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THE presentation of the loyal address of Grand Lodge to Her Majesty the QUEEN, at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday last, was a very striking event in the annals of English Masonry, marked as it was by the presence of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES and the Duke of CONNAUGHT. H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY was unavoidably absent. We believe that in the admirable address thus presented the Grand Lodge of England expresses the warm and devoted sentiments of every Freemason in Great Britain; nay, we will add, in Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry; and we hope that the account of the proceedings we now pleurably record will have their due effect on all sections of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry. Loyalty to the throne, obedience to law, support of order, detestation of revolution, of secret societies, and destructive conspiracies, are, and ever will be, the characteristics of English Freemasonry; and Grand Lodge has well made itself the eloquent mouthpiece of our devoted and indignant Craft when it congratulates HER MAJESTY, in most appropriate words, on her happy deliverance by the providential interposition of T.G.A.O.T.U. from the hands of the assassin, and seeks to express its abiding and grateful sense of her exalted, and peaceful, and constitutional rule. God save the QUEEN is still the enthusiastic aspiration of every loyal Craftsman. We wish to add that we should not be doing justice to our esteemed Grand Secretary if we did not express an opinion that in all the details and arrangements of these most interesting proceedings, good taste and Masonic propriety have marked them from first to last, in great as in little things.

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THE Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, held under the distinguished presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., took place on Wednesday evening last, with 343 Stewards, when the goodly sum of £13,232 was announced amid loud acclamations. We congratulate our readers and all concerned on the fact, a very significant one in itself, and refer them to the full account elsewhere, keeping the analysis of the returns, always an interesting matter for consideration, for our next issue. We need hardly add that our royal brother received a right royal reception. To Bro. HEDGES great commendation is justly due, alike for his unwearied labors and his successful returns. The announcement by the Chairman, that HER MAJESTY had graciously consented to become a special patroness of the Institution, was received with loud and prolonged applause.

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OUR public life and private society have been convulsed by the awful news from Ireland, and the accounts so ghastly and heartrending of a dastardly crime committed with a most appalling deliberation, and evidently the most premeditated cruelty. At such an hour all other feelings are subdued, all other voices hushed into one indignant exclamation on the part of the law-abiding English people, of horror and detestation of such an act of blood-thirsty perfidy and such an outcome of barbarous passion. The thoughts and sympathies of our generous Order will turn instinctively towards the members of the bereaved household, to the great and distinguished family of which our noble brother, the Marquis of HARTINGTON forms part, and to the humbler circle in Dublin of which the valuable public servant and loyal Roman Catholic Irishman, Mr. BURKE, was the prop and head. It is not for us to measure here the extent of such an abhorrent crime, or to allude to the exigencies of the public service, as with such matters, as well as political considerations Freemasonry and the *Freemason* have nothing to do. But it is our bounden duty, as good men and true, as faithful citizens as well as zealous Freemasons to join in the universal expression of national and common sympathy, and to express our humble detestation of an episode which will be a lasting disgrace to the age in which we live, whether it will prove to be the result of skilfully fomented passions and unbridled ferocity, or the terrible and insane criminality of obscure and degraded desperadoes.

CERTAINLY our good Bro. W. J. HUGHAN has a just cause of complaint against the editor of the *Freemason*, Sydney, N.S.W. Bro. HUGHAN states, and his statement is sufficient and decisive on the subject for all who know him, that in the words he penned for the *Voice of Masonry* the words "New South Wales" did not occur. They are, then, a clear interpolation. And who interpolated them? Was it the Editor of the "Sydney" *Freemason*, to serve a special purpose? Or was it some "mysterious stranger;" some "unknown brother?" Whoever has committed such an unmasonic unworthy act deserves alike entire Masonic disavowal and reprehension. Nothing in this world is ever served by trickery or treachery. A momentary success may be achieved by the deliberate falsehood or the suggested untruth, but sooner or later the Nemesis of outraged veracity asserts itself, and the reaction completely sweeps away the falsehood and the "fautor" of it. Perhaps we are speaking too seriously. And if we may fairly reduce the matter to that of a contemptible "trick," for a purpose, to gain a special end, the voice of Masonic honesty and fair play must unequivocally condemn him, be he who he may, who for any purpose or no purpose, deliberately garbles, parodies, travesties the thoughtful and sincere words of another and a brother Freemason.

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MASONIC tramps seem increasing amongst us. Can nothing be done to check their progress or arrest their proceedings? It is to be feared that a good deal of this Masonic mendicancy arises from the haste and cheapness which mark the admission of Freemasons, especially in Scotland. Let not our good Scottish brethren be irate! A case came before the Board of Benevolence not long ago, when a Scottish Mason admitted he had once, and only once, paid £2 10s. to a lodge in Scotland, and had never since sent a farthing by way of annual subscription or benevolent contribution. And still he claimed relief. Would it not be well if the three GRAND SECRETARIES of England, Scotland, and Ireland were to meet together and formulate some minimum reasonable test of membership and annual subscription?

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THERE is a point to which we hope the attention of the Committee for the revision of the Book of Constitutions will be specially directed—the minimum amount of initiation fees. At present in London the minimum sum is £4 4s., in the provinces £3 11s. 6d.; and the 6s. 6d. for certificate is included in such fees, as a general rule, but which ought not to be the case. The registration fee is £1 1s. for London, and 10s. 6d. for provincial Masons. For joining members the registration fee in London is 5s., and in the country 2s. 6d.; and the registration fees for joining members from foreign lodges is 10s. 6d. Now it seems to us that if Grand Lodge ordered that no lodge shall admit a Mason under £5 5s., paying the fees itself, there would be a small gain to the lodge, and a simple mode of procedure. Not that we believe in high fees keeping out bad members. There are some persons, most undesirable members, to whom that large fee would be an inducement; but we think it better to have a distinct and reasonable minimum. The idea that by a low initiation fee we encourage many to enter who are deterred by the expense, is, in our opinion, an utterly worthless and unsound argument. We certainly, by our fees, induce a large number to enter whose proper position is not Freemasonry, but that of a pure benefit order; and no one can regard without grave apprehension the somewhat hasty and indiscriminate admission which has lately been going on for some years past, and which seems to portend most serious consequences, unless speedily checked, to our whole system of Masonic benevolence and Metropolitan Charities.

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WE quite agree with a correspondent last week, *in re* the "Territorial Grand Lodge of Morocco." The whole business is most abnormal, unwise, illegal, and unmasonic from beginning to end. Geographically, the expression is a positive absurdity; Masonically, as far as we can see now, every precedent has been violated, every prescription has been set at naught. That such proceedings can be approved of in Manitoba we cannot bring ourselves to believe, and we feel sure that the American Masonic journals will see the subject, as we do, in its true light of mingled ridiculousness and illegality. We look in vain for one redeeming point in the procedure, and only fear that we must see in it a deliberate departure from Masonic law and custom for special purposes and for special ends. But let us not be misunderstood. We do not deny,—it would be childish to do so,—that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba had a right to grant a warrant for a lodge at Tangiers, though one is tempted to echo Lord BEACONSFIELD'S famous apostrophe to the "flies in amber." Neither, had the G.M. granted a warrant to another lodge at Tetuan, and another at Mogadore, and another at Fez, and then had these

lodges formed themselves into a Grand Lodge of Morocco, would there Masonically, that is according to Masonic law, have been much to say. But here we see Bro. PATTERSON acting clearly "ultra vires," opening, as we understand, a territorial Grand Lodge of Manitoba for Morocco, and then declaring it a territorial Grand Orient, and then proceeding to constitute a private lodge, a deliberate act, for some definite purpose. We can but meekly observe to our readers, and we even say this, "pace" Bro. PATTERSON, that there is not in Masonic annals a single precedent for such an act, and that if there is one point of procedure which the American Grand Lodges have unequivocally condemned, it is this very system of action of the above-named brother. We are sorry for this "fiasco," as we are of opinion, knowing Morocco, that Freemasonry might flourish there under legal conditions. As it is, this new body is neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring. It is a nondescript creation, which cannot abide the touch of Masonic law or Masonic precedent, and must wither and decay.

