartiness with which they had received him.

COL. CLERKE said he had the privilege of being called upon to propose the next toast, "The Health of the M.E.Z." He had never had the pleasure of seeing Comp. Vincent in a Craft Lodge, but he might tell him he had been highly privileged in going through the three chairs as he had done that night. He (Comp. Clerke) had been engaged for about three quarters of an hour in instructing him in the various duties he was now called upon to fulfil, and he trusted he might benefit by these efforts, and that under the rule of Comp. William Vincent the Eccleston Chapter might flourish.

Comp. VINCENT, on rising to reply, thanked Comp. Clerke for so kindly bringing him under the notice of the companions. It really seemed a wonder to him how it was he came to be selected for the post of First Principal in the Eccleston Chapter. With respect to the zeal displayed by the Grand Scribe E., in endeavouring to make him master of what it was necessary he should acquire to properly fulfil his duties, he could assure Comp. Clerke that though he could hardly be expected to remember all that had been told him that afternoon, between this and their next meeting he would take care anything that required explanation should be perfected. As in the lodge, so in the chapter, he would strive earnestly to fulfil his duties, and he trusted he might merit the approval of his companions. Before sitting down he would propose the toast of "The Consecrating Officer and those companions who had assisted him so ably." In his degree as a Consecrating Officer, Comp. Clerke had but few equals, certainly no superior. All regretted the absence of Comp. Capt. Philips, and especially the cause that necessitated his leaving them at so early a period of the evening. Comp. Vincent then referred to the ability displayed by the Rev. Comp. Hall, while Comp. Richardson had rendered most material assistance in the conduct of the day's proceedings. He called on one and all to do full honour to the toast.

Comp. SHADWELL H. CLERKE was the first to reply, and each of the others addressed a few words.

The other toasts comprised "The Health of the Visitors," acknowledged by Comp. COTTEBRUNE; "The H. and J.," "The Principal Sojourner, and rest of the Officers." To each suitable replies were made, and the Janitor gave the parting toast.

The proceedings throughout the day were admirably arranged; not a hitch occurred. The appointments of the chapter were of the most elegant description, and we feel we cannot go far wrong if we prognosticate as great a success for this new chapter as has attended the Eccleston Lodge.

OUR GREAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

II.—THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

Our Boys' School is a very remarkable Institution indeed, and is yearly advancing in utility and efficiency as an educational establishment. It is sometimes hastily alleged, and we think without much thought or fairness, that as the Boys' School has denuded itself of a large amount of capitalized property to build the handsome structure which adorns Wood Green, it constitutes a severe tax upon its friends to expect them to find such capital twice over. But we venture to think strongly that such a line of argument is neither fair nor sound. It was perfectly obvious to all friends of education years ago that the old Boys' School buildings were totally unfitted to the purposes and work of education. When then a new school was built, the Managing Committee were bound, or they would have been greatly blamed for such laches otherwise on their part, to adopt the most modern improvements in educational and sanitary arrangements, which, unfortunately, are necessarily costly, and entail large expenditure. And the School was no doubt successfully erected at the sacrifice of all the funded capital of the Institution, and is a most striking building externally, and internally admirably adapted for school purposes. Yet it is a fact, nevertheless, that the Boys' School has a larger amount of capital invested now, viz., £15,000, than when it sold out its capital of £13,000 to defray, in part, the expenses of the new buildings. So that everything is really in its favour, whether as regards extraordinary expenses or replacement of capital. This fact constitutes an additional and pressing claim on its friends and supporters to maintain its present status, and develop its valuable resources.

The School is now conducted with much zeal and intelligence by its very able Head Master, Dr. Morris, and his staff, and is zealously watched over by the Managing Committee and the officials of the Boys' School. Nothing is wanting to give impetus and yet stability to the School, and it bids fair to stand very high among the educational institutions of the country.

It may fairly be called our "Masonic Public School," and we strongly believe that it has a great future before it of utility, reality, and successful results.

There are now 215 boys receiving the inestimable benefits of a home and a good education.

The returns for the Boys' School for 1881 amount to £14,235 5s. 7d., which is made up as follows: Annual private donors, £1,114 4s. 7d.; annual lodges and chapters, £357 8s. 3d.; permanent private donors, £680 5s. 7s.; permanent lodges and chapters, £3,463 13s. Thus the subscriptions and donations annually amount to £12,040 12s. 10d. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter give £160 10s.; dividends £510, and with some small items and last year's balance, 1263 0s. 8d., make up the whole amount of £14,235 5s. 7d.

The expenditure is divided into ordinary and extraordinary, or rather special, the former being £9,304 6s. 9d., the extraordinary £4,930 12s. 4d.

The ordinary expenditure is composed of the following items: Office, £1,171 18s. 4d.; school salaries and wages, £2,014 5s. 9d.; provisions, £3,130 12s. 7d.; clothing, 1423 1s. 2d.; boys out of the Institution, £77 10s.; household requisites, £383 17s. 4d.; infirmary, £107 1s. 10d.; rates and taxes, £42 15s. 2d. and £219 2s.; fuel, 205 1s. 3d.; water and gas, £281 3s. 11d.; school stationery, £1230 2s.; making up with other small items, £963 4s. 7d. in all for ordinary expenditure, £9,304 6s. 9d.

In the extraordinary expenditure we find Institution repairs, £109 8s. 11d.; a special grant to the Secretary, in lieu of the old payment of commission—a very satisfactory arrangement—£247 16s. 9d., and on the completion of the twentieth year of his secretariat £200; Cambridge Local Examination, £55 13s. 6d.

There is a transfer to the Sustentation Fund of £750, to the Preparatory School Building Fund of £200; the purchase of £1000 Metropolitan Stock;

new furniture for new office, £113; and with some needful establishment expenses and the balance of £003 6s. 6d. to credit, making up the amount of £14,235 5s. 7d.

Such is a "resumé" of a year's accounts of the Boys' School, and our Order may feel great satisfaction and pride both at its present position educationally, and its excellent management administratively. We trust that many of our readers will bear in mind that the Boys' School has little funded property, that it has begun a long wanted preparatory school, and that therefore every effort should be made in this year of grace and light to give it that efficient aid and support which will make it to continue to be a lasting help and blessing to the orphan sons of our Craft. For it will be seen that as its fixed income is considerably under £1000 per annum, the very lowest sum required to keep the School in working order is £12,000 per annum, and that amount, large as it may seem, makes no provision for emergent expenses.

When the preparatory school, which is urgently needed, is complete, a considerable extra charge will be thrown on the Society's income, and we feel sure that, in calling the attention of our readers to the claims and needs of the Boys' School, we are appealing to a body of men who will never forget that our great Charities are not only most needful and valuable in themselves, but constitute alike the "decus columenque" of English Freemasonry.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

V.—BY BRO. A. C. F. CALAMINUS.

The original paper of Bro. Whytehead is being followed up with so much interest that it is shown, by this fact alone, how deeply we all feel the necessity of bringing the greatest care to the election of our leaders during each twelve months' term. And the more this matter is being discussed from all points of view, the more we are all likely to get at a thorough valuation of this very important question. Bro. Woodford confirms what I expressed in my communication, viz., that "legislation," even the most perfect, cannot ensure the election of good W.M.s as long as the laws are not carried out in the spirit in which they were given.

And here, again, we come to the point upon which Bro. Hughan laid so much stress, and with which I entirely concur, viz., the greatest care in the admission of new candidates. "A Young and Earnest Mason" seems to have arrived at the same conclusion. I certainly advocate that, for the good working and thorough harmony of a lodge, the great majority of the brethren should be of not too different social spheres, or anyhow, a not too different intellectual and moral training. Views about things vary in the different social strata, and the moral code is a different one in each social sphere. Whilst I, therefore, most emphatically declare that it is contrary to any institution to exclude a man solely on account of his inferior social position, I must uphold that no good work can be done in a lodge where too heterogeneous elements are mixed together; and I certainly think that, in judging of a man's fitness for admission, we must take into consideration the ideas which an inferior education, poor home, or low occupation are likely to have instilled into his mind. We, necessarily, must inquire whether these circumstances have not made his mind unfit to receive, and his character unsuitable to understand and practice, those grand moral truths which form the keystone of our institutions. We must take a man as a whole, present and past, and ask ourselves the question—Will the lodge gain or lose by his admission in harmony, stability, intolerance, and moral advancement?

I think, and I suppose many with me, that it is better for any lodge to have few and good men, who regularly attend and earnestly do their work, than a large number who swell the income, but lower the tone of a lodge. I quite agree with Bro. Hughan that a raising of the fees of admission would be a check to a certain degree; anyhow, it would not make lodges so anxious to get new candidates. As it is, with our present value of money (so very much lower than at the time when the Constitutions were framed), the fees are very small in comparison to other institutions.

Bro. Woodford's remarks (Article IV.) I quite agree with. I did not express a desire to see the Constitutions altered or revolutionised in the least. The Constitutions, taken as a whole, are so splendid a building that I should not like to remove a stone, although I may see some flaws in minor points. I only pointed out an evil which I have seen to result; but I distinctly said that I could not for the present point out a remedy, as I was not sure in my own mind whether an alteration would not produce greater evils. But I may here state that I have seen the system referred to by me work satisfactorily in foreign lodges. Only, I think Bro. Woodford will agree with me, that when there is an inclination to turn the lodge into a caucus and favour parties, this will show itself as much at the election of a W.M. who appoints his officers as it could display itself in a radical selection of all officers. And where harmony and good feeling exists amongst the members—as I hope it does in most lodges—then a state of things will always prevail as was happily described by Bro. Woodford; then the harmony of the lodge would not be upset at election time, let the mode of election be whichever you like.

The best, and only guarantee of success is, and will always be, to have good men—and only such, and to do such really good work as will induce members to attend all meetings they possibly can, and not stay away because they only see and hear at lodge nights the eternal repetitions of initiations and raisings, &c.

VI.—BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

By his characteristic remarks on my late contribution on this subject, Bro. Hughan has led up to another point on which I had purposed touching, and that is, the duties devolving upon a Worshipful Master of a lodge. To brethren in that distinguished office who are incapable or careless it would be useless to make any suggestions or throw out any hints, but we know there are many young Masters and Masters elect who are anxious to do their duty faithfully, and who would gladly avail themselves of the experience of others who have preceded them if they could obtain it.

The day is happily passing away quickly for the Masonic monopolist—a species of lodge-member at once useful and mischievous. Partly through the extension of the Masonic Press, and partly in consequence of the wide-spreading spirit of enquiry that has been so strongly aroused of late years, brethren are not satisfied to remain in the same condition of Masonic ignorance as they were a few years ago. Most of us can remember, and many of us yet know, the Past Master who is the sole repository of all the information, Masonic law and ritual in his lodge. No one else knows anything of the history of the lodge; of the whereabouts of the old papers and minutes; he is referred to in every case of danger and difficulty; and his word is law. The W.M. would not dare to express an opinion without first consulting him, and any member of the lodge below the dais who ventured an expression, or dared to record his vote against him, might bid farewell to his chances of

ever occupying the chair. He is undoubtedly a useful member; he has very likely kept the lodge together in its struggling days; he has given much attention to it and to Masonry; he has a good knowledge of Masonic law, and he has a genuine love for his lodge; but, on the other hand, he admits no one into his confidence; he does not encourage a study of Masonry in others; he prefers to make his knowledge and information a monopoly; and when the Great Architect summonses him away he leaves no successor. Miserable is, for some time, the plight of the lodge. No one knows anything; and the sole pillar and prop having been knocked away, confusion reigns supreme for a time, until another prophet may arise to guide his fellow Craftsmen.

That brother is the real friend, guide and mentor of his lodge who, whilst perfecting himself in Masonic ritual and knowledge, is ready at the same time to lead his juniors in the same path, and extend as much as possible the knowledge which his own leisure, opportunities, attainments, and capacity have enabled him to acquire.

A short time ago a Masonic friend and worthy brother met me and informed me that he had been elected W.M. of a strong lodge and would shortly be installed in the chair. "Can you give me a few hints?" he said "as to anything I should do." My reply was the advice I should give to every brother under similar circumstances: Read the Book of Constitutions, and especially the portion relating to the conduct of private lodges. Nothing looks worse, or detracts more from the dignity of the Master in the chair than ignorance of the ordinary points of Masonic law. Questions of difficulty must occasionally crop up, but a Worshipful Master should certainly be able to give a reply to a member on any ordinary or usual point of constitutional law without having to turn helplessly right and left to the Past Masters, and appeal to them for that information with which an hour or two of study of the Book of Constitutions would have amply supplied him for life.

It is hardly necessary to say that an intimate acquaintance with the ritual of the Three Degrees is a *sine qua non* for the successful and satisfactory occupation of the chair. Anybody can sit in a chair, but everybody cannot fill it; and a Master who is satisfied to open and close the lodge and leave the rest to be worked by the Past Masters, cannot expect to be looked up to as a leader in the Craft. Yet after all, ceremonial is but the skeleton of the thing, and will always remain but a ghastly shadow if it be not warmed and covered by the flesh and blood of realism; and it is expected in a Master that he shall not only be able to teach his fellows, but set an example of those teachings in his own life and conversation.

Much must always depend upon the appearance of a Master. We all know the W.M., who, in spite of many defects of memory and temper, goes creditably through his year, and gives dignity to his lodge, simply through his natural gifts and personal aspect. He is literally *unus tres venerabile*. On the other hand, we can easily recall the figure of the brother who, in spite of his utmost efforts and good qualities, always presents a comical appearance in the East, and always fails to impress his candidates with any feeling of solemnity.

In large lodges, in town, members must necessarily be, to a great extent, strangers to each other; but in the provinces this is not generally the case, and a Master who wishes to carry with him an honest influence for good should try to make himself personally acquainted with his brethren, and to show an actual interest in their individual welfare. It must always be pleasant to feel oneself trusted and regarded with friendly eyes by his brethren; and it has many times been to me a source of genuine pleasure to be sought out by brethren and made the confidant of their difficulties and troubles, and to have been able to advise and sympathise with them. Depend upon it, such relations between Masons will do far more to consolidate the Brotherhood, and make it a power for social good, than large grants of funds to charitable objects, without any real sympathy or interchange of kindnesses, at some personal sacrifices. Not for one instant do I wish to detract from the value of the Charities; but I cannot concur with the dictum of a well-known brother and great worker in those Charities, who once said to me that "Masonry would not be worth five minutes of any rational man's attention if it were not for its charitable institutions." This is a huge error, for it does not require a Masonic system, with all its machinery and expenses, to found and maintain great charitable institutions. There are plenty of charities quite as important maintained by casual subscriptions from the general public. It is the *highest kind of charity* that should specially be looked for from Masons, and it that order of charity were more sought after we should hear less of those wretched and petty jealousies sometimes sadly existing between lodges and between individual brethren, creating blemishes that no amount of noble charity lists can cover.

Masonry, is of course, no more to blame for the black sheep under its banners than is the Christian church for the occasional consummate scoundrels who have lived within her fold; but that is no reason why Masons should be careless as to the admission of candidates. At the same time I regard the ballot box as a fearful weapon, and only to be used as a *dernier resort*. Bro. Hughan says truly, that "two or three of the better class of members can keep out unsuitable candidates;" but, on the other hand, I agree with Bro. Calaminus that this remedy may almost be worse than the disease. If in a lodge there exists anything like that feeling of fraternal confidence amongst the members which should be found, blackballing will seldom be necessary. Most of us have known instances in which the use of the black ball has caused the complete disruption of the lodge, at least of all fraternal feeling; and I have always considered the Masonic and wisest course to be for any member who knows of a *valid* objection to a candidate to communicate with the W. Master of his lodge on the subject, and request the withdrawal of the name. If the proposer is made aware of the objection (and a W.M. should certainly be able to preserve secrecy in the matter) it is only reasonable to suppose that he would not push his man to the ballot; of course, if he persists, there is still the ballot to fall back on. But my experience leads me to the belief that objections to candidates are often very frivolous; that well-known men are often, because they are known, rejected, and unknown individuals accepted, simply because they are unknown. I forget at this moment who it is that has said "that a man who goes through the world without making an enemy is of little weight or value himself;" and I fear that many a good man is refused admission into Masonry through some petty personal pique and for no better reason, whilst his neighbour, whose character is unfamiliar, finds an open door. Scandal, as Shakespeare says, "stuffing the ears of men with false reports" has excluded many a man from Masonry who would have been an ornament to the Craft; and I rejoice to know that I have assisted, at the expenditure of slight trouble, in silencing more than once the foul breath of slander, and introducing into our Fraternity men who would otherwise have been rejected, and in whom we should have lost amiable and active workers.

But I am trespassing too far upon the good nature of the Editor and must reserve further remarks for a future opportunity.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

A special meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday last, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at two p.m., in the presence of a very large number of brethren of the province, both from Brighton and all parts of the country. The Right Hon. Bro. Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided, and the other Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. J. H. Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. H. Hallett (Mayor of Brighton), acting as S.G.W.; F. Noakes, J.G.W.; Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies, Grand Chaplain; Gerard Ford, Grand Registrar; N. P. Freeman, Grand Secretary; S. Solomon, J.G. Deacon; J. M. Kidd, G.D. of Ceremonies; T. R. White, A.G.D. of Ceremonies; W. Roe, Grand Organist; C. W. Hudson, A. Taylor, C. C. Cook, and E. A. Head, Grand Stewards; and Thomas Hughes, Grand Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge, after prayer had been offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, was opened in due form, and in accordance with established custom. The National Anthem was then sung, Bro. Broadbridge exquisitely rendering the solos, accompanied by Bro. Roe, Prov. Grand Organist, on the pianoforte, Bros. G. Cole and Hannay assisting in the singing, which was enthusiastically taken up by the brethren.

Letters of apology and telegrams for non-attendance were acknowledged from various brethren, including Lord Arthur Hill (who claimed excuse consequent on his Parliamentary duties), Bros. Kuhe, Trollope, Stride, Henty, McCarrogher, Rev. Cave-Brown, Rev. George Smith, Molesworth, Duke, Francis, Harnes, Lewis, Nash, R. Crosskey, L. W. D. Williams, and others.

The R.W. GRAND MASTER, whose rising was the signal for warm Masonic applause, then addressed the brethren. He said: Brethren, I have thought it my duty, after some little consideration, to call the present meeting for the purpose of affording an opportunity for us of expressing our indignation at the dastardly crime which has occurred in the attempt to assassinate our beloved Sovereign. (Hear, hear.) And I think I should have neglected my Masonic duties if I had not done this, but even before doing it I took counsel with the Grand Registrar, and he advised me by all means to call the meeting, and thus set an example to other provinces. (Hear, hear.) I also felt that an opportunity should be afforded us of expressing our feelings towards our exalted Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of congratulating him upon the marvellous escape of our beloved Sovereign, of congratulating him, the Royal Family, and the whole of the nation on that providential escape. I am sure that every man in this kingdom, no matter what his creed or politics may be, is imbued with a feeling of loyal affection towards that gracious lady who reigns over us. I therefore called this meeting, and delighted I am in seeing in such an assembly so large and influential a response to my call. I trust we shall never again be called upon to meet in Provincial Grand Lodge under similar circumstances, but that our beloved Queen may long reign over us, blessed by the G.A.O.T.U., reigning over a prosperous people and a happy nation. (Applause.) Sir Walter concluded by moving that addresses in accordance with the spirit of the observations he had made be prepared and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Bro. J. H. SCOTT, D. Prov. G.M., formally seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Capt. BRAITHWAITE asked if the presentation of the addresses would be made before the Grand Lodge on the following Wednesday, or would it be a separate affair?

