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THE Annual Festival of English Freemasonry took place on Wednesday last, with much eclat, and before a goodly muster of English Craftsmen. We refer our readers to the full and accurate report of proceedings elsewhere, which have not only a national but a world-wide interest.

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WE print elsewhere a long letter from Bro. PATTERSON, complaining of our remarks anent certain proceedings in Morocco. We pass over much that in very irrelevant and perfectly beside the question, in order clearly and temperately to confine ourselves to the points at issue. In the *Freemason* of March 25th, at p. 171, appeared some Masonic tidings, under the heading "Freemasonry in Morocco," which naturally attracted our attention, as they seemed to us very peculiar in form and very serious in precedent. The views we then propounded we apprehend are the views of all thoughtful English Masons on the subject, as the action of Bro. PATTERSON appears to us utterly outside Freemasonry, and impossible to justify on any ground whatever. It seems that the attention of the G.M. of Manitoba was called from England to the fact that he had chartered a lodge in occupied territory, and the Grand Secretary of Manitoba then wrote to say that the lodge so chartered to meet temporarily in Gibraltar, (occupied territory), was to be at once transferred to Morocco. It seems, too, that the G. M. said, in reply, he did not know Gibraltar was "occupied territory," as territory where there are more than one Grand Lodge in jurisdiction is considered in North America unoccupied territory. Gibraltar, a dependency of England, was occupied by a Prov. Grand Lodge of Andalusia, under the Grand Lodge of England, in 1731, and though some years back that body became the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar, it is practically one and the same body. And then what is the next step? The Lodge "Al Moghreb el Aksa," ordered to be transferred to Morocco, is constituted, not by Bro. PATTERSON as the Consecrating Officer commissioned by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but by a territorial Grand Lodge, and occasional Grand Lodge, and the body thus formed was called first the Territorial Grand Lodge of Morocco, and then the Grand Orient of Morocco and Dependencies. What we want to know is, how and by what authority this so-called Grand Lodge was formed at all. What does this expression mean? What are the Dependencies of Morocco? for that it is an utterly illegal body is perfectly clear. The special DEPUTY G. MASTER can have no authority but what he obtains from his G.M. and in Manitoba, and though under authority from his G.M., he can aid in constituting a lodge, it is patent that he cannot in any sense or shape constitute a G. Lodge. If there be one thing clearer than another in American Masonic proceedings it is that the G. Lodge is formed from lodges. We do not dispute the right of the Grand Master of Manitoba to grant a warrant for a Lodge in Morocco, clearly unoccupied, if the civil authorities permit the Masonic lodges to meet, but we dispute his claim to form a territorial Grand Lodge out of nothing, except we presume the "eternal fitness of things" as represented by our worthy brother, Bro. PATTERSON. Had the Grand Master of Manitoba granted a warrant to a lodge at Tangier, and then Tetuan, and then Fez or Mogadore, supposing the authorities approved, then and only then, could the three lodges have formed themselves into a Grand Lodge. Bro. PATTERSON in his zeal, and he tells us he has had much experience in these matters, has put the cart before the horse according to Masonic law and precedent, and it is quite clear that our English Grand Lodge never can recognize a body so formed as having legal status and Masonic jurisdiction. We hope to hear nothing more of such irregular proceedings, which do a great deal of harm to peaceful and legitimate Freemasonry.

OUR excellent contemporary, the *Craftsman*, disagrees with us as to our reading of our English laws. He thinks Bro. GRAHAM, Grand Master of Quebec understands them better than we do, and says so in polite terms and Masonic phraseology. We are very sorry to differ from our esteemed and able friend, but as we differ widely, we say so with all Masonic courtesy and good will. The law alluded to was, as we before pointed out, never meant to say anything more than this, that all lodges which specially claimed to belong to the English Grand Lodge must either receive charters or be recognised as Time Immemorial Lodges. The lodge of Swallowwell alluded to, was practically a Time Immemorial Lodge but wishing to avail itself of the benefits of the Grand Lodge system it applied for a charter. But the English Grand Lodge goes no further. There are even now spurious lodges in England, such as the erased lodge at Wigan, "Les Philadelphes," and probably other bodies; and though if these bodies come into publicity the Grand Lodge warns its lodges privately that they are clandestine and illegal Masonic organizations, it treats them with complete indifference, and would never condescend to notice them, or allude to them, unless appealed to on the subject, or unless they committed some overt acts which brought them into collision with the English Masonic lawful authorities,—lawful according to prescription; lawful according to precedent; lawful by long-continued "user" and normal Masonic law. We can only again repeat, we hope for the last time, that whatever be the merits or demerits of the point in issue between the Grand Lodges of England and Quebec, it cannot in the slightest way be affected by a forced and unnatural construction of a regulation which only applies to domestic matters, and to the position of lodges, quoad the Grand Lodge of England, as participating in its privileges and benefits which are confined solely to lodges warranted or acknowledged by it. As an illustration of this,—supposing some of the High Grades, which claim the right to do so, chartered a Craft lodge, the English Grand Lodge, though it might warn its lodges against it, and would not recognize its Craft origin, would certainly take no further steps about it. Above all, it would never menace, never talk of "excommunication." It only legislates for itself and the lodges under its own jurisdiction, and always seeks, and it has sought unceasingly, not to interfere with other people's affairs. The case of the lodges at Montreal is very difficult, because appealing partly to sentiment and partly to compact; but if there be a real wish to have an amicable settlement of so "vexata a quæstio," with prudence, moderation, Masonic temper, and Masonic principles, we have no fear of an eventual and peaceful solution of the question.

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BUT we have observed, in reference to this question, not so much in Canada or Quebec as in the words of injudicious friends and ill-omened partizans, a tendency to try and force the hand of the Grand Lodge of England in this confusedly intricate matter. Now, we wish to remark, once for all, that whatever the Grand Lodge of England may be disposed to do as "amicus curiæ," or for peace and goodwill, and for the sake of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, it never will be bullied by any, and least of all by irresponsible and mischief-making writers, into a surrender of any vital principle, its position and conditions of honour and of duty. There is just now a great deal of loose writing and tall talk on the subject, which we hope to have heard and seen the last of.

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IN the *Masonic Tablet*, a paper published at London, Ontario, Canada, and which is partly of the Forester Order, and partly of the Rite of Memphis, our well-known and able Bro., Dr. RAMSAY, being editor of the portion relating to Memphis, we see some remarks in respect of our views of the Quebec question which we are sorry to notice, as savouring alike of that dreadful stumbling-block of Masonic literature,—"personality," and unjust to the Grand Lodge of England in marked measure. The whole course of the Grand Lodge of England has been dictated by friendly feelings, and a sense of Masonic honour and duty, which we regret much to see, are not realized or appreciated by our worthy Bro. Dr. RAMSAY and others in Canada and in America.

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IN the Sydney *Freemason* of February 22, 1882, appear some remarks based on a letter or communication of our very esteemed Bro. HUGHAN, which we should not have noticed except as coming from him whose words always have weight and value. Of course, the Sydney *Freemason* "improves the occasion," with such an authority. Bro. HUGHAN is represented as saying: "My impression is that when a Grand Lodge has been formed for several years, and has a fine future before it of usefulness and prosperity, as is the case in our colonies (Quebec and New South Wales), that all subordinate lodges would do well to join it, and heartily and unitedly 'fall into line,' and anyway, as far as we can judge, it is

but a question of time; for in time it is not at all likely that lodges preferring their isolation will last, as the brethren generally will naturally prefer the banner of their own Grand Lodge, so to speak, than to belong to lodges which have no such local prestige. In the natural course of things, if the members do not, whilst they are numerous, make good terms, they are not likely to do so well by deferring their union to a period when extinction is before them." When Bro. HUGHAN wrote these words he was not aware of the opinion of the Grand Registrar and the decision of Grand Lodge on the subject, and we feel quite sure that after what has taken place in Grand Lodge, he will feel bound, as all English Freemasons are, loyally to support the ruling of our legal adviser and the resolution of Grand Lodge on the subject. We have no doubt that we shall have the pleasure of seeing this from his own clear pen.

GRAND FESTIVAL.

Grand Lodge, for the installation of Grand Master and the appointment and investiture of new Grand Officers for the year, was held on Wednesday, in the Temple. His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, and the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, were unable to be present, and the throne was occupied by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master. General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, acted as Deputy Grand Master; and Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, acted as Past Grand Master; Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Past Grand Senior Warden, acted as Grand Senior Warden, and Sir F. W. Truscott, Past Grand Junior Warden, acted as Grand Junior Warden. The other Grand Officers present were:

Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden, P.G.M. Essex; Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham; Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, P.G.M. Worcestershire; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, G. Chap.; Rev. Arthur Purey-Cust, G. Chap.; Col. J. Creaton, G. Treas.; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar; Sir J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; E. E. Wendt, Grand Sec., German Correspondence; Gen. H. Clerk, S.G.D.; Sir James Ramsden, S.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, J.G.D.; H. C. Levander, J.G.D.; Capt. A. B. Cook, Asst. G.D. of C.; George Lambert, Grand Sword Bearer; C. S. Jekyll, Grand Org.; H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Sec.; W. R. Wood, Asst. G.P.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., P.P.G.M., W. Division of South Wales; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; the Hon. R. W. H. Giddy, D.G.M. Griqualand; J. Bevan, D.G.M. Westland; Lieut.-Col. W. Ramsay, P.D.G.M. Punjab, E.I.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, Rev. Dr. A. Hill, P.G.C.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.D.; Frank Richar dson, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Henry Grissell, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; John M. Wike, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D. Henry Maudsley, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; John A. Rucker, P.G.D.; J. Glaisher, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; James Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., P.A.G. D.C.; George Burt, P.A.G.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G. S.B.; A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B.; S. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; James Kench, P.G.P.; W. T. Howe, P.G.P.; C. E. Willing, P.G.O.; W. Kuké, P.G.O.

After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary read that portion of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication which referred to the election of the Grand Master. He also stated that he had received a letter from Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., requesting him to convey his apologies for being absent, which was caused by his being in attendance on Her Majesty at Windsor.

After this the Earl of LATHOM declared His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, installed as Grand Master, and the Prince of Wales was proclaimed by Bro. Capt. A. B. Cook, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and saluted accordingly.

The Earl of LATHOM announced that His Royal Highness had appointed the Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro Grand Master, and himself (the Earl of Lathom), Deputy Grand Master.

The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were thereupon saluted.

The following are the other Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. Lord Carington	...	...	S.G.W.
„ J. Whitaker Ellis (Lord Mayor)	...	...	J.G.W.
„ Rev. Thomas Robinson (Kent)	...	...	G. Chap.
„ Rev. Thomas Cochrane (Essex)	...	...	G. Chap.
„ Col. John Creaton	...	...	G. Treas.
„ Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	...	...	G. Reg.
„ Col. Shadwell H. Clerke	...	...	G. Sec.
„ Ernest E. Wendt	...	...	G. Sec.Germ. Cor.
„ Major John Penrice (Norfolk)	...	...	S.G.D.
„ W. G. Harrison, Q.C.	...	...	S.G.D.
„ R. C. Else (Somerset)	...	...	J.G.D.
„ Capt. Clement N. Beswick-Royds (East Lancashire)	...	...	J.G.D.
„ Horace Jones	...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
„ Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	...	...	G.D. of C.
„ David Smith (Brighton)	...	...	G. Dep. D. of C.
„ Robert Turtle Pigott	...	...	G. Asst. D. of C.
„ John Messent	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
„ Horace S. Alipass (West Lancashire)	...	...	G. Std. Br.
„ W. Masefield (Worcester)	...	...	G. Std. Br.
„ W. Cusins	...	...	G. Org.
„ H. G. Buss	...	...	G. Asst. Sec.
„ W. R. Wood (Brighton)	...	...	G. Purst.
„ L. F. Littell	...	...	G. Asst. Purst.
„ H. Sadler	...	...	G. Tyler.

The salutes having been given,

GRAND SECRETARY read the following list of Grand Stewards for the year: Bros. George Martin, 1; C. R. Rivington, 2; Rev. J. W. Weldon, M.D., 4; John Rowley Jones, 5; Capt. Fredk. Ormsby, 6; Walter A. Grogono, 8; Geo. H. Hopkinson, 14; Joseph W. Abbott, 21; Henry Venn, 23; Edward Beaumont, 26; Henry Wallis Hunt, 29; Edward Jno. Humphrey, 46; J. S. Burroughes, 58; Daniel Nicols, 60; Isaac C. Strong, 91; Edward H. Wolton, 99; William H. Stanger, 197; and Alfred Cooper, 259.

The Earl of LATHOM afterwards said that the Prince of Wales requested him to state that the Queen had graciously consented to receive a deputation from Grand Lodge with the address which had been voted in Grand Lodge on her recent happy escape, and that she would receive the deputation at Buckingham Palace on the 10th of May, at a quarter to three in the afternoon. The deputation would consist of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of March, M.P., the Lord Mayor, Sir L. W. Cave, Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), Sir John Monckton, Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Col. Creaton, the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, and a banquet was partaken of at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Earl of Lathom. Most of the Grand and Past Grand Officers present in Grand Lodge attended at the banquet. The Secretaries of the three Masonic Institutions were also present.

After dinner the usual toasts were proposed.

In giving the toast of the Queen, the CHAIRMAN said: Brethren, I rise to propose to you the first toast of the evening, "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen—the Patroness of the Order." (Cheers.)

After the National Anthem had been sung,

The CHAIRMAN said: The next toast I have to propose to you is that of "His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master." (Cheers.) It would be useless for me to descant on His Royal Highness' merits as a Mason. They are well-known to you. You have seen how he works with and for the body. (Hear, hear.) A little while ago some of you saw him here, sitting on the throne in your lodge room—doing what? Why, proposing that an address be given to his Royal Mother, and I am sure that you will all take that as truly Masonic feeling. (Hear, hear.) Without further dwelling on the merits of our Grand Master, I will ask you to drink his health with Masonic honours. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family." He said, I cannot pass over this toast without referring to the fact that three members of the Royal Family are members of our Order. (Hear, hear.) Not only that, but they are distinguished members, and one of them is about to take upon himself that state in life to which we have all aspired or will aspire, and I am sure you will all agree with me in wishing all prosperity, joy, and happiness to H.R.H. (Cheers.) I have no hesitation in saying that his Royal bride will receive such a welcome as the bride of Prince Leopold ought to receive. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing "The M.W. Pro Grand Master," said: The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master seem to me to be like the two great lights of the world, and that when the one is down the other is up. (Laughter.) The Grand Master, as you know, is always anxious to be with us when he can; but his vocations are many, and occupy much of his time apart from our Order. Yet, Lord Carnarvon is generally to the front, and when he is not, I hope I am not wanting. Without dilating on his merits, I will ask you to drink to "The Health of the Pro Grand Master. (Cheers.)

Lord SUFFIELD, in proposing the next toast, said: The only consolation that I have in being called upon to propose this toast is that it is one which will be accepted with the utmost cordiality. When I say that it is the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master in the Chair, the Deputy Grand Master of England"—(cheers)—I am sure you all will agree with me that it would ill-become me in his presence to eulogise him, as perhaps in his absence I might do. His name is well known to all Masons, and the dignity with which he performs his duty in the high office which he occupies, and last, but not least, the geniality and cordiality which he infuses into the proceedings on such occasions as the present, and on many similar occasions, not only in London but throughout the provinces, have endeared him to all Masons, for we all know that to be a good Mason is to be a good man and a good fellow. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: I thank you very heartily for the way in which you have received the toast. It has always been my pleasure to do my duty thoroughly and honestly as a Mason, and so long as it shall please His Royal Highness the Grand Master to place me in the high position I now have the honour to occupy, I can assure you it will be my pleasure to do the same. On former occasions, when I have had the honour of presiding at this festival, I have referred to the increased number of lodges. There is no doubt that the number of lodges continue to increase, and I hope it will do so; but I do not think the mere increase in the number of lodges is a symptom of the welfare of the Craft. (Hear, hear.) What I should look to far more is, in the first place, the rolls of the different lodges, and, in the second place, the returns given to our Charities. (Cheers.) And Masonry will not really flourish until we see our Charities supported by every individual Mason. (Cheers.) I have said this in more forcible words on other occasions, and I trust that all young Masons will take it to heart that the true principles of Masonry is Charity. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN: Brethren, before I propose the next toast I am asked to inform you that there is to be seen in an adjoining room the casket con-

taining the address which is to be presented to Her Majesty from the Grand Lodge, which, no doubt, you would like to view. The toast which I have now to propose to you is that of "The Right Worshipful the Grand Warden and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." I think I should be wasting your time unnecessarily if I were to dilate on the services which they have performed in the past; and as to those appointed to-day, I have no doubt that they will perform their duties as well as those who have preceded them. It would be impossible for the duties of Grand Lodge to be carried on without efficient officers; and I have no hesitation in saying that His Royal Highness in selecting these Grand Officers takes care to get the right men in the right place—(cheers)—and to reward those who have fulfilled their duties, and those who are likely to sustain the Order throughout the country. In conclusion, I will only call upon our Senior Grand Warden, Lord Carington. (Loud cheers.)

Lord CARINGTON: Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, it is with feelings of deep gratitude and deep respect that I rise to return thanks on behalf of myself and my R.W. Brother, the Junior Grand Warden, for the sincere and cordial manner in which this toast has been given from the chair and received by the brethren present. We on whom His Royal Highness has conferred this signal honour trust that we may give our best attention to our duties, and that we may thus show how we deserve the confidence of the Grand Master and you, the brethren of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. BEVAN, District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, said: I am particularly honoured in being entrusted with the important toast which I have now to propose to this large assembly of Masons, "The Masonic Charities." (Hear, hear.) Wherever the English language is spoken, the word "Charity" is indelibly printed on the hearts of the people, from the humblest to the highest. It is, indeed, the great virtue of which English-speaking people are proud of (hear, hear); and no appeal made in the spirit of our Order is ever made in vain. The experience of years teaches us that Charity is the one great sentiment of humanity. In Masonry it is our proudest boast—the brightest jewel of our Craft. I maintain that the three Masonic Charities are the three greatest philanthropic institutions ever established in this kingdom. To raise £50,000 a year without external aid is a thing of which any part of the world might be proud. (Hear, hear.) But whilst enforcing charity I must not forget the exercise of the virtue towards those ladies who are so patiently awaiting our presence in another place. The theme of them might be dilated on to any extent, but I will simply ask you, actuated as you are by that great sentiment which controls all your Masonic life, to drink success to the charities of the Craft. (Cheers.)

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec., R.M.I.G.: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, Bro. Bevan, Grand Officers, and Brethren. In the name and on behalf of the Masonic Charities, I thank you most sincerely indeed for the hearty response you have accorded to this toast, and I thank you also for the honour which you have conferred upon me in allowing me to speak in their name. The Benevolent Institution owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Craft for the magnificent festival which they celebrated a short time back, when the splendid announcement of nearly £12,500 was made; and you will believe me when I say that the Boys' and the Girls' Schools are looking anxiously forward for the result of their festival in the earnest hope that they may prove equally successful and equally good. (Cheers.) This day fortnight the Girls' School will be celebrating its ninety-fourth anniversary under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught—(Cheers)—and I am sure all present will agree with me in wishing the result of that festival to be one of which English Freemasons may be justly proud. (Cheers.) M.W.G.M. and Brethren, I thank you very sincerely indeed.

Bro. R. W. H. GIDDY, District Grand Master of Griqualand: M.W. G.M. in the Chair, I have to thank you for the honour conferred upon me of having a toast placed in my hands, and one which needs nothing to be said by me to commend it to your notice. It is that of "Our Hosts of this Evening, the Grand Stewards of the Year," and I am sure that all the brethren have so enjoyed the banquet that has been placed before them that I need make but few remarks. The Stewards of the year are represented on this occasion by a brother whose name you see on the paper as the President of the Board of Stewards, and I have the pleasure of connecting with this toast the name of our most excellent Bro. Letchworth, President of the Board of Stewards. (Cheers.)

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH: M.W.G.M. in the chair, and brethren, on behalf of a body whose official existence will in a few short hours be brought to a close, I have to express our warmest thanks to the District Grand Master of Griqualand for the extremely kind manner in which he has proposed this toast, and to you, brethren, for the cordial reception you have been pleased to give to it. (Cheers.) The Grand Stewards most fully appreciate the honour attaching to the position they have been called upon to fill, but they no less fully recognise the responsibility which the acceptance of that office involves; and brethren, I will assure you that it is most gratifying to us to receive the assurance that in our efforts to uphold the traditions and promote the success of this Grand Festival, we receive the approbation of this distinguished and large assembly. On behalf of the Grand Stewards, permit me once more to express to you our hearty thanks for the great honour you have done us. (Cheers.)

The company, headed by the Earl of Lathom, then left the dining-room, and proceeded to the Temple, where a beautiful concert was given, the following artistes performing: Miss Fenna, Miss Orridge, Mr. Vernon Rigby, Mr. Lewis Thomas, Bro. Baxter, Bro. G. T. Carter, Mr. Coates, Bro. Winn, and Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O. The accompanyists were Bro. Meyer Lutz and Bro. C. S. Jekyll, G.O. The performance was under the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll, G.O.

All the arrangements, both of the banquet and the concert, reflected the greatest credit on the Grand Stewards.

Bro. Harker was toastmaster.

A prominent feature in the procession of the Grand Officers on their entrance to Grand Lodge, was the two new banners, borne by the Grand Standard Bearers, one having the arms of the Grand Lodge, and the other those of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The banners, with the clothing, collars, and jewels for the new officers, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

We are enabled to give the particulars of the following Grand Officers appointed on Wednesday last, and hope to supplement the list by other names next week:—

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. THOMAS ROBINSON was educated at Cambridge, being Bell's University Scholar and Scholar of Trinity College. He took his M.A. degree in 1844. He was initiated in the Scientific Lodge, No. 88 (then 105) December 27, 1841, the next year was made S.W., and in the following year became W.M. He was the First Prov. G. Chaplain of Cambridge-shire, under the late Bro. Thos. Hy. Hall, Prov. G.M., who introduced him to his Encampment of Observance, where he became, in 1844, K.T. and Prince Rose Croix, the year before the S.G.C. of 33° was established in England. He took his R.A. degree at the Chapter of Pythagoras, No. 88, in 1843. In Jamaica for twenty years he assisted his friend and College pupil, the late Dr. Hamilton, D.G.M. of East Jamaica, in resuscitating the Sussex Lodge and Chapter, 354, passing through the Principal's chair. In Kent, Bro. Robinson has been actively engaged in Masonry, consecrating lodges and chapters, installing officers, &c. He is one of the founders of Chapters 709, 1174, assisting in the formation of Prov. G. Chapter in 1877, of which he was Prov. G.H. in 1878. In 1874 he exchanged the Cambridge Chaplain's purple for the Grand Senior Warden's purple of Kent. Bro. Robinson is also Prov. G. Mark Master of Kent.

Bro. The Rev. THOMAS COCHRANE M.A., has been well known for many years as an earnest and energetic Mason. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree in 1858 and M.A. in 1860, and was ordained Deacon and Priest in 1859-60. After holding various appointments, he was presented, in January, 1867, to the rectory of Stapleford Abbots, in Essex, which preferment he still holds. Bro. Cochrane was initiated into Masonry in the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, in March, 1858, and was exalted as a Companion of the Royal Arch, in June, 1859, in the Alfred Chapter, at Oxford. In September, 1858, he succeeded the present Deputy Grand Master (then Lord Skelmersdale) as I.G. of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 567. In 1867 he was installed W.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 567, Warwick. In 1873 he was appointed Grand Chaplain of Oxfordshire, and in 1877 Senior Grand Warden of Essex, holding the latter office for two years. He became W.M. of the Hope and Unity Lodge, No. 215, Brentwood, in 1877, and W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in 1878. In the Royal Arch Degree, after passing through the various chairs in the Westminster and Keystone R.A. Chapter, he became M.E.Z. of that chapter in 1877, in which chapter he has since continued as Director of Ceremonies and Installing Principal. He also passed through all the offices and chairs in the Hope and Unity R.A. Chapter, No. 214, Romford, and became the First Principal of that chapter in 1879. Of other degrees in Freemasonry, it may be mentioned that in 1865 he was made a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, at Warwick; and during the two years, 1877 and 1878, he held the office of Preceptor of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory of Knights Templar at Oxford, having H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., as his Constable; and on the 11th of November, 1878, at 33, Golden-square, by special dispensation, he installed His Royal Highness as his successor in the chair of Preceptor of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory, and in May, 1878, he was appointed to the office of Grand Prelate of Knights Templar of England and Wales, in the Great Priory. In the Mark Degree, Bro. Cochrane is a Past Grand Chaplain of Middlesex and Surrey, and is Chaplain of the Carnarvon Mark Lodge, No. 7. In 1865 he was perfected at Warwick as a Member of the 18°, and is now in office in the Canterbury Rose Croix Chapter. Bro. Cochrane has been for many years a constant supporter of the Masonic Charities, being a Life Governor of all three of them, and has on four occasions served as steward at the festivals. He represented his lodge, the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, as steward of the Boys' School, and of the Benevolent Institution, in the year 1874; as steward of the Girls' School in 1875; and again, as W.M. of No. 10, he served a second stewardship of the Boys' School in 1878. It will thus be seen that after more than twenty-four years of faithful service to the Craft our worthy and esteemed brother has fully merited preferment in Grand Lodge.

GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Major PENRICE was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, in the beginning of 1840. For two successive years he was W.M. of the Lodge of United Friends at Yarmouth, No. 313, and for one year of No. 52, Union Lodge, at Norwich. He is also P.Z. of the Cabbell Chapter. He has filled the offices of Prov. G. Registrar and Prov. G.S. Warden for Norfolk, and as D.P.G.M. designate had the honour of receiving H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. upon the occasion of his installing Lord Suffield as Prov. G. Master of Norfolk. The office of D.P.G.M. he still retains.

Bro. R. C. ELSE, the present D.P.G.M. for Somerset, was initiated in the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, Highbridge, Somerset, in April, 1858. After having served the several offices was installed W.M. in 1865, and elected Treasurer in 1870, and held the latter office for many years. Bro. Else was appointed P.G.S.B. for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, and P.G. Secretary in 1865, by the then R.W.P.G.M., Col. A. W. Adair. He held the office of Secretary until 1870, when he was made P.G.S.W., taking office of Secretary again the following year, and held same until the death of Bro. Capt. H. Bridges, D.P.G.M., when he was appointed to the Deputy Grand Mastership of the Province by the R.W.P.G.M. Lord Carnarvon, which office he still holds, and has in addition to other Masonic work during the period, installed 120 W.M.'s in the chair of K.S. and consecrated 4 new Lodges in the province. Bro. Else was installed in the Vale of Jehosaphat Chapter, No. 291, Highbridge, in July, 1860; passed through the several offices and was installed Z in 1870; was elected Treasurer in 1872, and held the office for many years.

Is also a P.Z. of Chapter 261, and 446—of which latter he was one of the founders. Upon the establishment of a P.G. Chapter for Somerset in 1880, he was appointed by the W.E. Grand Superintendent Col. A. W. Adair, the 2nd. Principal, and still holds the position. Bro. Else was advanced in the Mark Lodge, No. 102, Weston-super-Mare, December, 1870, and served the several offices in the same. Was one of the founders of Mark Lodge, No. 119, Brislington; No. 128, Frome; and of 191, Bridgwater; was elected W.M. of 128 the first two years and of 191 the first year, and now serving as W.M. of 191 the second time. Appointed P.G.S.W. in the P.G. Mark Lodge of Somerset in 1874, by the then R.W.P.G.M.M. Lord Carnarvon, and P.G.M. for Somerset, March, 1881, by the M.W.G.M.M. Lord Lathom, which he still holds. He is a Royal Ark Mariner, and was perfected in the William Irwin Rose Croix Chapter, Weston-super-Mare, August, 1871. Served the several offices and occupied the chair of same as M.W.S., and was admitted to the 30° in May, 1874. Bro. Else is a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, and was installed in the Worlebury Encampment, Weston-super-Mare, August, 1872. Served the several offices, passed the chair as E.P., and was appointed Captain of Guards in the Great Priory, 1881.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

Bro. HORACE JONES, Grand Superintendent of Works, was initiated in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, in 1864, and having in due course been appointed Warden, was at length rewarded for his labours in behalf of the lodge by election, in 1869, to the chair of K.S. We are not aware that he has ever connected himself with any other Lodges, but if he has not taken as active a part as some Craftsmen in the concerns of Freemasonry, he has known how to give practical illustration to its chiefest virtue, being, as he is, a Life Governor of, and having served the office of Steward at one of the Festivals for each of our Charitable Institutions. He is a distinguished member of the Society of British Architects, and from his official connection as City Architect with the great Corporation of London, has had opportunities of showing his skill which do not always fall to members of his calling. Some years since he successfully restored the Guildhall, which is a fine example of the architecture of the nineteenth century. The Guildhall Library was erected from his designs, while that magnificent range of public Markets, which stand on the site of old Smithfield, will be a lasting memorial of his skill and cunning. He has also furnished the plans for the New Council Chamber. Under these circumstances we may, without presumption, congratulate His Royal Highness the Grand Master, as we do most heartily congratulate our respected Bro. Horace Jones, on his appointment to the distinguished office of Grand Superintendent of Works in the United Grand Lodge of England.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. JOHN MESSENT was initiated in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231 (then No. 281), in the year 1855, and has been an active member of the lodge since. He served the office of J.W. in 1857, S.W. in 1858, and W.M. in 1859. Since then he has installed every Master in the chair. He was elected Treasurer in 1864. In 1873 he prepared and delivered a centenary address to the members. He was elected a member of the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, in 1873, in which he had previously performed the ceremony of installation for many years, having installed nine Masters. He was exalted in the British Chapter, No. 8, on the 5th May, 1871, and appointed P.S. in 1874, M.E. in 1879, following Comp. Sir John B. Monckton and others. Bro. Messent has served the office of Steward at the festivals of all the Charities.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. H. S. ALLPASS was initiated in Lodge of Sincerity, No. 368 (now 292), on March 8th, 1847, in due time served as W.M., and was exalted in the following year in the Chapter of Liverpool, No. 292, and in due course served the office of First Principal. In 1851 he joined the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 155, served the office of W.M., and has been Treasurer of the same for a quarter of a century. In 1864 he joined the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, and has been Treasurer ever since. Bro. Allpass was one of the founders of the Sefton Chapter, No. 780, and has served the office of First Principal; also one of the founders and first W.M. of the Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 1570. He was made a Knight Templar in the Jacques de Molay Encampment in 1851, and served the offices of 1st Grand Standard Bearer and Prov. G. 1st Captain, Lancashire. He was one of the founders of the Alpass Encampment and the first E.C. He was admitted into the Palatine Rose Croix Chapter, Manchester, in 1856, and was one of the founders of the Liverpool Rose Croix Chapter, in which he served the office of M.W.S. In 1870 he was made a Mark Mason, and is a member of the 32° and the Royal Order of Scotland. Bro. Allpass has held office in the Provincial Grand Lodge Western Division, Lancashire since 1855, and as follows:—Appointed Prov. G. Steward, 1855, served till 1859, and then appointed P.G. Sword Bearer, 1860; appointed by the late Prov. G.M., Sir Thomas G. Hesketh, Bart., in January, 1866, Prov. G. Sec. and still continues to hold this appointment under the Earl of Lathom, was also appointed Prov. G.S.E. on the formation of the Prov. G. Chapter, and still holds the office. In the Charities, Bro. Allpass is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and served as Steward at the festivals of the Boys' and R.M. Benevolent Institution, in addition to which he is a Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Institution and the Hamer Fund.

Bro. WILLIAM MASEFIELD is a resident of Dudley, and is Dep. Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire. From his long connection with the Craft he is well known in the Masonic world, but in his own province and throughout the Midlands his name and figure are so familiar with all the Brethren as to need no description at our hands. To those of our readers who are not so well informed, we may say that Bro. Masefield is in his eighty-second year, and that the last forty years of a long life have been consistently devoted to the best interests of the Craft in general and the province of Worcestershire in particular, where he is loved and revered as only such an one can be. Bro. Masefield was initiated into Masonry in 1842, was exalted in the R.A. Degree in 1844, installed K.T. in 1851, advanced to the Mark Degree in 1856, perfected in the Vernon Chapter R.C., Birmingham, in 1855, and has received the honours from these degrees meet to the services he has rendered them. He has also attained distinction in the higher degrees of the A. and A. Rite, having taken the 30° in 1857, the 31° in 1860, and the 32° in 1862. Bro. Masefield has been Master of the Dudley Lodges, 252 and 498, several times; and to show that he is an ardent worker even in old age we may state that he continues to hold the following offices:—Secretary, 498 Lodge, for thirty-one years; Scribe E., 252 Chapter, twenty-five years; Scribe, 498 Chapter, twenty-one years; and Treasurer, R. de Vernon Preceptory, K.T.,

twenty-five years. He was Prov. Grand Sec. for Worcestershire in 1847, Prov. G. Treas. from 1852 to 1872, and was appointed Dep. Prov. G.M. in 1873. We think our readers will admit that this necessarily brief sketch of some of the meritorious services of our aged brother proves him worthy of the highest honours the Craft can bestow. His appointment to Grand Lodge will be a most popular and pleasing one in the province.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. CUSINS was initiated into Masonry in 1872, in the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, and went into office almost immediately, rising to be Master of that lodge in 1877. He actually performed the work of Master for two years, during which period he had the honour of initiating, among others, Mr. Charles Barry, the architect, Mr. Henry Irving, the actor, and Mr. Hayter Lewis, Professor of Architecture at University College, Gower-street. He is a member of the Royal Arch Friends in Council Chapter, and of the Canterbury Rose Croix Chapter. In these he has not taken office, probably on account of his professional avocation not permitting him to undertake more Masonic work. He is, as a musical man, the conductor of the concerts of the Philharmonic Society, and "Master of the Music" to the Queen, in which capacity he conducts the State Concerts. He is also favourably known as a composer and pianist. Only lately a new Te Deum of his was performed for the first time by the Sacred Harmonic Society; and, as a pianist, he has played at home and abroad, at the Leipzig Gewandhaus Concerts among other places, the works of the great masters and his own compositions.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. L. F. LITTELL was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, on 13th October, 1864. In 1867 he was appointed to fill the Junior Warden's chair, and the year following was promoted to that of Senior Warden. In 1869 he had the honour of being chosen W.M., and his services in that capacity were highly appreciated by the members. In the year 1871 he took an active part in the promotion of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, and was appointed its Acting Past Master. In 1874 he was elected Treasurer of his mother lodge, but two years later, at the unanimous request of the Brethren, he vacated that post in order to assume the Secretaryship, an office he has ever since continued to hold. He was also a founder and first Senior Warden of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827; and when, in November last, he completed his term as W.M., in which office he succeeded Sir John B. Monckton, he was presented with a handsome silver jewel as a memorial of the zeal and ability he had shown in fulfilling the duties of the chair. He has served as steward to the R.M.B.I.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the 3rd May next:—

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business, to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read and confirmed. Installation of Principals, and Appointment and Investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January, to the 18th April, 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£1620 3 1	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£237 4 7
„ Balance Unappropriated	„	„ Balance	1813 17 2
„ Account	183 6 5	„ „ in Unappropriated	„
„ Subsequent Receipts	447 11 2	„ Account	199 18 11
	£2251 0 8		£2251 0 8

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry William Loof as Z.; Edgar Grove Roderick as H.; William Henry Hugh Money as J.; and eleven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Hope, No. 413, Meerut, to be called "The Prinsep Chapter," and to meet at Meerut, Bengal, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions John Greenlaw Forbes as Z.; William R. Barry as H.; The Rev. Edmund Jermyn as J.; and nine others, for a chapter to be attached to the Kumaon Lodge, No. 1870, Nynce Tal, to be called "The Gabriel Chapter," and to meet at Nynce Tal, Bengal, in the East Indies.

3rd. From Companions Edwin Groves as Z.; Cornelius George Adams as H.; Thomas Good as J.; and seventeen others, for a chapter to be attached to the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, Landport, to be called "The Landport Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-rd., Landport, Hants.

4th. From Companions John Straker Wilson as Z.; Richard Eynon as H.; John Braithwaite, as J.; and six others, for a chapter to be attached to the Gosforth Lodge, No. 1664, Gosforth, to be called "The Gosforth Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Gosforth, in the county of Northumberland.

5th. From Companions Arthur Bott Cook as Z.; Edgar Alexander Baylis as H.; Alfred Cooper as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, London, to be called "The Studholme Chapter," and to meet at No. 33, Golden-square, London.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer,
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th April, 1882.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year.

ERRATA.—In our report last week of the Lodge of Benevolence, we described Bro. Joshua Nunn as President of the Board of General Purposes. It is perhaps hardly necessary to say that "President of the Board of Benevolence" was meant.

In the report of the Consecration of the Clerkenwell Lodge in the same number, Bro. Major Pocock was made to say he hoped the Oliver Memorial would be the last of the sort raised in the province. It should have been "not the last."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held at the Hall, on Thursday, the 27th inst., Bro. Col. John Creton, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Joshua Nunn, R. Grey, John A. Rucker, Frank Richardson, H. A. Dubois, F. Adlard, J. H. Matthews, A. H. Tattershall, H. Venn, G. G. Brown, Raynham W. Stewart, J. S. Peirce, C. Hammerton, Edgar Bowyer, E. M. Money, H. J. Griffiths, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last General Committee were read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee of 30th March and 20th April, of the Quarterly Court of 8th inst., and of the Audit Committee of 25th March, were read for information.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the sum of £1000 be invested and placed to the Sustentation Fund, which now exceeds £5000.

Three petitions were considered, and being found in order were ordered to be received and placed on the list.

The application on behalf of Ada A. Wright was mentioned, and the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Bro. Molesworth, by whom the application to admit this candidate by purchase, had been made asking whether, as a sister of the child in question had just been admitted to the institution, the present candidate was eligible.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not feel quite competent immediately to reply, but invited Bro. Stewart and the other brethren present to ventilate their views on the subject. Whereupon Bro. Raynham Stewart said that he thought that the admission was barred by law 56: "No petition shall be received on behalf of any girl who has a sister in the institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates." He thought however there had been a case in the Boys' School, and he would like to refer to that before giving an opinion. He would therefore move adjournment of the subject.

Bro. RICHARDSON thought that when an admission to the Institution was purchased, no election was necessary.

Bro. NUNN held that Law 35, taken in connection with Laws No. 50 and forward, rendered a petition necessary in every case.

Bro. RICHARDSON said that he remembered being present on the occasion when this law was passed, and he distinctly remembered that there was a discussion upon this very point, and it was determined that no two children of the same parents should be in the Institution at the same time.

After some further conversation the CHAIRMAN said that there was nothing in the laws to indicate that they could take two girls where one happened to be a purchase case. He did not see his way clearly for the moment, though he remembered the discussion which took place on the passing of the Law No. 56, mentioned by Bro. Dickenson; and he thought it advisable that further consideration should be deferred.

It was then moved, seconded, and carried that further consideration of the subject be deferred for a month, by which time Bro. Stewart would be prepared with information as to what had taken place with regard to the case that had occurred in the Boys' School.

It was proposed by Bro. NUNN, and seconded by Bro. RICHARDSON, that the Salaries of Miss Davis and three assistant teachers be increased; the whole of the several additions only amounting to £50.

Bro. TATTERSHALL moved an amendment, that the subject be referred back to the House Committee, as there were very few members of that Committee present when the subject was discussed, and he thought it a matter that should be discussed by a full Committee.

The amendment having been seconded, was put by the Chairman, and lost, after which the original motion was put and carried by a large majority.

The next business on the agenda was the nomination of the House and Audit Committee for the ensuing year.

The Audit Committee, as at present constituted, was proposed, and there being no fresh nomination, was declared duly elected.

The House Committee was also proposed for re-election *en bloc*; but the names of Bros. R. Grey, J. H. Matthews, and E. Montennis were also proposed, and there will, therefore, be an election.

Bros. Dicketts, Money, Webster, and Bowyer were proposed as Scrutineers.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

The Royal Wedding, which has been the subject of so much interest to the English public, and of special interest to the Craft of which His Royal Highness is so distinguished a member, took place at Windsor, on Thursday last. The morning opened in the most auspicious manner, the sun shining brightly in an unclouded sky.

The wedding guests assembled in the State Apartments of the Palace, all of which, including St. George's Hall, the Grand Reception Room, the Throne Room, Ante Throne Room, the Ruben's Room, the Vandyke Room, Guard Chamber, Zuccarelli Room, and Waterloo Chamber, were brought into requisition for the wedding festivities.

At a quarter to twelve her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales left the Castle in a carriage drawn by two greys, and was preceded and followed by an escort of the 2nd Dragoons. Following in the procession were the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with whom were Princess Christian. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh immediately followed. After a pause, during which the guard of honour was allowed to stand at ease, the Queen's procession left the Castle. Her Majesty was accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Princess Victoria of Hesse, and left by what is called the Queen's entrance of the Castle. There was a field officer's escort of the 2nd Life Guards protecting her Majesty, who was loyally cheered along the whole line of route, and when the carriage, drawn by four greys, passed into King Edward's Gateway, leading to St. George's Chapel, a ringing cheer went forth, in response to which her Majesty, who was looking well, graciously bowed her acknowledgments. Another brief pause took place, and then the sound of trumpets heralded the approach of the bridegroom's procession. It was preceded by an escort of the Guards. His Royal Highness, who was accompanied by the Prince of Wales and his brother-in-law, the Grand Duke of Hesse, was heartily cheered. The Queen did not enter St. George's Chapel till twenty minutes past twelve, and it was fully ten minutes later before the bride and bridegroom followed. The Royal party were all vociferously cheered as they passed into the chapel, the bride receiving a special welcome. Inside St. George's Chapel, which was opened shortly after eleven o'clock, the scene from the organ loft was most beautiful.

At a quarter past twelve a flourish of trumpets at the west entrance announced that the procession was formed. The organ pealed forth a Wedding March as the procession filed slowly up the nave. A second flourish of trumpets announced the Queen's procession, consisting of Her

Majesty, Princess Beatrice, and the Grand Ducal Princess Victoria of Hesse. Her Majesty was conducted to the *haut pas* in front of the altar by the Lord Chamberlain. The bridegroom was received by the Lord Steward, and conducted to the choir, supported by the Prince of Wales, wearing the costume of a Field Marshal, and the Grand Duke of Hesse. Prince Leopold wore a colonel's costume, and walked with the aid of a stick. Gounod's March was played whilst the bride's procession proceeded to the choir. The Princess Helen was supported by her father, Prince Waldeck, and the King of the Netherlands. The Princess stood in front of the altar, where she was joined by the bridegroom, the Queen stepping forward and saluting the bride.

The bridal party, formed into groups right and left of the altar, presented brilliant contrasts of colour, and formed a *coup d'œil* never seen but on rare occasions of high State ceremonials. The Archbishop of Canterbury commenced the marriage service. The two psalms were sung to a double chant composed by Sir G. Elvey. The ceremonial concluded with Beethoven's "Hallelujah" chorus, the united processions quitting the choir whilst the organ played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." At the conclusion of the ceremony the Queen embraced the Princess, and congratulations passed between all the Royal Princes and Princesses. On quitting the choir the order of the processions was reversed; the Duke of Albany and his Duchess taking precedence for once of her Majesty at a ceremonial in her own dominions.

It was about twenty minutes past one o'clock before the Royal party left St. George's Chapel. Her Majesty and the Duke and Duchess of Albany and other members of the Royal Family were loudly cheered on their way up Castle-walk, and immediately afterwards the immense concourse of spectators began slowly moving off. It is estimated there were about 20,000 strangers in the town.

Later in the afternoon their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Albany, attended by the Hon. Mrs. Moreton, and the Hon. C. Yorke, left Windsor for Claremont, where they will spend their honeymoon. They drove by way of Castle-hill and High-street, which was thronged by an enthusiastic multitude.

The following particulars of Prince Leopold's Masonic career may be interesting to our readers: The Prince received a part of his education at the University of Oxford, and hence his close connection with the Apollo University Lodge, 367, of which he is a Past Master—having been installed Worshipful Master by the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, in February, 1876; and with the Masonic Province of Oxfordshire, of which he is Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, having been appointed to the former by his brother, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., in 1875, and installed in 1876, and to the latter by his Royal brother and M.E. Companion, the Grand Z., in 1881. He was Grand Junior Warden of United Grand Lodge in the year 1877-8—his brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, being at the same time Grand Senior Warden. On the 17th December last, in the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, he was installed M.E.Z. of the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, Oxford, the chief part in the ceremony being undertaken by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. On the 6th December last he was installed Past Grand Mark Master Mason by Grand Mark Master Mason Lord Henniker. He is an honorary member 33° of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and a Knight Grand Cross and Constable of the Great Priory of the Masonic Order of the Temple and Malta of England and Wales. He is likewise an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL AND THE FREEMASONS.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

In a quaint little book, published in 1769, whose author was Henry Malden, chapel-clerk of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, I find reference made to Freemasonry. The author was not a member of the Order, and his avowed object in producing his "Account of King's College Chapel" was personal profit. His description is very minute, and he gives copies of most of the agreements entered into with the Masons who constructed the chapel. These are of course very similar to those which may be seen in the library of York Minster. The earliest indenture is dated 1476, and is made with "John Wubrich, Maistr Mason of the Werks, John Bell, Mason Wardyn of the same werks," &c. The stone roof, the marvel of all ages, was, however, the work of John Wastell, Master Mason, whose Warden was Herry Semerk, the first indenture of agreement with them having been made in 4 Henry VIII. Mr. Malden, after describing the geometrical proportions and peculiarities of this roof, adds a foot-note as follows:—

"The mystery of constructing roofs of this kind was the original secret of Free-Masons: of whom John Wastell, the Master Mason, contracted to employ not less than sixty for carrying on the works of this chapel. This note I am authorised to add by a gentleman who has made the structure of many ancient Gothic buildings, and particularly that of King's Chapel, his favourite study.

"Of FREEMASONS, as they were the builders of the chapel, I shall beg leave to give the following account:

"A set of foreigners, who called themselves FREE MASONS (because none were acquainted with the secrets of their trade except such as were Free and Accepted Members of their Society) are said to have introduced the art of building with stone into England about the middle of the seventh century. These were formerly divided into parties or companies. Each party was subject to a Master, a Warden, and other inferior officers: (names retained amongst Freemasons to this day). They assembled in one common room (called a Lodge) where they consulted about carrying on the works which their Master and Warden had undertaken: for they were chiefly employed in raising cathedrals, chapels, and other buildings of the like kind. A company of Free Masons (as I am led to conclude from the second and third indentures), to their immortal honour, contracted for building different parts of the chapel. They have left, I am told, in the course of their work, certain marks well known to all adepts of their Society. What these monuments of Masonry may be I cannot declare: but refer my reader, if he is learned in the secrets of the fraternity, to an inspection of every mysterious token about the building. One thing, however, I shall mention, which has been often observed: that in the South Porch of the chapel there are THREE steps, at the West Door FIVE, and in the North Porch SEVEN. These are numbers with the mystery, or at least with the sound of which Masons are said to be particularly acquainted. . . . It is probable that the person who was Architect of the chapel (Nicholas Close, Bishop of Lichfield) was a member of that Fraternity."

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SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 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 fairplay to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free
discussion.]

TERRITORIAL GRAND ORIENT OF MOROCCO AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Myattention has been directed to a leading article
in your issue of the 1st of April, in which you state that
the actions of the M.W. the Grand Master of Manitoba
"seem marked by an ignorance of Masonic law and pre-
cedent," whilst you attribute to myself certain acts which
you are pleased to consider Masonically illegal.

The reckless use of such terms as those I have italicised
cannot be too strongly deprecated, even among Masons
belonging to the same jurisdiction, but the offence against
fraternal courtesy and etiquette becomes still more grave
when the objectionable words are applied by brethren to
Masons acknowledging another obedience, and to officers
of the highest rank in a foreign Grand Lodge.

The M.W. the Grand Master of Manitoba had individu-
ally nothing to do with the granting of the "dispensation"
to the Al Moghreb al Aksa Lodge. The facts of the case
are as follows: In September, 1880, a number of Masons
residing or sojourning in Gibraltar and Morocco formed
themselves into a "Moorish Masonic Committee," for the
purpose of propagating Masonry in Morocco. Its first act
was to seek the assistance of a duly recognised Grand
Lodge, to obtain from it authority to open a lodge, so as to
form a nucleus. For many and just reasons, and guided
by my counsel, the brethren interested in the movement
sought and obtained the needful aid from Manitoba, whose
Grand Lodge, after due consideration and the lapse of
several months, granted a dispensation at its annual Com-
munication in February, 1881.

The M.W. the Grand Master did nothing on his own
responsibility, and, therefore, you should apologise for the
expressions you have used with reference to that exalted
brother.

The Grand Lodge acted on my recommendation, and I
am quite prepared to assume the whole responsibility and
to defend my actions before any properly constituted
Masonic tribunal.

I would remind you, Bro. Editor, that these matters, the
memory of which you indiscreetly seek to revive, have been
settled amicably between the two Grand Lodges of England
and Manitoba; and I would caution you, in the interests of
Masonic harmony throughout the world, but more especi-
ally in the interests of British Masonry, that you should
take care not to originate a controversy regarding the many
moot points connected with the "claim of joint exclusive
jurisdiction put forth by certain Grand Lodges over isolated
territories, more especially with reference to the colony of
Gibraltar, and the question of that territory being legally
and properly occupied." *Verò, sup.*

I now turn to the consideration of the rather extraordi-
nary trivial charges you bring against myself. Now, would it
surprise you to learn that the title of *Special Deputy
Grand Master*, at which you take exception as "a rank
you know not and cannot even surmise," is one duly recog-
nised by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba?

We Transoceanic Masons do not question the right of
independent Grand Lodges to bestow what titles they deem
proper. We think the Grand Lodge of Scotland is acting
perfectly within its rights when it appoints officers bearing
such titles as "Depute Grand Master" and "Substitute
Master," "Grand Cashier," and "Grand Bard;" and the
Grand Lodge of England is not cavilled at because it em-
ploys the most un-English title of "Pro Grand Master" to
distinguish one of its highest officials.