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THE "Unvouched for Visitor" who entered that nameless lodge of Ohio, and whom the then W.M. proclaimed to be an inadmissible brother, in the amusing incident recorded in a recent number of the *Freemason*, suggests a homily of useful moral to all W.M.'s up and down the country. We want, it seems to us, a little more strictness of vouching in our lodges. There is a grave error afloat in this respect, which has too hastily received currency, which we often hear quoted sententiously, but which is one of the many fallacies of our good Masonic faculty. It is this, "Once a Mason, always a Mason," and that if proved to be a Mason he has a right, &c. We dispute the premise altogether. Our Grand Lodge has wisely hedged the admission of visitors by sundry needful precautions and careful rules of scrutiny and caution. It is not enough that a man says he is a Mason, and can prove himself to be a Mason by recognized formulae, that, therefore, he has a right to claim admission into a lodge. He has to be known to, or vouched by, or proved satisfactorily, before he can legally claim admission at all. He must produce his certificate, which is one needful voucher, and without which any English W.M. would be justified in refusing admission to a visiting brother. At the same time, the laws of Masonic kindness and hospitality are so prevailing in this country, that our good brethren are much more likely to lean to the lax rather than a stringent view of the question; but we have thought it right to call attention "en passant" to the subject, as we have known cases where some brethren seemed to think that they had a right to immediate admission, though unknown to all the brethren, and that the brethren were wrong who evinced a little hesitation on the subject.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE QUEEN OF THE ADDRESS VOTED BY GRAND LODGE.

On Wednesday last, Her Majesty received at Buckingham Palace a deputation from Grand Lodge, who presented the address voted at a special meeting of that body on the 15th of March last.

Her Majesty, who was accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Princess of Wales and Princess Beatrice, and attended by the Dowager Duchess of Athole, received the deputation in the Picture Gallery. There were also in attendance on Her Majesty the following gentlemen of the household: Gen. the Right Hon. Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B., Private Secretary; Gen. Sir John Cowell, K.C.B., Master of the Household; Lord Sandhurst, Lord-in-Waiting; Col. Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, Groom-in-Waiting; and Gen. Lynedoch Gardiner and Col. the Hon. Henry Byng, Equerries-in-Waiting.

The deputation consisted of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master; the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Senior Warden; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master; Lord Carrington, Grand Senior Warden; the Lord Mayor, Grand Junior Warden; A.E. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar; Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*), Grand Director of Ceremonies; Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; the Rev. Ambrose Hall, Past Grand Chaplain; and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary. The Duke of Albany was nominated as a member of the deputation, but on account of domestic affliction was unable to accompany the other members of the deputation. Mr. Justice Cave, who was also a member of the deputation, was absent at the assizes at Liverpool. The deputation wore full Grand Lodge clothing and evening dress. The Prince of Wales headed the deputation, and the Grand Secretary carried the casket enclosing the address. The casket, which was six inches long and six broad, was of rich dark blue velvet, handsomely framed in gold, and surmounted by two crowns, between which were the square and compasses surrounding the Prince of Wales' feathers. On the front of the casket is a gold plate bearing the following inscription: "The loyal and dutiful address of the Freemasons of England to Her Majesty the Queen, 15th March, 1882." The address itself was beautifully illuminated in gold and colours, on vellum, which was lined with blue silk, and attached thereto was the great seal of the Order in an octagonal gold box, on which were enamelled the arms of Grand Lodge. The whole were from the designs of the Grand Secretary. The following is the address:

"United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England.

"Albert Edward Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master.

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, —

"May it please your Majesty,

"We, the Grand Master and Officers of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, in the name and on behalf of our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, yielding to no other body of Englishmen in loyalty to the Crown, and looking with pride to your Majesty as the Patron of our Order, hasten to lay at the feet of your Majesty the honourable tribute of our horror and indignation at the recent dastardly attempt upon your Majesty's life, and we desire on this, the first occasion permitted to us, to add the expression of our loyal devotion to your Majesty's person.

"We believe that the Great Architect of the Universe rules alike the hearts of princes, directs the acts of men, and guides the course of events, and in all humility we desire to record our unfeigned thankfulness to Him that in His mercy He has been pleased to turn aside the hand of the assassin, and to protect from death or injury a life honoured in every part of the civilised world, and most precious to every class and estate within the realm, and we would add to these thanks to Almighty God this further prayer, that He in His goodness and wisdom may vouchsafe to your Majesty many years of health and strength to watch over the interests of a loyal and devoted people

"SHADWELL H. CLERKE, (L.S.)

"ALBERT EDWARD,

"Grand Secretary.

"Grand Master."

The Prince of Wales having read the address handed it to Her Majesty, who received it very graciously, and then read the following reply:

"I have received with gratification your loyal and dutiful address, and share with you the feeling of devout thankfulness to the Almighty, whose protecting hand has ever been so graciously extended to me."

At the conclusion of the reply the M.W. Grand Master introduced to Her Majesty each member of the deputation separately, and the deputation then withdrew.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

##### ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Senior Warden of England. His Royal Highness was supported on his right by Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire, and on his left by Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. for Norfolk. Amongst the other Brethren present were:

Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Lieut.-Col. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., C.B., Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire; Lieut.-Gen. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey; J. Bevan, Dist. G.M. Westland, N.Z.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Arnold, P.G.C.; Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Sir J. B. Monckton, F.S.A., President Board General Purposes; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; R. W. Stewart, P.G.D.; John Messent, G.S.B.; J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., H.C.; Rev. Dr. Morris; F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Alderman Smith, Fitzherbert Wright, Dr. Barringer, H. Lambert, W. Clarke, G.P.; J. F. Collins, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; H. G. Buss, A.G. Sec.; W. H. Stanger, G. Steward, H. A. Dubois, E. Letchworth, A. H. Tattersall, Lieut.-Col. J. Peters, W. Hope, M.D.; and C. Hamerton.

After dinner grace was sung, and the Duke of Connaught proposed the toasts.

In proposing the first toast, H.R.H. said: I rise to propose to you the first toast of the evening, "The Health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen." (Cheers.) Amongst all assemblies of Englishmen we always give to this toast a most enthusiastic reception, and I know it will be especially so received, composed as we are this evening, of brethren of the Craft. (Cheers.) Brethren, I will ask you to drink this toast with your usual warmth, because I have an intimation to make to you which, I am sure, will give everybody in this room the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. That intimation is that Her Majesty the Queen has authorised me to state that she will accept the position of Chief Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. (Loud cheers.) Brethren, without further preface, I will ask you to drink "The health of the Queen, the Chief Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.)

The Duke of CONNAUGHT: Brethren, we now come to the second toast, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, Patron and President of this Institution."—(cheers)—"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.) Brethren, the reception which you have already accorded to the preface of this toast shews me how superfluous it is on my part to offer any eulogy on those whom we are anxious to toast. His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master is well known to every Mason here present. Since the time he accepted the high office he holds in the Craft he has ever set the best example to all Masons. (Cheers.) He has ever been ready to come forward and to promote anything that would tend to the good and benefit of Freemasonry in general; and I may perhaps allude to the great and important meeting of Grand Lodge that took place now two months ago. (Cheers.) Brethren, I am sure that anybody who was present on that occasion will never forget the memorable sight. In that meeting His Royal Highness took a leading and very important part, which was so gracefully consummated in the reception of the address by Her Majesty the Queen this afternoon (Hear, hear, and applause.) Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales is so well known and so beloved—(cheers)—throughout the length and breadth of this land that I feel that it is not necessary for me to say more than to

allude to her as your patroness, and I am sure that you could not get a more graceful one. (Renewed applause.) Brethren, I would therefore ask you to join with me in drinking "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Patron and President of the Institution, H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, Patroness, and the other members of the Royal Family." (Cheers.)

The toast having been drunk,

The DUKE OF CONNAUGHT said: Brethren, I give you "The health of the Earl of Carnarvon, Most Worshipful Pro. G.M., the Earl of Lathom, Right Worshipful Deputy G.M., and the Grand Officers Present and Past," and with this toast I am happy to couple the name of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex.

Bro. Sir F. BURDETT: May it please your Royal Highness and Brethren.—I assure you it gives me the greatest pleasure, especially on this particular occasion, to have to respond for so excellent and powerful a body of brethren as we have in our Grand Officers. In responding for the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom, I may say we thoroughly appreciate their services, and I believe the whole of the Grand Officers are highly appreciated for the services they perform during their term of office. I believe every Grand Officer has been duly appreciated during the time he has been in office, and after having left office almost every Grand Officer has left it in the regret of all those with whom he has served. Generally speaking, the Grand Officers are ready and anxious to do everything they can, and not only during the time they are in office but also ever afterward; when they are able to assist their brethren they are ready to do so on every possible occasion. On the present occasion, perhaps, I ought to feel it a very high honour in having to respond to this toast because among our Grand Officers we have a Past Warden of the Grand Lodge, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, present. You are all perfectly well aware that when he took the office he came and performed his duties which everybody appreciated thoroughly. We are always anxious, as every Grand Officer is, to do our duty to the brethren in general, and with the whole of Masonry at large; and therefore, with further trespassing upon your time, I return our thanks for the manner in which you all have drunk our health. (Hear, hear.)

LORD LEIGH, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire: May it please your Royal Highness and Brethren—I feel it to be a very high honour indeed to be called upon to propose the next toast, which may be said to be almost the toast of the evening. The toast which I have to propose is that of "His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Warden of England." (Cheers.) It is a very pleasing duty, and it is an easy duty as well as a pleasing duty, because His Royal Highness is so deservedly beloved, not only by every Mason in England but by every man and woman in the country. (Applause.) It is an easy duty because I know that it is one which needs not for me to make any remarks to call for it the most hearty response. (Cheers.) I consider it to be a very pleasing fact that we have a member of the royal family occupying the chair this day. (Cheers.) Upwards of ninety years ago this grand Institution was founded, when a member of the royal family, the Prince of Wales—a former Prince of Wales—was Grand Master of England. It is therefore most satisfactory to find a member of the royal house now occupying the chair of an Institution which was founded by a former member of the royal family. (Cheers.) Whenever there is any good work to be performed we always have one of the members of the royal family ready to come forward to perform it. Brethren, we have this day one of the most popular princes of the house in the position of Chairman; loved, not only by the whole nation, but by the whole army of England. (Cheers.) I give you with the greatest pleasure the health of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and allow me to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the Province of Warwick which I represent, to offer to His Royal Highness our hearty congratulations that we are about to have a new Prince joined to the royal family, who is to be the next Grand Master of the Province. I can only say that on behalf of my own Province I wish them long life, health, and happiness. (Cheers.) "I give you The health of the Duke of Connaught, and long may he live to occupy the position."

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, who was received with loud applause, said: Brethren, I assure you I feel very much flattered and very grateful to you for the cordial manner in which you have drunk my health. I am also excessively thankful to my friend the Prov. Grand Master of Warwick, on my right, for the kind words that fell from him in proposing this toast. It is very gratifying to me to find the hearty reception that I have met with from you all this evening. It is a great gratification to me that I have been enabled to perform the duties of chairman, to come amongst you and assist, in however small a way, to promote the good and the welfare of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. I hope that the result of the meeting will be one which will be satisfactory and which will be gratifying to all the brethren. I thank you again for the honour you have done me in drinking my health. (Cheers.)

The Duke of CONNAUGHT: Brethren, I must now bring to your notice the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Cheers.) It is now nearly a century since its formation and has at all times, from its name, been one of the Charities which has been most liked and most helped by the Craft in general. As I already mentioned, it has received considerable Royal support, which has been very much added to to-day on account of its connection with Her Majesty the Queen. (Cheers.) Brethren, the Institution is one which is thoroughly worthy of the Craft. It is carried out in the most admirable manner, and is conducted in every way so as to benefit to the utmost those girls who are admitted to it. Some 1300 girls have been through this school and home, and it has now within its walls 238. At the last election it was necessary and found convenient to admit without any poll all those who were candidates for it. (Cheers.) This was done on account of the increased

accommodation, and on account of the necessity to promote its welfare among the Craft. But this was done as an exceptional measure, and with the hope of increasing its funds. The building, which I am sorry to say I have not had the pleasure of inspecting personally myself, is, I am told, thoroughly satisfactory in every way. It contains not only the home and school, but it has large gardens and pleasure grounds for the benefit of the girls. It likewise has a laundry and an infirmary. I am sure you will all recognise how important all these adjuncts are, and how they promote the happiness and welfare of those who are living there. There is one peculiar feature which I should mention, and which I am grateful to Lord Leigh for telling me, that is that many of those who have the chief management of the School have been bred and brought up in it. (Cheers.) It is very gratifying, and we can understand how it encourages those in the School when they see those set above them have been in similar positions to themselves. Miss Jarwood has been sixty-six years in the Institution. And I should not forget Miss Davis, the head governess. The success of the School is largely due to her unswerving kindness and admirable management. I am sure that I should be wanting in my duty to you as your Chairman were I not to mention her name. Brethren, all charities have to be kept up on the funds that we can raise, and it is always one of the unpleasant duties of the Chairman to point out how much is required to keep up the good work that is to be done. By careful and good management I believe £42,000 was invested in Government securities; but this only gives a yearly sum (which is the only fixed income) of £1268. It therefore requires between £8000 and £10,000, which we raise on similar occasions to the one we are assembled at this evening. Among the Craft, where Charity is our watchword, I am sure that I will not have to speak to you in vain. No members of the Craft, and no brethren have ever turned a deaf ear to the supplications of those who wish to promote the good and the welfare of their fellow brethren. I feel, therefore, confident that the few words that have fallen from me this evening will not fall on deaf ears, but that you will heartily respond to this toast by showing, by the subscription list, that we shall be able to continue the good work that has already gone on for the last century. I will ask the brethren to join with me in drinking "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and I have great pleasure in coupling with this toast the name of Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, to whom we are all greatly indebted for the energy he has shown and the trouble he has taken in the Institution. Brethren, I propose to you "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." (Applause.)

Colonel CREATON: May it please your Royal Highness, my lords, and brethren—I beg to thank you very sincerely for the honour you have done me in drinking this toast, and associating my name with "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." I have been connected with the Institution for many years, and have watched its progress, and I am prepared to tell you that I endorse every word that has fallen from His Royal Highness as to the efficiency and the care and everything that is good in that Institution. I may mention that having increased our number at last Quarterly Court, we shall require in the future, as in the past, the support which we have always had, which I do not fear will remain. Should we fall off in our subscriptions and donations, of course you will perfectly understand that vacancies cannot be filled up, but I do not fear that for one moment. Now, brethren, I know that you are all anxiously waiting for the lists to be read out, therefore, I will not detain you, but will thank you again very sincerely for the honour you have done me in coupling my name with this toast.

Bro. HEDGES (Secretary) then read the following lists of subscriptions, announcing that there were 343 Stewards, with a total of £13,232, and several lists yet to come in:

HOUSE COMMITTEE.			Lodge.				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
Bro. Col. J. Creaton, J.P. ...	10	10	0	26 Bro. E. Beaumont ...	15	15	0
" H. A. Dubois ...	10	10	0	28 " John E. Lloyd ...	21	0	0
" C. Hammerton ...	10	10	0	29 " C. Crofton Black ...			
" W. Hope, M.D. ...	10	10	0	33 " R. C. Hallowes ...	36	4	6
" E. Letchworth ...	10	10	0	55 " T. B. Linscott ...	86	1	6
" P. de Lande Long ...	10	10	0	60 " George Penn ...	15	15	0
" E. C. Mather ...	10	10	0	66 " G. A. Rowbotham ...	42	0	0
" Joshua Nunn ...	10	10	0	72 " Augustus Darch ...	101	0	0
" Lieut.-Col. James Peters... 10	10	0	0	73 " George Frei ...	141	15	0
" Frank Richardson... 10	10	0	0	79 " Henry Roberts ...	141	15	0
" J. A. Rucker ...	10	10	0	90 " W. A. Adams ...	67	4	0
" Griffiths Smith ...	17	17	0	91 " Benjamin Bull ...	36	15	0
" A. H. Tattershall ...	10	10	0	92 " H. F. Auldjo ...	19	19	0
				134 " Joshua Nunn ...	86	2	0
				140 " W. F. Dennant ...	22	6	0
				142 " James Tatlock (see			
				Lodge 1328).			
Lodge.				Chap.			
Grand Stewards, Bro. Hugh				142 " Comp. C. E. Atkinson	6	6	0
Mackintosh ...	16	16	0	Lodge.			
1 Bro. John W. Fuller ...	15	15	0	143 Bro. W. E. Stewart ...	65	2	0
2 " F. Lasseter ...	21	0	0	162 " F. B. Williams ...	15	15	0
Chap.				162 " Major W. E. Williams	13	13	0
2 Comp. E. Letchworth ...	105	0	0	165 " C. Belton ...	42	0	0
Lodge.				172 " W. O. Beazley ...	30	9	0
4 Bro. Rev. G. W. Weldon	15	15	0	174 " Charles Lacey ...	83	0	0
5 " F. Woodhouse Braine	4	2	0	1625 " H. C. Green ...	50	8	0
6 " J. R. F. Claridge ...	63	0	0	180 " C. J. Wade ...	51	18	0
8 " Thos. Skewes-Cox ...	16	16	0	181 " W. E. Stanton ...	28	7	0
Chap.				Chap.			
8 Comp. Frank Green ...	18	18	0	185 Comp. T. C. Walls	28	7	0
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9 Bro. S. Coste ...	40	0	0	197 Bro. W. H. Stranger	40	0	0
10 " Thos. Weller - Poley	54	1	6	198 " George Cowell ...	28	7	0
14 " W. Jarvis ...	27	6	0	217 " J. M. Hodder ...	43	0	0
16 " Rev. C. J. Martyn				222 " G. Drysdale ...	65	2	0
(Includes a donation of 25				228 " F. J. Hunt ...	23	12	6
guineas from the H.R.H.	45	0	0	259 " John Aird ...	52	10	0
the Duke of Connaught.				435 " William Ball ...	15	15	0
18 " F. H. Williams ...	15	15	0	507 " Jonas Duckett ...	47	5	0
19 " Henry Glenn				538 " E. Humphrey			
7 " H. Brunning ...	37	5	6	Chap.			
21 " R. W. Coulcher ...	26	5	6	538 Comp. John Elvin...	90	0	0
22 " Henry Venn ...	32	11	0				
23 " M. D. Loewenstark	24	0	0				

Lodge.	£	s.	d.
554 Bro. Edward W. Walter	91	10	0
567 " F. J. Stohwasser	138	12	0
715 " Herbert Cuff	40	0	0
Chap.			
513 Comp. J. Ross Gallant	26	5	0
Lodge.			
822 Bro. Montagu Hawkins	52	10	0
879 " John Davis	63	0	0
933 " Geo. Adneg Payne	78	15	0
975 " Edward Ayling	60	0	0
1158 " W. H. Sharman	47	19	6
1178 " Isaac Quincey	71	18	0
1257 " T. W. Murley	44	15	0
1278 " R. L. Sturtevant	21	0	0
1319 " C. Wellard	65	2	0
1328 " J. L. Thomas	94	0	0
142 " Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph	21	0	0
1425 " J. T. Mickleburgh	119	14	0
1475 " T. Jackson	38	17	0
1506 " J. J. Hamilton	31	10	0
1507 " C. J. Scales	105	0	0
1524 " W. H. Brand	28	7	0
" Edward Dignam	23	2	0
1538 " G. Gregory	78	15	0
1563 " John Waugh	63	0	0
1572 " Nelson Reed	63	0	0
1585 " J. W. Robinson			
1589 " C. G. Brown			
Chap.			
1589 Comp. G. Mc A. Low			
Lodge.			
1593 Bro. Albert Escott	36	15	0
1599 " G. J. Woodman	33	12	0
1604 " E. Hornblower	64	11	0
1615 " W. B. Lethbridge	36	14	0
1622 " W. Hamlyn	70	7	0
1625 (See Lodge 174)			
1635 " W. C. Grigg	74	11	0
1657 " Henry Matthews	130	0	0
1669 " Thomas Edmondston	17	0	0
1670 " F. H. Gruggen	79	16	0
1685 " Edwin Bare	105	0	0
1686 " J. M. Klenck	63	0	0
1704 " Charles Collard	30	0	0
1707 " C. Lovebond	48	6	0
1716 " H. J. Hancock	47	15	6
1719 " William Sugg	37	10	0
1724 " Major H. Burton	105	0	0
1745 " H. B. Marshall	32	11	0
1768 " W. G. Kentish (see Middlesex)	29	18	6
1804 " E. H. Parnell	22	1	0
1805 " J. M. Knight	41	9	6
1820 " Dr. Trollope (see Sussex)	50	0	0
1828 " A. B. Baker	10	10	0
" Lewis Bryett	38	17	0
1839 " H. Cattermoie	129	3	6
1891 " C. W. Tayleur	10	10	0
1900 " W. H. Dean	24	3	0
1900 " G. P. Festa	52	10	0
1928 " Rev. Dr. Griffiths	33	14	6
1964 " Edgar Bowyer	5	5	0
Mark Lodge			
251 Bro. S. J. Turquand			
Scottish Constitution			
395 Bro. J. R. Garrow			
UNATTACHED.			
Bro. Robert Berridge	31	10	0
" Asher Barfield	10	10	0
" J. W. Baldwin	26	5	0
" Major E. Clench	10	10	0
" William Clarke	10	10	0
" Thomas Fenn	31	10	0
" Robert Grey	15	15	0
" H. W. Hensworth	15	15	0
" G. Hollington	10	10	0
" T. A. J. Howell	10	10	0
" T. S. Howell	10	10	0
" George Kenning	10	10	0
" W. Lake	10	10	0
" Sir J. B. Monckton	68	5	0
(Includes a donation of 40 guineas from the Lord Mayor)			
" T. Hastings Miller	36	15	0
" M. Mildred	10	10	0
" Rev. A. F. A. Woodford	10	10	0
" Frederick West	10	10	0
" H. A. Dubois	21	0	0
BERKS AND BUCKS.			
209 Bro. J. Andrews	23	17	6
1899 " F. J. Ferguson	38	17	0
414 " C. L. Chapman	26	5	0
574 " H. Daily Marshall	30	19	0
771 " Robert Nicholson	26	5	0
1566 " C. Miller Footitt	26	5	0
1566 " Henry King	52	10	0
1639 " Major Shanks			
1887 " CHESHIRE.			
104 Bro. W. Booth	42	0	0
" Herbert Finch	21	0	0
322 " James Worsnup	63	0	0
477 " John Dutton	36	15	0
537 " Thomas Marwood	36	15	0
537 " Walter Milner	10	10	0
537 " J. P. Platt	10	10	0
1289 " Corelli	10	10	0
1565 " Eustace G. Parker	10	10	0
1576 " Thomas Chesworth	57	15	0
CORNWALL.			
1151 Bro. Controller S. G. Bake	32	11	0
DERBYSHIRE.			
Province and 1324 Bro. F. Wright	155	6	0
253 Bro. F. J. Robinson	12	12	0
353 " Hugh E. Diamond	10	10	0
353 " W. Walters			
731 " W. Whittaker	117	12	0
787 " Septimus Stone	42	0	0

Lodge	£	s.	d.
530 Bro. Percy Wallis	121	16	0
DEVONSHIRE.			
Province Bro. J. E. Curteis	276	5	0
444 Bro. W. R. Woodman	42	0	0
DORSETSHIRE.			
Province, Bro. J. F. P. Gundry	73	10	0
DURHAM.			
Province, Bro. C. S. Lane	52	10	0
Lodge.			
1230 Bro. Ralph J. Dent	10	10	0
ESSEX.			
433 Bro. W. R. Crozier	15	15	0
453 " John Egan			
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.			
82 Bro. Henry Godfrey	10	10	0
82 " Rev. T. M. Middlemore-Whithard	16	16	0
493 " R. A. Matthews	581	10	0
493 " J. A. Matthews	5	5	0
493 " A. Woodward	10	10	0
839 " R. Vassar Smith	21	0	0
1007 " Russell J. Kerr	31	10	0
Unattached.			
Bro. John Mullings	10	10	0
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.			
Lodge.			
359 Bro. A. J. Miller	52	10	0
723 " Richard Eve	26	5	0
903 " Valentine Brown	141	15	0
1373 " Rev. E. J. Nepean	36	15	0
1869 " R. Dampier Child	21	0	0
HERTFORDSHIRE.			
404 Bro. C. E. Keyser	213	3	0
504 " G. Lambert	52	10	0
1385 " John Brittain	46	5	0
1479 " F. R. Webster			
1757 " H. Balderson	13	13	0
KENT.			
Province and Lodge 1536, Bro. W. A. Weston	200	0	0
Lodge.			
1206 Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson	69	16	0
1414 " Rev. T. S. Curteis	21	0	0
1436 " C. Barringer	65	17	6
1531 " W. Kipps			
LANCASHIRE (EAST DIV.).			
37 Bro. Rooke Pennington	10	10	0
146 " W. Nicholson	5	5	0
221 " Jabez Boothroyd	15	15	0
317 " W. J. Cunliffe	10	10	0
317 " J. W. Edwards	11	10	0
317 " James Wilson	10	10	0
1723 " Josiah Taylor	21	0	0
LANCASHIRE (WEST DIV.).			
86 Bro. W. Newsome	10	10	0
178 " H. D. Croft	21	0	0
178 " Thomas Milligan	10	10	0
673 " W. Brackenbury	31	10	0
1021 " G. S. Heath	10	10	0
1384 " W. J. Thomson			
MIDDLESEX.			
Province, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart	150	0	0
Chap.			
382 Comp. James Batting	15	15	0
Lodge.			
1293 Bro. W. G. Kentish (and see 1768 London)	33	1	6
1310 " Campbell W. Pridmore	15	15	0
1326 " W. Copeman Fox	21	0	0
1326 " Edwin Gilbert	5	5	0
1503 " W. H. Saunders	10	10	0
Chap.			
1503 Comp. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama	21	0	0
Lodge.			
1549 Bro. G. Tidcombe, jun.	31	0	0
1777 and Red Cross Order, Bro. W. E. Dawes	21	0	0
1871 Bro. G. W. Dixon	26	5	0
1194 " F. R. W. Hedges	57	15	0
NORFOLK.			
Province, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., assisted by Bro. H.G. Barwell	102	7	6
NORTHUMBERLAND.			
Province, Bro. Colonel Addison Potter, C.B	183	15	0
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.			
Province, Bro. John Watson	236	4	6
NORTH WALES & SHROPSHIRE.			
Province, Bro. Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, assisted by			
Lodge.			
1124 Bro. W. H. Spaul	352	10	0
1124 " Rowland G. Venables			
1143 " R. J. Sisson			
OXFORDSHIRE.			
340 Bro. J. A. Rose	27	0	0
357 " B. E. Baynes	40	0	0
357 " Rev. H. A. Pickard	38	0	0
478 " H. O. Wakeman			
Province and 599, Bro. John Potts	12	12	0
1703 Bro. F. H. Clappen	10	10	0
1894 " R. Trotter Hodges	21	0	0
SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION).			
Province, Bro. T. Thomas	200	0	0
STAFFORDSHIRE.			
Province and 539, Bro. Joseph Howes Smith	137	11	0
Province and 624, Bro. C. F. Graham	152	5	0
SUFFOLK.			
Province, James M. Harvey	71	12	0
SURREY.			
Province, Rev. C. W. Arnold	132	6	0

N. AND E. YORKSHIRE, Continued.	£	s.	d.
Lodge.			
416 Bro. J. D. Thomson	25	4	0
889 " Alfred Nuthall	28	7	0
1395 " J. H. Parker Wilson	30	9	0
1892 " R. R. Davis	25	14	6
SUSSEX.			
Province, Capt. C. P. Hentz	332	17	0
Lodge			
40 Bro. Dr. Thomas Trollope (and see 1820 London)	100	16	0
1797 " J. T. Musson	23	2	0
1829 " John Harrison	120	15	0
WARWICKSHIRE.			
Province, Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Leigh assisted by			
43 Bro. Sigmund Sinauer			
74 " David Archer			
74 " John Slater Foster			
75 " Felix Jones			
74 " Joshua Perkins, jun.			
74 " John Rawlins			
74 " Thomas Surman			
74 " Moffatt			
64 " William H. Wood			
254 " Charles Edwards			
468 " J. T. Collins			
468 " J. H. Smith			
473 " Thomas T. Shaw			
473 " Walter Short			
502 " Rev. G. B. Boughton Leigh			
567 " J. Boddington	510	10	0
587 " Henry Weiss			
739 " James Taylor			
739 " G. A. Thomson			
739 " A. F. Warrilow			
887 " F. G. Swinden			
925 " James Cooper			
925 " William Price			
925 " James Stevens			
925 " Edmund Morrell			
938 " Edwin Handley			
938 " Thomas Howkins			
938 " W. B. Marshall			
1016 " W. M. Boddington			
1016 " Alfred Giles			
1016 " Henry Pagett			
1246 " John Grinsell			
1474 " S. Lyon			
1474 " W. H. Wood			
1630 " A. E. Fridlander			
1644 " See 938 above			
WILTSHIRE.			
Province and 1533, Bro. Dr. Theobald Ringer	56	3	0
WORCESTER.			
Province and 529, Bro. I. F. Roberts	42	0	0
N. AND E. YORKSHIRE.			
Earl of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M.			
J. W. Woodall, P.P.G.W.			
J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G.W.			
C. Palliser, P.P.G. Spt. Wks.			
Prov. Grand Lodge			
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" Priory			
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Lord SUFFIELD, Provincial G.M. Norfolk: Your Royal Highness and brethren—It is my privilege to propose the next toast. It is one of no difficulty for me to propose in an assemblage such as I see before me, for though I believe, if I had the eloquence of Demosthenes I should not perhaps be able to draw from you more than in your generosity you would otherwise have offered, still I know that to this toast that I have to propose to you you will not turn, as His Royal Highness has said, a deaf ear, although you have subscribed in the handsome manner in which Bro. Hedges has already announced—a sum equal, I believe, when the lists all come in, to £14,000 to the Girls' School. The toast which I have to propose is that of "The other Masonic Charities, and success to them." We have heard appeals made, brethren, on behalf of the Girls, and I am quite certain there is no brother here present who will not have responded in his heart to the toast; but I ask you also now to drink "Success to the other Charities"—Charities equally useful, equally well supported in the past. I am quite sure that in the future you will well support the Boys' School. When the time comes for Bro. Binckes to announce the result of the efforts which have been made through this great country on behalf of the Boys' School, I believe you will not be found backward, but that you will as readily support that Charity as you have this most excellent Charity, which has been so well and so admirably pleaded for by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. I conclude these few remarks that I have made by requesting you to drink to "The Success of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and other Masonic Charities."

Bro. BINCKES: Your Royal Highness, my lords, and brethren—I am very much obliged to our distinguished Bro. Lord Suffield for the kind terms in which, while acknowledging the large amount of support—I may almost say the unprecedented amount of support—rendered to the Institution, the festival of which has been so successfully celebrated this evening, he has expressed his kind wishes for the success of the other Institutions in connection with Freemasonry. I am sure there is no one of us, however close our association may be with either of the other Institutions, who has any other feeling than one of the most sincere congratulation for the success which has attended the festival this evening in connection with the Royal Masonic

Institution for Girls. On the other hand, I am perfectly sure there is not one brother, from the highest to the lowest, who has contributed anything towards the success of the festival held this evening, who is not actuated by the most generous feelings and the heartiest desire to promote the success of the other Institutions connected with our Order. If, your Royal Highness and my lords, I may infer—as I think I may with some justification infer, for the support rendered to any one particular Institution, is to be gauged from three different points of view, by its claims, by its needs, and by the work that it is doing—I myself say that, while the two festivals of two of our Institutions have been already most successful—the Benevolent Institution in February last, and the Girls' to-night with unprecedented success—we have a right to augur on behalf of an Institution whose claims are equal with those pleaded to-night, whose resources are not one half those this Institution has at its disposal, and the demands upon which are increasing to an extent that we cannot by any possibility cope with, and we are compelled to appeal to you for further support for founding a preparatory institution, while we stand before you "in forma pauperis," if I may say so, on behalf of the poorest of our three Institutions. But while I say this I am quite prepared to admit that for a long number of years the Institution with which I am associated has received a large amount—an extraordinarily large amount—of generous support; we also meet with an amount of sympathy that I am utterly powerless to express in words, which I hope my acts and deeds will be the best exponent of. But I wish to place before you that I have a very agreeable recollection of one of the festivals held on behalf of the boys, over which you, Sir, presided with marked ability, and the results of which were most successful. Would you allow me to offer to-night my very sincere and respectful congratulations that in presiding over the festival of the sister Institution. I think you have the honour of presiding at the most successful festival held on behalf of any one of our great Masonic Institutions. We are told, from first to last in the study of Masonry, that it is a progressive science; but will you allow me to tell you that the support of our Masonic Institutions ought to be and must be progressive. For what you have all done in the past we have no other words but thanks. We gracefully and gratefully appreciate what you are doing, as evidenced by to-night, in the present; and we look forward hopefully to the future, and we know we shall not be disappointed. I should be very sorry indeed to trespass further upon you. I only hope that, as the two festivals of the two Institutions have been celebrated so successfully, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, over which the Lord Mayor of London will preside, on the 28th June next, and, I believe, will be held at Brighton, will be even a larger success than that upon which we congratulate ourselves to-night.

Bro. TERRY: After the remarks which my colleague and friend, Bro. Binckes, has made to you, it is not my intention to occupy your time but for a few moments, and I, therefore, have to thank you for the very cordial and generous support which in February last you afforded to the Benevolent Institution, when £12,600 was brought in; and looking forward to the future may I express the hope that now that your Royal Highness has presided over the festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools—looking to the youngest Institution of the three, and one that perhaps requires the greatest amount of support,—we may at some future day, not very far distant, also have the pleasure, and privilege, and honour of your Royal Highness's presidency over the Benevolent Institution. If so you will merely complete the round which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales made. You have taken first the Boys', second the Girls', and then we hope you will think of old age the next. And, brethren, let me tell you this, that if His Royal Highness should honour the Institution by accepting the position of President of its festival, I know that I may rely upon your generous sympathy and your active support whenever that takes place.

General BROWNRIFF, C.B., Prov. G. Master for Surrey: May it please your Royal Highness, the toast that I have to propose is a very important one, because if it were not proposed, and I had not the opportunity of proposing it, we should none of us have enjoyed the excellent banquet we have just partaken of. The toast is that of the body of brethren who by their exertions have provided this banquet for us this evening. I know, from personal experience, that the duties of a Steward are very awkward and very thankless duties; but I am quite sure that all who have been here this evening—and I think His Royal Highness will endorse what I say—that we are thankful to the Stewards for the entertainment provided for us. I will couple with that toast the name of my distinguished brother on my left hand, Lord Leigh. I had the pleasure of being with him on Monday at the distribution of the prizes at the School, and I wish your Royal Highness could have seen that battalion wheeling column. I assure you, sir, the distinguished regiment of which you are colonel could not have done it better; could not have done it with more precision; and, I need hardly say, when we consider the sex of the battalion, nothing could have been prettier in the world. I was extremely impressed with what I saw there, and I may be allowed to allude to it because this is an admirable Institution. I do wish that every brother whom I have the honour of addressing would go for himself and judge, and see what that School is. It was the prettiest thing I ever saw in my life. I couple with this toast the name of the President of the Board of Stewards, Bro. Lord Leigh.

LORD LEIGH: I thank you, brethren, for the honour you have done me. I cannot myself take any credit whatever for the management of this banquet to-day, for the duties were devolved upon my excellent Bro. Sir John Monckton. I can only say I am the honorary president; the whole management of it has devolved upon the Acting Steward, Sir John Monckton, and, I think you will agree with me in giving the thanks that are

due to that Bro. But I have had one pleasing duty to perform as president and that was to have given away the prizes to what my excellent Bro. on my right called that very pretty battalion. I must endorse all he has said. It was a pretty battalion. I never saw 230 such pretty young ladies. The wheeling column could not be done better by any regiment in the country. I can only say I thank you sincerely, and I only hope and trust that the charity will always have Sir John Monckton as their Acting Steward.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," said that this Institution appealed most especially to women. As they had been told that evening, the first lady in the land recognised Freemasonry in a manner in which it had not been recognised for many years, by receiving a deputation that afternoon from Grand Lodge, and she had especially signalled that day by becoming Chief Patroness of this most illustrious Institution.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, in responding, said the ladies had passed a very pleasant evening. They were sincerely attached to Freemasonry, and as long as they supported the Craft so long would it flourish root and branch.

The company then repaired to the Temple where a concert was given, in which the following ladies and gentlemen performed under the direction of Miss Marion Burton: Miss Clara Samuel, Mdle. Marie Vagnolini, Miss Marion Burton, Mr. Harper Kearton, Mr. H. Horscroft. Solo Violin, Miss Dunbar Perkins; Violoncello, Mons. Albert; at the Grand Pianoforte, Mr. Turtle Lee.

Bro. HAYHO was toastmaster.

#### STEWARDS' VISIT TO THE SCHOOL.

In connection with the Ninety-Fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution, the Stewards made their annual visit to St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, on Monday last, to distribute prizes to the scholars, upon which occasion they and their friends were entertained by the pupils with a performance of music and recitations. The Right Hon. the Lord Leigh, Trustee of the Institution, R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Warwickshire, and President of the Board of Stewards, presided and distributed the prizes.

The Chairman was supported by the presence of a large number of Stewards, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. H. Shadwell Clerke, was also present. The Chairman was ably assisted by Bro. Nunn, who announced the names of the prize winners. The House Committee was also well represented, and there were present also a large number of eminent Masons and their friends, including a very considerable contingent of ladies, who, as is both natural and very desirable, take a warm interest in the welfare of "our girls."

The hall was opened at four o'clock, and the entertainment was commenced with a duet performance, upon six pianos, of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," by 24 hands, followed by a trio from Rossini's "Guillaume Tell," by 36 hands, both admirable performances. Then followed a recitation of Longfellow's "Wreck of the Hesperus," which was feelingly rendered by Miss Mary E. Spalding; and a part song, entitled "Sunset," by Abt, concluded the first portion of the programme.

The noble Chairman then proceeded to distribute the prizes awarded to the highest pupils, namely, 1st, the gold medal, given annually by Bro. Paas, with five pounds added by Bro. Winn, to Emma Lizzie Bridgeman; 2nd, the silver medal, given annually by the Institution, with five pounds added by Bro. Winn, to Charlotte Coleman; 3rd, five pounds, given by Bro. Winn, to Susan Jane Norrish.

The following pupils also received prizes, given by the Institution, consisting generally of handsome desks, workboxes, books, &c.: Edith Ann Wilson (the gold medalist of last year) for passing the senior Cambridge Examination; and for passing the Cambridge Examination, E. L. Bridgeman (honors), C. Coleman (honors), S. J. Norrish (honors), A. H. Clase, M. A. Jay, F. R. Sargent, and E. E. Daly.

The second part of the entertainment by the pupils commenced with Haydn's "Toy Symphony" (eighteen performers), which produced the prettiest effect possible. As the best evidence that it was fully appreciated it was repeated, by request, during the evening. After the calisthenic exercises were over, a recitation, entitled "Zacconi's Task," was rendered with very good taste by Alice W. Cecil, and was followed by a quartet on the pianos, "Marsch und Chor aus Tannhäuser," by Wagner, very well executed by twenty-four hands. This was succeeded by Longfellow's "Birds of Killingworth," which drew forth a large amount of applause, and was indeed exceedingly well recited by Alice G. Pike. This part of the programme concluded with a part song, "The Voice of Spring," by Behrend.

Prizes, given by the Institution, were then distributed to the following pupils: First Class.—Music, S. L. Bellamy; Writing and drawing, M. E. Barsby and A. G. Pike; Needlework, A. E. Scott, J. Langley, E. H. Escott, Kate Boyd, and Florence Weston; Machine Work, B. H. Fudge, Matilda Hothersall, and M. J. Feltham; General Usefulness, Josephine Herlan and K. J. Mills; Order and Attention, E. M. Hill and E. A. Cecil; and A. M. Brunskill received the prize for Neatness among the Little Girls. In the Second Class the prize winners were F. E. Lapington and S. M. Norrish; in the Third, M. B. Brasier and L. C. A. Wilton; in the Fourth, L. J. Busher and E. M. Garnett; and in the Fifth, C. E. Coales and C. A. Fellows.

The concluding part of the pupils programme opened with a recitation of "Morceaux d'Iphigénie" (Racine), in which E. A. Wilson, A. H. Clase, C. Coleman, B. L. Turner, and F. E. Lapington took part, and received much well-deserved praise. This was succeeded by Raff's "Rigaudon," for twelve hands, on the pianofortes, admirably performed, which was received by the audience with long continued applause. A recitation of Macaulay's "Horatius," if rendered even

by a fairly good reader is sure to secure attention, from the quality of the verses and the stirring incidents of the story, and therefore it is not remarkable that so really excellent a reader as Ada H. Clase should have been able to secure the loudest and largest continued applause. Indeed, this young lady—and those who instructed her—deserve especial praise for preserving the ring and rhythm of these lines without falling into what is commonly called sing-song, which is perhaps more easily committed with this than with many other pieces. While however awarding all the praise she well deserves to Miss Clase, we cannot help thinking that if this lady and Miss Pike had separately studied the same piece the latter would have produced the greater effect. Both however were excellent, and both should continue a study in which they have made so good a beginning. The programme concluded with a pianoforte duet by Brahms, "Ungarische Tänze," by twenty-four hands, which was loudly applauded by the company. The remainder of the prizes were then distributed by the Chairman, but we have not the space at our disposal to give them in detail, and we must therefore be content to say that they included many handsome, useful, and intrinsically valuable articles, presented by Bro. Joshua Nunn, Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., Mrs. Crick, Bro. John M. Clabon, Bro. Collard Moutrie, Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, Bro. John Faulkner, Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Truscott and Lady Truscott, and Bro. C. E. Atkinson. They also included the St. James "Yates' Memorial" Prize (per lodge 48s); and a prize given by the Supreme Grand Council of the thirty-third Degree. Prizes have also been awarded by the Science and Art department, South Kensington, but these it was announced had not yet arrived at the Institution.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the CHAIRMAN, addressing the children, said: My young friends, I can assure you that it gives me very, very great pleasure to come here again. It is several years since I have been here, and I could have almost imagined that I should hardly have been remembered; but I can assure you it gave me very great pleasure when I arrived to be received by two ladies who are mistresses in this Institution, one of whom, in addressing me, said "I am a Warwickshire girl," and, as I am a Warwickshire man, I was pleased to be thus greeted by a Warwickshire girl who had been brought up in this Institution, who assuredly looked very happy, and I have great pleasure in seeing you all looking so happy. We have a very old friend in Miss Jarwood, who has been here for the long period of sixty-six years; it is now ten or twelve years since I was here, and I must congratulate that old friend upon looking quite as young as she did twelve years ago. I hope I may not be so long absent again, and that when I return I shall find Miss Jarwood looking as well as she does now. I consider that for the success of the Institution in its earlier years we owe everything to Miss Charlwood. I have to-day had the gratification of seeing you, my young friends, go through your calisthenic exercises, and the sight gave me great pleasure. My gallant brother on my left (Colonel Creaton) when he saw it, said he never saw the regulars wheel column so well as the little girls did. Their drawing, too, does them the greatest credit; and in other branches of education to-day's proceedings show that they have made good progress in those also. I congratulate them upon their progress, and I congratulate also the teachers and managers upon the condition of the whole Institution; and I cannot close these few observations without expressing, as far as I can, how much the educational department owes to Miss Davis; and I congratulate Miss Davis on the way the children have performed their duties. And now, my young friends, in conclusion, let me remind you you are the children of Freemasons—that you have had for your fathers the members of that grand old Institution—the Order of Freemasons; and that the great principle of that Order is to fear God, to love the brotherhood, and to honour the Queen.

Bro. JOSHUA NUNN proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Leigh for the handsome manner in which he had presided over the distribution of prizes. His lordship had also kindly consented to preside over the Festival on Wednesday; and he (Bro. Nunn) thought that the honour conferred by his lordship would prove of the greatest service to the Institution.

"God Save the Queen," sung by the children, brought the entertainment to a close, and the company adjourned to the tea-tables, which were laid out in several rooms, and amply provided with substantial refreshments. The company were in a short time again strolling about the Institution inspecting the dormitories, and generally expressing themselves, as a summary criticism at all they saw, that if the children were not happy they ought to be.

At half-past seven the visitors again assembled to see "Miss Davis's soldiers," and witness the evolutions, a preliminary exhibition of which to the Chairman had elicited the allusions made to it in his address. Then followed more strolling and a little dancing, and the company separated by 10 o'clock, after having had a very pleasant afternoon.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart in the chair. There were also present Bros. S. Rosenthal, Leopold Ruf, Alfred Williams, G. P. Britten, Rev. Richard Morris (Head Master), Joyce Murray, George J. Palmer, Herbert Dicketts, Henry Venn, James Moon, C. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, F. Adlard, W. Maple, Henry W. Hunt, Frederick Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for accounts which had been passed.

Two petitions were examined and considered, and the boys therein named were placed on the list of candidates for the October election.

Outfits of £5 each were granted to two former pupils of the Institution.

The sum of £1000 out of £1100 subscribed towards the Preparatory School Fund was ordered to be invested.

Nominations for the House and Audit Committees, to be elected at next meeting, were then given in, the Scrutineers of votes were appointed, and the brethren then separated.

#### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, at which Bro. Raynham W. Stewart presided. There were also present Bros. C. Atkins, H. Cox, J. Newton, J. Quitmann, J. R. Gallant, J. H. Leggott, C. J. Dilley, J. Brett, C. J. Perceval, William March, J. V. Mather, Charles Lacey, J. N. Farnfield, T. Cubitt, W. H. Farnfield, A. F. A. Woodford, C. A. Cottebrune, William Hale, J. L. Hine, H. T. Smith, James Moon, William Clarke, W. F. Crutch, G. Bolton, F. Adlard, L. Gordon Robbins, Charles Daniel, Thomas Goode, T. W. C. Bush, T. H. Miller, Edgar Bowyer, G. P. Brockbank, John Dennis, William Hilton, W. Stephens, L. Stean, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of last meeting were read, but before they had been put for confirmation Bro. DILLEY rose and asked that the minutes might be read of the meeting at which the last £100 was added to the Secretary's salary.

Bro. WOODFORD rose to order, and said, that Bro. Dilley's application should be deferred until consideration of the motion, of which the Chairman had given formal notice.

The minutes were then confirmed and the ordinary business proceeded with.

Bro. TERRY reported that since their last meeting of the Committee there had been four deaths among the annuitants, viz: Bros. Crowley, Douglas, Greenwood, and Roberts, who had received from the Institution sums amounting in the aggregate to £898.

There had also occurred a reduction of one in the list of approved applicants waiting election in consequence of the death of Bro. John Sugars, one of their number.

The Warden's report upon the condition of the Institution was read, from which it appeared that some damage had been done to the roof by the storm a fortnight since, but that this had now been repaired. The report also referred to the recent visit of the Stewards to the Institution, at which the band from the Boys' School had done much to enhance the pleasure of the company.

Bro. PERCEVAL proposed a vote of thanks to the House Committee of the Boys' School for permitting the band to attend, which vote was seconded by Bro. Edgar Bowyer and carried unanimously.

The usual authority was voted to the Chairman to sign cheques, of which a list was submitted to the meeting.

A draft of the report of the Committee of Management of the proceedings of the past year was read and adopted for presentation to the Annual General Meeting on the 19th inst.

The Secretary then retired, and the Chairman proposed the motion, due notice of which had been given, viz: "That considering the increase of work in the office, the Secretary's salary be increased £100 per annum, from the 1st March, 1882."

Bros. Dilley, Woodford, Brett, Perceval, Stewart, and others, addressed the meeting, and the question was fully considered and the resolution passed by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL proposed in pursuance of notice of motion: "That £25 be granted to Mrs. Farwell the widow of the late Bro. Farwell, in consideration of her services for some years in acting as nurse to the sick residents in their Institution."

Bro. PERCEVAL explained that Mrs. Farwell having been married less than three years since the time of her husband's death, was thereby disqualified by the rules from receiving the ordinary benefits of the Institution, which she would now be compelled to leave. She had done good service as a nurse at the Institution. The grant of £25 was thereupon made, and Bro. Terry returned thanks on behalf of the grantee.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

NAMES OF LODGES.—From the earliest development of the purely speculative element, our lodges have been known by various names, though principally for a long period by that of the "place of entertainment" where they met. Down to 1738 that is undoubtedly so, as there is only one lodge in the lists not called by the house or sign where they assembled, and that is "The Stewards' Lodge." Towards the middle and end of the last century the lodges began to assume the names of the virtues, the graces, the muses, and of persons. As far as is known, the operative lodges were really guilds, probably with a patron saint; and it may be doubtful when the first lodge was named after an ideal excellence, or quality, or person, rather than a material fact. In the Pocket Companion of 1736 we find "The Union Lodge, No. 8," and "The French Lodge, No. 20;" but the great bulk are still called by the sign of the house where they meet. And even in Cole's List of 1763 the distinguishing names are very few indeed. We shall not be wrong in saying, then, that our present system of lodge nomenclature does not date beyond the end of last century, or the beginning of this. One remark has, however, to be made: so great was the carelessness of Masonic scribes in the last century, that very often names were given to lodges which they even appeared too unconcerned to note. The Germans seem to have improved upon our plan by adding the name of a virtue or a person to the name of the house where they met. We do not think it needful here to lay down any law as to names of lodges, as such must be left to the tastes of the brethren; and on the whole, as far as Anglo-Saxon and German Masonry are concerned, we find little cause for exception.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire took place at the National Schools, Haslingden, on Thursday, the 4th inst. A large and distinguished number of the Craft were present, including Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.W.P.G.M.; Geo. Mellor, V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M.; R. Hargreaves, P.J.G.W.; H. L. Hollingsworth, P.G. Treas.; Tom Nash, P.G. Reg.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; L. H. Braddon, P.S.G.D.; S. L. Buckley, P.G.S. of W.; S. Haworth, P.G.D.C.; John Bladon, P.G.A.D.C.; Thomas Mitchell, P.G. Tyler; James Kershaw, P.G.M.S.B.; H. Gunnyley, P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S. of W.; C. M. Jones, P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. Henry Cottam, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; C. Wood, P.P.G.P.; A. H. H. Whitehead, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Halliwell, P.P.G. Org.; D. Towers, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Wolstenholme, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Newton, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Pilling, P.P.A.G.P.; R. Whittaker, P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. Heywood, P.P.G. Reg.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.D.C.; H. H. Robinson, P.P.G. Chap.; G. A. Packwood, P.P.A.D.C.; W. O. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; H. T. Robberds, P.P.G. Org.; David A. Davis, P.G.S. of W. Derbyshire; J. L. Veevens, P.P.S.G.D.; Henry Jackson, P.P.G.P. Cheshire; J. Hadfield, P.P.J.G.D.; Randle Fletcher, P.P.G.O.; E. H. Thomas, P.P.G. Chap.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.G.D.; Rev. C. J. Duckworth, P.P.A.G.P.; Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.P.S.G.W., S.G.D. of England; E. Ashworth, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Heywood, P.P.G.J.D.; J. F. Hoffgaard, P.P.J.G.D.; J. C. Whittington, P.P.G. Org.; T. Entwistle, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. J. E. Roberts, B.D., P.G. Chap.; J. Halliwell, P.P.G.S.B.; Lawrence Booth, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Hardon, P.P.S.G.D.; J. L. Vaughan, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. E. H. Aldridge, P.G. Chap.; Frank A. Huet, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire; W. H. Cunliffe, P.P.G.P.; T. Charlton, P.P.G. Reg.; B. Taylor, P.P.G. Treas.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G. Treas.; R. H. Hutchinson, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Holroyd, P.P.G.S.B.; J. E. Worsley, P.P.G.S.B.; J. E. Lees, P.M. 645; T. Higson, P.M. 345; E. Whittaker, 854; J. W. Hulley, 268; E. H. Ellnor, 1634; R. Haworth, 1634; W. H. Birtwistle, 1634; John Leach, 215; D. Lord, 274; J. H. Edmondson, P.M. 274; John Hanson, J.D. 1634; H. Pickup, S.W. 1697; J. Ramsbottom, W.M. 274; A. M. Hart, W.M. 1798; G. Board, J.W. 1798; T. Tyers, P.M. 581; J. H. Berry, P.M. 1145; S. Fidler, S.S. 210; Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161, P.P.G.P.; J. S. Glover, 1808; Jas. Heap, I.P.M. 269; S. Goldstone, I.P.M. 345; R. Kay, W.M. 934; E. N. Bleakley, P.M. 369; Jno. Barrett, J.W. 1723; T. E. Abbott, 269; J. J. Meakin, I.P.M. 992; W. Ollier, W.M. 992; S. Marsden, P.M. 344; E. Hilton, W.M. 992; J. Worth, S.W. 367; W. Tomlinson, 215; H. Eckersley, 467; W. Potts, I.P.M. 467; J. Leaver, I.P.M. 346; G. Hunt, S.W. 1009; R. Greaves, 287; W. S. Clark, W.M. 78; A. Meadowcroft, W.M. 1033; R. Anderson, S.W. 1775; H. Hargreaves, S.D. 215; J. Southurst, S.D. 283; P. Barnes, J.W. 274; W. Siddely, J.W. 163; Robt. Leach, P.M. 1219; S. Holt, P.M. 128; Edwin Lowe, 350; T. Sedgwick, W.M. 42; H. W. Jex, 852, 350; Thos. Rigby, J.W. 42; J. Comfort, I.G. 128; J. Holt, P.M. 128; F. Wood, W.M. 128; E. Farrar, W.M. 350; R. Collingwood, P.M. 54; B. Collinge, P.M. 54; J. Moorhouse, 191; M. J. W. Crawshaw, J.W. 346; R. Illingworth, J.D. 346; A. Armistead, P.M. 346; Jas. Aspinall, P.M. 345; J. Heelis, W.M. 62; J. Collinge, J.W. 283, 1948; W. R. Preston, 283; J. J. Blackshaw, P.M. 346; E. Ramsbottom, 1697, 1948; J. Halden, 1009; M. Halliwell, P.M. 288; J. MacLaren, 62; W. Newton, P.M. 1268, 1322; R. Vaughan, S.W. 1011; R. Wright, W.M. 993; A. B. Whittaker, I.P.M. 1633; Chas. Swimm, 1033; Chas. Turner, 1011; Jas. Whittaker, 277; W. Davis, P.M. 54; 816; T. F. Collins, P.M. 1775; A. Beattie, P.M. 343; R. Timperley, P.M. 204, 993; E. Herd, 146; T. Mercer, J.W. 1519; F. Hornsby, 126, 1948; W. Miller, 346; C. Crabtree, S.W. 219; E. Ridgard, 678; J. Bracwell, W.M. 219; T. Schofield, P.M. Sec. 288; W. Bottomley, W.M. 288; C. Barker, 1392; G. Whiteley, P.M. 288; C. Hindle, 346; H. Croasdale, I.G. 269; W. Edwards, P.M. 467; C. S. Allott, J.D. 1009; J. Walkden, S.W. 1534; J. Davenport, 1534; S. Walkden, W.M. 633; Fred. R. Cooper, J.W. 1055; R. Pickering, J.W. 316; A. Mercer, W.M. 1534; J. Haworth, I.G. 1382; A. B. Wimpory, W.M. 1055; B. Hill, W.M. 363; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052; T. Livesey, W.M. 367; J. Studd, 163; W. Lamb, W.M. 346; W. Fletcher, W.M. 269; H. Paulden, J.W. 204; W. Bagnall, W.M. 204; John Hall, S.W. 992; F. N. Molesworth, 226; W. Renshaw, I.G. 815; J. M. Sinclair, W.M. 163; A. Baldock, 1381; J. H. Chapman, W.M. 678; J. E. Turner, 992; William Nicholl, I.P.M. 317; R. Rawlinson, P.M. 1697; F. C. Roscoe, 934; C. A. Templar, S.W. 344; M. Nicholson, P.M., