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Two of the points so eloquently elaborated by the PRO GRAND MASTER in the memorable meeting of Wednesday week were that, firstly, it was a great privilege to join in thanking T.G.A.O.T.U. for so merciful preserving our gracious SOVEREIGN and her daughter, Princess BEATRICE, from the fell design of the cowardly assassin; and, secondly, that it was indeed a great pride and pleasure to Grand Lodge to welcome the presence of the three Royal brothers. In both these sentiments we believe that the outcome of the intense sympathies of our great Anglo-Saxon Brotherhood will be one of enthusiastic concurrence with the noble and distinguished speaker; and that with the truthful and seasonable and apposite utterances of our PRO GRAND MASTER the English Craft especially most cordially and unanimously agree. Indeed, as an expression of overpowering feelings, and as a representation of loyal attachment and devotion, the meeting was a most remarkable one, and will have, we hope and believe, a good and impressive effect on other jurisdictions. We cannot commend too highly, as humble, but honest Masonic journalists, the dignified tone and admirable temper in which this disgraceful and degraded act of criminality was treated by Grand Lodge. We hope, we repeat, that the speeches of the GRAND MASTER and the PRO GRAND MASTER will be carefully read by Freemasons in all jurisdictions.

THERE is sometimes a tendency in the excitement of the hour or the follies of the age to invest abnormal crimes with fictitious attributes of interest and importance. There seems always in human nature, twisted and perverted as it is, a love of the marvellous and the abnormal, the hyper-dramatic, and the hyper-criminal. Hence the criminals of this world's criminality, the fautors and abettors of sedition or revolution are sometimes regarded by the weak and fatuous as interesting personages; their words are recorded, their likenesses are sought after, their acts are glossed over, and their names repeated, as if forming a portion of that great fraternity of notability and heroism which the daily press, in lieu of painstaking chroniclers or dainty troubadours, preserves from customary oblivion. But if when such events and persons come before us on the stage of life, if when the ruffian of the piece struts in his shortlived horror before the startled spectators, we would measure their words and acts by the sterner laws of public and domestic morality, on which are built up alike the happiness of nations and individuals equally, we should soon see them, one and all, in their true proportions. Instead of giants they become pigmies, and pigmies of a most debased race, because trampling under foot all restraints, human and divine, they are an injurious excrescence on society, they are "hostes humani generis." The words they speak and the deeds they effect bring mourning and misery to thousands, shake the framework of society, and deserve the uttermost of human punishment for crime and criminals. But yet we fear the world is pretty much the same, unchanged and unchanging from age to age; and for all that is abnormal and abhorrent in itself, for all that is grotesque and sensational, for all that touches the hidden springs of mystery, credulity, and fanaticism, recklessness, human folly, and human wickedness, there will still be found those weaker vessels who like to put forward pleas of consideration for iniquity, and to work out apologies for crime.

As a proof of the deep interest of last Wednesday-week's proceedings in Grand Lodge, and the effect of the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his brothers on the meeting, the whole tone and temper of that loyal gathering present all animated by the same abhorrence of the crime, and

the same loyal devotion to the Queen, we have been informed by a worthy American brother who was present, that he, a citizen of the Great Republic, found himself carried away by the enthusiasm of the moment, and was cheering, as he told us himself, as loyally and as loudly as any Britisher. So mote it always be, and may American and English Masons never have but one aim in view, the maintenance and promulgation of the ennobling principles of our beloved Craft.

We are informed that some worthy brethren complain of the crush of last Wednesday week. On such abnormal occasions we must all put up with a little unavoidable crowding, a little loss of personal serenity in a heedless mob for the time, a little of that inevitability of temporary confusion, which the best pre-arrangements cannot obviate, and the most careful consideration cannot foresee.

We understand that the elections for the Girls and Boys promise to be very severe, and that numerous circulars are out, and have been out for some time, requesting all the votes, and trying the patience of subscribers. Indeed, just now, these worthy brethren must have a lively time of it, and we think it speaks much both for their endurance of applications, and their courtesy in acknowledgment. All this only shows the great importance of our admirable institutions, and the great and increased interest felt in their progress and prosperity.

We call attention to a review of the report of the Metropolitan Police Orphanage elsewhere, and feel sure that in specially commending this interesting review of one year's work to our readers we shall enlist their sympathies in behalf of an institution so needful and useful in itself; so happy in its management and results; and which reflects every credit on the members of the Metropolitan and City Police, who so cheerfully and all but unanimously support one of the youngest, but veritably one of the most thoroughly well-conducted of our great Metropolitan Charitable Institutions. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of WALES will open the new wing in June next.

In another portion of our impression will be found a report of a recent meeting of a Sub-Committee with respect to a Masonic memorial at St. Alban's Cathedral. We have always approved of the efforts of our worthy and zealous Bro. C. E. KEYSER, W.M. Watford Lodge, to assist in the good and needed work,—the restoration of this interesting monument of olden piety; the memorial, too, of a personage identified with our earliest Masonic annals, whether mythic or real. After some needful change of plan and many difficulties of one kind or another, the Sub-Committee have accepted the design and tender for a beautiful pulpit. The design is by Mr. J. O. SCOTT; the tender is by Bro. MISKIN. But in order to complete this pulpit a further sum of about £200 is required, to which, we think, many of our readers may like to contribute, as to a fixed and definite object. We invite their attention, therefore, to Bro. C. E. KEYSER'S communication, and the directions he gives, feeling assured that so reasonable a proposal and so good an object will not come before our kindly Craft in vain. We understand that there is a probability of a special Provincial Grand Lodge at St. Alban's to inaugurate the use of the pulpit, when subscribers and Freemasons will be warmly welcomed by our ever friendly and hospitable Hertfordshire brethren.

SOME of our contemporaries are very wrath at two little matters before the public just now. The one is the sympathy for JUMBO; the other is sending bouquets to Mr. LAMSON. As regards JUMBO, we, like many more, young and old, feel very strongly upon the subject, and consider the act of sale of our old favourite to Mr. Barnum utterly unfitting the society in every respect. What has Mr. BARNUM to do with us or we with him? To Mr. BARNUM, as far as he is concerned, the whole transaction is a fair speculation; but what shall we say of those who have so succumbed to the great showman? Mr. BARNUM has no doubt a greatness of power though it be that of a showman's. The whole proceedings, as regards the transaction itself from first to last, seem to tell our dear British public how potent still are the vested interests of humbug. We are very sorry indeed to think that some of our young ladies have nothing better to do than send bouquets to Mr. LAMSON. It seems to us a very silly and very sensational act at the same time, on the part of the young ladies implicated. They seem to forget how true is still the grand old adage, "Fiat Justitia, ruat Cælum."

ROYALTY AND CRAFT LOYALTY.

None who understand, and are able therefore to appreciate the leading principles of Freemasonry, will be surprised at the splendid manifestation of loyalty which characterised the proceedings of the special meeting of United Grand Lodge on the 15th inst. It is more than probable that, had time and space permitted, the brethren would have assembled in well nigh as formidable numbers as they did in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on that ever memorable 28th April, 1875, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed M.W. Grand Master. Quite apart from the fact that English Masons, being, like the rest of their fellow-countrymen, law-abiding people, must have rejoiced in the opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe at His preservation from danger of our Constitutional Sovereign; apart from the love and respect which they in common with the rest of the British nation so devoutly feel for one who during a reign of almost unexampled length has administered the government of the country so successfully, and who in her own person has offered so brilliant an example for all classes of her subjects. We say, apart from those natural causes which must affect the English Craft just as much as, yet no more than, the rest of the community; and be it added likewise from that utter detestation in which all Britons hold the political assassin, it must be clear to every one that the principles of our Society had their share in producing that magnificent outburst of enthusiasm of Wednesday week. As our Grand Master pointed out on the day of his solemn installation, the watchwords of our English Craft are "Loyalty and Charity." The Freemasons of some foreign countries may fancy they are justified in conjoining political with their Masonic functions. But in the case of Masonry, as exemplified in England even the bitterest opponents of our Society have been compelled to admit that we are loyal to the government under which we live, and that our professions of faith are as free from any taint of irreligion as they are unbiassed by any pretence for this or that particular form of polity.

In these circumstances, and with this knowledge to guide them, people will recognise the sincerity as well as the value of last Wednesday's demonstration. But there are also personal reasons which, no doubt, contributed to intensify the feeling displayed. The Queen is the patron of the Craft, and a liberal supporter of our Institutions. Moreover, she is a member of a family which during the last 145 years has taken a more or less conspicuous part in upholding, and giving effect to, the principles of the great Masonic Brotherhood. In 1737 Frederick Prince of Wales, son of George II., and father of George III., was initiated at an occasional lodge at Kew, and to him the second edition of Anderson's Constitutions, published the year following, was dedicated. He died, however, in 1751, without taking any prominent part in the doings of the Fraternity. In 1766 two of his brothers, the Dukes of York and Gloucester, were initiated, and yet a third brother, namely, Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, in 1767. The last-mentioned was installed Grand Master in 1782, in succession to the Duke of Manchester, and held office till his death, eight years later. In 1790 George, Prince of Wales, son of George III.—who with his brother, Duke of York, had been initiated in 1788—was elected Grand Master, and remained such till 1813, when feeling it necessary as Prince Regent to resign office, his place was taken by the Duke of Sussex, who was annually re-elected till his death in 1843. Thus, for sixty-one years consecutively, the Craft had for its chief ruler a Prince of the Blood Royal, while it should be further mentioned that of the other sons of George III., the Dukes of York, Clarence (afterwards William IV., and Grand Patron in succession to George IV.), Kent (father of our beloved Queen), and Cumberland (afterwards King and Grand Master of Hanover), were members of the Craft, the Duke of Kent, with his brother of Sussex, taking a leading part in re-uniting the two bodies of so-called "Ancients" and "Moderns," into which, during the latter half of last century, and the earlier years of this century, the Craft was divided. As three of the Queen's sons are Craftsmen, and as we believe we are correct in stating that the late George V. of Hanover was also a Mason, it follows that the Royal Family of Great Britain has been actively connected with our Society during its last five generations, or, as we have noted already, for a period of 145 years. Here, then, are reasons enough—if none other existed, as we have shown they do exist—why English Freemasons should take a direct and enduring interest in all that concerns the well-being of the gracious sovereign who guides the destinies of the British Empire. Masonic principles bid us be loyal to her government, while the love and respect we entertain for her and her family go a considerable way towards strengthening and confirming those principles. In short, our loyalty springs, in the first instance, from a strict sense of duty, and in the next, from our love and respect for the dynasty.

Many of our readers will doubtless feel inclined to say that, having already again and again demonstrated our proposition that English Freemasons are from necessity and inclination a loyal body of British subjects, it is unnecessary to prolong our remarks. Yet we think it will be considered at least excusable if we add a few words as to the magnitude of the debt we owe to our Royal brethren. To go no further back than the year 1875, when our present Grand Master was installed, how wonderful has been the progress and extension of the Craft since then. Prior to the 1st of January of that year there were 1527 lodges on the roll of our United Grand Lodge. On the 1st of March of this year there were no less than 1961. Consequently in the interval there have been constituted 434 lodges, all which,

with the exception of two, are still in working order. It may, perhaps, be as well if we note this progress year by year. The number of lodges constituted in 1875, was sixty-six; in 1876, sixty-nine, one having since dropped from the roll; in 1877, seventy-two; in 1878, sixty-five; in 1879, fifty-three; in 1880, thirty-nine, one, however, being no longer on the roll; and in 1881, up to the publication of the calendar, fifty-four, with an additional fifteen warranted up to the 1st of March. Of these new lodges, a considerable proportion have been established in our Colonies and India, New Zealand and the great Australian Colonies having been especially favoured in this respect; while our provinces and the metropolitan district have been almost as fortunate. During the same period over 160 Royal Arch Chapters have been warranted, so that if we make allowance for the number of lodges which since 1863—the last year the roll of Grand Lodge was renumbered—have disappeared, it will be found that as against some 1800 lodges there are over 600 chapters, or on an average rather more than one of the latter to three of the former—a very capital proportion, as our readers, doubtless, will not hesitate to admit. If we turn to the other Degrees, which are not included in pure and ancient Masonry, as defined by our Constitutions, we shall find, on reference to the "Cosmo," that whereas at the end of 1874 there were, irrespective of time immemorial lodges, only 179 on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge, there were at the beginning of the present year 291—an increase of 112 lodges. There were at the former date some 62 Rose Croix Chapters, there are now about 90—an increase of not much under 50 per cent., and the Templar and Red Cross Degrees fully maintain their ground. Considerable progress has also been made in Scottish Masonry, of which our Grand Master is Patron; and in Ireland, where he holds a like position, the Craft, in spite of the difficulties by which it is surrounded, is in a very flourishing condition. Thus the influence of the Prince of Wales has produced most gratifying results in England, of which he is the Masonic chief, and in Scotland and Ireland, with which he is connected only as Grand Patron. Need we say more than this in explanation of our settled and enthusiastic loyalty—a loyalty which is settled because it is based on the fundamental principles of the Craft, and enthusiastic because our Royal Family have always taken so deep an interest in its welfare?

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, President, occupied the President's chair; Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the chair of Senior Vice-President; and Bro. J. H. Matthews the chair of Junior Vice-President. There were also present

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, W. H. Lee, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; W. Mann, P.M. 186; E. F. Storr, P.M. 22; Constable, P.M. 186; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.M. 205; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; Thos. Cull, P.M. 1446; Thos. Birts, P.M. 829; John Walker, P.M. 1158; E. Zaringer, W.M. 715; Hy. Shaw, W.M. 1311; John Mills Seddon, P.M. 119; W. H. Perryman, W.M. 1351; J. Peacock, W.M. 3; E. West, P.M. 1327; W. Groves, W.M. 749; S. Kelly, P.M. 645; Frederick Binckes, P.M. G. Stewards' Lodge; Alfred H. Hickman, W.M. 228; G. A. Cundy, W.M. 601; J. E. Pells, W.M. 193; H. Roberts, P.M. 79; G. A. Taylor, P.M. 217; H. Massey, W.M. 1928; George J. Dawson, W.M. 1853; Joseph Boston, P.M. 1431; Edgar Lewis, P.M. 338; R. C. Rawe, W.M. 781; A. J. Manning, P.M. 1437; J. R. Glanville, P.M. 134; E. E. Barratt Kidder, W.M. 12; Robert Cooper Sinclair, P.M. 432; Edward Dignam, W.M. 1524; Lewis M. Myers, W.M. 188; H. J. Lardner, W.M. 1745; Thomas Morrison, I.P.M. 141; W. H. Dean, W.M. 1900; J. Magrath, W.M. 1306; C. Pulman, P.M. 725; Charles Russ, P.M. 382, P.G.S.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £195, recommended in sums between £20 and £40 at last meeting. They then proceeded with the new list, which contained no less than thirty-nine cases.

In the course of a sitting which lasted nearly four hours and a half, thirty-two of these were relieved with a total sum of £900. This was composed of one grant of £75 (£75), seven of £50 each (£350), four of £40 each (£160), three of £25 each (£75), seven of £20 each (£140), two of £15 each (£30), six of £10 each (£60); and two of £5 each (£10). One case was dismissed, and six cases were deferred.

The lodge was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A preliminary meeting for the Board of Stewards took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 17th inst., present

Bros. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., 134; James Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., 142; T. Ringer, P.M. 1038 and 1533; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; H. A. Dubois, House Com.; W. E. Dawes, Grand Red Cross Conclave; A. H. Tattershall, House Com.; J. Tatlock, 142; R. Hallows, 33; P. J. Stohwasser, 569; Major W. E. Williams, 162; Wm. Hamlyn, 1622; George Fenn, 80; Edgar Bowyer, P.S.G.W. Herts; C. Belton, P.M. 1757, P.G.J.D. Herts; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293; W. O. Beazley, W.M. 172; T. A. T. Howell, 21; J. H. Parkle Wilson, P.M. 1395; and Wm. Hope, P.M. 2, P.G.S.

Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master for Warwickshire, and Trustee of the Institution, was elected President; Bro. Sir John Monckton, President Board General Purposes, Acting President; Bro. Joshua Nunn, Treas.; Bro. Frank Richardson, Chairman of the Ladies' Stewards; and Bro. F. R. Hedges, Hon. Sec.

The amount of the fee was fixed at £2 2s.

The Music and Dinner Committee was appointed, and other detail arrangements made.

The Festival will be held, as usual, at Freemasons' Hall

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

A Special Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, was held on Tuesday evening, at the hall of Grand Mark Lodge, 8a, Red Lion Square, for the purpose of passing a resolution, "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." The meeting was also called to pass a resolution "That an address of congratulation be presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M.M., on his approaching marriage;" and a further resolution "That a grant of £25 be made out of Grand Lodge funds, towards the subscriptions to the Wedding Presentation Fund." The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W. Grand Master presided, and the following brethren were also present:—

Bros. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. for South Wales, as G.S.W.; Frederic Davison, Grand Treasurer, as G.J.W.; Wm. Roeluck, P.G.M.O., as G.M.O.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.J.O., as G.S.O.; H. R. Cooper Smith, G.J.O.; H. C. Levander, M.A., Grand Registrar; Frederick Binckes (P.G.J.W.), Grand Secretary; D. M. Dewar (P.G.M.O.), Asst. Grand Secretary; T. J. Pulley, G.S.D.; Alfred Williams, P.G.S.D.; F. W. Ramsay, M.D., P.G.S.D.; H. Lovegrove, Grand Supt. of Wks.; R. Berridge, Grand Dir. of Cers.; S. Rosenthal, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; H. Hacker, Asst. Grand Dir. of Cers.; Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Org.; E. C. Milligan, G.L.G.; Geo. Clark, jun., Wm. Barkley, H. J. Lardner, W. J. Meek, and W. H. Gunningham, Grand Stewards; R. P. Spice, R. Loveland Loveland, John Barker, and Geo. Yosley, P.G. Stewards; with the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. H. H. Riach, P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey; A. F. Godson, P.G.R. Warwickshire and Staffordshire; Eli Knowles, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks. Lancashire; Wm. Stephens, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex and Surrey; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; C. G. Kipling, Prov. G. Steward, Middlesex and Surrey; H. Massey (*Freemason*), and several other brethren.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, Bro. BINCKES, G.S., read the summons convening the meeting.

Bro. BINCKES read the following address, which he stated he had just received:—

"Starkie Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 159, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington, March 20th, 1882.

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master of England, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and the Officers and Brethren assembled in Grand Mark Lodge on the 21st day of March, 1882.

"Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,

"We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and other brethren of the above lodge of Mark Master Masons, in the county of Lancaster, have observed, with a deep sense of satisfaction, that it is the intention of Grand Lodge to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on behalf of the Mark Masons of England, their horror and indignation 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.

"We, therefore, are desirous to record our deep satisfaction at the proposal of the Grand Lodge, and to endorse, with thankful hearts, the sentiments of the address, and to express our humble thanks to the Grand Overseer of the Universe for His merciful preservation of one so near and dear to the hearts of her subjects.

"Signed on behalf of the above Lodge,

"CHRISTOPHER FURNESS, W.M.M., P.G.J.O. Lanc."

Bro. BINCKES said, perhaps it would be as well here to say he had received a large number of sympathetic letters and letters of apology, and expressing regret and inability to be present at this Grand Lodge, from—

R. W. Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex and Surrey; Rev. C. R. Davy, P.G.M. Gloucestershire; J. W. Woodall, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire; Lord Arthur Hill, G.S.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, G.J.W.; Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., P.G.W.; Charles F. Matier, P.G.W.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; V. W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, G.M.O.; R. J. Mure, P.G.O.; Rev. R. N. Sanderson, G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap.; Rev. D. Ace, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. P. H. Ernest Biette, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G. Chap.; W. Bros. Capt. A. S. Perkins, G.S.D.; S. S. Partridge, G.J.O.; S. Mattison, P.G.D.; C. L. Mason, D.P.G.M. W. Yorks; Emra Holmes, P.G. Sup. of Wks.; W. T. Belcher, P.G. Org.; F. W. Ansell, P.G.S.; W. T. Clarke, P.G.S.; T. W. Adams, P.G.S.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; James Stevens, P.G.O.

Lord HENNIKER then rose and said: Brethren, the notice calling the meeting, which has been read by Bro. Grand Secretary, informs you of the reason for calling special Grand Lodge. It is in order that this Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons may join in the universal feeling of sympathy and congratulation which has been shown to the Queen in regard to the dreadful deed which took place a very short time ago; and, therefore, I have to move the resolution, which, although it has been already read, I will now read again: "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." I am sure, brethren, the way in which you will receive this proposition will show the feeling that you have with regard to this atrocious deed, and that it needs but very few words, if any, from me to recommend to you this resolution. We have no reason to enquire as to the motive which prompted the deed. When we reflect for a moment, we cannot have the smallest idea of enquiring into its motive, for who can doubt for a single instant that the wretched man who performed this deed was alone, and had no sympathiser in the act which he undertook to perform. After we have seen the outbursts of loyalty, the outbursts of sympathy, the outbursts of congratulation that came, not only from every man, woman, and child in this country, but from every man, woman, and child in all parts of the many far distant countries over which Her Majesty reigns. Now, while we turn, in the words of the resolution, away from this dark and dastardly deed with horror, on account of its wickedness and the terrible consequences which might have ensued, we are able, fortunately, to turn in the very next

moment to a far different picture—a picture throughout this country and throughout the many countries and colonies to which I have referred—the picture of joy and thankfulness at Her Majesty's happy escape. We can turn to the enthusiasm of a devoted people, who know how well to appreciate any approach to the slightest danger which threatens their beloved Sovereign, whose name alone brings into every English home and carries with it wherever it is mentioned all that is noble, all that is good; under whose rule this country has prospered more than during any other period of its existence. (Cheers.) Again, brethren, we turn with pleasure and satisfaction to another picture. We turn to that touching letter of Her Majesty, which has found its way to every Englishman's heart: a letter which has shown us anew that the sympathy and the devotion displayed by her people are not all on one side; that letter has shown us more than this—that this sympathy and this devotion are fully appreciated and amply returned. Brethren, it has taught also, if it were necessary, or if it were possible for us to do so, to value more the life of the Sovereign which has been so greatly threatened. Now, brethren, I have thought it right to say these few words to you, but I think that a very few words said from the heart are better than a thousand long sentences, as things done from the heart are the best—the heart itself being the keynote of Freemasonry. I hope, brethren, that you will believe me when I say that the few words that I have spoken to you have been said from the bottom of my heart. The other day it was said on another occasion that the Freemasons all over the world will give way, and those under the English Craft Lodge particularly, will give way to no one in their loyalty and devotion to the Sovereign of these realms. I believe that to be perfectly true; but I think that it is equally true what I am about to say—that the Mark Master Masons under the rule of this Grand Lodge will give way in loyalty and devotion to the Crown to no Freemasons of any other country. Having said this, therefore, brethren, I think I may speak without hesitation for the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and I may speak for every one separately of the 16,000 members of Mark Masonry, spread all over the world under this Grand Lodge over whom I have the honour to preside, whence I say that the vote that we are about to pass to-night is no empty vote, but that it is a true expression of our loyalty and our attachment to the Queen, who, we must not forget, is the patron of all Freemasonry—not only a true expression of our loyalty, but a true expression of our joy and thankfulness at her happy escape, and to hope that she may be spared for many years to rule over the destinies of this great and prosperous country. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. W. B. BEVEN, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight: Most Worshipful Grand Master, you have so well placed before this Grand Lodge the reasons why it is incumbent on us to vote this address, that it is only necessary for me to add a very few words to those which you have given. But, Sir, I rejoice indeed that you have summoned us together to give expression to those feelings which, as you have justly remarked, we yield to no section of the Craft in entertaining. (Cheers.) Brethren, in other parts of the world attempts have been made, with more or less success, upon the lives of sovereigns. It is hard to divine the motives which have actuated many of these assassins, or would-be murderers; but I should have thought, I confess, that whatever motives might have actuated the attempt against the life of our sovereign, her life and actions might have rendered them more willing to reconsider the impious project which they entertained. (Hear, hear.) She has never exceeded the constitutional limits assigned to her, and by her life she has earned the affection, the esteem, and the love of her people. (Cheers and hear, hear.) It is, therefore, with astonishment that we learn that anyone can be found who would attempt her life; but we must rejoice indeed that the effort was so thoroughly unsuccessful, and that the attempt made met with the universal reprobation and horror of the population of this country. And, brethren, these various attempts in other parts of the world, whether they have been in America or in countries where absolute sovereigns reign over the people, have caused some community of feeling between inhabitants of these various countries; they have caused us to interchange sympathy and love, therefore caused a community of feeling which I hope will be productive of the best results in the relations of one nation with another. Brethren, that is only expressing the feelings which Masons entertain, and I hope we shall ever live to give expression to those feelings which so well distinguish the hearts of Freemasons. I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

God Save the Queen was then sung, Bro. Wilhelm Ganz officiating at the organ.

Lord HENNIKER: Brethren, you have heard the other resolution read, "That an address of congratulation be presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.M.M., on his approaching marriage." You will recollect, brethren, that very recently we had the pleasure of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Past Grand Master, into his proper position and place in Grand Lodge, and all those who were present on that occasion, with myself, will agree that we shall for a long time remember that very pleasant and auspicious occasion. When I was addressing His Royal Highness I ventured to say a few words, on behalf of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, of congratulation to him on the marriage which had just at that moment been announced, and those of you who were present will recollect that he very graciously thanked us for the compliment which he had received. Brethren, we were pleased to know that the prospect of the marriage before His Royal Highness was one which would bring him happiness and welfare throughout life, and that it had the sanction and approval of Her Majesty the Queen. All that has passed since that time has tended to increase our pleasure, and also to increase our confidence that the proposed marriage of His Royal Highness will tend to the result which we all hope and wish. Brethren, I

am sure I may say, in the name of every one of those present here, in the name of the Grand Lodge, and I think I may speak in the name of every Mark Master Mason throughout the world, that we wish His Royal Highness and his bride all the prosperity, all the health, all the happiness, all the true domestic felicity which this world can give. (Cheers.) Now brethren I do not think it is necessary for me to say any more than this on this occasion, for it is a habit I think among Masons to express on such an occasion as this, when they feel what they say with all their hearts, to express and convey it in as few words as possible. It might be said or thought that this Grand Lodge should have been called for the special purpose of moving a vote of congratulation to Her Majesty, the Queen. I confess I thought the matter over carefully, and I considered it a very good opportunity for us to move a vote of congratulation to His Royal Highness on his marriage. We recollect that among all the members of the Royal Family there are perhaps no others who have shared the home of Her Majesty—whose home is an example which we all wish to follow in our own homes throughout this country—than His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany and his sister, Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice, who shared the Queen's danger a few days ago. I think that no members of the Royal Family have shared that home so much as they have, and so brethren I think that on this occasion when we have shown our desire to congratulate the Queen on her happy escape, we Masons who think so much of social and domestic happiness should be the first to congratulate the Queen on any joy, on any happiness, on every increase of every domestic prosperity and happiness that may come to her; and, therefore, I think that this is a very auspicious occasion on which to propose this vote. (Hear, hear.) It has been proposed, brethren, to give a present to His Royal Highness on his marriage, and I hope the present, which, I believe, he will accept with great pleasure from Mark Masons, if we have time to consult our brethren abroad as well as in this country, will be one that shall be worthy of his acceptance. At present, the answers we have received are most encouraging, and I have no doubt we shall be able to present him with something with which he will be pleased, and which he will be able to keep as a memento of his connection with Mark Masonry. I will say no more, but with these few words will propose a vote of congratulation to His Royal Highness; and I repeat what I have said before, that I hope this marriage may conduce to his happiness, and promote his welfare throughout life. In saying so I am sure I am speaking the feelings not only of everybody in this Grand Lodge, but of every Mark Mason throughout the known world. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH: I have great pleasure in seconding the motion. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. F. DAVISON, Grand Treasurer: Most Worshipful Grand Master, the motion I have on the agenda paper, I think, is a very good rider to the motion you have made in Grand Lodge. There is no doubt that the body of Mark Master Masons would like to give a suitable present to His Royal Highness on his approaching marriage, and it is also a very fitting tribute to His Royal Highness that this Grand Lodge should mark their estimation, not only of this grant but also of his condescension in becoming a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. I, therefore, have very great pleasure in proposing that a grant of £25 be made out of Grand Lodge funds towards the subscription to the "Wedding Presentation Fund," and I hope the brethren will unanimously vote it.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS: I shall have very great pleasure in seconding that motion.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.
Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

A special Grand Lodge of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of voting addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, in connection with the recent attempted assassination of Her Majesty. The R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, occupied the chair; the D.P.G.M.'s chair was filled by Bro. the Rev. G. Y. Nepean, P.M. 130, P.P.G.C., and the other Prov. Grand Officers present were—

Bros. Le Feuvre, P.M. 130, P.G.S.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G.J.W.; A. J. Miller, P.M. 359, P.G. Sec; Barfield, P.M., P.G.J.W.; G. Tilling, P.M. 1461, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Arnold, W.M. 1428, Asst. P.G.D.C.; V. Brown, P.M. 903, P.G.P.; R. Osborne, P.M. 487, P.G. Org.; and J. Murray, P.M. 76, and A. Scott, P.M. 551, P.G. Stwds. The following brethren also signed the attendance register: Bros. A. G. Barker, 694, P.P.G.C.; T. H. M. Martin, P.M. 1461, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Cole, P.M. 130; J. R. Weston, P.M. 130, 359, P.P.G.R.; T. P. Payne, P.M. 394, P.P.G.R.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M. 394, P.P.G.S.D.; C. J. Phillips, P.M. 130, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Lemon, P.M. 394, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. S. Scott, 394, P.P.G.C.; R. W. Beale, W.M. 487; S. Myer, P.M. 130; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 130; H. P. Arthur, W.M. 359; H. Coles, P.M. 359, P.G.D.C.; J. S. Pearce, P.M. 1780; W. J. Hickman, P.M. 130; J. W. Willmott, P.M. 342, 1834, P.G.S.B.; W. Berry, W.M. 1780; Henry Lashmore, S.W. 394; W. R. Pike, 1903; R. Barnes, 359; E. G. Butler, 1309; John Bright, 359; E. Goldsmith, S.W. 399; G. H. Medlicott, 394; W. G. Yeates, 1780; J. T. Gidden, 359; D. Hobbs, S.D. 1461; G. Grant, S.W. 1780; T. Walton, J.W. 1780; A. Annan, 359; A. J. Blackman, 359; C. Callanan, 1780; W. Benning, 1112; C. Yeaxlee, 359; E. J. Beeston, 1780; C. R. White, 1780; W. C. Farley, 1780; J. Beer, 359; W. Foster, 1780; S. Bluden, 1780; C. Silverthorne, 1780; R. Mabb J. H. Biggs, P.G. Tyler; Vare and Harrington, Tylers.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the PROV. GRAND MASTER said he must first announce that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the W. Bro. Hickman, extremely regretted he was unavoidably prevented attending through absence in London. The Grand Master of the Order, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, last week summoned the Grand Lodge in London for the purpose of voting an address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her escape from the recent attempt upon her life (hear), and he could have been well content that the large meeting which then assembled should have acted as a general expression of the feelings entertained by the Craft throughout the kingdom. There was, however, a special reason naturally suggesting itself to the brethren present rendering it, in his opinion, not unfit, but on the other hand incumbent upon them, as Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to meet in Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of voting a similar address, and that was the fact that Her Majesty resided for a considerable portion of the year within the province. (Hear, hear.) It had been frequently remarked that those who were placed in high and prominent positions in this life sometimes formed targets for the aim of the assassin, and were exposed to imminent danger in consequence. Many examples of this might be cited in history, in which attempts, some successful and some unsuccessful, had been made on the lives of various sovereigns—attempts in some cases animated by a fanatical hatred of the very existence of a sovereign, and in others animated by a variety of reasons, and these attempts, as he had said, had met with more or less success, as would be found in frequent parts of historical record. They had, however, been aimed not merely against the persons of sovereigns, for we had recently had a lamentable instance that they were not confined to that sphere alone, because we had seen in republican America the assassin, unfortunately, only too successful in taking away the life of their chief ruler. (Hear.) He thought, therefore, they might well draw from this the inference that not only were such attempts at assassination levelled against the persons of the sovereign, but also at the ruler of the State, and were consequently aimed at the peace and good order of society, and if there was one body of men in the world who were more concerned than another that peace and good order, which were the very cement and foundation of their institution, should be maintained, it was the Freemasons. (Applause.) They boasted that they claimed to be exemplary in the discharge of their civil duties, and that they tried to preserve peace and good order in society, and how, he asked, could they carry out those precepts which were inculcated at their very entrance into the Order if they were unmindful of the lessons they then received. (Hear, hear.) No, he felt sure that Freemasons were only too proud to show they were mindful of these lessons, and that they would come forward as some of the most loyal subjects ranged throughout the extensive empire of the Queen, to show their detestation of such a crime as that recently perpetrated, and to congratulate Her Majesty upon having escaped the danger of such a dastardly outrage. (Applause.) It was with the full conviction that they would endorse such sentiments as he had endeavoured to express that he had summoned the Provincial Grand Lodge that day, to ask them to join in a vote which would express their congratulation to the Queen and the Grand Master on her escape from the assassin, and, above all, tender their thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe that He had in His great mercy been pleased to spare the person of their Sovereign, trusting at the same time Her Majesty would be spared to reign over a prosperous and united people for many years to come. (Loud applause.) He proposed "That addresses be presented by this Provincial Grand Lodge to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the Most Worshipful Grand Master), expressive of the great indignation felt by all the brethren of this province at the recent dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and that their sincere thankfulness that Her Majesty, by the merciful interposition of Divine Providence, escaped uninjured."

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, P.G.S.W., seconding the vote, said that the fact that Hampshire, associated as it was with the Isle of Wight, was a royal county, and that, following immediately after the Province of Sussex, this was one of the first Provincial Grand Lodges in voting loyal addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, would give peculiar satisfaction to every Freemason in the Province. (Hear.) The Provincial Grand Master had so well interpreted the feelings of every loyal and good Freemason under his jurisdiction that many words were not needed in seconding the proposition, which he knew would be so unanimously and enthusiastically carried. (Hear, hear.) He ventured to suggest that whereas the Grand Master had intimated that the Queen had signified her pleasure that the resolution from Grand Lodge should be presented to her personally, it was possible she might allow similar addresses from the Provinces in England to be presented personally, and if Her Majesty should consent to receive them he was sure that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would be pleased to join in so agreeable a duty. (Applause.)

The resolution was then put and carried, amid hearty applause, and the National Anthem was sung, the following special verse being interpolated as a solo:—

Saved from the assassin's arm,
Thou, Lord, her shield from harm,
Ever has been.
Angels around her way
Watch—while by night and day
Masons in thousands pray
"God save the Queen."

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

On Tuesday, the annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, presided, and there was an unusually large attendance. The following office-bearers were afterwards elected, and the Earl of Mar and Kellie was installed as First Grand Principal by Councillor Henry, Edinburgh:—Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Second Grand Principal; the Right Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane, Third Grand Principal; Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart., Past First Grand Principal; William Mann, S.S.C., Depute Grand Principal; William Edwards, Grand Scribe E.; Dr. George Dickson, Grand Scribe N.; William Officer, S.S.C., Grand Treasurer; Alexander Hay, Grand Recorder; George F. Russell Colt of Gartshorrie, Grand Chancellor; the Right Hon. Lord Carnegie, First Grand Sojourner; the Right Hon. the Earl of Northesk, Second Grand Sojourner; Sir Molyneux H. Nepean, Bart., Third Grand Sojourner; Major John Crombie, Grand Sword Bearer; William Hay, Grand Superintendent of Works; Robert F. Shaw-Stewart, First Grand Standard Bearer; William Maclean, jun., Second Grand Standard Bearer; and John Taylor, Grand Janitor.

The companions afterwards celebrated the festival of the vernal equinox by dining together in the grand saloon of the hotel. The chair was occupied by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, and Comp. Alex. Hay discharged the duties of croupier.

Among those present were Comps. Captain Fletcher Campbell, C.B., R.N.; Major Crombie, William Mann, S.S.C.; William Officer, S.S.C.; J. T. S. Elliot, jun., D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; William Edwards, G.S.E.; Dr. Dickson, G.S.N.; Alexander Hay, William Maclean, jun., Councillors Alexander Henry, John White, and Hy. Doig; James Crichton, A. J. M'Connochie, David Kinneir, G. Cashier; J. H. M. Bairnsfather, S.S.C.; Jas. Keir, George Bowie, S.S.C.; James Webster, A.D.C.S.; Jas. Melville, Robert J. Jameson, David Forsyth, S.S.C.; J. Inglis, John Masterton, J. Dalrymple Duncan, Malcolm M'Nab, John Kirk, W.S.; Arthur Bruce, and others.

Letters of apology for absence were intimated from Comps. J. W. Melville, Past First G. Prin.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane, Third G. Prin.; the Hon. and Rev. A. C. Ballie Hamilton, Past Third G. Prin.; Col. Macpherson, Lieut.-Col. Boswell, R. F. Shaw-Stewart, and Capt. Colt, G. Chancellor.

The Chairman, after dinner, proposed "The Health of the Queen," and said that he usually proposed this toast as shortly as possible, as it required no words to ensure its hearty reception. He would ask them to join with him in thankfulness that the attempt on the life of Her Majesty had been frustrated, and in the wish that Her Majesty might long be spared to reign over us, and that in the course of her reign she might be saved from ever again being molested by any miscreant such as lately attacked her at Windsor.

The Chairman next gave "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family," and referred to the fact that three of the sons of the Queen were Freemasons, and the Prince of Wales was not only the Grand Master Mason of England, but Supreme Grand Principal of the Royal Arch as well. The toast of "The Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces" were next proposed by the Chairman, coupled with the names of Captain Fletcher Campbell, C.B., for the navy and army, and Major Crombie for the auxiliary forces, both of whom acknowledged the compliment. The Chairman then proposed "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters of England and Ireland," and said that Archmasonry in England was in a very flourishing condition, but he was afraid it was not doing well in Ireland. If Masons in that island had been doing their duty he did not think the country would have sunk to its present condition.

Comp. W. MANNS next proposed "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland and the First Grand Principal, the Earl of Mar and Kellie." The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter was in a state of great prosperity, and had been prospering for a great many years. They had been accused in a periodical published in Aberdeen of being very extravagant people, and that they spent all their income in feasting and paying high salaries to their officials, and other things which it was very improper for wise men of business to do. He rather thought it would turn out that they were not very foolish men of business, and that their affairs were managed in a way which was creditable to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter. (Applause.) They were all proud to have the Earl of Mar and Kellie as their First Grand Principal. In England the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter formed part of the Grand Lodge of England, and it had always been the case that the Grand Master of England was also First Principal; but in Scotland the Grand Lodge was an entirely independent body. Still, it had come to be the fact that the Grand Master was generally appointed to this office. No previous Grand Master or First Principal had shown a greater desire to promote the interests of the Grand Lodge of Scotland or the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter than the Earl of Mar and Kellie. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said he had to thank the companions for the very hearty manner they had responded to the toast. That was not the first occasion on which he had presided over a meeting in celebration of the vernal equinox, but he had never witnessed a more brilliant gathering. (Applause.) It was the custom to elect the Grand Master, though not invariably, as there were some who would not go beyond the first Three Degrees. He quite agreed that it would be a great advantage if the Blue and Red Masonry were amalgamated and worked together, and he was glad to say there was a thorough good feeling between the two in Scotland. Still, the great mass of Masons only arrived at the Third Degree, but he approved of the higher grades, as they showed that the men who advanced to them were thoroughly in earnest, and the Principal of the Royal Arch had a more select body to reign over than the Grand Master. (Applause.) There was a great deal of work connected with the position of First Principal and Grand Master, but he would do his utmost to further the interests of both branches of Masonry.

Comp. HAY proposed "The Provincial Grand Chapters," which was acknowledged by Comp. J. CROMBIE. "The Grand Lodge of Scotland" was proposed by Cap-

tain F. CAMPBELL, and the CHAIRMAN then gave "The Daughter Chapters and the Deputations present."

Comp. W. MACLEAN, jun., proposed "The Health of the Depute Grand Principal, Comp. W. Mann;" and the other toasts were: "The Grand Scribe E. and Office-bearers;" "The Countess of Marr and Kelly," &c.

The Grand Master took advantage of the opportunity to pay an official visit to Lodge St. David (No. 36), which meets in the same building. His lordship was accompanied by a number of the Grand Office-bearers, and was received by Bro. David Taylor, the R.V.M. of the lodge. After an examination of the books, &c., the Grand Master expressed himself highly satisfied with the manner in which the business had been conducted and the mode of working.

FREEMASONRY IN MOROCCO.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE.

The 23rd of February must for ever be considered a red letter day by the brethren of Morocco, who amount to a considerable number, scattered though they are all over the sea coast of this vast empire, for on that day the "Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge" was opened at Tangier under the most favourable auspices.

In September, 1880, Bro. the Rev. R. Stewart Patterson, Past Grand Master of the Province of Manitoba, having visited several points on the coast of Barbary, found a number of brethren residing in the different cities, but without lodges or any kind of organization. He accordingly, assisted by a number of zealous brethren, and with the approbation of the Masons residing in the different cities of the empire, set on foot a movement with the result we now chronicle. It was necessary to apply for a charter to some Masonic Grand body, and Mr. Patterson naturally selected the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, whose foundation he had been instrumental in laying, as the one to look to for assistance. The charter was granted, the new lodge was called the "Al Maghreb al Aksa," which is the ancient Arabic name for "Morocco," and signifies the "Far West," for when the Saracens invaded North-Western Africa the Atlantic Coasts of Manantia were looked upon by them as the most western portions of the land on the surface of the earth, just as the present times Manitoba and the north-western territories of America are called by us "The Great Far West."

The lodge so formed was authorised to commence its labours temporarily in Gibraltar until such time as it was considered by the Special Deputy Grand Master advantageous to remove it to a city in Morocco. The three principal officers were Bros. Capt. Ballard, A.P.D., W.M.; the Rev. W. H. Bullock, S.W.; and Sidi Abdeslam Benarais, J.W. The two first-named being Canadians by birth, and the last a Tangerine Moor.

For three or four months the lodge worked harmoniously, but the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland deeming the establishment of this lodge an extension on their territory, as they claim "joint exclusive jurisdiction over all colonies," the Grand Master of Manitoba desired that the lodge should be transferred to Morocco.

Accordingly on the 20th ult., Bro. Patterson, as Special Deputy Grand Master, proceeded to Tangier and made the necessary arrangements for the due opening of the lodge, having convened an "Occasional" Grand Lodge for the evening of the 21st for the purpose of consecrating the lodge room, which had been placed at the disposal of the brethren by Bro. Affalo, of the Italian Legation.

On the 23rd ult. the "Territorial Grand Lodge" assembled for the purpose of constituting the Lodge of Al Maghreb al Aksa, and installing the W.M., Wardens, and officers, who had hitherto been working under dispensation. At 8 p.m. the Special Deputy Grand Master opened the Territorial Grand Lodge in due form, ably supported by his Grand Wardens, Bros. Ross and Johnston, after which the ceremony of the installation of the W.M. and his officers was duly performed in accordance with the Constitution.

The W.M., Bro. Ballard, after having been installed, handed the gavel to Bro. Ross, with the request that he would conduct the rest of the proceedings in Spanish, for the benefit of those brethren present who were unacquainted with English.

After the Grand Master had declared the lodge at Mount Al Aksa duly constituted, and the officers regularly installed, a number of joining members were proposed for affiliation, balloted for, and duly elected. Two candidates for initiation were now presented, one a Spaniard, Don Antonio Gutierrez, and the other a Moorish gentleman, El Hadj Ali Butalib, Knight of the Red Eagle. The last-named is a Scherif, being a nephew of the celebrated Amir Abdul Kadir, whose resistance to the French in Algeria made his name world renowned. On a late occasion he accompanied the Austrian traveller, Dr. Linz, to Timbuctoo, and on the journey having been instrumental in saving his life, was decorated by the Emperor of Germany with the order of the Red Eagle.

The ceremony was conducted most ably in Spanish by Bro. Ross, being translated into fluent Arabic by Bro. Levi Cohen, acting as Senior Deacon.

After the labours of the evening were finished, the lodge was closed by W. Bro. Ballard in harmony at 10.30, and the brethren proceeded to refection, after which, amongst others, the following toasts were proposed, &c., "The Queen and the Craft," "The Emperor of Morocco, and may he see light," "The Grand Masters of Manitoba and other recognised Grand Lodges," "The Special Deputy Grand Master of Morocco," &c.

To this latter toast M.W. Bro. Stewart Patterson briefly responded, stating that on his first visit to the Empire of Morocco he had conceived a partiality for the people and their country, and regretted the want of organisation amongst the Masons residing in it. He at once determined to remedy this, so that on the broad platform of a common humanity the Christian Jews and Mahometans, all worshippers of one God, could meet together as brethren. Thanks to the sympathy and support he had met with on all sides the result was the successful meeting they were now bringing to a close, and the establishment of Masonry in Morocco on a sure and sound foundation.

"The Health of the Installing Past Master, W. Bro. Ross, and the W.M., Bro. Capt. Ballard," was then proposed in felicitous terms by W. Bro. C. JOHNSTON, and was received with all honours, being duly responded to by those brethren.

"The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by W. Bro. BELL, P.M. Crepe Lodge.

Bro. L. COHEN responded to the toast of "The Brethren of Tangier and Morocco."

"The Newly-Initiated Brethren" was proposed, and Bros. HADJ ALI BUTALIB and DON ANTONIO GUTIERREG responded.

"The Health of Bro. Affalo," the proprietor of the rooms in which the meeting was held, was then toasted, and replied to in appropriate terms.

Various other toasts were then proposed, the Tyler's toast concluding the proceedings, the brethren dispersing to their various homes highly delighted and instructed by the successful and harmonious consecration they had assisted in.

The following are the names of the officers of the Territorial Grand Lodge of Morocco, all of whom, with the exception of five or six, being present on the occasion:

Bro. R. Stewart Patterson	Grand Master.
" A. Ross	Grand S.W.
" C. Johnston	Grand J.W.
" J. R. Ballard	Grand Sec.
" Rev. W. H. Bullock	Grand Chap.
" F. P. Warren	Grand Reg.
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" Hadj Ali Cartani	Grand Swd. Br.
" Manuel Rodriguez	Grand Std. Br.
" Domingo Atelaya	Grand I.G.
" J. Ghio	Grand Tyler.

Besides the above named, who were present on the occasion, the following brethren also kindly assisted: W. Bro. Bell, P.M. Cape Lodge 325, I.C.; Bros. J. Atelaya, J. Benzaquin, Leon Rofee, F. Ruiz, M. Anijar, Mensberger, Ab. Sicsu, S. Benabi, D. Shrique, J. Bensadon, A. Gutierrez, Hadj. Ali Butalib, and others.

It is gratifying to state that other lodges, such as the "Najmet Fas," "Star of Fez," W. Bro. Novello, the "Yussaf," Lodge of Dartel Beida, W. Bro. Atelaya, and others are about commencing work, so that shortly Masonry will have erected her columns and displayed her light in many important positions in the Moroccan Empire.

THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS.

The Grand Lodge of Texas has just published the Proceedings in the Forty-sixth Annual Commemoration, held at the City of Houston, December, 1881. It is a bulky volume of 389 pages, and contains much valuable information about the Craft in that district, and a large portion of the book is taken up with the returns of the various lodges, giving the names not only of the officers but the whole of the brethren, down to the latest made Entered Apprentice. The Grand Master's address is an exhaustive and interesting account of the progress of the Craft in the Lone Star State, and that portion of it dealing with the Grand Lodge of England will, we doubt not, be read with interest by many of our subscribers. The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. M'Leary, who is Attorney-General of Texas, was on this occasion presented with a Grand Master's jewel by the Grand Lodge on accepting office.

The paragraph alluded to, relating to the appointment of an English Representative is as follows:

"GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND."

"Having a great respect for our English brethren, on account of their eminent services to the cause of Freemasonry, I early set about putting our Grand Lodge in communication with them by means of a Representative to protect our interest there and to keep us informed of the state of the Craft near that great Masonic centre. To that end I consulted our P.P., and wrote to Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. G. H. Bringhurst, and from both sources became convinced that we had no representative near the Grand Lodge of England. Then, out of abundant caution (having heard from an unofficial source that one James Wilde was reported to be Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of England), on the 28th of March I wrote a letter to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, making full enquiries in regard to the matter, but I heard nothing from him until the 19th of August, when he wrote me that Bro. James Wilde, on the 19th August, 1847, presented his "patent" in the Grand Lodge of England, and was received as the Grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas. In the meantime, however, on the 23rd May, I had appointed R.W. Bro. Emra Holmes, of Fowey, Cornwall, England, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, near the Grand Lodge of England, and forwarded his commission to the Grand Secretary of England. I had known Bro. Holmes through his works as a Masonic author and poet, and felt that our Grand Lodge was particularly fortunate in securing such an earnest, intelligent, and zealous Mason, to whom our interest in the English Kingdom would be committed. But the arrival of his commission aroused the Grand Secretary from his slumbers, and even resurrected our Grand Representative, whom for more than seventeen years we had mourned as dead. I was then informed through letters to our Grand Secretary from Bro. Wilde, and to myself from Bro. Clerke, that the Grand Lodge of Texas was represented near the Grand Lodge of England by James Wilde, D.C.L. Of course, finding ourselves so well represented, I was compelled to cancel Bro. Holmes' commission, and to request Bro. Wilde to let us hear from him more frequently."

Under the title of "London Children in Green Lanes and Fields," a clergyman will recount in the *Quiver* for next month, his experiences in the direction of giving poor children a happy summer holiday in the country, by "planting them out"—i.e., placing them under the care of villagers a few miles out of town. It is hoped that other helpers in the same good work will be found.

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VOTES FOR GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS ELECTION.

A Brother in want of some Votes, both for the Girls' and Boys' Schools 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*, 10, Great Queen-street, W.C.

MASONIC GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

Bro. J. White, of 135, Loughborough-road, will be happy to change 28 votes for Girls' Election for Boys' proxies.

AN APPEAL to the Benevolent is made on behalf of a BROTHER, aged 72, of considerable literary attainments, who was run over and disabled in January last; formerly in a good position, and a liberal supporter of the Charities, is now confined to his bed and quite destitute. He was relieved from the Fund of Benevolence in July last, and cannot apply to that Fund again until next July. Bro. Henry Sadler is personally acquainted with this very distressing case, and will be glad to give information respecting it, or take charge of any contributions sent to him, care of W. Lake, 10, Great Queen-street, and supervise their disbursement.

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[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.]

CALENDRIER MACONNIQUE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

What has come over our worthy friends in the Rue Cadet, Paris? A copy of the "Calendrier Maconnique" for 1882, the official calendar of the Grand Orient, has just fallen into my hands, and I find they are all dreadfully behind-hand and "in the basket." They only know of 1670 English lodges, and still recognize our lamented Bro. John Hervey as Grand Secretary, ignoring the work and name of our present worthy and energetic Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

Now I know incidentally that they still receive our Grand Lodge reports, and no doubt our Annual Calendar. Whence then this retrograde state of affairs? Are they all "en sommeil?"

Yours Fraternally,

MASKELYNE.

PRECEPT AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have had before me a case which gives me grounds for fearing that certain of our brethren, in the reiteration of Craft precepts, sometimes come to regard those precepts as mere "facon de parler." This may not be from want of heart, but lack of thought has the like result, and the "plain, unvarnished" story I have to relate, while it points a moral, will, I trust, have the effect of enlisting sympathies seldom sought in vain for a good cause.

This story I have to tell relates to the late Bro. Hennah, afterwards the Rev. W. H. Hennah, who, about the year 1874, being then about twenty-five years of age, and the head of a scholastic establishment in Kent, increased, as he hoped, his means of being more useful to his fellow creatures, by seeking the light of Masonry, and was initiated in a country lodge. He left the scene of his labours in Kent, and, taking up his abode in London, in the great northern parish of Islington, he discharged public and private duties with energy and assiduity; adding to his labours as the principal of an educational establishment the duties of a minister of religion ("sans prebend"); and was an elected Guardian of the Poor. Though so far away from his mother lodge, he did not forget the companions of his Masonic toils, but continued a member of that lodge, and though he could not share in the pleasures, he contributed to the lodge's ability to discharge its "work;" now and again, too, taking the long journey from London to the country that he might show his active interest in the Craft. In fact, our Bro. Hennah was a "good Mason" in all respects and in every sense.

Now I come to the pitiful part of my story. Last autumn, when the summer suddenly gave way to a wintry wind, our Bro. Hennah, not thirty-two years of age, with a frame shaken by over-work, caught a severe cold. With that illness upon him he travelled in bad weather, in his zeal for his Master's work, to preach a sermon at a far off place. He returned home, and his spirit passed hence—rheumatic fever completing what the cold and overtaxed energies had commenced. The prop which had sustained the household was suddenly taken away, and of course, the result of Bro. Hennah's labours and of his capital, in the establishment he had founded, became almost as nothing. Bro. Hennah's widow, with a fortitude and energy perfectly marvellous and most commendable, set herself heartily to the task of working for her three fatherless boys—the eldest under eight. She sought only that her late husband's lodge should aid her in endeavouring to secure the election of one boy—Frederick Wolfe Hennah—into the Masonic Boys' School, an election which, in such a case, would surely be as proper and as faithful an application of the Charity as could be made, both in regard to the late father's merits as a man, as well as his position as a citizen; and the fact that the charity, so applied, would be a blessing alike to the boy, the widow, and the two remaining sons of the widow.

Bro. Hennah's lodge, unfortunately, had "local" cases to support (though I should have thought the son of poor Bro. Hennah would have been considered a "local case"), and I, as a London Mason, was appealed to in aid of this case, the family having been known to me for many years.

I sought the aid of active members of my own lodge, No. 228, in this case, and the answer I had, "If you had not been absent through illness you would have known that our country Bro. O'Doherty has died, and that Lodge 228 (United Strength), must give its whole aid for this country brother's son." Here is the true universal spirit—though the practice of London and country lodges differs.

On the merits of this case I appeal to the wide benevolence of brethren who have votes for No. 56 in the list of

boys who are candidates. Several influential brethren have kindly given me their aid, but my long illness and my inexperience in the ways of charity voting, will, I fear, act detrimentally in the cause of the widow, Mrs. Hennah, and her children, especially I am thus unassisted by any lodge. I appeal with the more confidence because I know that the Craft, in the wide benevolence it ever exercises, will gladly repair the mistakes into which a narrow interpretation of duties has led some of its members, and will especially be glad to do this when it can combine its action with true and wise benevolence.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN WHILE,

P.M. 228 and M.E.Z. elect 228.

135, Loughborough-road, S.W.

THE GRANDE LOGE SYMBOLIQUE ECOSSAISE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to "Maskelyne's" admirable epistle, and to your own gracious remarks in your last week's journal, I would wish to observe that in January, 1880, eleven Craft lodges working under the Ancient and Accepted Rite met, and declared that thenceforth they would nominate one representative each for every fifty members of a lodge, or part of fifty, which representatives would constitute a governing power to be called the Grande Loge Symbolique Ecosaise, and permission was duly obtained and certified by the Prefect of Police and by the Minister of the Interior, granting precisely the same prerogatives and rights to the new body as those possessed by the Grand Orient and the Supreme Conseil du Rite Ecosais; these permits were, I deem, alone sufficient to justify its creation as a Craft Grand Lodge. We did not want to create, as "Maskelyne" suggests, a Grand Conseil administering the higher grades, because we wished to leave the control of the high grades to the Supreme Conseil Ecosais, and simply to form a national Craft Grand Lodge, embodying all Masons in France of the first Three Degrees, which, as I have before stated, is now in a considerable stage of advancement, for since we left the Supreme Conseil Ecosais the reforms craved for have been carried out, hence the double reason for the so-called "fusion." We wished to be governed by men of our own choice, and not by men unknown to us, who took unto themselves all rights and power.

Does Bro. "Maskelyne" know that the "mutineers," as he calls us, are more numerous under our obedience than are the active members of all the lodges of the Supreme Conseil Ecosais, and that whilst our number constantly augments, theirs as surely decreases.

The greatest point in favour of the legality of the Grand Loge Symbolique is, as you sagaciously point out, that it is a "fait accompli," for on comparing this Masonic revolution with any other, I would fain ask you, by what charter did the party under the late M. Thiers proclaim the Republic in France, on the 4th September, 1870? None; and yet the Republic is recognised everywhere as the legal government of France, because it is an accomplished fact; and if only on the same precedent, I claim recognition and validity on behalf of the Grande Loge Symbolique Ecosais. In a country like this, where "vox populi" is "vox Dei," it strikes one most naturally that the "vox fraternelle" should have the right of constituting a self-governing constitutional government. As to the upholding of the ancient landmarks of our beloved fraternity,—the Grand Orient and the Grand Loge Symbolique do not impose a belief or an unbelief—they simply uphold the maxim that to enter into the mysteries of Antient Freemasonry, the neophyte must be free and of good report; and the argument used (which I do not in this instance uphold or contradict) is, that by compelling and enforcing a belief, you Anglo-Saxons do away with one of the essentials, freedom, since you prohibit a free-thinker to enter the sacred precincts of our temples.

I do not make use of a flow of eloquence equal to that of "Maskelyne," but I hope I have clearly shown my point without making use of rhetorical flourishes which only tend to enhance the difficulty of grasping at the true meaning of a sentence, without in the least embellishing plain Queen's English.

I am, dear sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally,
JOSEPH LAMBERT.

76, Faubourg Poissonniere, Paris.

THE GLOUCESTER PROVINCE "CALENDAR."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester" has just reached me, and I being for all practical purposes non-resident in my province, it brings to me a rich fund of information which no amount of private correspondence could furnish. The amount of work done in compiling this calendar can only be known by such of us as have undertaken the getting up of statistics of any kind. Our Bro. Bascvi is rewarded for his work by the fact that it is to him a labour of love, he believing, as do others among us, that the publication has proved itself useful as well as interesting.

I wish the printer's reader had noticed the error in index, on page 5; but John Bellows is not fond even of small blemishes in his work, and has, doubtless, already noted this oversight with a view to avoid a repetition next year.

I imagine this book must be heartily welcomed by most of our brethren. Even those whom proximity and leisure enable most frequently to visit cannot keep in memory the

changes from year to year in the various lodges; nor without such a publication can they note the advance or otherwise of practical Masonic work in the province, an advance which is, I believe, much stimulated by being brought before the eyes of brethren in a clear, concise manner.

Bro. Basevi would not, I feel sure, claim for the Calendar and Masonic Charity Association together credit for the whole advance in voting power (and therefore in amount of support to our institutions), shewn on page ninety-seven; but advances of 30 per cent. in 1879, 17 per cent. in 1880, and 38 per cent. in 1881, have assuredly not been uninfluenced by agencies introduced in and since 1876.

I should like very much to know to what extent, and with what measure of success, similar efforts have been made of late years in our other provinces

Perhaps ere long the *Freemason* will furnish this information to its many readers, and thus oblige among others of them,

Yours fraternally, H.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have just learned that a mendicant Mason, named Staunton, has been plying his nefarious trade of begging in the Province of North Connaught. I would feel grateful to any brother that would supply me with any information relative to this man, as I believe him to be the same person that I read of some time ago in the columns of the *Freemason*.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

JOHN DERMODY (178, Scotland), R.I.C. Oristown, Kills, Co. Meath.

March 21, 1882.

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.



CALENDRIER MACONNIQUE DU GRAND ORIENT DU FRANCE. SECRETARIAT GENERAL. 10, Rue Cadet, Paris.

This little work, with its well known orange-coloured cover, (nothing however to do with the pious, glorious, and immortal, &c.), is, as many readers know, the official calendar of the French Grand Orient, and is published annually like as with us, under the auspices of a printing committee. It is a useful little work, but it seems to us not so correct as usual in the details of foreign Grand Lodges, and wants what would be a great addition, an annual balance sheet. For the balance sheet of the Grand Orient is indeed a "mystery of mysteries," and I have never yet met any French brethren who could explain them, much less understand them. There are, it seems, 276 lodges, 35 chapters, 12, conseils, 1 Grand College des Rites, and 1 Consistoire, in all 325 bodies under the Grand Orient. Just now, unfortunately, a very serious gulph exists between French and English Freemasonry. We can only hope for better days, and that sooner or later, the Grand Orient may see its way to remove that great stumbling block of offence, the alteration of the great and ancient landmarks of English so of French Freemasonry. Such an aspiration for happier times and greater union, is however, we fear at present, destined to remain a matter of sentiment, not the fulfilment of reality. We understand from the best authority, that many worthy Freemasons in France are much dissatisfied with the present state of affairs, and have practically resigned their membership.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AND CITY POLICE ORPHANAGE FOR 1881-82. Metchim and Son, 20, Parliament-street, S.W.

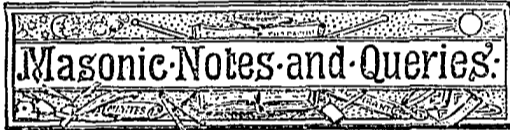
This report, always lucid and interesting, is rendered doubly so this year by the illustrative drawing of the Orphanage itself, and the striking group of its little inmates, as well as by the official reports of educational progress and sanitary well-being which are most judiciously supplied. People sometimes complain of the vagueness or the generalistic tendencies of similar reports. Here all is distinct, clear, and matter-of-fact, so that all can understand the returns, and can form for themselves fair conclusions as to the reality of the work of the Orphanage, and the soundness of the principles on which it is conducted. Having had to do with a good many similar institutions in our life, and studying a good many reports, we have never met with any on which, as it seems to us, are more legibly written, the outcome of honest painstaking efforts, the conviction of most successfully adapting your means to the end in view. We recommend our readers to study the report for themselves, and in no case can the annual guinea be better bestowed, and which Mr. E. Mills, 4, Whitehall-place, will thankfully receive. One of the most remarkable features connected with the Orphanage is the actual material support tendered to it by the "Force," very much to their credit. As the report remarks, out of a body of 12,008, only 74 are not subscribers, leaving 11,934 subscribers. These 74, by the way, are made up of one sergeant and thirteen City Police; one inspector, ten sergeants, and twenty-five men of Thames Police (why this

large proportion of Thames Police?); two of the men stationed at Pembroke; one sergeant sixteen men Metropolitan Police; and one sergeant four men at Woolwich. We hope that another year this small percentage of non-subscribers will disappear. The educational position of the school, according to Mr. J. Rice Byrne, H.M. Inspector of Schools, is very good; the remarks of the visitors are most cheering, while the surgical and work reports are very satisfactory. The eighty-three girls of the orphanage, of whom twenty-two are between five and seven, have mended 8906 pairs of socks and stockings, have made 1423 necessary articles of apparel—in all, for one year, 10,329 proofs of industrial handiwork. The conduct of the children is said to have been very good, and their appearance is said to be most cheerful and striking. Indeed the school administration and organization seem to be thoroughly effective. When we come to the balance sheet the realistic character of the institution is made still more apparent, in that of the whole amount of £11,573 4s. 4d., the actual subscriptions of the sergeants and constables amount to £2348 2s. 10d., the subscriptions of retired police sergeants and constables to £40 5s. 8d.; boxes in police stations, £106 7s. 8d.; and profits on concerts, &c., to £454 6s. 5d. Thus we may fairly place the direct and indirect contributions of the force at £7129 2s. 7d. The balance last year was £538 19s. 5d.; this year it is £1645 6s. 1d. The expenditure is highly satisfactory: Furniture and clothing have cost £1367 11s. 6d.; salaries and wages, £1534 11s. 2d.; housekeeping, £2384 17s. 8d.; rates, taxes, gas and water, £359 5s. 10d.; fuel, £230 3s. 4d.; books, stationery and printing, £323 8s. 5d.; medical attendance and medicine, £124 10s. 6d.; portage and conveyance, £79 6s. 2d.; sundries and postage, £186 3s. 10d.; new wing (building), £3017 6s. 10d.; with a balance of £1645 6s. 1d. The institution has £5014 2s. 10d. in Metropolitan Stock. We note that the average expenditure per head is £28 on 243 inmates daily. We wish this excellent institution all prosperity and success.

CATALOGUES.

E. W. Stibbs, 22, Museum-street, W.C.

Mr. E. W. Stibbs in his catalogue, No. 35, gives us a list of works for sale; many very valuable, many very curious, and some altogether unique, perhaps not likely to occur again for purchase. We commend the catalogue to the notice of our readers. Some of the books relating to the Greek and Latin classics, heraldry, witchcraft, genealogy and family history, fine arts, history, biography, "Pactz's British Topography," deserve the attention of experts, connoisseurs, and book collectors. We heard the other day that many have already gone, and there can be no doubt that early purchasers will be found for such really valuable and curious books.



FRATRES PONTIFICES.

Les frères des Ponts, the Bridge Brethren, the "Haly Wark Folk," mentioned by Hutchinson, all seem to come from the same origin, and to point to an early institution before the monastic organization, which took care of the bridges. In mediæval times the making and mending of bridges was considered a work of piety and necessity, and it is just possible that the earliest of those who directed such works were monks, fratres, frères, and brethren. The words frère and frater may refer, as in the Compagnonage and the Gilds, to a member of a bridge-building, bridge-restoring fraternity. Ragon, in his "Nouveau Rituel de Kadosch," Paris (without a date), gives us this note on a Nineteenth Grade, which he calls "Sovereign Pontiff, or Sublime Ecosais, so-called of the Heavenly Jerusalem." See page 2, foot-note. "Five centuries before our era, Horatius Cocles, wishing to oppose the passage of the army of Porsenna over the bridge which gave entrance to Rome, found himself obliged to yield to numbers, he made his soldiers evacuate the bridge, which he destroyed, and cast himself into the Tiber and saved Rome. In memory of this heroic action they formed a college of men, at the same time carpenters and soldiers, to whom were confided the guard and the keeping of the bridges, with the name of Pontifices, makers of bridges. Their chief called himself Summus Pontifex, Sovereign Pontiff. This dignity became one of the most considerable in the Republic. Julius Cæsar ambitioned it, and attained it in the year ninety-two before the common era. Until the third century it continued to be a prerogative of the emperors. But Boranius tells us that Gratian, a Christian emperor, rejected in 362 the title of Sovereign Pontiff, because it belonged to the superstition of the Gentiles. Later, the Bishop of Rome, less scrupulous, took possession of this Pagan dignity, which he changed into a Christian dignity. It was not, however, until 1090 that a council gave the title of Pope (father) to the Bishop of Rome, and instituted chief of the Roman Catholic religion, to the exclusion of other bishops." How far Ragon is correct in the old controversy of the Pope, Bishop of Rome, is immaterial for my purpose, and fruitless and forbidden to discuss in these columns. As regards the Pontifices, Facciolati, than whom we can have no safer authority, tells us that the meaning of "Pontifex" was that of "Iereus," a priest, sacer, magister religionis, &c., though there is a doubt whether the word came originally from "posse et facere" or "ponte." He tells us that the Pontifices were divided into "majores" and "minores," and the "Pontifex Maximus" was the chief. There seems no trace of "Summus Pontifex" or of the "Pontifices." If any such designation was used it would probably have been "Pontiles." It is just possible, as Cicero seems to hint, that at one time the bridges were under the "Collegium Pontificum." Julius Cæsar, as we know, took the title for a time of Pontifex Maximus in or about 46 B.C., when he reformed the calendar, but was never called Summus Pontifex. In Kenning's Cyclopædia occurs an account of the bridge builders, who may have existed in other countries under a different name. One of the duties of one of the English Gilds, according to Cornelius Walford's interesting work, was to keep a particular bridge in repair.

MASONIC STUDENT.

MR. COLLINS AND LOCKE'S LETTER.

Is it possible that the Mr. Collins is Mr. Collins the compiler of the "Peerage"? Does Anthony Wood mention any Mr. Collins at Oxford contemporary with Mr. Locke? ANTIQUARY.

ELIAS ASHMOLE.

I am happy to be able to send, to some extent at least, a reply to the queries asked by "Masonic Student," in your issue of March 4th. From the "Literary Anecdotes" of William Bowyer, published by J. Gough Nichols, 1812, Vol. iv., page 29, we learn that "Millington sold, May 6th, 1684, at the Auction-house, opposite the Black Swan, in Ave Maria Lane, the library of Dr. John Owen, &c., &c., and that of Esq. Ashmole, Mar. 5, 1693-4, at the same place." Ashmole died 18th May, 1692, so some, at least, of his books were sold soon after his death. It is evident however, that a portion of his manuscripts remained in the hands of his heirs—probably his wife, who survived him, and died at Lambeth, April, 1701; for in the collection of MS. letters bequeathed by George Ballard to the Bodleian Library in 1755, is one (ij. 11.) from Rawlinson, dated Feb. 25, 1730-7, in which he says, "that he had bought about two years since some of Ashmole's papers from his heirs, including some of Dugdale's." ["Lit. Anecdotes," Vol. v., 495n, and Macray's "Annals of the Bodleian," 177n.] But apparently Rawlinson did not become possessed of many MSS. of Masonic interest; at least, they do not appear now to be in his collections preserved at Oxford. My own impression has for some time been that a portion of Ashmole's manuscripts on alchemy, and possibly on Masonry, were purchased by Sir Hans Sloane. Referring to the transfer of books, coins, &c., made by the trustees of the Ashmolean Museum, according to Macray's "Annals of the Bodleian," p. 286, "First are those of Elias Ashmole himself, numbering originally 2175, but reduced by losses before the transfer to 2136, of which about 850 are MSS." A note to the manuscripts says, "This number includes some fifteen or sixteen volumes given by subsequent donors, but incorporated with Ashmole's own books." Ever since I suggested, some months ago, a possible connection between the two Sanklys and the Pagetts, I have been collecting notes on the subject, but it will take time to elucidate, and cannot be answered off-hand. With regard to Ashmole's will, probably the easiest way of settling the question would be to go to Somerset House, and a very few minutes would decide if it is there preserved.

W. HARRY RYLANDS.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL MASONIC RESTORATION FUND.

On the 17th inst. a meeting of the Sub-Committee was held at No. 67, Brook-street, W. Present: V.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, in the chair; Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G. Steward, Prov. G. Treas. Herts; J. E. Dawson, P. Prov. S.G.W., Prov. G.S. Herts; P. W. Taylor, P. Prov. J.G.W. Herts; T. R. Webster, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; H. C. Finch, P.P.G. Reg. Herts; T. Kent, P.P.J.G.D. Herts; I. N. Edwards, P.P.G. Reg. Herts; and the Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.G.W. Herts.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, also the following statement of accounts.

Table with financial data: Subscriptions received £380 16 0, Interest on deposit money 8 6 0, Subscriptions promised 122 14 0, Total £511 19 0.

Expenses up to date ... £32 16 11

A beautiful design for a pulpit, sent in by Mr. J. O. Scott, together with some tenders for executing the same, having been submitted to the meeting, the following resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously:

(1.) "That Mr. Scott's design for the pulpit be approved.

(2.) "That Bro. Miskin's tender of March 17th to execute the same, exclusive of the sculptures, for £500, be accepted.

(3.) "That Bro. Keyser be requested to take steps to procure the additional funds (about £200) required, to carry out in its entirety the original design of Mr. J. O. Scott for the pulpit."

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting adjourned.

Donations as promised, and additional and special subscriptions, can be sent to C. E. Keyser, 67, Brook-street, Grosvenor-square, W.; after Easter to Merry Hill House, Bushey, Watford.

A MASONIC MEETING AT SEA.

A meeting of Masons was held on board the *Trojan*, on the 1st ult., on her outward voyage from Southampton to the Cape. The following brethren were present, and took part in the interesting proceedings of the somewhat novel gathering, viz. :—Bros. W. C. Thompson, 228, (in the chair); J. C. Lory Marsh, M.D., P.M., 576; H. Eastwood, 359; H. W. Stockham, 334; James Chilcot, 299; George Hlett, 437, (S.C.); Henry Hastings, 681; G. Goldsmidt, 302; D. Harris, 1832; Henry J. Price, 34; James D. Ellis, 853; Henry E. Ellis, 853; Charles D. Coxwell, 130; J. A. Holland, 803; C. Alexander, 1780; John Bradley, 103; H. W. H. Dunsmore, 1574; L. M. A. Etting, Lodge, Rising Sun, Burghersdorp; Owen Hall, Sec. 1574.

The sum of £2 12s 6d having been collected, it was decided that it should be devoted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and it was directed to be forwarded to the Secretary of that institution in London.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That Bro. J. C. Lory Marsh, P.M. 576, should, on his return to England, apply to Grand Lodge, to ascertain under what regulations travelling Masons may be permitted to hold lodges of instruction on board vessels at sea."

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., and suite left London on Friday for Calais, en route for Mentone, and afterwards Germany.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

RESIGNATION OF BRO. R. BROWN, HONORARY SECRETARY.

A most influentially attended meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, the meeting being rendered all the more interesting by the fact that Bro. Richard Brown, P.P.G. Treasurer, had signified his intention of resigning the post of one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Charity, a position he had filled with amazing zeal, extreme courtesy, and unflinching tact for a period of nearly ten years. Our Masonic Charities are fortunate in having brethren attached to them who are willing to devote time and labour for their good, but it is doubtful if any scheme of benevolence in connection with the fraternity has ever had one who, with tact and intelligence, has more closely identified himself with any movement than Bro. Richard Brown—a "household name" in the Province of West Lancashire.

The circumstances of his resignation are rendered all the more noteworthy because of the fact that illness—severe and prolonged—has led to the step which has caused deep regret in every part of the province; and the wish is universally expressed that Providence may be pleased to spare a life which is fraught with so much good to "those of his own house," and to Freemasonry in every portion of West Lancashire.

Bro. R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D., occupied the chair. The first item of business was to receive and determine the several recommendations made by the general committee with reference to the election of children of deceased and distressed Freemasons on the foundation of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The recommendations, with one exception, were unanimously agreed to, involving an additional annual outlay of about £100 for the tuition and advancement in life of the elected children.

Bro. Richard Brown, P.P.G. Treas., as already stated, had sent in his resignation as one of the honorary secretaries of the charity; and, in moving that this be accepted, the CHAIRMAN said they must all feel deep regret that Bro. Brown had been compelled to give up the position in consequence of ill-health. During a period of nearly ten years Bro. Brown had performed the duties of his office with enthusiasm, courtesy, and marked ability, devoting a large amount of valuable time to the fulfilment of the work.

Bro. H. S. ALPASS, P.G. Sec., in seconding the motion, also spoke from personal observation of the admirable manner in which Bro. Brown had performed his arduous labours.

Attention was then called to the fact by Bro. J. B. MACKENZIE, P.M. 1609, that a movement was on foot for the purpose of presenting Bro. Brown with a suitable testimonial in recognition of the valuable services and work he had rendered in connection with the charity, and the cordial co-operation of the brethren in this movement was especially invited. The testimonial, he had no doubt would be of such a nature as to show how much the ten years voluntary services of Bro. Brown as one of the Hon. Secs. of the West Lancashire are appreciated by all the brethren in the province of West Lancashire. This expression of the esteem of the brethren, too, would serve to soothe and sustain Bro. Brown in the midst of his severe illness.

The resignation was accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Brown was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., Bro. R. Martin, jun., P.M. 1182, was unanimously chosen to fill the post of one of the Honorary Secretaries of the West Lancashire, in place of Bro. Brown.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

A final meeting of the Committee entrusted with the arrangements for the Masonic ball at the Town-hall in January last was held, when it was reported that the sum of £58 15. 11d. had been realised for the benefit of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and others identified with the annual Masonic gathering.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WHITMARSH.

An interesting meeting of the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150, took place last week, advantage being taken of the occasion to make a presentation from the members to their honorary Secretary, Bro. Thomas Webb Whitmarsh, P.M., on the completion of ten years of valuable and most successful service to the lodge. The W.M., Wardens, and nearly the whole of the members were present, and, together with numerous visitors, comprised the following Grand Officers: Bro. Sir John Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; De L. Long, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; Howe, P.G.P.; and others.

After the lodge business was concluded, Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, Senior Past Master and Treasurer of the lodge, in appropriate and exceedingly laudatory terms, presented the testimonial, which consisted of a very handsome drawing-room clock and candelabra, suitably inscribed, and also a receipt for five guineas, conferring on Bro. Whitmarsh a Life Governorship of the Girls' School.

Bro. SAMUEL MULLENS, Past Master and Steward, then supplemented the Treasurer's remarks by asking in the name of the brethren that Mrs. Whitmarsh, who had so frequently lost the society of her husband when engaged in his lodge and instruction duties, might be invited to accept a repeater carriage clock, in further token of the esteem and regard of the brethren.

The W.M. then added his quota of praise and admiration for the good work and untiring services rendered to lodge by its Secretary.

Bro. WHITMARSH, who was much overcome by emotion, assured the brethren of his heartfelt gratitude; and later in the evening gave a most interesting account of the lodge history.

FORMATION OF GRAND LODGES.

BY BRO. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.S.G.D.

The increase of modern Grand Lodges has been so rapid that the regulations which should govern their institution and subsequent career have never been thoroughly considered and settled by their older confrères. The importance of the subject must be my excuse for again recurring to it, and may I say that my remarks are simply intended to "pour oil on the troubled waters," and to seek by fair and Masonic means to suggest methods whereby some of the present differences may be healed and then avoided for the future.

To begin with, a wrong guiding principle has been accepted by several brethren whose influence has been considerable, especially in the United States, in forming the opinions of the Craft respecting the formation of new Grand Lodges, and the lamented Dr. Mackey is one of these who has advocated the doctrine complained of, viz.: "When it is desired to organize a Grand Lodge, three or more legally constituted lodges, working in any state, territory, or other independent political division where no Grand Lodge already exists, may meet in convention, adopt by-laws, elect officers, and organize a Grand Lodge." Now, it will be seen that by this article, no provision is made for the possibility of a majority of the lodges in such a country, or state, or territory being averse to the formation of such a Grand Lodge, but that it is left entirely to any three lodges to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge, even though their action may be opposed by ten, twenty, or thirty more lodges.

Then, again, what is known as the "American doctrine" provides that when a Grand Lodge is thus, what is called, "legally constituted," in a country or state, &c., all the lodges within its jurisdiction, i.e., territory, &c., "must surrender their warrants of constitution to the Grand Lodges from which they respectively received them, and accept others from the newly-organized Grand Lodge." This is a second objectionable point and fraught with many dangers to the peace and happiness of old Grand Lodges, as well as of the Craft generally, because should several lodges, perhaps the majority in the country, or should even one only elect to remain under their original Grand Lodge, then it or they are deemed unfit to belong to the regular Craft, and all the brethren of the new Grand Lodge are called upon not to visit or countenance their members in any way as Freemasons. Not only so, but should the Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges which chartered such lodge or lodges support them in such action then the new Grand Lodge ultimately withdraws its representatives from them, and calls upon all other Grand Lodges to do likewise, so as to really ostracise the lodges which prefer to remain under their original Grand Lodges, also to cut off the Grand Lodges which do not call upon such lodges for their warrants, from all international Masonic fellowship. Now, why should this be? When were such rules agreed to, and by whom? All lodges and Grand Lodges have virtually originated from England, Ireland, and Scotland, and certainly no such regulations have been sanctioned by either of them. A lodge when it receives a warrant to work in "unoccupied territory" pays a fee for the same and is entitled to the support of its "alma mater" so long as it obeys the laws. There has never been a warrant granted for a particular time. It is always in perpetuity so long as both continue consenting parties and the Constitutions are respected. The organisation body cannot recall its warrant when these conditions are obeyed, but on the other hand the constituted body can withdraw on payment of all its indebtedness, and join a legally formed Grand Lodge in its own district if so inclined. There never has been any force used to make such lodges do so by these old Grand Lodges, and it is not likely there ever will be. This fact had better be accepted by modern Grand Lodges, and their actions be governed accordingly, for once a warrant has been issued, say by the Grand Lodge of England in any unoccupied territory, the members thereof will have a claim to its support so long as its laws are respected, no matter whether a Grand Lodge be subsequently formed or not, and until the brethren elect to join the newer organization of their own "free will and accord," they will receive the same protection from the parent Grand Lodge as all the other lodges under its jurisdiction.

We need not cite England only. Take, for instance, as another illustration, that of the Silver City Lodge, New Mexico, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. I understand that the Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered all the lodges in that territory prior to the new Grand Lodge being formed. At all events the majority, all but one, decided to have a Grand Lodge for themselves, and though lamentably small for such a body, I have no reason to doubt the legality of the movement, and wish it most cordially all possible success. One lodge, however, has so far objected to join this Grand Lodge, and prefers to remain under that of Missouri. Already a great deal has been written about the matter, and doubtless much more said. In my opinion, founded on a careful study of the usages and customs of the Grand Lodges of last century, the Grand Lodge of Missouri is to be commended for giving its strong support to its lodge in New Mexico, which was regularly warranted by it, and which I am glad to see has had, and will have the aid that is fairly due from its parent. As this is a question in the heart of the Craft in the United States it is quite evident that what is known as the "American doctrine" is not really adopted by the whole of the Grand Lodges in that great country. On this subject let me quote the remarks of a Past Grand Master of New York, than whom I know not a better informed in that state, Most Worshipful Bro. John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer. He says: "While we will fight to the uttermost for sovereignty of an established Grand Lodge, as against all comers, it seems to us that when a governing body is established in a territory where no Grand Lodge before existed, it has no inherent right to demand allegiance of lodges existing in the territory before its formation, but that such an allegiance should be the subject of negotiation between itself and the subordinates." Bro. Simons, therefore, supports Missouri by such an advocacy, and also England in her voluntary hold of the lodge in Nova Scotia and the three in Quebec. My impression is that when a Grand Lodge has been formed for several years, and has such a fine future before it of usefulness and prosperity as the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that all subordinate lodges would do well to join it, and heartily and unitedly "fall into line," according to

the prayer of our good Bro. Dr. Graham, the esteemed and learned Grand Master of that energetic body. Of course if they wish to continue under their parent Grand Lodge, well let them. Why not? They have the Masonic right so to do, and anyway, so far as we can judge, it is but a question of time; for in time it is not at all likely that the lodges who prefer their isolation will last, as the brethren generally will naturally prefer the banner of their own Grand Lodge, so to speak, than to belong to lodges which have no such local prestige. In the natural course of things, if the members do not, whilst they are numerous, make good terms, they are not likely to do so well by deferring their union to a period when extinction else is before them. Still the lodge or lodges that elect not to join a Grand Lodge should have the privilege and right to do as they desire, and for myself I say most plainly that I trust they will prosper, whether separate from or in union with the Grand Lodge of their province. Now, in view of all these points why not let the following be agreed to?

1. A majority of the lodges and members must agree to the formation of a Grand Lodge in their state, province, territory, or country.

2. The minority objecting to be entitled to the privileges they enjoyed previously.

3. On the formation of the new Grand Lodge, no new warrants to be granted by any other Grand Lodge.

4. Recognition by other Grand Lodges to be subject to these conditions.

5. The new Grand Lodge only to be sovereign when all the subordinate lodges have joined, then to have exclusive jurisdiction.

In conclusion I desire to offer my best support and approval of the article in the *Voice* for November, 1881, by the talented editor, entitled, "A few of our Opinions." He declares that we "want no more of such autocracy as that of putting to death lodges that have simply acted out their own free-will and accord concerning the formation of a Grand Lodge."

I hope that Bro. Brown will long have a voice to speak, a right arm and hand to move, and a pen to wield in support of the freedom of lodges so situated. I believe also the *Voice's* racy contemporary, the *Keystone*, shares the same view. One thing is clear that the rights of lodges as well as of Grand Lodges must be respected.—*Voice of Masonry*.



Craft Masonry.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—This old lodge held its last meeting for the season on the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present among others, Bros. McLean, W.M.; Herbage, S.W.; Salmon, acting J.W.; George Everett, P.M. Treas.; Morris, Secretary; Pierpoint, S.D.; Jennings, J.D.; Chapman, acting I.G.; Walford, P.M.; Ferguson, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; Buxall, P.M.; White, P.M.; and Spink, P.M. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Raff, P.M. 95; Richelmann, P.M. 515; Phillips, P.M. 975; Basnett, P.M. 1339; Stiles, P.M. 1732; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx. &c.; Pearce, 491; Webb, 834; Glover, 834; Eaton, 879; Moujlet, 1305; Marsh, 1326; Dodson, 1366; Garnett, 1366; Fruiti, 1632; and Oliver, Ranelagh Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M., with the assistance of his officers, raised Bros. Perry and Birch, passed Bros. Rintone, Harvey and Giddings, and initiated Mr. T. J. Ings. Bro. Kent, P.M., in a few well chosen sentences introduced the following motion: "That an entertainment be given by this lodge in one of the summer months, to which ladies may be invited, and that a sum not exceeding £20 be granted from the fund of the lodge for carrying out the same." Bros. Walford, P.M., and Everett, P.M., having spoken at length upon the subject, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Bros. Dickerson, Holder, Scard, Riper and Cross were appointed a Committee to carry out the details in conjunction with the officers of the lodge.

Several minor matters having been discussed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual Royal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. "The Health of the W.M." in the absence of the I.P.M., was fluently and warmly proposed by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. In the course of his remarks he spoke of the great interest the W.M. had taken in the well being of the lodge since his advent into it many years ago. As an officer and W.M. he was exceedingly punctual in his attendance, and he was thoroughly well up in the ritual of which they had had ample evidence that evening. The W.M. in reply, briefly said that he had endeavoured since his entrance into Masonry to do his best, and he should continue to do so to the end. He lacked eloquence, but he would make up for that deficiency by steady and studious hard work.

"The Health of the Initiate followed," and the pledge having been enthusiastically drunk, Bro. Ings suitably acknowledged the compliment.

"The Visitors" came next in order, and was coupled with the names of Bros. Walls and Stiles, who duly acknowledged the compliment.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. spoke highly of the services of the members composing that powerful body. Personally, he felt greatly obliged to them all for the great kindness and assistance they had always rendered him. In conclusion, he said he should couple the toast with the name of Bro. Ferguson, who, in the absence of the I.P.M. that evening, had kindly undertaken the duties of that position.

Bro. Ferguson having modestly replied, Bros. Walford and Buscall also said a few words on the subject toast.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" came next. In proposing this toast the W.M. dwelt at length upon the abilities of the two brethren occupying those positions. Bro. Everett, the Treasurer, was a host in himself, and no one was more able to take care of the funds than he was. In addition to that he was a most excellent "working" Mason, and a most genial companion, both in public and private. Of Bro. Morris he could say that, considering the strength of the lodge, and the onerous nature of the duties appertaining to the appointment of Secretary, the work was most carefully and excellently performed.

Bro. Everett, in reply, said that he was one of those who at the banquet table preferred harmony to long speeches, but as their W.M. had so eulogistically spoken of his services to the Domestic Lodge, he felt constrained to say a few words in response. In so large a lodge it required a very stern resolution on the part of a Treasurer to keep the creature comforts and demands of the brethren within reasonable bounds, in order to have any funds to deal with. (Laughter.) They met that night for the last time previous to the long recess, and he was delighted to see them so happy and so comfortable. The lodge was exceedingly prosperous, and as all the members worked together with one common aim, namely, to promote philanthropy and conviviality without extravagance, it was bound to progress. In conclusion, he said that as long as the lodge honoured him with their support and confidence, they might depend upon his giving the duties of the appointment his best attention.

Bro. Morris having said a few words, "The Health of the Officers," coupled with the name of the S.W., terminated the proceedings.

The enjoyment of the brethren was enhanced by the musical efforts of Bro. Oliver.

UNITED PILGRIM'S LODGE (No. 507).—

This lodge met on Wednesday, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, for the purpose of installing Bro. C. W. Peters, the elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Grellet, the Treas. of the lodge, and after its conclusion the newly-installed Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bro. W. H. Beckley, I.P.M.; Broadhurst, S.W.; Joyce, J.W.; Grellet, Treas.; Jonas Duckett, Sec.; Blake, S.D.; Folks, J.D.; Gibbs, I.G.; Terry, D.C.; C. H. Wiltshire, W.S.; H. H. Wiltshire, Collecting Steward; Long, Organist; and Harrison, Tyler.

Before closing the lodge the following resolution was proposed by Bro. Duckett, Secretary, and seconded by Bro. Beckley, I.P.M.:

"That this lodge hereby express its regret and indignation at the recent cowardly attempt upon Her Majesty's life, and offers its grateful thanks to Almighty God for Her Majesty's merciful preservation, as also that of Her Royal Highness the Princess Beatrice, and earnestly and loyally repeats the words contained in Her Majesty's gracious letter to her people, viz., 'that He will continue to protect her for her people's sake, as He has hitherto so visibly done.'"

There being no other business on the agenda paper, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren and their numerous guests afterwards dined together. Among the visitors present were Bro. E. Durant, W.M. 1503; G. Free, P.M. 70; H. Watts, W.M. 186; H. Robins, W.M. 2; G. Cattell, 236; W. Jordan, 1314; F. V. F. Hanican, 183; W. Rustin, 90; E. H. Sharp, 1; F. Sharp, 1; P. Hordon, 41; J. S. Hodson, P.M. 25; J. W. Skelton, P.M. 1056; J. Carline, J.D. 1601; J. R. King, 11; C. W. Andrew, 72; E. P. Wilson, 181; C. W. Noehmer, P.M. 186; C. Packer, J.W. 862; Alfred Morris, 21; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1641; and E. C. Massey, 1297 (*Freemason*).

When the cloth had been withdrawn, the Chairman proposed "The Health of the Queen," coupled with the Craft, of which she is the honoured patroness. As far as Her Majesty was concerned, she was one of the greatest supporters of the principles of Freemasonry—moral truth and virtue—and he asked the brethren to drink the toast with special cordiality on account of the recent providential escape she had had from the hand of a would-be assassin, feeling sure that Freemasons were among the most loyal of Her Majesty's subjects.

In proposing "The Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master," the Chairman said that he was present at the recent Special Grand Lodge, and listened with the greatest pleasure to the speech of the Grand Master respecting the recent dastardly attempt on the life of the Queen. Freemasons prided their loyalty, and he viewed as a gracious acknowledgment of that quality in Masons that the Grand Master had come to them proposing that they should present an address to Her Majesty on the occasion.

In proposing "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Chairman said that the brethren were all aware of the immense amount of business which devolved upon the Grand Officers, and could appreciate the diligence with which they performed their duties, and the cordiality displayed by them in coming amongst them whenever their official and social duties admitted of them so doing.

Bro. W. H. Beckley, I.P.M.: Brethren, seeing this gavel in my hand you are no doubt aware what is coming next. I have the honour and still greater pleasure to propose "The Health of our Worshipful Master." Although in the natural course of events he has turned me out of the chair, I bear him no malice for having done so. I have known him now for some years; I know him to be a thorough good Mason, and I know that he will do his duty to your satisfaction and with benefit to the lodge. At the close of his year of office I know that we shall have to acknowledge that we have met with the greatest kindness at his hands.

The Chairman: Bro. Beckley and brethren, I return you my sincere thanks for the kind manner in which the toast to my health has been proposed and received this evening. I shall, as a matter of course, endeavour to perform the duties of my high office with satisfaction to my own conscience, and I trust that I may succeed sufficiently to meet also with your approval. I hope that I may rely upon your doing your best to assist me with your support. I trust that good fellowship and kindness will always characterise us as a lodge; that we shall always remember that we are all pilgrims going the same journey, and that we shall always be ready to lend each other friendly aid, and all hope to attain the same goal. I do not think that you will misunderstand me when I say that the happiness of the lodge depends as much upon you as it does upon me, and that we should have the same end in view, viz., to be happy and communicate happiness.

The Chairman: While the collecting box is going round I will propose "The Health of the I.P.M." I may not dilate upon the kind and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties, but every one has been struck with the ability with which he performed his work. It is a pleasure and an honour to me to have to attach to his breast this jewel, and I am sure it is the wish of the lodge, as it is my own, that he may have many years of life before him in

which he may bear upon his breast that record that he has been the ruler of this important and honourable lodge. I hope we shall continue to see him amongst us, and that his attendance will be as punctual in the future as it has been in the past.

Bro. Beckley: I thank you most sincerely for this beautiful jewel and for the manner in which it has been presented—for your hearty kindness I thank you. I shall ever prize this jewel amongst my most cherished heirlooms.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. H. G. Sharp, a member of the Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1.

In responding to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Jonas Duckett, P.M. and Sec., said that he had been Secretary of the lodge now for nine or ten years, and he felt honoured that the collar of that office had again been placed upon his neck. Before sitting down he desired to say a few words on the subject of charity. The brethren were aware that it was his intention to serve the office of Steward at the coming Festival of the Girls' School, and he trusted that they would give him such support as that when the amount came to be announced with the number of the United Pilgrims' Lodge, it would obtain recognition from those who would meet on that occasion. It was all very well for them to meet on these occasions; and it was a great satisfaction to be able to meet together and enjoy each other's society in the lodge and at the banquet table; but they should think at the same time of decayed Masons advanced in years, and upon the orphan children of Masons, and to do all in their power for the Charities; they should think it their duty to support liberally those schools where a training was given in that great majestic faith which would overcome that infidelity to which there was too great a tendency in these times. He hoped that year after year that lodge would strive to the uttermost to support the Masonic Charities, and he hoped that the brethren would bear in mind what a consolation it would be for them to feel that they gave substantial aid to Institutions which care for those who could not take care of themselves, and to schools which grounded the young in that faith which he trusted would yet overcome the unbelief which was too prevalent in some phases of society.

Several other toasts were duly honoured, including that of "The Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast, as customary, wound up the proceedings.

During the evening a selection of songs was performed, Bro. C. Warwick Jordan presiding at the pianoforte.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—

The March regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, the 20th inst. Bro. William Gunner, W.M., opened the lodge at the appointed hour, and there were present during the evening Bro. G. Lilley, as S.W.; J. Laird, as J.W.; James Stevens, P.M.; J. P. McKay, P.M.; D. Trusler, P.M.; T. Poore, P.M. and Sec.; C. Everist, S.D.; A. J. Barton, J.D.; G. Allen, P.M., as I.G.; C. A. Blogg, Org.; S. Ash, D.C.; C. Thomas, Tyler; W. H. Collier, G. R. Smith, G. Mulley, J. Hall, A. Leonard, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. Archer, 1426.

The business comprised the raising of Bro. Smith, by Bro. Poore, P.M., and the initiation of Mr. H. Marsh, by Bro. McKay, P.M., to whom the W.M. courteously resigned the chair of K.S. to enable him to introduce a personal friend into Freemasonry.

The Secretary then read a letter which had been received from Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, stating a Bro. Sheadd had informed him officially that the respective offices of Treasurer and Secretary were filled by the same brother, and requesting the lodge to alter that arrangement, the same not being in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order.

The W.M. explained that whilst, of course, the requirements of Grand Secretary should be observed, it was only right it should be understood that the best interests of the lodge had been promoted in this particular instance by the connection of the two offices in the person of Bro. Poore, and that the arrangement, which had been made, at the request of the lodge, by the brother (Bro. Sheadd, P.M.), who was at the time W.M., but had since resigned, and who now called the attention of the Grand Secretary to the fact, had, although inconsistent with the regulations, worked greatly to the financial prosperity and general good position of the lodge.

Bro. Poore at once tendered his resignation as Treasurer, and the same was accepted with expressions of great regret. Bro. Trusler, P.M., was unanimously elected to the vacant office.

Several members expressed themselves very warmly in respect of the originator of the interference with hitherto existing arrangements, but all agreed that the laws of the Grand Lodge must be specifically observed.

Letters of apology from absent members were read, and a petition of a distressed brother was granted. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an early supper, and a couple of hours social intercourse in harmony and good fellowship.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—

This lodge met on the 7th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park. There was an excellent attendance. Among those present were Bro. Webb, W.M.; Coburn, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Cruise, D.C.; Meredith, W.S.; Speedy, I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; G. Everett, P.M.; Higgins, P.M.; and T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M. The visitors were Bro. Dawson, W.M. 1855; Brooke, P.M. 1839; Tear, 72; Martin, J.W. 188; Hardy, 190; Matz, 219; Ayling, 975; G. N. Smith, S.W. 1839; and G. Smith, I.G. 1839.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Feuillade was raised to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being most ably performed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary toasts received full justice.

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. spoke of the very admirable way in which the ceremony of raising had been performed that evening, and he congratulated the members of the lodge upon having so able a Master at their head.

The W.M. having briefly expressed his thanks, then gave "The Health of the Visitors," and expressed his gratification at being in a position to extend the hospitality of the Kennington Lodge to so distinguished an array of visiting brethren as were then present.

Bro. Brooke, P.M., in response, spoke highly of the working capabilities of the W.M., and also of the continued prosperity of No. 1381. He also touched upon the musical ability of some of the brethren, which interesting feature, he said, always made a visit to the lodge so agreeable and pleasant to look back upon.

Bros. Dawson and Smith also replied. "The Past Masters" followed, and was coupled with the name of Bro. Speedy, I.P.M., who responded.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" came next; and the toast having been received with acclamation, Bros. Mann and Stuart replied.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bro. Coburn and Appleton, brought the proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, to a conclusion.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1028).—

An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bro. H. Massey, P.M., W.M.; H. F. Bussey, S.W.; Thos. Minstrell, J.W.; J. Allen, I.P.M.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, Treas.; C. Basil Cook, Sec.; Jas. McIntyre, S.D.; Dr. Griffiths, Sec.; W. O. Goldsmith, D.C.; J. C. Duckworth, W.S.; C. F. Pardon, H. Dymond, R. Hancock, F. Perkins, J. R. Thomas, P.M., Chas. Williams, Herbert Wright, W. Potts, J. Turner, Whitefoot, O. Willson, Wm. Macdonald, T. Burnside, J. Bunc, and Tarran. There were also the following visitors: Bro. J. R. Jonsson, 1541; J. Read, 1383, P.M. 720; Alfred Peet, S.D. 74; and Henry Coulter, P.M. 53.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Wm. Macdonald and Mr. John Bunc, Parliamentary reporters, were unanimously elected as candidates for initiation. Bro. Perkins and Hancock were duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and afterwards Messrs. Burnside, Macdonald, and Bunc were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The Secretary next read the report of the Charity Committee, who recommended the voluntary subscription of 10s. a year per member towards a fund out of which stated contributions might be made to the three great Masonic Charities.

Bro. Chas. Williams moved the adoption of the report, pointing out that if the brethren supported the scheme with anything like cordiality the lodge in fifteen years would have paid at least £300 to the Charities, and that sum of course would carry with it a considerable number of votes. The report was agreed to.

It was also resolved that ten guineas be given from the lodge funds towards the list of the W.M., as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Whitefoot nominated Mr. Fred H. Gale as a candidate for initiation. After transacting some further business, the lodge adjourned to supper.

During the evening in giving the toasts the W.M. made a strong appeal on behalf of the Charities, and informed the brethren that he had taken up a list of £22 10s. as Steward for the Benevolent Institution.

Dr. Griffiths, in replying, exhorted the brethren to support him as Steward for the Girls' Festival, and said that working about the lodge that evening he had obtained £17 10s. for that list.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Initiates" said nothing had ever given him greater pleasure than to have the opportunity, and indeed the privilege, of initiating Bro. Macdonald and Bunc. He had known those two gentlemen for years, and they had always shown by their conduct and sentiments that they were at heart Masons long before they were actually received into the Craft. Their new brothers would find themselves amongst friends and colleagues, and he trusted the lodge would have the benefit of their membership for many years to come. (Cheers.) With regard to Bro. Burnside, he had not had the pleasure of his acquaintance before, but he had no doubt that, having been introduced by such a worthy member of the lodge as Bro. Chas. Williams, he was a fit and proper person to be made a Mason. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Macdonald, in responding, said he was deeply impressed with the honour conferred upon him that day. The W.M. had spoken in generous terms of the initiates, and he desired to return his most cordial thanks to him for his genial, kind, and encouraging expressions. But though he could not help feeling that some portions of the personal references of the W.M. to him were generous to the verge of flattery, yet, knowing the kindly spirit which animated the heart of the W.M., he was convinced that he meant all that he had said, and that he was actuated by a kindly desire to make the initiates feel assured that they were not only welcome, but they had entered a brotherhood remarkable for the generosity of spirit which animated its members. He also desired to express his thanks to the members generally for the cordial readiness with which they had come to the decision that he was worthy to become a brother, and to associate with them as such. Most earnestly did he hope that in act, word, or thought, he should do, say, or think nothing unworthy of a good and true Mason, and most fervently did he pray that no conduct of his would ever justify a regret on the part of his brethren that they had that day so cordially and in so engaging a spirit extended towards him their confidence and brotherhood. (Cheers.) While he was glad to find himself a fellow initiate with an old friend and colleague (Bro. Bunc), he was especially gratified at finding another fellow initiate in Bro. Burnside, whom he had met for the first time that night. He believed Bro. Burnside belonged to the magnificent country beyond the great water, and as his (Bro. Macdonald's) partner in life was a native of the same friendly land, he hoped he might be excused for saying that he felt an especial interest in his case. In Mr. Burnside he already felt he had found a friend and a brother, and if he ever returned to the great country from which he hailed, he was sure he would use his influence as a Mason in doing his utmost to strengthen and widen those bonds of mutual regard and affection which so happily united, he trusted for ever, the two English-speaking countries of the world.

Bro. Bunc, in returning thanks, remarked that it had long been his wish to become associated as a brother in Masonry with a large number of friends in the profession to which he belonged, and to promote the objects of the Craft, which he thought had produced so beneficial an effect wherever and whenever they had been made known. He was grateful to the W.M. for his kind reference to the youngest member of the Gallery Lodge, and he valued his words the more because for years past he had experienced

his friendship, and was aware of the fact that his brotherly and sympathetic nature had endeared him to a large circle of friends. They had done him the honour that night of receiving him amongst them, and he assured his brethren that it was his desire to become a worthy and true Mason. (Hear, hear.)

Bros. Burnside also responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

CAMBRIDGE.—Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—At a regular meeting of this lodge, held at the Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 13th inst., the W.M., Bro. E. Hills, said he had a proposition to make, which he was quite certain would be acceptable to every Mason present. As Masons, they were all loyal—he did not believe there was a more loyal body in the world than the Masonic Brotherhood—and, therefore, it was unnecessary to say with what horror and indignation they had heard of the recent attempt on the Queen's life. They all heartily rejoiced at Her Majesty's providential escape, and he asked them to give expression to their satisfaction by adopting an address of congratulation to their Sovereign. He might add that the Grand Lodge was sitting at that moment engaged in a similarly pleasing task.

The address, as draughted and read by the Secretary, Bro. T. Nichols, was as follows:—"We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, of Free and Accepted Masons, regularly held and assembled in their lodge room at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, most respectfully approach your Majesty, and desire to express our most loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the providential escape your Majesty lately experienced from the recent attempt made on your life. We, as Masons, view with the utmost horror and detestation this terrible and dastardly crime, and whilst we, brethren of this lodge, in common with all other of your Majesty's subjects, deplore the sad circumstances, we feel it tends to inspire within us, if possible, more loyal and affectionate devotion towards your gracious Majesty; and humbly though earnestly do we pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long shield and protect you from all harm, so that your wise and prosperous reign may be long continued to a loyal and devoted people."

Bro. T. Nichols, in seconding the resolution, said he did so with peculiar pleasure, not only because, as a Mason and a citizen, he was at all times anxious to show his loving loyalty to the throne, but also because a very cruel rumour had been current in Cambridge that at a recent meeting of the Town Council, when a similar address to Her Majesty was proposed, he had abstained from voting for it. He thought such a rumour very cruel indeed, for there was not a more loyal man in that room, nor a more loyal man in Cambridge, than himself; and he need not say that he gave the report an unqualified contradiction. Indeed, had he been so disloyal as he was charged with being, he should have felt himself unworthy ever to enter a Masonic lodge again. He most cordially and sincerely seconded the proposition of the Worshipful Master.

The proposition was carried unanimously, and it was further resolved to have the address engrossed on vellum and then transmit it to the Queen.

At the close of the lodge, "God Save the Queen" was most enthusiastically sung, and three cheers were given for Her Majesty.

JERSEY.—Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—On the 4th inst., a regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, under the presidency of Bro. Major J. T. du Jardin, W.M., when about a hundred brethren attended. Amongst those present were W. Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. John Bevan, Dist. G.M. Westland, New Zealand; W. Bros. J. C. Raven, P.P.G.W. Victoria; Moss, P.J.G.W.; Pugsley, P.P.J.G.W.; Viel, P.G.D.W.; Chapman, P.P.G.D.C.; Naylor, P.P.G.D.C.; and a great number of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, officers, and members of other lodges.

Lodge having been duly formed, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, two candidates were balloted for, and unanimously admitted. The Dep. G.M., W. Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, and the R.W. Bro. J. Bevan, Dist. G.M. Westland, N.Z., were announced, and received with due honours.

Bro. Bevan, having been invited to preside, in order that he might initiate the two candidates, said he felt that a great honour had been conferred upon him by the W.M. in having called upon him to fill the chair of the senior lodge of the province; but before he proceeded to the business of the evening he thought it his duty on the present occasion, and in the presence of so numerous a body of the Craft assembled within these sacred walls, to say a few words relative to the dastardly and cowardly attack against the person of their well-beloved Queen. That a ruffianly miscreant could have been found in England to raise his hand against the sovereign of the British Empire, would have been thought almost incredible. But so it was, and had it not been for the timely and protecting interposition of an All Wise Providence, in averting the foul and horrifying attempt, the British nation might have had to mourn for the loss of the first lady in the land, their noble Queen, the kind and affectionate mother, the patroness of every principle that is generous and good, and the protecting sovereign of her people. Too much horror and indignation could not be felt by the members of the Craft at the danger the mother of their illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master had been subjected to; but on the other hand they cannot be too thankful to T.G.A.O.T.U., the Almighty Disposer of events, for the preservation of Her Majesty.

The W.M. then called upon Bro. E. Dowden, P.P.G. Organist, for the National Anthem, which was given in a masterly style, the brethren standing to order. The R.W. Brother then proceeded to the initiation of the two candidates, who were introduced and regularly initiated, the ceremony being performed in a very efficient and most impressive manner.

The work of the evening being ended, the lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room to partake of a collation.

The repast being ended, the W.M., Bro. Major du Jardin, in a very appropriate speech, dilated upon the sterling virtues of our sovereign lady, Queen Victoria, and proposed the toast "To Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, Patroness to all our Masonic Charities," which was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The next toast from the chair was "To our Illustrious and Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales,

and the Grand Lodge," which was received with acclamation.

The toast of "The R.W. Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, the Prov. G. Master; W. Bro. Dr. DeCronier, D.P.G.M.; and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Jersey," was heartily received, and responded to by the Deputy P.G. Master.

The W.M. proposed "Health and Prosperity to the Newly-initiated Brethren."

Bro. Bauche responded.

The R. W. Bro. Bevan then proposed a toast to "The W.M." He said he was thankful to Bro. Du Jardin for having done him the honour of inviting him to do the work of the lodge that evening, and for the handsome and courteous manner in which he had been received and made an honorary member of Yarborough Lodge, in which he (Bro. Du Jardin) was Master thirty-seven years ago. He was delighted to see such a respectable gathering to meet an old and deserving Freemason, of forty-one years' standing—a long and honourable career, during which time he had always manifested the greatest interest for the welfare of the Craft. The R.W. brother added that he would not fail to acquaint the brethren in his province of the very fraternal treatment he had received in his native island from the Masonic body, and especially from the Yarborough Lodge.

The W.M. in a most appropriate speech responded to the toast, and thanked the brethren for their numerous attendance, and proposed a toast to "The Visitors," which was cordially received. W. Bro. Raven responded. The Tyler's toast having been given the brethren separated, after having spent one of the most pleasant and instructive evenings that has taken place in the province for many years.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Southampton Lodge (No. 304).—At the meeting of this lodge last week, following the initiation of three candidates, on the proposition of Bro. Alex. Paris, W.M., seconded by Bro. Henry Lashmore, S.W., it was resolved "That the brethren express to the Queen through His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, their indignation at the recent attempt on Her Majesty's life, and their thankfulness to the Great Architect of the Universe for having protected Her Majesty in such an hour of supreme danger." The brethren at the same time took the opportunity of expressing their loyalty to Her Majesty's throne and person, a sentiment which they were sure was shared in by all Free and Accepted Masons throughout the world.

BIRKENHEAD.—Combermere Lodge (No. 605).—The festive gathering of the brethren connected with this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, where there was a considerable gathering of the members and visitors. Amongst the former were Bros. A. E. Covenay, I.P.M.; T. Gregory, P.M.; T. Shaw, P.M.; H. Holbrook, P.M.; C. Staley, P.M.; J. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.D.; O. Jones, S.D.; Alex. Moore, J.D.; J. Clarke, D.C.; T. M. Bleakley, I.G.; and George Grant. The visitors included Bros. John Burton, 1408; John Dutton, P.M. 477 and P.G.S.B.; A. K. Gardner, P.M. 477; J. B. Sparks, W.M. 1289; S. Warren, M.D., P.M. 250; W. S. Stanton, P.M. 1289; D. J. Lawrence, P.M. 147; J. T. Thompson, W.M. 477; A. H. Corelli, W.M. 1276; T. C. Baily, 592; and J. M'Nab, 241.

The W.M. elect, Bro. G. J. Davies—installed by Bro. Gregory, P.M.—appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Sillitoe, Treas.; J. R. Simm, S.W.; Owen Jones, J.W.; T. M. Bleakley, Sec.; James Clarke, S.D.; A. Moore, J.D.; George Grant, I.G.; Thos. Evans, D.C.; C. O. Francis, S.S.; W. G. Cornewall, J.S.; and A. Bleakley, Org.

The members afterwards dined at the hotel, presided over by the new W.M.

WEST DERBY.—Pembroke Lodge (No. 1299).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this suburban lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Rawlinson's Hotel. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was taken by Bro. T. G. Fisher, the retiring W.M., and there was a full attendance of officers. Bro. W. S. Bennett, I.P.M., efficiently acted as Installing Master, the W.M. elect being Bro. Hiles, who was duly installed for the year.

The officers of the lodge were then invested as follows: Bros. T. G. Fisher, I.P.M.; L. Branwell, S.W.; C. Ainsworth, J.W.; W. Vines, P.P.G.C., Treas.; R. W. Taylor, Sec.; W. Jones, P.M., D.C. (re-elected); W. Kinsey, S.D. (by proxy); J. A. Fraser, J.D.; J. Ramsay, I.G.; W. A. Boylett, S.S.; J. Fearnett, J.S.; P. Gibson, A.S.; and J. Robinson, Tyler (re-elected).

After the business of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet, served by Bro. Rawlinson, Bro. W. Hiles in the chair, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to by the brethren assembled.

The W.M., in proposing "The Queen," said they had all read with deep abhorrence of the dastardly attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty's life, and he wished to give expression of deep sympathy with the Queen, and to return their thanks to Providence for having spared the life of one so highly esteemed by all Freemasons and Her Majesty's subjects generally.

During the evening a handsome marble and bronze clock was presented to Bro. Fisher, I.P.M., being the result of a subscription raised by the brethren as a token of the esteem in which he was held by them during his year of office. The clock is a beautiful model, on a reduced scale, of the Parthenon Temple of Athens, and bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. T. G. Fisher, P.M., by brethren of the Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299, A.F.A.M., as a mark of their esteem and fraternal regard, and in pleasing remembrance of his services as Worshipful Master for the year 1881-82.—West Derby, Liverpool, March 16, 1882." Bro. Fisher was also presented on behalf of the lodge with a handsome P.M. jewel similarly inscribed.

An excellent musical programme was provided by Bros. Jones, Lee, and others.

BYKER.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge rooms, Hope and Anchor Hotel, on Wednesday, the 8th inst. Bro. John Donald Annan, W.M., occupied the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Jos. Davis and Mr. E. Spittle, when they were duly elected, and being in attendance were initiated E.A. Masons by the W.M. Bro.

Arthur Munro, J.W., explained the working tools. The W.M. then called the brethren to order to receive the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes, and several other officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., presented Bro. W. Smith, S.W., as W.M. elect, to Bro. Dr. Adam Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., to receive the benefit of installation; and after the Secretary had read the ancient regulations, Bro. W. Smith was installed into the chair of K.S. in a very solemn and impressive manner, with thirteen Past Masters on the Installing Board.

After the ceremony, Bro. W. Smith, W.M., with appropriate remarks, invested Bro. J. D. Annan, as I.P.M., and the ancient charges were given to the officers and brethren by the Installing Master.

The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Arthur Munro, S.W.; Dixon, Cowie, J.W.; Dr. Alderson Barker, Treas.; W. S. Armstrong, Sec.; John Bywell, S.D.; Jos. Purvis, J.D.; W. Cooper, D. of C.; Jno. Pickering, I.G.; G. S. Sims, Tyler; T. P. Bennett, S.S.; and James Harle, J.S.

After further routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel where a *recherche* dinner was provided.

The W.M. in proposing the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," alluded to the recent dastardly attempt upon her life, and expressed a hope that the indignation of Her subjects might not again be roused by the perpetration of such another outrage. After drinking to the toast the brethren sang the National Anthem, displaying great loyalty and enthusiasm. The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of E.," was also responded to with marked demonstration of loyalty and respect.

The toast of "Grand Lodge Officers" given by the W.M. was duly honoured. The toast of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Earl Percy, M.P., of Northumberland, the V.W.D. Prov. G.M., Bro. R. H. Holmes, and Officers" was given by the W.M., who stated that he had received a communication from his lordship, Earl Percy, regretting his inability to attend in consequence of Parliamentary duties requiring his attendance in London.

Bros. R. H. Holmes, D. Prov. G.M., and E. D. Davis, P.G.D of C., responded.

"The R.W. Prov. G.M., Marquess of Londonderry and Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham" was given and duly honoured.

Bro. Dr. A. Wilson then proposed in a neat and eulogistic speech the toast of "The W.M.," and after alluding to the prosperous state of the lodge and its early struggles, congratulated the W.M. on having attained to the principal chair and to the fact of his having so well deserved the high honour.

The W.M. appropriately replied, and intimated that during his year of office he, in conjunction with Bro. Dr. A. Wilson, P.M. (who had for some time been moving in the matter), intended energetically to endeavour to obtain the requisite funds to enable him to procure more suitable lodge premises, seeing that the increasing prosperity of the lodge and the number of brethren and visitors regularly attending not only justified but necessitated this step, the present lodge room and ante-chamber being inconveniently small.

Bro. Dr. Parker, P.M., proposed "The I.P.M." "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bro. J. G. Anderson, W.M. 1641, and Bro. C. B. Ford, S.W. 481.

Other usual toasts followed, during the course of which Bro. E. D. Davis, P.G.D. of C., in a characteristic speech, complimented the Past Masters and officers on the efficient working which he had that afternoon witnessed.

The evening throughout was a most enjoyable one, every brother present contributing in some way to the conviviality of the gathering.

The W.M. will (should the ballot be successful) initiate four candidates and pass two at the next regular meeting, for there is every prospect of his year of office being a busy and prosperous one.

The following brethren amongst others were present: Bros. Jno. Page, P.M. 406, P.P.G.S.B.; Wm. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Jas. Montgomery, P.M. 991, P.P.G. Purst.; H. Usher, P.M. 541; W. B. McLearn, W.M. 431; John Wood, P.M. 48; Andrew Ross, Wm. Simpson, Wm. Varty, James Cooper, Dr. Bonallo, Wm. Dunn, Alfred Simpson, 406; J. H. Amers, Wm. Turnbull, George Bradford, Alex. Simpson, A. C. W. Barnfather, T. Birtley and Jacob Ridley.

MANCHESTER.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).—The monthly meeting of this rapidly rising and popular lodge was held at the Schoolrooms, Stretford, on Monday, the 13th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. B. Andrew, W.M.; J. E. Boden, S.W.; W. Cole, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Cole, Sec.; F. Avison, S.D.; Alfred Lewtas, J.D.; John Worthington, Tyler; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; T. A. Crompton, P.M.; George Barber, P.M.; George Shaw, P.M.; John Walton, W. Amery, A. N. Mohbat, J. H. Grimshaw, A. Hope, Edwin Bradwell, Henry Crosby, P.M.; C. Pepper, P.M.; T. Burnoy, J. W. E. Hancock, E. L. Littler, R. G. Parry, J. Roscoe, jun., E. Stevens, J. Jones, C. W. Davies, Edward Rose, J. Davies, and J. Oldfield. Visitors: Bros. W. Willis, S.D. 1210; E. Gittins, 1730; — Prince, 293; J. Prout, P.M. 1052; W. Milner, Treas. 1387; J. Dewhurst, S.W. 1387; W. S. Watson, P.M. 1496; W. Schofield, W.M. 1219; P. H. Davis, 1055; T. Campbell, 1055; Edward Galea 515 (Malta); and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Messrs. Fayealla M. Dani, Walter F. Mayne, William R. Wild, and the Rev. John R. Gibson were severally balloted for, and unanimously elected members of the lodge. After the usual preliminaries the W.M., Bro. J. B. Andrew, passed Bro. A. N. Mohbat to the Degree of F.C., and when this ceremony was finished, Bro. T. Crompton, P.M., by permission of the W.M., took the chair, and initiated Mr. Fayealla M. Dani into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, after which Bro. Henry Crosby, P.M., filled the chair of K.S., and initiated Mr. Walter F. Mayne.

The lodge was then called off and the brethren sat down to tea. After re-assembling, the W.M. initiated the Rev. John R. Gibson into Freemasonry, after which the S.W. initiated Mr. William R. Wild in a very praiseworthy manner, considering this was his first attempt at performing the ceremony, the J.W. explaining the working tools to the four initiates and delivering the E.A. charge very creditably. This being the night for electing a W.M. for the ensuing

year, the usual formalities were observed, and the choice of the brethren fell upon the S.W., who was declared unanimously elected. The W.M. thereupon, in a few well-chosen sentences, congratulated Bro. Boden upon the honour that had been conferred upon him by the brethren, and Bro. Boden afterwards acknowledged the compliment. Bro. W. H. Wakefield was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. John Worthington Tyler. Bros. Henry Crosby, P.M., and John Jones were appointed Auditors.

This last business concluded a very lengthened programme, and when "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards assembled at the social board, and "The Healths of the Initiates," "The F.C.," "The W.M. Elect," "The W.M.," "The Visiting Brethren," were proposed and responded to, a very enjoyable evening terminating shortly before eleven o'clock.

NORTHAMPTON.—Eleanor Cross Lodge (No. 1764).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. H. Brown, W.M.; Atkins, I.P.M.; H. Hill, S.W.; J. J. Hart, J.W. 360, as J.W.; Rev. T. C. Beasley, J.D.; G. Morris, S.D.; Parker, P.M. 360, Treas.; H. Spoor, Secretary; G. Ellard, P.M. 360, M.C.; G. Butcher, Asst. M.C.; Manning, as I.G.; Rev. J. W. Sanders, P.M.; Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.P.G.C.; Emery and Franklin, Stewards; Dean and Kirby, Tylers; Percival, Haviland, Abel, Clarke, Manfield, Goldeney, H. Tebbutt, J. H. Hill, A. Jones, Newman, Hodges, Johnston, Curvall, Dorman, and others. Bros. W. J. Clarke and H. Manfield were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. and Bro. Sanders, P.M., respectively. Bro. Atkins, I.P.M., gave the traditional history.

The W.M. then moved "That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of the horror and indignation felt by the brethren of this 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." In submitting this resolution, the W.M. observed that no further words of his were required to express the feelings which must have arisen in the breast of every Mason, not only in England but in every part of this vast Empire, when we were startled to hear of this diabolical outrage on the life of one who had always been held up as a pattern of every public as well as private virtue. It was the duty of brethren to avail themselves of an opportunity of expressing gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U., who in his Providence had raised the arm raised to slay our Queen. In answer to the probable suggestion that the proposition was superfluous or unnecessary, he would add that, as there was but one Northampton, as there was but one town that had been brought by the light of recent events so notably to the front, that the present was a most fitting opportunity for letting the country know that even in Northampton, were many loyal hearts, who were true to their Queen and country.

Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. Saunders, P.M., in seconding the proposition, did so with pleasure, because he felt that it was a good thing to be able to show that Freemasons' lodges in England were not what they had in times past been suspected of being, and what he feared they sometimes were in other countries, namely, nests of sedition and conspiracy. He so far applauded the idea of the address to Her Majesty, that he would, as Master of the Delapré Lodge, ask the brethren of the Eleanor Cross to allow himself and his Wardens to sign the address on behalf of the members of that Lodge.

The proposition was carried unanimously, and was greeted with Masonic applause.

The verses of the National anthem were then sung respectively as solo, duet, and trio by Bros. Atkins, Hart, and Brown, the whole of the brethren joining in chorus. Bro. Abel, acting Organist, accompanied.

After the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and some capital patriotic songs and the Tyler's toast brought a very enthusiastic meeting to a close.

NOTTINGHAM.—De Vere Lodge (No. 1794).—A meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following were present: Bros. W. Gardner, W.M.; J. Wigglesworth, S.W.; E. Gowthorpe, J.W.; R. T. Ingram, M.C.; Hancock, P.M., Treas.; Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; Elborne, S.D.; Bullock, J.D.; P. Truman, Org.; Cockayne, I.G.; Oakden and Loversad, Stewards; Glover, Tyler; H. Norris, I.P.M.; P.G.D.C. Notts; J. Davis, P.M.; P.S.G.D. Notts; Bush, Woollat, Ward, C. Hickling, Page, Simpson, E. T. Norris, and Martin. Visitors: Bros. R. C. Sutton, P.M. 47, P.P.G.S.W. Notts; G. T. Wright, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Derby; J. Toplis, W.M. 47; Cay, W.M. 931; Whittaker, P.M. 731; Woodiwiss, 731; Helps, 731; W. Sibley, P.M. 1852; J. W. Darby, 411; Vickers, S.D. 47; Parker, 1716; W. Pyatt, 1716; Warriner, S.D. 1909; Whitehead, 411.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., the National Anthem was heartily sung in honour of Her Majesty's happy escape from assassination. The minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed and the ancient charges and lodge bye-laws were also read. The W.M. next initiated into the mysteries of the craft Mr. G. M. Howard. The ceremony was very ably and impressively performed by every officer taking part therein, especially by the junior officers, and it was remarked by brethren that the present régime do not mean to be behind their predecessors in their working. The Auditors' report was presented by the Treasurer, showing a very satisfactory balance in hand, both on the ordinary as well as the charity account.

A candidate having been proposed for initiation, the offer was collected and lodge closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and a very enjoyable musical evening was spent.

CARSHALTON.—Wallington Lodge (No. 1892).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Public Hall, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. Chas. Greenwood, G.S.B., P.G. Sec. Surrey; C. Sawyer, W.M.; John G. Horsey, S.W.; W.M. elect; W. Pile, J.W.; W. Russell Crowe, Treas.; Leon A. Mesrouze, Sec.; E. Dickman, S.D.; J. W. Baldwin, J.D.; W. P. Catterton, I.G.; W. Harwood, W.S.; G. C. Burry, P.P.G.O.; Captain R. Crowe, R. R. Davis, G.

W. Filmer, J. Edwards, Chas. D. Maspero, W. W. Weal, S. C. Wilcox, and A. Bishop. Visitors: Bros. Major Williams, P.M. 162; Archibald Currie, S.W. 1773; R. Tilling, W.M. 765; F. G. Frost, S.W. 1347; E. Harlock, 1661; and R. D. Langton, 1673.

Lodge having been opened, and the previous minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Weal was raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Bros. Wilcox and Bishop were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. John G. Horsey, S.W., P.M. 1619, and J.W. 186, was presented by R.W. Bro. S. P. Catterton, P.M., to receive at the hands of his predecessor the benefit of installation, after which ceremony the brethren were re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. greeted and saluted in the Three Degrees. The retiring W.M., Bro. Chas. Sawyer, P.M. 1619, was installing Master, and rendered the ceremony in a very able and beautiful manner. In presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the brethren of the lodge, the W.M. remarked that it was not the first time he had had the pleasure of so doing, for they had, four years since, stood in exactly similar positions to each other.

The following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. Chas. Sawyer, I.P.M.; W. Pile, S.W.; E. Dickman, J.W.; W. R. Crowe, P.M. Treas.; Leon A. Mesrouze, P.M. Sec.; J. W. Baldwin, S.D.; W. P. Catterton, J.D.; R. R. Davis, P.M., M.C.; G. C. Burry, P.P.G.O. Org.; W. Harwood, I.G.; Capt. R. Crowe, Steward; Bro. Rowley was re-elected Tyler.

After the transaction of other business lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Kings Arms Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The usual loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to. In proposing "The Queen and the Craft" the W.M. touched feelingly on the late attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and of the vast meeting of the brethren at Grand Lodge on the previous evening expressive of their sympathy and loyalty.

The P.G.S., Bro. Charles Greenwood replied to that of the Officers of Grand Lodge, and also with Bro. Burry, P.P.G.O., for the Provincial Grand Lodge, and at the same time paying a great compliment to the Wallington Lodge for the manner in which they worked. Bro. Sawyer, I.P.M., spoke in high praise of the W.M., Rev. John G. Horsey, whose excellent working was well known in the Craft. Bro. Major Williams and A. Currie, responded for the visitors.

The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Sawyer," spoke at some length on the great zeal and ability that brother has shown, and of the prosperous state into which he had brought the lodge. Bro. Greenwood remarked, after the toast of "The Masonic Charities" had been given, on the great and increasing importance of our institutions, and urged upon the brethren to assist Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M., who with the acquiescence of the W.M., stated his intention to represent the Wallington Lodge for the Girls' School. Other toasts followed and the brethren dispersed at about 10.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—A regular meeting of the above old lodge was held on the 19th inst. at Bro. Yetton's, P.M., Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Present: Bros. W. Richardson, W.M.; J. H. Pringle, S.W.; J. R. Jones, P.M., J.W.; J. Taylor, S.D.; J. Marks, I.G. D. Moss, acting Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec. J. T. K. Job, L. Nathan, A. Turbefield, W. Gray, J. R. Shingfield, J. Hughes, J. Walker, W. Yetton, and others. Lodge was duly opened and minutes read. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Shingfield having been satisfactorily interrogated was entrusted, was subsequently raised to the Sublime Degree, the whole of the working being rendered with care and great effect. Bro. Taylor worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down in due form, and Bro. Pringle was duly elected W.M. for the first meeting in the ensuing month. The next meeting of the lodge, on the 26th inst., will be devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, will preside, and be supported by some of the most eminent East-end brethren. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepley, on the 21st inst. Present: Bros. J. Taylor, W.M.; J. H. Pringle, S.W.; A. Walter, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M. Preceptor; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; Dutton, I.G.; also Bros. Evans, Stevens, and others.

Lodge was opened up and Bro. Evans was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising was capitally rendered, Bro. Evans candidate. Bro. Pringle, S.W., worked the First Sections of the Lecture with the assistance of the brethren, and the Second assisted by the W.M. Lodge was closed down in due form, and Bro. Pringle was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. After some interesting discussion upon the ceremony of the evening lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned until next Tuesday.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—At the last meeting of the above old lodge, Bro. T. Clark was W.M., and was supported by Bros. Edwards, S.W.; Glass, J.W.; W. H. Wallington, P.M., Preceptor; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Corbell, S.D.; Baker, J.D.; Smyth, I.G.; Bunker, Nash, Greenwood, Brasted, Olley, and others.

Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. Bunker was questioned and entrusted, and lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising Bro. Bunker to the Sublime Degree was worked, the W.M. introducing the traditional history of the Degree into the ceremony.

Masonic labour was suspended for a short time, and on resumption, the Third Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Brasted, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. The lodge was closed in harmony.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—At the last meeting of the above lodge on the 17th inst., Bro. J. West was W.M., and was supported by Bros. C. H. Bardouleau, S.W.; W. Richardson, J.W.; C. H. Webb, P.M. Deacon; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Secretary; W. J. Musto, I.G.; R. Durell, Seymour-Clarke, W. McDonald, J. Mitchell, J. H. Pringle

G. H. Stevens, and others. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes read. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Durell having answered the necessary questions, the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Durell being candidate. Bro. Webb, P.M., worked the First Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Bardouleau, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Arrangements were made for Bro. R. Durell, W.M. 1349 to rehearse the installation ceremony here on the last Friday in March, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given lodge was closed and adjourned until the 24th inst.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—A capital meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at Bro. Kingston's, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M., and Preceptor of the lodge, occupied the chair, and was supported among others by the following brethren: Bros. W. Richardson, S.W.; Robson, J.W.; Kimbell, I.G.; Partridge, W.M. 1445; Laroom, Gayler, Holdom, Tannahill, Stephens, and others.

The evening was devoted to the working of as many Sections as the ordinary lodge hours would permit, and the following work was very ably performed: First Lecture—1st Section, Tannahill; 2nd, Kimbell; 3rd, Partridge; 4th and 5th, Robson. Second Lecture—2nd Section, Robson.

Lodge was subsequently closed down and adjourned until the 29th inst., when the ceremony of installation will be rendered by the Preceptor, Bro. Myers, P.M.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—Bro. W. Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor.—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the above lodge on Wednesday, the 29th inst. Bro. Stephens will preside, and will be supported by the following well-known workers: Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, as S.W.; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174 and 1607, as J.W.; and W. Musto, P.M. 1349, as I.P.M. First Lecture: First, Bro. W. J. Musto; Second, C. H. Bardouleau; Third, Dr. T. Loane; Fourth, T. Wooding; Fifth, B. Stewart; Sixth, D. Moss; and Seventh, J. H. Pringle. Second Lecture: First, Bro. W. Richardson; Second, C. Eschwege; Third, W. Musto; Fourth, C. H. Webb; and Fifth, J. T. K. Job. Third Lecture: First, Bro. W. H. Myers; Second, J. Taylor; and Third, B. Cundick. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely, at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. Brethren are cordially invited.

CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).—On Tuesday last at this lodge of instruction, which is held at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, the Fifteen Sections were worked, for the first time since its formation, by Bro. Walter Martin, J.D. 879, Hon. Sec. Star Lodge of Instruction, the other officers being Bros. George Andrews, P.M., S.W.; J. J. Hutchings, P.M., J.W.; Peirpoint, S.D.; Abbott, J.D.; and Chaplin, I.G. The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the brethren assisted Bro. Martin with the Sections in the following order: First—Bros. Ball, P.M.; Chaplin; Croker, P.M.; Lardner, P.M.; and Andrews, P.M. Second—Bros. H. B. Taylor, Hutchings, P.M.; Waterman, P.M.; Beavis, and Andrews, P.M. Third—Bros. Catterton, P.M.; Davies, and Emblin. Bro. Martin put the questions in a clear and pleasing manner; the working of the brethren generally being more than good, Bros. Lardner, Andrews, Hutchings, and Beavis exceptionally so. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Martin for his valuable assistance, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present: Bros. Hubbert, W.M.; Brittain, S.W.; Clements, J.W.; Hammond, S.D.; H. C. Clark, J.D.; Johnson, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, Treas.; T. Wooding, Preceptor; B. Stewart, Sec.; Andrews, Yates, Coote, and Maud. The lodge having opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Clark acting as candidate. Bro. Stewart worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brittain was unanimously elected W.M. for the next lodge, and the lodge was closed in due form.

Another meeting of this lodge was held last Monday at the Royal Hotel, Mile End, when Bros. Brittain, 1278, was W.M.; Hammond, 1278, S.W.; Clark, 1178, J.W.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, Preceptor; B. Stewart, 1278, Hon. Sec.; Maud, W.M. 1625, I.G.; there being also present Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; Hubbert, 1625; M. Isaacs, 511; G. H. Stephens, and others. Lodge was duly opened and minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Hubbert interrogated and entrusted, and on lodge being advanced, the ceremony of raising was well done by the W.M., Bro. Hubbert being the candidate. Bro. Myers, P.M., worked the First and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Hammond elected to the chair for the ensuing lodge meeting, when the ceremony of installation will be performed by Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—At the usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction, held on Thursday, the 16th inst., the offices were taken by the following brethren: Bros. Johnston, W.M.; Bué, S.W.; Clarkson, J.W.; Morris, S.D.; Vialls, J.D.; Garland, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; and J. D. Langton, Secretary. The following members were also present: Bros. J. T. Tanqueray, Saunders, Stoddart, Marshall, Shaw, Chubb, and Pocock.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary having read the minutes of the last meeting, they were confirmed by the brethren. The lodge was then opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second Degree, when Bro. Stoddart, acting as candidate for the Third Degree, answered the necessary questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree, Bro. Stoddart was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was then called off and on, and it having been resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Sudlow worked the Second Section of the First Lecture, with the assistance of the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Bué was unanimously

elected to fill the chair at the ensuing meeting. The Secretary reported that the Audit Committee had met, and the accounts showed that although the lodge had been very successful during its first year of existence, it was still very desirable that the number of members should be increased in order to put the lodge in a satisfactory pecuniary position. The W.M. having risen for the second and third times, the lodge was closed.

LEICESTER.—Union Lodge.—This lodge of instruction, held under the joint sanction of St. John's Lodge, 279; John of Gaunt Lodge, 523; Commercial Lodge, 1391; and Albert Edward Lodge, 1560; held its festival meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, on the 10th inst. There were present W. Bros. G. Toller, jun., P.M. 523, P.G.S.B. Eng., Dep. Prov. G.M. Leicester and Rutland, acting W.M.; J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523; J. Halford, P.M. 1391; and Rev. C. H. Wood, W.M. 1560, Preceptors; Bros. J. Thompson, 279, acting I.P.M.; J. Young, P.M. 523, Prov. G.D.C., P.M.; F. Griffith, J.D. 279, S.W.; E. Dutton, 523, J.W.; W. J. Freer, J.D. 1560, S.D.; J. G. Bower, 1391, J.D.; T. Spearpoint, I.G. 523, I.G.; S. A. Morris, Treas. 279, Sec., Treas., and Stwd.; Tanser, Tyler; W. H. Read, 279; T. A. Butler, 523; W. H. Chamberlin, J.W. 523; G. Newsome, M.C. 523; R. Curtis, 523; T. Colman, 279; Dunn, 523; Hiscox, 279; J. G. Murden, 523; W. A. F. Hall, Stwd. 779 and 1560; Anderson, 1391; Carter, 1560; Pickard, 523; Charlesworth, 523; J. Clifton, 279; W. A. Fielding, 279; J. E. Beazley, M.C. 1391 and 279; S. Vand, 279; W. Bream, Stwd. 523; W. J. Curtis, 523; J. Harrison, S.D. 1391; H. P. Brown, J.D. 523; F. J. Baines, P.M. and Treas. 523; and E. H. Butler, J.W. 1391.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, and signed, the D. Prov. G.M. requested Bro. J. Young, Prov. G.D.C., to give the report of the committee appointed to procure a presentation jewel for Bro. S. A. Morris, who had held the office of Secretary and Treasurer for three years and Steward four years.

Bro. Young, in response, said that they were repeatedly taught in that hall that "it is the hope of reward that at all times sweetens labour," and however correct that might be of our ancient brethren, it could scarcely be said to be true of the worthy brother to whom they were about to present some acknowledgment of his services, because so far as he (Bro. Young) was aware in the history of the lodge, there had never been anything more than the usual vote of thanks accorded to his predecessors for services rendered. Why Bro. Morris had thus been singled out for such distinction might seem, therefore, to require a word of explanation. The W.M. then gave a chronological analysis of the names and attendance of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the lodge for the preceding ten years, from which it appeared that Bro. Morris had outdone all his predecessors either in length of service or regularity of attendance, and hence the committee appointed some few months ago to consider and report on the best means of recognising the re-election for the third time of Bro. Morris as Secretary and Treasurer, and for the fourth year as Steward; unanimously recommend that a sterling silver jewel, combining the quills, key, and cornucopia be officially presented to him; the committee having previously ascertained from the Grand Secretary that such jewel may be worn in open Craft lodges, and that the cost of same be defrayed by a voluntary subscription from the present and past members of this lodge of instruction.

The D.P.G.M. then presented Bro. Morris with a handsome silver jewel, embracing emblems of the three offices he had filled, together with an autograph list of the brethren subscribing to the fund, and in the name of the lodge wished him to receive it as a slight acknowledgment of the long and valuable services he had rendered to the lodge of instruction, in the threefold capacity of Secretary, Treasurer, and Steward, and trusted he might be spared many years to wear it.

Bro. S. A. Morris, in acknowledging the gift, said: R.W. D.G.M., officers, and brethren. If there is anything in connection with Freemasonry which I detest, it is speech-making; but I certainly cannot allow an occasion like the present to pass without thanking you most sincerely for the very handsome jewel I am now wearing, and I must say that my thanks are especially due to Bro. Young for having, if not originated, certainly carried the idea to such a successful issue. I must say, brethren, that when I first heard the expression of your good wishes mooted, as Treasurer of the lodge funds, I resolved it would be my duty not to accept the present; but when I found from the report of your committee that it was to be provided principally by a limited subscription, I at once saw that I should be wanting in all gratitude were I to refuse such an indication of your kindness. I can assure you that it has charms for me far above any commercial value, as it is the first jewel of the kind accorded to, or worn by, any Mason in this province. On these grounds alone I shall wear it with much pleasure. But the pride with which I shall wear it until the latest hour of my Masonic existence arises from the good feeling which I see so Masonically expressed by the brethren from whom the present emanated. I feel that I have done nothing out of the common line in Masonry to earn such a distinction, but as your opinion and mine differs on the subject, I must, as all minorities should do, bow to the majority. I can only say that the work I have done for the lodge of instruction has been performed with ease, pleasure, and comfort; but I could not have done it in this manner had it not been for the hearty co-operation and support which has at all times been so readily accorded me by the Preceptors, the brethren who have at various times occupied the chair of W.M., and the members generally. Before resuming my seat, allow me once more to thank you one and all, and I trust the Great Architect of the Universe will spare me many years to wear this token of your esteem and goodness, and rest assured that it will, as long as I live, be one of my most precious possessions.

The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the Sections of the Second Lecture worked as follows: Questions of the First and Second Sections by Bro. J. H. Thompson, 279; Third, Fourth, and Fifth, W. Bro. J. Young, P.M. 523, P.G.D.C. Answers to First Section by Bro. F. Griffith, J.D. 279; Second, Bro. J. G. Murden, 523; Third, Bro. W. A. F. Hall, Stwd. 779 and 1560; Fourth, Bro. G. Newsome, M.C. 523; and Fifth, Bro. T. G. Charlesworth, 523.

Bro. Rev. C. H. Wood was elected to work the installa-

tion ceremony at next lodge, when Bro. F. Griffith will be the W.M. elect. Bros. Young and Thompson were appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The thanks of the meeting were tendered to the brethren who had worked the Sections; and the following resolution was proposed and unanimously carried: "That this lodge of instruction deplores the recent attempt on the life of the Queen, and records its thankfulness at her miraculous escape, and trusts that her life may be long spared."

The lodge was closed in due form and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to the usual refreshments.

Royal Arch.

ERA CHAPTER (No. 1423).—A regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 11th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; Baldwin, H.; Faulkner, J.; E. H. Thielay, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., Treas.; Haslitt, S.N.; Dr. Riley, P.S.; Goodchild, 1st Assistant; John Mason, P.Z.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Comps. Ockenden, S.E.; W. Hammond, P.Z.; and others. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Haslitt proving a most able Preceptor. The convocation having been closed, the companions adjourned to refreshment. There were no toasts.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—The bi-monthly meeting of this chapter took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst. The following companions were present: Comps. John Roberts, Z.; N. Dumville, H.; R. Hartley, Treas.; S. H. Needham, S.E.; W. Byway, S.N.; A. B. Whittaker, P. Soj.; Ishmael Davies, 1st Asst. Soj.; Henry Paulden, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Elias Nathan, P.Z.; R. L. Messenger, P.Z.; J. F. Sallon, P.Z.; Wm. Aldred, P.Z.; S. J. Naphthal, Chas. Schofield, Org.; W. O. Bullock, John Walton, Jas. Andrew, T. Lever, J. Slack, Jno. Davies, Samuel Davies, Jno. Rogers, Robt. Westbury, Joseph Potts, P.Z.; A. B. Bennett, P.Z.; Robt. Leech, and A. H. Jefferis.

Visitors: Comps. Dr. Peter Royle, P.Z. 152, P.P.P.S. E.L.; W. H. Wakefield, 1045; A. B. Outram, 993; C. E. Hindley, 148; George Hunt, 1496; John G. Elderton, 317; and R. K. Lisenden, 317 (Freemason).

The companions first assembled to tea, after which they repaired to the lodge room, where the chapter was opened in the usual manner, and, after the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the ballot was taken for Bro. Charles Sneath Allott, Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, and Bro. Thos. Whittaker Stanley, St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport. Both brethren were unanimously elected, and afterwards exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree in a highly satisfactory manner by the M.E.Z., Comp. John Roberts, assisted by his officers.

There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. A very pleasant couple of hours was passed by the companions at the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured; and while proposing "The Health of the Queen," Comp. John Roberts very feelingly alluded to the recent dastardly attempt on her life, and remarked that all Royal Arch Masons must feel thankful she had escaped so tragic a death, and called upon all present to heartily drink her health. It is scarcely necessary to add that the invitation of Bro. Roberts was warmly responded to; and Comp. W. Dumville sang the first verse of the National Anthem, which was taken up by the companions, and repeated with every mark of loyalty and respect.

"The Health of the Newly-Exalted Companions, Allott and Stanley," was proposed by the M.E.Z., and heartily drank by all.

Comps. Allott and Stanley replied; and after "The Visitors" had been given, the companions separated.

ALDRERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—The companions of this chapter met on the 17th inst. There were present Comps. Colonel Richardson, M.E.Z.; Captain Croisdale, P.G. Prin. Soj., M.E.Z. elect; Captain Douglas, J.; Chesterton, S.E.; Hall, P.S.; Williams, Harris, Todd, Ferguson, Hitchin, Clisham, and others. Visitors: Ex. Comps. Cole, Hacker, Hickle, and Benham, all Past Z.'s of the Panmure Chapter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet read by the Treasurer, and passed. The chief business of the evening, the installation of Principals and investiture of officers for the ensuing year, was then proceeded with. Ex. Comps. Captain Croisdale was installed as Z.; Douglas, as H.; and Hall, as J. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. Chesterton, as S.E.; Harris, as S.N.; Richardson, Treas.; Clisham, as P.S.; Williams, as 1st Asst. Soj.; Ferguson, as 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Hill, as Janitor.

The M.E.Z. proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Past Principals who had so kindly assisted in installing the Principals, which was carried unanimously. A Past Principal's jewel, as well as a P.Z.'s collar and collar-jewel, was then presented in the name of the chapter to Ex. Comp. Colonel Richardson, in recognition of his valuable services in connection with the chapter, for which he returned thanks in a few well-chosen words.

The M.E.Z., Comp. Captain Croisdale, then moved that this chapter place on record an expression of its heartfelt thanks to the Most High for the providential escape of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the recent dastardly outrage at Windsor, which was seconded by Ex. Comp. Captain Douglas, and carried with loyal enthusiasm by the companions present. The chapter was then closed in peace and harmony.

Mark Masonry.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 181).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 15th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. Taylor, I.P.M., acting W.M.; Sanders, S.W., W.M. elect; T. C. Walls, G. Swd. Br., &c., J.W.;

W. Hammond, P.G.S., Sec.; James Stevens, P.G.O., &c., Hon. P.M.; Briggs, I.G.; and Harrison Tyler.

Bro. Sanders having been presented, was then ably installed into the chair of A. by W. Bro. J. Stevens. The officers appointed were Bros. Walls, S.W.; Fisher, J.W.; Handell, M.O.; Piller, S.O.; Frampton, J.O.; W. Taylor, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Briggs, S.D. The other appointments were postponed.

The emergency meeting, which had been specially convened to enable Bro. Sanders to be installed, was then closed and a regular meeting opened.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Walls moved, "That two similar jewels to those prepared for presentation to the able first P.M. of the lodge be ordered, and presented respectively to the two succeeding Past Masters and founders, still members of the lodge, in recognition of the mutual services with those of the worthy first Master. This having been seconded by Bro. Briggs, was carried unanimously. The following resolutions were then carried with acclamation: "That the members of this Mark Lodge being precluded the pleasing duty of attending Grand Lodge, by the fact of its having been summoned on the same day as that of an emergency as well as a regular meeting of their lodge, desire to join in the general expression of horror at the detestable attempt on the life of our Queen and patron, and in the vote of hearty congratulation at Her Majesty's merciful escape, under Divine Providence from so cruel a calamity. That the Secretary transmit the expression of the feelings of this lodge to the Prov. G. Sec., requesting him to forward the same to the proper quarters. Previously to the lodge being closed, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Stevens for his services as Installing Officer.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, most genially presided over by the W.M., but in consequence of the lateness of the hour the toasts were but few in number, and for the same reason they were but briefly responded to.

NEWTON ABBOT.—Devon Lodge (No. 215).

—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 13th inst., when the W.M. elect was ably installed by his predecessor, W. Bro. Charles Stevens, P.G.J.D. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bro. Charles Stevens, P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Charles G. Vicary, P.P.J.W., S.W.; Charles Pope, J.W.; George C. Searle, M.O.; John W. Sowton, S.O.; John Lane, J.O.; A. T. Blurney, S.D.; Lewis Stevens, J.D.; Wm. Vicary, P.P.G. Treas.; Wm. J. Oliver, P.P.G. D. of C., Sec.; Geo. T. Warner, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. J. O. Evans, Org.; and John Haywood, Tyler.

The D.P.G.M., W. Bro. C. Spence Bate, was in attendance, and expressed his pleasure at being present, also his "Hearty good wishes." Bro. Saunders, 303, was duly elected a candidate for advancement, but was unavoidably absent. The lodge was closed in due form.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. Ed. Clarke, W.M. presided, supported as follows: Bros. B. Craig, S.W., P.G. Stwd.; D. Bill, J.W.; J. Ashworth, M.O.; W. Swain, S.O.; F. T. Allatt, J.O.; and S.D.; J. Harper, P.M. Treas. P.G.S.D.; R. Wilson, Sec.; W. Walker, P.M., P.G.J.D.; J. Close, Tyler, P.G.T.; R. Baxter, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Treas.; James Black, Ed. Barwise, and J. Peel.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and there being no candidate for advancement the lodge was formed into one for instruction, when the ceremony was performed by the new officers in a very efficient manner, three brethren were afterwards presented with their Grand Lodge certificates, and several others with their Provincial Grand Lodge certificates. There being nothing further but general routine business, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

COCKERMOUTH.—Faithfull Lodge (No. 229).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Station-street. Present: Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, W.M.; J. Black, J.W.; H. Peacock, M.O.; T. Mason, J.O.; T. C. Robinson, Sec.; H. Carruthers, I.G.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and there being no other business, the lodge was closed in form.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D.).

—This old preceptory met at the Masonic Hall, 8A, Red Lion-square, on the 10th inst., when there were present Sir Knights Alfred Williams, E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C., Prelate; C. Sanders, 1st Captain; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., Registrar; F. W. Driver, Expert; J. B. Glenn, 1st Std. Br.; J. H. Dodson, 2nd Std. Br.; G. Gravelley, C. of L.; F. J. Stohwasser, 2nd Herald; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; W. Roebuck, P.E.C.; C. H. Driver, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; and Rawles, Equerry.

The minutes of the previous preceptory having been read and confirmed, the subject of the summer festival was discussed, and it was decided to hold it at Westerham, Kent. It was also agreed to hold the meetings of the preceptory in future at the Masonic Hall, Red Lion-square. Previous to the preceptory being closed the sum of five guineas was voted to the list of Sir Knight Walls, who is Steward this year for the R.M.I. for Girls.

The Sir Knights then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, when a most excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth the long routine of toasts was gone through by the E.C. in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

"The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Sir Knight Charles Driver, G.A.D.C., who made a suitable response.

The toast of "The E.C." was drunk with acclamation, and, in reply, the E.C. made a most happy and humorous speech.

"The Past Commanders" followed, and was coupled with the name of Sir Knight Walls, who briefly replied.

"The Treasurer and Registrar" came next in order, and this toast was acknowledged at length by Sir Knights Paas and Dewar.

“The Health of the Officers,” coupled with the name of Sir Knight Saunders, brought the proceedings to a close.

YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).—

The installation meeting of this preceptory was held on the 13th inst., when, in consequence of the absence, through illness, of E. Fra. G. Simpson, the Preceptor, the throne was occupied by E. Fra. T. B. Whythead, P.E.P. Comp. W. Brown having successfully passed the ballot, was introduced and duly installed, E. Fra. W. Lawton, P.E.P., acting as Sub-Marshal. The E.P. elect, Fra. the Rev. J. E. M. Young, was then presented, and having duly replied to the interrogatories was enthroned in ancient form by E. Fra. Whythead. The E.P. afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Fras. M. Millington, Constable; J. Marshall, Marshal; T. B. Whythead, P.E.P., Reg.; J. S. Cumberland, P.E.P., Sub-Marshal; Rev. W. Valentine, P.E.P., Chaplain; A. T. B. Turner, 1st S.B.; P. W. Wilsin, 2nd S.B.; and J. F. Taylor, Capt. of G.

The Auditors' report was presented, and showed a favourable condition of the finances. Letters of regret for absence were read from E. Fras. J. W. Woodall, Sub-Prior; W. Paley, Rev. W. C. Lukis, and many others. E. Fra. Middleton, who was present from the Geoffry de Bouillon Preceptory, Scarborough, announced that a Provincial Priory would be held under the banner of that preceptory at Scarborough on Easter Monday. The fratres subsequently met at supper.

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MEATH.

The quarterly communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Meath was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., in the Court-house, Killy county, Meath, Bro. George J. Norman De Arcry, R.W. Dep. P.G.M., presided; Bro. W. C. Barnes occupied the P.G.S. Warden's chair, Bro. M. Wild O'Connor, discharged the duties of P.G.J. Warden. Bros. Dr. Dundas, P.S.G.D.; W. P. Radcliff, P.G. Swd. Br.; Rev. W. J. Dundas, LL.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Bell, P.G.C.; Clark, P.G. Sec.; and M. Barnes, P.G. Treas. The following brethren also attended, Bros. Spanou, 254; Seymour, 244; Courtenay, 244; Rowe, 244; Armstrong, 244; Louny, 244 W.M.; Shaw, 244; Harman, 252; Stoppard, Sec. 796; Hamilton, Sec. 90; Battersby, W.M. 252; Rev. E. Moore, P.M. 131; Cochrane, 799; Chambers, 796; and Clair, 244. Visitors: Bros. Magor Lambert, 14; and J. Dermody, 178, Scotland.

The Right Worshipful Master put from the chair and unanimously adopted a resolution, expressive of horror at the recent attempt on our Sovereign Lady, the Queen. After the transaction of business connected with the province, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet prepared for them, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, after which the brethren separated in love and harmony.

Obituary.

BRO. W. H. CROOKES, PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY OF DURHAM.

Last week we recorded with deep regret the death of Bro. William Henry Crookes, of Sunderland, who for quite a quarter of a century was the Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham. His death took place after a few days illness, on Wednesday the 15th inst., at his residence, in Talham Street, Sunderland. The deceased had been long and honourably associated with Masonry, and important Craft honours had been conferred upon him from time to time. Simple and genial in deportment, he won his way into the hearts of all his acquaintances, while his knowledge of Masonry, and his efficiency in those details which Masons alone can appreciate, rendered his presence in a lodge most desirable. In the office of Grand Secretary of the Province he gave unbounded satisfaction to all, from the noble R.W.P.G.M. down to the humblest member of the Order. There are very few in the province who can fulfil the duties with equal satisfaction, and it is hoped that the brother to whom his fellow Masons by common consent turn as the only one really equal to the task will be induced not merely to undertake the duties *pro tem*, but permanently.

That the death of a brother so highly esteemed as the late Prov. Grand Secretary should evoke a manifestation of feeling among Freemasons generally was only natural, and the attendance of representatives of lodges from the Tees to the Tyne, at the funeral which took place on Saturday last, though large not surprising. A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, in order to follow Bro. Crookes's remains to their last resting place. The lodge was called by order of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., by Bro. R. Hudson, acting P.G.S., and about 300 provincial officers and other brethren assembled in full Masonic clothing. The Lodge was duly opened by Bro. E. D. Davis, acting P.G.M. Bro. H. Levy, acting as Deputy P.G.M. As the brethren entered the lodge the “Dead March” from Saul was performed on the organ by Bro. R. Dickinson, P.G. Organist. Bro. the Rev. J. J. Brown Silksworth, officiated as Chaplain; Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.D. of C.; G. Greenwell, P.G.A.D. of C.; John Bailly, acting P.G.S.W.; J. McCulloch, P.G.J.W.; M. Douglass, acting P.G.P.; T. Bradley, acting P.G.S.; J. J. Clay, P.G.S. of W.; A. T. Munro, P.G.S.B.

The other provincial officers and brethren present were Bros. F. Maddison, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Wilson, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Forster, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Candlish, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Lord, P.P.G.S.B.; H. B. Wright, P.P.G.R.; Lord John Tayleur, P.G.S.W.; T. G. Mabane, P.P.G.S.D.; G. Lawson, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Bell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Morrell, P.P.G.S.D.; J. T. Wilson, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Ward, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Witter, P.G.S.; W. Liddell, A. Hley, P.G.S.D.; J. Kiseborough, P.P.G.P.; E. J. Fullerton, P.G.S.; A. Harkness, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Elwen, P.P.G.P.; W. A. Malcolm, P.P.G.P.; R. B. Lutert, P.P.G.D.; C. Cobham, P.G.S.; J. Potts, P.P.G.J.D.; M. Corbett, P.P.G.S.D.; J. W. Courtenay, P.G.S.; H. J. Turnbull, P.P.G.P.; J. Ayre, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Craven, So; J. Lowe, P.M. 80; M. Frampton, P.M. 94; R. Kinmond, W.M. 80; W. Crisp, 97; W. C. Blackett, P.M. 124; C.

Jackson, P.M. 111; C. H. Drury, W.M. 85; J. Mitchenson, P.M. 80; T. Coulson, P.M. 240; J. Brown, S. 240; J. S. Shotton, W.M. 240; J. T. Wilson, P.M. 240; J. Price, 1389; E. Terry, W.M. 531; F. Hockaday, Sec. 531; J. C. Martin, P.M. 111; A. I. Innes, 296; G. Hardy, P.M. 1643; W. Bewick, W.M. 1643; J. Nutton, 124; R. Locke, 48; J. Sedcole, Sec. 1119; A. McDougal, W.M. 1119; J. Cuthbert, 4 (S.C.); J. Henderson, 949; J. Barlow, 949; R. Blake; W. Bryans, 949; J. R. Smart, W.M. 94; G. Porteous, W.M. 949; T. M. Watson, P.M. 97; T. Twizell, P.M. 97; G. Wilson, 240; J. Dunn, 1389; S. Wilson, W.M. 124; J. Newton, P.M. 80; L. S. Henry, 661; D. P. Huntley, P.M. 10; B. Swain, J.W. 949; W. A. Sutcliffe, 97; C. G. Wanless, P.M. 94; W. Key, I.G. 94; P. Maddison, 1389; J. H. Leech, W.M. 97; C. McNamara, S.W. 97; J. R. Pattison, Sec. 97; H. Tonkinson, P.M. 97; J. Gray, 1389; J. Turraun, 1418; C. S. Baines, W.M. 1732; M. Joseph, P.M. 80; H. Baumann, W.M. 764; E. Hudson, P.M. 764; W. T. Tate, P.M. 764; J. A. Robson, 949; W. B. Jones, 80; N. W. Apperby, 124; T. Henderson, P.M. 91; T. W. Johnson, 97; G. B. Hall, P.M. 949; J. Morgan, 949; R. Whitfield, 48; J. G. Smith, W.M. 48; J. Wood, I.P.M.; W. Dalrymple, J.S.; J. Egglestone, P.M. 949; G. Tawse, 97; T. Render, 1389; J. G. Todd, I.P.M. 94; J. Dobson; T. C. Wake, 97; S. Chadwick, J.W. 1643; J. G. J. F. Prentice, Sec. 1643; J. Hatcher, 940; J. Probert, P.M. 424; J. B. Wells, P.M. 661; H. W. Emmerson, P.M. 661; J. Hall, I.P.M. 1418; J. Ponder, P.M. 1119; A. Currie, P.M. 97; C. S. Lord, 80; J. R. Cutter, 97; P. Stabler, 80; T. Shepherd, W.M. 661; and J. C. Moor, J.W. 97 (Freemason).

The Acting Provincial Grand Master, in alluding to the sad event which had brought the brethren from so many distant parts together, said the tribute to the departed which they had met to pay was well deserved, and as Masons they could not well do better than strive to follow the example set them by their deceased brother. He felt certain that he expressed the general feeling of regret that all experienced at losing so valuable an adviser and member of the Order, and they condole with the relatives and intimate friends of the deceased at the removal from among them of one so highly loved and esteemed.

Bro. R. Hudson informed the brethren that having acquainted the Marquess of Londonderry, R.W.P.G.M., of the death of their Provincial Grand Secretary, he had received a letter, in reply, thanking him for having undertaken the charge of the funeral proceedings, and asking, considering the loss the Provincial Grand Lodge had sustained, whether he would not undertake the duties of Grand Secretary. Bro. Hudson further said it was his intention, with the aid of the Grand Officers, to comply with the request of the R.W. Grand Master, and undertake the duties of Grand Secretary until the next Grand Lodge—an announcement which was received with loud and unanimous applause.

The acting P.G.M. observed that the brethren would appreciate the great advantages the Province would derive if Bro. Hudson complied with the request of the P.G.M.

The lodge then adjourned, and the brethren formed in procession, according to the order of their lodges, and proceeded to the residence of the deceased. Subsequently the march was resumed, and a hearse and a number of carriages leading the way to Sunderland Cemetery. The chief mourners were, in the first carriage, Mr. Walthew, Mr. H. Watts, Mr. J. Watts, Mr. J. Atkinson, Mr. Watson; second carriage, Mr. T. R. Breckon, Mr. F. Maddison, Mr. W. Liddell, Mr. R. B. Lutert; third carriage, Mr. Bell, Mr. Halfnight, Mr. G. Lord, Mr. W. Craven. Upon reaching the cemetery the brethren took up a position at each side of the entrance path, and as the remains were borne along by the pall-bearers the brethren stood in solemn silence with heads uncovered. They afterwards formed in behind the chief mourners. At the church and the grave the Rev. J. J. Brown, acting P.G. Chaplain, officiated in a most impressive manner. The remains were deposited in a brick vault. The coffin was of oak, panelled, with brass mountings. The brass plate bore the simple inscription: “William Henry Crookes, died March 15th, 1882. Aged 58 years.” The undertakers were Messrs. P. and F. Maddison, Sunderland.

The coffin having been deposited in the place prepared for its reception, the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall, and Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed. Bro. Hudson announced his intention of requesting Bro. Bradley, Secretary to the Charity Committee, to act as Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary; Bro. Greenwell, the present Assistant Director of Ceremonies, to act as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. D. Sinclair to take the place of Assistant Director of Ceremonies. He hoped that in acting as Grand Secretary, and making these arrangements, he would have the assistance and approval of all officers, present and past. Assent having been given to this re-arrangement of offices, the Special Provincial Grand Lodge was formally closed.

BRO. QUARTER-MASTER HUGH CARLIN.

We have this week to record the death and burial of a brother well-known and esteemed in the Woolwich district, where he has left a host of sorrowing friends both in and out of the Craft. Bro. Quarter-Master Hugh Carlin, of the Army Service Corps, was made a Mason in New Zealand, many years ago, while on active service there against the Maories, and after serving with distinction both Masonry and his country he returned home to England. Up to within a few years ago he served as a military clerk of the War Office, until, at the outbreak of the Zulu war, he was promoted to Quarter-Master, and sent out to the Cape, and from thence up to the front, where he served with credit, if not with distinction, under Lord Chelmsford, until the end of the campaign. Bro. Carlin then contracted a severe pulmonary complaint, and was ordered home on leave of absence, but only survived his arrival home six months, dying early in the present month at the King's Arms Hotel, Hill-street, Woolwich, of rapid consumption. The funeral took place with full military honours, and was attended by an immense concourse of spectators and mourning friends. The body was conveyed to its last resting place at Charlton Cemetery on a gun carriage, drawn by six horses, and was preceded by a firing party of 40 men, under the command of Quarter-Master Peterson, and the band of the Royal Artillery playing the funeral dirges. The pall bearers were Lieut. and Adj. B. D. Porterfield, R.A.; H. T. W. Kirkbride, R.A.; Quarter Masters R. Moore, O.S.C.; W. J. Emly, R.A.; W. J. Barrell, C.T.S.; and J. Dean, C.T.S. The chief mourners were Captains W. Richey, R.A.; W. Smith-Cox, O.S.C.;

J. Bates, M.G.R.A.; J. Watts, Esq.; and H. Hopkins, Esq. Then followed about 300 non-commissioned officers and men of deceased's regiment, under the several commands of D.A.C. General H. B. Cooke, J. J. Donnelly, and Quartermaster A. McFarlane, O.S.C., and detachments of Royal Artillery and Royal Horse Artillery, under the commands of Lieut. Elliot, R.H.A. and Lieut. A. C. Burmester, R.A. The following were also present: Director General of Ordnance W. F. Wright, C.B.; Adjutant General of Ordnance C. E. Vansittart; Deputy Adjutant General R. F. King; Captains J. Sculley, R.H.A.; S. Brown, R.A.; J. Pawson, R.H.A.; and Riding Master J. Stevens, R.A. The officiating minister was the Rev. Dr. W. Raiff, and Bro. E. Bowles had the entire charge of the funeral. Bro. Carlin was a member of the Nelson and United Military Lodges, and in him the Craft has lost a good brother, the Queen a good servant, and to many, a good staunch friend and brother.

BRO. BULKELEY HUGHES.

We announced on the 11th inst., the death of Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and are now able to furnish some further particulars of the Masonic and public career of our distinguished brother. V.V. Bro. Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, of Plas Cöch and Brynddŷ, Anglesey, M.P., held the office of D.P.G.M. (Craft) for North Wales and Salop. He was appointed P.G.M. of the new Mark Province of North Wales in 1880; a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Greece. He also took much interest in many other Orders, being a Knight Templar, Scot.; Member of the Royal Order; Red Cross of Constantine and Holy Sepulchre of St. John; a 30th, Scot.; and appointed a 31st, but which meeting he was prevented attending. He was a P.M. and P.Z. of many lodges and chapters in North Wales and elsewhere, and much beloved and respected by all his brethren. He was the eldest son of Sir William Bulkeley Hughes, Knight of Plas Cöch, and daughter and heiress of Jonathan Nettlehip, of Matterscy Abbey, County Notts. Second, Elizabeth, second daughter of Wm. Donkin Rothbery. He has issue a daughter and his heiress, Sarah Elizabeth, married Capt. Chas. Hunter, formerly Leaside and Glencorse, Perthshire (R.W.P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire East &c.), issue a son Wm. Bulkeley Hughes, and a daughter Elizabeth Gordon. Bro. Bulkeley Hughes was the nineteenth male descendant of Llowarch ap Bran, Lord of the Commot of the Menai, who flourished in the twelfth century, and twenty-sixth from Rodri Maner, King of all Wales, A.D. 843. He was maternally descended from Edward I. Hugh Hughes was the first to assume the family surname. He rebuilt the ancestral residence in 1569, and named it Plas Cöch, or Red Mansion, from the red stone of which it was rebuilt. Hugh Hughes was Attorney-General to Queen Elizabeth for North Wales, and was appointed Lord Chief Justice for Ireland in 1603, by James I., but died in London before proceeding to that country.

FUNERAL OF BRO. CHARLES MARSH.

The remains of our late Bro. Charles Marsh, whose decease we recently announced, were interred in the Tunbridge Wells Cemetery on Saturday last. The members of the Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874, assembled at the deceased's residence, where they formed a double row from the house to the hearse, and again from the hearse to the chapel at the cemetery, for the body to be carried between. Among the brethren present we noticed Bros. Dr. J. E. Ranking, H. D. M. Williams, W. C. Cripps, B. S. Wilmot, J. F. Bates, E. Dunkley, Wellesley Hammond, E. L. Cozens, A. J. Boorman, W. J. Biggs, G. Strange, R. J. Langley, 1414; and J. Risien, London. Then came the hearse and pair and two coaches, containing our late brother's widow, two sons, grandson and daughter, and friends, followed by the private carriages of Bros. Dr. J. E. Ranking and B. S. Wilmot. At the cemetery the Rev. H. S. Iredell, of St. Stephen's Church, met the corpse, and read the service very impressively. Several wreaths and flowers were sent by friends of the deceased. The coffin-plate bore the words: “Charles Marsh, died March 5th, 1882, aged 93 years.” Bros. J. Burton, E. Elliott, and T. R. Hayhow, of London, sent letters expressing regret at being unable to attend. A few brethren who were unable to meet at the house were present at the cemetery. We understand that it was the wish of the Holmesdale Lodge to honour the deceased with a full Masonic funeral, but on communicating with Mr. Cromwell Marsh, of Dover, his eldest son, he stated that his father had never expressed a wish in his lifetime for that honour at his funeral, and, therefore, the family did not feel warranted in accepting the offer made to them. The lodge intend erecting a stone to the memory of the deceased, as one of their founders.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

PEEK.—On the 15th inst., at Stowupland Vicarage, Stowmarket, the wife of the Rev. Richard Peek, M.A., of a son.

TAYLOR.—On the 20th inst., at Culworth, Northamptonshire, the wife of Mr. Wellesley Taylor, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

PEARSON—HULLARD.—On the 18th inst., at Paris, Annie Pearson, daughter of Mr. Reuben Pearson, of Stanley Mount, Ulverston, Lancashire, to Alphonse Huillard, son of M. Adolphe Huillard, of 72, Boulevard Beaumarchais, Paris.

DEATHS.

BECKHAM.—On the 20th inst., at Beaconsfield, Bucks, Mr. Barnard Beakam, aged 77.
HADDON.—On the 18th inst., at Mocollop, Lismore, Ireland, Mr. Henry Haddon.



M. Marius has decidedly gone the way to win popularity in opening the Avenue Theatre with the old favourite, "Madame Favart," in which Miss St. John and himself maintain their original characters. On the opening night, when the Prince of Wales and the Princess of Wales honoured the performance, M. Marius was called upon to make a speech; he said he would strive to please the public, and would receive with thankfulness any suggestions that might be offered him for the better management of the house. "Madame Favart" has been played for 500 nights at the Strand, but is likely to draw a full house at the Avenue until the production of a new opera in October. This new theatre is an acquisition to the London playhouses. The main portion of the seats are on the level of the street, and for those above wide staircases are provided. All the means of egress open outwards, and not on any door is there a lock, only a small bolt, which any person can push back. The system of ventilation seems to be perfection. The internal decoration is very fine, gilt being chiefly used. The ceiling is divided into twelve compartments, containing portrait medallions of the most celebrated dramatic authors, such as Shakespeare, Goldsmith, Sheridan, Corneille, Racine, Goethe, and Schiller. All fees are abolished, as they should be everywhere where the management wish to cater for the public. To levy blackmail, as is done in too many even of the first-class theatres, always appears to us "a penny wise and pound foolish" principle. But M. Marius has even outdone Bros. Irving, Kendal, Hollingshead, and Clayton, for they only provide a plain programme, but at the Avenue one is given a most elaborate and neat one, edged with paper lace. On the back Bro. Charles Martin has printed the times of the latest trains and buses to most of the suburban and far-distant portions of the metropolis. Bro. Martin has for so many years been an acting manager that there is no doubt he will do here as he has done in the past, do everything to please the patrons. There seems to be only one opinion at present, and that is that M. Marius and Bro. Martin have made a good start. We are glad to welcome Bro. Henry Bracy, his voice is clear and clean, but he has not so good an opportunity of displaying his sweetest notes as in "The Mascotte." His song, "I fear little wife you must go away" was well received, as was Miss Wadman's "Don't you remember long ago, you dear old dad, something like this happened to you when quite a lad." This lady is another acquisition to the staff of "Madame Favart." Never was *Susanne* better played. It is almost unnecessary to say a word of Miss St. John, she is always popular, but perhaps especially so in this original character. She has a natural grace and spontaneous vivacity which wins the hearts of an audience. "The Genius" which precedes the opera has won much praise, Mr. Ashford, Mr. Everard, and Miss Clara Graham, whom we are glad to see back again in a taking character, acquitting themselves in true artistic style. Altogether in the Avenue Theatre there is an air of comfort, of refined luxury, which makes one come away gratified and resolved to go again.

For those who like something sensational, the Globe will just now be an attraction. "Mankind; or Beggar your Neighbour," by Paul Merritt and George Conquest, is sensational enough for any one. If it shows up the worst traits of mankind, it may also—we hope it will—teach a lesson, and that is, that money getting is not all we have to live for. In this piece we have men, and, aye, women too, scheming and plotting to enrich themselves, never minding how, so long as they do get rich and beggar other people. But is there happiness in such lives? We should say no. Hours of remorse and reflection must come, and the players must feel misery then. Far better is it to look upon every man as a brother, and not an enemy, who is to be beaten upon every possible occasion. Would that the world was more imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry; if it were, much of the evil going on around would not take place. There can be no question that "Mankind," as represented at the Globe, is a very true description, but very sad. Fortunately, in the real world, as in this drama, there are bright and noble characters, who never stoop to what is mean and false. We have not space to enter into the plot of "Mankind," so many characters are introduced, and so many scenes enacted, that we must suggest to our readers who care for such plays, they had better pay a visit on the first opportunity. Mr. George Conquest, Mr. Kyle Bellew, Mr. C. Cruikshanks, Mr. Wilton, Miss Harriet and Miss Lizzie Claremont, and Miss Katie Barry (the last a child) all sustain their respective parts in an admirable manner. Miss Litton was not playing when we were there, having not recovered from an accident which happened on the first night.

To say anything in praise of Bro. Hollingshead's management of the Gaiety is, we feel, almost superfluous. Some theatres, like churches, have an audience peculiarly their own. The people support a popular manager as they do a popular preacher. Bro. Hollingshead has a following quite his own, but then he studies them. He does not practically close his house by keeping a piece going for many months, but every now and then changes the programme, and so keeps together the same audience to a large extent. "Aladdin" and "Oh! those Girls," now being played, are no exception to this, though neither are perhaps so taking as some of the burlesques we have seen there. Bro. Meyer Lutz, W.M. Asaph Lodge, has written the music to "Oh! those Girls," and it is a bright musical sketch. It gives Miss Connie Gilchrist an opportunity of doing what she can, of which her dancing is the best. There are several pretty songs and dances by the *troupe of young ladies* all well rendered. When we say that Bro. Edward Terry, Mr. Squire, Mr. Dallas, Miss Farren, and Miss Kate Vaughan take part in the burlesque of "Aladdin" we have said enough to show it is something good. Having played so long together and in similar pieces, it must go well, if there be anything in it

at all. Mr. Dallas received a hearty welcome in his song, "In my late husband's time," and Miss Farren a treble encore in one of her songs. The chorus "Oh dem golden slippers" is one of the finest. But perhaps the song applauded the most was a trio by three children; they were called for over and over again and afforded much amusement. Bro. Hollingshead may well call the Gaiety the home of the sacred lamp of burlesque, for it has scarcely ever gone out since the opening of the theatre in 1868. In these years only sixty nights has it been closed. Our brother does not go in for extensive advertising; he considers if a piece is worth it, it will advertise itself, by those who have seen it talking of it, whilst if it is not of the first water, then no amount of advertisement could keep it going. It may not be generally known that Bro. Hollingshead is a contributor to "Punch." He has also written in "Household Words," "Good Words," the "Athenæum" and several other contemporaries.



Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, at the desire of Bro. the M.W. Grand Master, attended a meeting in the Mansion House, called together by Bro. the Lord Mayor, of the leading merchants and bankers of the City of London, with a view to practically taking up the scheme for the foundation of a Royal College of Music. The meeting was very fully attended. His Royal Highness addressed himself principally to the university aspect of the scheme, and said it is proposed to confer degrees, which will only be granted according to merit and ability, and not be purchased, as is done abroad. Our Royal brother trusted that not only Englishmen, but our countrymen in India, Australia, and Canada, will co-operate, and send pupils to the College, who will return to their country and diffuse the knowledge they have received, thus making the London Institution the seat of life. The movement seems to have been taken up well so far. The Mercers' Company have just voted a sum of money for it. A vote of thanks to the Duke and Prince Christian, was passed with acclamation and the proceedings concluded. The Lord Mayor announced that about £5000 had been subscribed in the room, thus raising the amount already collected to £53,000.

A well-known artiste, in the person of Madame Rudersdorff, has recently died at Boston, U.S.A., whither she migrated from England in 1872.

A novel kind of pianoforte recital, the programme of which was composed entirely of works either for two pianofortes or for four hands on one pianoforte, was given at St. James's Hall by Miss Agnes Zimmermann and Mdlle. Marie Krebs. The selection included examples by six composers, among them being three of Schubert's marches, Hummel's duet in A flat, an impromptu by Herr Reinecke on a theme from Schumann's "Manfred," Mozart's sonata in D, Mendelssohn's Allegro Brillante in A, and M. Saint-Saen's variations on a theme from Beethoven's Sonata in E flat. This was unquestionably a well-varied programme, and was played almost to perfection throughout. Let us hope for a repetition of recitals of this kind, so that the public may become acquainted with many other such compositions, which are rarely, if ever, heard in the concert-room.

An entertainment, consisting of songs, dances, &c., was given to the inmates of the Strand Union on Friday last, among those who generously gave their services on the occasion being Miss V. Cameron, Miss N. Maxwell, Madame and Mons. Gaillard, Bros. L. Brough, George Buckland, and Walter Pelham, Mr. J. McLean, Mr. T. P. Hayes, &c.

On Saturday afternoon a concert was given at the Mansion House by the pupils of the Guildhall School of Music. There was a large audience present, and the performances generally reflected great credit on Mr. Weist Hill, the conductor, and the gentlemen who had had charge of the pupils' training. Among the best numbers were a Caprice of Vieuxtemps for violin, which was capably played by Master Leopold, a pupil of Mr. Carrodus, and a work for violoncello, which Mr. B. L. Johnson played with much taste. Some fair examples of composition were included in the programme, notably Mr. D. Davies's setting of "It was a lover and his lass," and Miss Allitorn's song for a single voice, "Stars of the summer night."

It is announced that the entire proceeds of the Symphony Concerts that will be given in May and June by Mr. Charles Hallé, will be added to the fund now being raised for the Royal College of Music.

The last of Mr. Walter Macfarren's orchestral concerts will take place this (Saturday) evening at St. James's Hall. The programme will include Spohr's Symphony, "The Power of Sound," Beethoven's Violin Concerto, Schumann's Pianoforte Concerto, and the following overtures, namely, Mendelssohn's "Ruy Blas," and Mr. Macfarren's "Hero and Leander," and (by desire) "Henry V." Herr Joachim will play the violin concerto, and Miss Cantelo, her first appearance, Schumann's pianoforte concerto.

In consequence of so many of the London houses being closed it has been decided to re-form "Almack's," where concerts, balls, &c., will be given. A committee has been formed to project this. In it are, amongst many others, Bros. the Duke of Athole, the Earls of Breadalbane, Beclive, Dalhousie, and Derby, Sir E. Colebrooke, Bart., M.P., and Lord Castlereagh.



A short time since Mr. Muybridge had the honour of exhibiting before the Prince and Princess of Wales, at the Royal Institution, a series of pictures which, by a recently discovered process, had been photographed in a few hundredths of a second. On Friday last, at the same institution, Captain Abney, R.E., F.R.S., threw on the screen photographs of three spectra in a few millionths of a second. He said he did this, not because it by any means came within the scope of his lecture, but because he was anxious Mr. Muybridge, who was present, should not return to America with a belief that we were behind the people of the States in the progress of the art of photography.

On Friday last the Mayor of Manchester opened an exhibition of smoke-consuming appliances, the principal exhibits being those recently shown at the Smoke Abatement Exhibition at South Kensington. It will remain open for at least a month.

There is apparently no end to the number and variety of exhibitions which are organised for the edification of the public. The latest we have seen announced is "A Naval and Submarine Engineering Display," which will take place at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, from 10th to 20th April. Prizes are offered for the best means of saving life in the case of shipwreck, and for the best invention of a humane character in connection with seafaring matters.

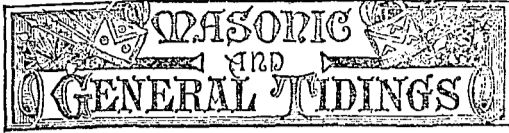
According to the *Athenæum*, Mr. Markownikoff, of Moscow, who is investigating the so-called "desaggregation of tin," has discovered that certain tin cans kept in one of the government buildings during cold weather, showed first blisters, and then holes, and then finally fell to powder. A very remarkable case is also mentioned of a good commercial tin, which during its transport from Rotterdam to Moscow in a very cold winter changed into a grey powder. Mr. Markownikoff has ascertained that once the process of change has commenced it cannot be arrested by removing the cans to a warmer temperature, though if the spots were cut out, the destruction ceased.

The society of Painter-Etchers have opened their first annual exhibition of etchings in the rooms of the Fine Art Society, 148, New Bond-street. No less than 207 works are catalogued, many of them being of average, if not of exceptional merit. Among the best examples are Mr. Seymour Haden's, *Lancashire River* (46) and *Harry Kelly's* (50); Mr. W. Strange's, *Head of a Peasant* (49); Mr. A. H. Haig's *Chartres* (52); Mr. W. Nixon's *Interior of Allhallows the Great* (29); Mr. R. Farrer's, *Ely Cathedral* (118); Mr. Holloway's, *The Old Friary Mill* (123), and *Old Chelsea* (143); Mr. Herkomer's portrait of Dr. W. H. Thompson (102); and Mr. Bellows' *Riverside Sun* (201). Mr. F. Slcombe's, *Middlesex Lane* (71) and *Landship* (72); and Mr. C. P. Slcombe's *Forest Stream* (122), are also to be commended.

The estimates for the financial year 1882-83 contain several grants to learned societies and for purposes of investigation, which will in due course be submitted for the approval of the House of Commons. These are £4000 to the Royal Society, £15,300 to the Meteorological Council, £500 to the Royal Geographical Society, £300 to the Royal Society of Edinburgh, £500 to the Royal Academy of Music, £300 to the Irish Academy of Music, £4100 towards preparing a account of the scientific results of the Challenge expedition, and £14,680 for expenses connected with observations of the transit of Venus. The estimated cost of the National Gallery is set down as £17,878, of which £9600 is allowed for the purchase of pictures, against which must be placed estimated receipts of £300 for sale of catalogues, and £700 for admission fees on students' days. For the National Portrait Gallery under £1200 is proposed for salaries, while the sum allowed for the purchase of portraits is only £750.

At the monthly general meeting of the Zoological Society, held on Thursday week, at its rooms, Hanover-square, the chair was taken by Professor Flower, the President, and there was a good attendance. Several gentlemen were elected Fellows, and the names of twenty-seven candidates were put down for ballot at the next meeting. Mention was made of the additions to the Society's collection during the month of February, among them being two warty-faced honey-eaters and two musk ducks, and the Australian sprays, and a female musk deer from the Western United States, presented by Dr. C. J. Eaton, on whom, in consideration of this and former gifts, the silver medal of the Society was conferred. Reference to the birth in the gardens of a baby tapir, on the 12th of February, was also made, and very naturally the subject of Jumbo's sale was commented upon, the action of the Council being very generally endorsed.

In a letter from Signor R. Lanciani to the *Athenæum* is noted the recent discovery of a magnificent tomb on Monte Acerto, a hill about 800 feet high, situated some three miles off the Isola Farnese, the site of ancient Veii. The discoverers, fortunate in other than an archaeological sense, were a band of robbers, who having stumbled upon the gate of entrance forced their way in, and carried off treasures which had been hidden for six and twenty centuries from two of the three rooms forming the tomb. The discovery got wind, however, and Puria Mario Chige, the proprietor of the place, took steps to prevent further spoliation. It is believed that many valuable specimens of Etruscan pottery will be recovered from the chamber that had not been disturbed.



Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided on Wednesday at the dinner of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, at Willis's Rooms.

The Countess Stanhope entertained at dinner on Saturday last, in Grosvenor Place, Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and was afterwards "at home" to Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; Colonel Taylor, M.P.; General Sir Garnet Wolseley, Sir James McGarel Hogg, and Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P.

Bros. H. Byron and G. R. Sims are, we regret to say, both still unwell. Mr. F. C. Burnand, the editor of *Punch* and author of several dramatic plays, is also laid up.

The Marchioness of Salisbury had her final reception of the season on Wednesday, when, amongst others, there were present Bros. the Marquis of Tweeddale, the Earl of Sefton, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Tenterden, Lord Chelmsford, Sir Edmund Watkin, Bart., M.P.; Sir E. Lechmere, Bart., M.P.; Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P.; W. Graham, Q.C., M.P.; and T. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts.

At the Tregear Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E., the installation ceremony will be worked on Monday, the 27th inst., by Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. Considerable interest will be attached to the working by this veteran teacher of the ritual, and a hearty welcome is offered to visiting brethren.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Bro. the Duke of Albany, K.G., honoured the Haymarket Theatre with their company on Thursday week, to see "Ours."

On Thursday, the 16th inst., the marriage of Lady Georgina Hamilton, daughter of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. Ireland, to the Earl of Winterton, was celebrated at St. George's, Hanover-square. A most fashionable gathering assembled to witness the ceremony; their Royal Highnesses Bro. the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge being amongst the company. Also Bros. the Marquis of Hamilton (the bride's eldest brother), Earl Granville, the Marquis of Bath, the Marquis of Headfort, and Lord Balfour of Burleigh. A very large company sat down to the breakfast at Hampden House, the Duke and Duchess of Teck honouring the proceedings with their presence.

At Lady Rosebery's reception on Saturday last at Lansdowne House, there were present Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane, the Marquises of Headfort, Tweeddale, and Hartington, M.P., Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the Lord Mayor, Sir Matthew White Ridley, M.P., General Sir Garnet Wolseley, and Baron de Worms.

At the usual meeting of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, on the 13th inst., Bro. Edward Hills (of Ely), W.M., presiding, a resolution was unanimously passed that a congratulatory address should be sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on her late escape, to which the following gracious reply has been received: "Mentone, March, 17th, 1882. Sir, I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will convey to the officers and brethren of the Scientific Lodge of Freemasons, Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind and loyal address. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, Henry F. Ponsonby."

The Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, which recently removed to Hart-street, has now taken up its abode at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C. The meetings are held every Monday evening, at seven o'clock, under the able preceptorship of Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. We wish the lodge every success.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, and Mr. Sheriff Ogg attended in state the church of St. Peter's, Cornhill, on Sunday last, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Gordon Calthorp, in aid of the City of London Truss Society.

On Saturday week the Countess Spencer held her third reception of the season at Spencer House, St. James'. Among those who responded to the invitations were: Bros. the Marquis of Bath, Marquis of Hartington, the Earl of Breadalbane, G.S.W. Scotland, the Earl of Fife, the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, the Earl of Suffolk, Colonel Taylor, M.P., Sir Bartle Frere, and Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., M.P.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons gave his third parliamentary full dress dinner on the 15th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. Earl Percy, M.P.; T. Bulwer, Q.C., M.P.; W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants; and Hon. and Rev. F. Byng, Chaplain, P.G. Chap. Afterwards the following attended the levée: Bros. Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G.; Sir Watkin Williams, M.P.; Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P.; the Earl of Bective; W. B. Beach, M.P.; Baron de Worms, M.P.; Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.; Viscount Ebrington, M.P.; Alderman Fowler, M.P.; Sir George E. Eliot, Bart., M.P.; T. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts; Colonel Taylor; and the Marquis of Hartington, M.P.

On the 11th inst., Bro. J. Kemp Coleman, P.M. 1716, who, it will be remembered initiated a small collection among his Masonic friends, to mark their sense of the services rendered by the Freemasons' Lifeboat, Albert Edward, at Clacton-on-Sea, on the occasion of the loss of the *Madeleine*, visited Clacton for the purpose of presenting the amount to the crew. At 5 o'clock Bro. Coleman, accompanied by Bro. John Dennis, P.M. 907, &c., met the coxswain and crew at their boathouse, when Bro. Dennis having briefly addressed the men on the object of their visit, Bro. Coleman handed to the coxswain a neatly framed testimonial, illuminated on vellum, and a purse containing thirteen guineas, or just one guinea per man of the crew who manned the boat on the occasion referred to. The coxswain, for himself and crew, thanked the brethren for this mark of their approval, and the Chairman of the Lifeboat Committee, who was present, expressed his appreciation also.

Bro. Augustus Harris, of Drury-lane Theatre, has taken the first floor flat of the mansion in Portland-place, opposite Langham Hotel, once the residence of Mr. Lionel Lawson.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present at the last smoking concert given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society at St. Andrew's Hall.

The directors of the Bank of England have reduced the rate of discount from 4 to 3 per cent.

The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, on the 29th inst. The lodge meets on Wednesday evenings at Bro. Kingston's, the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

We regret to hear of the death, quite suddenly from apoplexy, on Friday, the 17th inst., in his seventy-sixth year, of Mr. William Hughan, father of our esteemed Bro. William James Hughan. The deceased was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of East Stonehouse, Plymouth, and his loss will be felt by very many outside his own family circle. He leaves a widow and two sons. We offer our sincere condolences to Bro. Hughan and the family.

Bro. G. I. Walker, 429, has resigned the office, of Preceptor to the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.

At the presentation of certificates from the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England at the Portsmouth centre, on Friday, the 17th inst., Bro. Col. Bray and W. Bro. A. L. Emanuel were amongst the recipients.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., on the 30th inst. at 7 o'clock. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. G. Allen, P.M. 144; Second, Bro. Maxted, S.D. 180; Third, Bro. J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563; Fourth, Bro. A. F. Lawrie, 1566; Fifth, Bro. J. Paul, 1287; Sixth, W. C. Smith, I.G. 1563; Seventh, Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. C. Dairy, P.M. 141; Second, Bro. J. Hemming, 1287; Third, Bro. W. J. Collens, J.W. 766; Fourth, Bro. H. Watts, P.M. 1201; Fifth, Bro. A. Carlström, 733. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M. 417, W.M. 1900; Second, Bro. G. P. Festa, S.W. 1900; Third, Bro. W. H. Richardson, W.M. 1348.

Bro. Henry Stiles, a distinguished member of the Craft, who is already Past Master of one lodge, has been unanimously elected W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507. The installation will take place in October.

A Rose Croix Chapter, A. and A. Rite, to be called the St. Margaret's Chapter, will be consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on the 28th inst.

Bro. W. H. Longhurst, Mus. Doc. of Canterbury, has recently composed a cantata for female voices, entitled "The Village Fair," which has already reached a third edition. The libretto is by Jetty Vogel. We hope to give a more extensive notice of the composition in a future number of the *Freemason*; in the meantime we heartily congratulate Bro. Longhurst on his success.

Bro. J. Farndale, P.G.1.D. Leicestershire and Rutland, and M.M. 279, &c., late Chief Constable of Leicester, and now of Birmingham, has been presented with a testimonial by his numerous friends in the town. It consisted of a silver salver, with a purse of £200.

Great strides having of late been made in instantaneous photography, the lessees of the Alexandra Palace have offered prizes of gold, silver, and bronze medals for competition among professionals and amateurs, for the best photographs of the crowds assembled on Easter Monday. Last Easter Monday 76,824 persons visited the Palace, and it is intended to summon the whole number of visitors on the southern slopes of the park at a certain moment for the views to be taken.

Bro. Viscount Sherbrooke, better known as the Rt. Hon. Robert Lowe, just prior to ourselves, paid a visit to Aves and Moss's works, in the Barbican, to inspect a new bicycle they are bringing out. A patent has been promised to protect it. It will be different from any other self-propelled machine yet invented. The rider will sit between the wheels, which are parallel to one another, as in a tri-cycle. No learning or steering is required. Its great charm will be that it can be ridden over granite cubes, of which many of the London streets are composed. The spring, unlike all other bicycles or tricycles, is not under the seat and above the axle, but the wheels are made with two tires, one outside the other, the intervening space being filled with small pieces of spring steel. No india-rubber tires will be required to deaden the oscillation by this method, which will make the portion of the wheel touching the ground at one time almost as fine as the edge of a knife, so that a greater speed may be expected than from flexible tires. Bro. Lord Sherbrooke was so pleased with the idea, that he not only will probably order a bicycle—he is one of the oldest riders in a double sense of the word—but have the patent adjusted to his own carriage wheels should it succeed. We shall be more able to pronounce as to its success later on, but no doubt Bro. Lord Sherbrooke's opinion will be a valuable one.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided over a meeting of the Court of Aldermen at Guildhall on Tuesday week. The following Aldermen were present, amongst others: Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, Stone, P.G.D.; Sir B. Phillips, Staples, I. Bessit, Fowler, M.P., Hanson, and the Town Clerk, Sir John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes. A warm debate arose on a report relating to the pensioning of the governor, the ordinary, and other officials of the Gaol of Newgate, which was eventually carried by a majority of three.

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

An emergency meeting of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, will be held at Hampton Court this day (Saturday).

The *Court Journal* of Saturday says: We have a National Anthem, and also a loyal prayer for the health and happiness of the Prince of Wales, but hitherto we have had no national song for the Royal Family as a whole. This defect has been remedied by Mr. G. R. King, who has composed an inspiring air to appropriate verses, entitled "God bless our Family Royal." The song has an enlivening chorus, which has already been sung with splendid effect at public meetings and social gatherings. The author and composer has received letters of thanks for the song from several members of the Royal Family, and we doubt not that it will have a general popularity. It is published by Messrs. King and Co., of Woodford.

Bro. Arthur Woods will be installed W.M. of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, at Freemasons' Hall, on the 3rd proximo.

The thirty-third concert of the Great Western Railway Musical Society, of which Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., is Chairman, was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Friday, the 24th inst.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, at the Rising Sun Tavern, Globe-road, Mile End, on the 26th inst. Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, will preside. The Sections will be worked as follows:—First Lecture—First Section, Bro. West, M.C. 933; Second, Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349; Third, Bro. Loane, D.C. 1421; Fourth, Bro. Wooding, S.W. 1306; Fifth, Bro. Stewart, 1278; Sixth, Bro. Moss, S.D. 1275; Seventh, Bro. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Richardson, 174; Second, Bro. Eschwege, 1349; Third, Bro. McDonald, J.W. 1445; Fourth, Bro. Pringle, I.G. 781; Fifth, Bro. Forss, 917. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Cohen, P.M. 205; Second, Bro. Taylor, S.D. 554; Third, Bro. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174.

"Jumbo" was conveyed to the Docks, and successfully "floated" on Thursday. We trust, for the sake of his fellow-passengers, he will continue to float until he gets to the other side.

The annual banquet of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, will take place on Wednesday, 5th April, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 1445, and Preceptor, will preside.

The following address has been adopted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught:—"To Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. Resolved—That we, the Freemasons of North Connaught, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express through our Provincial Grand Master, Lord Harlech, our heartfelt congratulations upon your Majesty's recent escape from the foul attempt made by the hand of an assassin upon your Majesty's life, and our deep gratitude to Almighty God that no evil has arisen from the shock consequent upon such an attempt. We sincerely hope that the same good Providence that has guided and preserved your Majesty through life will continue to watch over and guard you and yours till the end of your Majesty's glorious reign. Such is the prayer of the Masons of North Connaught."

We are requested to announce that the regular meetings of the Victoria Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1816, formerly held at the Two Brewers, Stratford, are now held at the Yorkshire Grey, High-street, Stratford, upon Thursday evenings, commencing at eight o'clock.

Her Majesty the Queen, before her departure for Mentone, acknowledged in a gracefully worded letter the extreme pleasure it has given her to receive a special large paper copy of Mr. Tuer's "Bartolozzi and his Works." Both of these sumptuous volumes are enriched with duplicates in protective mounts of the principal illustrations on satin.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, it was unanimously resolved that an address should be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on her recent escape from assassination.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Union Waterloo Lodge of Instruction, No. 13, Earl of Chatham Hotel, William-street, Woolwich, on Thursday next, the 30th inst., at eight p.m. Bro. Gooding, United Military Lodge, will preside; Bro. Akers, J.D. 13, S.W.; Bro. Grise, 13, J.W. Brethren are invited to attend.

A Masonic ball was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Cawtes' Assembly Rooms, Southsea, which was largely attended. Bro. His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar was present during the evening.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, by brethren of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 1339, on Monday, the 27th inst., at Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., Grand Chaplain of England, will act as Chaplain on this occasion. The chair will be taken and lodge opened at seven o'clock p.m. precisely by the Preceptor, Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.S.D. Surrey. The Sections will be worked by the following brethren: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. A. G. Boswell, 1339; Second, Bro. Cooper, J.D. 1331; Third, Bro. Appleton, J.W. 1381; Fourth, Bro. Taylor, J.W. 1524; Fifth, Bro. Pin-cott, 1686; Sixth, Bro. Lanfield, P.M. 87; and Seventh, Bro. Matz, 28. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Plowman, 975; Second, Bro. Ayling, S.W. 975; Third, Bro. Palmer, P.S.W. 177; Fourth, Bro. W. I. Boswell, P.M. 1339; and Fifth, Bro. Webb, W.M. 1381. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Ceckburn, S.W. 1381; Second, Bro. Foot, 1194; and Third, Bro. Moss, 1339.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, April 1, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

- Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court (Emer).
- 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
- 1679, Henry Muggerridge, M.H., Masons' Avenue.
- 1705, Orpheus, F.M.H.
- 1777, Royal Hanover, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- 1871, Gostling Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow.

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 27.

- Lodge 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, F.M.H.
- 26, Castle of Harmony, Willis's Rms., St. James's.
- 28, Old King's Arms, F.M.H.
- 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- 183, Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 902, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 905, De Grey and Ripon, F.M.H.
- 1608, Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hot., Kilburn Gate.
- 1632, Stuart, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- 1745, Farringdon (Without), Holborn Viaduct Hot.
- 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk-rd., W.
- Chap. 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
- 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.
- Mark Grand Masters, M.H., Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
- 5, Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House H., Lon. Bdg.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
- Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
- Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
- 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 Coffee 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 28.

- Lodge 14, Tuscan, F.M.H.
- 92, Moira, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
- 145, Prudent Brethren, F.M.H.
- 186, Industry, F.M.H.
- 205, Israel, Cannon-st. Hot.
- 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
- 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hot., Lon. Bdg.
- 1348, Ebury, Regent M.H., S, Air-st.
- 1441, Ivy, S.M.H., Camberwell.
- 1719, Evening Star, F.M.H.
- 1744, Royal Savoy, F.M.H.
- Chap. 21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.
- 1275, Star, Ship Hot., Greenwich.

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.
- Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
- Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
- Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
- Capper, 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 Bdg., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jernyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
- Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
- Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
- 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 29.

- Lodge 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-pl., Poplar
- 1768, Progress, F.M.H.
- Chap. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship & Turtle, Leadenhall-st.

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, S.
- 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, S.
- 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.
- Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, S.
- 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 30.

- Gen. Com. Girls' School, at 4.
- Lodge 22, Neptune, Guildhall Tav.
- 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot.

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-crt., 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 31.

- Chap. 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
- K.T. Precept. 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
- Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
- Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jernyn-st., W., at 8.
- Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
- Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
- St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
- Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
- 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, Hammersmith, 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, APRIL 1.

- Gen Com. Boys' School, at 4.
- Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
- 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
- 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-street.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, April 1, 1882.

MONDAY, MARCH 27.

- Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.
- 1325, Stanley, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 241, Friendship, M.H., Liverpool.
- Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

- Lodge 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens.
- 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Royal Hot., Crewe.
- 986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
- 1609, Dramatic, M.H., Liverpool.
- 1675, Ancient Briton, M.H., Liverpool.
- Chap. 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
- 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
- Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.

- Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
- 321, Unity, Crewe Arms, Crewe.
- 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
- 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
- 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf Ormskiik.
- Ellesmere, Royal Oak, Chorley.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31.

- Lodge 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
- 1313, Fermor, M.H., Southport.
- 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

- Lodge 1061, Triumph, Market Hot., Lytham.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.
For the Week ending Saturday, April 1, 1882.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 27.

- Lodge 153, Dublin. | R.A.C. 728, Dublin.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

- Lodge 4, Dublin. | Lodge 6, Dublin.
- Lodge 261, Dalkey.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.

R.A.C. 33, Dublin.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

No meetings.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

No meetings.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

- Lodge 238, Dublin. | P.M.C. 4.

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