The freedom we extend to others in this respect we have
every right to claim for ourselves.

Pardon me for remarking, in all good humour, Bro.
Editor, that you, as an English Mason, have as little right
to take exceptions to the titles borne by foreign Grand
Lodge Officers, as you have power to prevent the inhabi-
tants of one of the "lesser lights in Masonry" forming a
"Selenian Grand Lodge," and the "Man in the Moon"
being appointed "Grand Provincial Lunatic" thereof.

But the rank which I have the honour to bear is not the
only expression which your soul abhorreth, as you immedi-
ately after fall foul of that awful word "territorial."

Let me calm your troubled breast by the assurance that
the most eminent logomachists agree in considering it a
perfectly harmless one.

I employed it because it exactly expressed the meaning
I wished to convey, and it was chosen for this reason in
preference to other adjectives, which, in a Masonic con-
nection might have sounded more familiar to English ears
(vide any dictionary on territory, territorial, province, pro-
vincial, district, &c.).

The "proverbial schoolboy" is aware of the fact that on
the continent of North America all regions when first
ushered into political existence are formed into "territories,"
which do not attain at once to the dignity of having a
separate legislature, but are dependant on the central or
supreme authority, and are ruled over by a provisional
government, which is called a territorial one.

I would further remark that in the recent re-organisation
of the British Army the word "territorial" has been freely
introduced, and I would respectfully submit, with all due
deference to your editorial judgment, that this expression
which has been in use for years in the political language of
Canada and the United States, and which has now been
received into favour by the military authorities in Pall Mall,
cannot possibly be open to objection or convey, as you
appear to think, a revolutionary or machavelian meaning.
On the contrary, it is a perfectly legitimate expression, and
can be adopted, as it has been, with the greatest propriety
into Masonry, whose proudest boast is, that though con-
servative, she is liberal and progressive.

I regret, of course, that such things, which are, after
all, but "words, words, words," should have excited your
susceptibilities, and if you assure me that what you term
the "Manitoba-Morocco Grand Lodge" will be received
into editorial favour, I shall consider the propriety of
abandoning the use of the irritating words, and shall call

the institution itself by the good old Ojibbeway term in use by the Aboriginal inhabitants of Manitoba, "Gitchi-Midiwakamig," whilst I shall assume the title of "Calycepha Bilmhal'am Almoadjan," or some such Arabic equivalent.

The vernacular of Moghreb and Manitoba would thus be delightfully blended, and your ideas of the "eternal fitness of things" would no doubt be satisfied.

But any one can clearly perceive that your real reason of unmerited antagonism has nothing to do with mere empty words or expressions.

The important portion of your editorial lies in its concluding clauses.

You here indulge in a little sarcasm which you might have spared us. You speak of us as "a very modern body of Freemasons, who from across the Atlantic foam chartered a lodge in Morocco."

What has that misguided body of water, the Atlantic Ocean, been doing that in the same year both Mr. Oscar Wilde and yourself should speak so contemptuously of all pertaining to it?

In your case is there not a little tiny speck of inconsistency displayed, for I perceive among the members of the 30², under the Supreme Council of England, the name of one George Kenning. If the high Masonic rank borne by this Grand Elected Knight K.H., and Knight of the Black and White Eagle, did not originally come to England from across the "Atlantic foam," to use your own practical expression, from where on earth did he obtain it?

You then proceed to say that it is absurd on the face of it for these "foaming Atlantic Freemasons" to intrude on Morocco. Where is the absurdity? Morocco was unoccupied territory, open to the whole Masonic world.

You add that, because in "close proximity to Morocco is one of the oldest Provincial Grand Lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Andalusia and Gibraltar, under the English Constitution, that all would admit that the proper course would have been for an offshoot from this Provincial Grand Lodge to have taken root in Morocco." Now, strange to say, there is no such Masonic Body in existence as the Provincial Grand Lodge mentioned above, and the putting out of offshoots by a non-existent institution would be rather a curious, not to say difficult operation, and one which, I fear, if performed, would be in the critical eyes of some, a rather "abnormal Masonic act," which it would be the duty of a Masonic journal to comment upon.

I presume, however, you refer to the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar (E.C.). This no doubt respectable, but highly "Rip-Van-Winkellian" body pursues the even tenour of its ways, and is highly satisfied with its own performances, in holding monotonous semi-annual communications, without pruning its wings for a flight into Morocco or pruning its offshoots to be planted in that soil.

Now, may I ask you to give a plain answer to a plain question or two?

What have English Masons done that they should regard Morocco as a part of their Masonic inheritance? and why should the public be informed that the movement, which you unwillingly admit was an admirable one, was begun Masonically wrong, because, forsooth, myself and others were not English Masons, and did not look for support to a source with which we had no connection?

Since 1728, when the Grand Master, the Earl of Coleraine, granted a charter to the first Masonic lodge originated in Gibraltar, English Masons have calmly looked on the broad field of Masonic enterprise lying fallow and unoccupied before them across the Straits. Yet during all this time it never entered into their conceptions to do anything for the advancement of our Order in that vast territory.

But mark you, when I, at the head of some forty-two brethren, of whom a very small proportion indeed were English Masons, initiated a movement which after two years of contention with great difficulty we have brought to a flourishing condition, instead of meeting with approbation we are assailed by jealous and unfraternal remarks.

What did English Masons care for a century and a half about Morocco? Nothing! Absolutely nothing! And therefore now they have not the slightest right to interfere with our proceedings.

There is no use lamenting over spilled milk; and the conduct of the fox who looked at the unattainable grapes in the fable is therefore highly to be commended. I would advise you, my dear brother, to bow to the inevitable, and not grieve over the "might, could, would, or should have been," for one of our American poets tells us

"That of all the sad words of tongue and pen
There is none so sad as 'might have been.'"

Instead, therefore, of finding fault with those who are endeavouring to do a good Masonic work in a legitimate manner, and instead of sadly musing over what might have been, I frankly ask you, as you have tendered your opinions unsought, to tender us now your sympathy and help on being solicited to do so.

I am no novice at the opening up of new Masonic territory, and have never before been accused of illegality.

If you were fully cognizant of the various difficulties which have been encountered and overcome, and all the peculiar circumstances of the case, and how in a mixed population Christian, Jewish, and Mahometan prejudices have to be met with, treated with circumspection, and successfully explained away; how far work such as this, a mere nominee to a certain office, say that of District Grand Master selected in the manner you suggest would prove an utterly abortive appointment, as the enterprise requires

at its head one who has some knowledge of the people of the country, who likes them, and above all, takes an interest in the work, and has sufficient knowledge of Masonry, in a Cosmopolitan sense, to adopt special measures to meet special contingencies without transgressing the bounds of Masonic laws.

Situated as you are at a distance, it is impossible for you to understand the difficulties we have encountered; if you knew them you would sympathise instead of discourage.

Did it ever strike you, for instance, that the establishment of a lodge under the obedience of the Grand Lodge of England, or the Grand Orients of France or Spain would give offence to many? Yet I assure you it would; for just now throughout the Empire of Morocco international rivalries are very prevalent, and the opening of lodges under the auspices of every European Grand Body would be certain to give alarm to others and awaken political animosities.

All such feelings are avoided by the introduction of Masonry into the territory, through the comparatively unknown Grand Lodge, whose kind assistance I have so far availed myself of.

Yours fraternally,

R. STEWART PATTERSON, 18^o,
Special Deputy Grand Master for
Morocco, P. Grand Master Province
of Manitoba, and P.D.G.M., Grand
Lodge of Canada.

Gibraltar, April 13th.

[Our brother cannot complain either of our courtesy or our liberality of space.—Ed. F.M.]

A LATIN QUOTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice in one of your leaderettes last week a mistake in Latin, which, though of small moment in itself actually, is trying both to the readers who understand Latin and to the writer who uses a classical illustration seeking to make a point. "Invelvo" is, of course, a printer's error for "Involve," and may be a slip of the typist, or it may be an oversight of the corrector.

As a rule, the less Latin we use the better, though every now and then a Latin quotation, as in the present instance, is apposite and full of force; but as it is just possible that our printers do not like Latin, I venture to suggest that, unless the passage is correctly given, more harm than good is done by its appearance, and Latin quotations should be introduced, then, as seldom as possible, and very often excised by the Editor. No doubt, some people like the use of Latin. We may many of us remember the well-known story of the old parish clerk, who was commenting to a friendly visitor of the church on the comparative merits of the new and the old vicar, and who declared that the old vicar was, in his opinion, a far better preacher than the new one, who had great reputation in that respect. "Why," asked his visitor, "do you say so?" "Ah, sir," was the old parish clerk's triumphant rejoinder, "he was such a fine Latiner!"

Excuse my troubling you, and believe me, fraternally yours,
PLAIN ENGLISH.

AN APPEAL

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Masonic Charity Organizations are doing very valuable work in advancing the interests of many candidates who would otherwise be friendless; but I fear that there are some deserving Masons who will be somewhat prejudiced by their action,—I mean our Colonial brethren. With no English Province to support them, there is the danger that their claims will be overlooked. I can at the present minute vouch for the extreme urgency of one such case, that of Bro. Thomas William Sewell, a candidate at the May election. He is blind, and very poor. I shall be extremely grateful if any brethren will send their votes for him to

Yours very fraternally,

J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C.
Moulsoe Rectory, Newport Pagnell.

AN IMPOSTOR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Almoners and others should keep a sharp look-out for one James Baird, tall in stature, rather dark, and shabbily dressed, who says he was initiated in St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, Glasgow, and recently a member of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, London. The answer from the last-named is, "Know nothing of such an individual." He was this way in June, 1877, and is, in all probability a professional vagrant.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY. By ANNA LISLE. Groombridge and Sons, London.

Anna Lisle, or rather Annabella Crawford, is favourably known to some of our readers as the authoress of "Winnie Travers," "Quicksands," &c., and has now put forth a fresh claim for public approval in the story under review. It seems to us, after perhaps only a cursory examination, owing to much pressure of work, one of those semi-sentimental, semi-didactic, semi-prosaic utterances of the hour which seek to weave out of our common daily life, experience, and converse, a web of pleasant romance, gay illusions, and improving emotions. The writer starts with an ideal of what is amiable, high, true, graceful, and good, and all the characters are skilfully pressed into the service by this pleasant mystagogue, who unveils the scenes and illusions of the lesser and the greater mysteries of life to wondering acolytes or sagacious epeots. And we quite agree with the theory of the writer of this and similar stories, and quite approve of their efforts and their outcome. Surely it is better far to fix our minds on the sublime and the sentimental, the tender and the true, the loving and the loyal, than to educe from our overwrought consciousness, or irritable temperament the unwholesome and the unsound creations of the mere sensationalist. The trees of the Garden of Eden are preferable to the Dead Sea fruits; and the unreal and unsavoury illustrations of animal passion or desperate crime give often a most pernicious tendency to the yearnings of the young, and lead them rather to grovel in the dirt, to dwell in the cities of the plain than aspire and look upwards to mountain ranges, or, in Longfellow's thrilling words, unfurl the banner of "Excelsior." It was said by one of the wisest and best of men that the one point which filled him with anxiety as regards the present, was that young and old were not content with humble enjoyments, but must always be craving for what is expensive, grand, abnormal, new, strange. And yet it is in the round of little things, humble homes, daily sacrifices, and perhaps unwelcome duties, common joys, and simple pleasures, that the existence of most of us must be spent; and if dissatisfied with our lot, or longing always for excitement and change, the grotesque follies or painted shadows of the hour, we leave our own natural position, and the normal claims upon us, for what lies really beyond our horizon, we are only laying up in store for ourselves, one and all, a bitter disappointment and depressing heartache some day. All such stories, then, as the one before us are to be commended for the young and for us all, inasmuch as they set life and home and duty and responsibility before us, as they are for us all here. It is possible, nay, probable, that to some of us who like only high-spiced tales, who do not believe in human virtue, who have little faith or trust in our fellow creatures, such hooks as those may appear to be poor, dull, tame, devoid of moving fancies or striking episodes. So be it. We have been all living in a very heated, unhealthy atmosphere for some years; let us seek rather the pure air of heaven, and enjoy the moorland breezes or the briny ozone of the great sea, and the peaceful and elevating influences of wood and hill, of meadow and of dale. Let us turn back readily from the unnatural to the natural, from what is grotesque to what is graceful, from evil to good, from falsehood to truth.

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The peculiar position of the *Freemason* in respect of all that touches upon works of a religious tendency, whether in the abstract or concrete, renders it a very difficult matter for a reviewer to preserve that golden mean which the constitutions and customs of the fraternity imperatively demand. And, therefore, we fear that it is impossible for us, with the best will in the world, safely to enter upon the consideration of this and similar useful works, further than to say, if it is sought to review them that in the present instance we are much struck with the admirable collocation of the special papers, and the very clear and readable and appropriate type in which so benevolent a work is printed. We are extremely struck, we may fairly add, with the beautiful verses headed, "Working, Suffering, Waiting," at page 2. We think that many of our worthy readers and Masons may be glad to know of such a useful companion for the sick bed or the sorrowing family; and we will conclude with a translation from "Spitta," equally effective and touching, entitled "Light in Darkness," appropriate both for Freemasons and non-Masons:—

"These days of dreariness are sent us from above,
They do not come in anger, but in faithfulness and love;
They come to teach us lessons, which brightness could not
yield,
And to leave us blest and thankful when their purpose is
fulfilled.

"Thy God doth not forget thee, and when He sees it best,
Will lead thee into sunshine, will give thee bowers of rest.
And all thy pain and sorrow, when the pilgrimage is o'er,
Shall end in heavenly blessedness, and joys for evermore."



AN OLD MASONIC BOOK.

"Freemasonry—a word to the wise," &c., though it was apparently unknown to Kloss, is a work of which some time back a good many copies could be obtained in London. It is now somewhat scarce, though not a work of any very great value. It was clearly taken from some foreign source, but has nothing to do with the Chapter of Rose Croix of Herodim, in London, about 1770. In fact it is an attack on the Antients, and all deviations from the Grand Lodge system, though curiously enough the writer, whoever he may be, seems to hold that the Royal Arch was part and parcel of ancient Craft Masonry. All other Degrees, even including the Herodim, the writer deals with disparagingly, and though he seems to know Preston, he clearly does not see the use of the Order of the Herodim, or Herodians. Bro. Gould and myself some time back looked carefully over the work, and with my copy is bound a copy of Cole's List of 1770, and I am bound to add that though we thought it very valuable in one respect, of the evidence in 1796, of what was the state of things, yet it is clearly a catchpenny publication, and in many instances an incorrect and abbreviated form of professed High Grade Rituals. A few years back it could be bought for a very small sum in London; now, owing to the rise of Masonic literature, these and Hermetic books are not so easy to find or cheap to obtain. I think it well to send this contribution to day as, curiously enough, Bro. Gould and myself, as I said before, looked over the work a year or so ago, and my old fellow student, Bro. Hughan, considered it some years back with me, in respect of its bearing on Royal Arch Masonry. Indeed, the portion of the preface relating to that subject is, to my mind, the most important section of the whole book. Bros. Cumberland and Whytehead are highly to be commended, and all Masonic students must thank them for their zeal in Masonic research, and their courtesy and readiness in communicating to others what they find out.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A QUERY.

Who were William Este Fremason, who built Woodstock Hall; James Keyley, making King Richard's tomb at Leicester; Magister William Paronus, an astronomer (astrologer?); and Master Esterfelde, at Windsor, who raised the King's tomb, all mentioned in the privy purse expenses of Henry VII., 1494-1501?

MASONIC STUDENT.

A SECRET SOCIETY.

In some letters of 1623 appears an account of a fraternity, and in which letters mention is made of it as follows. The allusion is found in a letter from John Chamberlain to Sir Dudley Carlton, December 6th, 1623, and which was published in an interesting work in two volumes, called "Court and Times of James the First," and issued by Colburn in 1848: "There is a crew, a knot of people discovered, who under colour of good fellowship have made an association, and taken certain oaths and orders devised among themselves, specially to be true and faithful to the society, and conceal one another's secrets, but mixed with a number of ridiculous toys to disguise the matter, as having a Prince, whom they call 'Ottoman,' wearing of blue or yellow ribbons in their hats or elsewhere; having certain nicknames, as 'Tityre Tu,' for their several fraternities, and many other odd conceits, the bottom whereof is not yet discovered, though divers of them have been examined and some committed, as one of the Windsors, and a few others. Most of them are young gentlemen who used to flock to taverns, thirty or forty in a company. This combination began first in the Low Countries, in the Lord Vaux's regiment, and hath soon spread itself here, to the number of eight score already known. What mischief may lurk under the mask God knows. But sure they are confident and presumed much of themselves to carry it so openly." If Windsor's examination is still in the State Paper Office, we might know more about this fraternity. Chamberlain sets it down, which is a curious fact, to the Roman Catholics, and considers it a Roman Catholic secret and destructive society.

BOOKWORM.

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREEMASONS 1734.

I am pleased to answer "Masonic Bookworm," and can do so with the facts before me. The work he mentions was published by the R.W. Bro. Benjamin Franklin, who was Prov. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and it was the first Masonic book issued in America. A copy is to be found in the library of the G. L. of Pennsylvania (Masonic Temple, Philadelphia), the following being the title-page, as given in the catalogue by my friend, Charles Eugene Meyer, the Chairman of the Library Committee: "The Constitutions of the Free Masons, containing the History, Charges, Regulations, &c., of the Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity. For the use of the Lodges. London: Printed Anno 5723. Reprinted in Philadelphia, by special order, for the use of the brethren in North America, in the year of Masonry 5734, Anno Domini 1734." It is a small quarto of ninety-four pages, and is one of the rarest works on the subject; more so than even that of 1723, its original. It is No. 239 in Bro. Carson's "Masonic Bibliography." Bro. Franklin (so Bro. Meyer tells us in the "Dedication Memorial of the Masonic Temple"), in a postscript to one of his letters to the R.W. Bro. Henry Price, informed the latter that he had published the work, and was ready to send any copies required. There could not possibly be better evidence of the activity of the Craft in Philadelphia and Boston at that period.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the County Hall, Carlisle, under the banner of Union Lodge, No. 310. In the absence of Bro. the Earl of Bective, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., the chair was occupied by W. Bro. J. L. Burns-Lindow, D.P.G.M.

There were also present Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W., as P.G.S.W.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.J.W.; Geo. J. McKay, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G. Treas.; E. Atter, P.G. Reg.; J. Pearson, P.M. 327, P.G.S.D.; W. Bell, P.M. 1390, P.G. D.C.; Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. 872, P.G.A.D.C.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Cook, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Bewes, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Gate, 371, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Mandall, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Court, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Carlyle, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Walters, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Spittal, P.P.G.J.W.; J. M. Salisbury, P.P.G.T.; T. Atkinson, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Alsop, P.P.G.P.; G. G. Hayward, P.P.G.S.B.; C. J. Dalton, P.G. Stwd.; J. Townson, P.G.O.; Jesse Banning, P.P.G.O.; J. Haswell, P.G. Stwd.; R. J. Wilson, P.P.G.P.; Rev. J. Tyson, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Cockett, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Milligan, P.M. 119; J. C. Mason, P.M. 1532; R. L. Court, W.M. 310; H. Court, 310; S. Wright, 310; J. Reay, 119; T. Kirkbride, 310; G. Murchie, 310; W. Cowan, W. Burnyeat, 1267; W. Reid, W. Raiton, J. B. Thwaites, Thos. Ormiston, J. Harris, J. Pearson, Morant Compton, W. Blaylock, T. Richardson, William Middleton, and others.

The minutes of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Workington last October, were read and confirmed. The dues and fees of honour having been received (there were only two lodges of the nineteen that were not represented), it was decided that it be suggested to the R.W. Prov. G.M. the desirability of holding the annual meeting at Carlisle, under the banner of the Bective Lodge, No. 1532.

It was also recommended that the sum of fifty guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which was moved by Bro. MCKAY, seconded by Bro. KENWORTHY, and unanimously agreed to.

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then said the next part of the business on the programme was of a somewhat peculiar character, differing altogether from the ordinary business of the lodge, inasmuch as it was mixed with feelings of pleasure and regret. The feelings of pleasure were those which he hoped prevailed in every breast, and that all present would be ready to acknowledge as heartily as possible the valuable services which had been rendered to the Craft by their worthy brother on his right (Bro. Gibson). For many years Bro. Gibson had laboured in the cause of Freemasonry, he might say, night and day; he had always been in season, for one never could meet him but he was sure to "button-hole" one for that most odious of things—money out of pocket. (Laughter.) But joking apart, the services which Bro. Gibson had rendered to this province could not be measured by any one, or told by words, and he (Bro. Lindow) felt sure that although they might offer Bro. Gibson this testimonial, and ask him to receive it as an expression of their appreciation of his services, they could not in any way measure the value of them. The province had been appealed to to recognise in a fitting manner the good work which Bro. Gibson had done, and he was proud to say that that appeal had been heartily responded to, and in such a manner as to show that it was not the amount of the subscriptions, but the exceeding hearty good feeling which had always been evinced in his (Bro. Gibson's) own case, generally upon all occasions in the every-day walks of life, and in Masonry in particular, that had evoked that response; and he felt certain that it would be a far greater pleasure to Bro. Gibson to know that he enjoyed the good feeling of the brethren throughout the province than it would have been had things been otherwise, notwithstanding the intrinsic value of the testimonial which they were about to offer to him might have been of five times greater value than it was. After carefully considering the matter, the brethren had decided to offer Bro. Gibson a silver salver, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.P.G.S.W., on his retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmorland, in recognition of his valuable services, 1882." Likewise a beautifully executed portrait of Bro. Gibson, photographed and painted in oil by Messrs. John Reay and Son, of Whitehaven, and a purse containing fifty guineas. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then presented the several gifts to Bro. Gibson, observing as he did so, on behalf of the donors, that they were accompanied by all the feelings of goodwill which one man, or any body of men, could possibly entertain towards any individual, Masonically and otherwise. He also handed Bro. Gibson a book containing a list of the subscribers.

BRO. GIBSON, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he could hardly find words to express the feelings by which he was animated, feelings of deep gratitude for the loving kindness evinced by the brethren of the province, in presenting him with such a valuable testimonial of their affection and regard for him, and their appreciation of the humble services which he had been able to render in the interests of Masonry in the province. For nearly twenty-five years he had been associated with Masonry; some of the happiest moments of his life had been spent amongst Masons. To day the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland had overwhelmed him with their kindness. It had pleased the brethren of the province to present him with this handsome testimonial, and he could only say that he accepted it with heartfelt thankfulness, and as long as life remained he should look upon that testimonial as conveying to his mind a feeling of affection and regard on the part of his brother Masons which time could never extinguish. He hoped and trusted that the principles of Freemasonry would be so practiced as to lead not only to their temporal benefit, but also to their eternal happiness. He concluded by again thanking the brethren for their kindness towards him.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, being obliged to leave, then vacated the chair, the seat being filled by Bro. Gibson, by whom the Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form. After which the brethren lunched together at the County Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Gibson, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed and responded to, after which the brethren separated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT BANGOR.

There was a great gathering of Freemasons at Bangor, on Thursday week, which caused quite a commotion in this usually quiet Welsh city in North Wales. By command of Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P., the Prov. Grand Master of the Province of North Wales and Shropshire, a Provincial Grand Lodge was then held, advantage being taken of the occasion for dedicating the new Masonic Hall which is in course of erection in that city. The latter ceremony has been anticipated by at least a month, the building being yet in an incomplete state, as may be inferred from the fact that the upper windows of the room in which the banquet took place were boarded. Seven years have elapsed since the ordinary Provincial Grand Lodge meeting was last held in Bangor, the occasion being the celebration of the jubilee of St. David's Lodge, which commendably prides itself upon being one of the oldest Masonic federations in North Wales, and there was, therefore, on this occasion a large and representative gathering of the Masonic brotherhood from the various lodges in the principality. Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., who has been the guest at Gorrindog of Major Platt, the I.P.M. of the Royal Leek, the latest lodge in the fraternity, arrived at the hall shortly before five o'clock, and was received by the members of the Grand Lodge, who out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., the D.P.G.M., wore Masonic mourning. There was a very large attendance of the brethren.

At 4.15 p.m. the brethren were admitted to the building, and a Craft lodge was formed in the lodge-room, under the banner of the Royal Leek Lodge, 1849. The officers were as follows: Bros. J. Bodenham, P.P.G.S. of W., acting W.M. (in the temporary absence of Bro. Colonel Thomas, W.M.); Major Platt, I.P.M.; H. Kneeshaw, S.W.; E. Neaves, J.W.; W. H. Preston, S.D.; J. Lloyd Griffiths, J.D.; Capt. Bulkeley Price, I.G.; and others.

In the meantime the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire, headed by the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, had formed in procession in the entrance hall, and marched to the lodge room, where the R.W.P.G.M. was received with P.G. honours. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Spaul, P.G. Sec., through illness, Bro. J. Bodenham, P.P.G.S. of W., officiated in an admirable manner.

The attendance of brethren included Bros. E. Wood, P.G.S.W., 1124; John Davies, P.G.J.W., 1143; James Smith, P.G. Chap., 1488; J. P. White, P.G. Treasurer, 262; J. Bodenham, acting P.G. Secretary; Dr. W. Jones Morris, P.M. 1509; W. H. Foulkes, P.G.D. of C.; D. Cameron, 384, P.G.S.B.; J. Smart, 1896, 1120, P.G. Org.; F. B. Hide, 117, 262, P.G. Tyler; Thos. Roberts, 611; W. Aston, 1432; Morris Roberts, P.G.S.; Major Henry Platt, P.P.G., J.W. 1849; Rev. J. Sydney Boucher, P.G.C., 606; Edwyn Andrew, P.P.G.S.W., 262; J. Lloyd Griffith, P.P.G.S.D., W.M. 597; R. J. Davids, P.P.G.D. of W., W.M. 606; W. P. Elliott, P.P.G.P., 597; W. L. Bankes, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 755; Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, P.P.G.C., 1048; Thomas Hathaway, P.P.G.S.B., 384, P.M., P.Z. 606; F. A. Dickson, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; W. E. Sackville West, P.M., 357, P.P.G.S.S. Oxford; Rev. T. Edwards, S.W. and Chap. 1583; Dr. Evans, W.M. 1113; Fred Jones, I.P.M. 1113; Evan Williams, S.S. 1113; Robt. H. Hughes, S.D. 1113; Geo. Hughes, P.M. 1113; James E. Hughes, S.W. 1113; Dr. W. T. Williams, P.M. Treas., 1113; James P. Bryan, S.W. 1035; W. Forrester, 1035; Thomas Foulkes, 1325; Col. W. H. Thomas, W.M. 1849; Capt. J. B. Price, I.G. 1849; H. Kneeshaw, S.W. 1849; C. R. Gordon, 1896; James Nunn, W.M. 1594; E. Jones, P.M. 721; E. W. Thomas, P.M. 384; J. J. Radford, 1908; T. Warren Thompson, Past Master 167 and 1896; Asabel P. Bell, 1253; J. G. Tuxford, W.M. 1509; R. H. Hughes, S.D. 1113; Evan Williams, 1113; John Ormiston, P.M. 1143; H. A. Steer, S.D. 1674; E. M. Jones, W.M. 1488; T. Lloyd Evans, J.W. 11488; Lewis Thomas, 1488; J. Ellis, P.M. 384; W. Rowlands; J. Jones; Meshach Roberts; D. Wynne Williams, P.M., Sec.; Robert Owen, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Roberts; E. W. Thomas; Henry Owen; Dr. E. J. Lloyd; M. H. Roberts; Cadwaladr Roberts; Evan Williams; W. Allan; Josiah Hughes, P.M. 384; Felix C. Watkins, Org. 1674; T. E. Harris, 1488; James Wells, 597; John Smith, 1674; J. C. Owen, P.M. 1336; G. H. Adams, S.W. 1477; R. Roberts, D. of C. 1674; Capt. Sutherland, 143; D. W. Davies, S.W. 606; W. T. Williams, I.G. 113; A. J. Brereton, P.M. 1477; L. H. Aronson, 384; W. Davies, 721; E. Walter Wood; Cornelius Davies, P.M. 1509, P.Z. 606; H. B. Stubbington, 384; Arthur E. Sumner, W.M. 1143; R. Lloyd Williams, P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1143; A. McMillan, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., P.M. 384; E. Jones Chelley, P.P.G.S.; Wm. Davies, 721; W. A. Dew, 755; J. Parry, Jones, S.D. 1143; Dr. Greig Hughes, 1849; John Hughes, S.W. 384; Arthur L. Clewes, 1674; E. W. Bell, 1674; Sydney Platt, 1849; Evan Roberts, 384; J. Jones, 384, P.S.D.; Stephen Roose, 1143; J. Williams; T. B. Williams, 606; Evan Williams, 384; and others.

After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, the roll of lodges in the province was called, when it was found that twenty-five out of the twenty-seven lodges were represented. The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Newport, Shropshire, in May, 1881, were read and confirmed. Bro. J. B. White was unanimously re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the thirty-first time.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then expressed his sorrow and the regret felt by the brethren at the loss of their late R.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, P.M., and proposed that the sympathy of the lodge should be conveyed to the deceased brother's relatives, which was carried unanimously.

The R.W.P.G.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follows for the ensuing year:

- Bro. J. B. White, P.C.T. Prov. G.S.W.
- Dr. E. Andrews Prov. G.J.W.
- Rev. Dr. C. R. Gordon Prov. G. Chap.
- R. Lewis Prov. G. Reg.
- W. H. Spaul (by proxy) Prov. G. Sec.
- T. Roberts Prov. G.D.
- W. Aston Prov. G.S. of W.
- W. H. Foulkes Prov. G.D.C.
- E. Jones Chitty Prov. G.A.D.C.

Bro. C. H. Rees...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" F. C. Watkins ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Dr. Williams ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Jarvis ...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
Bros. R. Roberts, Major Stewart, W. Thompson, C. Coxhead, J. C. Owen, F. R. Spaul ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bros. Bodenham and Lewis ...	...	Prov. G. Auditors.
Bros. Hide and Newnes ...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

The P.G. TREASURER then read his report, in which he stated that the province was financially in a better position than it had been for years past. He proposed a grant of fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was unanimously agreed to.

A letter was read from the Grand Lodge calling attention to the fact that Grand Officers take precedence of Prov. Grand Officers under any circumstances and in any province.

The R.W.P.G.M. then proceeded with the ceremony of dedication, assisted by Bro. J. Bodenham, the oration being effectively delivered by Bro. C. R. Gordon, LL.D., P.G. Chaplain.

A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Bro. John Peters, Holyhead.

The musical arrangements were effectively carried out by Bro. E. W. Thomas, P.M. 380.

The brethren afterwards dined together in the banqueting hall, where covers were laid for 100, the R.W.P.G.M. in the chair. The catering of Messrs. Brown and Pugh, of the British Hotel, was eminently satisfactory.

The Masonic Hall is a commanding structure, and occupies a site, leased from the Penrhyn estate, in the business centre of Bangor, being almost opposite the Old Bank. The style of architecture is Renaissance, the external materials used being red pressed bricks from Ruabon with Cefn stone dressings, the details of the stone work being of a very fine and delicate character. There is a spacious entrance hall and vestibule. The ground floor is devoted to offices, and the first floor is set aside for Masonic purposes. On this floor there is a spacious vestibule, leading from which is the large room, thirty-six feet by twenty-five feet. On the opposite side is the banqueting-hall, of the same dimensions, and between them a retiring-room. The lodge-room has also a Masonic property-room leading out of it, and the banqueting-hall has a serving-room connected with the lift from the kitchen, which is placed above. The rooms are lofty and well ventilated, and the fittings throughout are very handsome and elaborate. Adequate lavatory accommodation is provided. The second floor is arranged for the purposes of a club, and has a billiard-room thirty-six feet by twenty-four feet, three smoking and reading rooms, with lavatory and other offices. The kitchen has been fitted by Messrs. Longden and Co., Stafford. Living rooms are provided on the upper floor for the caretaker. The lower story has been divided into offices, a portion of which has been taken by the government for County Court purposes, the present courthouse, which also serves as a chapel, being most inadequate and inconvenient. Mr. Asahel P. Bell, 32, St. Ann's-street, Manchester, is the architect; and the contract which was about £5000, has been executed by Messrs. William Jones and Co., 22, Duke-street, Liverpool.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 21st inst., under the banner of Union Chapter, No. 310. In the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. G. Supt., the throne was occupied by M.E. Comp. Geo. J. McKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.J., who was supported by the following: Comps. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., as Second Principal; John Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., as Third Principal; R. J. Nelson, P.G.S.E.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.G. Treas.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z. 371, P.G.P.S.; J. Pearson, P.Z. 327, P.G.A.S.; T. Mandall, Z. 371, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Atkinson, Z. 119, P.G. Stwd.; J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371, P.P.G.S.N.; Geo. Murchie, 310, P.P.G.A.S.; W. Kirkbride, P.P.G.A.S.; J. Banning, P.Z. 310, P.P.G. Org.; W. Court, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Walters, J. 371; G. Dalrymple, H. 119; J. M. Salisbury, Janitor 119; W. Nanson, 310; W. Reid, 310; J. Murray, 310; M. Compton, 310; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The next business was the election of Prov. G. Treas. and Prov. G. Janitor, when Comp. Kenworthy, who has filled the office of Prov. G. Treasurer for a number of years, and much to the satisfaction of the province, expressed a desire to retire, and Comp. R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, was elected by an unanimous vote; and Comp. J. M. Salisbury, 119, Prov. G. Janitor.

The officers were then invested as follows:

Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371	...	Prov. G.J.
" G. J. McKay, P.Z. 129	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" P. de E. Collin, P.Z. 371	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Wheatley, P.Z. 310	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Thos. Atkinson, Z. 119	...	Prov. G. 1st. A.S.
" Thos. Mandall, P.Z. 371	...	Prov. G. 2nd. A.S.
" Thos. McMeenan, P.Z. 327	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. Dalrymple, H. 119	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" James Cook, 310	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Walters, J. 371	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Banning, P.Z. 310	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. R. Sewell, 371, J. Wood, 371, and Geo. Potter, 310	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. M. Salisbury, 119	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Treasurer's statement of account was read and passed, showing a balance of about £45 in hand, with chapter dues and officers fees of honour to collect. A sum of ten guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the motion of Comp. McKay, seconded by Comp. Kenworthy, and unanimously agreed to. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of St. Albans, Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, the Earl of Fife, and Sir Frederick Leighton were honoured with unofficial invitations to the wedding of Bro. the Duke of Albany, Prince Leopold. Very few of these were issued.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A meeting of the Board of Stewards is announced to take place on Thursday next, May 4th, at 5 o'clock, at Freemasons' Hall, to transact the following business: To receive the report of the Dinner Committee, to draw for places at the dinner table, and complete the whole of the arrangements.

The Ladies' Stewards will meet after the conclusion of the above business.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following circular has been issued by Bro. Binckes:—
"Office,—6, Freemasons' Hall,
"Great Queen-street, London, W.C.,
"27th April, 1882.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—
"Twenty-five years ago the chair at the anniversary festival of this Institution was occupied by the chief magistrate of the city of London, the late Right Hon. William Cubitt, with considerable advantage to the welfare of the Institution.

"The history of a quarter of a century—fraught with events of general interest—to us, as Masons, is especially worthy of note, having regard to the truly wonderful progress developed by our Fraternity. Instead of existing in comparative obscurity and retirement, it's work unobserved by the outer world, it's proceedings unnoticed, Freemasonry has achieved a position of dignity and respect hitherto unparalleled, enjoys a recognised position, more prominent perhaps than any other organisation unconnected with the State; exercises enormous influence, successfully pursuing its unostentatious course, and busying itself principally in the work of charity and the cultivation of the social virtues.

"At the forthcoming festival of this great charitable Institution—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of the city of London will once again preside, and it is the most earnest desire of the Committees and the Executive that

"The Rt. Hon. and R.W. Bro. JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS, shall receive a support commensurate with the prosperity of the community over which he rules, and with the claims of an Institution second in importance to none of a similar character.

"This appeal is addressed to the lodges within the area of the City—increased numerically and influentially to an unprecedented extent during the period already alluded to—to the brethren of the Order who are associated in various ways with City Government—on whose countenance and encouragement in all good words their elected chief has every right to rely.

"The services as Stewards of such brethren—of Masters, officers, and members of City Lodges—are earnestly solicited so that the Festival of 'our Boys' School of 1882 may, of itself, be a lasting testimony to civic influence and generosity.

"I am dear Sir and Brother,
"Yours faithfully and fraternally obliged,
"FREDERICK BINCKES,
"Secretary.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards will be held on Wednesday next, at five o'clock.

PRESENTATION TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY.

A silver casket has been presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, by the brethren of the province. The casket is of Gothic design in silver partially gilt, placed on a shaped and ornamental ebony stand. The front panel bears in raised enamel the Grand Master's collar and jewel. On the reverse H.R.H.'s arms, &c., &c. At each corner is placed the Royal supporters, and the casket is surmounted by the coronet of H.R.H. resting on a cushion. At each end is a raised medallion with inscriptions as follows: At one end—"Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire." At the other end—"On his marriage by his brethren in the province, A.L. 5882."

The above beautiful casket, the kindly present of the Oxfordshire brethren, executed by Messrs. Ortnor and Houle, 3, St. James's-street, was on view last Friday, and much admired.

AN UNVOUCHED FOR VISITOR.

The *Voice of Masonry* has the following: I was visiting a lodge in Ohio; the hall was capacious and handsomely furnished; the Master was a large, dignified man, and looked as though he would brook no levity while the lodge was at work. A brother, who was vouched for at the door, came in, and presenting himself before the altar, saluted the Master with profound respect. As he entered the hall there came at his side, but unnoticed by him, his very large and finely formed Newfoundland dog, who walked beside his master to the altar, and stood there with quiet dignity facing the East. The owner was not yet aware of his presence, and took his seat, but the keen-eyed Master was, and knowing that no such visitor had been announced, inquired, "Who vouches for him?" Waiting a moment for a reply, and not receiving one, the gavel came down, followed by the imperious command, "Put him out!" The owner rose to execute the command, when the noble animal was, like a cowan, ushered into the outer room, wearing a facial expression which said very plainly: "Well, I have visited the lodge anyhow." This almost convulsed the members, and the dignified Master had quite as much as he could do to preserve order and decorum. Evidently he had a hard struggle to control his emotions, yet he had no smile, but sat there like a marble statue in the Chair of Solomon. This is one example of unbending dignity and stern discipline in a lodge.

Lady Monckton, wife of Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, with Lady Young, gave two entertainments at Cheltenham last week on behalf of the Girls' Friendly Society.



Craft Masonry.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The brethren of this lodge met at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Bros. W. F. Gardiner, W.M.; J. C. Woodrow, I.P.M. and Sec.; Robert H. Crowden, P.M.; Allen, P.M.; Fullwood, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Perrin, S.W.; Vizitelly, J.W.; Basil Cooke S.D.; Crump, J.D.; James Crowden, I.G.; Philips, Steward; Jas. Orange, Org.; Bowler, Tyler; Robins, Johnson, Winkworth, A. W. Stead, and others. Visitors: Bros. Larchin, P.M.; Postans, Barnes, and Winn.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Watson Osmond, Caledonian Lodge, No. 134, was duly balloted for and unanimously elected a joining member. The ballot also proving favourable, Mr. Henry Horatio Fanshawe was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M., Bro. Gardiner, and the impressive manner in which the ceremony was conducted was appreciated as much by the brethren as it was by the candidate. Bro. Barnes, of Lodge No. 1363, was, by fiat of the W.M., passed to the Second Degree, a circumstance warranted by the fact that Bro. Barnes was about leaving England. Other routine business followed, and after presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Woodrow, with the customary P.M.'s jewel, which was not ready at the installation ceremony, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served in Messrs. Bertram and Roberts' best style.

The usual toasts followed, and were exhaustively responded to, and the brethren having spent, as usual, a most enjoyable evening, retired at an early hour.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—This lodge held a meeting on the 12th inst., at Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Among those in attendance were Bros. Saunders, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; S. Saunders, Org., acting J.W.; W. H. Saunders, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.M., Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., P.M., Sec.; Biggs, P.M., I.G.; Artus, P.M.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, W. Bro. Wigginton, by permission of the W.M., raised Bro. Gurney to the Degree of an M.M. The sum of five guineas was voted to W. Bro. W. H. Saunders, as Steward for the Girls' School. Numerous letters from brethren apologising for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth, a few toasts were briefly given from the chair, and having been responded to, the brethren separated at an early hour.

UNITED MILITARY LODGE (No. 1536).—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, Plumstead, on the 14th inst. Bro. W. Welding, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers: Bros. Weston, P.M.; Holleyman, S.W.; G. Kennedy, J.W.; Ge, Treas.; Fisher, Sec.; Saunders, S.D.; Mould, J.D.; and Maule, I.G.

The minutes of the preceding regular meeting and cash account having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for a joining member and a candidate for initiation, which was unanimous in each case, but the candidates were unfortunately prevented from attending. Bros. Stanley, Ellis, Butler, Sweeney, and also Bro. Butler, 1789 (by request of the W.M. of that lodge) were passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Foxon, Brown, and Elson were raised to the Third Degree.

Amongst the visitors was Bro. Field, P.M., who had lately arrived from South Africa, and he, in eloquent terms, conveyed to the brethren "Hearty good wishes" from Bros. Spinks, P.M., and Deeves, I.P.M.; the latter, who only went out to South Africa fourteen months since, he informed the brethren, had made rapid strides in Freemasonry out there, having established the first lodge of instruction there, which had flourished very much under his able preceptorship. The Fifteen Sections had also recently been worked by Bro. Deeves, and he was looked up to by the brethren in the country as a good authority on all Masonic matters.

Bro. Field, P.M., being about to return to South Africa, was desired to convey to Bros. Spinks, P.M., and Deeves I.P.M., the "Hearty good wishes" of the officers and members of the lodge, and was further asked to be the means of conveying to Bro. Deeves, I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel, of the value of ten guineas, which had some months since been voted to him in recognition of the ability and zeal displayed by him.

Bro. Field, P.M., consented, and thanked the brethren warmly on behalf of Bro. Deeves, I.P.M., and he said he was sure that both Bros. Spinks, and Deeves would be delighted to hear that he had been able to visit the lodge in which they took such an interest, and of which he should have such a good account to give, having had the opportunity of hearing two degrees worked, and been made acquainted with the flourishing condition of the lodge.

Bro. Weston, P.M., informed the brethren that he had attended the recent meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee and had brought forward the case of the daughter of Bro. Gooding, a candidate for admission to the Girls' School. He was pleased to say that the Provincial Grand Master had spoken in very flattering terms of the United Military Lodge on that occasion, and that his lordship had proposed, and it was seconded by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, that to ensure the admission of Bro. Gooding's daughter the case should be made the first in the province. This, however, had since been rendered unnecessary, on account of there being no election, as all the candidates were admitted.

After two propositions for initiation and other ordinary business had been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were pre-

sent Bros. Jabez Boothroyd, W.M.; John Isherwood, S.W.; Edwin Melrose, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, Treas.; Jno. Mitchell, Sec.; Peter Bradburn, S.D.; Jas. Walker, J.D.; Chas. Crompton, D.C.; Chambers, I.G.; Thos. Higson, Tyler; Aldred, P.M.; Stead, P.M.; Briscoe, Siddorn, and Cuerden. Visitors Bros. Hooper, 1009; Lees, 645; Crankshaw, 348; and Stephenson, 348.

After the confirmation of the minutes, a circular was read convening a meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge on the 3rd of May at Haslingden. Bro. Cuerden was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M., and Bro. Briscoe passed to the Degree of F.C. Mr. Robert John Churnside was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by Bro. Stead, P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Edwin Melrose, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Treas. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visitors, lodge was closed in due form.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).

The usual monthly meeting took place on Thursday, April 6th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; R. Tomlins, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; W. J. Edwards, sec.; R. R. Lisenden, J.D. (*Freemason*); J. P. Smith, I.G.; John E. Elderton and J. Garside, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; John Bladen, P.M., P.G.A.D.C.; Edward Smith, and others. Visitor: E. Galea (Malta). The lodge was opened at 6.25, and after confirmation of the minutes Mr. W. Baker Akerman was balloted for and elected a member of the lodge. Bro. W. Nicholl, I.P.M., took the chair by permission of the W.M., and initiated Mr. Akerman into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Bro. R. Tomlins, S.W., delivered the E. A. Charge in a very satisfactory manner, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

CHERTSEY.—St. George's Lodge (No. 370).

A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening last, at the Crown Inn, when Bro. Col. L. G. Dundas, was installed as W.M., by the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Leigh-Bennett. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation the W.M. invested Bros. Mackay and J. Leigh-Bennett respectively, as Senior and Junior Wardens; Bro. Bow, as Secretary; and Bro. Broad, as I.G.; amongst others present were: Bro. Gen. J. S. Brownrigg, C.B. (Provincial Grand Master of Surrey); Sir Patrick Colquhoun, P.M.; Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., P.M. 21; Capt. Verney, P.M.; and Laurence.

A sumptuous banquet was held after the adjournment of the lodge.

BATH.—Honour Lodge (No. 379).

An emergency meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst. The attendance was very limited, the number of members being small, and several not having returned from their Easter wanderings. The chair was taken at 7.30 by Bro. Loder, W.M., who opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. H. Gore, S.W.; Ingle, J.W.; Dr. H. Hopkins, as I.P.M.; H. C. Hopkins, Secretary; Byne, Treasurer; Johnston, as J.D.; Seaton, as I.G.; and Bigwood, Tyler. Bros. J. J. Dutton, P.M. 855; and Busby were present as visitors. Bro. Dr. Hopkins took the chair, and duly raised Bro. G. D. Brabazon to the degree of M.M. On the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by the W.M., a vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, on his having so far recovered from his long illness as to be able to attend the lodge, and of thanks for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremony, which was received with acclamation by the brethren. The lodge was then closed.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).

The anniversary festival of this flourishing lodge was celebrated with considerable *clat* on the 19th inst., at the North-Western Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren, viz.: Bros. Thos. Wood, W.M., P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. E. Fowke, I.P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; J. Senior, S.W.; John Baker, J.W.; John Storer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; J. Mottram, S.D.; E. J. Mousley, J.D.; J. Bervon, Org.; J. Wooldridge, Stwd., acting as I.G.; T. Rigby, Stwd.; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; John Bodenham, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; C. H. Dudley (Mayor of Stafford), F. Espley, A. C. Podmore, W. D. Batkin, H. Thorn, W. Brown, J. T. Evans, R. Booker, J. Harding, W. Thompson, W. H. Frith, J. Nevitt, C. J. Nevitt, T. B. Mottram, S. S. Plant, J. Taylor, B. T. Oswell, R. Heath, A. F. Whittome, A. Ward, N. Joyce, and J. T. Cox.

Amongst the visitors were the R.W. Bro. Major George S. Tudor, P.G.M. of Staffordshire; Bros. C. Matthews, P.M. 526, P.P.G.J.W.; W. C. Crofts, P.M. 1739 and 779, P.P.C.W. Leicestershire and Rutland; H. Langman, P.M. 526, Prov. G. Reg.; E. Faulkner, P.M. 779 and 1739, P.P.G.S.D. Leicestershire and Rutland; C. Bunting, P.M. 456, P.G.J.D.; T. J. Barnett, P.M. 526, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Dain, P.M. 98, P.P.G.A.D.C.; S. W. Graham, P.M. 696, P.G.A.D.C.; E. H. Thorne, W.M. 526, P.P.C. Std. Br.; W. Vernon, P.M. 456 and 1587, P.P.G.S.B.; James Smart, P.M. 1120 and 1896, Prov. G. Org. North Wales and Salop; A. P. Britton, P.M. 601; Rev. T. Lloyd, Chap. 526; J. W. Horder, W.M. 1039; F. Walton, W.M. 1838; G. W. H. Tudor, S.D. 1838; J. Hassall, S.W. S.W. 779 and 1739; W. F. Cooper, 779 and 1739; J. Bryan, P.M. 526, P.P.G.P.; E. Smith, 624; T. C. Bird, 1896; E. Lewis, 1896; and R. Williams, 696.

After the lodge had been opened the Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire was announced and admitted in due form, escorted by his officers. The W.M. then handed him his gavel, and he was saluted by the brethren in the usual way.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed in the usual manner and signed by the R.W.P.G.M., a favourable ballot was taken for the election of Bro. Samuel Yates as a rejoining member of the lodge.

The R.W. Bro. Major George S. Tudor, P.G.M. of Staffordshire, then rose, and said he had paid many visits to that lodge, but he never came with greater pleasure than he did on that occasion to see his friend, Bro. James Senior, installed as W.M. He then called upon Bro. F. Wood, P.M. P.P.G.R., to proceed with the installation, which ceremony having been performed in an admirable manner, in the presence of a Board of twenty-one Installed Masters,

Bro. Senior appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bro. F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; J. Baker, S.W.; J. Mottram, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., P.M., Chap.; J. Storer, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; F. Woolley, Sec.; F. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; T. E. Fowke, P.M., P.G.D.C., M.C.; T. Rigby, I.G.; J. Bervon, Org.; W. D. Batkin, H. Thorn, and W. Brown, Stwds.; and R. Tomlinson, Tyler.

After the officers had taken their respective places, the newly-installed W.M. presented Bro. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.R., with a Past Master's jewel, and in addressing the latter said that a pleasing duty devolved upon him, and he thought he might safely prophesy that one more pleasing to him would not occur in his year of office. He then referred to the trouble Bro. Wood had taken, and the way in which he had served the lodge as its W.M. for the past two years, and to the kindness and courtesy at all times displayed by him to the members of the lodge, especially to his officers, observing that the whole of his conduct during the time that he had presided over them had imbued the brethren with a desire to emulate him in carrying out the various duties of Freemasonry, and he was glad to have the permission of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master to say that by his Mastership, Bro. Wood had raised the lodge to such a state of efficiency in its working that it stood second to none in the province.

Bro. Senior then affixed the jewel to Bro. Wood's breast, addressing to him the following words: Bro. Wood, I am sure it is the sincere wish and prayer of every member of this lodge, and of every brother present, that you may be long spared to wear that jewel of honour, and until such time as it pleases the G.A.O.T.U. to exalt you to the Grand Lodge above, where reigns peace, love, and harmony for ever and for ever.