The PROV. GRAND MASTER stated that at the present moment he was afraid he could not answer the question. It appeared that the addresses would have to be sent up to London to be engrossed, and if they could get them back in sufficient time they would on Wednesday be in the hands of the Grand Sec. for presentation to the Prince of Wales.

The PROV. G.M. then moved the adoption of the following address:

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, your Majesty's true and loyal subjects, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, venture to approach your Majesty in order to express our horror and detestation of the dastardly crime which has so recently endangered your Majesty's most precious life. We render hearty thanks to Almighty God that He preserved your Majesty unhurt from this cowardly assault, and we pray that your Majesty may live long to be a blessing to your people, and the object of their devoted loyalty and love."

Bro. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D. Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex, said: Right D. Prov. Grand Master and Brethren, I beg to second the resolution you have just proposed, but before touching upon it, I must in the name of the brethren present, whose wishes I am sure I anticipate, thank you, sir, for calling us together and so giving us this opportunity of expressing our loyalty to our Sovereign the Queen, and our joy at her merciful preservation. Within the last twelve months, no less than three attempts have been made on the lives of the chief rulers of kingdoms and states. Two of them, you know, were fatal. But, happily for England, our beloved Sovereign has escaped the danger of assassination, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the atrocious crime has no origin either in political rancour or in personal revenge. But yet there are those who say that in the manifestations of rejoicing throughout the land and the numberless addresses of congratulations which are duly pouring in we are making a great fuss about nothing, seeing that Her Majesty was not only not killed, but neither hurt nor frightened. Now, brethren, we may be making a great fuss, but it is not about nothing, for had the deed been fatal, instead of now being transported with joy, we, and not only we, the English people, but the whole of Europe, America, and the civilised world would be mourning the loss of the very best monarch who ever sat upon the throne of England. It is no idle supposition that the attempt might have been fatal, for the pistol was loaded, the bullet was discharged, and had the aim been true, who can tell what the disaster might have been? Had it been fatal it would have been small consolation to us to have known that Her

Majesty lost her life at the hands of a miscreant or a madman, instead of by a political assassin, as was the case with the late Emperor of Russia, or by diabolical and malignant revenge, as was the case with the late noble President of the United States of America. Therefore we do rejoice, and rejoice in our rejoicing that it has pleased Almighty God to spare the life of our beloved Queen.

The remarks of Bro. Scott were received throughout with warm expressions of appreciation, and at the close thereof, the motion was put and unanimously adopted.

The PROV. G.M. again rose and said: I now move "That the brethren of the Province of Sussex, do offer the heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered her life."

The following address to H.R.H. was then read:—
"To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of Free and Accepted Masons of England, R.G., &c., &c."

"May it please your Royal Highness.

"At a meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, March 11th, 1882, the R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. G.M., in the chair, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger."

"It was unanimously resolved:

"That the brethren of the Province of Sussex offer their heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty the Queen from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered her life."

The PROV. S.G.W. (Mayor of Brighton) seconded. He observed: The occasion of our meeting is both extraordinary and exceptional. It is a meeting of Masons congregated together for the purpose of expressing their thanks to the Almighty God for the preservation of our beloved Sovereign from the dangerous attack of a would-be assassin. The occasion is of so exceptional a character that even the history of the Brighton Corporation (a meeting of which assembled for a similar purpose I attended yesterday) can present no similar record. I am especially glad to be present at this large and influential assemblage of Masons to-day, for the purpose of congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, and to have this opportunity of expressing towards them how strong are our feelings of loyalty and devotion. (Applause.)

This motion also having been unanimously adopted, the brethren rose *en masse* whilst Bro. Broadbridge, accompanied by Bro. Roe, gave the salvo, all uniting in the beautiful semi-national anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The P.S.G.W., Bro. HALLETT, again rose and moved that the addresses agreed to be engrossed on vellum, signed by the G.M., D.G.M., G.R., and G.S., and forwarded for presentation.

Bro. NOAKES, P.G.J.W., briefly seconded, and the motion being carried *nem. dis.*, Grand Lodge was closed in solemn form.

In addition to the acting officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, there were also present the following brethren: Bros. G. Stone, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 311 and 1303; W. Hudson, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 315; J. M. Reed, P.P.G.S., W.M. 732; J. Eberall, P.P.G.P., P.M. 315 and 1630; W. G. German, P.P.G.S.D., P.M. 1400; W. Marchant, P.M. 312, P.P.A.D.C.; G. Smith, P.P.G.P.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Whatford, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Dennis, P.P.G.R.; E. Carpenter, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Byarp, P.P.G.S.D.; A. King, P.P.G.O., Sec. 271; H. Abbey, P.P.J.D.; O. N. Kyat, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; W. Sunthett, P.M. 58, G.S.L.; W. H. Farncombe, P.M. 311; A. J. Hawkes, P.P.G.S.B., P.G. Sword-bearer; W. Nel, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1630; F. Harrison, P.P.G.J.W., Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Dixon, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 272; W. R. Wood, P.G.W.; C. W. Fennis, P.P. Supt. of Works; J. Hudson, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire; W. W. Fenner, P.P.G.S.B.; H. W. Charrington, P.P.S.D., Dorset and Surrey; C. R. Burrell, P.P.S.G. Warden; C. J. Smith, P.P.G.W.; J. Braithwaite, 1820, P.M.P.R.G. Herts; H. Payne, 315; L. G. Frankel, S.W. 780; W. L. Thomas, W.M. 1141; J. Stedman, 1303; F. Sundius Smith, P.M. 271; T. Packham, P.M. 315; W. M. Burrell, 1829; J. Ridge, J.W. 315; R. T. Nye, J.D. 315; R. Allison, J.D. 1821; W. D. Stone, S.W. 311; G. V. Hyde, 315; R. T. Ellis, 1303; C. Briggs, P.M. 311; G. Creswell, P.M. 959; F. Duke, 40; P.M. 58; T. Berry, D.C. 1821; C. A. Head, W.M. 1019; A. J. Carpenter, 1829; W. J. Schofield, 315; J. A. Honey, 311; W. Comberg, 1821; W. A. Cardwell, W.M. 916; G. Cole, Sec. 1036; H. W. G. Abell, 1797; and others.

WEDDING PRESENT TO THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

The following circular has been issued by the Grand Secretary:

"8a, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C.

"4th March, 1882.

"It has been considered desirable, on the suggestion of the Grand Master, submitted to, and unanimously approved by, the General Board, that a fund be forthwith raised by the voluntary offerings of the Mark Master Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of providing a fitting and suitable wedding present to the illustrious prince who has so recently accepted high rank amongst them, on the occasion of His Royal Highness's marriage, to mark at once their appreciation of the honour conferred, and as a substantial proof of the sincerity of their congratulations on so interesting and auspicious an event, with their cordial good wishes that it may permanently conduce to His Royal Highness's happiness and comfort.

"Lodges and individual members are invited to contribute, in amounts not exceeding £10. A form is enclosed on which may be entered such sum as you may be disposed to remit. Your early co-operation is earnestly invited.

"I may add that it has been formally ascertained that the proposed wedding gift will be acceptable to His Royal Highness.

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

"FREDERICK BINKES.

"(P.G.J.W.) Grand Secretary."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has been summoned for Tuesday next, at six o'clock, when the M.W. Grand Master will move:

"That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Grand Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation of all Mark Master Masons under Grand Lodge, at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence."

"That an address of congratulation be presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M.M., on his approaching marriage."

Motion to be proposed:

"That a grant of £25 be made out of Grand Lodge funds, towards the subscription to the 'Wedding Presentation Fund.'"

MASONIC BALLS.

ROYAL SUSSEX MARK LODGE No. 75.

Under the auspices of the above lodge, a ball took place on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion. The gathering was a most enjoyable one, and the dancing was continued from nine o'clock till shortly after five the following morning to an excellent programme of music carried out by Bro. Devin's band. Light refreshments were provided in the North Drawing-room and a supper in the Banqueting-room, the catering of Bros. Sayers and Marks giving universal satisfaction. No small share of the success of the ball was due to the excellent arrangements made by the Honorary Secretaries (Bros. W. G. Baylis and E. Bridges), who were ably assisted by the Stewards, Bros. T. J. Pulley, G.M.S.D., W.M.; W. T. Clarke, W.M. elect.; C. J. Carter, and R. Paige. The following is a list of the company present: Miss Arnold, Bro. W. G. Baylis, Mrs. Baylis, Mrs. Bateman, Mr. G. Barnes, Mrs. Barnes, Bro. A. Burrows, E. Bridger, Mrs. E. Bridger, Bro. W. T. Clarke, Mrs. W. T. Clarke, Mr. J. T. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Cresswell, Mrs. Cresswell, Bro. C. J. Carter, Mrs. C. J. Carter, Mr. Cheshire, Bro. P. Chargois, Miss Chargois, Bro. Dale, Miss Dick, Miss A. Elliott, Mr. G. Elliott, Bro. G. Fieldus, Mrs. G. Fieldus, Miss Fleming, Bro. M. Grimberg, Miss Grimberg, Bro. Hornblower, Mr. E. Harper, Bro. J. B. Hannay, Mr. Hacker, Miss Hacker, Mr. W. Hammond, Miss Hammond, Miss Hannett, Mrs. Hannett, Bro. F. W. Hyde, Mr. C. Ide, Mrs. C. Ide, Mr. F. A. Johnson, Bros. J. Leleu, S. R. Legg, Mrs. Legg, Mr. Metcalfe, Miss Metcalfe, Bros. Partridge, T. J. Pulley, Mrs. Pulley, Bro. R. Paige, Mr. J. H. Page, Mrs. Page, Mr. C. F. Phillips, Mr. Pointing, Mrs. Stanhope, Miss Blanche Stanhope, Mr. J. Stride, jun., Bro. T. Sinnock, Mr. R. Stevens, Miss Vernham, Miss Vallance, Miss Wright, Miss Watson, Bro. C. J. Watson, Miss E. Watson, Mr. R. White, Mrs. White, Mr. Ward, Bro. R. Willard, Mrs. R. Willard, Mr. Weston, Mr. C. Weston, Mrs. C. Weston, Mrs. Weston, Mr. Welby, Mr. Young, Mrs. Young.

MERSEY LODGE, No. 477.

On the 10th inst., a Masonic reunion took place under the auspices of the above lodge in the Music Hall, Old Chester-road, Tranmere, Birkenhead. There was a large gathering of the brethren, and the proceedings were rendered all the more pleasant and enjoyable by the presence of a number of ladies. Bro. J. T. Thompson, W.M. of the Mersey Lodge, presided, and there were also present Bros. John Dutton, P.M. 477, P.G.S.B.; John W. Ballard, P.P.G.S.W. Lane; I. Jacobs, 1182; D. Fraser, P.M.; W. Bennett, P.M.; and F. Thompson, P.M. 477; E. Evans, S.W.; T. Ingfield, J.W.; T. C. Thorburn, S.D.; R. Bell, I.G.; G. Dicken, J. Oliver, B. H. Newman, W. M. Asher, 477; and others. Amongst the visitors were Dr. Lamb, Messrs. J. Lamb, W. Ingfield, James Downham, C. Beckett, and others. An excellent dinner was served at the Tranmere Castle Hotel. The only toast was that of "The Queen," proposed by the presiding W.M., who, in the course of some remarks, referred to the recent dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty—a deed which they all looked upon with the greatest abhorrence. The Queen enjoyed the love and affection of all her subjects, and the loyalty of Freemasons to the throne was well known throughout the empire. The National Anthem was then sung, after which the hall was cleared for a ball, and dancing was kept up with spirit for several hours.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

The annual ball in connection with this lodge, in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to the lodge, took place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. The annual merry meeting of the members and their fair friends is invariably one of the most enjoyable Masonic reunions of the season, and the gathering on this occasion was even more successful than ever. Last year a considerable sum was added to the funds of the Israel charity, and it is fully expected even a larger amount will be secured as the result of the ball of 1882. The assembly was under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master, and the Countess of Lathom. The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, and many other officers from other lodges attended, amongst the company being Bros. H. H. Tobias, P.M., P.G. Superintendent of Works; A. Levy, P.M., P.D.G.T. Griqualand; Ralph Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. E. Wright, Hon. Sec. 1502; M. P. Tieski, S.W.; M. Hart, P.M., Treasurer; H. De Frece, Gabrielson, S.D. and others. The arrangements were entrusted to an efficient staff of Stewards, the captain of which was Bro. Philip S. Levy, S.S., assisted by Bro. H. Archer, J.S. The officers of the General Committee were: Bros. M. Aronsberg, W.M., President; A. Lyons, Hon. Treasurer; H. M. Silver, J.D., Hon. Secretary; S. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; and A. Levy, Master of the Ceremonies. Upwards of 200 ladies and gentlemen were present, and the ball was in every respect eminently successful. A choice programme of music was gone through, and dancing was sustained with vigour until an early hour in the morning.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, opened a new coffee tavern, at Coventry, on Wednesday last.

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VOTES FOR GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS ELECTION.

A Brother in want of some Votes, both for the Girls' and Boys' School Elections, would be glad to meet or correspond with any brother or brethren having any such votes to lend. Apply P.M.M., forthwith, *Freemason Office*, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

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JOHN RHODES, P.M.

P.P.G.O. Surrey; P.P.G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey.

To Correspondents.

The following stand over:—

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.
Yarborough Lodge, No. 244.
Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1588.
Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.
Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 279.
Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.
Faithfull Mark Lodge, No. 229.
Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Calendrier Du Grand Orient de France," "Keystone," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Broad Arrow," "The Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "Proceedings—Supreme Council," "The West London Advertiser," "Boletín Grand Orient de Brazil," "Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Virginia," "The Masonic Record," "The Court Circular," "Freemasons' Repository," "Allen's Indian Mail," "Die Bauhütte," "Statement of the East London Church Fund, 1880-81," "The Freemason," "The Masonic Advocate," "Statement of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "The Grand Chapter of Nebraska," "The Hebrew Leader."



SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 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.]

THE COMING SCHOOLS ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

You have been so kind previously as to allow me to appeal for votes in the *Freemason* that I trespass again on your space to-day, to say that for various reasons I am

most anxious to obtain as many Girls' and Boys' votes as possible in April, and shall esteem it a great favour and personal obligation if any subscribers, assuming they have no special case to support, will kindly send me their votes.

I am, dear Bro. Kenning, very fraternally yours,
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W.

THE SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The extraordinary gathering of Freemasons on Wednesday night to meet the Most Worshipful Grand Master, on an occasion when manliness, loyalty, and Masonry required a place and an occasion for free expression, reveals in an unexpected manner that the temple in which the elders of the Craft have usually met is no longer equal to the requirements of the Order. Hundreds were unable to get within the portals.

Year by year, as Masonry extends itself, matters will become worse. What will the authorities do? Certainly not exclude, from want of room, brethren who are induced by loyal ties to "the Queen and the Craft" to travel from great distances, to the leading Temple of Masonry to find themselves excluded. What is to be done? Why, in the first place, communicate a complaint to the Editor of the *Freemason*. So, sir, please see to this reasonable complaint, and oblige an

EXCLUDED SECRETARY.

LODGE RITUAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I ask you, or the writer of a letter which appeared in your issue of Dec. 17th last, signed "Masonic Custom," to give me chapter and verse for the ruling of Grand Lodge referred to in the antepenultimate paragraph of his letter, that a "Warden, in a case of necessity, no P.M. at all being present, can perform the ceremony." I have always understood that, in the absence of a P.M., no Degrees could be conferred.

I am, yours fraternally,

J. T.

THE INITIATION OF CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The interesting details set forth in the letter of "A Young and Earnest Mason" in your issue of the 23rd ult., prompts me to add my mite in support of the facts therein contained. I am a much younger, but hope no less an earnest, Mason than our worthy brother; and, though only just learning to walk alone in the secrets of the Craft, it has already been my lot to become intimately acquainted with a specimen of the carelessness complained of by your correspondent in the introduction and initiation of fit and proper persons into Masonry. Though young in the Order, I have already learned to guard most zealously its secrets and privileges. I have the honour to belong to a lodge which, I believe, stands well in Masonic estimation—I heard so before I was initiated, and my short acquaintance with it fully confirms the good report—in which every possible care is taken to admit only good men and true, and sail within the line of constitutional law, using such caution as is desirable in the selection of new members. I am sorry to say this is not the case with some lodges; and, by the way, I may add, to my mind, the entrance into Freemasonry is too cheap and easy in this particular point; and here I will fully endorse the remarks of your correspondent, that the responsibility rests entirely upon the shoulders of the proposer and seconder, and they are not fulfilling their obligations to the Craft if they do not make proper enquiry respecting the candidate, and be perfectly satisfied he is worthy to be admitted a Mason, and not introduce a man for the sake of swelling the number of the lodge, for it is better to have a small number and good than large and doubtful; in fact, were all brethren to put the proper value on the meaning of what they have undertaken to hold sacred there never would be such instances of carelessness as the one I am about to disclose, and which, I am pleased to say, together with my informant, a brother of 1728, and a J.W. of another lodge, the number of which I forget for the moment, we were instrumental in preventing.

A candidate was proposed and seconded, and was to have been initiated on Monday, February 13th last. He was described as an engineer, but, upon enquiry, he turned out to be a blacksmith's labourer in receipt of a weekly wage of twenty-five shillings per week, rented apartments at the rate of six shillings per week, and had paid only one week out of six, of course owing the other; had contracted a loan to pay his initiation fee; borrowed his landlord's watch to pawn, to enable him to get suitable attire to attend the lodge, borrowed money of his neighbour to get a scarf-pin out of pawn, and made no secret of the fact that as soon as he became a Mason he should not work so hard, but avail himself of the secrets and charities of the Craft for a better existence. The lodge he was to have joined was, I think, five guineas initiation fee and three guineas annual subscription. The wage the man was getting was scarcely sufficient to allow of his being admitted a Forester or Odd Fellow; yet he could find a Mason asking him to join the Craft—moreover, supporting him in his foolish idea, totally in opposition to that brother's obligation. When my brother of 1728 gave me these particulars, I immediately wrote to the W.M. of the lodge, and, together with two brethren, signed the letter, and sent it in just as the busi-

ness of the lodge was about to commence, and, as before stated, with the satisfaction of knowing that the candidate was refused, but would not have been only for our intervention.

I may add I have all particulars of the names of the lodge, proposer, &c., but as I use this as an illustration only, in support of "A Young and Earnest Mason," I withhold these particulars.

I think these facts alone ought to be sufficient for the Craft to take into consideration some means whereby the evil of bringing in candidates indiscriminately should be diminished, if not abolished. I have an idea in my mind, that I think would work effectually in a measure, and will take an early opportunity of suggesting, after having given it further consideration in council with one or two brothers; for it does seem a great pity that the secrets and workings of our grand Order should be entrusted into the keeping of unqualified and careless hearts.

Hoping you will excuse all imperfections, and apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space, I remain, yours fraternally,
CHAS. GOODING, 1329.
March, 1882.

APOLLO UNIVERSITY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am much obliged to "A Member of No. 357" for his prompt replies to my queries.

The reason of our difference must now, I think, be obvious. I borrowed the word "opened" from Captain Lambert's history, and I used it in the "*Freemason Historical Calendar*" in the sense indicated in my last letter, to wit, "consecrated." "A Member of No. 357" has employed it in its ordinary Masonic signification as applied to the "opening" of a lodge. But though it now turns out that both of us from our respective points are right—for under the circumstances, as described already, the newly-installed W.M. could not have "opened" his lodge till the 10th February, while he could not have been installed, as he was, on the 18th, much less opened it, till after it had been "consecrated," which, I take it, happened on the 10th of the month—I must ask "A Member of No. 357" to bear in mind that his first contention was that the meeting on the 10th February was a mere "informal" gathering. It was to this I objected—and rightly, I think—on the ground that the historian of the lodge would not have troubled himself about such a meeting.

However, it is hardly worth while prolonging the discussion when the only difference between us is, that I have taken as my guide the date of the initiatory proceedings, which constitute historically the opening of the lodge, while he prefers the date on which those proceedings were consummated by the appointment and investiture of officers. There is, I allow, a fair show of reason for his contention; but with the excusable love of a parent for his offspring, I still hold that my date is the preferable one.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally,

THE COMPILER OF THE FREEMASON
HISTORICAL CALENDAR.

THE GRAND LODGE SYMBOLIQUE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read Bro. Lambert's letter with great attention, as it deserves, but fail to find in it the slightest proof of the *legality* of the Grand Lodge Symbolique. A certain number of lodges under the Rit Ecossais, finding that the necessary supremacy of the Thirty-third Degree, though in accordance with the traditions and teaching of the system, antagonizes their idea of a *Craft* Grand Lodge, set up an opposition Craft Grand Lodge to the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

It clearly has not a leg to stand upon, either by Masonic law or precedent. The right of the Ancient and Accepted Rite to issue Craft warrants is a very moot and debatable point, and is, in itself, an innovation and a departure from the earliest teaching of the grade. But in France, as elsewhere, unfortunately, the Ancient and Accepted Rite have granted warrants. Hence the dilemma!

The Grand Loge Centrale was always a makeshift, and it was clear it must one day come into open collision with the supreme and paramount authority of the Thirty-third Degree. And so it came to pass. But because certain unruly spirits, who wished for more power, and clamoured for change, and change, too, if I remember rightly, in unison with the principles of the Grand Orient, it was not a natural or a legal result that they were to form a new Grand Lodge. Bro. Lambert's announcement that this body, call it what you will, received permission from the Grand Orient and the Supreme Conseil, is a little misleading. Does Bro. Lambert mean that it received recognition both from the Grand Orient and the Rit Ecossais, or does he not rather mean that the body was very heartily and injudiciously patronized by the Grand Orient, as a source of weakness if not of annoyance, to its old enemy the A. and A. Rite? The Supreme Conseil is that of the High Grades under the Grand Orient. That recognition counts for nothing; it only affects the Grand Orient, and does not legalize the meeting of a Grand Lodge, formed out of lodges which were not independent lodges each *sui juris*, but a portion of a system of thirty-three degrees.

Had the partisans of the Grand Lodge Symbolique formed a new Grand Conseil of the A. and A. Rite, they would have been more consistent and logical in their proceedings.

The congress at Lausanne did not declare a belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. It simply affirmed a believe in an "Anima mundi," and hence I believe all our Anglo-Saxon Councils have withdrawn from it. I have tried to write as calmly and clearly as Bro. Lambert, placing my facts before your readers, and I could only wish that Bro. Lambert had a better cause to defend than that which he so ably supports in your pages.

I am, yours fraternally, MASKELYNE.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can any one explain a statement in one of the weekly papers that a certain Mr. Watson, who also rejoices in the names of Vanderstein, Morris, Captain Beauchamp, &c., who is wanted by the English police, and has been arrested by the Belgian police, recently obtained a considerable sum of money from the Benevolent Lodge of Freemasons? What lodge is that? Is it our Lodge of Benevolence?

Yours fraternally, CURIOUS.

QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Replying to our Bro. "Queen's English," I would venture to suggest that æsthetic, or æsthetics, is the term now employed to designate the theory of the fine arts; the science of the beautiful, with its conceptions and emotions. The province of the science is not, however, very definitely fixed, and there is still some ambiguity about the meaning of the term arising from its etymology and various use. Thus the word æsthetic, in its original Greek form *aisthetikos*, means anything that has to do with preception by the senses, and this wider connotation was retained by Kant, who, under the title of "Transcendental Æsthetic," treats of the "a priori" principles of all sensuous knowledge.

The limitation of the term to the comparatively narrow class of sensations and perceptions occupied with the beautiful and its allied properties, is due to the Germans, and primarily to Baumgarten, who started from the supposition that just as truth is the end and perfection of true knowledge or the understanding, and good that of the will, so beauty must be the supreme aim of all sensuous knowledge.

A very brief survey of what has been written under the name æsthetics is sufficient to show that it includes, as its first and foremost problem, the determination of the nature and laws of beauty, including along with the beautiful, in its narrower signification, its kindred subjects, the sublime and the ludicrous. To discover what it is in things which makes them beautiful or ugly, sublime or ludicrous, is one constant factor in the æsthetic problem.

In conclusion, then, I cannot do better than call the attention of our enquiring brother to such remarks on the subject as "The Intuitivists," Lord Shaftesbury; "Inquiry into the Original of our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue," Hutcheson; "Essays on the Intellectual Powers," Reid; "Modern Painters," vol. 2. Ruskin; "Emotions of the Will," Professor Bain; besides many essays and communications by other literary geniuses—Addison, Lord Kaimes, Burke, Alison, and others; and whilst apologising for having trespassed thus far on your space, and at the same time hoping that this communication may prove of service to your correspondent, I remain fraternally yours,

B. SC. LONDON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue "Queen's English" desires to know the meaning and derivation of the word æsthetic. In an essay written by Thomas Carlyle in 1827, he alludes to a work of Richter's, called "Vorseuhle der Aesthetik" (introduction to æsthetics), a work on poetic art. In a foot note we are informed æsthetic is from the Greek *to feel*, a word invented by Baumgarten to express generally the science of the fine arts.

Yours fraternally, 1008.



AN ATTEMPT AT COMPILING A HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN STAFFORD. By Bro. T. WARD CHALMERS, P.M. E. and W. Wright, 56, Green Gate-street, Stafford.

This very neatly printed little work seeks to give not only a history of Freemasonry in Stafford, in particular, but of Freemasonry in general, and therefore, in our review of this interesting essay and creditable contribution towards Masonic history and archaeology, we will commence with Bro. Chalmers' account of Masonry in general. Our esteemed Brother Chalmers gives us a sort of outline of the history of Freemasonry in England, and traces it back to Roman Collegia Fabrorum in the third century. As regards the introduction of the collegia and gilds to England, Bro. Chalmers is no doubt correct, as the fact that the collegia were in this county, is established beyond doubt. What their actual relationship to the Freemasonry of 1717 was, is still a moot point; the missing link has yet to be discovered. We do not know the work entitled in the foot-

* The subject of the essay is a biography of Jean Paul Friedrich Richter.

note, "Partington's Literature," &c., but he is clearly wrong in attributing to Numa Pompilius any such organization as Masters and Wardens. Numa divided the artificers, no doubt, into gilds of some kind, and the Collegium Fabrorum (though the name is a little doubtful now) was mainly composed of Greeks! We do not quite know why Bro. Chalmers talks of the York General Assembly, 926, as of authentic record; there is as much legendary authority for the First General Assembly at Verulamium under Albanus. But we note that he seems to take the Masonic poem, as the charter of the York Assembly, Mackey being his authority following Oliver. But the Masonic poem nowhere mentions York, though it talks of the "syte"; and as regards any meeting under Alfred or Athelstan, they only rest on the fact that Roman Masons came to carry on architecture in this country. Athelstan's presence in the "syte" seems alluded to in the Masonic Poem. We are not aware whence Chambers obtained his authority, but, Albanus is mentioned in all the Guild Legends, subsequently to Matthew Cooke's MS., but his name does not appear in the earliest MSS. Our worthy Bro. Chalmers draws a very pretty picture of the lodges from 926 to the sixteenth century in those close-tyled crypts, but we are not aware of any of early evidences of this fact. Still it is not impossible, and there is a late evidence at York of this custom. No doubt the "modus vivendi" of the mediæval Masons is very difficult to illustrate or to realize, and we must be content, it seems to us, at present to speak very undogmatically on the subject. That portion of our Masonic existence, and history, and work is still a "terra incognita" to Masonic students. We find traces of them working in lodges in minster-yards; we hear of dismissory letters from the capitular bodies for Master Masons; and we gather that there was a form of admission of Masons into the lodges for work; that these bodies were under the superintendence of the ecclesiastics, and that there were Magister, and Master Masons, Seniores, Gardiani, Latomi, Apprentices. But beyond this, so far, we cannot trace the evidence. If that passage about the company of Freemasons and the churchwardens of a parish in Suffolk could be proved and verified, for the reference, *Quarterly Review*, xxiv, page 146, does not bring it out, though search has been made, we should have an interesting addition to our facts. Others might be given here as to the wages of Masons, and the rank and social position of the Master Mason, but space does not permit. The first trace of Freemasonry akin to our own to-day is about the early part of the seventeenth century. How shall we bridge over the intervening period between 926 and 1600? As regards the Fraternities or the "Collegia Pontificalia," very little is known of them further than that they existed. Hugo de Goldcliff, artificer, was undoubtedly a Master Mason of the thirteenth century; and we should like to see the contract of Monsieur William, house masonne, in 1314. Perhaps Bro. Chalmers can give us a reference to it. Had our excellent correspondent only read "Kenning's Cyclopædia," he would have seen what the real entry in Wm. Molash's register really says. All entries relative to the Masons until the seventeenth century are in Norman-French, Latin, and Archaic English, the latter, however, very rare. It is a curious fact that in 1724 there were no lodges in Staffordshire. Remembering Dr. Plot's statement, in 1686, and one which must strike the Masonic student. The oldest lodges appear to have been No. 88 in 1732; Bell and Raven, Wolverhampton, apparently long extinct; No. 398, constituted in 1767, disappeared in 1792. There was a military lodge (Antient) 1st Battalion Royal Artillery, founded in 1774, but when, in 1805, becoming the United Potteries Lodge, was erased in 1829. Staffordshire was first formed into a province in 1819 or 1820. All this is very late, and as we said before, constitutes a curious commentary on Dr. Plot's averments. Are there no traces of still earlier lodges than 1732, and what has become of the minutes of No. 88? We thank Bro. Chalmers for a well compiled and carefully edited work.

THE REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH. By H. L. HASTINGS. S. Bagster and Sons.

This is another of Messrs. Bagster's admirably printed books, but, unfortunately, it is just one of those books which it is forbidden for the *Freemason* to discuss or review. The work relates to what is called the Millennium, or what is also termed the Pre-Millennial Reign, based, as the theory is, on a certain statement of Papias, and a well-known passage of the Book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine. But there is, as is also well-known, a great controversy among Divines on this very point, both as to the reality of the proposition, and the true exegesis of the Scripture thereon; and as all subjects of political or theological discussion are wisely prohibited to English Freemasons, we can merely note the fact of the publication in 1882, by this well-known firm of biblical publishers, of this elaborate volume of 537 pages. Some of us who may recall the Bishop's of Lincoln's remarkable Commentary on the Book of the Revelation of St. John, will require no arguments from us to point out to them how great and wide and deep is the difference between opposing schools of thought on this very subject. So we can only repeat once again, that as far as we are concerned, the old Spanish proverb is most true and wise "Silence is golden."

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

These "Proceedings" are remarkable for containing a Synoptical History of all the Supreme Councils that have ever existed, and the manner of their formation, in chronological order. The author of this very able sketch is Bro. C. T. McClenahan, 33°, well known as a zealous and indefatigable worker in many branches of Masonry. The report of Bro. Albert G. Goodall, 330° on "Foreign Relations," contains also many matters of great interest to those interested in the progress of the A. and A. Rite.

HINTS ON MATRIMONY. By a Practical Man.

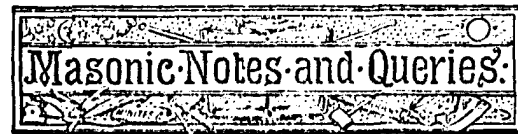
Kerby and Endean, 440, Oxford-street. This animated and humorous brochure will well repay perusal. Its advice seems to us to be both sagacious and effective, calm and far-seeing in highest measure. We agree very much indeed alike with its proverbial wisdom, its gentle sarcasms, and its safe conclusions. Matrimony is both a risk and a lottery, a "terra incognita," and a debateable land for most of mortal world; and, parodying the words of the "Immortal Bard," we feel inclined to say,

"if men would only be contented to remain as they are, there would be no great fear of unavoidable and unfelicitous marriages." But man is a gregarious animal, and man *will* marry; and hence it often happens that ardent youth and timid old age are alike "taken in" by the artfulness of that dangerous sex, of which Mr. Weller, senior, prophetically declared of old, its lures, its craftiness, and its success. And yet, after all, why are people not to marry? "Tous les gouts sont respectables." When "like meets like," when mutual tastes and sympathies conspire to form the compact and harmonious "tout ensemble,"—when Edward and Emily Ann agree that they can't live without each other, (which is altogether a delusion by the way), then we feel that the quiver of our sarcasms is emptied, and that, like others before them, and others after them, they will tell the old, old story, and find themselves, fellow-pilgrims, on the same rough journey of life. In our philosophy and our Masonic philanthropy we will only add, may all of good attend them,—all honest matches, all loving hearts. This last little publication of Messrs. Kerby and Endean will find many readers, we think, and we fancy will raise many a hearty laugh. For marriage is always a privileged subject to jest upon genially, even for the dullest bipeds here, though it is only the witling or the unworthy who would venture to call into question the reality of the blessing of a happy and belittling marriage state for poor, lonely, suffering man.

AMMUNZIATA GRIMANI. By T. LOUIS OXLEY.

Kerby and Endean, 440, Oxford-street.

This is a very stirring tale of Bosnian struggles and scenes. It is forcibly written, and very sensational in parts. Indeed, here and there the horrors upon horrors become painful, and, to say the truth, we do not believe the famous McColl Legend of Impaling. That impalement is an Oriental punishment no one probably can deny, but that it has been in use of late years is, we apprehend, more than doubtful. Still some people believe it, and far be it for us to throw doubt or cast suspicion on these sad legends of Bosnian trials and troubles. Mr. Oxley makes out a very effective story in two volumes; and his work, animated in tone and vivid in description, will find we doubt not many readers and admirers. No doubt, too, the sufferings of the Bosnians were great, and the cruelties of the Turks intense, and certainly Mr. Oxley has contrived to weave out a consistent if sad coloured tale out of exciting episodes and interesting personages. Just now Bosnia has some attraction for readers, inasmuch as it is the scene of serious warfare and a mysterious movement against the comparatively mild sway of the Austrians in room of the Turks. Some of our younger readers will be glad to have this book recommended to them, who look for thrilling incidents and delight in sensational novels.



THE FREEMASONS.

Fosbrooke, in his valuable "Encyclopædia of Antiquities," gives us the old, old story of the Freemasons founded on the Parentalia, but he also adds Swinburne. In which of Swinburne's works does this reference occur, as it is again founded on the Parentalia? Henry Swinburne wrote about Spain and Sicily, and in his work on Spain alluded to Moorish and Roman architecture.

MASONIC STUDENT.

SIR W. DUGDALE.

Can any reader of these columns refer me to a passage in any of Sir W. Dugdale's works in which he mentions the Freemasons.

ANTIQUARIUS.

OLD MASONIC CERTIFICATES.

I have traced the first four numbers mentioned by Bro. Judd through my "Masonic Register," and find they all refer to the same lodge. No. 327 was an "Ancient" or "Atholl" Lodge, and, according to the list of 1807, assembled then at Etruria, and in that of 1813, was at Stoke (both of Staffordshire). In 1814, on the "Union" roll of lodges, it became No. 417, and in 1832, on the new numbration it was 285. It was erased before the alterations of 1863. Brethren not having the "Aliman Rezons" of 1807 and 1813 will find the lists of lodges of those years in my friend Bro. Gould's "Athol Lodges" (Spencer and Co.), to which work I am indebted for the information that originally 327 was held in the "Salford Militia," at Windsor, warranted 26th April, 1801. It was apparently a civil lodge, however, in 1807, though there is no record in the minutes of its Grand Lodge of the change. I see by the "Irish Freemasons' Calendar," that 555, "Fermoy" Lodge, Cork, and 660, "Mountmellish" Lodge, Queen's County, are still on the roll, but No. 905 has been erased. Bro. Gould and I can now trace any lodge warranted from 172 (the earliest) to the "Union" of December, 1813, and since, of either "Moderns" or "Ancients," and so can anyone with the works who has mastered the intricate details.

W. J. HUGHAN.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY MASONRY.

In the very beautiful facsimile reprint of "Gent's History of Hull," published by Bro. Peck of that town, I find the following, on page 54, amongst the epitaphs in Holy Trinity Churchyard: "Here lieth the body of George Matthews, and Sarah, his wife. She died the 6th of May, 1717, ætat 62. And he died Octob. 31, 1717, ætat 63. And also 8 children, viz., Sarah Roebuck, late wife of John Roebuck, Free-Mason. She dy'd the 27th of December, 1708. And Charles Matthews, Freeman and Apothecary of this town. He died the 26th of May, 1715, ætat 25. The other six died in their infancy." If the description of John Roebuck refers to our own Order it is worth noting, as in the case of the epitaph in Wensley Churchyard, which I published in these columns a short time ago. Does the "Freemason" refer to the business of these persons as stone cutters, or to their membership of a Speculative and Operative Guild?

T. B. WHITEHEAD.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg, presided on Monday, at the Albion, at the festival of the Metropolitan Free Hospital.



Craft Masonry.

PHENIX LODGE (No. 173).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Freemason's Hall, when the following brethren were present, viz.: Bros. John Andrews, W.M.; F. Foxley, S.W.; F. D. Vine, J.W.; John Finch, Treas.; H. W. Davie, Sec.; George Gutebock, S.D.; G. G. Stanham, D.C.; W. Holcombe, I.G.; J. Millier, Stewd.; C. T. Speight, Tyler. Bros. Past Masters: Blyth, Allen, S. Phillips, and F. R. Vine. Bros. Harter, Marlow Kinnimout, G. B. Hart, Gairdner, Conolly, Herbert Broad, Neve R. Hart, and Riddle. Visitors: Bros. Hubbard, P.M.; and Nicholson, P.M.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and Bro. G. L. Hart was examined and passed. The examination of Bro. W. H. Herbert and Marlow was then proceeded with, after which they were raised, each of the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. The lodge being resumed to the First Degree, a letter was read from Bro. W. H. Hubbard, who was W.M. of this lodge in 1864-5, asking for the assistance of the lodge in his candidature for pensioner of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of Aged Freemasons. Bros. Finch and Allen informed the brethren that they had made enquires about the case and considered it thoroughly deserving of support.

Bro. Hunter said that he well remembered the time when Bro. Hubbard was W.M. of the lodge, and considered that, although only Bro. Nelson, P.M., and he were left of the brethren who belonged to the lodge at that time, still Bro. Hubbard was entitled to the support of the present brethren as he was an "old Phoenix brother."

The W.M. said that he should do all in his power to promote the election of Bro. Hubbard. It was subsequently proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the sum of ten guineas should be voted out of the Benevolent Fund to assist him to defray some of the expenses consequent on his candidature.

Bro. Hubbard was afterwards invited into the lodge, and the W.M. informed him that the above-named sum had been voted to him.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a letter should be sent by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, to the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, expressing their heartfelt satisfaction that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen had escaped the hands of a would-be-assassin, and fervent hope that Her Majesty may be spared to her loving subjects for many years to come.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge closed in due form.

LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174.)—There was a very large attendance of the members of this lodge on Wednesday evening at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the W.M., Bro. Fred. Brown, presided, supported by Bros. James S. Treen, S.W.; A. H. Brown, J. W.; Thomas F. Harvey, S.D.; William Fraser, J.D.; Charles Lacey, Treas.; John Newton, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Delton, I.G.; John Appleby, P.M.; G. J. Hilliard, P.M.; E. J. Moore, P.M.; C. H. Webb, P.M.; G. Jones, P.M.; G. T. Siddon, P.M.; J. Vey, Tyler, and about thirty other members. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Dr. H. Wilson, D.P.G.M. Herts.; J. G. Stephens, P.M. 206; E. Dix, P.M. 1421; E. P. Wilson, 181; G. J. Ball, P.M. 1760 and W.M. 907; William Snelgrove, 907; J. G. Frank, 212; C. G. Belinan, W. Murch, &c.

Lodge having been opened in form it was announced that there was a blank agenda, but after the transaction of some formal business, a resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, expressive of abhorrence at the dastardly attack recently made upon the life of Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor, and of the loyalty and affection entertained towards the throne, and congratulation upon Her Majesty's providential escape.

At the conclusion of the lodge the brethren sat down to a well-served banquet, under the presidency of the W. Master, by whom the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed. Subsequently "The Health of the W. Master" was given and received with the utmost cordiality, and in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, Bro. Brown assured the brethren of his unabated interest in the welfare of the lodge, and of his desire to maintain it in the position of prosperity and usefulness which it had so long enjoyed. During the evening the proceedings were varied by some excellent songs and recitations, and the proceedings throughout were characterised by the utmost harmony and fraternal enjoyment.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE (No. 228).—A meeting of the members of this old and efficient lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a goodly attendance of the brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. A. H. Hickman, Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. H. W. Alford, S.W.; T. J. Hunt, J.W.; Jas. Terry, P.M. and Treas. (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution); Edward Davies, acting Sec.; Geo. Bellot, J.D.; Geo. W. Edis, D.C.; W. Wright, Org.; Alfred Colston, P.M.; Robert Snare, P.M.; T. H. Bromley, P.M.; James Hillhouse, P.M.; William Bray, W. J. Randall, G. C. Tidy, Villet Rolliston, J. Everett, W. B. Smart, James Jennings, J. Ashley, E. Halford, J. F. Quarty, H. F. Weaving, H. Paine, John Holland, H. F. Sandy, W. Smith, E. H. Johnson, C. Rupe, W. Cauldon, W. H. Bromley, H. G. Flaws, C. Thomas, Tyler, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. James Constable, P.M. 1383; T. Goodes, P. Prov. A.D.C. Herts; Reginald Taylor, 177; and J. R. D. Ardene, 1181.

Lodge was opened in accordance with the customary formalities, the lodge being draped in mourning in token of regret at the demise of Bro. T. A. Winsland, who had so long and zealously discharged the duties of Treasurer, and whose death, about a month ago excited the most sincere sorrow amongst a wide circle of his Masonic and other friends. Lodge having been advanced, Bros. John Lobb, John Thomas Ashley, James Jennings and John Holland, having answered the interrogatories satisfactorily, were entrusted, and were subsequently passed to the Degree

of F.C. by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner.

Some other business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was served by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, elicited the most unqualified expressions of approbation. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured. In the course of the proceedings feeling allusion was made to the death of the late Treasurer, and in lodge it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be forwarded to the relatives of Bro. Winsland, expressive of the deep sorrow entertained by the brethren at the loss they had sustained, and of appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of his office. The various toasts were interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, and altogether a very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1309).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., when the following brethren assembled: Bros. J. Magrath, W.M.; T. Wooding, S.W.; J. Horsley, J.W.; Beck, P.M., Treas.; A. G. Clements, Sec.; F. J. Tyler, S.D.; F. Couture, J.D.; J. G. Twinn, D.C.; J. Sommers, W.S.; G. T. Holdom, I.G.; J. Loftus and C. Rayner, Stewards; Dawson, P.M.; T. J. Tarling, S. M. Pipe, Frank Crawley, J. Osley, T. Morris, H. T. Hardy, C. East, J. M. Stevens, T. Phillips, and C. Hanomann. Visitors: Bros. Honeyman, P.M. 1238; and Sherwin, 1076. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, an unanimous ballot followed for Mr. John Legg Green; and Bro. S. M. Pipe was passed to the Degree of F.C.

Lodge having been resumed, the election of W.M. for ensuing year took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Thos. Wooding, the S.W., who thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him. He said he would endeavour, in fact, he had determined, to study the welfare of the lodge in every possible way, and the brethren would see that nothing should be found wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of the St. John of Wapping Lodge.

Bro. Beck, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and briefly returned thanks, and Bro. Longstaff, the Tyler, was also re-elected to that office. The business of appointing the Audit Committee was next in order, and this being disposed of, Bro. Dawson, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Beck, P.M., seconded, that the lodge should present their retiring W.M. with the usual ten guinea jewel, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his labours in the affairs of the lodge for the past year. This proposition, as might have been expected, was duly carried. A candidate for initiation having been proposed and seconded, and nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

As is customary with this lodge, the brethren afterwards spent a little time in recreation, several capital songs being rendered by those of the brethren blessed with musical powers.

It might be mentioned that during the evening the W.M. alluded to the diabolical attempted outrage on Her Majesty, the particulars of which they had undoubtedly informed themselves already. They all knew what a true English lady the Queen unquestionably was, and when they heard of such an attempted assassination it was painful in the extreme. He was sure they were all glad that no harm had befallen her. Without further comment he would ask them to be up-standing and drink to "The Health of the Queen," which was done with great enthusiasm.

Many other toasts were duly honoured during the evening, and that of the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The usual meeting of this lodge (the last of the season) was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and the attendance fell far short of that usually seen in this lodge. Bro. T. Hamer, I.P.M., presided in the absence of Bro. Charles Taylor, W.M., on account of a recent serious domestic affliction. The Wardens, Bros. Kibble and Kibble were in their places, and the assistant officers were all present, together with Past Masters Stevens, Blackie, Sec.; N. B. Headon, Treasurer; and the following visitors: Bros. Dassen, 834; Downey, P.M. 20; Lewis, W.M. 20; Smith, 1091; Batty, 902; Green, 211; Warren, 657; Earle, 1695; and Walter, 22. The lodge was opened soon after three o'clock, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Brookman was raised to the Third Degree in a very effective manner. This being election night, Bro. Blackie, P.M. and Sec. (according to usual custom) read the bye-laws of the lodge. The next business was to proceed to the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Blackie having previously read the names of all the brethren who were eligible for that appointment, and a ballot being taken, it resulted all but unanimously in favour of Bro. Kibble, the present Senior Warden, who expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honourable position in which they had placed him, and he would endeavour to deserve their confidence by discharging the duties of the chair to the best of his ability.

The next matter before the lodge was the election of Treasurer, and Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., was unanimously re-elected to that office. The Tylers, Almoners, and Auditors for the year were then appointed, after which the cause of charity was brought under the notice of the brethren, and very liberal votes were made on behalf of those whose appeals had been submitted to them, and with a further intention of supporting their cases when they should be brought before the Board of Benevolence. The final business before the lodge was a proposition by Bro. Blackie, "That the usual Past Master's jewel should be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his year of office," which was unanimously agreed to.

It was proposed and carried unanimously that a letter of condolence should be sent to Bro. Taylor, sympathising with him on the affliction that has befallen him, and that the Secretary should transmit it on the part of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to the second Saturday in October. Before separating, however, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, Bro. T. Hamer, W.M. *pro tem.*, presiding.

The dinner having been disposed of, the W.M. said he

had to propose the first toast, which was "The Queen and the Craft," and he should have done so without any observations but for an incident which occurred a few days ago, and he could not find words to express his contempt for the dastardly attempt which had been made upon the life of the Queen; and he trusted that the day might be far distant when they should lose Her Majesty, but never by the hand of a coward and an assassin.

The toast was cordially responded to, followed by the National Anthem.

The W.M. next gave "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master." It was most gratifying to him to propose his health, not only as Grand Master, but as the chief subject of the realm. Next Wednesday he would preside at a special Grand Lodge to address Her Majesty on her recent narrow escape, and he hoped the brethren would assemble and show their appreciation of him. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, a request which was enthusiastically responded to. "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," were all duly honoured.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., rose to propose the next toast, alluding to the first place to the W. Master, Bro. Taylor, and suggested that steps should be taken in consonance with their feelings as Masons to carry out what had already been mentioned in the lodge. It had been the desire of Bro. Taylor, as one of the initiates in the lodge, to carry out the duties of the chair in the same manner as had been done by his predecessors, but he knew that for the last few years his mind had been so abstracted by troubles that they prevented him from giving that attention to Freemasonry that he would otherwise had not those afflictions fallen upon him. As one of the initiates he had always the good and welfare of the lodge at heart, and in his hands it had not been disgraced, although, perhaps, he might not have been quite so efficient as those who had gone before him. He also asked them to do honour to the presiding Master as an efficient one to fill the place of Bro. Taylor.

The acting W.M. said he had a double duty to perform, and in the first place he returned his sincere thanks to them on behalf of the W.M., and on his part he would say that nothing would please him more than to know of the sympathy he had that evening received from the members of the Great City Lodge. They were purely Masonic, and he thoroughly re-echoed the sentiments of the brethren; and, therefore, under those circumstances, they would not expect him to say another word. For himself, he said he received their marks of kindness with great pleasure, and thanked them for them, trusting for many years to remain in the company of the Past Masters, to be in the society of the brethren, to participate in their Masonic duties, and enjoy the festivities of the Masonic board. On the part of the W. Master and himself he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the honour they had conferred upon them.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of the W.M. elect," and he was quite sure that when the members of The Great City Lodge elected Bro. Kibble as W.M., he was prepared to take upon himself the responsibility of that office. They had that evening repeated what they had hitherto done, and accordingly to routine, and what he trusted they would ever do, elected the senior officer who had worked up in the lodge to make himself proficient for the duties of the chair; and in electing the Senior Warden to it he was sure that the members of The Great City Lodge had performed a very pleasing duty. He had filled every office, and he (the W.M.) was sure that he would not have occupied the office of W.M. unless he felt that he was competent to fulfil all its duties. He wished him health and prosperity during his year of office, and trusted that he would enjoy the same confidence as had been accorded to all the other Masters who had preceded him in the chair.

Bro. Kibble, in responding to the toast, said it was almost the proudest moment of his life to be elected W.M. in the hearty way in which it had been done, and it was most gratifying to him to be placed in such a proud position. He could assure them that he would not undertake the office unless he felt that he was able to perform the duties of it to their satisfaction. With the assistance of a goodly band of officers, and the accumulated wisdom of the Past Masters, he hoped never to go wrong and to merit their approbation, and he looked forward with anxiety to the happy moment when he should be installed in the chair.

The W.M. then said the next toast he had to propose was at all times a very pleasing one, as it was "The Health of the Visitors." The lodge was always glad to give them a hearty welcome, and whatever might be the nature of their hospitality, their visitors always went away well satisfied with what they had received.

The several visitors returned thanks.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters of the Lodge," for which Bros. Stevens, Headon, and Blackie returned thanks.

The W.M. next gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said he wished the proposition of this toast had fallen in abler hands to say something about them. They had both been very good boys, and to say anything in their praise was hardly necessary. The Treasurer and Secretary had performed their duties in such a manner as to draw forth remarks in the lodge that evening, and he believed that no lodge was better served than The Great City in their Treasurer and Secretary. As regarded their Treasurer, Bro. Headon, he had now to inform him that he had been that evening re-elected with the kindest expressions on the part of the lodge; and he might say that without Bro. Headon The Great City Lodge would never have existed; without his assistance it would never have been a model lodge in its working; in fact, he was part and parcel of The Great City Lodge. He trusted that the day was far distant when Bros. Headon and Blackie would retire from the positions they now held, for as long as they did so the lodge would never go wrong, as they were always ready to keep them in the right way. He hoped that it might please the Great Architect of the Universe for them long to remain in their present position, and that for many years to come they might remain as high in the hearts and affections of the brethren as they did at the present time.

Bro. Headon, in responding, said in the Treasurer and Secretary of The Great City Lodge they had the long and short of it. (A laugh.) He was sorry he was not present in the lodge that evening, but he could not help it, having to conform to the regulations of a railway company. If he had been allowed to arrange those regulations, he should

have been present with them two hours sooner. He had held the office of Treasurer for about seven years, and was not tired of it, but perhaps some other brother would like to try his hand at it. However, he had done his best for the interest of the lodge, and from its inception he had taken part in it. He was sorry that their meetings were not now so numerous attended as in the past, and he could not account for it. If all were present of course none would be absent, but when he saw so many vacant chairs, that did not conduce to the *décor* of the lodge which existed in the past. He admonished those who were present to attend regularly, and induce those who were absent to follow their example. Thanking them once more for the honour they had conferred upon him in drinking his health, he should leave the rest that had to be said to Bro. Blackie, their Secretary.

Bro. Blackie said that it gave him pleasure to attend to the duties of his office so long as they chose to appoint him to it, but if any other brother wished to come to the front he had no desire to monopolise the honours of it. He regretted the absence of so many Past Masters, as extra duties devolved upon him, and he hoped they would not continue.

The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge," for which Bro. Keeble responded.

Bro. Headon then gave "The Members of the Lodge," for which several responded, and the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above excellent and thriving lodge took place on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, Bro. West's famous hostelry, and was a most successful affair both as regards the work done and the number of good and true Masons present. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Burgess, W.M., and after the minutes had been confirmed and the cash account passed, Bros. Savage and Russell were raised to the Sublime Degree, and Bros. Carter and Brown were passed to the Second Degree. Both Degrees were admirably worked by Bro. Burgess, who then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. Jas. A. Elder, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. This was not so well done as it might have been had Bro. Burgess reserved himself especially for it, but the three charges at the finish made amends for a few faults at the commencement of the ceremony, and our esteemed brother was heartily applauded for his arduous effort. Bro. Elder invested his officers as follows: Bro. V. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. T. Lewis, J.W.; J. A. J. Manning, P.M.; P. P. G. O. Essex (who was unanimously elected Treas.); J. Ives, P.M. Sec.; A. Ives, S.D.; C. Jolly (*Freemason*), J.D.; C. Guy, I.G.; R. Morgan, D.C.; M. Kaul, Wine Steward; J. Paul, Assist. Wine Steward; Smith, Org.; and W. Page, P.M. Tyler. The ballot was taken for Mr. J. Fulford, and it proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry by the new W.M. in rare form; it was a grand effort and was universally allowed to be a handsome bit of working and was loudly applauded by all present. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a handsome jewel of his office, and in pinning it on his breast wished that he might live long to wear it as a *souvenir* of the good work done for, and happy evenings spent in the lodge.

Bro. Burgess briefly replied, and thanked them for their handsome gift, for which he would more fully thank them during the evening. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb banquet, admirably served by Bro. Past Master West.

Among the other brethren and visitors present, and not above-named, were Bros. W. Vance, P.M.; W. T. Turner, P.M.; W. J. Graham, P.M.; W. Steele, P.M.; J. Gowers, R. Huckwell, H. Stanery, J. W. Baker, Jas. Arnold, S. Woodland, J. Brightmore, T. Brightmore, and J. Shepherd, all of the lodge; J. Jacobs, P.M. 1327 and P.P.G.P. Herts; T. K. Jobb, W.M. 1070; C. Munyard, P.M. 791; G. Beaver, S.W. 790; J. H. Roberts, J.W. 790; E. Ayres, S.D. 742; Sadler, Old Concord; F. W. Sillis, D.C. 1744; J. H. Jarvis, 1627; and W. W. Thom, 551.

The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," and the W.M. in eloquent language condemned the late cowardly attack upon the life of our beloved Sovereign, and trusted she might long be spared to reign over a loyal and united nation.

The other loyal and Masonic toasts being honoured, the I.P.M. rose to propose the toast of "The W.M." He called upon the brethren to pay homage to where homage was due. If they were all only Entered Apprentices they would be conscious that they had at their head one who thoroughly knew his duty, and had ability to carry it out. Their esteemed W.M. had served faithfully through the junior offices, and under the most disadvantageous circumstances. He had had a long and serious illness to contend against, and yet the grand manner in which he had initiated a brother that day gave them an inkling of how hard he must have worked to qualify himself for the office he now held, and how worthy he was, and would be, to hold it. He would at once predict that Bro. Elder would in every way emulate his predecessors, and prove an honour to the Henley Lodge. The lodge was in a prosperous state, and he would ask them to help Bro. Elder during his year of office that at the end of that time it might be even more prosperous than now.

The toast was drunk amid great cheering, and, in reply, Bro. Elder thanked them truly and concisely for the cordial manner in which his health had been received. He appreciated their kindness in every way, not only now, but before he arrived at the proud position he that night occupied. It was the highest honour that could be conferred upon a Mason, and he prized it as such, and if he was spared by T.G.A.O.T.U. to carry out the duties till the end of the term allotted him, he felt sure that they would say he had tried manfully, and had succeeded in being worthy of the sacred trust reposed in him.

After the initiate had replied for the toast especially concerning himself, "The Past Masters" were complimented, and, in reply, Bro. Burgess regretted that he had not sufficient eloquence to do honour to the toast. For himself, he had been so favourably received ever since he was first introduced by Bro. Manning, P.M., a few years ago; that his whole connection was a real pleasure, and now that he had arrived at the proud position of a Past Master, they might depend upon it that he should, as long as he lived, not only remember that kindness, but strive by every means in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge. As an

example of the true Masonic feeling that prevailed in the lodge he instanced the decision of Bro. Manning, who, although desirous of giving up the Treasurership of the lodge, yet, at the earnest request of the brethren, had consented to carry out the duties for another year, and to show what a cosmopolitan lodge it was, he might say that he had followed a Welshman into office, was installed in the chair by an Irishman, and had that day installed a Scotchman as his successor.

Bro. Manning briefly responded.

Bro. Graham said if there was one thing he liked to see more than another, it was to see a good and worthy brother placed in the chair of K.S. He was not going to flatter their W.M., but he felt sure he was only re-echoing the sentiments of every member of the lodge when he said that Bro. Elder richly deserved the proud position he was that day placed in. He then spoke of the Charities, and characterised them as the noblest in existence, and trusted to see every member a Life Governor at some early date.

"The Visitors" were next honoured, and Bros. Job, Beaver, and Munyard responded, heartily congratulating the lodge upon having such an excellent W.M.

"The Officers" were responded to by Bro. Jolly, and after Bro. Dr. Vance had announced himself as a Steward at the forthcoming Boys' School festival, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Smith presided at the pianoforte, and with Bro. Baker on the violin, played selections during the evening most admirably.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—The regular monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, Bro. W. Welding, the W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and visiting brethren: Bros. W. Weston, P.M. and P.P.G. Swd. B.; T. Holleyman, S.W.; G. Kennedy, J.W.; W. Gee, Treas.; R. Fisher, Sec.; A. Saunders, S.D.; W. Moulds, I.D.; A. Rowley, I.G.; J. Purnell, D.C.; W. Sayle, W.S.; W. Louis, P.M. 337; H. De Gray, 704; H. Swallow, 1035; J. Butler, 1789; J. Flanigan, 419; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been duly opened, and the usual preliminary business settled, Quarter-master Sergeant W. J. Ellis, Sergeant H. Butler, and Sergeant H. Turvey were, after ballot, initiated into Freemasonry. Bros. Brown, Stanley, and Foxon were passed, and together with Bro. Jos. Whitehart raised to the various Degrees they were entitled to.

It was then unanimously and enthusiastically carried that a vote of congratulation be sent to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen on her escape from the late dastardly attempt on her life; and the lodge was closed in due form.

After partaking of a quiet and unpretentious little supper, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts; and asked the brethren to fill an especial bumper to the health of our esteemed Grand Master, as it was the nineteenth anniversary of his marriage to his beloved wife, Princess Alexandra of Wales. We need hardly say how loyally our gallant gunners responded to the call.

In response for "The Grand Officers of Kent," Bro. Weston said that the Provincial Grand Officers would meet on the 17th of this month at the Bull, at Dartford. It was a meeting of the Charity Committee of the Province, at which the members might attend, although they could not take part in the proceedings, and he felt sure their Grand Master, Lord Holmesdale and the rest of the Grand Officers would only be too proud to see them.

Bro. Weston then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and thanked him in the name of the lodge for the very able manner in which he had worked the Three Degrees that night. He congratulated him also upon having at last cleared off every debt, and placed the lodge in a state of sound solvency; and also in a position to do something for the Charities. They had only fifteen votes at present, but they meant to double that number shortly.

Bro. Welding, in reply, said he was exceedingly gratified to hear that they appreciated his efforts, and hoped to continue worthy of their approbation. He rejoiced as much as Bro. Weston did at the balance at last being on the safe side of the ledger, and felt sure that now they would be able to go on, and make the lodge worthy of its position in the Craft by its benevolence.

Bros. De Gray, Lewis, and Butler replied to a cordial reception of the toast of "The Visitors."

"The Health of Bro. Weston," the only Past Master present, was then drunk, and, in reply, that brother regretted the fact; for himself, he always looked forward to these meetings with pleasure, and had only been absent twice since the formation of the lodge—six years ago. He might mention that he and Bro. Froud had been that day to Portsmouth, and had left work undone so as to be present at the lodge that night.

"The Initiates," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were very enjoyable all through.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The first regular meeting after the installation of the W.M., Bro. Alfred Brookman, took place on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street. There were present Bros. Alfred Brookman, W.M.; George Kenning, I.P.M.; Dr. Samuel Benton, S.W.; Samuel White, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, M.A., Chap.; John Derby Alcroft, P.M.; Treas.; Thomas Jones, Sec.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.D.; Edward Anderson, M.C.; W. H. Froom, Steward; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M.; P. Saillard, Thomas Benslin, Matthew R. Webb, Arthur B. Hudson, Frederick Crockford, and John Larkin. The visitors were: Bros. Briggs, 1572; Sudlow, 18; J. Velverton, 164; H. D. Field, 1602; R. Allison, 1602; J. W. Forge, 619; Geo. S. Bigley, 1298; F. D. R. Copestick, 869; A. C. Hartley, 349; Capt. Hellsam, 395.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February were read and confirmed, and Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, according to announcement, then delivered the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board with his well known ability, at the conclusion of which the brethren accorded him a very hearty vote of thanks.

Ten guineas were voted to the widow of a deceased member of the Fitzroy Lodge, which was afterwards supplemented by the sum of five guineas collected in the charity box for the same object.

Sympathy was expressed with Bro. Chapman on the loss of his son, and a vote of condolence was proposed and carried.

The Secretary announced that the amount promised for

the W.M.'s list for the forthcoming festival of the Boys' School amounted to over £100. This fact must be very gratifying to the members, many of whom are doubtless anxious that the Aldersgate, as a City lodge, shall worthily support the Lord Mayor on the occasion of his presiding at the next festival. We trust that Bro. Binckes will be able to acknowledge many such efforts in the City, and that a special effort will be made to render this year a memorable one, as far as London lodges are concerned.

CORNHILL LODGE (No. 1803).—This vigorous young lodge, which is making very favourable progress, and has its head-quarters at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, had its installation meeting on Wednesday last, when Bro. H. C. Jepps, P.M. 19, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, an honour which he well deserved, as he has been performing the Master's duties for some time past. The installing Master was Bro. Graham, P.M. 19, and P. Prov. G.S.W. Middlesex. The important ceremony of installation could not have been entrusted to abler hands, as the result proved, for the work was done in the most perfect manner. The officers elected on 1 appointed for the coming year are Bros. Nodley, S.W.; Dr. Hellsam, J.W.; Hingson, Treas.; F. A. Ford, Sec.; Wallis, S.D.; Price, J.D.; R. W. Ford, I.G.; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler.

Prior to the installation of the W.M., Mr. Edwards, engineer, was initiated into the First Degree, and Bro. Cooper was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Francis Hartridge, merchant, and member of the Grand Masters' Lodge, was balloted for and approved as a joining member, and the audit report was read, and showed the affairs of the lodge to be in a highly satisfactory state. Among the visitors present were Bros. Joseph Eglese, P.M. 60; F. Knight, 1185; J. Hellsam Jones, P.M. 657 and P. Prov. G.D. Middx.; A. P. C. Percival, 1607; G. E. Corderoy, 103; W. Hardy, 1072; C. Fairfield, Hythe Lodge; and E. C. Massey, 1297 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge was closed, the brethren dined together, and upon the cloth being withdrawn, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts followed, as a matter of course. In the intervals between the speeches, the company were entertained with an excellent selection of vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.M. and P.Z., assisted by Miss Carrie Blackwell, Miss Amy Romaine, Mrs. Read, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Robert de Lacy (St. Paul's Cathedral).

In proposing the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," the Chairman said: "The Queen has been now for a great many years associated with this toast, and I am sure all Englishmen, wherever they meet in social intercourse, as we do this evening, will be, now especially, anxious, if possible, to instil even a little extra loyalty into the manner in which they receive this toast. We have all of us been shocked by the recent act (it could not have been any attempt on the life of Her Majesty), but by the late outrage against her most august Majesty. In all places, therefore, this toast will be drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, but I am sure nowhere with greater pleasure than in the Cornhill Lodge of Freemasons."

The Chairman: The next toast that I have the pleasure of proposing this evening is that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master." This toast is always drunk in every lodge with a great amount of enthusiasm, and it is impossible that a young Master as I am can say anything new. On this evening our Royal W.M. is making a very important motion, expressing on behalf of the nation and of the Freemasons' Craft the indignation felt by everyone at the outrage, and the heartiness with which we thank God for Her Majesty's escape from the danger.

The Chairman: I now give you the next regular toast of the evening without any comment at all. We are not this evening favoured with the presence of any Grand Officers, and we will therefore drink to "The Health of the R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Eglese: I am placed a little out of my position, as I am but a visitor here to-night, but I have been asked to take the place of the I.P.M., and feel honoured by having his duty confided to me. I have to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who, I find, has been performing the duties of that office for some time past. True he is a Past Master of another lodge, and indeed it was quite evident that he must have gone through those duties elsewhere, or he could never have performed them to-night in so efficient a manner. To me, this evening's work has been an intellectual treat; to see the admirable manner in which the ceremonies have been worked is to be convinced that he has not merely gone through the office a first or second time correctly. The delivery was such as to convince listeners he was well versed in the ritual. I am proud to have the opportunity of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master.

The Chairman: The toast of "The W.M.," I believe, in every lodge is received with a certain respect because it is the toast of the principal for the time being. I was very much pleased with the manner in which Bro. Eglese proposed my health. The praise of so accomplished a Mason is praise indeed, and as I acted as Deputy Master last year, and if I satisfied you then, I feel the surer of being able to give satisfaction now that I am Master indeed. One of the pleasing duties that a Master has to perform is the initiation of new members; every Master looks forward to initiate some person into Freemasonry, but when he performs the ceremony for the first time he cannot but feel how great is his responsibility. I have told you before that I feel a great deal of responsibility when I initiate a man into Freemasonry. This evening I have had the pleasure of initiating our Bro. Edwards, for whose coming we have waited a good while, but he has a great deal of business on his shoulders, and unfortunately has been away at the time of our previous meetings. You will not however give him any the less hearty a welcome. I am sure of this that he will make a very good Mason, and I think that a good man of business does make a good Mason. I ask you now to drink the health of the initiate, Bro. Edwards.

Bro. Edwards having briefly replied, the W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Eglese, Jones and Corderoy.

Bro. Eglese said that as he had already made a speech he could have wished that the Chairman had not coupled his name with this toast. He, however, accepted the honour, and thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which they had responded to the toast. The W.M. had

alluded to the "Fourth Degree," in reference to the good cheer with which they had been provided, but for his part he looked upon the ceremony that had been so ably performed by Bro. Grabham as being more in the nature of a "Fourth Degree." He (Bro. Eglice) had for a series of years witnessed that ceremony at many lodges, and felt himself capable of judging of the manner in which it was performed, and he did not hesitate to say that he had never seen the work done better.

Bro. Jones, in acknowledging the toast, said that though he was born within a very short distance of that spot, so great had been the alterations of late years, that he was not aware that that was the London Tavern until his friend and inviter, Bro. Cavendish, speaking "by the card" he held in his hand, said "this is the house." And really the kind treatment the visitors received had borne out the rest of the Shakespearean quotation on the card, "You are welcome, welcome, all," said the card, and so they had found it. "Give me some music," said the card, and excellent music had been provided. He was himself an old bachelor, but, as the card said, "If music be the food of love, play on," he (Bro. Jones) would say "By all means," and if any lady sang to him "Come live with me and be my love," which they had just heard, he did not know but that something might come of it. In regard to another quotation on the card, he could only say that if invited he would certainly come again and trust to being "once more most welcome."

Bro. Corderoy also responded for "The Visitors." Bro. Grabham, replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," said that it had given him very great pleasure to perform the ceremony of installing Bro. Jepps in the chair. It was not the first time they had worked together. From the first he had seen of Bro. Jepps in the Atholstan Lodge he had believed that he would make a very good Mason, a belief which had been confirmed by the event, as he had performed the Master's duties for this lodge during the past year in a very worthy manner. He concluded by wishing the W.M. health and strength to carry out his duties with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge. Toasts to "Treasurer and Secretary" and to "The Officers" were also proposed from the chair, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—This lodge, at its meeting on Thursday, the 5th inst., presented its I.P.M., Bro. Sydney Myer, with a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, in recognition of his last year's presidency of the lodge. The presentation was made in the name of the members in a full lodge by Bro. T. P. Payne, P.M., and the testimonial having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. Myer, Bro. Phillips, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Myer, P.M., seconded, that an address be sent from the lodge to the M.W. the Grand Master of England, congratulating H.R.H. on the escape of his Royal mother from assassination. Some of the Past Masters, in view of a Provincial Grand Lodge being about to be held in Southampton for the same purpose, deprecated anticipatory action in the matter; but Bro. Phillips said he thought the old maxim about giving twice who gives quickly applicable to the case, and Bro. Le Feuvre, P.M., P.G.S.W., supporting this view, the address was adopted unanimously, in the following terms, and signed by the W.M., two Wardens, and Secretary of the lodge, and forwarded to Grand Secretary for presentation to the Grand Master:

"To the M.W. the Grand Master of English Freemasons, H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., &c., &c."

"May it please your Royal Highness,"

"The W.M., officers, and brethren of the Royal Gloucester Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 130, held at Southampton, this 5th day of March, 1882, in open lodge assembled, beg respectfully to tender to your Royal Highness their hearty congratulations on the recent escape of your Royal Mother, our Queen, and the patron of our Institution, from the dastardly attack of an assassin. In assuring your Royal Highness of their remembrance of 'the allegiance due to the Sovereign of their native land,' and affirming their 'sacred and indissoluble attachment' and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen, the brethren of this lodge pray that T.G.A.O.F.U. may protect all the members of the Royal Family from attacks which recognised by Englishmen as disgraceful to the civilisation of foreign countries, are felt by them as the mere abhorrent in their wickedness and villainy when committed in happy England against a Sovereign and widow so universally beloved as our Queen."

"Signed on behalf of the brethren of the lodge,
"GEORGE DAVIES, W.M.
"J. W. ROBERTSON, S.W.
"C. MARSHALL, J.W.
"J. R. WESTON, P.M., Sec."

WEYMOUTH.—All Soul's Lodge (No. 170).—At an emergency meeting, held on the 9th inst., for the purpose of initiating the Rev. J. H. Scott, there were gathered together such a meeting as would in many provinces be considered a good provincial meeting, no less than twenty-two Past Masters being present, including two whose initiation dates respectively 1819 and 1823, in All Soul's Lodge register, the total number attending the meeting being fifty-two. The work was done in first-rate style, the tracing board being explained by the venerable and W. Bro. J. Jacob, P.M., P.P.J.W.G., whose connection dates from 1819. At this lodge an address on the proposition of W. Bro. W. Barlow Morgan, W.M., was also sent to Her Majesty, congratulating her on her recent escape.

The banquet at the close of the business was attended by forty-five, and a very pleasant evening was spent. This ancient lodge, which has just been re-decorated, is now one of the finest in the provinces, and any brother, if in the neighbourhood, would do well to visit it, as the work is very well done, and a hearty welcome accorded to all visitors.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the lodge rooms, Station-street. Present: Bros. J. C. Robinson, I.P.M.; F. L. B. Dykes, W.M.; H. Peacock, S.W.; R. W. Robinson, J.W.; Thos. Mason, Sec.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; J. Armstrong, Steward; and J. Hewson, Tyler.

The lodge was opened in due form, the W.M. in the chair, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and all formal business disposed of, the I.P.M. took the chair, and raised Bro. R. S. Marsh

to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The lodge was then closed in form with good harmony by the W.M.

GRETA LODGE (No. 1073).—The monthly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday week, at the Kewick Hotel, Keswick, when Bro. Banks, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. C. Christopherson, W.M., ably initiated Mr. Atkinson into Freemasonry. Bro. Woodford, P.G.C., gave the charge in the First Degree. All the officers were in their places, among whom we noticed Dr. King, P.M., S.W. The Greta Lodge seems reviving after some little lethargy, and promises to become a thoroughly good hard-working lodge. Let us hope that it may have sunny times before it.

SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—The most numerous and influential gathering of the Fraternity ever witnessed in South Wales took place on Monday, the 6th inst., when Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, P.G. Chap., was installed W.M. of the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1573, at the Masonic Hall. There were many brethren present from all parts of the province, together with a number of brethren from neighbouring provinces.

The lodge was opened with the following officers in their places: Bros. D. C. Jones, W.M.; Thomas Walters, S.W.; J. S. Perrin, J.W.; J. R. Davies, Treas.; G. W. Clare, Sec.; F. C. Cryer, I.G.; Morgan Williams, Dir. of Cers.; H. Sandbrook, I.G.; and W. H. Rosser, Steward.

The following Past Masters of the lodge were also present: Bros. John Rogers, J. K. W. Taylor, J. C. Sladen, and W. E. Brown.

The Masonic gathering also included Bros. M. Tennant, D.P.G.M.; N. Leitch, J. Blight, A. N. Thomas, B. Behrens, R. S. Hodgson, D. Powell, J. Lloyd White, E. E. Everingham, J. Hughes, D. Jones, B. A. Tuttle, W. Lauder, J. C. Manning, Llewellyn Davies, T. Richards, R. Parry, B. Davies, R. H. Welch, H. Abbott, J. Roberts, Evan Roberts, J. Rees Jenkins, H. Berdycourt, T. R. Walters, Rosser Thomas, T. R. Williams, W. S. R. Jackson, R. Margrave, J. Marsden, Josiah Bath, John Johnson, J. Laurensen, D. Duncan, H. Knapp, Thomas McKim, D. Thomas, J. Jenkin Jones, Jas. Jones, Fredk. Bradford, John Harrop, John Benyon, Abraham Freedman, J. Cavill, G. A. Hutchins, William Boys, Joseph Wilton, G. Jones, H. F. Clarke, Owen Owen, H. Lewis, H. R. Lee, W. F. Bull, Wm. Walters, Edmund Nicholls, Lewis Lewis, J. W. Lloyd, T. R. Jones, W. H. Spring, C. E. Waters, W. Howells, E. Pratt, John Leworthy, Wm. H. Rees, Wm. Pike, H. C. Evans, W. F. Smith, H. Simons, Edwin Fish, James Howell, George Allen, W. Morgan, W. T. Canton, David Davies, G. E. Dowman, D. Hopkins, H. M. Bradford, Wm. Williams, John Jones, Charles Bath, R. D. Burnie, Thomas Powell, J. G. Hall, Thomas Thomas, J. Jones Hewson, J. E. Evans, W. S. Jenkins, J. S. Johnston, G. S. Richardson, H. W. Williams, A. Beard, T. Griffiths, Robert Maine, J. B. Phillips, and Joseph Russell.

There were between fifty and sixty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present, the whole assembly numbering about 200 brethren, who thus showed their fraternal respect for the W.M. elect. The numerous representative officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been received in due form, the W.M. elect was introduced to Bro. D. C. Jones, the retiring Master, for installation, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Walters was then installed with the usual ceremonial, the duties of Installing Master being fulfilled with marked ability by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Jones.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. L. Perrin, S.W.; G. W. Clare, J.W.; J. R. Davies, Treas.; R. Essery, Sec.; F. C. Cryer, S.D.; Morgan Williams, I.G.; Blight, Org.; N. Leitch, I.G.; Rosser, Hughes, Everingham, and Parry, Stewards. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. D. C. Jones.

The brethren afterwards walked in processional order to the parish church, where Divine service was held, and a sermon preached by Bro. the Rev. J. Rees Jenkins, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap. West Lancashire. A collection was made after the service; the proceeds, by desire of the vicar, being devoted to the funds for defraying the expenses incurred by the erection of a new east window at St. Mary's Church.

A banquet took place at the Cameron Arms Hotel, where a splendid repast was served up by Bro. Clare, to which a very large number of the brethren sat down, the W.M. presiding.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last, when there was a very full attendance of brethren and many visitors, including Bro. J. Sykes Rymer, W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236. The chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., in the absence, through illness, of Bro. Geo. Simpson, the W.M.

The lodge having been opened, a successful ballot was taken for a candidate. Bro. J. Starkey was duly passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. J. Kennell and the Rev. S. Edge were raised successively to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

Bro. T. B. Whythead moved "That this lodge do place on record an expression of its heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for the providential escape of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the recent outrage at Windsor."

This was seconded by Bro. G. Balmford, P.M., upon which the brethren rose to their feet in a body, and carried the resolution with cheers and acclamation.

A telegram was read from the W.M. from Matlock Baths, explaining his absence, and conveying kind wishes to the brethren. Bro. T. B. Whythead presented to the lodge a portrait and Masonic memoir of Bro. General Garfield, as well as a relic of that distinguished brother in the form of a sprig of evergreen, mounted and framed, which had been taken from one of the wreaths on the coffin at Cleveland, by Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia.

The lodge was then closed, and refreshments were served, and a happy evening was passed, enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Kennell, Horner, and others.

NOTTINGHAM.—De Vere Lodge (No. 1791).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: W. Bros. H. J. Norris, P.G.D.C. Notts; W. M. J. Gardner, S.W.; J. Wigglesworth, J.W.; P. P. Truman, Org.; Bros.

J. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; E. L. Gowthorpe, Sec.; W. Burrows, S.D.; E. N. Elborne, J.D.; R. T. Ingram, M.C.; J. L. Bullock, I.G.; W. G. Cokayne and W. Oakden, Stewards; H. Glover, Tyler; C. G. Wragg, P.M., P.G. Sec. Notts; E. J. Dodd, P.M., P.G. Org. Kent; S. G. Gilbert, I.P.M., P.G. Sword Br. Notts; Isaac Davis, P.M., P.G.S.D. Notts; G. Simpson, E. Loverseed, D. Ward, C. Hickling, J. Woollatt, E. T. Norris, and G. H. Pyatt, J.D. 411.

Visitors: Bros. F. W. Parsons, P.M. 402, P.G.J.W. Notts; M. Cowles, P.M. 411, P.P.G.S.W. Notts; R. Fitzhugh, P.M. 411, P.P.G.J.W. Notts; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Derbys; J. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Derbys; W. Wright, S.W. 1434, P.G. Org. Notts; H. W. Rice, W.M. 1435, P.G. Steward Notts; W. McCann, J.W. 859, P.P.G.D.C. Cambs.; W. M. Phelps, P.M. 1435, P.P.G.S. Works Notts; J. Taplis, W.M. 47; G. H. Hibbert, W.M. 1852; G. Cay, P.M. 802; R. H. Dean, P.M. 657; J. T. Spalding, W.M. 1909; G. S. Fish, 411; Rev. J. Farmer, 411; G. L. Andrews, 411; and E. B. Truman, 411.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Bro. G. H. Pyatt, J.D. 411, as a joining member, and for Mr. R. Underwood as a candidate for Freemasonry, both of which were unanimous. The W.M. proposed a vote of ten guineas from the lodge funds in aid of Bro. Watson's, D.P.G.M. Notts, list, as Steward for the next Girls' Festival, which was carried with acclamation.

The Prov. Grand Lodge Officers having entered in procession, were saluted in the usual manner. Bro. Gardner was then presented to the W.M. and Installing Officer by the I.P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, consisting of nineteen installed brethren, Bro. Gardner was most ably and impressively installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., who also delivered the usual charges. The addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren were given by Bro. Gilbert, who also in a few well-chosen words in the name of the lodge presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Norris, a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services in connection with the lodge, for which Bro. Norris briefly returned thanks. The jewel, which is of very rich and chaste design, was manufactured by Bro. Kenning, Little Britain, London.

The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. J. Norris, I.P.M.; Wigglesworth, S.W.; Gowthorpe, J.W.; Hancock, Treas.; Gilbert, Sec.; Elborne, S.D.; Bullock, J.D.; Ingram, M.C.; P. Truman, Org.; Cokayne, I.G.; Oakden and Loverseed, Stewards; and Glover, Tyler; which, we believe, gave general satisfaction. The Prov. Grand Officers shortly afterwards retired.

The lodge was closed by the W.M. and his officers in that able manner so conspicuous in this young but well worked lodge, and the brethren proceeded to banquet, which was of a most *recherché* kind, and supplied by the Hall Steward, Bro. J. Simpson.

The brethren having done ample justice to the good things placed before them, and gracesung, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and Officers of Grand Lodge," which were received with utmost loyalty and enthusiasm.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The P.G.M., the Duke of St. Albans; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Watson; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge," dwelt upon the services to Masonry of those brethren, especially of the D. Prov. Grand Master, whose working it was both a pleasure and a treat to witness. He also referred to the position the lodge had attained in the province, which was so high that at the last Prov. Grand Lodge no less than five members of the De Vere Lodge were appointed to different offices.

Bro. Parsons, P.J.G.W., responded to the toast, and heartily thanked the brethren for their kind reception of himself and officers, reviewed the working of the province for the past twenty years, and stated that, as in bygone days, it was common to get the work done in a slipshod manner, he was pleased to say it was now quite the reverse, and they had, in the working of the De Vere Lodge, that day seen an example of good work.

Bro. Wright, P.G.J.W. Derbyshire, having also responded, Bro. Parsons, in glowing terms, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and from the hearty and warm reception accorded to the toast it was quite evident it was as it should be, the toast of the evening.

The W.M., in a happy speech, suitably responded, and assured the brethren he would endeavour to uphold the dignity and honour of his high office.

The following toasts were also given and responded to: "The I.P.M.," by Bro. Towles, P.P.S.G.W.; "The Visitors," by Bro. Davis, P.G.S.D.; and responded to by Bros. Brown, P.G.S.D. Derbyshire; Cann, P.P.G.D.C. Cambridgeshire; and Dean, P.M. Canonbury Lodge; "The W.M.'s and P.M.'s of Lodges of Notts," by Bro. Wragg, P.G. Sec., and responded to by Bro. Toplis, W.M. 47; Ingram, W.M. 411; Rice, W.M. 1435; and Spalding, W.M. 1909.

Bro. Dodd, P.G. Org. Kent, proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. Gilbert responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were admirably carried out by Bro. Truman, Org., who was well supported by Bros. Pyatt, E. T. Norris, Oakden, E. B. Truman, H. J. Norris, Spalding, Wragg, and Bullock, the song of the last named being decidedly the "song of the evening."

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—On Friday evening, the 10th inst., a very large number of brethren attended a meeting of the above lodge of instruction for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the First Degree by Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and P.Z., the newly-appointed Preceptor of this lodge of instruction.

Bro. J. W. Watts, P.M. 507, opened the lodge, supported by the following as officers: Bro. Bué, S.W.; C. Peters, J.W.; J. S. Terry, P.M. and M.C. of the mother lodge, Sec.; Walden, S.D.; E. Francis, J.D.; and Hill, I.G. The members present were Bros. H. Baldwin, J.D. 1949 and Sec. 1777; J. Hill, M.C. 1658; A. McKay, 1620; C. D. Phillips; Geo. Clark, jun., I.P.M. 1777; F. J. Perks, G. J. Venables, J. Letchford, W. Lucas, F. Baxter, C. Patrick, J. D. Smith, J. Cox, P.M. 1339; F. Thurston, P.M. 72; and H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., P.M. 1777; and others.

The visitors were Bros. J. S. Plummer, 1558; E. Walker, 72; C. Sweet, 159; G. B. Wells, 1539; R. Poore, 1949; J. S. Stacey, 1572; C. J. Hill, A. Southam, H. J. Sharpe, 1669; J. A. Danks, 1669; F. W. Martin, 1765; J. Sargeant; A. T. Chambers, 650; C. M. Branden, 1563; G. Hubbard, 1922; G. Dixon, P.M. 172; and A. Darch, I.P.M. 72.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Bro. Stevens then proceeded to deliver his lecture, and the brethren gave most careful attention; indeed, all felt that a little discussion upon some points of ritual was likely to do much good, by interesting those who wish to do something more than repeat words as a parrot would, and to enable all to learn something of beauty of the ancient working. At the completion of the lecture, Bro. Bate was elected W.M. of the next meeting, and the following brethren were elected joining members, Bros. Danks, Martin, Sargeant, R. Poore, Walls, Brander, and Stacey.

Bro. H. Lovegrove proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens, and touched upon certain points in the lecture, affecting not only verbiage, but ceremonial, and expressed his pleasure that Bro. Stevens had taken so much trouble in preparing a lecture which ought to be heard in every lodge of instruction and carefully considered by the members. The vote of thanks was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The lodge was then closed and the members separated.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—At this lodge of instruction, held at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross, on Saturday last, the ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts., P.M., &c., &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Punctually at seven p.m. the lodge was opened by Bro. Terry and the following officers: Bros. J. J. Hutchings, P.M., S.W.; Waterman, P.M., J.W.; Styles, P.M., S.D.; Emblin, J.D.; Rev. Sturdee, Chaplain; Geo. Andrews, P.M., Preceptor and Treas., D.C.; Walter Martin, Sec.; Pordell, Org.; H. B. Taylor, I.G.; and A. B. Church, Tyler, in the presence of 112 other brethren comprising many Present and Past distinguished Prov. Grand Officers, &c., &c.

We have so often had to mention Bro. Terry's manner of working that on this occasion it is only necessary to say that he was at his best. The hymns, &c., incidental to the ceremony, had much effect from the care Bros. Powell, Gibson, Eaton, Osborn, Jobson, Stone, Tuck, and Holding had previously taken so as to be able to lead the brothers generally. The lodge board was carefully set out with silver plate and flowers kindly lent by Bro. Andrews and other brothers of the lodge.

Bro. J. J. Hutchings, P.M., S.W., having been installed into the chair of K.S. in due form, invested his officers in a manner marked with great ability.

Bro. Neal, P.M., in proposing a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Terry for attending, expressed on his own behalf and that of the brethren present the great Masonic treat they had experienced; for himself, he had never had a greater one.

Bro. Terry, in reply, stated that he was at all times ready to assist lodges of instruction. He had consecrated many lodges, but never presided over so many brethren as he had done that evening in a lodge of instruction. He thanked Bro. Walter Martin for the admirable manner in which all the arrangements had been carried out, even to the smallest details. He had to thank the brethren of the choir for the valuable assistance rendered, and if at any future time he could be of assistance he should only be too pleased to attend, and promote the future welfare of the lodge.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the W.M. called upon the brethren to give three cheers for the Queen on her safe deliverance from the hands of a would-be assassin, which was responded to in a manner worthy of Masons.

A few of the brethren afterwards entertained Bro. Terry at supper, provided by the genial host, Bro. Holding, Bro. Geo. Andrews, Preceptor, in the chair, when the vocal abilities of several of the brethren were again severely taxed, and one of the most successful and pleasant evenings in the annals of the Star Lodge of Instruction was brought to a happy and pleasant termination.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—This lodge met on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, as usual, to work, as had been arranged, the ceremony of installation. There was a large muster of the brethren, which numbered, amongst others, Bros. Saul, Preceptor; J. Hamer, I.P.M. of the mother lodge; Henry Wright, J. Rush, W. Paddle, W. Baber, Young, J. Baber, S.W.; W. Sibley, J.W.; Roberts, and Goodenough, Sec. The impressive ceremony was worked in a most perfect manner by Bro. Saul, W.M., for the evening, and elicited the warm approval of the members.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., the offices being filled as follows: Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Money, S.W.; Bue, J.W.; Clarkson, S.D.; Morris, J.W.; Vials, I.G.; Ludlow, Preceptor; Jas. Langton, Treas.; and J. D. Langton, Sec.; also Bros. Duret, Tanqueray, Shaw and Moore. Visitor: Bro. A. H. Garney. The lodge having been opened in the First Degree the minutes were read and confirmed, after which the lodge was opened in the Second Degree and resumed in the First, when Bro. Garland acting as candidate for the Second Degree answered the usual questions, and the lodge being then resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. Garland was passed to the Degree of F.C. After a call off Bro. Duret worked the Fourth Section of the Second Lecture, assisted by Bro. Money, and the First Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge being closed in the Second Degree, Bro. Money was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting; and Bro. Bue proposed Bro. A. H. Gurney of the Francis Bardett Lodge, No. 1503, whom Bro. Saunders seconded, and he was unanimously elected a member of this lodge of instruction, after which the lodge closed.

Bro. the Hon. C. Eliot, brother of Bro. the Earl of St. Germans, and the Hon. C. Edgcombe, brother of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, are likely to be the candidates for the vacant seat for the Eastern Division of Cornwall, caused by the succession of Bro. the Hon. T. Agar-Robartes to the peerage, on the death of his father, the late Bro. Lord Robartes.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).—The usual convocation was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Chapter was opened by Ex. Comp. F. Dunn, M.E.Z.; J. Nunn, P.Z. and Scribe E., as H.; and H. Lovegrove, H., as J. Ex. Comp. H. Lovett, P.Z., afterwards arrived, and there were also present Comps. Walker, Lewcock, Read, G. Edwards, A. O'Donnell, F. Thurston, S.N., and R. Potter, Tyler. Bro. G. F. Bates was duly exalted into R. A. Masonry. Comp. F. Thurston was elected J.

BEADON CHAPTER (No. 619).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 9th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street. Present: Comps. H. Thompson, M.E.Z.; Sharratt, H.; E. Coste, P.Z. (*pro tem*), J.; Green, P.Z.; S.E.; Seaman, P.Z.; Jacobs, P.Z.; and Wyers, P.Z.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Bond, of the Acacia Lodge, having been balloted for, and being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The next business was to elect the Audit Committee, when two companions were appointed, in addition to the usual officers, to perform that duty.

The next matter before the chapter was to elect the Principals for the ensuing year, and the result of the first ballot was the unanimous election of Comp. Sharratt as M.E.Z., and for that mark of their confidence and favour he returned his sincere thanks, promising to devote all his energies and by every means in his power to promote the interests and prosperity of the Beadon Chapter.

The election for the two other Principals then took place, which was equally unanimous in favour of Comp. Dodman, as H., and Comp. Carrington, as J. Comp. Dr. Primrose was elected as P.S., and Comp. Bond was nominated as A.S. Comp. A. Avery was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. W. H. Green as S.E. Comp. Bayin was re-elected as Janitor, and at the same time received the congratulations of the companions on his restoration to health.

It was then proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a P.Z.'s jewel, of the usual value, should be presented to the M.E.Z., Comp. Thompson, at the next convocation, on his retirement from that exalted position.

The M.E.Z., in a few sincere words, thanked the companions for that renewed mark of their kindness, which had continued ever since he had the honour of being numbered amongst them; and remarked that, although he had received other jewels, that one would be specially esteemed by him, reminding him—if indeed he required to be reminded at all—of the many happy hours he had spent with the companions of the Beadon Chapter.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet, at the conclusion of which the M.E.Z. gave the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts, which were all drunk with great cordiality.

Comp. Wyer, I.P.Z., said it gave him much pleasure to propose the toast of "The Health of Comp. Thompson, M.E.Z. of the chapter," and he spoke in high terms of the manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. He asked the companions to join with him in drinking the toast he had proposed, a request that was responded to with the utmost cordiality.

The M.E.Z. in responding, expressed his gratitude to Comp. Wyer for the very complimentary terms in which he had proposed his health, and he also thanked the companions for the hearty manner in which they had accepted that toast, but he scarcely believed that he was deserving of all the encomiums which had been passed upon him, again he thanked them for the token of their approbation which they had voted to him that evening. When he joined the noble band of P.Z.'s he should still continue to do anything that he could to promote the interests of the chapter, and maintain the prestige of it by every means in his power.

The next toast was "The P.Z.'s of the Chapter," and the M.E.Z. said he should feel proud when he joined that body, who had for years now enjoyed the esteem of the companions. He asked them to join him in drinking the health of Comps. Coste, Wyer, Seaman, Jacobs, and Green, P.Z.'s of the chapter.

Comps. Wyer, Seaman, Coste, Green and Jacobs severally returned thanks, the latter alluding with feelings of satisfaction to the time, now upwards of twenty years ago, when he used to meet the M.E.Z. in lodges of instruction, and expressed the pleasure that he experienced when he found that he was exalted in the Beadon Chapter.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Health of the M.E.Z. Elect," and said that he believed a better choice could not have been made, for he knew that Comp. Sharratt had sincerely the interest of the chapter at heart, and would well acquit himself in the dignified position to which he had been elected.

Comp. Sharratt thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind and complimentary terms in which he had spoken of him, and promised to do all in his power to carry out in an efficient manner the duties which would devolve upon him.

The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Health of Comp. Alfred Avery," their esteemed Treasurer. He expressed the sorrow he felt that he was unable in consequence of illness to be with them, as he fully intended to be present with them that evening. He had great pleasure on the one hand in proposing this toast, but it was somewhat tinged with melancholy on the other, on account of the cause which had kept him from them. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Avery for many years, not only as a teacher of Freemasonry, but as one who was always ready to do anything that lay in his power for the benefit of the Craft. He asked the companions to join with him in drinking a toast that he was sure would meet with their acceptance, which was a speedy restoration to health of Comp. Avery, and to assure him that all the companions deeply sympathised with him in his illness, and wishing him a speedy restoration to health. This toast was drunk with the greatest cordiality.

The M.E.Z. said that perhaps their Comp. Green, S.E., would convey to Bro. Avery the feelings of the chapter to him, and he said he should most cheerfully do so, but Comp. Myer said he should see him on the following day, and he was quite sure that he would be much pleased at the kind feelings which the companions had expressed towards him.

The M.E.Z. then gave the remaining toasts, which brought a very happy and harmonious meeting to a close. Comp. E. Coste, P.Z. (in the absence of the Janitor), giving the closing toast.

Mark Masonry.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The chair was taken by the W. Bro. T. J. Pulley, P.M., Grand Senior Deacon, Prov. Grand Sec. Berks and Oxon, W.M., while among those present were Bros. W. T. Clarke, S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; S. Peters, M.O.; G. Smith, P.M., Treas.; R. Paige, S.O.; W. G. Bayliss, Sec.; A. Burrows, R.O.M.; E. Bridges, J.D.; T. Holloway, J.S.; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; W. Hudson, P.M.; W. Roe, H. W. G. Abell, P. Chargois, C. J. Carter, S. R. Legg, C. Golding, J. Newman, W. T. Evershed, W. Newsome, and the following visitors: Bros. D. M. Dewar, Sec. 72; T. W. Adams, P.G.S., 223; T. Cubitt, P.G.S.O., 1; F. H. Cozers, P.G.O., P.M. 104; H. S. Goodall, J.O. 239; F. Willard, Treas. 104; and J. Harrison, P.P.G.M.O., P.M. 62.

The lodge having been formally opened, the report of the General Purposes Committee and the balance-sheet were received and adopted. Bro. S. R. Legg was unanimously elected a joining member from the Keystone Lodge, No. 108. The chief business of the afternoon, the installation of Bro. W. T. Clarke (P.G. Steward, P. Prov. G. Sec., S.W.), as W.M., was impressively performed by the retiring W.M. The newly-elected W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. S. Peters, S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; R. Paige, M.O.; T. Packham, S.O.; G. Smith, Treas.; E. Bridges, Sec.; Baylis, J.O.; J. Braithwaite, D. of C.; H. E. Cox, R.O.M.; R. B. Y. Powell, S.D.; Rose-Johnson, Chap.; A. Burrows, J.D.; T. Holloway, I.G.; W. Roe, Org.; C. J. Carter and R. B. Higham, Stewards; T. Hughes, Tyler; and H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler.

Business being ended and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of Bro. W. T. Clarke, W.M. The *post-prandial* proceedings were of a hearty character.

The W.M. gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," a toast which was enthusiastically received. He then submitted "H.M.W.G.M.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, the R.W. Dep. G.M.M. and Grand Officers Present and Past."

Bro. Dewar, Grand Assistant Secretary, replied.

The toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M.M., the V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M.M. of the Province of Sussex, and Officers of Prov. G.M. Lodge Present and Past," given from the chair, was acknowledged by Bro. W. Hudson.

Bro. Pulley, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge," spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Bro. Clarke had devoted himself to Mark Masonry. While regretting his leaving Brighton, he was pleased to find that he had secured a higher sphere of labour, and that he would be present at their lodge meetings.

The W.M. responded, and testified to the pleasure he felt in being honoured by elevation to the chair of the Royal Sussex Lodge.

The W.M. gave "The Past Masters of the Royal Sussex Lodge," to which Bros. W. Hudson, G. Smith, and J. Harrison responded.

"The Visitors," proposed by Bro. G. Smith, was acknowledged by Bros. Dewar and Cubitt. A number of apologies were read, viz., Bros. Frederick Binckes, G. Sec.; Levander, G. Reg.; Dr. Trollope, Prov. G.M.; Lord Arthur W. Hill, Dep. Prov. G.M., G.S.W., &c.; Duke, W.M. 100; McWhinnie, W.M. 103; Piddock, P.M. 100; Capt. Braithwaite, J. Pearson, G. R. Lockyer, and S. T. Foats, P.M.'s; Rev. J. Rose-Johnson, Prov. G. Chap., and others.

Bro. J. Harrison proposed "The Installing Master," to which Bro. Pulley replied.

"The Mark Benevolent Fund," introduced by the W.M., was acknowledged by Bro. Dewar, who gave some interesting particulars of the management of the funds.

In proposing "The Officers," Bro. Clarke urged upon his colleagues a faithful discharge of their duties.

Bro. Peters responded.

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. F. H. Cozers, P.G.O.; W. Roe, Org.; and C. J. Carter, Bros. Cozers and Roe acting as accompanists. Bro. R. Paige gave a recitation.

Obituary.

BRO. LORD ROBARTES.

It is with sincere regret that we have learned of the death of Bro. Lord Robartes, which occurred on the 9th inst., at his house, 1, Dean-street, Park-lane, at the age of seventy-three. The deceased nobleman never recovered the shock he received at the death of his wife, just after the fire which destroyed his mansion, Lanhedock House, last year. His lordship was called to the Upper House in 1869. Previous to that he represented, as Mr. Agar Robartes, the Eastern Division of Cornwall in the House of Commons, from 1847 to 1868, in which year he resigned, owing to defective eyesight. He was greatly beloved through the county, and as a landlord was most popular. He was a large subscriber to benevolent and philanthropic institutions in his county. His son, the Hon. T. Agar-Robartes, succeeds to the title and estates, thus causing a vacancy in the division of East Cornwall, he having succeeded his father as M.P. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Lanhedock, near Bodmin. The mayor and corporation of Bodmin attended officially, and among the mourners were the present Lord and Lady Robartes, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Sir John St. Aubyn, M.P., Bro. W. C. Borlase, M.P., and others. The body was interred in the vault built last summer for the late Lady Robartes, whose death resulted from the shock caused by the burning of the family mansion.

BRO. MEADWAY, P.M. 704.

We regret to announce the death, from typhoid fever and bronchitis, of Bro. Meadway, P.M. Camden Lodge, 704. He was buried on Wednesday at Abney Park Cemetery, and his funeral was attended by many members of the Craft, amongst whom were Bros. J. N. Frost, P.M. 228, 704, and 805, and P.Z. 753; Rogers, W.M. 704; Morrill, P.M. 704; E. W. Yeung, P.M. and Sec. 704; Sheppard, Gladall, Miller, Bindon, Byard, Gray, P.M., Westly, Hehl, Trinder, and Evers, all of 704. Our lamented brother was initiated in November, 1862, was elected W.M. in 1869, and again served the office of Master in 1878. By his untimely decease the Camden Lodge has lost one of its most respected and able Past Masters.



Bro. C. Wyndham has again produced another Criterion success; but it is a success because Bro. Wyndham is the moving spirit in it. "Fourteen Days," by Bro. Bryon, is not one of the best of this piquant play writer, but for all this, in the hands of Bro. Wyndham, it is likely to run as long as he desires to keep it there. As Toole's pieces are always of the same kind, as the Alhambra invariably gives the public grand fairy spectacles and gorgeous ballets, and the Adelphi sensational dramas, so does the Criterion put before us amusing comedy; and they cannot do better than keep to that style, as our country cousins know what to expect at these theatres when they come to town. *Mr. Peregrine Porter* has unfortunately assaulted a policeman, and is summoned before the magistrate. He is on bail, but is certain he cannot escape with a fine, but will have fourteen days. To prevent his wife knowing it he tells her he is summoned abroad. He postpones the wedding of his wife's sister, although he has no objection to her intended husband. A young barrister has fallen in love also with the lady, and promises to assist *Mr. Porter* legally. In prison, *Mr. Porter* finds himself under a most peculiar governor, who paints, plays the guitar, and is aesthetic. Our barrister friend knows the governor of the jail, and offers to take *Porter's* place in the hopes of getting his consent to his marrying his sister-in-law, but this is rather too much; however, the governor allows him to remain in prison with *Porter*. But a droll scene occurs when the governor is suddenly superseded by another, who at once sends the amateur to real convict labour. At last they both come out. *Mr. Porter* returns home, having gathered a few words of Italian from a dictionary, but his sister-in-law has been learning in his absence to converse with him, and finds he knows nothing. When his wife asks about Venice, he replies it is nothing to see, and Rome not "worth going across the street for," but is unable to give a straightforward answer to any question. It is unnecessary to say that *Mr. Porter* and *Mr. Gibson*, the barrister, have to tell a number of falsehoods to try and screen themselves; but as "murder will out," the more they lie the more they entangle themselves. Of course it ends well. *Spoonbill* marries the sister-in-law, the barrister does not. Miss *Vining*, as the maid-servant, shows a good deal of promise. *Mr. Standing*, as *Delarivell*, the prison governor, specially distinguishes himself. *Mr. Blakeley*, as *Brammles*, the stockbroker, is amusing to the last degree. *Mr. Golden* exhibits power of a high order; *Mr. Lytton Sothern* (*Spoonbill*) for his sketch of the spongy lover deserves commendation; Miss *M. Rorke* (*Mrs. Porter*) is very womanly in her position as the wronged wife; Miss *K. Rorke*, as her sister, uses every opportunity to display her talent. But it is *Mr. Charles Wyndham*, the lesser, who makes the piece; his abundant experience of the stage enables him to elaborate a singularly natural study of an excited man's efforts to conceal his emotions. "Fourteen Days" is quite likely to run fourteen months. The audience is kept in a continual titter from beginning to end. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince and the Princess of Wales, attended by their suite, honoured the performance by their presence on Monday.

On Monday at the Royalty, to a most appreciative audience, "Meg's Diversion" was introduced by Miss Hilda Hilton, who has recently become lessee of this house. It was her first appearance on the stage since her medical adviser ordered her entire rest a few weeks ago. This comedy drama is familiar to all play goers, and if it is not it ought to be. Although well worn it is not nearly worn out. Its popularity is easily explained, its sympathetic story, its simple construction, and the fact that the whole of the characters are interesting, are, no doubt, the reasons. The part of *Meg* is sustained by Miss Hilton with admirable success, perhaps this being most marked when *Meg* finds out what are the effects of her practical joke on *Jasper Pigson*, who is, if a rough mechanic, a true and warm lover. It might do some ladies good to see it, and learn that a man's heart may not be trifled with without injury to himself and remorse to the woman. But *Meg's* heartfelt repentance after her "diversion" atones for pinning the label "engaged" on the back of *Jasper* and letting him go out in the street with it on, not having one bit of affection for him then. But her very diversion and his constancy change her entirely. Bro. J. G. Taylor, as *Jasper*, moved the spectators in an unmistakable manner by his rendering of the character. *Mr. Everill*, as *Farmer Crag*, was perhaps the next best, such a get up is to be met with any day in Buckinghamshire or any other agricultural county. Miss *Evelyn*, as *Cornelia*, does what she has to do in a most perfect manner, and looks very pretty. *Mr. Mansfield* and *Mr. F. Irving* also deserve the applause accorded to the company. The latter's impersonation of the Exeter solicitor is extremely amusing. "Philo" still holds its own as the burlesque, but another is being prepared by *Mr. Frank Green* to be brought on after Easter. Bro. Harry Hitchens, as manager, and *Mr. Anderson*, his obliging assistant, are no doubt indispensable personages to Miss Hilton.

Bro. Hollingshead will to-night bring out a new burlesque at the Opera Comique, entitled "Venus," Miss Julia Volkins and Miss Lottie Harcourt are engaged for it. The latter will play *Adonis*.

The annual benefit in aid of the Royal General Theatrical Fund will take place on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, which has been generously placed at the disposal of the Fund for the occasion by Bro. Aug. Harris. The programme of the entertainment is, as usual, most comprehensive and varied, and includes the third act of "The Lights of London," "The Spitalfields Weaver," a scene from "Aladdin," an act of "Mother-in-law," and the original Aesthetic Quadrille. Bro. Ledger, proprietor of the *Era*, is the chairman.



It may be regarded as an evidence of great judgment on the part of M. Marius, manager of the new Avenue Theatre, to mark the opening night of this addition to our metropolitan theatres by the revival of that eminently popular comic opera, Offenbach's "Madame Favart." The house was a crowded and enthusiastic one, and the cast excellent, while the orchestra played the familiar music very efficiently, under the direction of Mr. J. S. Hillier. Miss Florence St. John gained, if possible, additional reputation by her charming representation of *Madame Favart*, and Miss Wadman scored an undoubted success as *Suzanne*, her conception of the part being meritorious, and, as proved by the applause it evoked, in every way acceptable. M. Marius, whose reception in the double capacity of manager and artist left nothing to be desired, played the part of *Charles Favart* with much vivacity, in spite of the cold and hoarseness from which he was suffering, and for which an apology was circulated. Mr. F. Leslie, as the *Marquis de Pont Sablé*, Mr. Bracy, as *Hector*, Mr. Everard, as *Cotignac*, and Mr. C. Ashford, as *Biscotin*, met with an appreciative reception, the scenery and costumes were admirable, and, in short, the performance throughout was most warmly received, all the better known and more popular parts of the opera being most enthusiastically encored. It should be added that their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales graced the theatre with their presence on the occasion.

On Monday, the Carl Rosa Opera Company, having concluded their season at Her Majesty's, opened at the National Standard Theatre for a fortnight's round of performances. This is quite in keeping with the character of the Bros. Douglass, whose enterprise in securing for their East-end patrons whatever is more than usually excellent in drama and opera is too well-known and too generally appreciated to require any comment.

There was a large attendance at the performance at the Bow and Bromley Institute of Dr. G. A. Macfarren's Cantata, "The Lady of the Lake," by Mr. M'Naught's choir of 130 voices, the solo parts being successfully given by Miss Lacom, Bro. Barton McGuckin, &c.

Sir Julius Benedict's music, written expressly for "Romeo and Juliet," as revived last week at the Lyceum Theatre, not only harmonises most completely with the scenes of this magnificent representation, but is of itself most fresh and delightful, and possesses a vigour and individuality worthy of the composer's best efforts.

Mr. Cowen's "Scandinavian" Symphony experienced as brilliant and enthusiastic a reception when performed at Pesh on the 1st inst., under the immediate direction of the composer, as it had previously at Vienna. He has been invited by Herr Richter to write a new work for the next season of the Vienna Philharmonic Society.

The next Students' Concert of the Royal Academy of Music will take place this (Saturday) evening, at the Academy, Tenterden-street, Hanover-square, Mr. William Shakespeare, conductor.

Madame Schumann, whose reception at the Monday and Saturday "Pops" has been of the most enthusiastic character, and, indeed, was the principal feature last week at those admirable concerts, will take part at the Philharmonic Society's Fourth Concert, on Thursday next, at St. James's Hall, this being the only occasion on which this brilliant pianist will appear during the present season with an orchestra.

On Wednesday next will be produced at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, Berlioz's "Faust." Dr. Stainer will preside at the organ; Mr. Barnby will conduct, and the orchestra will be largely increased, hand and chorus making one thousand. Madame Marie Roze and Mr. Verron Rigby are among the principal vocalists.

Last night (Friday) being the anniversary of St. Patrick, a grand Irish festival was to be given at the Royal Albert Hall.

On next Monday's "Pop" will be performed Beethoven's quartett in C sharp minor, Mozart's pianoforte trio in E flat, Tartini's "Il Trillo del Diavolo," for violin, with pianoforte accompaniment, and Chopin's Ballade in G minor, for pianoforte alone. Mdlle. Marie Krebs and MM. Joachim, L. Ries, Strauss, and Piatti will be the executants; vocalist, Mr. Abercrombie.

Mr. Sims Reeves's last concert, before resuming his farewell tour in the provinces, will take place at St. James's Hall, on Tuesday next. A very admirable programme is announced, to which such eminent artists as Madame Patey, Madame Arabella Goddard, Mr. Herbert Reeves, Mr. Barrington Foote, and the beneficiary himself, will contribute.

The enthusiastic reception accorded to Madame Schumann on her first appearance at the Monday and Saturday "Pops" last week was repeated on Monday, when a Fantaisie Stucke, by her late husband, for pianoforte, violin, and violoncello was performed for the first time under Mr. Chappell's auspices. Madame Schumann presided at the pianoforte, to which prominence is given throughout the work, while Herr Joachim and Signor Piatti were respectively violin and violoncello. The rest of the programme included Beethoven's sonata in E flat, which the same lady played to perfection, and two quartets, Schubert's in D minor, and Haydn's in G major. Miss Santley was the vocalist, and more refined and artistic singing could not have been desired.



Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales took the chair at the annual meeting of the City and Guilds of London Technical Institute, on Monday, at Mercers' Hall, Cheapside. A large crowd, which seriously inconvenienced the traffic in Cheapside, assembled outside to see H.R.H. depart. So full was Mercers' Hall, that arriving somewhat late, we were unable to get inside the room. The Lord Chancellor moved the adoption of the report, which was taken as read. His lordship referred to Bro. the Duke of Albany having laid the foundation stone of the City School, in Cowper-street, Finsbury, in May last, and to Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales having done the same in July, at South Kensington, where the central institution will be. Both buildings are being rapidly completed. Bro. the Lord Mayor seconded the adoption of the report. Bro. Sir Sidney Waterlow was re-appointed Treasurer. Lord Selborne and Sir F. Bramwell respectively moved and seconded a vote of thanks to Bro. H.R.H., who, in responding, assured the meeting of his warm interest in the movement.

Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, has announced his intention of lighting the new Law Courts with incandescent electric lights.

Mr. R. A. Proctor, in the last number of *Naturalist*, has a highly interesting article on the "Great Pyramid," which he speaks of as the "great observatory of Egypt—the most perfect ever made till telescopic art revealed a way of exact observation without those massive structures." Two illustrations accompany the article, in one of which the Pyramid Observatory is shown in section. "The direction lines for the midday sun at midsummer, midwinter, and the equinoxes are shown; also the lines to the two stars, Alpha Draconis and Alpha Centauri, are given at the sub-polar meridional passage of the former, and the meridional passage of the latter, at the date when the descending and ascending passages thus commanded both these stars." This date, he it added, is 3400 B.C., and Mr. Proctor remarks, "Within fifty years or so on either side of this date, the Pyramid must, I should think, have been built;" the later date, when Alpha Draconis was at the right distance from the Pole, namely, 2170 B.C., being unanimously rejected by Egyptologists on the ground of its being too late for "the date of the Pyramid King." In this case it follows that the Great Pyramid is 5200 years old, there or thereabouts.

On Monday evening a "conversazione" exhibition of pictures, and distribution of prizes was held in the Town Hall, Chester, in aid of the funds of the Chester School of Art Society. The Countess Grosvenor gave away the prizes, and the Duke of Westminster, who accompanied her, delivered an address on the advantages of such a society, and expressed his regret that it did not receive a greater amount of support.

It is said that Mr. Edison has invented an improved kind of arc lamp which combines the requisite degree of steadiness with the utmost brilliancy. This object has been achieved by fitting into the new lamp a small electro-motor, which causes the "candle" to make no less than 3000 revolutions a minute, thus ensuring absolute equality. The electric current is thus made to perform the threefold duty of supplying the light, turning the electro magnet, and forming the arc. It is to be hoped this new lamp will be exhibited at the Crystal Palace some time during the present exhibition.

Under the will of the late Mr. John Jones, of 95, Piccadilly, who died on 7th January, the South Kensington Museum comes into possession of a rare collection of pictures in oil and water, miniatures, vases, ornamental china, articles of vertu in gold and silver, snuff boxes, caskets, articles in ivory, crystal, ebony, cabinets, tables, chairs, and other valuable furniture in Sevres, marqueterie, &c., and all his printed books not otherwise disposed of. A proviso is attached to the gift, to the effect that the articles are to be kept together, so as to form one collection, and are not to be distributed over various parts of the Museum or lent for exhibition.

The death is announced of the Rev. Thomas Jarrett, M.A., of St. Catherine's College, Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University of Cambridge.

It is with regret we announce the sudden death on Friday Morning last of Sir C. Vyville Thompson, at his residence, near Linnithgow. The deceased, who had just completed his fifty-second year, had filled the chair of Professor of Mineralogy and Geology in Queen's College, Belfast, and that of Regius Professor of Natural History at the University of Edinburgh, but he will be best remembered for the part he played in the scientific dredging expeditions in the Lightning and Porcupine, and especially as chief of the scientific department of the famous Challenger deep-sea exploring expedition, which was fitted out by the British Government, and was absent close on three years and a half. For his services on the last occasion the honour of Knighthood was conferred upon him. He has left behind him accounts of these expeditions as memorials of his great scientific attainments.

The latest novelty at the Electric Light Exhibition at the Crystal Palace is the opening of a suite of apartments consisting of a boudoir with drawing, dining, and smoking rooms, which are lighted by the electric light, the object being to show the applicability to domestic purposes of this mode of illumination.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present at Mr. Maybridge's exhibition at the Royal Institution, Albemarle-street, on Monday, of his instantaneous photographs of animals in motion.



Bro. H.R.H. the Grand Master held a levée at St. James's Palace, on behalf of the Queen, on Friday, the 10th inst., at which were present Bros. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Earl of Breadalbane, the Marquis of Hamilton, Lord Kensington, M.P., Col. Stanley, M.P., and the Marquis of Huntingdon, M.P. Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane presented Lieut. A. Blackburn, Cameron Highlanders; Bro. the Duke of Connaught Lieut.-Col. Lorking, on being appointed extra quartermaster to H.R.H.; Lieut. St. Clair O'Malley, London Irish Volunteers, was presented by Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, colonel of the regiment; Bro. the Lord Mayor presented Mr. J. R. S. Vine, clerk of the Leathersellers' Company. The levée was also attended by Bro. the Dukes of Abercorn and Manchester, the Marquis of Headfort, the Earls of Hardwicke, Dalhousie, March, and Northesk; Lords Balfour of Burleigh and Sulfield, Sir William T. Chorley, E. H. Lechmere, Matthew Ridley, and Erasmus Wilson, Baron H. de Worms, Canon Baynes, Ex-Sheriff Waterlow, Fitzherbert Wright, Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; General Studholme Brownrigg; and Major E. T. Rodney Wilde, T.H.R. 1827.

Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P., Comptroller of the Household, was one of the representatives, along with the Premier and the Home Secretary, chosen by the House of Commons to present the loyal address to the Queen from the lower House of Parliament, on the occasion of the congratulations of Her Majesty's escape from the hand of the assassin.

The Countess of Stanhope held her reception at the family mansion, Grosvenor-place, on Saturday evening. Her Masonic guests included Bros. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.; Col. Taylor, M.P.; Admiral Sir John Dalrymple Hay, Bart.; Sir Thomas Erskine May, and Baron de Worms, M.P.

Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., chairman of the South-Eastern Railway, placed a special train on Saturday morning at the disposal of the Premier and a number of friends, who left Charing Cross at 8.30, to visit the Channel Tunnel works between Dover and Folkestone. Bro. Montague Guest, M.P.; J. F. B. Firth, M.P., and Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., were amongst the party. Bro. Myles Fenton, general manager, accompanied the party.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., preached at the Chapel Royal Savoy on Monday evening last.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Ph. de Keyser, C.C., and J. Lorkin, attended the anniversary dinner of the Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institution, at the Albion, on the 7th inst.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., Mr. R. B. Martin, M.P., and Sir Charles Mills, B.C., M.P., are members of the Select Committee to serve on the Bills of the Exchange Bill.

Bro. Horace Jones, 1827, occupied the chair at the last meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The twelfth annual grand ball will take place on Wednesday, the 12th of April next, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the distinguished patronage of Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs, in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage.

On Monday, the 27th inst., the ceremony of installation will be worked in the Tredgar Lodge of Instruction, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, by Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 633, on which occasion the attendance of Masters and Past Masters is particularly invited.

We regret to announce the death on Wednesday last, at Sunderland, of Bro. W. H. Crookes, for twenty years Provincial Grand Secretary for Durham.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., introduced Colonel Miles, the new member for Malmesbury, in the House of Commons on the 9th inst.

It is with pleasure we have learned the opinion of a Bishop of the Church of England on Freemasonry. A short time since, a London curate wished to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, but finding the lodge he wished to join met on an evening on which he ought to be engaged in clerical duties, he consulted his diocesan as to what he should do. The Bishop of London told him he admired Freemasonry, and would not put any obstacle in the way of his joining, and though he would have preferred a lodge meeting on another night, as this one would only take him away but seldom, there could be no reason why he should not become a member. Our friend has acted on his lordship's advice and lately was initiated.

Bro. H. De Keyser, C.C., is fitting up the large new wing recently built to the Royal Hotel, at the end of the Thames Embankment, with furniture from J. Shoolbred and Co., Tottenham Court-road. When opened, we shall hope to give some description of this magnificent building. It is the largest hotel in the kingdom belonging to a private individual, and it is no mean addition to the buildings on the London Boulevard, or any other part of London. We hope Bro. Keyser will have sufficient tenants to occupy the numerous suites of rooms he is providing.

Bros. the Lord Mayor and Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Mr. Sheriff Ogg will attend St. Margaret's, Lothbury, to-morrow (Sunday), when a sermon will be preached by the rector, Rev. Harvey Brooks, on behalf of the Bishop of London's Fund. It was in this church Canon Melville delivered his famous golden lectures.

Lady Brand held a reception at the Speaker's House after the full-dress *levée* dinner of the 8th inst., the following guests being amongst those comprised in her ladyship's company: Bros. the Earl of Onslow, the Earl of Galloway, the Lord Mayor, Sir Bartle Frere, Col. Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P.; Sir Thos. Erskine May, H. Brassey, M.P.; Mr. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P.; and Bro. Baron de Worms, M.P.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie has taken charge of the Deceased Wife Sister's Bill in the House of Lords for this session.

Lady Bective, wife of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., appeared at the recent drawing room in a dress of black nun's cloth. A thick quadruple *ruche* of lace edged the skirt below the flounces. A tiara of diamond and large pearls. A train of black satin and lined with black nun's cloth. The train hung from the waist. It will be recollected the Countess of Bective has taken a deep interest in the manufacture of English goods, and wishes to set the fashion of wearing national materials in preference to foreign articles. We think this will interest our lady readers, for whose special benefit we give it.

Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., has been appointed by the Queen Adjutant-General of the forces, to date from April 1st.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa continues to improve in health, and took a drive at the beginning of this week.

The members of the Junior Garrick Club entertained Bro. the Lord Mayor recently at dinner at their house in Adelphi-terrace. We announced in these columns that such a dinner would take place. Bro. C. W. Thompson, the portly and genial Past Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, presided, and was supported by Bros. Sir Frederick Perkins, Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott, Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, Charles Warner, J. L. Toole, Arthur Swanborough (S. Asaph), T. Thorne, T. Beard, C.C., Barrow Emanuel, 1827, P.M. of the Pattenmakers' Company, also Edgar Bruce and C. Ledger.

In celebration of the anniversary of the wedding day of Bro. H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, which occurred on the 10th inst., their Royal Highnesses gave a ball at Marlborough House. This year it was given to children. In most cases the parents of the children were invited also. The three Princesses of Wales and the three Princes and Princesses, children of the Duke and Duchess of Teck, were amongst the large company, as were also the children of the following brethren of the Craft: Bros. the Marquis of Bath, Earl Granville, the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lytton, the Earl of March, the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, the Marquis of Tweeddale, Lord Sulfield, Earl Hardwicke, Lord Wimborne, Colonel Stanley, M.P. Bro. Montagu Guest, M.P., was included in the guests. Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton was in attendance on the Prince of Wales. Coote and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. Coote, performed the selection of music.

A City contemporary announced on Saturday last that the Lord Mayor would dine at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 15th inst., with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and afterwards with the Bankers and Merchants at the Mansion House. Now, is not this rather hard on the Lord Mayor? A worthy Alderman recently in a speech at a civic banquet pleaded pathetically on behalf of the Lord Mayor's digestion, and not without reason if he has to undertake two banquets on the same evening. We are happy, however, in being able to assure the many friends of our distinguished brother that they need not lie under any apprehension; the first engagement was simply a meeting of Grand Lodge, presided over by the M.W. the Grand Master, to express the loyal feelings of the Craft at the late dastardly attempt on Her Majesty's life, and we trust our Bro. the Lord Mayor enjoyed his banquet with the Bankers and Merchants all the more after those laudable proceedings.

Bro. the Lord Mayor attended public supping at Christ's Hospital on Thursday.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, at the Black Horse, York-street, Westminster, at 7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 29th inst., by the Preceptor, Bro. T. F. Wray, P.M. 1604, and S.D. 1257. Brethren interested in the ceremony, and others, are sure of a welcome.

Bros. G. A. Sida and Edward Yates are on the committee of the Falstaff Club, which was opened on the 14th inst. Sir Edward Reed, K.C.B., F.R.S., M.P., is the chairman. The Maharajah Duleep Singh, the Earl of Dunraven, and Bro. the Earl of Westmoreland, are also on the committee. The Club is formed, as its name indicates, for social amusement of the members. It is intended to give concerts and dramatical performances.

Bro. W. G. Horneastle, as Organist, rendered most valuable services at the concert given by the London Sunday School Choir at the Albert Hall on the 8th inst. There was a large attendance, and some 1600 elder scholars and teachers formed a choir, and with the organ accompaniment, sang so effectively as to elicit repeated encores. The organization originated amongst the teachers in Poplar, where Bro. J. W. Rindell has greatly interested himself, and now it has the co-operation of all parts of London. Bro. Sir A. Lusk, Bart., M.P., is its President, and it may be remarked that it tends not only to cultivate a taste for sacred singing, but to promote unity amongst the various sects so much desired.

Bro. Richard Brown, P.G. Treasurer, having resigned the office of Hon. Secretary of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, a position he has held for about ten years with a zeal, tact, and ability which have largely contributed to the success of the charity, it has been thought desirable that some suitable recognition of his invaluable services should be made on the occasion of his retirement. A committee has been formed for the purpose of carrying out this object, and subscriptions (limited to one guinea) will be received and acknowledged by Bros. J. B. Mackenzie, P.M. Treas. 1009, Chairman; J. Kellett Smith, P. Prov. G.R., Treasurer; Henry A. Tobias, Prov. G. Sup. of Wks., Secretary. It is proposed in the first instance to present Bro. Brown with a Vice-Presidency of the Institution with which his name has been so closely identified, but it will doubtless be felt that, as some recognition of his eminent services, the testimonial should take a wider scope.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor on Tuesday attended by invitation with the Lady Mayoress the opening of the Falstaff Club, after being present at the assault of arms of the London Rifle Brigade, at Cannon-street Hotel.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught dined on Thursday week, after the *levée*, with Lord Carrington, the captain, and the other officers of the corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms at their mess at St. James's Palace.

In the course of his speech at the overseer's dinner, at the Town Hall, Hackney, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., the chairman, Bro. H. S. Goodall, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Queen and the Royal Family," alluded to that evening being the anniversary of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, asking that the toast should be drunk with all possible enthusiasm. After being received with great acclamation by the company, the chairman had a telegraph sent to F. Knollys, Esq., informing their Royal Highnesses that the company present had just most heartily drunk their healths, and, through their chairman, begged to offer their sincere congratulations, to which the following reply was received: "Have submitted your telegram to Prince and Princess of Wales, and am desired to thank you for your kind congratulations."

The following acknowledgment of the address from the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, Windsor, to Her Majesty the Queen (which we published last week) has been received: "Windsor Castle, March 10th, 1881. Sir,—I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will convey to the brethren who signed the address transmitted by you Her Majesty's thanks for their kind and loyal congratulations.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, Henry F. Ponsonby.—John Carter, Esq."

Bro. Henry Wright took part in a debate on Monday, held in the Head Master's study at Christ's Hospital, of the Grecians' Debating Society, when a motion was brought forward condemnatory of the City Companies. Mr. Harris, Mr. Meek, and other Grecians spoke, the former, with Bro. Wright, upholding their usefulness, and challenging any enquiry into their management, although neither held the right of any public body to institute such enquiry. The motion was lost by a large majority.

Bro. Lord Brabourne will preside at the Festival Dinner, at Willis's Rooms, on May 6th, of the News-vendor's Benevolent and Provident Institution.

Bro. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., gave a lecture at Birmingham on Thursday on "Land," in which he advocated a reform of the law of entail.

Bro. C. W. Peters will be installed W.M. of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Wednesday next.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., has consented to take the chair at the East India Association's meeting, when a paper will be read on "By whom is India Governed," by Mr. DaCosta.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was a visitor at the gardens of the Zoological Society on Monday. About 4000 persons that day had an audience of Jumbo.

Bro. Deputy Brass presided at a dinner of the Bridge House Estates Committee on Friday. Bros. Alderman Fowler, M.P., A. J. Altman, C.C., and W. Lyon were amongst the diners.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., has accepted the mastership of the East Surrey Foxhounds, which hunt twice a week.

We regret to announce the death of Lady Roberts, mother of Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts, and widow of the late gallant Sir Abraham Roberts, himself a distinguished Afghan hero. Lady Roberts, after being in town for the day, went to her apartments in Hampton Court Palace, where she was attacked by apoplexy, became unconscious, and remained so until her death on the 7th inst.

Bro. W. Tunstall Clarke, P. Prov. G. Sec., was on Tuesday last installed as W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Masters, at Brighton.

Bro. the Lord Mayor will lay the foundation stone of the new City of London College on a site close to the Moorgate-street Station, on Friday, the 31st inst. This institution has been of great service during the thirty-three years it has been in existence, developing the abilities and stimulating the energies of 40,000 young men employed in the metropolis. The cost of the building will be £15,000, towards which £7000 has been subscribed, and the Lord Mayor has issued an appeal for contributions. Bro. W. H. Saunders is the financial secretary to the Building Fund.

At the recent annual staff dinner of the School Board for London it was a matter of regret that illness prevented the chief, Mr. G. H. Croad, B.A., from presiding. His place, however, was very efficiently taken, at short notice, by Bro. E. H. Bramley, head of the minuting department. The proceedings were of the usual kind, but there was a very pleasant interpolation which will interest members of the Craft. At a brief interval, the Chairman read a list of names of gentlemen with whom he desired to take wine, explaining that those invited would understand why they were called upon, and those who were not would doubtless accept his assurance that there was sufficient reason for his conduct. We need hardly say here that the names—ranging from inspectors down to a very humble individual in the Board's service—were those of brethren in the Craft, and illustrated the eclecticism of Freemasonry in a most marked manner. Bro. Bramley's geniality—always conspicuous—was never better exemplified than when amongst his friends he honoured Masonry with the toast, "North, South, East, and West"—you know the rest.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, March 25, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18.

- Lodge 715, Pannure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1329, Sphinx, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1559, Addiscombe, M.H., 105, High-st., Croydon.
 " 1597, Musgrave, Angel and Crown Hot., Staines.
 " 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hot.
 " 1767, Kensington, South Kensington Hot., Queen's Gate-ter.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M. Tav.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav.
 " 720, Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 862, Whittington, F.M.H.
 " 901, City of London, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, F.M.H.
 " 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 K.T. Precept. 127, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Ship Tav., Hart Street, Mark Lane, 7.30.
 Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
 West Smithfield, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 Ubique, Guardsman Collee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
 Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

- Board of Gen. Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
 " 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 704, Camden, Guildhall Tav.
 " 857, St. Mark's S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Swan Hot., Battersea Old Dge.
 " 1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Chap. 49, Old Union, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
 Copper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
 Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
 Mount Edgumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 St. Marybone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
 Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Metropolitan Chap., Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
 Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge of Benevolence, at 6.
 " 2, Antiquity, F.M.H.
 " 212, Euphrates, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

- Lodge 507, United Pilgrim's, Bridge House Hot.
 " 753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.
 " 754, High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tav., Tottenham.
 " 1017, Montefiore, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
 " 1056, Victoria, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1818, Clapham, Grosvenor Hot., Pimlico.
 " 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 Chap. 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
 Red Cros, Conclave 15, St. Andrew's S, Air-st., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13, Crowndale-rd., N.W., 7.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Pannure, Balham Hot. Balham, 7.
 Thistle Mark L. of I., F.M. Tav., at 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

- House Com. Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 34, Mount Moriah, F.M.H.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav.
 " 69, Grenadiers, F.M.H.
 " 99, Shakespeare, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 706, William Preston, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 861, Finsbury, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1421, Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.
 " 1658, Skelmersdale, S.M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1816, Victoria Park, Queen's Hot., Victoria Park.
 Chap. 5, St. George's, F.M.H.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 Mark 13, Hiram, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 " 118, Northumberland, M.H., Masons' Avenue.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
 West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Marston House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 60, Peace and Harmony, F.M. Tav.
 " 197, Jerusalem, F.M.H.
 " 509, Fitz-Roy, Hd.-qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.
 " 780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New Bridge.
 " 1002, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marybone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammernsmith, at 8.
 William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Clapton, White Hart Tav., Clapton, at 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
 Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
 " 1679, Henry Muggeridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
 " 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
 " 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
 " 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, March 25, 1882.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
 " 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

- Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.R., So. N. Hill-st., L'pool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 32, St. George's, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
 " 724, Derby, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1756, Kirkdale, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 605, De Tabley, Queen's Hot., Birkenhead.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1505, Emulation, M.H., Liverpool.
 Chap. 293, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 Wm. de la More Encampment, Skelmersdale H., L'pool.
 Ancient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

- Chap 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
 Hammer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, March 25, 1882.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

- Lodge 126, Dublin. | 494, Dublin.
 Royal Arch Com. of Inspection.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

- Lodge 141, Dublin. | Lodge 666, Dublin.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

- Lodge 125, Dublin. | Com. of Inspection.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

- Lodge 50, Dublin. | Lodge 500, Dublin.
 R.A.C. 100, Dublin.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

- Lodge 75, Dublin. | R.A.C. 225, Dublin.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 357, Dublin.

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