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In our last issue appears an account of some proceedings of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which, perhaps, not ill-intentioned, yet seem to us so marked by an ignorance of Masonic law and precedent as to deserve notice at the hands of the Masonic journalist. If a Masonic journal serves any good purpose, which we doubt not that it does, one of its most accredited uses is to point out abnormal Masonic acts and illegal Masonic proceedings. It seems that it was considered desirable to form a lodge in Morocco, and Bro. the Rev. R. S. PATTERSON, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to form a lodge, called "Al Moghreb Al Aksa," to commence its labours temporarily in Gibraltar. Here was the first mistake, and of clearly Masonic impropriety. How could, on any ground whatever, imaginable or unimaginable, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba charter a lodge to meet in occupied territory? We fancy some worthy brethren of ours in America will rub their eyes when they read such statements. And then what can we say of the next move Masonically? The lodges in Gibraltar naturally doubted the legality of this novel body, and therefore the Special D.G.M.,—though what that rank is we know not and cannot even surmise,—calls an occasional Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in Africa. How could he do so? He could only act in and with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, if a legal body, with its officers and in its jurisdiction. It is not, and cannot be, a movable Grand Lodge. But we see he proceeds to form a new body altogether, which he terms a Territorial Grand Lodge, and appoints officers temporarily. What is a Territorial Grand Lodge? According to us, any such body is clearly an illegal body; without right of formation or power of action; and cannot be recognized in any sense as a legal body, and the same law applies to this Manitoba-Morocco Grand Lodge. It seems most absurd, on the face of it, that a very modern body of Freemasons, which we hardly knew was in existence at all, should, from across the Atlantic foam, charter a lodge in Morocco, when in close proximity is one of the oldest Provincial Grand Lodges in the world,—the Provincial Grand Lodge of Andalusia and Gibraltar,—under the English Constitution. The proper course, we think all will admit, would have been for an offshoot of the Provincial Grand Lodge for Gibraltar to have taken root in Morocco, and then to have petitioned H.R.H. the G.M. to have appointed a Provincial or District Grand Master. As it is, Masonically, the movement, desirable, no doubt, in itself, has begun Masonically wrong, and so wrong that we can neither expect nor wish for much of favourable result.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing elsewhere, makes a suggestion, which we think is not without its value. It is the formation of an exhibition for the Boys' School, to be named the Duke of Albany Exhibition, or Prince Leopold, as under that name he is better known to the generality of our brethren. We think the idea a good one, and if it were taken up by some leading brethren we doubt not but that it would soon be brought to a practical issue. We commend the proposal to the attention and consideration of our readers.

THE proceedings of the Grand Mark Lodge, under Lord HENNIKER, were very interesting. The vote of sympathy with the QUEEN and Royalty was eloquently moved and fitly seconded, and enthusiastically carried; and a vote was made, amid much hearty applause, towards the Wedding Presentation Fund for His Royal Highness the Duke of ALBANY. Altogether, never at any time was the loyalty of all ranks and bodies of Freemasons in England, Ireland, and Scotland more conspicuous and more commendable than at the present time.

THE proceedings of a special Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are very striking, as demonstrating what is, indeed, the universal feeling of the Craft.

Our worthy Bro. LAMBERT refers to us in his letter "in re" the so-called Grande Loge Symbolique. But we do not see that he mends his position, or, to say the truth, invalidates the arguments of his opponent. "It is because it is" seems to be his conclusion; but he does not touch upon any of the objections raised by "MASKELYNE," who, we note elsewhere, returns to the charge this week. The question of legality can only be tested and settled by precedent and law; how far it is worth while to raise such a question at all is simply a matter for the consideration of the friendly controversialists themselves. This is all we intended to convey by a "fait accompli," not intimating any approval, but simply calling our friends attention to the advisability of a discussion on a matter not in any way of vital or supreme importance. Still, as they say, people must live, and Masonic journals must have their pages filled.

WE are glad to see from the public Press that Her Majesty the QUEEN is deriving great benefit from the comparative rest at Mentone, and that she is in the enjoyment of excellent health. The good wishes of the Craft accompany her everywhere.

WE are pleased to be able to print elsewhere the report of the meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Having two Masonic lifeboats, we think the subject matter of the report deserves the careful consideration of all our readers.

ALL the readers of the *Freemason* will have seen with deep regret the announcement of the death of HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW. They will be carried back, as we are, through many eventful years, and to dear friends with whom they took pleasant converse in days of old, to the hour when they first made the acquaintance with the charming lines and words of that true poet. To how many have LONGFELLOW's simple, but effective and touching stanzas, been of constant use,—a daily, hourly companion through the toils and troubles, the cares and sorrows of life. Many of them are "familiar on our lips as household words;" many serve to illustrate and to cheer, to control the onward struggles of existence; and, despite halting depreciations and feeble doubts, we feel sure that the name of the great American poet will go down to posterity as one who has done more than most men to adorn literature and illustrate culture, to give reality to virtue, and to assuage the sorrows of humanity. Mr. LONGFELLOW has been laid in his grave amid the respectful and reverential sympathy of the Anglo-Saxon race, which loves his words and honours the man. Our contemporary, *Punch*, gives us these lines "in memoriam," which we think well also to present to our readers in the pages of the *Freemason*.

A Life Psalm, staidly sweet and simply strong
As any the dead Singer gave the throng,
Sings to its close. But Fame will yet prolong,
In echoes clear, across two worlds wide winging,
And in all English hearts like home bells ringing,
Glad memory of the Singer and his singing.

POOR old JUMBO is now on his way across the wide Atlantic. We confess, we think the more the matter is ventilated the less satisfactory it appears. Three things are evident; firstly, that there was no real danger to be apprehended; secondly, that the price was utterly inadequate; and thirdly, that there must be some other reason than the one commonly alleged for depriving the "Zoo" of one of its chief attractions. It was almost an insult to the reasoning powers of Londoners to suppose that the alleged danger from bad temper, &c., was the real reason, for it was quite clear if poor JUMBO was not to be trusted with English children, how was he fit to go amongst American children? To say that the authorities of the "Zoo" could not manage Jumbo, was an admission of incompetency, startling and self-condemnatory; while to sell an animal for £2000, worth confessedly a much larger sum, was to shake the trust of the members in the financial management of the authorities of this great society. Two most amusing facts seem to illustrate the absurdity of the whole proceedings. On one of the wildest night of this untoward season, and amid a piercing east wind, a considerable force of Metropolitan Police, under Bro. Superintendent HARRIS, were occupied in escorting poor JUMBO to his involuntary exile; while Mr. BARTLETT, in an amusing after-luncheon speech, expresses the aspiration that we may see JUMBO back again. There is something in all this little transaction we do not profess to understand, and we can quite enter into the feelings of annoyance and keen humiliation which have attended the sale and banishment of JUMBO among all ranks and all ages alike. Mr. STUART WORTLEY's letter in the *Standard* of Monday last is very suggestive indeed.

MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

BY MASONIC STUDENT.

As Mr. Elton, in his "Origin of English History," seems to doubt the existence of Albanus, and to look upon his name as a mythic representation of heroic virtue, &c., I venture to call attention to the subject here. All our Masonic Gild Legends mention Albanus. In Lidgate's poetic account of him (a very long poem, by the way), Lansdowne MS. 699, he says—

The knightly manny's name,
Born in Verlamye, a famous gret cite,
Knighted in Rome, (the chronicle who list see),
And, as I fynde, this yong lusty man
Took first the Ordre of Dioclecian.

He then tells us he was sent by "Kyng Severus," with a young prince called Bassian, to Rome to Dioclecian, and with him went Amphibalus, by whom "Albon" was afterwards converted from heathenism to Christianity. He went to be knighted, &c. At folio 98 of the Lansdowne MS. 699, there come in two words, "Expt. Prologus," Explicit Prologus, which seems to point out that this long poem very probably belonged to a Gild, and was repeated or acted. Lidgate says that Amphibalus was a Prince's son of Wales, and that Albanus was born in the cite of Verolamye, was of "gentil condicion," of "the aspectes of grace which is divine," of "this region the Prothomartyr," "gracious in every manny's sight," and "weel beloved," and was knighted by Dioclecian. He was, we are told, a Steward of Britain under the Romans. But I can find nowhere any allusion to Alban building Verulamium. Whence then did the Masonic Gild Legends obtain this statement? And to whom of the Chroniclers does Lidgate allude? This life and passion of Seynt Albon and Seynt Amphibal was translated out of French and Latin (?) by Dan John Lidgate, at the request of Maistre John Whetchemstede, Abbot of Saynt Albons, the Grace of our Lord, MCCCCXXIX.

When Offa, in 793, built the minster of St. Albans, with the "hond Macones," as Lidgate calls them, he probably enlarged the church of which Bede speaks as existing in his life, and having been built in "peaceable times." Bede died in 735. He certainly, like Offa, the King, and the later chroniclers who mention him, treated him as a real personage, and Lidgate goes into a full description of his special merits and personal gifts, though whence he derives his authority he tells us not. His long poem is mainly based on Bede's account in the seventh chapter of his Ecclesiastical History.

All our Masonic Legends mention Albanus, and they seem to have obtained the term "High Steward" from Lidgate. Inigo Jones's MS. gives us a very full account which is practically the same, with slight changes of verbiage, in all the Gild Legends except the Masonic poem and the additional MS. (prose). "And in St. Albanes time, the King of England that was a Pagan, did wall ye town that was called Verulum, and St. Alban was a worthy Knight and Steward of the Kings household, and got the government of ye realm, and also the town walls, and loved Masons well and cherished them much, and he made them pay right good, standing as the Realm then did, for it gave them two shillings per week, and threepence to their chear. For before that time through all the land a Mason had but a penny a day and his meat, until until Saint Alban mended it. And he got them a charter of ye King for to hold a counsell yearly, and gave it the name of an assembly, and was therat himselfe, and helped to make Masons, and gave them charges as you shall have afterwards." There is great confusion in Lidgate's narrative as to the various parts played by Carausius the tyrant, Duke Asclepodote, King Maximian; but Alban or Albanus is sent "into the cytie by Dioclecian."

Bothe for trust, (pleynly to devise
And to gov'ne notably that lond,
Pascell also), (to gwerdon his servise.
For trouthe of Knythhood) in Albon that he fond,
Or ordeyned hym made surance with his hond,
Prynce of Knyhtis, and Steward Sovereyn
Under Romayns, thoruh out al Briteyn.

It is just possible that we have in this story the fact of a Roman citizen, Præfectus Collegii, put to death for taking up a "nova superstitio," who was in some way connected with the building sodalities of that time,—the Collegia Frabrorum or Opificum. Where the early Gild Legends, however, get all these statements from, as I before remarked, is difficult at present to say; so far, I am not aware of any authority for them in the Chronicles.

It becomes then a matter of some importance to discover, if we can, whence the early Gild Legends obtained this peculiar statement of Albanus, to which from the Lansdowne MS. they persistently adhere.

Two points have often occurred to me lately—(1.) Is it the fact that we have the earliest printed work on Masonry in 1723; is there any chance of an earlier printed work? (2.) Are we quite sure that there is no Gild Legends between the additional MS. and the Lansdowne and Dowlands? If you compare the Lansdowne, the two Sloane, the two Harleian, the Antiquity, the Alnwick, the Hope, and the York MS., &c., &c., you must come to the conclusion that they take their statement from some common authority. What is that common authority? Krause's so-called York MS. adds, that Amphibalus was an architect, but the whole tenour of the other Gild Legends, as regards Albanus, is based on Lidgate. But then Lidgate says nothing about building the walls of Verulamium. How was that statement imported into the Legends?

It seems to me that there has been some intermediate authority between the Masonic Poem and the additional MS., and the later MSS., both about 1425, on which the subsequent Gild Legends are founded. It may have been a real Gild Constitution, now

forgotten; or there may have been, about the end of the fifteenth or beginning of the sixteenth century, some small printed work, which has passed away, and so far eluded discovery. Such things will occur in literature. Take, for instance, Dassigny's pamphlet. So far the copy in the possession of Bro. Hughan is unique, though search has been made everywhere for a duplicate; and I am told on good authority that single copies of works and pamphlets have been printed. It has always struck me that the title-page of the Wood MS. is suggestive, inasmuch as there it is stated it is "neweley translated" by John Whytestones for John Sargensonne. It is not impossible that that may refer to a MS. (1610), though it is not very common; but it is still more likely to refer to a printed work. Indeed, the first page of the Wood MS. might make experts believe it was copied from a printed work. If so, what is it? and where is it?

CLANDESTINE MASONRY.

A body of men who call themselves Masons, and who meet within the lines of an organization which they are pleased to term a Masonic Lodge, not having any sufficient authority for such action, may justly be called clandestine. Whatever may be their system of association and government, whatever ritual they accept or the ceremony they enact, they do not represent a lawful and regular Masonry. The course they pursue may not involve any great moral turpitude, nevertheless it does not accord with the requirements that all genuine Craftsmen are pledged to obey. Perhaps it may be said that there is no great harm in assuming the Masonic name and conferring degrees upon willing candidates, even though the sanction of a proper authority is wanting. But why should sensible men care to play at being Masons? Masquerading is all right enough in its place, but it hardly seems appropriate in connection with such matters as are made of chief importance in the Masonic system.

What is the object proposed by those who associate together and seek to maintain a society thus irregular and unauthorised? If social good and pleasant fellowship constitute the ends desired, what need is there of borrowing the Masonic name? If the leading motive be the desire to practice an attractive ceremonial, why not obtain a ritual which shall be as original as possible, and stamp it with a title that shall not be misleading? The men who establish clandestine lodges know very well that they cannot impart a genuine Masonry. It makes no difference as to the name they take, the ritual they observe, the signs and words which they possess and teach, they have yet no power to "make Masons," nor can they confer the rights or benefits of a legitimate Masonry. Being outside the Fraternity themselves they have no power to introduce others to those privileges which only regular Craftsmen possess.

Every now and then we hear of the formation of a clandestine lodge, that is of the association of a number of men who, without rightful authority, call themselves Masons and confer degrees. We wonder why it is that there is a disposition to engage in such business; we wonder still more that intelligent men can be drawn into such associations if they have the desire to be instructed in a genuine Masonry and to profit by its teachings and fellowship.

The assuming of the Masonic name, the imitating of its methods, and the practice of its rites and ceremonies, are not of themselves sufficient to create the lawful lodge. There must be authority given and recognized—authority from a proper source—else the association cannot be admitted to the fellowship of those Bodies which of right bear the Masonic name. If any choose to play with the system—to practice it in an irregular sort of way—they may well be let alone to indulge their whim to the fullest extent. Regular Brethren, however, can have nothing to do with such unlawful gatherings or work, nor can they in any sense recognize anything purporting to be Masonry when thus clandestinely maintained and expressed.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

ECLECTIC BUND (Eklektischer Bund).—A formation of German Freemasons at Wetzlar and Frankfort-on-the-Main, which sought after the Convent of Wilhelmsbad in 1782, and where the high grades were, so to say, running riot to "gradus ferre retrorsum" to the older and simpler grades of Craft Masonry. Why they took the name of "Eclectic" is not quite plain, as the word is hardly appropriate, except that underlying this apparently reasonable movement were most probably some of the peculiar aims of the "Illuminati," equally insidious as dangerous. It seems a little doubtful whether Von Knigge or Von Dittfurth first broached the idea, and indeed it matters little; but in 1783, March 18, the Prov. G. Lodge of Frankfort-on-the-Main, S. F. Kustner, junior, being its Secretary, and the Prov. Lodge "Joseph zum Reichs Adler" (Wetzlar, March 21, 1783), W. Rett being Secretary, issued a joint address. This address was practically to the effect that the three symbolical grades were to be the "grundwerk" of the "Eclectic Bund," but that each Lodge might preserve or use (independently, however, of the system) any of the high grades in vogue, or any degree of the Rite Ecossais. The practical effect of the movement was to bring back a great number of the Lodges to symbolical Masonry. In 1789 a great festival was held, the Prov. Grand Master Von Leonhardi presiding, at which Lodges from the following places were represented: Wetzlar, Aachen, Bentheim, Steinfurt, Brême, Kassel, Freiburg, Gotha, Hildesheim, Kaufbeuren, Neuwied, Rothenburg, Salsburg, Triest, Wiesbaden, Kempten, Altenburg, Krifeld, Ulm, Münster, Giesse, Rudolstadt, Karlsruhe, and five others not named, says the "Handbuch." In 1823 the Prov. Lodge of Frankfort took the name of "Grosse Loge des Eklektischen Freimaurer Bundes," and such it still retains.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present: Bros. E. Letchworth, J. J. Caley, Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters, A. E. Gladwell, F. Richardson, J. A. Rucker, J. Nunn, H. A. Dubois, Robt. Grey, E. C. Mather, T. Weller-Poley, A. H. Tattershall, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

The minutes of last General Committee were read and confirmed, and minutes of the House Committee were read for information.

Various accounts were passed for payment, some notices of motion were given for the next General Committee, and one petition was read and deferred for further information with reference to the mother's income.

The following notices of motion were given for the next Quarterly Court:—

By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P. Prov. G.W. of N.E. Yorks, "That the day of election for the Girls' School be altered to Thursday, instead of Saturday as at present, except when the Boys' election falls on Thursday, then Wednesday, and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly."

By Col. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee: "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl through ill-health) reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that six further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty-eight vacancies for this election; and that the twenty-eight approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected accordingly, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 236."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, summoned by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord de Tabley, was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at Crewe, to pass a resolution expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons under the Grand Lodge of England 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. There was a good assemblage of the brethren, notwithstanding that a heavy snowstorm prevailed at the hour of meeting. Among those present were Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley; G. W. Latham, P.G.S.W., 321; Rev. J. F. Routhwaite, Prov. G. Chap., 425; Rev. J. Cumming Macdonald, P.P.G.C.; J. H. Bellyse, P.G.J.W., 293; R. Wood, P.G.J.D., P.M., 267; F. Jackson, jun., P.G.T., P.M., 267, 295; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec., P.M., 393; Robert Beales, P.P.G.J.W., 533; C. J. Howard, P.P.G.J.W., W.M., 321; S. Spratley, P.P.G.S.D., 321; William Harrison, P.P.G.S.D., 104; A. E. Cokayne, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., 533; T. D. Simcock, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., 1357; Henry Jackson, P.P.G.P., P.M., 336; John Samuel, P.P.G.P., P.M., 979; Joseph Brattan, P.P.G.S. of W., 477; Thomas M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W., 425; Stanhope Bull, P.P.G.S. of W.; Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C., 104; G. H. J. Gundry, P.G.S., 267; S. Orme, P.G.S., 295; John Dutton, P.G.S.B., 477; Hy. Collier, P.G.O., P.M., 104; W. Fair, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., 941; William Hague, P.M., 830; William Bayliss, W.M., 1088; J. A. Slade, W.M., 267; Robert Findlow, W.M., 368; Samuel Spencer, W.M., 425; Thomas S. Gibson, P.M., 979; G. Watson, P.M., 979; T. Bolshaw, W.M., 979; W. Sanford, W.M., 293; J. Blackhurst, P.M., 979; J. Partington, W.M., 941; C. W. Duncombe, S.W., 425; S. W. Ramsden, J.W., 425; J. F. Fear, S.W., 979; J. N. McNeill, 979; W. Wood, J.W., 979; John Vaughan, S.W., 293; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W., 537; C. A. Hordern, P.G.S., 267; and Mark Alcock, 941.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was most cordially received, said—Brethren, I have thought it my duty, after mature reflection and consideration, to summon this special Prov. Grand Lodge for the purpose expressed in the circular. I know you have all read that one of the most numerously-attended Grand Lodges that has taken place for several years has already been held, when a resolution of a similar character was moved by our illustrious Grand Master. That might be thought to comprehend the unanimous feeling of all Masons throughout England; but, while fully acknowledging the representative character of the Grand Lodge of England, I thought it would only be in consonance with the loyal feeling of the brethren of the province that they should address Her Majesty in a special manner on this eventful occasion. I trust in this I have been a faithful interpreter of your sentiments and feelings—(hear, hear)—and the numerous assembly I have now the honour to address, fully convinces me that the course I have taken has met with your sanction and approval. Very few words will be necessary to justify the course I have taken. I should have thought if one life in England was sacred and safe, it was the life of that gracious lady who has so long occupied the throne of this country, no less by right of hereditary descent than by the many virtues she has shown, the graciousness of her nature, and the career of honour and good feeling and regard for the liberties and constitutional rights of her subjects, and the example she has set as a wife, as a mother, a widow, and a woman. But the distempered brain of a miserable idiot has destroyed that sense of security. A traitorous hand has been raised against that precious life, and it is only by the gracious and merciful interposition of the G.A.O.T.U. that we have not now to deplore a great and indescribable national misfortune. I feel confident that every Masonic heart will beat in unison with the address I shall have the honour of reading. The attendance to-day, numerous as it is, would have been more so but for the short notice necessarily given, and many apologies for non-attendance have been received. I have received a letter from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.), deeply regretting that he was unable to be present, and that, after attendance on his father, who I am happy to say is much better, he is much engaged with his Parliamentary duties.

Bro. GRIFFITHS, P.G. Sec., here read, in compliance with his lordship's request, the names of brethren who had sent excuses and regrets at non-attendance, including Bros. Bulley, P.G.S.B. of England and P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire;

Hibbert, P.G.R.; Tomlinson, P.P.G.S.B.; Hodgson, P.G.C.; Lockitt (Macclesfield), P.G.S.D.; J. H. Brookes (Macclesfield), P.G.S.; J. Wood (Stockport), P.P.G.S.W.; Col. Fernley (Stockport), Gosling, Salmon, T. B. Bookes, and many others.

The R.W.P.G.M. added that in addition there had been resolutions, conveying the sentiments embodied in the address, passed by numerous lodges in the province. His lordship then read the address as follows: "May it please your Majesty, we, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Freemasons of Cheshire, in Special Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, beg humbly to approach your Majesty, with a view of expressing our distress, grief, and horror at the wicked, traitorous, and cowardly attempt lately made on your Majesty's sacred and most precious life. We render to the G.A.O.T.U. our most hearty thanks for preserving your Majesty in the hour of danger, and we pray that your Majesty's life may long be spared to rule over a loyal and contented people." (Applause.)

Bro. BEALES (Congleton), P.P.G.J.W., in the absence of the D.P.G.M., said it was his duty, as well as honour and pleasure, to second the address. It would be out of place in him to attempt to add anything to the eloquent words of the R.W.P.G.M.; he would, therefore, content himself, and he thought it would be more in accordance with the feelings of the brethren, to say but little in seconding the address. Certainly in a loyal nation like England it would be invidious to attribute to any class of men a higher feeling of loyalty than to another, but as Masons they claim to be as loyal as any other section of Her Majesty's subjects; therefore it did seem becoming that as Masons they should recognise their gratitude to Providence for saving the precious life of our Most Gracious Sovereign. He had hoped that these mad vagaries of broken-down men had ended; that our good Queen would be spared such wicked attempts; but it seemed to be the permission of Providence that it should be, and though in a calamity like this we could scarcely hope to recognise any good, yet it had undoubtedly had the effect of eliciting a universal feeling of loyalty and sympathy throughout the length and breadth of the country. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution having been unanimously passed, Bro. G. W. LATHAM, P.G.S.W., said: I have now a formal notice to propose—"That this address be engrossed and forwarded to our Provincial Grand Master, in order that he may present it to the throne through the proper authority." I think I need add nothing to that formal motion. I would only say this, that out of this miserable business there is one comfort—that throughout Her Majesty's long reign there has never been any attempt at assassination by any person in his senses; there has never been any political grievance to avenge, and never any attempt to remedy any trouble and evil that the subject has suffered; but unfortunately the pistol in the hands of an idiot or a fool is just as dangerous as in the hands of the most determined conspirator. Therefore, we have reason to be grateful to the G.A.O.T.U. that the assassin on this occasion missed his aim—that he caused the bullet to be diverted from its object and to fall harmless at the foot of the carriage. Brethren, I trust that this address from the Masons of Cheshire will not only show the loyalty of the province, but that it will also afford Her Majesty the satisfaction of thinking that north, south, east, and west, in all quarters where Masons are to be found, when they hear of this outrage there will be a profound feeling of gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. that the outrage was not consummated. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. J. H. BELLISE, P.G.J.W., seconded the motion, which was also unanimously adopted, and the business of the special meeting terminated.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren, at the call of his lordship, joined in singing the National Anthem.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

At the annual general meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, held at the Mansion House, London, the Lord Mayor of London in the chair, the report was presented and adopted. It stated that since the last annual meeting eleven new lifeboats had been placed on the coasts of the British Isles, there now being 271 lifeboats under the management of the society. During the past year its lifeboats had saved 966 persons from wrecked vessels, nearly the whole of them under perilous circumstances. The storms of the past winter had been unusually violent and destructive to life and property, but happily the lifeboat men had performed on those occasions some of the most heroic exploits that had ever been recorded, in any one year, since the first establishment of the institution. The lifeboats had also helped to rescue thirty-three vessels from destruction. For those services, and for saving 155 lives by fishing boats and other means, two gold medals, thirty-three silver medals and clasps, forty-six votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £578; had been granted. The number of lives saved since the establishment of the institution, either by its lifeboats or by special exertions for which it had granted rewards, was 28,724. The committee cordially acknowledged the continued co-operation of the local branch committees and their honorary secretaries, and the Coast Guard, boatmen, and fishermen. Many very liberal donations and legacies received during the past year were gratefully acknowledged. The total amount of the donations, subscriptions and dividends received during that period had been £36,419, and the expenditure had amounted to £37,781. The items of receipt and expenditure were fully detailed in the financial statement laid before the meeting, audited, as usual, by Mr. Lovelock, public accountant. The committee appealed with renewed assurance for support, and concluded by stating their determination to leave no effort untried which shall contribute to the efficiency of their life-saving machinery, and fit it to perform the great work the originators of the institution had in view—"the preservation of life from shipwreck." Among the resolutions passed was one testifying to the brave and persevering spirit that continues to distinguish the coxswains and crews of the lifeboats, which was never more conspicuously shown than during the fearful storms of the past year.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince and the Princess of Wales visited the Electrical Exhibition at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last, and dined there.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Royal Arch.

ECCLESTON CHAPTER (No. 1624).—This chapter, which was consecrated on the 13th ult., held its first convocation on the 22nd, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Among those present were Comps. W. Vincent, M.E.Z.; H. J. Johnson, H.; J. G. Fisher, J.; A. W. Beckham, S.E.; John Wycer, S.N.; C. Taylor, P.S.; and H. Bond, First A.S.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comps. McCorkell, Victoria Chapter, India, and J. Bond, Ebury Chapter, as joining members; both were accepted unanimously. The ballot was also taken for the following brethren, who were candidates for exaltation, viz., Bros. John Ray, George Francis, Alfred J. Bignold, James Gourlay, C. Bennett, and Charles Lee, all of the Eccleston Lodge. The voting proving unanimous in their favour, they were severally exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. Bro. H. A. Hunt, of the Eccleston Lodge, was proposed as a joining member, and then chapter was closed, being adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in June.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern, when the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 22nd ult., at the Athenæum. There was a good attendance. Ex. Comp. Col. the Rt. Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Prov. G.H., officiated as Installing Master, and duly installed Ex. Comps. Duff into the chair of M.E.Z.; Ellershaw, as H.; and Kelland, J., going through the ceremony in a very impressive manner. Subsequently the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Comps. R. Stanton, S.E.; Wilde, S.N.; Bayley, P.S.; Gregson and J. Stanley, A.S.; and E. Simpson, P.G.P., Treas.

It was then unanimously resolved, on the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded, in a very feeling speech, by Ex. Comp. Longman, I.P.Z., Prov. P.G.S., "That this chapter expresses the horror and indignation felt by the Principals and companions at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and their deep sense of gratitude at her happy escape under Divine Providence;" and that the resolution be recorded on the minutes of the chapter, and a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Grand Scribe for presentation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The companions then adjourned to the County Hotel, where a capital banquet had been prepared by the host, Mr. Ducksbury.

The M.E.Z. presided, supported by Ex. Comps. Col. Stanley, M.P.; Capt. Garnett, Capt. Turner, Longman, W. Hall, Bagnall, Ellershaw, Kelland, Simpson, G. J. McKay (Kendal), P.G.J. Cumberland and Westmorland, and others.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Mark Masonry.

YORK.—York Lodge (T.I.).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when, in consequence of the absence of the W.M. (Bro. J. S. Cumberland), the chair of A. was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis. Bro. E. J. de Salis acted as S.W., in the absence of Bro. C. G. Padel, through illness. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. Francis Slinger, and that brother and Bro. G. Lamb were advanced to the Degree.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., the Secretary of the lodge, read a circular from Grand Lodge inviting contributions to the Duke of Albany's Wedding Present Fund, and said he had consulted the W.M. on the matter, who was favourable to the lodge making a grant; he, therefore, proposed a vote of £2 2s. to the fund. This was seconded by the acting W.M., and carried unanimously.

The acting W.M. then moved that a record be made of the feeling of thankfulness experienced by the brethren of that lodge at the happy escape from peril of Her Majesty the Queen. This was also seconded and carried.

A telegram from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, from Birmingham, was read explaining his absence. After the close of the lodge, a pleasant evening was spent in Masonic converse.

LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic rooms, Athenæum, on the 27th ult. Amongst those present were: Bros. Richard Stanton, W.M.; Jos. E. Hannah, S.W.; W.M. elect; W. Hall, P.M.; Prov. G.S.W. Lancashire; Hy. Longman, P.M.; Prov. G.J.O.; Ed. Simpson, P.M.; Prov. G.R. of M. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M. After its conclusion the newly installed Master proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. Gregson, S.W.; J. Aldous, J.W.; J. Ellershaw, M.O.; A. Stanley, S.O.; H. C. Moore, J.O.; W. Hall, Prov. G.S.W. Treas.; Richard Stanton, I.P.M. Sec.; W. W. Wilde, S.D.; J. H. Irvin, J.D.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. R. Stanton, I.P.M., for the manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during his year of office, and also to Bro. W. Hall, P.M., for the efficient manner in which he had acted as Treasurer for many years. There being no other business on the agenda paper, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to the County Hotel, for refreshments, and after the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

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&c., M.W.G.M.

Patroness:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this INSTITUTION will be held in the HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on SATURDAY, 8th APRIL, 1882, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the general business of the Institution, to consider notices of motion, as follow, and to elect 21 Girls into the School by ballot, from a list of 28 approved candidates. The election will commence at 1 o'clock (or after the usual business is over) and close at 3 o'clock precisely.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, P. Prov. G.W. N. and E. Yorks:

"That the Day of Election for the Girls' School be altered to Thursday, instead of Saturday, as at present; except when the Boys' Election falls on a Thursday, then on Wednesday, and that the Rules of the Institution be altered accordingly."

By Colonel J. CREATON, Treas. and Trustee, Gd. Treas.: "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl, through ill-health) reported by the General Committee, be filled at this Election, and that six further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty-eight vacancies for this election, and that the twenty-eight Approved Candidates now on the List be declared duly elected accordingly, thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 236."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

The Ninety-Fourth Anniversary Festival will take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 10th of May, on which day H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., K.P., P.G.W., has graciously signified his intention of presiding.

Names of Brethren willing to serve as Stewards are earnestly solicited.

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On WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, 1882,

under the Presidency of

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K.G., &c., P.G.W.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS:

THE RT. HON. THE LORD LEIGH, Trustee, R.W. Prov.
Grand Master for Warwickshire.

ACTING PRESIDENT:

V.W. BRO. SIR J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.D., Pres. Board
of Gen. Purposes, Vice-Patron.

TREASURER:

W. BRO. JOSHUA NUNN, P.G.S.B., Vice-President.

CHAIRMAN OF THE LADIES' STEWARDS:

W. BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron.

Brethren willing to act as Stewards are urgently needed, and will greatly oblige by forwarding their names as early as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.

Office, 5, Freemasons' Hall,
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MASONIC GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

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

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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*, 16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

To Correspondents.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Allen's Indian Mail," "The Freemason," "The Quarterly Magazine of Odd Fellows," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Citizen," "The Broad Arrow," "The Freemason's Chronicle," "Caygill's Tourist's Chronicle," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Court Circular," "The Folkestone News," "New York Dispatch," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia," "Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," "Friemaurer-Zeitung," "Independent Forester," "The Masonic Tablet," "The Civilian," "The Hull Packet," "The West London Advertiser."



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY'S MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As this interesting event to all loyal Freemasons and Englishmen is now drawing near, I venture to make a suggestion in your pages which I hope may be taken up by some of the "leaders of the Craft." It is this, that in commemoration of His Royal Highness's kindly Masonic career and his auspicious marriage, a subscription be made to give an Exhibition to the Boys' School, to be competed for every three years by the boys leaving the establishment. It seems to me that the time has fairly come when we should seek to recognize the excellent position and admirable work of the Boys' School by strengthening the hands of its official managers, offering an incentive to industry, talent, and perseverance, by providing a substantial recognition of intelligent hard work, and praiseworthy and laborious diligence.

An Exhibition which would enable a young boy to pursue his studies, whether in the legal, medical, or clerical profession, for three years, would, I feel sure, be of the highest benefit and importance to the School itself.

In our fraternity, now so large and so deeply spread, there will be many found ready to give their mite towards so good an object, and it would be an additional grace to the Boys' festival this year if our distinguished Bro. the Lord Mayor could announce that in future there would be a Triennial Exhibition to be competed for by the boys leaving the School.

I leave all details to abler hands, but I throw out the idea in the *Freemason* for the consideration of all of your readers, and of many more who, like myself, appreciate the importance and benefits of the Boys' School, or as it has been said, "Our Masonic Public School."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
A STEWARD FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL FOR 1882.

THE GRANDE LOGE SYMBOLIQUE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I do not see that much good, if any, can come of keeping up our little friendly controversy about this so-called Grand Body. Bro. Lambert seems to be a little troubled by my arguments; so much so that he does not seek to answer them. He complains of rhetorical flourishes, &c.,—a paragraph he might well have omitted; whereas, what I did say I did say in the plainest language and most straightforward way. Bro. Lambert does not, however, yet seem to realize what is my point.

He contends for the legality of the formation of this new body; I for the illegality absolutely, on the following grounds. The lodges in question formed part of a Rite, of which the three Symbolical Degrees are only a portion of the whole. Because, forsooth, the three junior Degrees are dissatisfied with the preponderance, the legal preponderance, moreover, of the supreme Degree of the Rite, they sever themselves from the system of which they are the lowest steps of the ladder.

By the principles and organization of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite the members of the Thirty-third Degree are hierarchically and absolutely supreme, the governing body; and though I, for one, regret that the Ancient and Accepted Rite ever meddled with Craft Masonry, yet that is only a pious opinion after all; and where the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite does so, it does so because it believes it has right and precedent on its side.

For how could these eleven lodges, only working as part

of a system, not final in themselves, form themselves into a Grand Lodge at all, on any grounds and under any circumstances? There is no precedent for such an act. I am therefore fully justified in asserting the act to be abnormal and unwarranted in itself. But our worthy Bro. Lambert "lets the cat out of the bag." The movement came from a party anxious to assimilate the teaching of the Rit Ecossais with the Grand Orient; in fact, to dispense with the name of the Great Architect of the Universe. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France still retains the ascription, and opens the lodge in the name of God, though it, unfortunately, does not retain the Bible and prayers.

But the Grand Orient rejects all things; and to show how far the force of bad example and unsafe companionship will go, here we have our worthy Bro. Lambert actually repeating the argument and action of the Grand Orient, though he contends dispassionately on the specious pretence of liberty of conscience, an action and an argument which has very nearly broken up Freemasonry abroad, and will inevitably, sooner or later, bring it down.

But I have said my say, and am yours fraternally and obliged,
MASKELYNE.

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.

ROYALTY AND CRAFT LOYALTY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You are quite right in the expression of your belief that the late George V., ex-King of Hanover, was a Freemason. On reference to "Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," I find that in 1852, the year following his accession to the throne, he was declared Protector of Freemasonry, and on the 16th January, 1857, was initiated into the Fraternity in the lodge "Zum Schwarzen Bär," at Hanover, and afterwards became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that State. This Grand Lodge no longer exists, having been dissolved on the incorporation of Hanover with Prussia, after the war of 1866, by order of the King of Prussia.

As to the connection of Frederick Prince of Wales with our Order, another memorial exists in the Lodge "Friedrich," of Hanover, which came into active operation in 1746, and was named after His Royal Highness.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

OUR GREAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The future of our great educational institutions is a topic which ought now especially to claim our serious consideration. The admirable papers that have already appeared upon the above subject should indicate to those who are deeply interested in the future progress of these institutions that a time must soon come when the claims upon the funds will become very heavy.

The rapid growth of Freemasonry during the past twenty years, and especially during the latter half of that period, will justify us in forecasting the heavy claims that will be made upon these charities. The question that naturally presents itself is, How will the future of these institutions bear the pressure that the numerical increase of our Order is likely to introduce? Is the future of these institutions being provided for in proportion to the daily increase of our Order? We are persuaded that wisdom will dictate the providing of funds for the future of the institutions that will be commensurate with the increase of our members.

If we take the list of boys and girls for the April election, we find that forty-three out of sixty-eight cases of the former, the father was only initiated during the past fifteen years, and within the same period, seventeen out of twenty-eight in the latter. We do not complain of this state of affairs, but we think that this may be regarded as an har-binger, foretelling the future claims that will come upon the Institutions.

While caution is necessary in every lodge with regard to the careful selection of members for our Order, there is still another problem left for us to solve, and that is: What is to be the increase of the funds of the Charities to cover the risks upon the Institutions, from the increase of members introduced into our Order? The introduction of a candidate into Freemasonry implies a responsibility that may extend beyond his lodge, and may prove subsequently to be a claim upon our great Educational Institutions.

In fostering these thoughts we are only anticipating the solution of a problem that must ere long tax the attention of those who will guide the interests of our noble Charities. We, therefore, place them on record, in order that the ventilation of the subject may tend to the advancement of those measures that shall extend the sphere of these great Institutions, and thus become a blessing to those who may apply for the benefits that such Charities can offer.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN CHAPMAN, P.P.G.D., Devon.

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I am, dear Sir and W. Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
WM. DAWES,

The Hermitage, Rye, P.M., &c.
March 25, 1882.

UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS ON GOVERNMENT STOCK.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,—

A return just presented to Parliament shows that on the 4th January last the "Dividends due and not demanded" amounted to no less than £818,909 12s. 6d., of which the greater portion was advanced to the Government for National Debt purposes.

With nearly 250,000 Stockholders, immense sums become unclaimed, owing to death, absence beyond seas, &c. After the lapse of ten years these funds are transferred to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt till claimants appear; then, on a claimant appearing, the Bank advertises:

- (1) Amount and denomination of Stock.
- (2) Name, address, and description of original Stockholder.
- (3) Date when Stock or Dividends became unclaimed.
- (4) Name, address, and description of claimant, with a notification that unless some other claimant appears within three months from the date of the notice, the Stock and dividends unclaimed will be re-transferred from the National Debt Commissioners.

I venture to think that the Bank of England authorities should not wait till claimants appear before issuing the notice above indicated, but should notify in the leading newspapers the fact of the transfer to the National Debt Commissioners at the date of the transfer. Many persons are interested without their knowledge in these unclaimed funds, simply from want of publicity.

The return is an annual one, and might be made of real value to the public by giving in a schedule similar information to that now only published when claimants appear.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

EDWARD PRESTON.

(Author of "Unclaimed Money.")

1, Great College-street, Westminster,
March 28th, 1882.



ORIGIN OF ENGLISH HISTORY. By CHARLES ELTON. Bernard Quaritch, 15, Piccadilly.

This is one of the most interesting books which we have read for some time, and which we commend to the notice of our literary readers and all Masonic Students everywhere. It is a very original and striking work. Indeed, in many respects we hardly know its counterpart for scholarly exactness and yet exhaustive research. Indeed, as regards the history and ethnology of our country, about which so much has been said and of which so much still lingers in the realm of "Muthos" and prehistoric haziness, we are not aware of any safer or better companion. Mr. Charles Elton divides his work into twelve chapters, which he follows up with some most valuable extracts from ancient authors, a handy chronological list of Greek and Latin writers, and valuable old maps, of which the names are the following: (1) Spain, from the Latin Ptolemy printed at Rome in 1408; (2) The World of the Ancients, from the same; (3) Eastern Europe, from the Latin Ptolemy printed at Strassburg in 1523; (4) Northern Europe, from the Historia de Gentibus Septentrionalibus of Olaus Magnus printed at Basel in 1567; (5) Gaul, from the Latin Ptolemy of 1478; (6) The British Isles, from the same; (7) South-eastern Britain, from the Tabula Peutingeriana; (8) Germany, from the Latin Ptolemy of 1478; (9) The Isle of Thanet, from Dugdale's Monasticon, edition of 1655-73; (10) The British Isles, from the Latin Ptolemy of 1525. Mr. Elton introduces us, very agreeably, and successfully we think, to the scattered fragments which have reached us of the "Travels of Pythias" in the fourth century, B.C., on whose authority as an eye witness, later writers seem implicitly to have relied. One curious fact pointed out by Mr. Elton is, that now it is clear Gildas and Bede, or Boeda, did not derive their authority from indigenous and national, but rather external and classical sources. Mr. Elton, we think, has very successfully collected into one continuous article the hints and points of classical and part classical writers, and gives us an extremely interesting and effective and reliable account of the early races of this country, whatever their true original nationality may have been. Mr. Elton seems to doubt the reality of Hengist, believing him to be a name, and is somewhat hesitating as to Arthur, "who thrust the heathen from the Roman wall, and shook him through the north." He seems, however, to admit his historical existence, though he adds that the "scene of his doubtful exploits is variously laid in Caerleon, in the Vale of Somerset, in the Lowlands of Scotland, and the Cambrian Hills." Mr. Elton is, however,

of opinion that it "seems to be true that he engaged in a war with the Princes of the Angles in Northumbria, but his glory is due to the Breton romances, which were amplified in Wales, and afterwards adopted at the Court of the Plantagenets as the foundation of the epoch of chivalry." Mr. Elton gives a very interesting account of the Druids, to whose possible Hermetic connexion he passingly alludes, and is very full indeed on the Roman occupation and civilization. Indeed, so striking is his transition from Picts, and Celts, and from dubious tribes and Romans, on to Saxons and Danes, and to Saxons again, that the reader is carried on by the vivid interest of the story which seems never to tire. Mr. Elton opens out a new feature in the curious custom of junior right and his full evolution of Borough English. Indeed, his work supplies matter of thought and patient study for all real students of English History, and the great result of all may be summed up, we think, after all, in Professor Stubb's words, the history of our people is that of an English, not a Celtic one.

HISTOIRE DE LA FRANC MACONNERIE.

This is a French translation of our old friend, Bro. Findel, by Bro. G. Tandel, and published at Paris some years back, in two handsome and well-printed volumes. It is to be found, we believe, at the Librairie Internationale, 15, Boulevard Montmartre, Paris, and to some of our readers who do understand French and do not understand German, the information may be worth having. It has a preface of Bro. Findel, and seems very well done.

MANUEL DE LA MACONNERIA. Malaga, Spain.

This is a Spanish history of Freemasonry in connection with the Scottish Rite, by Andres Cassard, in two large thick volumes of 600 pages each. It is, in fact, a manual to all the Degrees, and gives not only an account of them and their decorations, &c., but their ceremonial, which we venture to think a highly objectionable proceeding. Indeed, such a work should only be in the library of a Supreme Grand Council. We are among those who think that, just now, all these manuals are a deliberate departure from the customs and understanding of Freemasonry, whether under a Craft Grand Lodge or a Supreme Grand Council.

PROVINCIAL MASONIC CALENDARS.

PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER, 1882.—Published by authority of R.W. Prov. G. Master, and the Prov. G. Lodge. Compiled by Bro. Col. H. BASEVI, Past D.D.G.M. Punjab, and Past Provincial G. Registrar, Gloucester. Printed by John Bellows. 1882.

PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1882.—Published by authority of the R.W.P.G. Master and the Prov. G. Lodge. Compiled by Bro. SAMUEL S. PARTRIDGE, Prov. G. Secretary.

PROVINCE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, 1882.—Published under the sanction and by the authority of the D.P. Grand Master. Compiled by Bro. C. G. WRAGG, P.G.S. Nottingham. Bros. Norris and Cockayne, the Poultry. 1882.

PROVINCE OF OXFORDSHIRE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD, 1882.—With the consent and under the immediate patronage of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., &c., &c. Oxford. Bro. W. R. Bowden, 59, High-street.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1882.—Carefully compiled by Bro. PHILIP SANSON, S.W. No. 423, E.C. Adelaide. Printed by J. H. Sherring and Co., 27, Currie-street. 1882.

One of the most gratifying evidences of the increasing interest taken, not outside the ranks of the Craft but by Masons themselves, in the progress of Masonic events, will be found in the increasing number of Provincial calendars, and the increasing care exhibited in their compilation. Formerly it was the exception for a province to sanction and support a calendar, now it seems to be a well-established rule. We have already noticed several that have appeared in the course of the present year; and here we have before us a batch of five, all of necessity possessing certain features in common, yet each showing some special characteristics of its own. The work in each case has been well done; the information, so far as it is possible to test it, appears to be accurate, while, with one exception, full particulars are furnished respecting our Institutions. But let us take the several calendars separately, so that we may apportion to each its fair quantum of praise.

The Gloucestershire Calendar is the work of Bro. Colonel Basevi, this being the fourth year of its publication. The Calendar proper has the alternate pages left vacant for recording memoranda. The list of lodges, chapters, &c., with their respective officers, follow, and then full details respecting the chief Masonic Charitable Institutions, and the part played by the province in supporting them, together with similar particulars respecting the Masonic Charity Association of the province, established in 1876. The tables containing this part of the information are most elaborate, and the only point to be regretted is that the Charity Committee of Provincial Grand Lodge would appear to have found it necessary to appeal for more general support of the local association. This, of course, has nothing to do with the excellence of Col. Basevi's work. The list of lodges in the adjoining provinces of Berks, Bristol, Monmouthshire, Warwickshire, &c., must be very useful to our Gloucestershire brethren. In fine, the greatest praise is due to Col. Basevi, not only for the class of information he has collated, but for the clearness and method of his arrangement.

The Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar is the result of Bro. Samuel S. Partridge's labours, and is published for the tenth year in succession. The Calendar in this case also has vacant pages in which to insert "engagements," and there is a carefully-prepared tabular statement, in which are shown the votes possessed by the different Masonic bodies and brethren for our Central Charities. There is also a table showing the sum contributed to the same charities by the province during the past five years. The character and arrangement of the contents leave nothing to be desired.

The Nottinghamshire Calendar, for which we are indebted to the exertions of Bro. C. G. Wragg, Provincial Grand Secretary, is excellent, so far as the arrangement of its contents is concerned, and the fulness and clearness of its information. We trust, however, that in future years some space will be found for the insertion of some particulars respecting the great Masonic Charities, and the extent to which they are upheld in the province. We offer this

suggestion because we should like to see all our Provincial Calendars as uniform in essentials as possible.

Oxfordshire and neighbourhood may congratulate itself on having its calendar in the hands of so able an editor as Bro. W. R. Bowden. Bro. Bowden proposes in future issues to give certain additional information, but though this will make his publication more interesting, it will not enhance its usefulness for practical purposes. All necessary particulars are given respecting Grand, Provincial Grand, and Subordinate Lodges, Chapters, &c., and also of those lodges in London which are on terms of close relationship with the Apollo University, &c. Some particulars are also given of the Charities, but nothing is said of Oxfordshire in connection with them. Here there is room for Bro. Bowden to increase his claims on the gratitude of Oxfordshire by adding in future years such tables as are to be found in Gloucestershire, Leicestershire and Rutland.

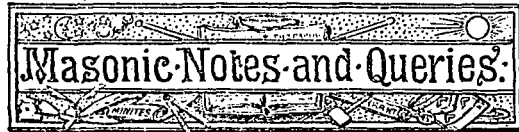
Bro. Sansom deserves great credit for his "South Australian Guide for 1882." This is the first year of publication, and knowing as we do from experience how great is the labour involved in completing a work of this kind, we can only hope that Bro. Sansom's efforts will be sufficiently appreciated by our South Australian brethren, and that he will see his way to continue the guide for some years to come. The lodges, &c., of all the Constitutions are enumerated, and their days of meeting are tabulated at pp. 66-7, in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired. There is a careful article on "The advantages of Lodges of Instruction," and a table showing the numerical strength of Masonry in the colony. We must ask Bro. Sansom to excuse us for suggesting that his table of "Remarkable Occurrences" will be all the better for a little revision. It only needs this to place his calendar on a level with others that have come under our notice.

CATALOGUES.

Robson and Kerslake's Catalogue, No. 14, 43 Cranbourne-street, Leicester-square, has some rare and beautifully bound books in it, and, among others, No. 207, price 15s., a copy in half morocco, Paris, 1767, of "Les Plus Secrets Mysteres des Hauts Grades de la Maconnerie Devoile, ou le Vrai Rose Croix," &c.

No. 107. Pickering and Co., 66, Haymarket, London, S.W.

Among a very interesting collection of scarce works and books occur the following books on Freemasonry: "Calcott's, W., Disquisition," &c., 1769, 8vo., large and thick paper; "Calendrier of the Grand Orient of France," 1814, 12mo., calf, gilt; "The Sufferings of John Coustos," 1746, calf, gilt, 8vo., with portrait and plates of torture; "Hutchinson's, (W.), Spirit of Masonry," &c., London: Printed for J. Wilkie, 1775, 8vo.; "The Institutes of Masonry," Liverpool: Johnston, 1788, crown 8vo., board; "Le Secret des Franc Macons Trahi," and "Le Secret des Mopses Revele," Amsterdam, 1745, 12mo.



THE FREEMASON STRIPPED NAKED, &c.

Can any Masonic book collector give me some information about this publication? I picked up accidentally the other day, bound up with several other non-Masonic tracts, a copy of this work, "printed and published by J. Bailey, Chancery-lane," without a date, and price "one shilling." Its peculiarity consists in this, that it has a coloured illustration, entitled, "The interior of a Masonic Lodge, with the ceremony of making a Mason," and also a special preface, or introduction, which begins as follows: "The author of the following treatise is a German, born near Berlin, &c., and who professes to have found in his friend's library a pamphlet called 'Masonry Dissected.' He afterwards went to Paris, where he became a member of a lodge, and then returned to England with a French certificate, and visited a Modern lodge, where, showing my certificate, they received me gladly." He adds, "I next visited an Irish lodge, (calling themselves the most ancient Masons), and which is the subject of the following sheets," &c. The work on the title-page is said to be "By W— O— V— n, a member of a lodge in England." In a copy of the same work, which at the time was issued at Dublin, and printed and published by Thomas Wilkinson, equally without a date, but which contains a much larger preface, addressed to the R.W. Company of Faithful Irish Masters of Number 1, and which at the end has a statement similar to the one in Bailey's publication, but abbreviated. Kloss states that in 1769 Isaac Fell, London, published this work, under the open name of Charles Warren, Esq., late Grand Master of a regularly constituted lodge in the city of Corke, and that in August, 1769, in Vol. 37 of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, attention is called to it. In the preface of Wilkinson's edition the writer alludes to "A Master Key to Freemasonry, which, I presume, is the same as 'Hiram, or the Grand Master Key,' which latter appeared in London in 1764." It would be interesting to know if other copies of this work exist, with similar variations and illustrations. I call Bro. Gould's special attention to one or two points in the preface of the Irish edition.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at the annual meeting of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, which was held at the Mansion House on the 24th ult. The report stated that the hospital was founded in 1863, and since then 31,330 individuals had been attended within its doors. Of that number, 2772 were admitted last year, 64 being in-patients and 2708 out-patients, who attended 21,706 times. The average stay of each in-patient was 47 days. Altogether 1609 medicated, galvanic, and other baths had been administered. The practice of the medical officers attached to the hospital was open to the medical profession without restriction. The Board of Management and the medical staff were exerting themselves in every way to make the institution worthy of the metropolis. In 1881 it received £67 10s. from the Hospital Sunday Fund and £44 7s. 9d. from that raised on Hospital Saturday. Eighty Courts of the Order of Foresters and 55 lodges of Odd Fellows subscribed to the Hospital, as did the Great Western Railway employees. The receipts last year were £1212, and the expenses £1210. On the motion of Bro. Major Mercier, the report was adopted.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF ANTIQUITY (No. 2).—The monthly meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Wednesday week, at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Ames, jun., was raised by Bro. Batley, W.M., to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bro. Tagart, sen., was "Crafted."

After some important business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where they spent a very pleasant evening, separating, as usual, commendably at an early hour.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with hearty enthusiasm, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Somerville-Burney, in returning thanks for "The Grand Officers," made a most effective speech. He happily illustrated the Universality of Masonry by the statement, that just now all the lodges in the Antipodes and in California were zealously employed in seeking for traces of a brother, supposed to be kidnapped, and that the interest, and goodwill, and sympathy manifested were very striking and praiseworthy, and brought forcibly home to the mind the great truth of the Universality of Freemasonry.

The gallant colonel was much applauded. Bros. C. E. Keyser and Horace Brown returned thanks for "The Visitors."

Amongst those present we noticed Bros. J. Batley, W.M.; Sharon Turner, S.W.; Rivington, J.W.; E. J. Barron, P.M., Secretary; Woodford, P.M., Chaplain; Sampson Pierce, P.M., Director of Ceremonies, Steward; Jolliffe, G.O., Org.; Ames, J.D.; Jagart, I.G.; R. R. Holmes, P.M.; W. F. Rae, P.M.; W. Hope, P.M.; Shipp, Rylands, Stephen Pearce, Ames, jun., Tagart, sen.; and among the visitors, Bros. Lieut.-Col. S. Burney, P.G.D.; C. E. Keyser, Horace Brown, Edward Barry, and others.

Many brethren and visitors who would naturally and specially have been present were unavoidably absent.

ST. MARK'S LODGE (No. 857).—The installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on the 21st ult., was a most successful gathering, a large number of Masons being present. The chair was occupied by the W.M., supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Harris, S.W.; Loyd, J.W.; C. H. Rogers Harris, P.M. Treas.; Frances P.M., P.P.C.J.D. Surrey, Sec.; Winslow, S.D.; Lavington, J.D.; Armstrong, I.G.; Boulton, D.C.; King, P.M.; Crouch, P.M.; Atkins, P.M.; Jenkins, Williams, F. Hamilton, Pidcock, W. J. Lavington, Thompson, Barker, all of the lodge; and visitors, amongst whom were: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; W. J. Wallace, P.P.G.S.W. Gloucestershire; T. Crouch, P.P.G.J.W. Sussex; Bradshaw Brown, P.G.S. Grand Masters Lodge, 1; A. Tisley, Grand Steward; A. Southam, P.M. 1205; W. S. Saunderson, P.M. Unity Lodge; W. H. Lee, P.M. 957; R. F. Fairlie, Britannic Lodge; J. Tagart, 4; Bryce Wright, 60; A. Burney, 176; J. Wood, 173; J. Thompson, 624; W. Rowe, 780; Western, 1693; Andrew, Jubilee Lodge; David Russell, J. Fryer, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, and after the transaction of some minor business Bro. E. Frances rose and tendered his resignation of the office of Secretary, which was accepted without comment, and he thereupon took his leave.

Bro. Crouch, P.M., having been requested to fill the office of Secretary, pro tem., Bro. C. H. Rogers Harrison, P.M., took the chair, and proceeded to instal Bro. Walter H. Harris, the W.M. elect, in the chair of K.S., which ceremony he performed in his usual efficient manner, the charges particularly being delivered most impressively, Bro. Atkins, P.M., officiating as D.C. On the return of the brethren Bro. Harris appointed his officers as follows: Bros. E. E. Loyd, S.W.; E. Winslow, J.W.; Harrison, P.M., Treas.; W. G. Atkins, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Lavington, S.D.; C. J. Armstrong, J.D.; A. J. Boulton, I.G.; J. J. Jenkins, D.C.; and E. Crouch, P.M., Steward; and this agreeable duty having been performed with a suitable address to each, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided.

The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The W.M., in giving "The Health of the R.W. Pro Grand Master, the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the lodge was that night honoured with the presence of the Grand Secretary, a compliment he felt sure the brethren would desire warmly to acknowledge. He had, therefore, especial pleasure in proposing this toast, and coupling with it the name of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

The Grand Secretary, in responding, alluded to the fact of St. Mark's Lodge having that night attained its majority, the present installation completing the twenty-first year of its existence. He also congratulated the W.M. on his having attained that position in the sixth year of his connection with the lodge, such being at the present time a very short period in which to arrive at the chair; adding that no duty was to an officer of the Grand Lodge more pleasant than that of visiting the various lodges connected therewith, and seeing the manner in which the work was performed.

Bro. Harrison, in the absence of the I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, in his reply, assured the brethren that during the forthcoming year no effort should be wanting on his part to uphold the honour and dignity of St. Mark's Lodge.

The W.M. then gave "The Installing Master," and reminded the brethren of the valuable and long services of their esteemed Bro. Treasurer—the father of the lodge—expressing the hope that his connection with St. Mark's Lodge would continue for many years to come.

The toast was drunk amid great cheering, and, in response, Bro. Harrison, P.M., thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of his name, and added that having been associated with the lodge for so many years, he took the deepest interest in its welfare.

"The Visitors" was the next toast given; and Bro.

Wallis, P.P.G.S.W. Gloucester, and Bro. T. Crouch, P.P. G.J.W. Sussex, in responding, both alluded to their having been the guests of the lodge on the day of the initiation of the present W.M., a fact which enhanced the pleasure of their present visit.

Bro. Crouch responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

The toast of "The Wardens" having been proposed, Bros. Loyd and Winslow responded.

The Secretary (Bro. Atkins, P.M.) replied for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. During the evening a selection of songs, glees, &c., was rendered, under the direction of Bro. F. Cozens, assisted by Bros. Chaplin Henry and Schartau.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, when the following were present: Bros. J. C. Woodrow, W.M.; W. F. Gardiner, S.W.; Thos. Perrin, J.W.; A. Stead, acting Treas.; Vizitelly, S.D.; Fullwood, Director of Ceremonies; Crump, I.G.; Jas. Crowden, and Dr. Philips, Stwds.; and Bowler, Tyler. Past Masters: Bros. Robt. H. Crowden, I.P.M.; Allen, and Clements; and Bros. Orange, Archer, Bellis, Johnson, Hicks, and Winckworth. Visitors: Bros. Stacey, P.M.; Pound, P.M.; Meadow, Lavington, Osmond, Wright, Eagles, Polis, Stead, Preston, Young, and Larkin.

The minutes of the meeting held October 22nd, 1881, having been confirmed, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. W. F. Gardiner, was at once proceeded with by Bro. Stacey, who had been specially invited to perform the ceremony, the conduct of which gave so much satisfaction to the brethren that a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. R. H. Crowden, P.M., and presented to him accordingly. The officers appointed for the year were Bros. T. Perrin, S.W.; Vizitelly, J.W.; H. W. Stead, Treas.; Woodrow, Sec.; Basil Cooke, S.D.; Crump, J.D.; Fullwood, D.C.; James Crowden, I.G.; Dr. Philips and Archer, Stwds.; and Bowler, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was then duly read, and the financial affairs of the lodge proved in every way satisfactory. Bro. Winckworth was then raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Robt. H. Crowden, at the request of the W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Woodrow, P.M., in rising to propose "The Health of the W.M.," said his was a pleasing duty, in which he was sure the brethren would share. Bro. Gardner had now arrived at the summit of his ambition, and there was no doubt that he would perform the duties of his high office with great *début*. They all knew his ability, and in their new W.M. they had a man who would do honour to the West Kent Lodge. (Cheers.)

The W.M., in responding to the toast said his position reminded him of a man who in the trials and vicissitudes of life, after receiving but little hope of reward, at last attains a position which he hardly allowed himself to hope for. But that day he had received a solatium which had no ready money value. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Woodrow, in proposing his health, had spoken shortly, but what he said came from his heart and went home. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the generous manner in which they had received this toast. (Cheers.)

The W.M., again rising, said he thought that during the tenure of the office of Master of the West Kent Lodge there had always been one toast which was well received. They had with them that night almost the largest array of visitors he could ever remember to have seen at their board. It must be a source of intense gratification to those officers who desired the welfare of the West Kent Lodge to see so many visitors present on such an occasion. (Cheers.) It was evident that they came there because they knew the lodge was worth visiting. They were honoured that evening by old Past Masters. There were with them Bro. Stacey, who they all knew as an experienced and practised Mason; they had with them Bros. Pound, Lavington, Osborn, and Herbert Wright, the first-made Mason in the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, and others too numerous to mention. (Cheers.) He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Stacey and Pound.

Bro. Stacey in responding, remarked that the West Kent Lodge had of late years shown much improvement, he never saw better work than they had seen in the lodge that evening. (Cheers.) This lodge was most hospitable, but all he could say was that he should like to see the whole of the brethren present at the Alexandra Palace Lodge on the fourth Saturday in May next. (Hear, hear.) He thanked them most heartily, not only for the cordial manner in which they drank the health of the visitors, but also for the opportunity it gave him of supporting his old friend, Bro. Gardner. (Cheers.)

Bro. Pound complimented the W.M. on the success of the lodge and also on the first rate officers he had to support him. He had enjoyed himself very much, and as this was not his first visit to the West Kent Lodge he hoped it would not be the last. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master." They had all learned to appreciate Bro. Woodrow, who, as Secretary to the lodge, had shown he was imbued with a sense of his invaluable services. (Cheers.) He was a man of few words but of a great many actions; and one who had the welfare of the lodge at his heart. (Renewed cheering.)

Bro. Woodrow, in responding, said he had some difficulty in finding words to express his gratitude for the kindly way his health had been received. He was at all times most anxious to enhance the welfare of the lodge; and work had a special charm for him. (Hear, hear.)

The W.M. then proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge." During the last four or five years this lodge had risen like a Phoenix from its ashes, and it was difficult to realise that it was the same lodge save for the genial presence of some of their old Past Masters. (Cheers.) There was no doubt that the lodge owed a peculiar debt of gratitude to Bro. Crowden, P.M., whom he might say had founded a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the West Kent Lodge. (Cheers.) It had given him, as it must have given the other members of the lodge, great pleasure to read in the *Freemason* the words of praise which the Grand Officers had spoken on the occasion of the consecration of the chapter. All he could say was that the praise bestowed was well-earned recognition of real merit. (Cheers.)

Bro. Crowden, P.M., in replying, said that when a

brother had maintained the dignity and honour of the chair he looked forward to a haven of rest. (Cheers.) The retirement of Past Masters was brightened by the fact that their labours were so well recognised and remembered. He had done his duty to the best of his ability, and he was pleased indeed that his services were recognised.

Bro. Allen, P.M., also responded. He said that although some remarks which had been made might seem to reflect severely on some of the P.M.s, he could not but feel an intense satisfaction in seeing their W.M. assuming his duty in so excellent a manner, and he thought the lodge had reason to be proud of him. (Cheers.) From the W.M.'s depth of Masonic knowledge, and from the manner he had ruled over them that evening they would always look to this year with satisfaction. It 1875 it had been his proud position, as Master, to pass Bro. Gardner to his Second Degree and to raise him to the Sublime Degree. (Cheers.) At that time he had predicted that Bro. Gardner would fulfil the duties of Master with credit to himself and the lodge, and he was pleased to see his predictions borne out by subsequent events. (Cheers.) He was prepared to sink any little aspersions cast on the lodge in bygone years, as he was convinced that the Master's chair was never in better hands than it was in the hands of Bro. Gardner. (Cheers.)

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. P.M. Stacey," whose admirable work had been so much appreciated. (Cheers.) Those brethren who knew Bro. Stacey, were aware of the great interest he took in Freemasonry, and how ready he was at all times to communicate his knowledge to those brethren desirous of learning. (Renewed cheers.)

Bro. P.M. Stacey in responding, said he was much indebted to his friend, the W.M., for the kindly manner in which he had proposed this toast. He did not require any thanks for what little he had done, and he was always willing to give any assistance he could to any brother who considered his assistance necessary or desirable. (Cheers.)

The W.M. then proposed "The Officers of the Lodge." The Senior Warden (Bro. Perrin) briefly acknowledged the toast, remarking that they felt they had a good leader in the W.M., whom they could follow and support thoroughly. As he was aware that his brother Junior Warden was bursting with eloquence, he would leave him to express the thanks of the officers at greater length. (Laughter and cheers.)

The Junior Warden (Bro. Vizitelly) said he found himself in rather an embarrassing position. While he was the occupant of a junior office he had always found that his seniors had invariably taken the wind out of his sails, and he had, therefore, generously determined now he had attained so high a position to leave the speaking to the others, but it appeared that that was not to be. Ever since he had accepted the office of Junior Warden he had felt as a being who was the observed of thousands, and whose doings were for the last fortnight never compressed into less than two columns of the daily papers. (Laughter.) Like Jumbo, a chain had been dangled before him, and, like Jumbo, he had hesitated about submitting to it. (Renewed laughter.) He knew, like the sagacious elephant, that his keeper would be gentle and experienced, but he dreaded the responsibility. But when he found himself in his box—(laughter)—or rather his chair, he found his position not so very uncomfortable after all, and he trusted that he and his brother officers would sustain the positions they were placed in with credit to themselves and with advantage to the West Kent Lodge. (Cheers.)

The W.M. afterwards proposed, in feeling terms, "The Health of the Treasurer, Bro. Stead, P.M.," who was unavoidably absent.

Bro. Augustus Stead responded on behalf of his father.

The proceedings, which were enlivened during the evening by the vocal and elocutionary efforts of Bros. Stacey, A. Stead, Bellis, Eagle, and Vizitelly, were brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—The anniversary of the above old lodge was celebrated at Bro. W. Clark's, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E., on the 15th ult. A previous emergency meeting had judiciously disposed of all the business other than the installation, Bros. Mortleman and Preston having then received the Sublime Degree of the Master Mason, and Messrs. C. McLeod, J. C. Lowrie, and S. G. Marsh being duly balloted for and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. J. Millington, W.M., assisted by Bros. G. T. Limn, S.W., W.M. elect; C. B. Smith, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. W. Smith, P.M., Sec.; W. Stapleton, S.D.; Doring, J.D.; C. Scarell, P.M., M.C.; W. Mackey, Org.; J. Morrison, I.G.; Wm. Raiker, Steward; C. B. Bennett, P.M.; J. Delves, P.M.; G. Fisher, P.M.; W. Hodges, P.M.; C. Carter, P.M.; W. Shays, Tyler; and numerous brethren.

A strong array of visitors signed the attendance book as follows: Bros. S. Finch, W.M. 898; J. Gibson, 1816; P. H. Wilson, S.W. 861; C. Scrutton, P.M. 898; T. G. Vohman, P.M. 871; B. Stewart, 1278; W. R. Hammond, 1278; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1706 and 74; W. Buchan, 1279; D. C. Vine, 9; H. Cooper, P.M. 898; S. Hurdle, 1744; G. Robinson, 1259; T. Rean, 511; J. W. Absell, 781; C. Brown, S.W. 1804; R. Brittain, 1278; H. J. Sandy, 228; C. Slater, 1076; L. Potts, P.M. 1716; J. H. Pringle, I.G. 781; G. T. Holdom, I.G. 1306; S. G. Bonner, 1278; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

Bro. J. Delves, P.M. (Preceptor of the lodge of instruction), was the Installing Master, and Bro. Limn was presented for the benefit of that ceremony.

A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. in ancient form, and the brethren saluted their new ruler according to rank. The W.M. immediately proceeded to appoint his officers for the year, and Bro. Delves, Installing Master, invested them, pointing out in very appropriate language the several duties which the lodge would require of the officers respectively.

The following are the appointments: Bros. G. B. Smith, S.W.; W. Stapleton, J.W.; J. Carneby, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); Dr. C. Wyatt-Smith, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); C. Scarell, P.M., D.C. (re-appointed); Doring, S.D.; J. Morrison, J.D.; W. Raiker, I.G.; W. Mackey, Org.; Lye and Hill, Stewards; and W. Shays, P.M., Tyler (re-appointed).

These several appointments were greeted with many marks of approval of the brethren as the officers were conducted to their respective seats.

Bro. Delves then proceeded to render the three ancient charges in a very effective manner, thereby acquitting himself of the entire ceremony in a satisfactory and able manner. Bros. Finch, P.M., ably supported him as D.C.; Fisher, P.M., as S.V.; Hodges, P.M., as J.W.; and C. Searell, I.G., until the appointment of officers.

After Bro. Delves had received the congratulation of the brethren, the business of the lodge was next proceeded with, when the Auditors' report was received and unanimously adopted, it showing a highly favourable financial position, and that, too, after voting substantial amounts to the Charities, which good work was further continued by a sum of £21 being unanimously voted towards Bro. J. Delves', P.M., list, in addition to a previous grant of thirty guineas.

The W.M. next invested Bro. Millington, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, voted by the lodge in recognition of his valuable services as W.M.

Bro. Millington briefly returned thanks, and said he should value the kind gift of the lodge all his life, and hoped to be spared many years to render any assistance which might be required of him by the Corinthian Lodge.

Other business having been concluded, including "Hearty good wishes" to the new W.M. from the formidable array of visitors, lodge was closed and the brethren sat down in an adjoining apartment, elegantly arranged, to a capably served banquet.

Ample justice having been done to the good cheer, the W.M., at a somewhat advanced hour, gave the toast of "The Queen," alluding to the diabolical attempt which had been made upon Her Majesty's life. He was sure all Masons would join in thanking the G.A.O.T.U. for saving Her Majesty from the assassin's hand. He coupled with the Queen the Craft.

"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" was next toasted, followed by "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M.; the Earl of Lathom, Dep. G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Millington, I.P.M., next gave "The W.M." in brief and suitable terms, after which the charity-box was passed round the table, and the W.M. had the pleasure of announcing that its contents were £1 13s.

The W.M. next returned thanks, alluding to the welfare of the lodge, which he pledged himself most heartily to work for, and bespeaking from his officers that support which was so necessary to the well-being of the lodge. The remaining toasts were given somewhat out of the intended order, as, owing to the early departure of the last train, many of the brethren and visitors were compelled to leave.

The following were given: "The I.P.M.," "The Visitors," "The Past Master," "The Installing Master," "The Masonic Institutions," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought a most memorable and successful meeting to a close.

The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent vocal music, which greatly added to the enjoyment.

HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512).—This lodge held its last regular meeting of the season at the Red Lion Hotel, Hampton, on the 16th ult., when there were present Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Hiscox, S.W.; Moody, J.W.; Jessett, acting I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Davey, J.D.; Honeywell, Org.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., acting I.G.; Jackson, A.W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Wheatley was duly raised to the Degree of M.N. The election of W.M. then took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Hiscox. W. Bro. E. Hopwood was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert re-elected Tyler. The sum of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Ockenden, as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 1882. A Past Master's jewel having been unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. Jessett gave a notice of motion: That, in accordance with former precedents, the sum of ten guineas should be voted to one of the three Masonic Charities, the particular Institution to be chosen by the W.M., and the donation to stand in his name.

Several communications having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served collation. The customary Royal and Craft toasts followed.

W. Bro. F. Honeywell acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was kindly and flatteringly proposed by the Secretary.

The W.M. having replied, then gave "The W.M. Elect."

Bro. Hiscox having suitably responded, "The Health of the Past Masters" followed. This toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Jessett, who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" came next in order, and drew from those brethren able but modest replies.

"The Masonic Charities" was then given. In proposing this toast, the W.M. drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that Bro. Ockenden had been elected to represent the lodge as Steward to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys 1882, when he (the W.M.) hoped that Bro. Ockenden would be well supported by his brethren of No. 1512.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Moody, Davey, and Honeywell, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

STUART LODGE (No. 1623).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 27th ult. Lodge was opened, in the temporary absence of the W.M., by Bro. Stuart Barker, P.M., and there were present during the evening the following brethren: Bros. Donald Clarke, W.M.; G. Lilley, S.W.; Gilham, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec.; W. Job, S.D.; J. Bessell, J.D.; A. Bannister, Org.; H. Baldwin, W.S.; R. Barham, I.G.; T. Bowler, Tyler; Stuart Barker, P.M.; J. Walmsley, P.M.; G. Thomas, P.M.; G. Gilham, P.M.; E. Cromwell, H. Clamp, C. Linsey, R. Coulthard, — Mann, G. Evans, and others; and visitors, Bros. W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Herts; Jas. Stevens, P.M. 1426, &c.; A. A. Partas, 23; C. Williams, 276; D. Trusler, P.M., S. Ash, C. R. Smith, G. Mulvey, and A. Burton, all of 720; H. W. Sichert, 144; J. A. Hunt, 569; R. J. Taylor, 144; S. Morley, 1853; E. Woodman, 1950; A. Mullard, 1288; C. Evans, 1922; J.

W. Chapman, 1922; W. Hanmer, 1539; and J. Coe, 1339. The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received. Bro. Thos. Poore, P.M., Sec., as Installing Master, then most ably installed Bro. Geo. Lilley into the chair of K.S. It is needless to say that the admirably efficient manner in which the beautiful ceremony was rendered by Bro. Poore called forth expressions of great satisfaction from the numerous brethren who were on this occasion the guests of the lodge.

The newly-installed W.M. gave proofs of his proficiency by his forcible addresses to the officers, whom he appointed and invested in rotation, and there being no further business before the lodge, it was closed in due form.

A choice banquet followed labour, and the customary toasts were highly, but pertinently, given by the W.M. In the course of the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Donald Clark.

To the toast of "The Visitors" several responses were made, the guests vying with each other in their expressions of great satisfaction with both labour and refreshment.

An excellent programme of music and recitations was fully carried through, and especial reference may be made to the successful recent efforts of Bros. Chapman, R. J. Taylor, Bannister, and C. W. Evans; and the recitations by Bros. James Stevens ("Masons' Vows") and J. W. Chapman. A most enjoyable evening and one greatly redounding to the credit of the Stuart Lodge was spent by all present, and the installation of Bro. Lilley as the W.M. for the ensuing year is not likely to be soon forgotten. It speaks well for that brother that so many members of the lodge held at his hotel at Balham attended to support him on this occasion.

WOLSEY LODGE (No. 1656).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th ult. at the White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick. Among those in attendance were Bros. B. R. Aston, W.M.; J. Hurst, P.G. Purst. Middx., S.W., W.M. elect.; T. C. Walls, P. Prov. G.S. Br. Middx., J.W.; T. W. Ockenden, P.G.S. Middx., Sec.; A. Nuthall, S.W. 889, Treas.; J. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx. (hon. mem.), acting I.P.M.; J. Featherstone, S.D.; Forge, P.M. 1793, J.D.; Piller, W.M. 1793, I.G.; Duffell, M.C.; Worthington, W.S.; Brier, Dare, Chandler, Bonell, Richer, Abbott, Gerhold, Ealey, Grant, Sapsworth, Jobbins, Drummond, Belbin, Handel, Elphick, Masters, and Gilbert, Tyler. The visitors were W. Bro. H. C. Levander, Grand Deacon, &c.; Bros. Noble, I.P.M. 975; Kentish, W.M. 1293; Marvin, J.W. 1768; Williams, I.G. 975; Bugler, 975; Custance, 975; Gooden, 975; and C. T. Aston, 1613.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Henry James Bond was most ably inducted into Craft mysteries by Bro. J. Hammond. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. John Hurst was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Ockenden. The officers were then invested as follows: Bros. Walls, S.W.; Featherstone, J.W.; Rev. C. de Crespigny, Chap. (by deputy); A. Nuthall, Treas.; Ockenden, Sec.; Forge, S.D.; Piller, J.D.; Duffell, I.G.; Honeywell, Org. (by deputy); Worthington, M.C.; Chandler, W.S.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

The concluding portion of the installation ceremony, namely, the addresses, was performed by Bro. Ockenden in a manner that left nothing to be desired. To mark the members appreciation of his services a unanimous vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The sum of five guineas was voted to the R.V.P.G.M. as a lodge contribution to his list as Steward of the province for the festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Communications from Bros. De Crespigny, W. Hammond, Baldwin, Honeywell, and others having been read, and a P.M.'s jewel presented to Bro. Aston, I.P.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

As the cloth was not removed until a late hour, the toasts were somewhat curtailed.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of W. Bro. Levander, who made an excellent speech in response.

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers" was connected with the name of W. Bro. J. Hammond, who, in brief but fluent terms, duly acknowledged the compliment.

"The W.M." followed. This pledge was given in a humorous vein by the I.P.M., and it met with a very warm recognition.

Bro. Hurst having modestly replied, the toast of "The Initiate" came next in order.

Bro. Bond having responded, the W.M. proposed, in very cordial terms, "The Health of the Visitors," to which important toast Bros. Noble, Kentish, and Marvin suitably responded.

"The Past Masters" followed, and, in reply, Bro. Aston made a witty speech, which excited the risibilities of his auditory.

In proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. dwelt at length upon the manifold good qualities of the two brethren occupying those positions. He specially thanked the latter for the very able way in which he had inducted him into the chair that evening, and which performance he remarked would not have disgraced a well-skilled veteran of the Craft.

Bros. Nuthall and Ockenden having briefly replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Walls and Featherstone, who responded, brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This representative lodge met for the despatch of business on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, W.M.; Strugnell, S.W.; Young, acting J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Goodenough, S.D.; T. Simpson, J.D.; H. B. Marshall, V.P. of the Masonic Institutions, I.G.; C. Jacques, P.M.; and Parkinson, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Sewell, S.D. 1457; Rumball, 1623.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Almond, Hablett, and Cobb were raised, Bro. Louis Lardner passed, and Mr. Herbert initiated, the three arduous ceremonies being most ably carried out by the W.M. The election of W.M. resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Strugnell, S.W. Bro. Ramsey, P.M., one of the founders of the lodge, having resigned the office of Treasurer, Bro. Lardner, the W.M., was duly elected to that office, and Bro. Parkinson was re-elected Tyler.

The W.M. then gave notice of motion, that in recogni-

tion of Bro. Ramsey's services as Treasurer, he be elected an honorary member. The bye-laws having been read, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. Bro. Clark, G.P., one of the honorary members of the lodge, having been proposed as a subscribing member, the lodge was duly closed and adjourned. There was no banquet.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The annual meeting of old forty-eight was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the New Masonic Hall, Jackson-street. There was a smaller attendance of brethren present than we have seen for many years past. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by his officers, viz.: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M. as S.W.; E. W. Middlemast, J.W.; R. F. Cook, P.M., M.C.; W. B. Elsdon, Treas.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; J. Moul, S.D.; W. M. Pybus, J.D.; E. Shewbrooks, I.G.; W. Dalrymple, J.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and Jos. Curry, Tyler. The following members and visitors were present: Bros. R. B. Reed, P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; D. Sinclair, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; M. H. Dodd, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, W. C. Thomlinson, Jacob Atkinson, W. Whitfield, G. Parker, J. G. Joicey, J. Ivison, J. Davidson, J. T. Corking, T. Thompson, W. Richardson, A. Simpson, E. Nichols, J. R. Bewley, W. F. Brown, Jos. Newton (from Colorado), A. C. Coming, R. Tate, G. Greenwell, P.G.D.C.; W. Liddell, P.M. 949, P.P.J.G.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M. 97, P.G.S. of W.; G. Porteous, W.M. 949; Jos. Probert, P.M. 424; J. A. G. Ross, 481; T. Pearson, 424; and J. Thompson, P.G. Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Messrs. Thos. Shepherd and Mina Fardully, and both were elected. Mr. Fardully was then initiated by the W.M., the J.W. explaining the working tools. Bro. John Wood, I.P.M., assumed the command, and Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.M., presented Bro. J. G. Smith, the W.M. elect for installation at the hands of Bro. Wood. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M. in a masterly style, and the newly installed W.M. was duly saluted. The W.M. afterwards appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; John Moul, S.W.; Wm. Brevis Elsdon, J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.G.A.D.C., M.C.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. Brown, S.S.; W. C. Thomlinson, J.S.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler.

After receiving two propositions for initiation, the lodge was closed, when the brethren assembled in the refreshment room for the annual banquet, provided by Bro. John Phillips, of the Queen's Head Hotel, Newcastle. The menu consisted of Spring delicacies, and reflected great credit to the purveyor, who appeared to please the tastes of all who partook of the repast.

A pleasant evening's entertainment followed. The loyal and Masonic toasts were received in a hearty and cordial spirit.

Bro. G. Greenwell, P.G.D.C., responded for "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland," and expressed the pleasure he had experienced in seeing the admirable manner of doing the heavy work during the day.

Bro. D. Sinclair, P.G.A.D.C., also replied.

Bro. John Wood, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and Bro. J. G. Smith acknowledged the compliment in a fitting speech.

The W.M. in giving the next toast—"The Industry Masonic Hall Company"—eulogised the Chairman, Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M., for his steadfast perseverance in raising the structure in which they were gathered; and referred to the prophesy, made that day twelve months, about the completion of their hall.

Bro. R. B. Reed responded in an eloquent address, and once more referred to the ancient working and position of their grand old lodge, and incidentally mentioned that he held in his hand a certificate granted by the lodge in 1829, which proved beyond all doubt that in olden times Old Industry Lodge had the right of granting certificates, which were now only issued from Grand Lodge. He also had the gratification of stating that the brother named in the certificate was alive, and would possibly have the pleasure of coming to the lodge at a future meeting.

The certificate was handed round to the brethren for perusal, and we give a copy of it for the benefit of our readers. The document is lithographed on parchment, and runs as follows: "Swalwell Lodge, No. 64. These are to certify that Brother Robinson Baker was made a Mason in this lodge, known by the name of the Lodge of Industry, English Constitution, held at the house of Eliz. Brown, Swalwell, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, and was admitted to the Third Degree (5th February, 1826) of Masonry, and as such do hereby recommend him to the brethren of all lodges legally constituted to be admitted by them after due examination. And to prevent any imposture herein, we have caused our brother to subscribe his own name, so that, by requesting the bearer to write his name, a judgment may be formed as to its authenticity. Given under our hands and seal of the lodge, A.L. 1829, A.D., W.M., John Forster; S.W., Robt. Reed; J.W., Wm. Howston; Secretary, Jas. Davison."

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," Bro. John Wood, I.P.M., who gratefully thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind consideration.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. J. J. Clay, and Bro. M. Corbitt replied.

"The Visitors" were toasted, and Bro. Porteous, W.M. 949, thanked the brethren for the entertainment provided for them.

The W.M. then asked the brethren to join him in the toast of "The P.M.'s of the Lodge," and in doing so, acknowledged the great assistance he had received from his predecessors both inside and outside the lodge.

Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.M., in responding, thanked the W.M. for so gracefully alluding to his labours in connection with the lodge of instruction, and stated the W.M. had reason to be proud of his P.M.'s, inasmuch as he had behind him Bro. R. B. Reed, as Chairman of the Company, Bro. M. Corbitt, now as Treasurer, Bro. D. Sinclair, as M.C., Bro. John Wood, I.P.M., and himself to assist in instructing those desirous of advancing in the lodge.

The W.M. here took the opportunity of proposing the health of an old member of the lodge—Bro. Jos. Newton—now engaged extensively in mining operations at the Rocky Mountains, Colorado, and expressed the delight of the members at seeing their old friend at home for a short period.

Bro. Newton thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind reception, and alluded to the advance of Freemasonry in the wilds of America, where Masons always received a hearty and enthusiastic welcome.

"The Past and Present Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable programme.

The harmony was provided by the glee choir connected with the lodge, and by Bros. J. G. Smith, D. Sinclair, W. Liddle, G. Porteous, E. Nicholls, T. Thompson, R. Ferry, and Wm. Richardson.

SHEERNESS.—Adam's Lodge (No. 158).—The installation meeting of this old and successful lodge was held at the Local Board of Health Room, Trinity-road, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when a large number of brethren were present, including Bros. M. J. Sullivan, W.M.; G. T. Green, S.W.; E. Stutely, J.W.; A. Spears, P.M. and P.P.G.O., Treas.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M. and P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. Bagshaw, P.M. and P.P.G.O., D.C.; A. Donovan, S.D.; F. C. Paul, J.D.; R. Brown, I.G.; Past Masters R. Brett, T. Firminger, J. P. Watts, R. Derry, and E. J. Penney, 1089. Amongst the visitors were W. Wood, W.M. 1050, and P.G.J.W.; W. Blakey, P.M. 1593, and P.P.A.D.C.; M. W. West, P.M. 1089, P.G.P.; T. M. Rigg, P.M. 1089, and P.P.G. Reg.; H. A. Johnson, W.M. 1089; H. Black, S.W. 1273, and F. H. James, 389, South Africa.

The dispensation for holding the lodge having been read, Bro. G. T. Green, W.M. elect, was duly presented and installed into the chair of K.S., in a masterly and impressive manner by Bro. M. J. Sullivan. After the installation the W.M., assisted by Bro. A. Spears, invested his officers as follows: Bros. M. J. Sullivan, I.P.M.; E. Stutely, S.W.; A. Donovan, J.W.; A. Spears, P.M., Treas.; R. Derry, P.M., Sec.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., D.C.; F. C. Paul, S.D.; R. Brown, J.D.; H. Sole, I.G.; J. P. Watts, P.M., and R. Platin, Stewards; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The lodge then proceeded to the election of a representative for the Provincial Charity Committee; Bro. A. Spears, P.M., being unanimously re-elected. The W.M. read a letter he had received from Bro. C. Moore, W.M. 358, Loyalty Lodge, Bermuda, thanking the brethren of his mother lodge for their congratulations on his advancement to the East. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented Bro. M. J. Sullivan, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of their approval for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Firminger, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Derry, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., the retiring Sec., for the able and painstaking manner in which he had performed the duties of the office for the last three years. The vote having been carried, Bro. Carpenter, in returning thanks, said that owing to his business engagements he was obliged to relinquish the position with much regret. After votes of thanks had been passed to the Installing Master, and the Local Board of Health for the use of the room, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to their lodge room, where a *recherché* banquet was admirably served by Mrs. Green, of the Britannia Hotel. The room was tastefully decorated with flags for the occasion, under the supervision of Bro. Sole.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," made special allusion to the narrow escape of Her Majesty from the recent dastardly attempt on her life, and he also claimed that amongst her subjects there were none more loyal than the Masons, as a proof of which he pointed to the enthusiasm which prevailed at the special meeting of the Grand Lodge. The National Anthem having been sung, the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England" was given and responded to with the utmost loyalty. The toast of "The Grand Officers, the Prov. Grand Master Viscount Holmesdale, and the Prov. Grand Officers Past and Present" having been duly honoured, Bro. Spears proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so, he alluded to the long connection of Bro. Green's family with the lodge, his father and grandfather having both successfully occupied the chair, and he expressed a hope that the W.M. would be long spared to continue a connection which had been so advantageous to the lodge.

Bro. Green, on rising to respond, thanked the brethren for the great honour they had conferred on him in appointing him to the chair which his father had so ably filled, and, as a small token of love and regard for his mother lodge, and in gratitude to the members for electing him to that exalted position, he begged to present them with a portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, attired as Grand Master of England.

Bro. Spears, as the oldest P.M. present, accepted the handsome gift on behalf of the lodge, and thanked the W.M. for his generosity.

These sentiments were received with acclamation by the company.

The toast of "The Installing and I.P. Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. M. J. Sullivan, and the toast of "The P.M.'s" was responded to by Bro. W. T. Carpenter.

Bro. J. P. Watts gave "The Masonic Charities," and urged upon the brethren the desirability of studying the workings of the different Charities, as well as contributing towards their maintenance.

Bro. Spears responded in a lengthy speech, in the course of which he gave an interesting description of the working of the Masonic Charities, and also of the doings of the Provincial Charity Committee, and he finished by making an earnest appeal to each member to make every effort to extend our noble Charitable Institutions.

The toast of "The Visitors" next succeeded, and was responded to by Bros. Johnson, W.M. 1089, and James, 389, South Africa.

The W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. Stutely replied in a brief but happy speech.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a successful termination. Several brethren contributed some first-class songs, which, together with the able assistance of Bro. J. B. West at the pianoforte, added much to the harmony of the meeting. Great praise is due to Bro. Bagshaw, P.M., for the energetic manner in which he discharged the duties of D.C., both at the installation and the banquet.

BLACKBURN.—Lodge of Perseverance (No. 345).—The first quarterly meeting of this lodge for the present year was held at the Old Bull Hotel, on Thursday,

the 16th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. K. Gornall, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. S. Goldstone. The officers present were Bros. H. T. Platts, S.W.; O. Sagar, J.W.; W. C. Tiplady, Sec.; G. H. Holt, S.D.; J. S. Scott, J.D.; and J. D. Hirst, I.G. There was a strong master of the brethren, and amongst the visitors we noticed Bros. Lamb, W.M. 346; Blenkhorne, P.M. 269; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and a ballot taken for Bro. Dr. Robinson, Eureka Lodge, 47, Dundalk, Ireland, as a joining member, who was unanimously elected. Bro. Jos. Jardine, being duly qualified, was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., in a most impressive manner by Bro. F. Thomas, P.M., P. Prov. G.J.D. E. Lanc. and P. Prov. G.R. Oxon. Bro. E. Fowler, having proved himself efficient, was then passed to the Degree of F.C. by the I.P.M., Bro. Goldstone. After Bros. Jardine and Fowler had received the congratulations of the brethren, the I.P.M. read the circular from the Grand Sec. desiring the attendance of the W.M., P.M.'s, and Wardens at the special Grand Lodge meeting on the 15th inst., which, owing to the circular being addressed to the lodge, had only been received by the W.M. and communicated to the brethren the night before, at the weekly instruction meeting. Bro. Platts, S.W., in a neat and appropriate speech, presented, for the acceptance of the brethren, the following resolution:

"That this lodge expresses its fervent sense of gratitude for the providential escape of our beloved Queen in the recent dastardly outrage, and its admiration of her coolness and courage in her great danger. We also pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may watch over and preserve her life and energies as the ruler of this country, and the patroness of our Order."

Bro. Sagar, J.W., in happy and felicitous terms seconded the proposition of the S.W., which, after being cordially endorsed by Bro. Thomas, P.M., was most enthusiastically carried, and the first verse of the National Anthem rendered most effectively, the solo being taken by Bro. J. S. Scott, J.D.

After the usual expressions of good wishes from the visiting brethren and others to the chair, and regrets at the absence of the W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a substantial repast, served up by the hostess, Mrs. Mitchell, in her accustomed admirable manner, followed by a long toast list, which was most agreeably disposed of.

WORKINGTON.—Sun and Sector Lodge (No. 962).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was duly held on the 15th ult., when Bro. A. E. Hill was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. J. Thompson, S.W., rose and asked the acting W.M., Bro. J. J. Coverdale, I.P.M., who officiated in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Reece, W.M., to present Bros. J. Wood, P.M., and G. B. McMullen with their full suit of Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, which, as a mark of esteem, the brethren of the Sun and Sector had subscribed individually.

The acting W.M. said it afforded him much pleasure to accede to the wishes of his brother the S.W. In a few appropriate words he presented Bros. Wood and McMullen, and requested them to retire and recline, and on their return to the lodge a few more words would be said in reference to the event. The brethren having re-entered, the acting W.M. said he had much pleasure in performing so pleasing a duty as he had been called upon to do that evening, but thought the duty might have been placed in much more able hands than his. However, since he had it to do, he could say since his connection with No. 962 he had always found at the hands of the two recipients that help in Masonic matters which it is necessary for one brother to do for another. He could also compliment the three or four brethren who had taken each an active part in getting up this tribute of respect and esteem. He could also compliment the whole of the brethren of the Sun and Sector Lodge, for when an appeal was made to them for any worthy object, they were ever ready to do their share. With regard to Bro. Wood, Past Master, who had the honour to be invested at the Provincial Grand Lodge, held here in October last, by the R.W.P. G.M., Earl Bective, as P.G.S.B., he might say that for his untiring zeal in Masonry this last six years the lodge would not have been in quite the position it now enjoys; and every brother would bear him out when he said that Bro. Wood was always ready and willing to devote his time to any student of our ceremony and had the welfare of Masonry in general so much at heart that he was worthy of the esteem and the handsome present he (the W.M.) had the pleasure in the name of the committee and general members to present him; and he only spoke the feeling of the brethren when he wished Bro. J. Wood, P.M., all happiness in the world, and that he might be long spared to enjoy the token of his brethren's love, which his endeavours had entitled him to. And Bro. McMullen; he, also, was worthy the mark of esteem which had been paid him by his brethren. Although he had not yet attained the honourable position of P.M., he had filled the position of J.W. to his own credit and satisfaction to his W.M., and bids fair, I think, at no distant date, to occupy the chair of K.S.

Bro. P.M. Wood, in responding, said: Brethren, in the name of Bro. McMullen and myself, I can scarcely find words strong enough to express our thanks for this mark of your respect and esteem, especially as we are told that this presentation is not meant only as a reward for what little Masonic work Bro. McMullen or myself have been able to do either for the Sun and Sector in general or individual members in particular, but also as a strong proof of the esteem in which as individuals we are held by the brethren. With regard to the Masonic work in general, brethren, we shall be happy to continue our endeavours for the advancement of our noble Craft as far as in our power lies. With respect to individual members, we shall be happy to assist at all convenient times in getting up any of our brethren in any part of our beautiful workings. In conclusion, brethren, we hope that the mutual respect and brotherly love which exists between ourselves, and I am sure I may say every individual brother of the Sun and Sector, may long continue—that we shall always be able to hold out the right hand of true fellowship to each other—to meet on the level and to part on the square.

"Hearty good Wishes" been expressed, the lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren retired for a light refreshment, and two hours were very enjoyably spent in the usual manner, with Masonic toasts and harmony.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1181).—The members of this lodge met on Thursday the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, presided over by the W.M., Bro. J. B. Sargent, supported by Bros. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M., S.W.; A. D. Womersley, J.W.; C. R. Chandler, Prov. G.P., D.C., Sec.; H. C. F. Wells, P.M., Hon. Treas.; J. Fielding, Org.; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., as S.D.; Henry Kimm, as J.D.; J. F. Richardson, I.G.; J. A. Middlemass, C. Martin, J. Foord, John B. Foster, and James Walder. Visitors: Bros. C. W. Tombes, 1110; and Thompson, 1693.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Walder was passed to the Second Degree in an efficient manner by the W.M. Bro. C. W. Duke very impressively raised Bro. J. B. Foster to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The ballot was then taken for two gentlemen and declared unanimous. A resolution was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes, expressive of abhorrence at the dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty the Queen, and of congratulation upon Her Majesty's providential escape. There being no other business the lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

GRAYS.—St. John's Lodge (No. 1343).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the King's Arms Hotel, when the lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Sturgeon, who was supported by his officers. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. Pringle and Hall were then passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Edwin Sturgeon now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Sturgeon introduced the S.W., Bro. Frank Sackett, as W.M. elect, and Bro. Gray proceeded with the ceremony. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and performed their share in the labours of the day. The following brethren were then appointed by the newly-elected W.M. as his officers for the year: Bros. D. Bartlett, S.W.; F. J. W. Wingrove, J.W.; E. Sturgeon, P.M., Treas.; Rev. J. H. Rowley, Chap.; J. Howell, Sec.; T. Norris, S.D.; R. Lloyd-Williams, J.D.; Potter, I.G.; and Martin, Tyler.

The addresses to Master and Wardens were delivered by the Installing Master, who throughout had ably conducted the ceremony, while the closing address was delivered most impressively by Bro. Alfred Sturgeon, P.M. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Sackett expressing to Bro. E. Sturgeon the satisfaction felt by the brethren for the zeal he had displayed during the past year. This tribute of regard was gracefully acknowledged by the I.P.M. It was mentioned incidentally that the two candidates in whom the St. John's Lodge were deeply interested had secured the support of the recently-established provincial organisation, and fervent hopes were expressed for the success of these applicants. The visitors tendered their "Hearty good wishes," and lodge was closed.

After a short interval the banquet was served, and in a most satisfactory way. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. The loyal ones were loyally received.

With that of "The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was associated the name of Bro. Robert Gray, who was personally thanked by the W.M. for having taken so active a part in the day's proceedings.

Bro. Gray, in replying, said it was always a pleasure to him to have his name associated with the distinguished Masons who were at the head of our Masonic Dict. This pleasure seemed to be intensified by the enthusiasm elicited from a recent event, where, through the intervention of the Great Architect of the Universe, our Gracious Sovereign had escaped the dastardly attempt upon her life. In the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master they had essentially the right men in the right places. The provinces likewise were singularly fortunate in having good and worthy gentlemen to preside over their destinies; he thought Essex particularly so, as few men could be more popular than was Bro. Lord Tenterden. Bro. Gray concluding his remarks by thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him.

The next toast was that of "Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master of Essex, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." The lodge was favoured, inasmuch as it had two Grand Officers amongst its members. The W.M. would call on Bro. Alfred Sturgeon, Prov. Grand Deacon to respond.

After the toast had been acknowledged, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." He (Bro. Edwin Sturgeon) had a lively recollection of the day when Bro. Sackett was initiated in this lodge. He had steadily worked upwards, and had secured the esteem of one and all its members. He felt assured the business of the lodge would be carried on satisfactorily.

Bro. Sackett, in reply, was gratified by what had been urged in his favour by Bro. Sturgeon. He had been called upon at an earlier age than he could have anticipated. He, however, fully realised the deep responsibilities he had undertaken, and would strive to the uttermost to fulfil them.

In replying to "The Past Masters," Bro. E. Sturgeon, after expressing his regret that unavoidable circumstances had prevented some of that body from attending, remarked that he felt he spoke the sentiments of all when he stated they did not consider their zeal should be relaxed now they had passed the chair. He felt all desired their association with the lodge should continue for many years.

For "The Visitors," to whom the W.M. gave a hearty welcome, Bro. Morgan replied. He regretted that owing to the exigencies of the train service several had been compelled to leave, but he felt he could express the gratification all felt at the success of the day's proceedings. He congratulated the lodge on the estimation in which it was held, as evidenced by the great accession to its roll of members during the past year, and tendered thanks for the genial spirit of hospitality displayed by the brethren.

"The Masonic Institutions" were next referred to, the W.M. urging the brethren to a consistent and steady support.

For "The Officers," Bro. J.W., in the absence of the S.W., replied. Bro. F. J. W. Wingrove regretted the absence of Bro. Bartlett. He fully appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him by the W.M. He pleaded guilty to the fact of being imbued with a spirit of

ambition—a laudable ambition he trusted—and looked forward in due course to occupy the chair of the lodge. He expressed his satisfaction at the reception that had been given to the toast.

The proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs, Bros. Cumming, Mills, Wingrove, and others exerting themselves successfully.

The following brethren were present as visitors: Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D.; A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C. Essex; Thos. J. Barrett, W.M. 1000, G.S. Essex; W. W. Lockey, 1000; H. J. Mills Phoenix, 412; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; and H. D. Stephens, 77.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last at York, Bro. Geo. Simpson, W.M., in the chair. The business consisted of an initiation and a passing, the ceremonies being very well performed, the officers showing themselves remarkably exact and proficient in the details of the working.

After the close of the lodge there was the usual pleasant festive gathering around the table, when song and speech passed away a happy evening. The W.M. was congratulated on his improved health, and his good working, and he thanked his officers very cordially for their warm support.

Replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. T. B. Whytehead made a few remarks on the progress of the present Masonic system, and its charities, and reviewed the career of the Eboracum Lodge, whose fame was probably as wide spread as most lodges in the provinces, and whose efforts in the cause of the Charities had been second to none.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 27th ult. at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., where, as we announced last week, the lodge has, after many vicissitudes, taken up its abode. We were pleased to see a good muster of the brethren in the new quarters, which are very comfortable. Bro. Fraser was W.M.; Bros. G. Jones, P.M. 174, S.W.; F. Brown, W.M. 174, J.W.; L. C. Haslip, S.D.; J. S. Fraser, I.G.; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174, Preceptor; H. J. Cant, Sec.; there being also present Bros. Magee, Vallentine, 1017; F. Newton, P.M. 174; T. F. Harvey, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were submitted and confirmed. The report of the Auditors (Bros. F. Whiting and J. How) was next read and adopted. Bro. Vallentine was interrogated and entrusted, and lodge was advanced. The ceremony of passing was then worked, Bro. Vallentine being the candidate. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Jones, P.M., duly elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Bro. Vallentine, 1017, was admitted a member; and "Hearty good wishes" having been given, lodge was closed and adjourned until the 3rd inst.

The lodge is to be congratulated upon its choice of a meeting-place, and with the capital assistance rendered by the Past Masters of the mother lodge, and the able teaching of Bro. Webb, P.M., there can be little doubt of its future success. It has already been arranged to hold the annual supper of the lodge of instruction and the City Masonic Benevolent Association at the Three Nuns Hotel on Monday, the 17th inst., upon which occasion Bro. F. Brown, W.M. 174, will preside. The brethren have also arranged to work the Fifteen Sections in the lodge, Bro. G. H. Stephens having been invited to preside. These events, which will doubtless attract the members of the Craft to the lodge of instruction, will, we trust, greatly assist in consolidating its fortunes.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE (No. 507).—At the meeting of this lodge, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 24th ult., there was a goodly attendance of brethren. Bro. E. Frances opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. A. Bute, as S.W.; Perks, J.W.; Plant Martin, S.D.; Thurston, J.D.; Williams, I.G.; J. S. Terry, Sec.; James Stevens, Preceptor; Bros. J. W. Watts, P.M. 507; J. B. Sargeant, Chambers, and others members were present.

The First Section, the ceremony of initiation, and the Fourth Section were carefully worked, and subsequently a discussion on, and explanation of, several points of ritual ensued. This arrangement of "question time" was evidently highly appreciated, and earnestly availed of, by the members and visitors, and several points of divergence from uniform working were settled for the future practice of this lodge of instruction. It was announced that at the meeting on Friday, the 31st ult., Bro. W. W. Morgan, Secretary 211, would occupy "question time" by delivering a lecture on "The Masonic Institutions: their establishment and development;" and the brethren generally were invited to prepare short essays on Masonic subjects for delivery on future occasions. The lodge was closed, after a most agreeable and instructive evening. The Hon. Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, is appointed to preside at the ensuing meeting, when it is anticipated that the lecturer (Bro. Morgan) will be received by a large gathering of South London Freemasons.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—This lodge met in goodly numbers, on Tuesday last, at Bro. A. Walter's hostelry, the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Lodge was opened by Bros. Ellingford, W.M.; J. Taylor, S.W.; Evans, J.W.; J. R. Shingfield, S.D.; W. Hawes, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., and J. Andrews, P.M., Preceptors; J. J. Berry, P. McCarthy, B. Cundick, W. Cross, Hon. Sec.; Horner, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was formally opened up in the Three Degrees and resumed in the First. The first ceremony was ably worked, Bro. Cross being the candidate. The W.M. worked the First, and Bro. Taylor the Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, was unanimously elected to work the Fifteen Sections in the lodge on the fourth Tuesday in April, and kindly consented to accept the invitation.

Lodge was closed, and the monthly meeting of the Masonic Charitable Association was held, Bros. Barnes, P.M., and Berry, P.M., presiding. Three Life Governorships were duly balloted for, and the proceedings terminated in harmony.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—A regular meeting was held on the 28th ult., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bro. Edwards was W.M., and was supported as follows: Bros. Glass, S.W.; Smyth, J.W.; Corble, S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; Wardell, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Brasted, P.M., acting Preceptor. Also Bros. Allen, Darnell, Christian, Gosling, Dignam, C. Lorkin and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were submitted and received confirmation. The initiation ceremony was worked, Bro. Gosling acting as candidate. The First Section of the Lecture was worked from the chair, the brethren assisting. Bro. Lorkin was interrogated, and lodge having been advanced, the ceremony of passing was worked. Bro. Lorkin next worked the Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of opening in the Third Degree was worked, and subsequently lodge was closed. Bro. Glass was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held on the 25th ult., at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road. Bro. Bardouveau occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. W. Richardson, S.W.; Basil Stewart, J.W.; R. B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M.; Sec.; G. H. Stephens, I.G.; J. H. Pringle, T. J. Barnes, P.M.; W. Seymour-Clarke, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read. The evening was devoted to the working of the sections, as many as time would permit. Bro. C. H. Bardouveau opened the lodge in the Second Degree, and worked the first and second, and Bro. G. H. Stephens the third, fourth and fifth sections the brethren assisting. Bro. Richardson was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening, when Bro. R. Aurell, W.M. 1349, will work the installation ceremony. Lodge was then adjourned.

EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 1155).—The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the above lodge, which meets at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, on Tuesday evening next, the 4th ult. The Excelsior brethren having invited some East-end workers to their lodge, it has been arranged for the following brethren of the Doric and Yarrowburgh Lodges of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections: Bros. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, presiding; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, S.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, J.W.; and T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, I.P.M. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349; Second, Bro. J. Macgregor, J.D. 1445; Third, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Fourth, Bro. J. West, M.C. 933; Fifth, Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623; Sixth, Bro. W. McDonald, J.W. 1445; and Seventh, Bro. B. Stewart, 1278. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. A. Benabo, 212; Second, Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Third, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554; Fourth, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; and Fifth, Bro. J. Siegenberg, I.G. 212. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; Second, Bro. C. Eschwege, 1349; and Third, Bro. J. Taylor, S.D. 554. Bros. J. Lincker, J.W. 544, and J. W. Walker, 1155, Hon. Secs. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock prompt, when brethren are offered a hearty welcome.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—At the last meeting of the above lodge, in view of the unsatisfactory state of the lodge, it was resolved by the brethren present to convene a special meeting on March 29th, to consider a notice of motion by our worthy Bro. Chitson, S.W. of the mother lodge, and formerly Secretary of the lodge of instruction, and discuss other important matters bearing upon the future success and welfare of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction.

We shall give an account of the proceedings in our next issue, and trust that the deliberations of the brethren will tend to such a course of action as will consolidate this lodge.

EARL OF ZETLAND LODGE (No. 1364).—The first annual supper of the above prosperous lodge was celebrated under most successful conditions on the 25th ult. Bro. Richardson, host of the Royal Edward Tavern, Mare-street, Hackney, had undertaken to provide for the creature comforts of the brethren, and certainly his efforts were crowned with success as was manifested by the approving voice of the whole company. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Cockett, Bro. Humphreys, S.W. of the mother lodge presided, and was supported by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Ernest Wright, P.M. as S.W., and Bro. Fitzgerald, J.W. 1364, as J.W. Among the brethren present were: Bros. R. A. Wright, P.M.; F. Lay, P.M.; Dr. J. Haskins, Wm. Gray, G. Pope, H. Forss Gompertz, Paget Richardson, Bridegroom, Barrett, Dalton, C. Ayres, P.M., Crook, G. H. Stephens (Freemason); and others.

After the cloth had been removed, Bro. Humphreys gave "The Queen and the Craft." This toast, he said, had only to be mentioned in an assemblage of Englishmen to ensure it a hearty reception. "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers" were next honoured. The W.M. asked the brethren to drink in a hearty way "Success to the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction." He was extremely pleased to see how prosperous it had been, and trusted during the next session to be more frequently taking part in its working. He would couple the name of Bro. Ernest Wright, P.M., with the toast, as to that brother's indefatigable labours as Hon. Sec. must be attributed in no small degree the success of that Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Wright briefly returned thanks, and expressed the gratification he felt in witnessing the success of the lodge and the first supper, trusting it would not be the last time they met in social intercourse as members of the lodge of instruction.

Bro. Paget proposed "The Mother Lodge," to which Bro. Humphreys, S.W. 1364 replied. He regretted the absence of the W.M. from no doubt a business engagement. He thanked the brethren for the hearty reception of the toast, and alluding to some changes recently made in the rules of the mother lodge hoped that both it and the lodge of instruction would benefit by an occasional opportunity of joining in social observances after lodge business was done. "The Sister Lodges of Instruction" were next toasted, Bro. Humphreys dwelling upon the good work performed by their instrumentality. He called upon Bro. G. H. Stephens, who took so active a part in lodges of instruction.

Bro. G. H. Stephens having suitably replied, "The Founders of the Lodge" were honoured, and Bro. R. A. Wright, P.M., duly responded.

"The Visitors," came next, and Bro. G. Ayres replied. "The President" was next heartily toasted, and, in reply, Bro. Humphreys expressed the great pleasure it had afforded him to preside on that occasion. Since he had been made a Mason, now some nine years ago, in the Earl of Zetland Lodge, he had made many and valued friendships, and which he hoped to retain all his life.

"The Officers of the Mother Lodge" came next, and Bro. Fitzgerald responded. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which the toast had been received. In reference to the banquet, he hardly realised what the Earl of Zetland Lodge and Lodge of Instruction were coming to of late. In spite of the now prevailing aesthetic craze, it was evident those present could not sustain their existence on the smile of a lily and a glass of water. (Laughter.) In their mother lodge they had eschewed eating altogether, and had only given their minds to drinking. He had heard that epidemics were catching, and it was evident that the epidemic of eating displayed in the mother lodge had been speedily caught by the lodge of instruction. He did not, however, apprehend any harm from this, but thought it augured well for the future of both lodges, for nothing could consolidate a lodge better than an occasional reunion, such as they had enjoyed that evening. (Cheers.)

"Bro. Richardson, the genial Host," was next toasted, and complimented upon the kind and excellent manner in which the viands had been prepared. As no doubt Mrs. Richardson had played a most important part in bringing the affairs to so successful an issue, Bro. Humphreys coupled that lady's name with the toast.

Bro. Richardson briefly expressed the pleasure it afforded him to know his efforts had given such entire satisfaction. He was sure Mrs. Richardson would also be pleased with the compliment paid to her.

"The Masonic Charities and Press" were given from the chair, and Bro. G. H. Stevens having responded thereto, the remainder of the evening was devoted to the enjoyment of some excellent singing and readings. Bro. Dr. Haskins proved a most able accompanist at the piano to the songs of Bros. Fitzgerald, Forss, Pope, Gompertz, R. A. Wright, Bridegroom, and Stephens. The W.M. gave an excellent reading, as also did Bros. Bridegroom and Stephens.

Thus a memorable and happy evening was passed, which augurs well for the future of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—At the usual weekly meeting of this lodge, held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., the Treasurer and Secretary came up for appointment. On the motion of Bro. Soul, Preceptor, it was decided to change the Treasurer, as Bro. Hamer is unable to attend regularly. Bro. Soul nominated Bro. Paddle as one who would fulfil the duties efficiently, being an old and frequent attendant at the lodge. Bro. Henry Wright begged to be allowed to second the proposition, as being the oldest member of the lodge present, excepting the Preceptor, Bro. Paddle, and another brother, he could endorse all that Bro. Soul had said. He felt sure he was detracting nothing from any one when he said there is not a more genial member of the lodge than Bro. Paddle, and as the latter was in the chair when he joined the lodge, he particularly would like to second it. The resolution was carried, and Bro. Paddle, in a few well-chosen words, accepted the honour that had been conferred upon him. Bro. Goodenough was re-elected Secretary. Bro. Baker, W.M. for the evening, worked the Second and Third Degrees.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—At the weekly meeting of this lodge, held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 27th ult., under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. Pennfather, being a Preceptor's night, he appointed the officers as follows: Bros. Edwin Moss, W.M.; H. K. Clisby, S.W.; F. Freeman, S.W.; J. F. Rumball, S.D.; G. C. Rumball, J.D.; H. Duncker, I.G.

The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed by the W.M. in a really beautiful and impressive manner, and being the first time Bro. Edwin Moss has had the opportunity of performing the duties of the chair in any lodge, a vote of thanks was (as was only his due) accorded to him for his very excellent working. Before the lodge was closed the Secretary, Bro. Laurence, reminded the brethren that the new bye-laws would be submitted at the next meeting, April 3rd, and it is hoped a large number of the members will endeavour to be present, in order that the alterations and additions may be fully discussed.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

JONES.—On the 27th ult., at 18, Suffolk-square, Cheltenham, the wife of Mr. John Henry Locke Jones, of a daughter.

ROTH.—On the 26th ult., at Rossmore, Preston-road, Brighton, the wife of Mr. Bernard Roth, F.R.C.S., of a son.

THURSFIELD.—On the 27th ult., at Blakebrook Bank, Kidderminster, the wife of Mr. A. Spencer Thursfield, of a son.

WILLIAMS.—On the 27th ult., at Homefield, Lee High-road, Kent, the wife of Mr. Arnold E. Williams, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

FINLAY—BURNES.—On the 28th ult., at St. James's, Piccadilly, by the Rev. Herbert Gascoigne, Alexander Finlay, Theydon-grove, Epping, to Kate, daughter of the late Mr. Henry C. Burnes, LL.D., J.P., of Holywell House, Hants.

THWAITES—WRIGHT.—On the 25th ult., at St. Paul's Church, Nottingham, Hugh Evans, son of Mr. John Thwaites, of Troy, Blackburn, to Charlotte Louise, daughter of the late Mr. John Wright, of Newark.

DEATHS.

HESS.—On the 26th ult., at Graham's Town, Cape of Good Hope, Mr. J. C. Hess, in his 61st year.

INGALL.—On the 23rd ult., at Camberwell, Mr. John Hall Ingall, in his 75th year.

SMITH.—On the 26th ult., at Crown-hill, Norwood, Mrs. F. Stephens Smith, aged 75.



Bro. Holland will produce at the Alhambra, on the 8th inst., "Babil and Bijou," in a most gorgeous manner. It is to be illustrated by music, selected from various authors. The company has been strengthened, and great pains have been taken to render it a grand spectacle.

Bro. the R.W. Grand Master and the Princess of Wales honoured the performance of "Patience" at the Savoy on Friday week with their presence.

"Ours," at the Haymarket, will be withdrawn on the 8th inst., when Bro. Bancroft will again bring out "She Stoops to Conquer" and "A Lesson," for a short time prior to the production of "Odette." We need scarcely say Mrs. Langtry again appears as *Miss Hardcastle*.

Bro. Hollingshead has, as we observed last week is his habit, changed his programme, and put the "Forty Thieves" on the Gaiety stage again. Bro. Terry now appears in this pretty and taking burlesque. No doubt it will continue to run until the French plays commence in May.

At the Royalty, on Easter Monday, a new burlesque by Frank Green will be presented, entitled "Boccaccio; or, Sinbad the Sailor." Miss Fanny Leslie has been retained to play *Sinbad*. Miss Ella Chapman will continue to delight with her banjo. For the extravaganza an undoubtedly strong cast has been obtained.

Bros. R. D'Albertson and H. J. Hitchins, the former manager of the Comedy Theatre, and the latter of the Royalty, both of which Bro. Henderson is the lessee, take their third annual benefit on Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst., at the Comedy Theatre, on which occasion Bros. Lionel Brough and Haynes, Mons. Gaillard, Misses Violet Cameron, Ada Wilson, and other artistes give their services. The programme will be the first and second acts of "The Mascotte," a lecture by Bro. Harry Paulton, duet by Messrs. Rison and Gregory, the æsthetic quadrille by Bros. Girards, a song by Arthur Roberts, and a reading by H. Standing. We hope it will turn out a "benefit" to these two popular managers.

Mr. Henry Hamilton's adaptation of Ouida's novel, "Moths," was brought out at the Globe on Saturday last. Mesdames Litton, Willes, Addison, Brennan, and Meyrick, and Messrs. Standing, Estcourt, Hamilton, and Bellieu were in the cast.

Miss Genevieve Ward may be expected in London about the middle of May. During the summer she will go on a professional tour through the provinces.

A new musical sketch, "A Simple Sweep," written by Mr. F. W. Broughton, and composed by the Rev. G. F. Downes, is in rehearsal at the Princess's.

Mr. Poucicault has re-written for the second time his Irish drama entitled "The O'Dowd," in which he made his re-appearance at the Adelphi some time since. This third version, which bears the Irish title of "Suil a Mor," was produced at Booth's Theatre, New York, on the 6th ult., the author sustaining, as before, the leading character.

"Manola" at the Strand continues its success unabated, although a rival house has sprung up devoted to comic opera. We hear that Bro. Hill's drollery is as much applauded as ever. One of our contemporaries lately published a portrait of Miss Roza Leo, *Manola*, and describes her of being only twenty years of age and having first attracted attention in the Italian Opera last season. Messrs. Deneulain and Blake have just published a set of photos of Miss Irene Verona, *Beatrice*, in the various costumes worn in the opera. That of her singing the Lovebird song is, perhaps, like the song, the best; but our fair readers will most admire her in the bridal dress, and no doubt this is becoming to her, and therefore the portrait is not a piece of flattery.

"Mother-in-Law," at the Opera Comique, by Bro. G. R. Sims, continues its laugh-making career. Never have we heard an audience take up more readily an author's points. It might be called a screaming comedy, one's laugh is scarcely ever dormant, so much mirth is there in it. Besides the funny and complicated plot, it is full of sharp puns, which cause more merriment when heard from the stage than when read in a criticism. We hope some mother-in-law who see it will not only be amused but profit by it. Bro. Hollingshead has just introduced a new version of an old burlesque, "Vulcan," by Bro. Augustus Harris and Edward Rose. The second scene is ingeniously contrived. Bro. Temple and Bro. Robert Brough, a nephew of Bro. Lionel Brough, made the burlesque go—the latter is a capital dancer and possessed of much humour. But, probably, "Vulcan" does not contain sufficient in itself to attract, and, therefore, the Bros. Girards and their agile company have been retained to give their "Æsthetic Quadrille." It is an absurd take-off on the æsthetic movement, but, of course, carried to the opposite extreme. After "intense" athletics, the whole of the performers suddenly "flop" themselves down, we suppose to illustrate the attitudes chosen by the æsthetics to worship the Lily or sunflower. The troupe did not quit the stage until they had four times gone through their performance. We need scarcely say the ladies' dresses are "too utterly utter," but the loose flowing robe is not at all graceful.



At the invitation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales a number of gentlemen connected with our Colonial Empire, assembled on Thursday week at Marlborough House, with a view to promote His Royal Highness's scheme for the establishment of a Royal College of Music. Among those present were Bro. the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of Kimberley, the Hon. Robert H. Meade, Sir John Rose, Sir Alexander Galt, High Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada; Sir Donald Currie, M.P.; Sir T. Graham Briggs, Sir Charles DuCane, Sir Samuel Wilson, Sir Henry Barkly, Sir Daniel Cooper, Sir Edward Stafford, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Leonard H. Courtney, M.P.; Mr. Alderman McArthur, M.P.; Alexander McArthur, M.P.; Mr. Frederick Young, the Agent-General for New South Wales; Mr. Saul Samuel, C.M.G., the Agent-General for Victoria; Major-General Pasley, C.B., the Agent-General for New Zealand; Sir F. Dillon Bell, K.C.M.G., the Agent-General for South Australia; Sir Arthur Blyth, K.C.M.G., the Agent-General for Queensland, and others. His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G. C.B., Mr. George Grove, Director, and Mr. Charles Morley, Hon. Secretary, addressed the meeting at considerable length, pointing out that the advantages of the institution would not be confined to residents in the United Kingdom, but would be open to our fellow subjects in all parts of the British Empire, one of its principal features being the gratuitous education of scholars selected by competition on the claim of merit only. The scheme had met with general favour throughout the United Kingdom, and he considered it would be wanting in one of its main objects if he did not succeed in enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of British subjects residing in the Colonies. For these reasons he had invited them to be present, so that they might be the better able to set the matter more clearly before the Colonists. The Prince also read a letter he had addressed to the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which he requested his lordship to take such steps as he might deem proper for bringing the subject under the notice of the various Colonial Governments. At the request of His Royal Highness, the Earl of Kimberley addressed the meeting briefly, remarking that, though he had the misfortune not to be musical himself, he was sure it would be of interest to those Colonists who were if he suggested one or two practical ways by which they might help to promote the scheme. Colonial Governments might found scholarships to be competed for by natives of the several Colonies they administered, so that when the scholars had completed their education in England they would return home, and there become centres, as it were, of musical instruction. Individuals might do the same unconditionally or retaining the right of nomination, or they might contribute of their means to the general fund. Under any circumstances, however, he (Lord Kimberley) would do all he could to make the movement a success.

A meeting, convened by the Mayor, Alderman Yates, was held at Oldham, on the same evening, for the purpose of rendering assistance towards establishing the proposed Royal College of Music. A number of influential gentlemen were present, and on the motion of Dr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. E. Wrigley, it was determined to form a committee, with a view to bring the claims of the college under public notice. Meetings in aid of the same object were held on Monday last at Leicester and Oswestry.

The Mercers' Company have voted a sum of £2500 towards the fund that is being raised in connection with the Royal College of Music, to be paid in five annual instalments of £500 each.

The last meeting of Mr. Walter Macfarren's Orchestral Concerts was held on Saturday last, at St. James's Hall, when an admirable programme, including two compositions by Mr. Macfarren himself, was given to a crowded and highly appreciative audience. The compositions referred to were his overtures to "Hero and Leander," and "King Henry V.," and the favourable opinion expressed at former hearings was more than confirmed on this occasion. Mendelssohn's overture, "Ruy Blas," was the opening number, and was played splendidly; and a *débutante*, Miss Cantelone, met with a good reception by her performance of Schumann's Pianoforte Concerto, while Herr Joachim gave Beethoven's Violin Concerto in his usual masterly style.

This year Italian Opera enters on a new sphere. It will be no longer a private venture, but will be carried on under the auspices of a Royal Italian Opera Company, Limited, with a capital of £200,000, raised by means of 10,000 ordinary shares of £10 each, and 1000 founders' shares of £1 each. Mr. E. Gye, whose taste and judgment are too well known to need further commendation, will be the managing director, and we anticipate that under his guidance the opera of this and succeeding seasons will be carried out on a larger and more liberal scale than heretofore. The prospectus for the season has been issued, and is calculated to prove, in all respects, attractive, whether we have regard to the artistes engaged or the operas that will be given. The sopranos, headed by Madame Patti, include Mesdames Sembrich, Fürsch-Madler, and Alwina Valleria, Mdles. Velmi, Guercia, and Sennino, Madame Corsi, and Madame Albani. It is also said that an engagement has been entered into with Madame Pauline Lucca. The contraltos will include Madame Trebelli, Mdle. Ghiotti, and Mdle. Amelie Stahl. In addition to Signori Corsi, Manfredi, Nicolini, and other well known tenors, there will be three new aspirants for operatic fame in the persons of M.M. Lestellier, Massart, and Frapollini. Of baritones and basses there is a strong muster. The duties of conductor will be shared, as heretofore, between Signor Bevignani and M. Dupont, and Sir Julius Benedict will be the director of private concerts. The "repertoire" includes some fifty operas, several of them being new to London. The season will open on Tuesday, the 18th inst., and the subscription will extend over thirty-four nights.



The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, on Saturday last, to the Crystal Palace, for the purpose of witnessing its illumination by the electric light, marks another stage in the progress of that novel and interesting exhibition. For the first time the Palace, including the Alhambra Court, may be said to have been completely lighted. Moreover, there were shown for the first time the storage and transmission of electrical energy. The Faure Accumulator Company had a quantity of electricity stored in their cells, and by this they lit a number of incandescent lamps and worked sewing machines, lathes, revolving saws, and wood-cutting machinery. The Hammond Company gave an illustration of its ability to transmit power, lighting a Brush lamp and turning a small printing machine by means of one and the same current. The Prince and Princess, who were accompanied by the Marquis and Marchioness of Hamilton, Mr. Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society; Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G.; Colonel Ellis, and Lady Emily Kingsclote, were received on their arrival, at about seven o'clock, by Mr. McGeorge, Dr. Reid, Major Flood Page, and Mr. Gardiner, and were escorted by them during their progress through the building. There was a very large attendance of the public, and barriers had to be erected, so as to enable the Royal party to move through the Palace without the discomfort of being crowded. The tour occupied till close upon nine o'clock, when the visitors retired to the dining saloon. During the inspection, Mr. Johnson, in the Entertainment Court, presented to the Princess, on behalf of Mr. Edison and Messrs. Verity, an incandescent lamp, worked into a miniature chandelier, fashioned like a floral bouquet, and suitably inscribed. Mr. Johnson, also made a briefly interesting experiment in the presence of their Royal Highnesses. Taking three small lamps that were wrapped in muslin, that gentleman broke them in succession, his object being to demonstrate that though the inflammable material was pressed instantly on the white hot filament it did not take fire.

The seventy-third anniversary festival of the Artists' Benevolent Fund took place on Saturday evening last at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P. Among those present were Bro. the Lord Mayor, Mr. H. Cecil Rakes, M.P., Sir John Hawkshaw, Gen. Herbert, Mr. C. R. Birch, A.R.A., and Mr. J. Absolon. In proposing the toast of the evening, Mr. Smith made a strong appeal to those present to support a fund which had for its object the assistance of the widows and orphans of those who devoted their lives to the edification and instruction of the public. The result was the announcement of subscriptions amounting to about £500, including a donation of one hundred guineas from the Queen, who is patron of the institution.

The fifty-ninth annual exhibition of the Society of British Artists was opened to the public on Monday, the private view having taken place on the Saturday previous. There are some pictures of considerable merit in the collection. Mr. Charles Cattermole's "Mary Queen of Scots taken prisoner by Bothwell" (120), and his "Treason" (460), being among the most attractive, and exhibiting a nearer approach to a subject than other pictures. In the way of landscapes must be mentioned Mr. H. Maurice Page's "Quietude of Eve" (35), "The Spring Picture" (91) of Mr. H. C. Fox, "Lifting after Rain" (171), by Mr. Allan Barratt, and Mr. Theodore Hine's "Firs" (180). Bro. Sir Frederick Leighton, the President, exhibits "Phryne," a life size, full length female figure, undraped, strongly lighted by the setting sun, background of marble columns, sea and sky; "Honey Sweet," two lovers, the youth in fisherman's garb, and several other pictures. Mr. G. F. Watts, R.A., exhibits full length portraits of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Dean Milman and Sir Benjamin Brodie. Mr. W. Oulless, R.A., has a portrait of Bro. Sir Frederick Roberts, as will also Mr. Holl, A.R.A., who also exhibits paintings of Lord Cranbrook, Vice-Chancellor Bacon, Sir Charles Herries, and Mr. Sim, who died lately at the age of ninety-four. Mrs. Butler (Elizabeth Thompson) as usual has a battle picture, "Floreat Etona." The incident depicted occurred in the attack on Laing's Nek, January 28th, 1881, and is thus described by an eye witness. "Poor Elwes was killed whilst charging with the 58th. He shouted to another Eton boy (Adjutant of the 58th) 'Come along, Monk! Floreat Etona! we must be in the first rank,' and was immediately shot." Whilst such patriotic spirit remains implanted in the breasts of our public school-boys, England has little to fear. Although not Masonic, we love to think of such public-school Masonry, if we may use such a term. There are also pictures from the brushes of Whistler, Sir John Gilbert, Millais, Fred Goodall, Richmond, and McWhirter.

It is with regret we announce the death, on Sunday last, after a brief illness of only two days, of the well-known artist, Mr. E. C. Barnes. The deceased, who was one of the original members of the Savage Club, was only forty-four years of age, and leaves a widow and a numerous family of young children. One of his last pictures was a portrait of the illustrious Jumbo, for which he received a special commission from the proprietors of the *Young Ladies' Journal*.

There is now on view at Kensington Town Hall a collection of pictures by some of our leading artists, which are now exhibited for the first time, but with whom the public will be very glad to renew its acquaintance. Among those whose works are represented are Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., Mr. Millais, R.A., Mr. G. H. Corbould, Mr. Val Prinsep, &c.

According to the *Sussex Advertiser*, the Archaeological Society of France are expected to pay a visit to Sussex in the course of the summer, in accordance with an invitation issued to it by the Sussex Archaeological Society.



At the last monthly meeting of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 359, at Southampton, it was decided to present a resolution of thanks, engrossed and illuminated on vellum, and a testimonial, to the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. A. J. Miller, P.M., on his retirement from that office to fill that of Provincial Grand Secretary. Bro. Miller has been Secretary to the lodge for thirteen years, and is succeeded in the office by Bro. John Adams, P.M. The testimonial, by Bro. Miller's own desire, will take the form of a Life-Governorship of the Masonic School for Girls, which will be purchased for him from the lodge funds.

Bro. the Duke of St. Alban's has arrived at St. George's Hotel, Albemarle-street, from Bestwood Lodge, Nottingham; and Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, G.M. Ireland, at Hampden House, from visiting the Marquis of Lansdowne at Bowood, Wilts.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland; Earl Spencer, K.G., H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and the hereditary Grand Duke Adolphus, the Prime Minister and Mrs. and Miss Gladstone, the Countess of Sydney and the Lord Steward, Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., Lord George Hamilton, M.P., the Earl of Galloway, Earl Fortescue, Lord Elphinstone, Lord Colchester, and the Chaplain of the House of Lords (the Bishop of St. David's) were present at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Sunday morning last. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Rochester. Bro. Winn sang the bass solo in the anthem, "The sorrows of death." Bro. Jekyll, G. Org., presided at the organ.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, attended by Major Egerton, left Buckingham Palace last week for Biarritz, where they will remain for a few weeks for the Duchess's health. The infant Princess remains at Windsor.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson has promised to give £2500 to found a Scholarship in the Royal College of Music, including education and maintenance.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., and his bride will be present at a grand ball to be given in honour of them on June 12th at the house which Albert Grant built some years ago. The ball, and two receptions which precede it, will be given by the Committee of Almacks. In addition to those we published last week as members of Almacks, we must add Bros. Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M. Dorset; the Earls of Haddington, Fife, and Westmorland, Lords Tenterden and Suffield, the Marquis of Tweeddale, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M.; the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Earl of Kintore, Colonel Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., the Earls of March, M.P., G.S.W., and Mount Edgumbe, the Marquis of Londonderry, G.M. Durham; the Duke of Manchester, Earl Percy, M.P., the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland; the Earl of Onslow, and the Earl of Rosebery.

Bro. the Lord Mayor yesterday laid the foundation-stone of the City of London College, and arranged to be present to-day (Saturday) at the Universities' boat-race.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., Bro. the Lord Mayor, having issued his precept, Alderman Sir Thos. Owden presided at a Wardmote in Bishopsgate Schools for the election of a Common Councilman. There were present the Deputy, Bro. Johnson, Bro. Fitch, Mr. Bush, C.C., Mr. Boor, C.C., and others. Mr. Norris proposed Bro. Henry Clarke, citizen, merchant, goldsmith and spectacle-maker, as a fit and proper person to represent the Ward, which was seconded by Bro. Fitch, who remarked he had known Bro. Clarke for some time, and he esteemed and respected him. Sir Thos. Owden declared Bro. Clarke duly elected. In reply, Bro. Clarke said he would do all in his power to maintain the dignity and prestige of the Corporation. He has for some time interested himself in questions of Municipal Reform, City Parochial Charities, and the Civic Guilds. Bro. Clarke will, no doubt, be an acquisition to the Court of Common Council, having much leisure time, and having travelled a great deal in various parts of the world.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was enabled to intimate, at a State luncheon given by Bro. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on the occasion of the Duke's speaking at the meeting, reported in our last issue, for the furtherance of the scheme of the Royal College of Music, that the Queen will personally declare Epping Forest open to the people for ever in the course of a few weeks. Her Majesty wishes to do this, showing again her deep interest in all that is good and useful for her subjects, but does not wish to be entertained at a banquet. Her Majesty, since the death of the Prince Consort, has several times visited the City and East-end to promote some good work, but has always declined any festivities. It is rumoured that Bro. the Lord Mayor on the occasion may be created a baronet. We sincerely hope the report may not turn out to be too good to be true.

Bros. the Marquis of Headfort, the Duke of Marlborough, and the Earl of Dalkeith have left town for their respective seats in the country.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has been invited by Bro. Lord Carington, Captain of the Corps of Gentlemen-at-arms, to dine with the corps, at their mess, at St. James's Palace. Bro. Alderman Ellis has accepted the invitation. We believe this is the first time a Lord Mayor has been asked to accept such hospitality. Bro. Lord Carington dined at the Mansion House last week.

PRESERVATION EXTRAORDINARY.—Every one knows that for softening and preserving the skin, cleansing it from impurity, and thereby ensuring its healthy action, there is nothing equal to Wright's Coal Tar Soap. Use it constantly, and you will have neither an irritable skin or a disfigurement of the face from pimples and blotches. Refuse all other Coal Tar Soaps, which are but worthless imitations.—[Adv't.]

Bro. Lord and Lady Tenterden and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Mr. Bartlett-Coutts went to Gravesend last Saturday and boarded the Assyrian, to see the last of Jumbo. Mr. Bartlett-Coutts carried a bag of buns, which Jumbo preferred to receive from his keeper, Scott.

Bro. Sir Arthur Hayter, M.P., entertained at dinner, on the 25th ult., Bros. Earl Granville, Earl of Dalhousie, the Speaker, and the Premier, and their ladies.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, attended by Mr. Royle, arrived at Mentone on the 22nd ult., and afterwards met the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, who arrived on a visit to Her Majesty. We regret to say that H.R.H. had a fall, and is again laid up with his knee. He will shortly proceed to Artosin, the palace of his fiancée, and then to Berlin, to visit the Crown Prince of Germany.

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has now in hand, or promised, £100,000 for the Royal College of Music, a third of the whole sum asked for.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough and Miss Magee have taken a house at Stokes Bay, near Peterborough, as the palace is in such a state of bad repair as to be uninhabitable.

Lady Stanhope, at the family residence, had a reception on Saturday. Amongst the numerous guests were Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Lords Balfour of Burleigh, and Tweedmouth, Colonel Tayler, M.P.; and Sir Bartle Frere. A large number of ladies were present.

Bro. the M.V. Grand Master and the Princess Louise attended the last concert of the Philharmonic Society at St. James's Hall.

The members of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, have invited Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., to deliver his lecture explanatory of the ceremonies of the First Degree on Wednesday evening, the 5th inst. This lodge of instruction meets at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, under the Preceptorship of Bro. S. J. Turquand. On the above occasion a large muster of brethren is expected. Lodge will be opened at 7.30.

Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane, G.W. Scotland, the Marquises of Bath and Tweeddale, Lord Suffield, Earls of Hardwicke and Granville, the Lord Mayor, Lord Sudeley, and Colonel Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., were amongst the "received" by Lady Spencer, at Spencer House, on Saturday night.

Bro. the Lord Mayor attended the dinner of the Artists' Benevolent Institution at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last. £800 was collected.

Bros. Alderman Nottage and Knight, we regret to say are still in an unsatisfactory state of health. The former has not benefitted much from the change in the South of France.

Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, Aldersgate Lodge, head master of Christ's Hospital, preached at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, on Sunday evening last.

Bro. Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., was present at the dinner of the 2nd Essex Rifle Volunteers, at Chelmsford, and responded for the Army.

At the Speaker's last levée there were Bros. R. B. Martin, Sir Thos. Colebrooke, Bart., Sir Erskine May, Sir James McGarel Hogg, Bart., W. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Montague J. Guest, G.M. Dorset, Sir E. A. K. Lechmere, Bart., and Lord Kensington.

Count Munster, German Ambassador, presided last week at the dinner of the Society for Relief of Distressed Foreigners, and was supported by Bros. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, the Earl of Onslow, Lord Tenterden, and Sir E. May. Her Majesty the Queen and Bro. the Prince of Wales sent their usual handsome donations.

Lady White Ridley held a reception on the 22nd ult., when Bros. the Earl of Onslow, Earl Percy, M.P., Viscount Ebrington, Lord Brabourne, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Sir Thos. Brassey, K.C.B., and Sir Bartle Frere were her guests.

In consequence of the meeting of the mother lodge on Monday next, the 3rd inst., there will be no meeting of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, on that date.

The annual banquet of the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, will be held at the Moor-gate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 144, Preceptor.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., has been retained for the defence of the woman Pays, who is charged with the murder of a little girl at Yalding, near Maidstone. It will be recollected Bro. Clarke first made his mark as counsel for the Stauntons, in 1878. Since that he has rapidly risen into notoriety, and entered Parliament, and was last year made a Q.C.

The Prince and Princess of Wales on Thursday last visited the studio of Miss Grant, at Albany-street, Regent's Park, to see the bust and medallion of the late Dean of Westminster.

The Guion Line steamship Alaska, from New York, arrived at Queenstown at 8.5 p.m. on Monday, having made the fastest passage on record, namely, in seven days, six hours, and three minutes.

France can't complain of any want of artistic taste in her rising generation. No fewer than 7500 paintings and sculptures have been sent to the annual "Salon," which opens on the 1st of May. This is 5000 more than can be admitted.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for harmoniously attuning circulation and respiration, disturbance of the balance of which produces a sense of fullness and oppression after eating. They clean the furred tongue, and wholesomely stimulate the liver, and act as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.—[Adv't.]

Bro. H.R.H. the Prince and the Princess of Wales will open the new wing of the Police Orphanage, at Strawberry-hill, Twickenham, in June.

The Rev. Arthur Robins and his parishioners are about to place a memorial window in the chancel of the parish church of Holy Trinity, Windsor, as a thank-offering for the deliverance of the Queen on the 2nd ult. from the assassination attempted by Roderick Maclean.

The Prince of Wales presided at Willis's Rooms, on Thursday evening last, at the festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's-road, Chelsea. Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton and Colonel A. Ellis were in attendance on His Royal Highness.

On Thursday, the Earl of Winterton and Lady Georgiana Hamilton, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, were married at St. George's Church, Hanover-square, when their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge were present.

The Freemasons of Ireland, out of respect to the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master Mason of Ireland, considered it a fitting opportunity of showing their respect to his Grace's family, by presenting Lady Georgina with a present on the occasion of her marriage. It consists of an old Irish cross, pendant, and earrings, set with brilliants and Irish pearls, and of great artistic design.

The brethren of La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, have again held one of their enjoyable meetings, at which ladies were present at the banquet and dance. The lodge met at 5.30 on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, and the subsequent proceedings were very successful. We hope to give a report in our next.

The anniversary banquet of the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, will take place at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday, the 4th inst.

The first annual ball of the East-end Licensed Victuallers took place at the Limehouse Town Hall, on the 21st ult., with marked success. The ball was promoted by Bro. W. Davies (host, 1259), Governor of the Licensed Victuallers' School, whose untiring exertion, aided by the co-operation of many well-known East-end brethren and friends, received the attendance of a company exceeding 150, despite the inclement weather. A capital band, guided by the *baton* of Bro. Louis Honig, 1319, discoursed some excellent music until supper-time arrived. Bro. W. Davis presided, and was supported by Bros. Christian, Lamb, and H. Chown. The supper was elegantly served.

A novel but useful Congress is now being held in Paris; it is called the Book-keepers' Conference. It appears that the science of book-keeping is very behind-hand in France. It is only taught in the commercial schools, and that very imperfectly. The object of the Congress is to get it introduced into the primary schools as part of the national education. It was stated by one of the speakers that many important French firms were really in ignorance of the real state of their balance-sheet for lack of competent book-keepers. This is extraordinary, if true; but it is certain that the French are as weak in arithmetic as they are in geography.

The Art Gallery of Birmingham is about to be enriched by a portrait of Lord Hartington, the first, we believe, for which he has sat. It is painted by Bro. H. T. Munns, and was on view for some days at Devonshire House, previously to withdrawal for submission to the Royal Academy.

Notice is given that owing to exceptional circumstances Her Majesty's birthday will this year be celebrated in England on Saturday, the 3rd of June. In all other places Her Majesty's birthday is to be kept, as usual, on the 24th of May.

The Prince of Wales has become patron of the Norfolk County Cricket Club, and will subscribe five guineas annually to its funds. The committee are arranging some good matches for the ensuing season.

At a banquet which took place on Thursday week at Lusby's Music Hall (of which Bros. Charles Crowder and George Adney Payne are the proprietors), a presentation was made to these brethren, consisting of illuminated addresses on vellum, beautifully framed, and a purse of gold. The inscription was as follows:—"Presented to Charles Crowder and George Adney Payne, proprietors of Lusby's Music Hall, Mile End, E., together with a purse, value £352, subscribed by upwards of 350 parishioners and friends, in testimony of their esteem and appreciation of the management of the above well-conducted establishment. Signed, on behalf of the subscribers, Donald Munro (President), Robert Jones (Vice-President), Charles Chappell (Treasurer), Alfred Provost (Hon. Sec.) Dated 16th March, 1882." About sixty gentlemen were present (Major Munro presiding), among whom were Bro. H. Swaffer, C. Stechling, H. Marks, J. Clayton, J. Cohen, M. Abrahams, J. Abrahams, J. T. K. Job, H. Chown, H. Sparks, G. Stephens, C. Dance, and others. The toast of "The Queen" was subsequently honoured, as was also that of "The Recipients, Bros. Crowder, 79, and Payne, W.M. 933;" "The Chairman (Major Munro)," proposed by Bro. Crowder; "The Vice-Chairman and Committee," acknowledged by Bro. J. Chappell; and the toast of "The Press" concluded the business of the evening.

The first spring flower show of the Royal Botanic Society took place in the gardens, Regent's Park, on Thursday last, and there was a very full attendance of distinguished visitors.

In consequence of the death of Mr. Christopher Pond, of the well-known firm of Spiers and Pond, it has been deemed advisable by the surviving partner, Mr. F. W. Spiers, to convert the business into a limited company, for the purpose of realising the late Mr. Pond's interest. The capital required for the purpose (£500,000) was at once subscribed privately, and, under the title of Spiers and Pond (Limited), the business will be carried on as heretofore. Mr. Spiers will act as chairman, and will be assisted by Mr. A. J. Simmons and Mr. Auguste Leon as managing directors.—[Globe.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, April 7, 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, 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.

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, APRIL 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & O. Cumberland, 129, Leadenhall-st.
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tav.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-road.
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi-terrace, Strand.
" 1833, Caxton, F.M.H.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M. Tav.
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.

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.
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, S.
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, 9 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, APRIL 4.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 705, St. James's, Bridge House Hot., London Bdg.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tav., E.
" 1261, Golden Rule, Regent M.H., S. Air-st., W.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, N.
" 1310, Harrow, King's Head Hot., Harrow.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns H., High-st., Woolwich.
" 1501, Studholme, Southampton Hot., Surbiton.
" 1603, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Tav., Deptford.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall T., Gresham-st.

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 Edgecombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
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, APRIL 5.

Lodge 463, East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound Hot., Croydon.
" 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1687, Rothesay, Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn.
Chap. 53, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.
" 1589, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
K.T. Precept. 129, Holy Palestine, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 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., Marc-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.
Creton, 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, APRIL 6.

Lodge 10, Westminster and Keystone, F.M.H.
" 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
" 822, Victoria Rilles, F.M.H.
" 1155, Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-rd.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1672, Mornington, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 2, St. James's, F.M.H.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
Mark 197, St. John's, 33, Golden-sq.
" 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.

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, Pensonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-ert., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lecture Hall, High-st., Deptford, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, The Two Brewers, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Marsion 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, APRIL 7.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H., Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd., N.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Chap. 259, Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 8, Thistle, F.M. Tav.
K. T. Precept. 134, Blondel, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

Quarterly Gen. Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.
Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1446, Mount Edgecombe, Bridge House Hot.
" 1607, Loyalty, Alexander Palace, N.
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Brixton.
" 1929, Mozart, Harewood House, Croydon.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, April 8, 1882.

MONDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
" 104, St. Johns, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
" 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot, Northwich.
" 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.
Chap. 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
" 1250, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-field.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
" 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Miverpool.
Bootle L. of I. 146, Berry-street, Bootle.
Mark Lodge 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescott.
" 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1356, De Grey & Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
De Grey & Ripon L. of I., M.R., N. Hill-street, L'pool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
" 1384, Equity, Alford C., Widnes.
" 1473, Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle.
" 1505, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Didsbury, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1501, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN DUBLIN.

For the Week ending Saturday, April 8, 1882.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3.

Lodge 2, Dublin. | Precep. 245, Dublin.
R.A.C. 143, Dublin. | Board of Gen. Purposes.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

Lodge 171, Dublin. | R.A.C. 141, Dublin.
" 227, Dublin. | " 153, Dublin.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

Lodge 158, Dublin. | Lodge 620, Dublin.
Kilmainham Preceptory.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

Grand Lodge at 8 p.m.
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"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this morning received a note from Mr. F. Knollys, Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, requesting me to convey to you the thanks of his Royal Highness for the book you have been good enough to send him—a request with which I have much pleasure in complying.—I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally
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NOTES.

(a) William Preston, born in Edinburgh in 1742, has justly been described as the "Father of Masonic History." He was originally apprenticed to the printing business of Walter Ruddiman, but in 1760 he entered that of W. Strahan, a London printer, with whom he remained some thirty years, working latterly as a corrector of the press. He is said to have been initiated in an Athol Lodge, meeting at the White Hart in the Strand, and was, later, one of the founders of the Caledonian Lodge, on the roll of the Modern Grand Lodge. He subsequently joined the Antiquity, and was its Worshipful Master for several years, and when an unfortunate dispute arose between it and Grand Lodge, in 1779, he and his friends were excommunicated. During the period of this schism he established friendly relations with the Grand Lodge of All England, and constituted in alliance therewith a Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent. One of the last acts of H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, as Grand Master, was the healing of this schism, and in 1790 William Preston and his friends were reinstated in all their Masonic rights and privileges. About 1772 he published the first edition of his well-known "Illustrations," which, at the outset, was only a small volume, but by additions in succeeding editions it grew to be, and still remains, a work of large extent, and was, and is still, held in high estimation. By his will he left a sum of £300 Consols for the endowment of a "Prestonian lecture." He died 1818, his friend, Bro. Stephen Jones, being left his literary executor.

(b) Lord Kingston. His lordship, the year previous to his election as Grand Master of Ireland, had filled the office of Grand Master of Ireland, the principal event during his tenure of the latter office being his appointment of Bro. George Pomfret as the first Provincial Grand Master of India (Bengal).

(c) John, afterwards Lord, Ward, was Grand Junior Warden, 1733; Grand Senior Warden, 1734; Deputy Grand Master, 1735-8; and Grand Master, 1742-3.

(d) William Hutchinson, born at Barnard Castle, in the county of Durham, in 1732, by profession a solicitor, was a zealous and distinguished member of the Society of Antiquaries, his principal contribution to archaeological literature being his well-known work "The History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham." He is best known in Masonry for his "Spirit of Masonry," the first edition of which was published under the sanction of Grand Lodge in 1775.

(e) Grand Lodge of California has over 200 lodges on its roll, with an aggregate membership of 12,500 brethren. There is under it, at San Francisco, a Masonic Relief Board, whose income, according to the last return we have seen, was over 12,800 dollars, while the disbursements were 11,300 dollars, namely, 4945 dollars for needy brethren, and 5375 dollars to the wives, widows, and children of brethren.

(f) Bro. W. H. White, son of Bro. W. White, Grand Secretary (Moderns) from 1780 to 1813, namely, jointly with Bro. James Hesletine, 1780-84; sole Grand Secretary, 1784-1810. Bro. W. H. White was Worshipful Master of the Emulation Lodge in 1800-1, and again from 1804 to 1809, being also a Grand Steward in 1805. On May 10, 1810, he was associated in the Grand Secretaryship with his father, and on the latter's death, in 1813, became sole Grand Secretary. After the Union he was appointed joint G. Secretary with Bro. Edwards-Harper, and was

APR. * HISTORICAL CALENDAR. * 1882.

1	Sat.	William Preston, (a) author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," died, 1818. Offensive remonstrance addressed to Grand Lodge by Lodge No. 31, Liverpool, against its suspension, 1822.
2	Sun.	Grand or Mother Lodge of the Philosophic Scottish Rite founded at Paris under title of <i>le Contrat Social</i> , 1776.
3	Mon.	Lord Cranstoun installed Grand Master, 1745.
4	Tu.	De Lalande, French astronomer, and one of founders of the Grand Orient of France, died, 1807.
5	Wed.	Wieland, in his 77th year, initiated in Lodge "Amalia," Weimar, 1809.
6	Thur.	The Duke de Chartres (Louis Philip d'Orleans) accepts Grand Mastership, not only of the regular lodges in France, but also of the Sovereign Council of the Emperors of the East and West, 1772.
7	Fri.	Foundation stone of the Phoenix Masonic Hall, Sunderland, laid, 1784.
8	Sat.	Lord Kingston (b) elected Grand Master Ireland, 1729.
9	Sun.	Deputy Grand Master (c) John, afterwards Lord, Ward, proposes a series of ten articles for the better conduct of business in Grand Lodge, 1736.
10	Mon.	Voltaire initiated in the Lodge <i>Les Neuf Seigneurs</i> , 1778.
11	Tu.	W. Hutchinson, (d) author of the "Spirit of Masonry," died, 1814.
12	Wed.	Proposal, ultimately rejected, made in Grand Lodge that the Grand Master and his Officers should wear robes on public occasions, 1778.
13	Thur.	Grand Lodge of California (e) established 1850.
14	Fri.	Foundation stone of Victoria Bridge, Glasgow, laid by Duke of Athole, Grand Master Mason of Scotland, 1851.
15	Sat.	Law enacted declaring the lodges of the so-called "Ancients" irregular, 1777.
16	Sun.	Letter from Charles, Duke of Sudermania, inviting unity of action between England and Sweden read in Grand Lodge, and in consequence the Baron de Silverbjelm received as representative of Grand Lodge of Sweden, 1799.
17	Mon.	Provincial Grand Lodge of Brussels installed, 1818.
18	Tu.	Resolution of Grand Lodge not to continue measures adopted about 1739 against irregular Masons (subsequently known as "Ancients"). Effect given to this by the appointment of "The Lodge of Promulgation," 1809.
19	Wed.	Resolution of Grand Lodge of Scotland fixing St. Andrew's Day (30th November) for election of Grand Master, 1737.
20	Thur.	Maj-Gen. J. Adolphus Oughton, Grand Master of Scotland 1760-71, d. 1780.
21	Fri.	King of Oude's ambassador initiated in Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, 1836.
22	Sat.	Earl of Loudoun installed Grand Master at Fishmongers' Hall, 1736.
23	Sun.	Bro. W. H. White, (f) G. Sec., 1810-57; initiated in Emulation Lodge, 1799.
24	Mon.	The brethren of the Marseilles Lodges carry the bust of Louis XVIII. in public procession through the city, 1814.
25	Tu.	Late Dr. Crucefix (g) initiated in the Burlington Lodge, No. 96, 1829.
26	Wed.	Lord Weymouth installed Grand Master at Mercers' Hall, 1735.
27	Thur.	The Lodge of "St. John of Spain," at Gracia, dissolved by the Minister of Police, 1853.
28	Fri.	Grand Master of Grand Lodge South of the Trent, in alliance with the Grand Lodge of all England at York, installed 1780.
29	Sat.	Statutes of the Grand Orient Hispanique (Spanish Grand Orient) signed, 1843.
30	Sun.	Grand Lodge of Missouri (h) constituted, 1821.
31	Mon.	Death of H.R.H. Duke of Sussex, (i) 1843.
32	Tu.	Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic constituted at Buenos Ayres, 1858.
33	Wed.	Special enactment of Francis II., Emperor of Germany, against Freemasonry, directing that civil officers shall not belong to any secret society, 1801.
34	Thur.	Bro. J. P. Zollner, G.M. of Mother Lodge of Three Globes, Berlin, b. 1753.
35	Fri.	Foundation stone of the Canongate Poor House, Edinburgh, laid with Masonic ceremonial, 1760.
36	Sat.	Lodge Fortitude and Old Cumberland, No. 12, constituted 1722-3.
37	Sun.	Alliance between Grand Lodge of England and National Grand Lodge of the Netherlands solicited by the latter, and accepted, 1770.
38	Mon.	Lord Moira approves of the suspension by Grand Lodge of Scotland of Dr. Mitchell, 1808.
39	Tu.	Petition by Dublin brethren for a charter from Mother Kilwinning, 1779.
40	Wed.	Marquis of Carnarvon, afterwards Duke of Chandos, installed Grand Master at Fishmongers' Hall, 1738.
41	Thur.	Duke of Beaufort installed Grand Master at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 1767.
42	Fri.	Prince Cambacerès promises the Grand Orient of France the Emperor Napoleon's protection, 1805.
43	Sat.	Earl of Darley installed Grand Master at Fishmongers' Hall, 1737.
44	Sun.	Bull of Clement XII. against Freemasonry, 1738.
45	Mon.	H.R.H. Prince of Wales (j) installed Grand Master at Royal Albert Hall, 1875.
46	Tu.	Resolved by Grand Lodge that ten guineas be paid to fund of charity on appointment of a Prov. Grand Master who had not previously served as a Grand Steward, 1768.
47	Wed.	Lord Montagu's Deputation appointing Henry Price Prov. Grand Master of New England, 1733.
48	Thur.	Lord Byron installed Grand Master at Drapers' Hall, 1747.
49	Fri.	Circular of Marshal Magnan requiring lodges not acknowledging Grand Orient of France to recognize his authority as Grand Master, under pain of dissolution, 1862.

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again sole Grand Secretary from 1839 to 1857, when he resigned office after having held it within three years of half a century. He died on April 5, 1866, at the patriarchal age of eighty-eight, having been a member of the Craft for sixty-seven years. His brother, Thos. Edward White; his nephew, Thomas Reynolds White, P.G.D.; and his great nephew, Thos. W. White, were all initiated in the Emulation, which can thus boast of having had on its roll of members representatives of four generations of the same family. What is still more noteworthy is, that from the initiation of the first of the four—Bro. W. White—in 1770, to the death in 1866 of Bro. W. H. White, his son, there elapsed a period of no less than ninety and six years.

(g) Bro. Dr. R. P. Crucefix, born in 1797. After his initiation in the Burlington he joined the Bank of England Lodge, and was elected its Worshipful Master in 1832. In 1834, he became editor of the "Freemasons' Quarterly Review," which office, however, he resigned in 1840. He was appointed a Grand Deacon in 1836, but in consequence of some serious disputes which arose between him and others, he was in 1840 suspended for six months from all his Masonic functions and privileges. The differences, however, were put an end to. It is to his initiative that the Craft in England is indebted for the establishment of what is now the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the youngest, but not the least useful, of our three Charitable Institutions. It was he who advocated the original plan for the erection of an asylum for aged and decayed Masons, and before his death, which occurred at Bath on February 25, 1850, he had the satisfaction of knowing that his wishes had been carried into effect. He was a great friend of the late Dr. Oliver.

(h) Grand Lodge of Missouri has on its roll some 494 lodges, with an estimated membership of nearly 23,000 brethren.

(i) H.R.H. Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, sixth son of George III., was born 1773, and initiated into Freemasonry in Berlin in 1798. On the death, in 1812, of Sir Peter Parker, D.G. Master, Grand Master, George Prince of Wales, appointed him his successor, and when the Prince Regent resigned the Grand Mastership he was succeeded in that office by the Duke of Sussex, who was formally installed by his brother, the Duke of Kent, on May 12, 1813, at Willis's Rooms, St. James's. Later in the same year, owing to the wise efforts of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex and the Earl of Moira the schism which had so long divided English Masonry into two hostile camps was healed. The articles of Union were signed at Kensington Palace on November 27, and ratified at a meeting of the two Grand Lodges on December 1. On December 27 a general assembly of the whole Craft was held, and on the motion of the Duke of Kent, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Duke of Sussex was installed Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge.

(j) H.R.H. Prince of Wales was initiated into Freemasonry in Sweden in 1868. In 1869 the rank of Past Grand Master was bestowed on him. In 1874, on the resignation of the Marquis of Ripon, he accepted the office of Grand Master, and was installed into office the year following, as stated in the Calendar. It is a singular coincidence that this glorious event should have occurred on the very day on which, 137 years previously, the famous Bull of Pope Clement XII. had been fulminated against Freemasonry.

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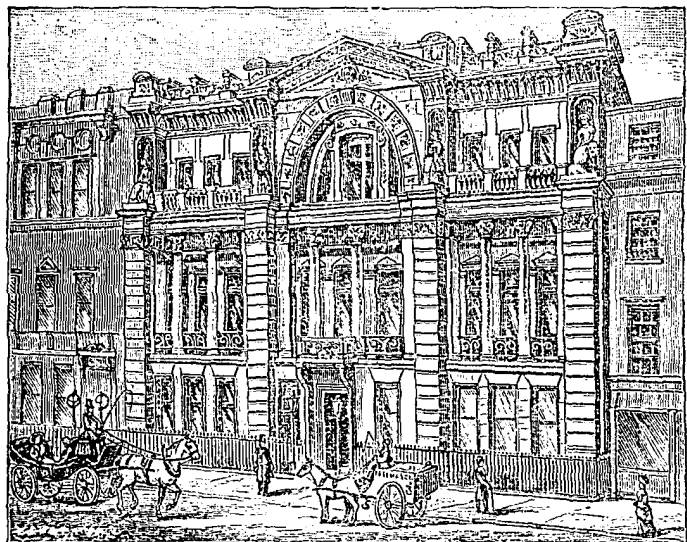
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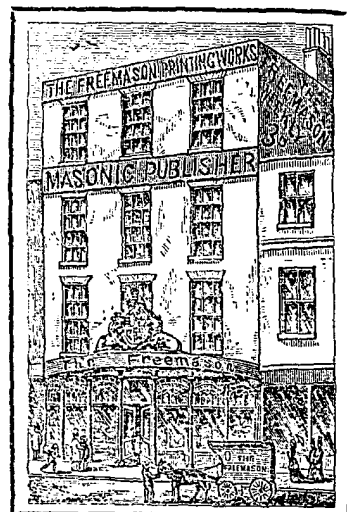
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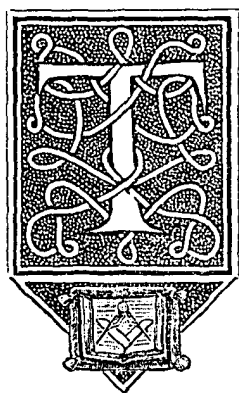
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