Bro. Wood, in thanking the brethren, said he was exceedingly obliged to them for the very handsome jewel, and to Bro. Senior for the kind remarks he had thought proper to make in presenting it, which Bro. Wood said he should always prize, and would endeavour to hand down to his children in remembrance of the kindness of the Staffordshire Knot brethren, and could only say, in conclusion, that if what he had done for the benefit of the lodge had been appreciated by the brethren he was perfectly satisfied for any trouble he had been put to, and he hoped in the future to be able to take as great an interest in the lodge as he had done in the past.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned from labour to refreshment.

The banquet, to which about sixty brethren sat down, was served by Bro. Nutt, and at its close the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and very heartily received, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W. P.G.M.," and in doing so said that a great honour had been done to the lodge by his presence there that day, and he hoped he would be long spared to preside over the province.

The R.W. Bro. Major George S. Tudor, in response, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to visit the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, and expressed his satisfaction at the excellent working he always witnessed.

Bro. Joyce proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M. and Officers of the Province," which was responded to by Bro. T. E. Fowke, P.G.D.C., who, on behalf of himself and his brother officers, said it was their great aim to fulfil the duties of their respective offices in the most efficient manner possible. The R.W.P.G.M. then asked the brethren to drink "The Health of their newly Installed W.M.," and in doing so referred to his long acquaintance with Bro. Senior, particularly mentioning the assistance he had received from him some ten or fifteen years ago in carrying out his duties in the north of the Province. He congratulated the brethren upon the selection they had made in appointing him to fill the office of W.M., as he felt certain that there was no one more qualified for the position.

Bro. Senior's health was drunk with acclamation, and he acknowledged it by thanking the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him and also the visiting brethren for their presence. He would not yield to anyone in his love for Freemasonry, and he would do his best, assisted by his officers, to emulate his predecessor, Bro. Wood.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Storer, and respectively acknowledged by Bros. Croft, Thorne, Barnett, Smart and Matthews, each of whom referred in eulogistic terms to the pleasure they felt in being present at the installation of Bro. Senior, and to the excellent working of the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. T. Wood," referred to the fact that for two years he had discharged the duties of Master of the lodge with zeal, firmness, courtesy, and attention, and endeared himself to every member.

Bro. Wood, in response, said that the last two years had been two of the most pleasant years of his life. He thanked them sincerely for the very handsome jewel which had that day been presented to him, and which he trusted would be handed down to his family as an heirloom for some time to come. He had not known their present W.M. as a Mason very long, but when twelve months ago he offered him the office of S.W. he believed then, and more firmly now, that he was the right man to place in that office.

Bro. C. H. Dudley proposed "The Past Masters," which was acknowledged by Bro. Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., who, referring to the admirable manner in which several of their Past Masters, whom he named, had discharged their duties, remarked that his prophesy of two years ago, that Bro. Wood would make the best Master the Staffordshire Knot Lodge ever knew, had been fully carried out in every respect.

Bro. J. T. Evans gave "The Masonic Charities," observing that although a young Mason he had already learnt that the Masonic Charities (whilst they might not be so in extent) were foremost in interest and usefulness for the maintenance of the aged and the education of the young.

Bro. J. Bodenham, Prov. G. Treas., acknowledged the toast, stating in the course of his speech that Bro. Wood had worked up the Staffordshire Knot Lodge until it contributed the largest amount in the province to the Charities, and whilst, for its size, the province stood fairly well in its general contributions to the various funds; when every lodge had a Bro. Wood amongst its members, Staffordshire would be second to none in the kingdom. Speaking of the newly-installed Master, he knew that he brought with him a considerable amount of Masonic lore from the

Province of West Yorkshire; and, with regard to the Charities, Bro. Senior had given him a great amount of assistance in the formation of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and, indeed, it was from Bro. Senior's hat that their first ballot was drawn; and, further, the province from which he hailed was the leading province in the kingdom with regard to its charities.

Bro. Wood, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Officers," said he would take that opportunity of thanking the officers for their past services to him, and as they had all served under him, with the exception of the Stewards, he was sure, judging from their capabilities, that it augured well for the future working of the lodge.

Bro. Baker, S.W., in responding, said he was quite certain all the officers whom Bro. Senior had appointed would do their utmost to make his year of office one of success.

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren retired about half-past eight o'clock.

Some very excellent songs were sung during the evening by the Stafford Glee Union, Bro. Bervon accompanying on the pianoforte.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—Royal St. Edmund's Lodge (No. 1008).

The eighteenth anniversary of this lodge, and installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, took place on the 17th inst., when Bro. J. G. Oliver was installed into the char of King Solomon. There was a goodly number of the brethren present, including the following distinguished visitors: Wor. Bros. A. C. Heigham, P.P.G.C. Berks. and Bucks., P.M. 1410; W. Clerke, G.P. Eng.; J. F. Chenery, I.P.M. 51, and 1890; P. H. Rowland, P.M. 364; Bros. G. Clarke, Ed. Sparke, H. Lucia, H. Parrant, and W. Chapman, of 1592; H. S. Oliver, 1224; and F. W. W. Feist, 88.

The lodge was opened by the W. Master, Bro. J. R. Thompson, P. Prov. G.S.B., who carried out the duties of the evening in a most admirable manner, the installation ceremony being most impressively and perfectly performed. He was assisted by W. Bros. W. H. Lucia, P.G.S.B., Sec., and W. Clarke, G. Pursuivant.

After closing the lodge the brethren retired to an elegant banquet, served by the host, Bro. C. Stebbing. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with enthusiasm, and none more so than "The Charities," proposed by Bro. W. Clarke, in a most lengthened and energetic speech, advocating the principles of every brother Mason subscribing something annually, however small, to one or more of the charity funds.

Bro. W. H. Lucia supplemented and supported the recommendation; and there is no doubt but that the lists of the Stewards representing the province at future festivals will receive a benefit from the observations made upon the occasion.

The Tyler's toast concluded the evening, and the brethren retired, declaring it was a red-letter day in the annals of 1008.

MANCHESTER.—Derby Lodge (No. 1055).

The annual installation meeting and St. John's Festival took place on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, when the following brethren were present: Bros. T. W. Hope, W.M.; A. P. Wimpy, S.W.; Joseph Snape, J.W.; Alfred Turner, P.M., Treas.; John Norcliffe, Sec.; F. R. Cooper, S.D.; G. W. Sharples, J.D.; Samuel Davidson, I.G.; A. Morrison, P.M.; E. G. Hughes, P.M.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; Geo. Kenyon, P.M.; J. Pollitt, P.M.; J. Morris Davis, W. Collins, P. Douchere, P. Howard Davis, David E. Davis, E. Kellett, Stephen Harrop, D. Butterworth, Thos. C. Rigby, Isadore Kino, Robt. Williamson, Thos. Campbell, C. Bagot, Robt. Kitching, William Jones, C. E. Johnson, Geo. W. Dron, and J. Kirk, Tyler.

Visitors: Bros. W. S. Clark, W.M. 78; Wm. Jno. Sly, P.P.G.J.D. W.L.; C. M. Godby, I.P.M. 1075; Thos. H. Jenkins, 999; Chas. Hargreaves, P.M. 1219; Ed. Hilton, W.M. 992; Benj. Taylor, P.P.C.T. E.L., P.M. 935; Jas. Corney, W.M. 852; J. Bridgford, P.M. 1077; R. Hartley, P.M. 204; W. Bagnall, W.M. 204; Geo. J. Freeman; Peter Lawton, P.M. 78; C. J. Brewster, I.G. 1045; Jacob Smith, 41; Richard Wright, W.M. 993; Samuel Lawton, S.W. 78; J. J. Craig, S.D. 645; Wm. Dumville, P.M. 1011; Geo. J. Potts, 104; Jno. Chadfield, 1387; Forrester Pothergill, P.M. 78; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and after confirmation of the minutes of last regular meeting, Bro. A. Morrison, I.P.M., by permission of the W.M., took the chair of K.S., and severally passed Bros. Maurice Collins, Thomas Campbell, and David E. Davis to the Degree of F.C., after which the installation ceremony was proceeded with, and when the W.M. elected, Bro. A. P. Wimpy, had been presented to the Installing Master, Bro. E. Griffiths Hughes, Past Master, he was, with all due rite and ceremony, after the usual preliminaries inducted into the chair of K.S., and afterwards, on the re-admission of the M.M.'s, proclaimed and saluted. The Installing Master invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Joseph Snape, S.W.; Fred. H. Cooper, J.W.; Alfred Turner, P.M., Treas.; Thos. E. Rigby, Sec.; G. W. Sharples, S.D.; Morris Davis, J.D.; J. Pollitt, P.M., D. of C.; W. O. Pettit, Org.; P. Donohue, I.G.; P. H. Davis, Clegg, Potts, Stephen Harrop, and C. Bagot, Stewards.

The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. J. Pollitt, P.M., to the Wardens by Bro. A. Morrison, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. Alfred Turner, P.M. The whole of the work was most satisfactorily performed, and fully justified the encomiums passed on it by the visiting brethren at a later period of the evening. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren celebrated the festival of St. John by a banquet, the catering and arranging for which reflected great credit on the House Committee, as did the arduous work performed by the Stewards, whose office on this occasion proved to be no sinecure.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in response to the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Genre Nicholas Starkie, the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. George Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bros. W. J. Sly, P.P.J.G.D. W. Lanc.; Benj. Taylor, P.P.G.T. E. Lanc.; and Thos. H. Jenkins, made suitable replies.

Bro. Hope, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he had the honour to propose what he considered to be the toast of the evening. He felt sure that those brethren who had been in the habit of visiting the Derby Lodge knew as well as he did that Bro. Wimporoy would make as good a Master as ever presided there. Bro. Hope went on to say that he had been pushed out of his place by their new W.M., whom he thought would make a better Master than he had been, and without further preface he would ask the brethren to stand to their glasses, and drink his health. The invitation was promptly responded to.

The V.M., in reply, said that he could not sufficiently thank Bro. Hope for his kind utterances, nor the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had responded to the toast. He observed a quotation from Shakespeare on the menu card, associated with the toast of the W.M., which ran, "This shall I undertake, and 'tis a burden I am proud to bear." He might say he was willing and truly proud to bear the burden because he loved Freemasonry. He was not a very old Freemason, as something like seven years would cover his responsibilities; but the more he saw of Freemasonry the more he loved it, and he thought the grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth were sufficient to make them all feel proud of it. Another grand feature of the Order was Charity; but, as they all knew, it began at home; and also, that in consequence of their having to look at home they had been unable to do as much as they would have liked for so noble a cause. He thought there was a silver lining showing itself through the cloud of their difficulties, and that this gleam of light would not only cast a bright gleam around, but would be as bright as the noon-day sun. He trusted they would all stick together, shoulder to shoulder, and as they all knew unity was strength, by so doing they would be able to free themselves from all liabilities; and although, like their worthy Treasurer, he might never hope to have the cognomen of "the fat man in the east," at all events he might shield himself under the shadow of his wing.

Bro. A. Morrison, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Hope," remarked that there had been many pleasant duties which had fallen to his lot to perform, but this was the most pleasant of all. Every one deserved rewarding when they had worked honestly and zealously for it, and, therefore, it gave him great pleasure in the name of the lodge to present Bro. Hope with a Past Master's silver jewel and collar. In addressing the esteemed recipient, Bro. Morrison concluded his remarks by saying that the more often he came amongst them to wear the collar and jewel the more delighted they should all be, and he trusted he might be long spared to wear them both.

The toast was received with great warmth by the brethren, and heartily responded to.

The jewel, which was handsomely chased, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, and bore an inscription which read as follows:

"This jewel and collar, with a portrait, presented to Bro. T. W. Hope, P.M., by the members of the Derby Lodge, No. 1055. April 13, 1882."

Bro. Hope, in reply, said he rose with a great deal of diffidence to reply to the kind words which Bro. Morrison had uttered when presenting him with this handsome present, which he received as a spontaneous gift from each and all of them; and with the reflection that if they had not thought him worthy they would not have presented it to him. He considered it as nice an one as had ever been presented to any P.M. of the lodge, and he assured them all he should highly prize it.

Bro. Pollitt, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master (Bro. E. Griffith Hughes, P.M.)," said it gave him great pleasure to do so, because, although it might sound to some ears that they had to go to foreign parts for an Installing Master, he was proud to say that they not only had in their Installing Master one who could ably perform that duty, but could also perform any other work that might be required; and not only that, he was a man of very placid temper, and highly esteemed by every member of the lodge, and if they were to travel all over the globe, he did not think Bro. Hughes' equal would be found. Bro. Pollitt further informed the brethren that during his recent visit to America he had formed the acquaintance of the Grand Secretary, who intended visiting England shortly, and, if practicable, would pay a visit to the Derby Lodge. In concluding his remarks, Bro. Pollitt further eulogised the varied qualities of Bro. Hughes, and asked the brethren to drink his health.

The invitation was promptly and warmly responded to, after which Bro. Hughes replied in a few appropriate sentences.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The Visiting Brethren," replied to, on their behalf, by Bro. Hartley, P.M. 204; "The P.M.'s of the Derby Lodge," responded to by Bro. Alfred Turner, P.M. and Treas.; "The Newly-invested Officers," responded to by Bro. Joseph Snape, S.W.; and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened by some excellent glees, songs, &c., by Bros. Dumville and Turner, 1011; J. Pollitt, P. H. Davis, and others.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. J. B. Sargent, presided, and was officially supported by Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M., S.W.; C. R. Chandler, Prov. G.P., P.M., Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Hon. Treas., as S.D.; Henry Kimm, as J.D. (*Freemason*); J. Fielding, Org.; James F. Richardson, I.G.; F. Jesson, Tyler; William C. Till, Charles Martin, D'Ardenne, J. Poord, and J. Walder.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. B. Walder was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Mr. T. Jordan and Mr. R. Hughes duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, the three arduous ceremonies being very ably performed by the W.M. Some further business of minor importance having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the hotel, where an excellent supper was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and heartily received.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and drew from Bro. R. Hughes a brief but excellent response.

The brethren then separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

BYKER.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the lodge rooms, Hope and Anchor Inn, Calterick Buildings, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Bro. Smith W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. D. Annan, I.P.M.; James Montgomery, P.M. 991, P.P.G.A.P.; A. McDougall, W.M. 1119; Arthur Munro, S.W.; Dixon Cowie, J.W.; Allan Dean Campbell, acting Sec.; John Bywell, S.D.; W. F. Carman, acting J.D. (S.S. 481); William Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., D. of C.; John Pickering, I.G.; T. P. Bennett, S.S.; James Harle, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; George Dawson, Henry Metcalfe, Wm. Atkinson, John Gillinder, Henry Spittle, A. C. W. Barnfather, William Varty, John McKay, and James Robertson, with the following visitors: Bros. J. D. Dixon, S.S. 1327; Hugh Golder, S.W. 1119; J. Armstrong, J.S. 1119; Jas. Sedcole, Sec. 1119; H. C. Lavgrun, 1676; Alfd. Simpson, 406; Thos. Todd, 541; and Robt. Younger, 481.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. Edward Harris, Mr. Nils Peter Lundgren, and Mr. George Skillings, and having been duly elected they were initiated E.A. Masons by the W.M., Bro. Dixon Cowie explaining the working tools. The W.M. then passed Bro. Henry Spittle to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the working tools being explained by Bro. Arthur Munro, S.W. The W.M. having announced that he had received the voting papers for the Boys School, and had signed and forwarded them to the proper quarter, "Hearty Good Wishes" were tendered from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in love and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the social board, the W.M. in the chair, and Bro. Arthur Munro in the vice-chair. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and received.

MANCHESTER.—Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 1588).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the School Rooms, Stretford, on Monday, the 10th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. James Bake Andrew, W.M.; Jno. E. Boden, S.W.; William Cole, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; James Cole, Sec.; Thomas Avison, S.D.; William Tyers, J.D.; Henry Smithard, Org.; Alfred Lewtas, D. of C.; William Amery and Edwin Bradwell, Stewards; Charles Cooper, I.G.; John Worthington, Tyler; John Walton, John Jones, A. N. Mohbat, F. M. Dani, C. H. Froggatt, A. Hope, P. J. Warburton, Rev. J. R. Gibson, W. R. Wild, Edward Rose, J. H. Grimshaw, J. Roscoe, jun., Edward Ramsden, Henry Crosby, P.M., P.G. Purst.; Thos. A. Crompton, P.M.; and Chas. Pepper, P.M.

Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C., E.L.; H. Bethell Jones, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. W.L.; W. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G. Purst. W.L.; J. Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Cheshire; H. Balshaw, W.M. 1565; N. Haggi, 415; Dr. Wm. G. Martin, W.M. 1814; William Dumville, P.M. 1011; G. Richardson, P.M. 1565; A. H. Sansome, J.W. 1730; A. C. Sparks, 1565; and J. A. Birch, S.W. 287.

On account of pressure of work, the brethren met rather early, the lodge being opened in the usual manner at 12.45 p.m., when, after confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, Messrs. H. E. Tasso and Geo. Ed. Hall were severally balloted for and declared unanimously elected members. Bro. Henry Crosby, P.M., by permission of the W.M., thereupon presided and duly initiated Mr. H. E. Tasso into Freemasonry, after which Bro. W. H. Wakefield took the chair and initiated Mr. Geo. Ed. Hall. Bro. A. N. Mohbat was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a satisfactory manner.

The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, Bro. W. Bake Andrew, W.M., being Installing Master, assisted by Bro. Berisford, P.P.S.G.D., Cheshire. The W.M. elect (Bro. Jno. E. Boden), having been presented, was with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and after the proclamation had been made to the brethren, and the usual salutes given by them, the following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Berisford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.: Bros. Wm. Cole, S.W.; Jas. Cole, J.W.; W. H. Wakefield, P.M. Treas.; Rev. J. R. Gibson, Chap.; Tyers, S.D.; Alfred Lewtas, J.D.; Cooper, D. of C.; Smithard, Org.; Amery, I.G.; Griffiths, Bradwell, Stevens, Roscoe, Davies, and Hope, Stewards.

The three addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. J. B. Andrew, I.P.M., in an impressive manner; in fact, the whole of the work performed by our highly esteemed brother was deserving of the greatest praise, and well-merited the eulogiums poured upon it by the visiting brethren at a later period of the evening. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards proceeded to Bro. John Walton's hotel, at Urmston, about a mile distant, where they celebrated the Festival of St. John by partaking of a banquet, which was served in Bro. John's well-known excellent style. After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to; that of "The I.P.M." being given by the W.M., Bro. J. E. Boden, who dwelt with great warmth on the admirable and painstaking manner in which Bro. Andrew had performed the onerous duties devolved upon him during the past year; and in the name of the members presented him with a very handsome 15 carat gold Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and which was universally admired.

Bro. Andrew, in a few well-chosen sentences, thanked the brethren for this kind token of their appreciation of his services.

The brethren after spending a very pleasant evening separated.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Commercial Hotel. Present: Bros. William Blain, W.M.; William Court, S.W.; J. H. Greenhalgh, P.M., as J.W.; John Priestley, Chap.; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; John Barrett, S.D.; E. G. Harwood, J.D.; A. Cosgrave, I.G.; Walter Bardsley, Steward; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; Stead, P.M.; Morris, P.M.; Heywood, P.M.; G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D.; and Thos. Morris, Visitor: Bro. Naylor, 37.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. Parkinson and J. B. Golborne, and both being unanimously approved, the former was initiated by Bro.

Stead, P.M., and the latter by Bro. Heywood, P.M. The working tools were explained by the acting J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.M., P. Prov. S.G.D. Bro. Thomas Morris was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Brockbank; the working tools being explained by Bro. N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. The lodge was then closed.

MALTA.—United Brethren Lodge (No. 1923).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th ult., at Beaconsfield House, St. Julian's. The lodge was opened by Bro. Geo. Crabtree, W.M., and after the usual business had been attended to, R.W. Bro. Kingston, D.G.M., proceeded to install Bro. Francis Hewson (W.M. elect) into the chair of K.S. The brethren showed by their fixed attention, not only a great interest in the ceremony, which was most impressively rendered, but also a confidence in their unanimous choice, that the lodge bids fair to have a very prosperous and constitutional year under the presidency of its W.M., who is an old Mason, and has done good service as S.W.

The lodge adjourned to refreshment, and after the usual toasts were given, "The Healths of the D.G.M., I.P.M., W.M. and visiting brethren" were called and ably responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The brethren and visitors present were as follows: R.W. Bro. Kingston, D.G.M.; W. Bro. Crabtree, P.D.G.J.D., D.G.R., P.M.; Doherty, P.D.G.S.W., P.M.; Pearce, P.D.G.S. of W., W.M.; Hewson, P.D.G.D. of C., D.G.S.D.; Mattocks P.M.; Bros. Surgeon Major Leader, P.D.G.S., D.G.D. of C.; Senior, D.G.S.B.; Capt. Finch Noyes, Geo. Owen, J. O. Bates, J. Horn, F. Titmas, F. Savin, W. H. Garlon, Brinsdon, Lockett, Dalzel, Mitchell, McCoy, Smith, Surgeon Leader, and C. E. Pain.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—A successful meeting of the above lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., on the 24th inst. Bros. F. Brown, W.M.; L. C. Haslip, S.W.; J. S. Fraser, J.W.; W. Fraser, Deacon; T. J. Maidwell, P.M., I.G.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Cant, Hon. Sec.; J. Newton, P.M.; G. Ward Verry, P.M.; Brittain, Austin, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was capitally rendered, Bro. Newton, candidate. The Preceptor next worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, in which he was assisted by the brethren. Bro. Austin, of the Bagshaw Lodge, was proposed as a joining member of the lodge, and was duly elected. Bro. Haslip, W.M. 813, was next elected to occupy the chair on Monday next, and lodge was closed.

Subsequently a meeting of the City Masonic Benevolent Association was held, and a ballot was taken for a Life Governorship in aid of one of the Masonic Institutions, and the brethren separated.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—At the last regular meeting of the above lodge, at Bro. W. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., there were present Bros. Jones, P.M., W.M.; Job, S.W.; Tyer, J.W.; D. Moss, acting as Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; Pringle, Deacon; H. Marks, I.G.; F. Robinson, Kennett, P. Masters, Barnes, Yetton, and others.

After customary observances, lodge was opened up to allow Bro. Robinson to be interrogated. This was satisfactorily done, and lodge being advanced the ceremony of raising was carefully worked, Bro. Robinson being the candidate. The First and Third Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of closing the lodge in the superior Degrees was next carefully rehearsed—a feature always observed in this lodge. Subsequently the votes at the disposal of the lodge were handed to Bro. Moss, in accordance with a vote to that effect, and Bro. Job, W.M. 1076, was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Lodge was closed in harmony and adjourned.

UNITED PILGRIM'S LODGE. (No. 507).—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, April 21st. Bros. J. Bate, W.M.; F. Thurston, S.W.; H. Williams, J.W.; E. A. Francis, S.D.; H. Goodman, J.D.; John James, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., Hon. Preceptor; Plant Martin, J. Letchford, C. Patrick, J. W. Smith, C. Sims, C. H. Phillips, A. T. Chambers, R. Waldren, and others. Lodge was opened and passed to Second Degree. Bro. Patrick as candidate for raising proved proficiency. Lodge opened in Third Degree, and the ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Stevens then gave some explanations of certain passages in the ceremonial ritual of raising, which greatly interested the brethren and added to their general information on the subject. The lodge was closed down with due regularity and the First and Fourth Sections of the First Degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. F. Thurston was elected W.M. for the week ending Friday, the 28th inst.; and as, according to the bye-laws, the fourth Friday is at the disposal of the W.M., it was announced that the business would be the rehearsal of the ceremonies in the First and Third Degrees, and the delivery of the Charge in the First Degree by Bro. J. B. Sarjeant, a newly initiated member of the Order. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated after a most instructive evening.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—A well attended meeting of the brethren of this lodge was held on Tuesday last, at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon Hotel, Stepney, E. Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, the well-known Preceptor, occupied the chair for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. T. J. Barnes, who again filled the position of which on these occasions he appears to hold the freehold—that of S.W.—in his usual able manner; Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M., and late Preceptor of the Yarrowburgh Lodge of Instruction, acted as J.W.; and Bro. W. Musto, another esteemed Preceptor, officiated as I.P.M. The duties of I.G.—no sinecure on Fifteen Section nights—was ably filled by Bro. John Taylor.

Among those present were Bros. J. G. Stevens, P.M.

554; Middleton, P.M. 554; H. Cotter, 554; W. Cross, J.W. 554, Hon. Sec.; J. Taylor, S.D. 554; J. L. Anderson, 554; W. Hawes, 554; A. Walters, 554; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; L. Ettling, 1259; J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781; J. G. Twinn, I.G. 1306; S. Y. Waterer, 1421; C. H. Bardouleau, 1421; Dr. T. Lowe, M.C. 1421; B. Stewart, 1278; Evans, W.M. 1260; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820; A. D. Moss, S.D. 1275; H. Wilson, W. Seymour, W. McDonald, J.W. 1445; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; J. T. O'Callaghan Ethridge. Visitors: Bros. G. Page, 55; F. Gower and G. Price, 554; A. G. Clements, Hon. Sec. 1306; S. M. Pipe, 1306; S. Darley, 1421; Shadrake, 1457; Mellish, R. Hurst, 1421, and G. H. Stephens (*Freemason*), and others.

After due formalities lodge was fully opened up and resumed, the following is a list of the workers: First Lecture: First Section, Bro. J. L. Anderson, 554; Second, Bro. C. H. Bardouleau, 1421; Third, Bro. T. Loane, M.C. 1421; Fourth, Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Fifth, Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623; Sixth, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Seventh, Bro. B. Stewart, 1278.

Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554; Second, Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Third, Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275; Fourth, Bro. J. H. Pringle, S.D. 781; Fifth, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820.

Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. J. Andrews, P.M. 1227; Third, Bro. J. Taylor, S.D. 554.

The whole of the rendering of the beautiful responses were acknowledged to be of the highest order of excellence, and gave general satisfaction. The following brethren were admitted members of the lodge: Bros. Page, 55; F. Gower, 554; G. Price, 554; S. M. Pipe, 1306; A. G. Clements, Sec. 1306; S. Darley, 1421; and R. Hirst, 1421; and severally returned thanks for their election.

Bro. Musto proposed, in appreciative language, a vote of thanks to Bro. P.M. Cundick for his able discharge of the duties of the chair, and also moved that the highest honour the lodge could bestow, that of Honorary Membership, be conferred upon that brother.

Bro. Berry, P.M., seconded this; both of the speakers expressing some surprise that, so well-known a Preceptor as Bro. Cundick was, he had not previously been made an honorary member or invited to work the Sections.

In returning his thanks for the honour the lodge had done him, Bro. Cundick, P.M., thanked the brethren very sincerely for these marks of their appreciation. As had been expressed, he almost wondered he had not been invited to work the Fifteen Sections earlier; and recollected, as though now an honorary member of about twenty lodges of instruction, he had worked a Section in the Yarrow Lodge of Instruction thirteen years ago for the first time, at which time Bro. D. Scurr was his tutor. Bro. Cundick concluded by again expressing his sincere thanks for being elected an honorary member of the lodge, for which he would at all times be pleased to do anything in his power.

The working brethren were also heartily thanked, and a thoroughly successful meeting was closed in harmony, and adjourned until the 2nd prox., when Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).

The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on Saturday last, at the Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal Green Junction, Great Eastern Railway. Lodge was opened at eight o'clock by Bros. Richardson, W.M.; Sturtevant, W.M. 1278, S.W.; Stewart, J.W.; Hammond, S.D.; Brittain, J.D.; Sturtevant, jun., I.G.; Moss, Preceptor; Hand, Hon. Sec.; Chitson, D'Ardenne, Stephens, and others.

After the usual business had been transacted the initiation ceremony was worked, Bro. Chitson, candidate. Bro. Hammond assisted Bro. Moss to work the First Section of the Lecture, Bro. Brittain the Second, Bro. Hand the Third, and the whole of the brethren assisted in the Fourth. Bro. Sturtevant was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting to be held this (Saturday) evening. It was also arranged to work the Fifteen Sections on the 13th of May, when Bro. Moss will occupy the chair. Several announcements were made and lodge was closed. The members of this lodge offer a hearty welcome to visiting brethren who will find the lodge quarters easy of access and very comfortable.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).

A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. F. Richardson's, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, on the 19th inst. Present: Bros. H. Forss, W.M.; Dignam, S.W.; Morling, J.W.; Corble, S.D.; Jones, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, P.M. Preceptor; C. Diamond, Hon. Sec.; Olley, and others.

Lodge having been duly opened and minutes confirmed, was advanced, and Bro. Olley having been tested and entrusted, lodge was opened up and the ceremony of raising impressively worked. The Third Section of the Lecture was worked from the chair, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed down in the several Degrees, and Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and lodge was closed in due form. This lodge of instruction meets every Wednesday evening, and brethren seeking instruction might advantageously pay it a visit, when they may rely upon a cordial welcome.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).

There was a crowded meeting at this lodge on Monday last, when the Fifteen Sections were worked; Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275, in the chair. The following influential brethren kindly lent their assistance, and helped to render the occasion thoroughly successful: Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, J.W.; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, I.P.M.; W. Musto, P.M. 1349; C. Breden, P.M. 781; W. H. Hubbert, 1625; W. McDonald, J.W. 1445; Evans, W.M. 1260; J. L. Anderson, 554; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Capt. T. F. Harvey, S.D. 174; F. Robinson, J.W. 781; M. Cohen, 205; Coote, 1278; A. Scheerboom, P.M. 781; H. W. Caton, 206; Deason, W.M.; J. K. Pringle, S.D. 781; E. J. Anning, P.M. 1025; J. Taylor, S.D. 554; T. Clark, S.D. 1178; T. W. Jones, P.M. 917; C. Eschwege, D.C. 1349; W. Richardson, 174; Bell, P.M. 1178; S. G. Bonner, 1278; R. Brittain, 1278; W. J. Musto, 1349; B. Stewart, 1278, Hon. Sec.; T. J. Tyer, J.W. 1306; A. G. Clements, 1306; Richmond, 205; T. Deeks, 1349; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*); and others.

After due preliminaries, the Fifteen Sections were worked from the chair, the following brethren respectively assist-

ing: First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Hammond, 1278; Second, Bro. Brittain, 1278; Third, Bro. Hubbert, 1625; Fourth, Bro. T. Clark, S.D. 1178; Fifth, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; Sixth, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; and Seventh, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933.

Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349; Second, Bro. Eschwege, 1349; Third, Bro. Stewart, 1278; Fourth, Bro. Pringle, I.G. 781; and Fifth, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445.

Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. McDonald, J.W. 1445; and Third, Bro. Taylor, S.D. 554.

At the conclusion of the working, which gave great satisfaction, the following brethren were duly admitted members of the lodges: Bros. H. W. Caton, 206; M. Cohen, 205; S. G. Bonner, 1278; T. Deeks, 1349; and W. J. Musto, 1349; and severally returned thanks. A vote of thanks, to be recorded upon the minutes, together with the honorary membership of the lodge, was unanimously accorded to Bro. Moss for the really able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his important duties that evening.

Bro. Moss expressed his thanks for the kindness of the remarks of the proposer and seconder of the resolution, and his willingness to assist in any similar undertaking.

Bro. Barnes, P.M., followed with some encouraging remarks to the younger brethren, who had worked, and who, with the older brethren, had acquitted themselves so admirably; and lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 20th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., the offices being filled as follows: Bros. Vials, W.M.; Money, S.W.; Stoddart, J.W.; Chubb, S.D.; Morriss, J.D.; J. G. Langton, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; and J. T. Tanqueray, acting Secretary. Among the brethren present were Bros. Shaw, Pocock, Marshall, S. Saunders, Johnson, Duret, and Fahay. Visitors: Bros. W. Gursion, 1693, and Dawson, P.M. 1768.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which the lodge opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed in the First, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bué acting as candidate. After a "call off," the lodge resumed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Sudlow, Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the First Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Pocock proposed, Bro. Sudlow seconded, and it was carried unanimously "That Bro. William Gursion, of Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, be elected a member of this lodge of instruction." Bro. Money was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the W.M. having risen for the second and third times the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

MOIRA CHAPTER (No. 92).—A meeting of this distinguished chapter took place on Friday week at the Albion, when Bros. Brianski and Phillips were duly and effectively exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. Masons. M.E. Comp. Gould, P.G.S., presided at the banquet in the unavoidable absence of M.E. Comp. Meadows, M.D., and which pleasant gathering was marked by all that excellence of "menu" for which the Albion is renowned. There are many worthy brethren and companions sojourning here and there on the world's surface to whom the mention of the Albion will recall pleasant meetings and parted friends. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with much hearty goodwill.

Comp. Woodford, P.P.G.S. and I.P.Z. St. James's Chapter, No. 2, returned thanks for "The Grand Officers."

Many excellent speeches were made, and the companions separated at an early hour, though work had lasted until nearly seven o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable evening, sorry to part, and hoping ere long to meet again. Among those present were M.E. Comps. Gould, Noakes, Carter, Horne, Atkins (one of the oldest existing Masons), Peacock, Wilkinson, Pringle, Houle, and Woodford (visitor), and several others whose names we did not, unfortunately, catch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).

There was a most successful gathering of this favourite Chapter on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Among the companions present we noticed Comps. C. Arkell, M.E.Z.; E. F. Storr, H.; C. B. Cheese, J.; H. Cuff, S.E.; W. F. Darnell, S.N. *pro tem*; T. Cohe, P.S.; T. Perry, 1st Asst.; W. Medwin, 2nd Asst.; also F. D. Rees Copestick and I. C. Chapman, P.Z.s; J. Kent, G. J. Potter, J. E. Crockett, E. Bernard, J. Copestick, J. Taylor, T. S. Holland, W. R. Dixon, G. S. Bigley, and Dr. Dingle. The visitors were Comps. Walter Gumpertz, P.Z. 141; and R. Bright, of the Victoria Chapter. There were two brethren proposed for exaltation at the next meeting of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. in the name of the chapter presented Comp. F. D. Rees Copestick, P.Z., with a testimonial expressive of the high esteem in which his past services are held by the companions. The testimonial consists of an inscription on vellum, which was beautifully executed by Comp. George Kenning, P.Z. and Treas. of the chapter.

Comp. Copestick responded in suitable terms, and declared himself always ready to take any work in the chapter when called upon. On the motion of Comp. Storr, a sum of two guineas was subscribed to the Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons.

After the closing of the chapter, the companions adjourned to the supper-room, and having partaken of an excellent repast the toasts peculiar to Royal Arch Masonry were ably given by the M.E.Z. and cordially responded to by the companions.

PATTISON CHAPTER (No. 913).

A convocation of the above chapter was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Lord Raglan Tavern, Burrage-road, Plumstead. Comp. T. D. Hayes, M.E.Z., presided; and among the officers and companions present were Comps. H. J. Butter, I.P.Z., who, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Lloyd, took the post of H.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.G. 1st A.S. Kent, Treas.; Eugene Sweny, J.; H. Pryce, S.E.; R. Edmonds, 1st A.S.; H. Mabbett, Janitor; W. Rees, H. Hewitson, E. B. Saunders, N. G.

Bone, H. Wilson, J. H. Roberts, J. Randall, C. Ellis, G. R. Nichols, W. Richey, M.E.Z. 51; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*).

The chapter having been opened and the companions admitted, the election of officers for the ensuing twelve months took place, when the following were in every case unanimously elected: Comps. W. B. Lloyd, as Z.; Eugene Sweny, H.; H. Mason, J.; H. Pryce, S.E.; R. Edmonds, S.N.; R. J. Cook, 1st Asst.; A. Penfold, Treas.; and H. Mabbett, Janitor.

The next business was the consideration of a notice of motion, given by Comp. Butter, to the effect that this chapter be removed to the High School for Boys at Fox-hill, Plumstead.

In moving the question, Comp. Butter went over the same ground he had traversed when bringing a similar motion before the Pattison Lodge, a fortnight before; and after Comp. Edmonds had seconded the motion it was carried unanimously.

There being nothing else before the chapter, it was closed in due form, and the companions partook of supper.

After the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts had been honoured, the name of Comp. Penfold was coupled with that of "The Grand Superintendent of Kent, Lord Holmesdale; and the rest of the Grand Officers;" and, in responding, he thanked them for the honour. He and the other Grand Officers present were pleased to see that the Pattison Chapter received their names so loyally, and they were also honoured by being in such proud positions. In the name of himself, and Comps. Coupland and Denton, he thanked them for the toast.

The next toast was that of "The Past Principals of the Chapter," coupled with the name of Comp. Coupland, who thanked them, and said that since the consecration of the chapter every Past Principal had carried out the ceremonies in a spirit that had been understood by the companions generally. Since the time he had the honour of being Z. they had, on the authority of a learned and esteemed companion, changed the whole principles of the working. It was so much changed that he felt that if he was called upon to do the working of the chairs over again he could not do it, unless he went into their chapter of instruction, and worked up again in the new ritual. He felt, however, that the Past Principals had done their best, and would do the same again with pleasure for the interests and prosperity of the chapter.

Comp. Coupland then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," whom he had known in Masonry for the last twenty years, during the whole of which time he had never ceased to work hard for both the Craft and Royal Arch Masonry. He was only sorry that on account of Comp. Hayes' health he was compelled to reside so far from them as Hastings, but trusted he would long be spared to come among them at their Craft and Arch meetings, and give his valuable council and support to both.

Comp. Hayes, in response, thanked Comp. Coupland for his kind remarks, and all of them for the courteous and genial support given to him during his year of office, without which he felt he never could have carried out the duties. With respect to the remarks of Comp. Coupland as to the alteration of the ritual, he would say that although a word had been altered here and there, the ritual used was identical in spirit with the old style; but as in nature there were changes, so was it necessary to change and improve their ritual. In spring, the trees were green with leaves; in summer, ripe with fruit or foliage; and in autumn, glorious in their many tints. It was the same with language; the Roman, the Saxon, and the Norman had by turns helped to improve their native tongue, and thus built up the most fluent and expressive language in the world; and so it was with the ritual, which being of oral tradition, had improved with the language. The only change had been the right interpretation and use of certain Hebrew, Chaldaic, or Assyrian characters, and for which interpretation they were indebted to their esteemed Comp. Robinson, P.P.G.H. for Kent, who had toned down the jarring elements, and evolved a perfect ritual without at all altering the ancient landmarks of the Order.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," and in response, Comp. Richey gave a most interesting account of his Masonic career since leaving Woolwich some seven years ago for Colchester. He was now W.M. of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, and at the same time M.E.Z. of the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, a circumstance unique in the annals of Colchester Freemasonry. He was the first military Mason who had ever been Master of the Angel Lodge, and was the first W.M. who had ever held the installation banquet in Colchester Castle, with the mayor and corporation in their gold chains and robes of office to banquet with him. This he considered a remarkable list of fortunate and memorable circumstances, and made him feel proud of his Masonic life, the first start of which had been made in Woolwich. Although he had been so long at Colchester, his cable tow had a long reach, and was continually pulling him back to Woolwich, and now that he had again become stationed there he hoped to come amongst them and renew that friendship and good Masonic brotherly feeling that had so much rejoiced him in bygone days.

Comp. Sweny responded for the "First and Second Principals," and Comp. Edmonds for the "Officers;" Comp. Jolly responded to a hearty reception of the "Masonic Press," and then the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

MANCHESTER.—Chapter of Affability (No. 317).—The bi-monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-st., on Thursday, the 20th inst. The following companions were present: Comps. J. Dawson, Z.; W. Nicholl, J. E. Steward, John Bladon, P.Z., acting E.; H. Walmsley, N.; Oldham, P.S.; Almond, 1st A.S.; R. R. Lisenden (*Freemason*), 2nd A.S.; J. Sly, Janitor; Sydney Hensen, P.Z.; John Smethurst, P.Z.; Henry L. Rocca, Hugh J. R. Bayley, E. L. Littler, W. J. Souter, John G. Elderton, John Church, and W. J. Edwards, Treas. Visitors: Comps. Geo. Hunt, 1496; Jas. McGrath, 1496; Geo. Burslem, 1496; and Robt. Godfrey, M.E.Z. 129, P.P.G.D.C. Cumberland and Westmorland.

The chapter was opened at six o'clock in the usual manner, and at 6.30 the companions adjourned to tea. At 7.20 they re-assembled in the lodge room, and Bro. Wm. Hardcastle, 1588, was duly exalted to the holy R.A. Degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers in such a manner that certainly could not be surpassed, as in addition to the three lectures being delivered by the First

Second, and Third Principals, the M.E.Z. gave an elaborate description and explanation of the jewel which to our thinking forms a very important part of the Regalia, but which in many instances is very lightly esteemed by companions who imagine it is not requisite, and that only the apron and sash is necessary. There being no further business the chapter was closed in peace and harmony at nine o'clock.

Mark Masonry.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE LODGE (No. 44).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, when Bro. Capt. Eugene Sweny, P.P.J.O. Kent, S.W. and W.M. elect, was, with the usual ceremony, placed in the chair for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Major E. S. Gordon, P.P.G.S.O. Kent, and the minutes and accounts having been passed, Bro. Capt. W. Smith-Cox, A.S.C., candidate for advancement, was balloted for and unanimously elected; but not being present the ceremony was consequently postponed. The W.M. then proceeded with the installation, which was performed most eloquently and impressively, and the new master was duly saluted. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Capt. J. J. Donnelly, P.P.G.D.C., Kent, S.W.; Capt. J. Sculley, P.P.G.I.G., Kent, J.W.; Dr. C. N. Young Goodwin, M.D., M.O.; S. Clarke, S.O.; J. Mathams, J.O.; T. Alexander, treas.; K. Uglan, I.G., Sec.; E. Denton, R.M.; J. Harris, S.D.; G. Risch, J.D.; and Capt. R. F. King, P.P.D.C., Malta and Tunis, D.C. The charges were then eloquently recited by the installing officer, and the ceremony brought to a conclusion. Among the brethren present were the R.W. Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., P.G.M. Kent; D. M. Dewar, P.G.M.O. and Grand Assist. Sec. England; Jas. Smythe, P.M. and P.G.J.O., Kent; R. Pidcock, P.M., and P.P.G.O., Sussex; Capt. H. H. Costobadie, R.H.A., one of the first founders of the lodge under the old warrant, and who has just returned from India; C. Jolly, Excelsior, (*Freemason*), and others. Grand honours were then paid to the Grand Master, and acknowledged in suitable terms. A handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M. in recognition of his great and valuable service to the lodge during his year of office, and he returned thanks. It was also carried unanimously that a vote of thanks should be presented to him, and recorded upon the minutes of the lodge, for his services as installing officer that day, which was also suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Master, in the final act of closing the lodge, said it was always his privilege when present to say a few words on such occasions. He would now, in using that privilege, say how pleased he was to be with them that day; not only because he had received a pressing invitation from the W.M., an old friend of his, and whose parents he knew and respected so much, but because he felt it his duty as Grand Master of the Province of Kent to be present at the annual festival of so excellent and important a lodge as the Florence Nightingale. It was with extreme pleasure that he saw the W.M. placed in the chair; and following, as he did, two such good and worthy Mark Master Masons as Bros. Smyth and Gordon, who had by their ruling and governing made the lodge so excellent, both for its numbers and good working, he (the G.M.) fully believed, and felt certain, that under his guidance it would still proceed onwards, and become one of the most flourishing in the province. He trusted the officers invested that day would strive and emulate the deeds of those who had preceded them, and add even additional lustre to the already high character and standing of the Florence Nightingale Lodge. He paid a high compliment to the I.P.M. for the grand manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation; and averred that it was only by hard work and a thorough appreciation of the tenets of their Order that such a result could be arrived at. In conclusion, he again expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present, and wish the lodge, W.M., and brethren long and continued prosperity.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to a superbly appointed banquet, served in the hall by Bro. W. Moulder, P.M., of the Sydney Lodge of Craft Masons. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts, and in giving that of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" expressed the horror every Mason and Englishman felt at the late atrocious attempt upon the life of our Most Gracious Sovereign. That was the first time they, the members of the Florence Nightingale had had the opportunity of meeting since that attempt to express their thanksgiving to T.G.A.O.T.U. for saving Her Most Gracious Majesty from the cowardly assassin. They now did so, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast with all enthusiasm. "The Health of Lord Hemiker, the W.G.M." was also honoured; and then the W.M., in proposing the toast of "Lord Kintore, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," said he was exceedingly pleased to see two Grand Officers present, and he should couple the toast with the name of their R.W.G.M., Bro. Robinson, who had so kindly spoken of them in the lodge on its closing.

Bro. Robinson, in the course of an eloquent reply, said the Grand Officers chosen during the last twenty-five years were those who had generally been approved of by the brethren of the various lodges they represented, and were eminent for long and faithful services rendered to the Order. Those who were students of Masonry must know that it was, at one time, desired by Mark Masons to become attached to, or incorporated with Craft Masonry in the same manner as the Arch Masonry was, but the proposition was not then entertained by Grand Lodge, and now it was more than doubtful if ever they would accept incorporation, even if such a proposition should come to them from the Craft. Theirs was a great and impressive Degree that told powerful upon their feelings, and held them together in a strong and lasting chain of Masonic love and brotherhood. It was a degree that was very popular and successful in garrison towns, and took well both with the Army and Navy, and, therefore, it was surely, but steadily, progressing in numbers and influence among those who were the best of Masons, and who carried its teachings and practised them all over the habitable globe. After eulogising the services, as Grand Masters, of Bros. Lord Leigh, Lord Lathom, and the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., the latter of whom, he said, was one of the best Grand Masters the Mark Degree ever had, he

regretted that this lodge was so far from his own part of the province, or he should only be too happy to come often among them; but trusted to see not only the members of this lodge, but of all the lodges in the province, upon many other occasions, and could most heartily thank them for their reception of him that evening.

The I.P.M., Bro. Major Gordon, responded for "The D.P.G.M., and rest of the Provincial Grand Officers," and, as P.P.G.S.O., regretted the absence of the D.G.M., Bro. Podevin, who was one of the most courteous and kind of Masons, and highly respected and admired by every Mark Mason in the Province of Kent. For himself, he felt proud of the position of a Past Grand Officer; and thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with so important a toast. Bro. Gordon then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that under his rule they might safely look forward to a good and successful year. Their esteemed W.M. was not only an active and earnest Mason elsewhere, but was Preceptor of the new Mark lodge of instruction lately formed in connection with their lodge. He was sure they would join heartily in drinking his health, and wish him all the happiness in the world.

The W.M., in reply, thanked them for their cordial reception of his name, and as Bro. Dewar had congratulated him upon the work done in the lodge, he thought that he had good reason to be proud of the position he was that day placed in. He considered Bro. Dewar's opinion was an honour to himself and to the lodge also, as that distinguished brother was in the habit not only of seeing good work done, but doing it, and therefore his good opinion was invaluable as a testimony to the efficiency of the lodge and its officers. The ceremony so grandly worked by their I.P.M. had greatly impressed him, and he had determined that the ceremonies he might have to work during his term of office should not be wanting in earnest endeavour to emulate the admirable example Bro. Gordon had set him that day. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid applause.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Major Gordon, who the W.M. said was worthy of their deepest gratitude for the good work done during the past year, and for the admirable example he had shown them that day as Installing Officer.

Bro. Gordon thanked the brethren for their toast, and hoped they would next year have a more worthy Past Master than himself to respond to it.

Bro. Sculley responded for "The Officers," and Bros. Costobadie and Jolly for "The Visitors," and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Alfred Tisley, W.M. In consequence, no doubt of the little stir which is just now being caused in municipal circles through the retirement of Mr. Alderman Figgins, through ill-health, many of the members were more than usually occupied, and thus the attendance was not so quite so numerous as might otherwise have been the case. However, there was a fair sprinkling of brethren and visitors present; and if there be any compensation for paucity of numbers, in the excellence of the working exhibited, those who did attend must have been amply repaid.

Lodge was opened by the W.M., who was assisted by Bros. T. R. Richnell, P.G.S.B., S.W., W.M. elect; John H. Dodson, acting as J.W.; W. E. Farrington, M.O.; C. G. Brown, S.O.; F. Farrington, J.O.; W. Wigginton, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Sec.; F. H. Gruggen, Firth Groves, T. O. Harding, R. Skelton, H. Webb, F. H. Clemow, G. N. Dodd, C. Dudley, W. Farrington, T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B.; G. Harrison, Tyler; and others.

The customary formalities having been duly observed, Bro. T. R. Richnell, P.G.S.B., was presented for installation, and inducted into the dignified position of office by the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. T. C. Walls, who officiated as Director of Ceremonies in a most efficient manner. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Tisley in a way that elicited the heartiest commendation of both members and visitors, the impressive charges being perfectly and eloquently delivered. The newly-elected W.M. was proclaimed and greeted with the usual salutations, after which he proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed: Bros. Alfred Tisley, I.P.M.; Sir James Palmer, S.W.; John H. Dodson, J.W. and Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Sec.; W. E. Farrington, M.O.; F. Farrington, S.O.; C. G. Brown, J.O.; F. H. Gruggen, S.D.; Firth Groves, J.D.; T. O. Harding, I.G.; W. Farrington, Org.; R. Skelton D. of C.; and G. Harrison, Tyler.

Congratulations were interchanged as to the admirable manner in which Bro. Tisley had fulfilled the duties of the chair during the year, and the effective conduct of the installation ceremony, and also on the prospects of the further continued success of the lodge under the rule of Bro. Richnell.

Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren and visitors partook of a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow in a style for which this old-established and respected City hotel has for many years been proverbial. The repast was elaborately served, and the arrangements generally were such as to elicit the most unbounded expressions of satisfaction. Dessert having been placed before the company, the customary loyal and Mark Masonry toasts were given from the chair; Bro. Richnell alluding in appropriate terms to the recent dastardly attempt upon the life of Her Majesty, and echoing the abhorrence which had been expressed throughout the country at the insane attack made upon her. All Masons were especially grateful for her preservation and the restorative effect of the Queen's Continental visit, and they rejoiced at Her Majesty's safe return to the country over which she so wisely reigned, and in the hearts of whose people she was so sincerely beloved. (Loud applause.) What rendered her doubly dear to the brethren of this lodge was the fact that the banner under which they assembled bore the honoured name of Her Majesty's youngest son, whom they all heartily congratulated upon his approaching marriage.

The toasts were received with the utmost loyalty and enthusiasm.

The W. Master then gave "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," alluding in suitable terms to the valuable services they rendered to Mark Masonry, and the admirable way in which Grand Mark Lodge was administered.

The toast met with a cordial reception, and was acknowledged in a few happily-chosen sentences by Bro. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., who spoke of the rapid growth and extension of Mark Masonry, especially in recent years.

The Immediate Past Master then gave the toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. T. R. Richnell," who had just been promoted to the highest dignity it was in the power of the brethren to bestow upon him. They had all seen the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of the minor offices through which he had passed, and his acceptance of the highest post amongst them was an augury of the future prosperity of the lodge. (Applause.) The W. Master, who was most cordially greeted on rising to respond, expressed his deep sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him that evening, and complimented his Immediate Past Master upon the efficient manner in which he had acquitted himself as installing officer. By the generosity of the brethren he had attained the high position to which all Mark Masons might aspire, and he appreciated the kindly expressions with which his elevation to that rank had been accompanied. He relied upon them for their forbearance in any short comings which might occur through his want of ability adequately to discharge the important functions of that office, but assured them he should endeavour to the utmost of his power and strength to advance the best and truest interests of the lodge. He felt himself entirely in their hands, but had no doubt that, with the assistance and co-operation of his officers, he should be able to discharge the trust reposed in him to their satisfaction. He hoped that at the expiration of his term of office he should be able to hand down the insignia to his successors with its lustre at least undiminished. (Applause.) He then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," who had so well performed the installation ceremony that evening, and to whom his best thanks, and the thanks of the brethren, were so eminently due. He should endeavour to emulate the excellent example set him by Bro. Tisley, who had proved himself an ornament to the lodge, and had won golden opinions from the brethren generally. In conclusion, he asked Bro. Tisley's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been provided by the unanimous vote of the brethren, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the substantial and valuable services he had rendered to the lodge. He hoped their esteemed Immediate Past Master would not value it merely for its intrinsic worth, but as an expression of the respect and affection of the brethren whose interests he had so assiduously promoted. They all wished him long life and health to wear that jewel, and hoped he might always have as much pleasure in adorning his breast with so well-earned a tribute of esteem, as it afforded him (the W.M.) in presenting him with it that evening.

Bro. Tisley, I.P.M., who was received with prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the magnificent gift with which they had presented him, but much more for the kindly expressions with which it had been accompanied. He assured them he was deeply sensible of their generous appreciation of his humble efforts to promote the interests of the lodge, and said he should continue to do all he could to advance its prosperity in the future. He trusted the officers and brethren would rally round their newly-elected W.M., and assist him in promoting the true interests of the Prince Leopold Lodge. He should be glad to render what aid he could to Bro. Richnell in the performance of his duties, and in saying so he felt he was supported by the whole of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren of the lodge. (Applause.)

The W.M. then extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, the toast being acknowledged by Bro. C. F. M. Mundy, of the Isaac Walton Lodge, Cambridge University.

"The Healths of the Past Masters" were then given, and replied to by Bros. Alfred Tisley, I.P.M., and T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., whilst Bro. C. G. Brown responded on behalf of "The Officers of the Lodge."

A very happy and harmonious gathering was brought to a conclusion by the proposal of the Tyler's toast.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).—

An excellent gathering of the members of this old conclave took place on the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square. Among those in attendance were Bros. the Rev. Dr. Ace, M.W.S.; T. W. Coffin, P.M. W.S., as H.P.; A. Williams, 1st General; T. C. Walls, 2nd General; F. W. Driver, G.M.; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. J. Gardiner, C. of G.; R. W. Stewart, P.M.W.S.; D. Nicols, P.M.W.S.; J. E. Anderson, G. Graveley, W. B. Kidder, J. Andrews, G. Pigache, H. J. Lardner, and N. J. Bassnett. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. J. Curlier was unanimously elected M.W.S. for the year ensuing. Ill. Bro. W. Paas was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Previously to the chapter being closed the sum of five guineas was voted to the Girls' School, to be placed on the Steward's list of Bro. T. C. Walls.

The brethren then adjourned to the Café Royale, where an excellent banquet was partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

"The M.W.S." was proposed by Bro. Dewar, and, in the absence of the M.W.S. was acknowledged by Ill. Bro. Coffin, his *locum tenens*.

The toast of "The Past M.W.S." was acknowledged by Ill. Bro. W. Paas, and "The Officers" by Ill. Bro. A. Williams.

The proceedings then terminated.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—Albion Chapter

(No. 54).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Warrior-square Rooms, on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The chapter was honoured with the presence of Ill. Bro. General Clerk, 33°, Grand Treasurer General, also the following visitors; Ex. Bros. Herbert Dicketts, 18°, 1st Gen.; Henry Venn, 18°, 2nd Gen.; and James Moon, 18°, Almoner; all of the Holy Palestine Rose Croix Chapter.

After the preliminary business had been transacted, a ballot was taken for the following candidates: Bro. J. E. Ranking, M.D., M.R.C.P., W.M. 874; Bro. H. D. Montague Williams, P.M. 874; Bro. W. B. Bacon, P.M. 874; and Bro. Lieut. Hastings N. Lees, R.N., M.M. 1842, and they were all declared duly elected. Bro. Williams and Bro. Bacon being in attendance, the Rose Croix Degree

(with the intermediate Degrees) was duly conferred upon them, the ceremony being performed by the M.W.S., Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., 32^d, in his usual very able manner. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. Charles W. Duke, 18^d, 1st General and Recorder, was then presented by Ex. Bro. Thomas Wadd, Grand Marshal, for the benefit of installation, this ceremony being also conducted by Bro. Thos. Trollope. The newly-installed M.W.S. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Ex. Bro. the Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., High Prelate; Ill. Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, 30^d, 1st General; Ex. Bro. Thomas Wadd, 2nd General; Ex. Bro. C. Briscoe, Grand Marshal; Ex. Bro. Major F. de B. Cooper, Raphael; Ex. Bro. B. Sidney Wilmot, Capt. of Guards; Ex. Bro. Fredk. Duke, Recorder; Ex. Bro. Richard Pidcock, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bro. J. J. Allinson, Org.; Ex. Bro. W. H. Cronk, Dir. of Cers.; and Ex. Bro. M. Bugle, Almoner.

The M.W.S., in complimentary terms, expressed the sense of gratitude of the members to Ill. Bro. Thos. Trollope for the eminent services he had rendered the chapter, and, on their behalf, presented him with a very handsome collar of the 32^d, as some slight recognition of the same, and he was invested with it by Ill. Bro. General Clerk, 33^d.

Bro. Trollope, in a feeling speech, tendered his heartfelt thanks for the gracious presentation.

The Third Point was then given in due form, and the chapter closed, the brethren adjourning to the Royal Victoria Hotel, where a most *recherché* banquet was served under the personal superintendence of the proprietor, Bro. R. J. Reed.

Knights Templar.

TEMPLE CRESSING PRECEPTORY (No. 45).—This preceptory held its regular meeting at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Friday the 21st inst., under command of Sir Kt. E. Macrory, E.P. The other knights present being: Sir Kts. Lieut. Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.C. Essex, H.P.; F. C. Compton, Const.; Farran, Marshal; Mitchell, S.M.; Lieut. Col. Haldane, G. Her., Registrar; Rogers-Harrison, as Capt. of the Lines; Capt. Compton, P.E.P. Kemys Tynte visitor &c. Sir Kt. F. C. Compton, was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year, and Sir Kt. Farran, re-elected Treasurer. The Em. Prior of Kent and Surrey, Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., having intimated his intention of holding his Provincial Priory, under the banner of this Preceptory during the present year, it was determined to invite him to do so on the occasion of the installation meeting, the 20th of October next, on which date the Preceptory will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary, and a Founder's jewel be presented to Sir Kt. Lieut. Col. Somerville Burney, for the great services he has rendered to the preceptory.

A very handsome Past Preceptor's jewel was presented to Sir Kt. Lieut. Col. Haldane, P.E.P., of a form worn by the P.E.P.'s of this preceptory, and originally designed by one of its members, Sir Kt. F. W. Michell, consisting of a golden shield charged with the Temple, Malta, and Preceptor's crosses, surmounted by a plumed helmet, and having behind two crossed swords, the whole suspended by the ribbon of the Order.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—Royal Kent Preceptory (No. 20).—The annual installation meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, on the 12th inst., when Sir Knight J. Gibson Youll was installed E. Preceptor. The ceremony was performed by Sir Knight R. A. Luck, P.E.P., with his usual ability. The Preceptor then invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Sir Knights S. F. Bousfield, Cons.; P. M. Watson, Mar.; J. J. Wilkes, Reg.; R. G. Salmon, Exp.; Canon Tristram, Chap.; and R. L. Armstrong, C. of G.

There being no other business for transaction, the preceptory was closed, and the Sir Knights partook of an excellent dinner in the adjoining room, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was passed.

MANCHESTER.—Royd's Preceptory (No. 149).—A meeting of this preceptory was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Queen's Hotel. Present: Sir Knights P. Royle, E.C.; Alpass, P.E.C.; Brockbank, Constable; Young, Marshal; Rev. J. B. Phillips, Chap.; H. L. Hollingsworth, Reg.; Cottier, Sub-Marshal; C. Norison, 1st S.B.; H. Thomas, 2nd S.B.; W. J. Thomson, Capt. of Guard; Jas. Hall; Jas. Sly, Tyler; V.E. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Prov. G. Commander; J. P. Lercoche, and John Chadwick. The preceptory having been opened, Sir Knight G. P. Brockbank, Past G. Capt., was elected E.C. for the ensuing year. A circular having been read announcing the Provincial Grand Conclave, to be held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, and alms collected, the preceptory was closed.

Red Cross of Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly assembly of this conclave was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the following Sir Knights being present: P. de E. Colin, M.P.S.; T. Bird, V.E.; H. Peacock, S.G.; D. Bell, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas.; R. Robinson, P.S.; and D. Shilton, P.S.

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers was proceeded with as follows: Sir Knights T. Bird, M.P.S.; H. Peacock, V.E.; and W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. Bro. J. Hunter, 602, was then balloted for as a candidate for installation, and he being accepted, was admitted and regularly installed a knight of the Order. The conclave was then closed.

Rosicrucian Society.

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE.—An excellent meeting of the members of this distinguished college was held on the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Previously, however, to the general meeting, a conclave of the High Council was held, when there were present Fraters Dr. Woodman, S.M.; H. C. Levander, P.S.M.; Jones, P.M.G.; H. C. Buss, M. of the T.; E.

Thiellay, Ferguson, and Foulger. Among the members present at the later meeting, in addition to those already mentioned, were Fraters L. Thomas, D.M. of the T.; Rooke, T.B.; T. C. Walls, Medallist; Dr. Mickley, Dodd, Westcott, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Bros. S. L. Mathers, 105, and F. Holland, 105, were balloted for, and subsequently admitted to the grade of Zelator, the ceremony being ably performed by Frater E. S. Jones. Frater L. Thomas having been unanimously elected M. of the Temple, was, according to ancient usage, duly installed.

Among the officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing were Fraters Ferguson, D.M.; Buss, Treas.; Woodman, Sec.; Webster, 1st A.; George Kenning, 2nd A.; D. M. Dewar, 3rd A.; A. Lambert, 4th A.; Foulger, 5th A.; Thiellay, 6th A.; Hobbs, S.; Macartney, M.P., S.; Rooke, C. of A.; Roy, T.B.; Walls, H.; Westcott, M.; and Gilbert, A.

The convocation was then closed, and the fraters adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed.

Cryptic Masonry.

ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL (No. 8).—The annual meeting of this council was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when Comp. W. J. Thomson was duly installed T.I.M. by Comp. Thos. Entwistle, P.T.I.M. The newly-installed T.I.M. then appointed the following companions as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Milner, Dep. T.I.M.; Wm. Brackenbury, P.C. of W.; J. D. Murray, Secretary; W. M. Wylde, Cap. of G.; A. H. Jefferis, Con. of Nov.; R. G. Brook, Marshal; D. J. Parry, Sub-Marshal; and G. P. Brockbank, Chap.

The companions afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was ably presided over by the newly-installed T.I.M., Comp. Thomson.

Allied Degrees.

YORK.—Ebor Council (T.I.)—A meeting of this council was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., when a lodge of St. Lawrence was opened by Bro. C. G. Padel, W.M., the following members being also present, amongst others: Bros. M. Millington, S.W.; G. Simpson, P.M., as J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., Treas. and Sec.; T. Humphries, S.D.; E. J. de Salis, J.D.; W. B. Dyson, as I.G.; J. W. Woodall, and P. Pearson, Tyler.

The accounts were audited, and showed a balance in hand of over £2. A council of Knights of Constantinople, a chapter of Grand High Priests, and a conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon were then successively opened by Bro. T. B. Whythead, and Bros. C. G. Padel, J. W. Woodall, and T. Humphries were successively introduced into these Degrees, Bro. E. J. de Salis acting as conductor. After the close of the council, the members met at an excellent supper, under the presidency of Bro. Padel, and a social evening was pleasantly spent.

Obituary.

BRO. THOMAS SHAW, P.M. AND P.Z. 823.

The news of the death of Bro. Thomas Shaw, an esteemed P.M. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, and P.Z. of the chapter bearing the same name and number, will be received in Liverpool and elsewhere with sincere regret. Bro. Shaw has not been in good health for some time, but the tidings of his death (which took place on Sunday, the 16th inst., at his residence in Brunswick-road, Liverpool), came somewhat in the nature of a painful surprise. There was a large gathering of the Fraternity at the funeral, which took place on Wednesday week at Anfield Cemetery. Bro. W. Bathgate impressively performed the funeral service. Amongst those who were present at the graveside were Bros. T. H. Careful, W.M.; J. J. Boyle, I.P.M.; J. Beasley, S.W.; W. Brassey, J.W.; J. M. King, Sec.; R. H. Webster, S.D.; J. Holland, P.M.; J. Houlding, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Ashmore, P.M.; J. W. Ballard, P.Z., P.G.S.; T. Webster, Z.; H. Trevitt, J.; R. Washington, P.Z.; S. Haynes, P.Z.; P. Ball, Jan.; W. H. Ball, Jan.; E. Morgan, Canevelli, T. Couldrey, S. Outram, J. Gage, J. Getrey, C. D. Raymond, T. Nicholson, W. Maddox, W. J. Quine, R. Scurr, J. Humphries, and G. Bewley, all officers and members of the Everton Lodge and Chapter. The following brethren belonging to other lodges also attended to pay a last tribute of respect to one who so deservedly stood high in their estimation as a tradesman, who has carried on business some eighteen years in their midst: Bros. R. C. Yelland, P.M. 1094; C. Tyrer, P.M. 1020; R. Foot, W.M.; W. Hiles, W.M. 1299; W. Ladyman, W.M.; J. J. Ramsay, I.G.; G. Beacon, P.M.; R. Edwards; R. R. Martin, P.Z.; H. Pearson, P.Z.; M. Hynes, E. Bevan, R. R. Hoblyn, E. Crisp, C. Wadsworth, E. Ellis, H. Ellis, Rev. W. Harpur, J. Gardner, and R. Burgess, P.M. The funeral arrangements were undertaken and most efficiently carried out by Mr. William Bradnock, of 4, Erskine-street, and the coffin was composed of the best polished oak, bearing upon a brass shield the words, "Thomas Shaw, died Sunday, April 16th, 1882, aged 55 years." There were in the *cortège* three funeral carriages and three private vehicles. As a tradesman who has been long in the city, as well as in Masonic and social circles, Bro. Shaw was one who was held in the highest esteem.

BRO. JAMES DANN, P.M. ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

Another worthy member of our Craft has been called from this sublunary abode, and has left a break in the Masonic chain by which we are united, by the death of Bro. James Dann, P.M. of the Royal Jubilee Lodge, 72; Sec. of the Skelmersdale Lodge, 1658, from the time of its consecration; and Preceptor of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1588. Our brother departed this life in St. Thomas's Hospital on Monday, the 17th inst., of which institution he had been an inmate for several weeks, suffering under a frightful disease, and the day appointed for the amputation of one of his limbs was destined to be the day of his death, but, so far, fortunately, without undergoing the suffering of that dreadful operation. Our Bro. Dann entered the Police

Force on the 24th of July, 1848, and from the intelligence he displayed in the discharge of his duties, on the 8th of January, 1859, he was promoted to the rank of inspector, and was from time to time engaged in some very important enquiries. In 1871 he was still further advanced to the position of chief inspector of the P. division, under Mr. Superintendent Gernon, now superintendent of the A division, who always entertained a high opinion of his promptitude and the faithful discharge of his duties. With long service and a high character, in October, 1873, with a liberal pension, he retired from the service. Our Bro. Dann was initiated in the Royal Jubilee Lodge, No. 72, in 1867, and in 1872 was raised to the dignity of W.M., and almost up to the time of his death was one of the most punctual of its members. On Monday, the 24th, his remains were consigned to their final resting place, at Forest-hill, and the following brethren attended the funeral: Bros. M. Larham, P.M. 1216, P.Z. 720; E. Dodson, P.M. and P.Z. 72; Cass, P.M. 1658; Earney, P.M. 1658; Boyton, P.M. 1558; Thorpe, I.P.M. 1658; Power, W.M. 1558; F. Thurston, W.M. 72; J. N. Bate, S.W. 72; F. Walker, J.W. 72; Whiffin, 72; Read, 72; Salter, S.D. 72; Boyes, J.W. 1658; Rumsford, 72; Corpe, P.M. 1839; Walden, 1658; J. D. Smith, S.D. 1658; Taylor, S.W. 1558; Stokes, I.G. 1658; Hill, 1658, Sec. *pro tem.*; W. S. Harvey, 1658; W. Benjamin, 1658; V. B. Hart, 1658; and A. Stone, 1658. For many years Bro. Dann attended lodges of instruction, and was a highly esteemed member of the Craft. His death has caused a void which will not be readily filled up.

BRO. THOS. SMITH, P.P.G.P., AND P.G. SWORD BEARER, KENT.

On the 13th inst., at his residence, the Shakespeare Inn, Powis-street, Woolwich, passed away Bro. Thos. Smith, P.M. and Sec. 829, P.P.G.P. Kent, and P.Z. 829, and P.G. Sword Bearer, Kent. The deceased was a well-known member of an old Woolwich family, and was much respected for his generous disposition and charitable works. These chiefly found scope in the Masonic community, of which he was an ardent and assiduous member, taking conspicuous service and high honours. He was a Past Master and Secretary of the Sydney Lodge, at Sidcup, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Kent, and a Life Governor of all the Charities. His widow and each of his children are also Life Governors of those Institutions. Through his votes and interest there are now in the Boys' and Girls' Schools connected with the Order several several orphans of Kentish Masons, and many aged Masons and widows of Masons are carefully provided for for life through his exertions. On the 20th inst., his remains were interred in the Old Churchyard at Plumstead, in the presence of a very large assemblage of Freemasons, friends, and fellow-tradesmen of the locality. The hearse bearing the body was followed by twelve mourning coaches and broughams containing the mourners and friends; and round the grave we noticed the following: Bros. T. Hastings, P.M. 829, P.P.G.P. Kent, and E. Wood, 829, executors of the deceased's will; R. Hanson, W.M.; W. Moulder, P.M.; W. Hawkins, S.W.; J. Coombes, S.D.; and A. R. Britten, I.G., as a deputation from the Sydney Lodge; C. Coupiand, A. Penfold, T. D. Hayes, W. Richey, J. Rowland, E. Palmer, T. Holleyman, Dr. Spurrell, H. S. Syer, A. Jarvis, B. H. Ilton, W. Young, H. Barrett, W. Sadler, J. Allen, L. Etheridge, W. Etheridge, D. Davies, W. France, Capt. Phillips, Capt. W. Reed, G. Nichols, E. Phillips, G. Plume, T. Barriskill, D. C. Capon, Sheath, Willis, Letton, H. Martin, Harding, Cobham, Lewis, Wallis, E. Elger, Watts, Ray, Moore, Boxall, Kent, Brent, Wasmuth, Paget, Judge, C. Jolly (*Freemason*), and others. The Rev. J. Jordan, of Holy Trinity Church, conducted the solemn burial service, and the brethren, after throwing their sprigs of acacia into the grave, silently dispersed.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CURTIS.—On the 23rd inst., at 70, St. Augustine's-road, Camben-square, N.W., the wife of Mr. Geo. Byron Curtis, of a son.

EELLES.—On the 22nd inst., at Glen Cottage, Blackheath-hill, the wife of Charles G. S. Eeles, Lieutenant R.N., of a daughter.

STUBBER.—On the 22nd inst., at 29, Ennismore-gardens, the wife of Mr. Robt. Hamilton Stubber, of Moyne, of a daughter.

WATERMAN.—On the 22nd April, at Ashford, Kent, the wife of Mr. W. Gardner Waterman, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

RUSSELL—SEWELL.—On the 22nd inst., at the parish church, Ruislip, Middlesex, by the Rev. T. M. Everett, Francis Arthur Russell, to Agnes Ann, daughter of Mr. Anthony Sewell, Stonebridge Park, Willesden.

SMITH—FENNELL.—On the 22nd inst., at Trinity Church, Birchfields, Birmingham, B. N. Smith, of The Crescent, Birmingham, to Kate Fennell, of Newbury, Berks.

DEATHS.

CARR.—On the 21st inst., at Clapton, Mr. George Frank Carr, of Hammersmith, in his 35th year.

CARTWRIGHT.—On the 24th inst., at Ellingham Rectory, Norfolk, the Rev. Robert Cartwright, of Ixworth Abbey, in the 80th year of his age.

FOURDRINIER.—On the 20th inst., at Peckham House Lunatic Asylum, where, and at Denbigh, she had been under treatment for fifteen years, Lavinia Fourdrinier, aged 75, wife of Bro. John Coles Fourdrinier, 10, Mornington-road, Leytonstone, E., formerly of London, solicitor, P.M. Antiquity Lodge, No. 2, and five other lodges, Past Grand Steward, and P.P. Grand Warden for North Wales and Salop.

LONG.—On the 24th inst., at 9, Blandford-place, N.W., Mr. James Orr Long, aged 45.

TAIT.—On the 22nd inst., at the Prince Consort's Shaw Farm, Windsor, Mr. Henry Tait, aged 65.



At the Vaudeville, Mr. Thorne has given a performance of "London Assurance," and it met with great favour at a morning performance. It would seem probable that when "School for Scandal" is withdrawn this comedy of the Victorian age may take its place. The company at this performance consisted of Mr. William Farren, Miss Ada Cavendish, Miss Alma Murray, Mr. Henry Neville, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Edward Righton, Miss Kate Phillips and Mr. Lestocq.

"Far from the Madding Crowd" is to be produced at the Globe to-night (Saturday). The London public will now have an opportunity of judging this piece and comparing it with "The Squire," at St. James's Theatre, and passing an opinion on its merits. It is sure to draw well, at least, for some time, on account of the sensation raised a few months ago, when Mr. Pinero's piece was brought out by Bro. Kendal. We will give a *réchauffé* later on.

"Moths," founded on Ouida's novel, is announced to be played at the Olympic in place of the "Shadow of the Sword." Miss Litton and Mr. Kyrle Bellew will be the principal characters.

Bro. Holland has received a vote of thanks, passed unanimously by the directors of the Alhambra, for the energy displayed by him in bringing out "Babil and Bijou."

Mr. Edmund Burke, the lessee of the Avenue Theatre, was entertained at dinner on Monday by the principals of the staff. M. Marius presided, and proposed Mr. Burke's health, and the toast was received by the guests with great enthusiasm. A new comic opera will be produced shortly at this theatre.

The Comedy Theatre has only been open six months, and in that time, until Saturday, only one opera has been required to keep the house full. "Boccaccio," which was brought out on Saturday last, is, we hardly think, equal to "The Mascotte," whose place it has taken, at least in its plot, for this is very difficult to distinguish. But for all this it may have as long a run, for it is full of bright, lively music. Many of the melodies are already known in England, and as it is said an opera to be properly appreciated requires to be heard more than once, may account for the great applause it received from a large audience, who probably were, ere that evening, well acquainted with the airs. For richness of scenery and tasteful dresses it may well vie with its predecessor, but both of the operas represented at this house have been most handsomely mounted. "Boccaccio" has made a sensation in Paris and several other Continental cities. It is by Herr Von Suppé, a name not unknown in England. Perhaps chiefly is Herr Von Suppé remembered by his charming overture to "Dichter and Bauer." The version put before the Londoners is by Messrs. Reece and Farnie, who have often worked together in anglicising French and German operas to fit them for the purer tastes of the English. The company engaged for the piece is exceptionally strong, if we may say it, too strong, since some of the players have not scope enough to exhibit their talents. The whole arrangements for making "Boccaccio" agreeable to eye as well as ear are perfect. The scene of the opera is supposed to take place in Florence. *Lotheringhi*, a bibulous cooper, with a red nose and an idiotic laugh, which we well remember hearing at the Alhambra, and gained as much applause here, has the fortune to possess a neat but saucy wife, *Isabella*, well played with much humour by Miss Kate Munroe, whose re-appearance is a cause for congratulation. Her keen appreciation of fun, delicately and well expressed, gives character to all that she undertakes. By her clever representation of it, she raises her part to prominence. *Lambertuccio* (Bro. Lionel Brough), is an olive-grower, and has a wife something of a masculine appearance. *Peronella*, and her husband *Lambertuccio*, have adopted as a daughter *Fiammetta*, an unacknowledged niece of the Grand Duke, who is affianced to *Pietro*, Prince of Palermo (Bro. J. G. Taylor), but with whom *Boccaccio*, a student (Miss Violet Cameron) is in love. Of course, *Boccaccio* is the hero of the story. This young fellow has made *Florentine* father's and husband's hair stand on end with his passion for love-making. Against this student and his comrade, *Lennetto* (Mr. Rising), a band of the citizens is formed, headed by *Lambertuccio* and others, who fancy themselves aggrieved. They march the streets in a sort of frightened heroic style, singing "Citizens up in just fury arise." Bro. Brough, in these street perambulations, is able to show much of his comic character. They make a capture, but not the right man; for instead of taking *Boccaccio* they have laid hold of the Prince of Palermo, who, though betrothed to *Fiammetta*, is masquerading and following in the footsteps of the student. Being somewhat foolish, *Boccaccio* makes use of him to forward his own love affair, for he also loves *Fiammetta*, and gets the Prince trapped in a flirtation with the pretty *Isabella*, the cooper's wife. It is in this act the piece is the most interesting. The cooper's song and chorus met with a treble encore, and well it was deserved. We are glad to see Mr. Kelleher again on the London stage; as we have said, he was a favourite at the Alhambra. In this pretty song he shows how to drown his wife's voice with his mallet. "O, 'tis charming," a trio, follows this song, by *Peronella*, *Isabella*, and *Fiammetta*. *Boccaccio*, now to get near his love, gains employment with the olive-grower, but to do so passes as a country yokel. In her song, "Oh, sir, I am but country bred," Miss Violet Cameron makes her best hit of the evening. She puts on country dialect. No doubt, Bro. Brough, to whom she sings the song, helped on the loud calls for an encore by his assistance. The second act, which is altogether the best, concludes by the declaration of the noble birth of *Fiammetta*, and her being led by the Major Domo of the Grand Duke to the Court of the Prince of Palermo. But when arrived there, the third act shows how the Prince

has compromised himself by his flirtation with *Isabella*, that *Boccaccio* is preferred to him for the hand of the Grand Duke's niece; and so ends the play. We believe this is the first time Miss Violet Cameron has discarded petticoats for doublet and hose, and we do not think the change one for the better, though rendered necessary in playing a man's part. Her voice continues to improve; her acting is marked alike by humour and vivacity, and her singing is of a highly-finished style. In this new opera she displays a talent for comedy. Bros. Lionel Brough and J. G. Taylor divide the comic between themselves. Miss Alice Burville, as *Fiammetta*, also displays valuable qualifications both as an actress and singer. Miss Carlingford's (*Peronella*) contralto voice is most useful wherever she has to sing. But we don't know why Mr. Rising, who is a pleasant tenor, affects a French accent, as it does not add to his popularity. We hope he will drop it. One of the prettiest parts of the opera is a septett and chorus towards the close of the first act. It was so admirably sung that it deserved hearing again. A trio serenade, by *Lotheringhi* (the cooper), *Lambertuccio*, and *Scalza* (a barber) also deserved the applause it got from the audience. We feel sure those who go once will go twice to see "Boccaccio;" and though it is tolerably lengthy, we feel a regret that we do not hear more of the best known players. Bro. Brough, for instance, has not the power of bringing down the gods that he had in "The Mascotte." Of Bro. Taylor's drollery there is not enough, and Miss Munroe, Miss Burville, and Miss Nellie Maxwell one would like to hear and see more. The dresses, designed by Messrs. Wilhelm and Faustin, and the scenery by Mr. Ryan, all have claim to eulogy. The comforts of the audience are well looked after—and could not be better—by Bro. D'Albertson, whilst the music, under the direction of M. van Biene, and performed by a competent orchestra, never flags.



In our issue of the 22nd inst., we gave the cast of the performance on Thursday last of "Lucia di Lamermoor." Be it added now that Madame Semblich, who made her first appearance this season in the character of *Lucia*, experienced a very hearty reception. In both her singing and acting she showed a great advance since last year, and as the opera progressed she evoked the repeated applause of a crowded audience. Signor Mierzewski was prevented by indisposition from fulfilling the part of *Edgardo*, but his place was supplied at short notice by Signor Frapoli, who acquitted himself extremely well. Signor Pandolfini made an exceptionally good *Enrico*, and the other characters were well sustained. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh were present.

The "Faust e Margherita" of Gounod was produced on Saturday, when the Prince and Princess of Wales occupied the Royal box, but the performance was shorn of part of its attraction by the absence of Madlle. Olga Berghi, who was to have made her *début* on the occasion as *Margherita*. Madame Valleria, however, filled the void, and singing and acting with her accustomed ability, achieved a marked success. M. Bouhy, the new *Mefistofete*, created a decidedly favourable impression by his fine rendering, both vocally and dramatically, of the part. The performance throughout was well sustained, thanks to the able conductorship of M. Dupont. The opera was played a second time on Tuesday.

The concert given on Saturday last, at St. James's Hall, by Bro. W. Ganz, P.G.O., was both interesting and successful, its chief feature being Liszt's symphony to Dante's "Divina Commedia," a work of great power and originality, arranged in three parts, entitled "Inferno," "Purgatorio," and "Paradiso" respectively. Of these three the first and last deserve almost unqualified praise, and considering the difficulties of their task, Bro. Ganz and his orchestra are to be congratulated on the excellence of their performance. The chorus of Priestesses from Gluck's "Iphigénie in Tauris" was admirably sung by the female choir, while the playing of Herr Ondrick, a new violinist from Bohemia, in Mendelssohn's concerto, created a most favourable impression by the refinement of its tone as well as by the finished style and facility of its execution.

"A Grand Opening Musical Festival" is announced to take place at the Alexandra Palace this day (Saturday), under the patronage of H.R.H. the Princess Mary of Cambridge, Duchess of Teck. Madame Christine Nilsson and other artistes will appear, and Mr. William Carter will conduct.

Instead of the six pianoforte recitals announced to be given at the Marlborough Rooms by Herr Alfred Grünfeld, and postponed in consequence of a severe domestic affliction sustained by that gentleman, Herr Franke will give a series of six chamber-concerts, commencing on Tuesday next, the 2nd May.

The summer tour of the Mohawk Minstrels commences this (Saturday) evening, when the dusky troupe will make their appearance at St. James's Hall, Plymouth.

The Merchant Taylors' Company have contributed a sum of one thousand guineas towards the establishment of the Royal College of Music, to be paid in five consecutive annual instalments of 200 guineas each.

At the first Richte Concert, on Wednesday next, Mr. Eugène D'Albert will play Rubenstein's concerto in D minor, in place of Brahms's new pianoforte concerto, the orchestral parts of which cannot arrive in time.

The closing concert of the Sacred Harmonic Society was arranged to come off yesterday (Friday) at St. James's Hall, Handel's oratorio of "Solomon," with Costa's additional accompaniments, being the work chosen for the occasion. Miss Annie Williams, Miss Adela Vernon,

Madame Patey, Mr. Henry Guy, and Mr. Burgon were announced as the solo vocalists, but the chief interest will, doubtless, have been derived from the presence of Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W. and P.G.O., whose health is sufficiently restored to enable him to resume his *baton* of conductor. The re-appearance of our veteran and distinguished brother will, doubtless, have lent additional *élan* to a concert, which has terminated the career of an admirable society after an existence of half a century.

The Philharmonic Society's concert, which was to have taken place on Thursday, has been postponed in consequence of the Royal wedding, and the services of Mr. W. G. Cousins, the conductor, being required at Windsor. Consequently another month will now elapse ere Rubenstein's oratorio of "Paradise Lost" can be produced. No doubt, however, the temporary disappointment caused by this delay will be far more than counterbalanced by the greater completion with which the work will be performed on the day appointed.

Four marches were played at the marriage, in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.W., with the Princess Helene of Waldeck-Pyrmont, namely, the one expressly composed by Gounod for the occasion at the request of Her Majesty, Mendelssohn's "Athalie" and "Wedding" Marches, and the march which forms the final movement of Handel's "Occasional" overture. English music was represented by two minor compositions by Sir Geo. Elvey.



At the general monthly meeting, on Thursday last, of the Zoological Society, Professor Flower, LL.D., F.R.S., in the chair, sympathetic reference was made to the loss which the Society and science in general had sustained by the death of Professor Darwin. A number of gentlemen were elected Fellows, and the names of several others were put down for ballot at the next meeting.

On Thursday night, in honour of Prince Leopold's wedding, Windsor Castle was illuminated by the Compton Electric Light Company, and Windsor itself by the Anglo-American Brush System.

The Summer Exhibition at the Grosvenor Gallery will open on Monday next, the 1st prox.

The second *conversazione* of the twenty-fourth session of the Society for the Encouragement of the Fine Arts, was held on Thursday evening, in the galleries of the Society of British Artists, the entertainment being made still more pleasant from the performance of a selection of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Signor Romili, the performers being students of the London Academy. The Society, of which the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master, Norths and Hunts, is President, was founded in 1853, and has loyally helped to develop a taste for the fine arts.

The thirty-first meeting of the American Association for the advancement of Science will be held in Montreal, Canada, in the week commencing 23rd August next, under the presidency of Professor Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S., principal of the McGill University.

At the meeting on Saturday last of the Royal Botanic Society, the chair was taken by Professor St. George Mivart, and in enumerating the donations lately received, reference was made to several recent publications by the Indian Government on the subject of forest administration, and Mr. G. J. Symons, F.R.S., remarked that it was particularly gratifying to know that the Indian Government were taking measures not only for the preservation but the increase of forests under its control, as well as for the prevention of the destructive fires common to hot and dry climates.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Duncan, who in 1849 was elected an Associate of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, and became a full member the year following. Mr. Duncan was in his seventy-ninth year.

The Exhibition of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, which opened on Monday, contains many admirable contributions, most prominent among them being a large picture by Sir John Gilbert, R.A., entitled "The Head of the Procession" (No. 105), representing a group of girls bearing flowers, followed by horsemen, trumpeters, squiremen, &c. It is rich in colours, while the drawing is free and vigorous. Another very attractive work is that by Mr. H. Wallis (64), representing a scene from "The Merchant of Venice," in which *Gratiano* having brought *Portia Bassanio's* ring, is wheeled out of his own by *Nerissa*. Mr. Dobson, R.A., contributes the study of a child, "Winter Cherries" (21); and Mr. H. M. Marshall, several highly realistic studies of views in London, such as "Pall Mall East" (17), "A City Square, St. Bartholomew" (49), "Westminster—Evening, After Rain" (91), and "From the Tower Quay" (231). Among Mr. Carl Haag's works are his "Ready for Defence" (114), representing an Arab chieftain halting on the sand to repel an attack, and "A Caravan of Bedaween returning to the Libyan Desert" (242), in which is seen a long train of men and gaily-caparisoned camels straggling across the sand and passing a gigantic sphinx on the way. A very pleasing picture is No. 104, by Mr. E. Buckman, in which a soldier and two sailors are sitting round a table at a roadside inn, the soldier having just filled up a mug of beer for a country lass, that she may drink the toast of "The Army and Navy." Mr. Henry Moore's "A Break in the Storm" (9) is well treated. There are also excellent specimens of work exhibited by Mrs. Allingham, Mr. O. W. Brierly, Birket Foster, Mr. Francis Powell, Otto Weber, Mr. E. K. Johnson, &c., &c. Messrs. R. Beavis, C. Gregory, J. Hardwick, S. J. Hodson, and Miss C. Phillott have been elected associates of the Society.



A new lodge, to be called the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, will be consecrated at Anderton's Hotel on May 11th. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, will be the Consecrating Officer, assisted by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, J.G.W.; Sir Francis Truscott, P.G.W.; Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; and others. Bro. Neville Green is the W.M. designate.

Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, we are glad to say, is making improvement. His illness began with an attack of dyspepsia, and showed febrile symptoms. These have now happily disappeared.

Bro. the Pro Grand Master has been on a visit to General Burnaby, M.P., at Baggrave Hall, Leicester.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a committee meeting at the Mansion House, on Friday, of the Rowland Hill Memorial, when it was decided the following inscription should be placed on the statue: "Rowland Hill. He founded uniform penny postage, 1840." We hope this question is now settled for ever.

Bro. the Earl of Rosebery will probably visit America again this year, and this time may be accompanied by the countess.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh have accepted the invitation of Bro. the Lord Mayor to dine at the Mansion House on the occasion of the banquet to the Mayors of England on the 17th June.

Bro. Viscount Falmouth's daughter, Lady Mabel Emma Boscawen, was married on the 18th, inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, to Mr. C. H. Williams, son of the late Sir William Williams.

Bro. Lord Wolverton has arrived in his yacht at Constantinople, from Naples, and is not expected to return to England until June.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany will preside, on the 16th May, at the dinner of the Samaritan Free Hospital, at Willis's, and be supported by Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Bro. Lord Leigh (President), P.G.M. Warwickshire, and Bro. the Marquis of Hertford.

Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane, G.J.W. Scotland, has left Taymouth Castle for Harcourt House for the London season.

Bro. Lord Kensington's brother, Mr. Cuthbert Edwardes, is about being married to Lady Blanche Butler, sister of the Marquis of Ormonde.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will pay a visit to Bro. Lord Carrington at Wycombe Abbey in May, and will inspect the Bucks Militia, of which Bro. Lord Carrington is colonel.

The Hon. and Rev. Carr-Glynn (brother of Bro. Lord Wolverton), vicar of Kensington, will shortly wed Lady Mary Campbell, daughter of the Duke of Argyll.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey's yacht, the Sunbeam, in which he, Mrs. Brassey, and family made a voyage round the world, was towed into Ramsgate Harbour on Thursday week, her propeller having been fouled by a hawser.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire, addressed his constituents on Thursday week at Stow-in-the-Wold.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., has been elected a Bencher of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. Bro. Clarke was called to the Bar in 1864, and made a Q.C. in 1880. Our brother began life as a mechanic, his father being a working jeweller in Clerkenwell. The son did not like the trade, and felt he had talents for greater things, and attended in the evenings the City of London College classes for young men, and from this has made his name in the country.

Bro. the Earl of Derby and Bro. Lord Brabourne have been elected on a sub-Committee of the Beaconsfield Memorial, to consider what shall be done with the surplus fund of £2000.

Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, with his Duchess, have arrived at Buckingham Palace from Biarritz.

Bro. the Earl of Northesk has been honoured with a visit by H.R.H. the Princess Louise, at Rosehill, near Winchester.

At the first anniversary and installation meeting of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, held at Kidderminster, when the retiring W.M., Bro. George Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., installed his successor, Bro. G. W. Grosvenor, P.P.G.R., the idea was mooted of helping the authorities of St. Mary's Church, in that town, in the efforts they are making to provide means for repairs to the tower of that ancient edifice. As it is intended at the same time to rehang the bells, it was decided by the brethren present to seek the co-operation of the other local lodges, Hope and Charity, No. 377, with the view of the Freemasons of Kidderminster combining to purchase and erect a set of chimes at their sole cost. The idea was cordially supported, and the result is that in a very few weeks the amount required, between two and three hundred pounds, has been subscribed, and the vicar, the Rev. T. L. Claugton, son of the Bishop of St. Albans, has on behalf of his parish gratefully accepted the offer. This is a work well worthy of the brethren of the Craft, and another proof of the renewed vigour and life we have several times had occasion to note in the Province of Worcestershire.

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The Stewards of the late Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution have been invited by the Committee to visit the Institution, at Croydon, on Tuesday next, May 2nd.

Bro. Bassano received commands from the Queen to proceed to Windsor, on Her Majesty's return from Mentone, to photograph Her Majesty, Princess Beatrice, and the young Princess, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. No doubt there will be a demand for the photographs when published, to see how Her Majesty looks after the change.

Alter the visit to Windsor on Thursday of the Corporation, Bro. the Lord Mayor dined with the City Lands' Committee at the Guildhall Tavern. The following Masonic brethren were also invited: Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Sir Thos. Charley, Mr. Deputy Crispe, C.C.; Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; and the Comptroller (Mr. Brand).

It is interesting to note that in the contest for the vacant Aldermanic gown the successful candidate will be a Mason, all the three who have come forward being members of the Craft. A majority of the Court of Aldermen are now Masons.

On Thursday the Corporation of the City of London, headed by Bro. the Lord Mayor, proceeded to Windsor to present to Her Majesty an address on her recent providential escape from the assassin's hands. In the deputation there were Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Bro. Sir John Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; Bro. Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Bro. Sir Thos. Charley, Bro. Brand, the Comptroller; Bro. the Sword Bearer, Bro. the Mace Bearer (Captain Okey); Bro. the City Marshal (Major Campbell); Bro. Deputy Crispe, Bro. A. Brookman, W.M. Aldersgate Lodge; Bro. W. H. Pannell, W.M. Pattenmakers' Company; Bro. H. Squire, Bro. J. Judd, and G. N. Johnson, P.G. Steward. The mover and seconder of the address, together with the Lord Mayor and the two senior Aldermen, were afterwards presented to the Queen. Luncheon for the whole party was served in the Waterloo Chamber.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey have arrived at Great Stanhope-street, from Middleton Park, near Biceston.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough will probably realise £50,000 by the sale of the Sunderland library.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught, who is a Bencher of Gray's Inn, presented an address on Saturday to the Queen, on behalf of the Treasurer and Benchers of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, congratulating Her Majesty on her escape from the hands of the would-be assassin on the 2nd of March.

Bro. Colonel the Marquis of Londonderry, P.G.M. Durham, has promised to preside at the annual dinner of the Home Service Club, on 15th prox.

Bro. the Earl of Kintore has arrived in town for the season.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, at the personal request of Bro. the Prince of Wales, called together a meeting of the inhabitants of Nottingham, on Saturday, in connection with the Royal College of Music. Various resolutions were passed pledging the meeting to support the scheme. £1000, in five annual payments of £200, has been voted by the Merchant Taylors' Company.

The closing meeting of the session of the Ear of Zetland Lodge of Instruction will be held on Saturday (this evening), at Bro. Richardson's, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. The evening will be devoted to working the ceremony of installation, and after the lodge has closed, a number of the brethren intend celebrating the great success which has attended the lodge during the past months by holding a smoking concert. Several brethren of acknowledged ability, in addition to the musical brethren of the lodge, will do their best to afford an enjoyable hour to any visitor who may attend. Bro. Dr. Haskins will act as musical director and accompanist.

The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, on Thursday last, Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., presiding. A report will appear in our next issue.

Many of our readers who have been entertained at the social board by the histrionic and musical endeavours of Bros. J. A. Keable, G. Vigay, and C. A. White, R.A.M., will be glad to hear that the first named brother intends giving an entertainment on Monday evening next at the Poplar Town Hall, E., when he will be assisted, in addition to the brothers named, by Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., Miss Jeanie Rosse, Mr. L. King, Mr. A. Bryant, Mr. F. Richardson, and others. Bro. Keable will recite "How Jane Conquest rang the bell," "A story of a pipe," describe an interview between "Mr. Bumble" and "Mrs. Corney," and relate "A night's adventure with a baby."

The ceremony of installation will be worked at the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, 781, at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., on Wednesday next. Bro. H. E. Frances, P.P.G.J.D. Surrey, P.M. 84, &c., will officiate.

At Sheffield parish church the font given by the Freemasons has just been completed by the addition of armorial bearings on the eight shields placed at intervals on the wreath round the top of the font. This addition much enhances the beauty and interest of the gilt, as the device on each shield has been chosen with special reference to individuals and public bodies connected with the church, the Craft, or the town. Looking at the front of the font, the first shield on the right-hand side bears the Arms of the See of York; the second, those of the Duke of Norfolk, Lay Rector and Lord of the Manor, &c.; on the third are the arms of the Rev. Canon Blakeney, D.D., vicar of Sheffield; and on the fourth, those of the Church Burgesses. On the first shield to the left is placed the badge of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master; on the second, the arms of the Corporation of Sheffield; on the third, those of Cutlers' Company; and on the fourth, those of the Town Trustees. These armorial bearings are beautifully modelled in high relief, and are the work of Bro. Chas. Green, of Howard Street, who designed and executed the font to the order of the Freemasons.

Early in June the Prov. G.M. of Hants and Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and his officers will constitute a new lodge in Havant, Hants, to be called "The Hundred Bosmere," and is numbered 1058. The name is taken from the local appellation of the district. Bro. H. Martin Green will be the first W.M. This is the second Craft lodge in this town.

The exhibition of the United Arts Gallery in Bond-street has been opened to the public this week, and our readers will find much to interest them, both in oils and water-colours by English and foreign artists. Among the more noteworthy pictures, Mr. W. Szerner's "Insurgent Chiefs in Herzegovina;" Mr. R. Ribera's "The Trump Card;" "An Incredulous Listener," by Mr. F. Streitt; "Shrimpers," by Mr. A. Kiwschenko; Mr. G. Hahn's "Ready for Dinner;" "In Holland," by Mr. H. Bisbing; and "The Midday Meal," by Mr. A. Ditscheiner.

Bro. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., is to be presented by his brethren in Kent with a testimonial on his appointment to Grand Office as Grand Chaplain, in recognition of the services he has rendered to Freemasonry in Kent and elsewhere.

The new Masonic Hall recently erected at Wagga Wagga, on the site of the one destroyed by fire some twelve months ago, was opened recently. The hall is 65 by 35 feet, and will seat about 500, and its acoustic properties are said to be all that can be desired.

West Virginia pays a Grand Lecturer 500 dollars per annum to teach her Worshipful Masters "the true work."

Bro. Alfred Brookman, W.M. Aldersgate Lodge, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, at a meeting held on Monday last.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., presided at the anniversary festival of the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on the 21st inst. Among those present were: Bros. Baron de Ferriers, M.P., and J. A. Bevan, D.G.M. Westland, New Zealand.

The Annual Dinner of the Railway Benevolent Institution, will be held this year at the Cannon-street Station Hotel, on Wednesday, May 10th, when the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, will preside.

Mr. J. D. Lindon, member of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, has received a commission from Her Majesty to paint a picture of the forthcoming Royal Wedding.

The annual dinner given by the Royal Academy of Arts to the chosen representatives of Art, Science, and Literature, and the world of fashion, takes place this (Saturday) evening at Burlington House. On Monday next the Exhibition will open to the public.

At the last meeting of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, a letter from the Duke of Albany was read acknowledging the receipt of an illuminated address, congratulating him on his approaching marriage. The sum of twenty guineas was voted to the fund for the relief of the persecuted Jews in Russia.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough has taken for the season Lord Downe's House, 39, Berkeley-square.

The Lady Mayoress, Bros. F. Vials, Sir Thomas White Lodge; Bué, F. G. Bamfylde, 1820; Sir George Baker, Arthur Reynolds, Org. 1820; Rev. R. Hoskens, Chap.; F. G. Faithful, and Henry Wright were amongst the numerous company at the Merchant Taylors' School Choral Society's Concert on Wednesday. The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company was also there.

Bro. G. R. Sims, we regret to say, is again seriously ill.

A subscription is being raised at Windsor for a stained-glass window, which, in commemoration of the Queen's escape from assassination, is to be placed in Holy Trinity Church, of which the Rev. Arthur Robins is the incumbent.

Bro. J. Taylor, P.M. and P.Z. Doric, 933, has removed from London to the Vicarage, Compton Dando, Bristol.

A National Great Priory of the Orders of the Temple and of Jerusalem, &c., will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Friday, 12th May.

We learn that Bro. General Sir Garnet Wolseley has joined the Council of the Oxford Military College, and thus swelling the list of eminent officers already serving on that body.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has consented to deliver his interesting lecture, explanatory of the ritual of the First Degree, at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, on Tuesday evening, the 9th May; and at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, Canonbury Tavern, on Monday evening, the 22nd May.

Bro. Wm. Wrench Towse has accepted the position of Hon. Secretary of the Clacton-on-Sea branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It will be remembered that the Albert Edward was one of the boats presented by the Freemasons to the Institution on the safe return of the Right Wor. the Grand Master from India. She has been the means of saving over sixty lives in little over four years. Contributions for the local fund for current expenses will be received with thanks by the Hon. Secretary.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Liver, Lungs, and Kidneys.—Most diseases of these depurative organs arise from obstruction, over the removal of which these celebrated Pills exercise the most perfect control. A course of them is strongly recommended as a remedy for such chronic affections as liver enlargements, congestion of the lungs, torpidity of the kidneys, and other functional disorders which cause must present suffering, and, if neglected, lay the foundation of organic diseases. Holloway's Pills are specially adapted for the young and delicate; the gentle and purifying action ranks them above all other medicines. In digestion, nervous affections, gout, and rheumatism the Pills have achieved for themselves universal fame. They expel all impurities from the blood, and thus restore cheerfulness and vigour.—[ADVT.]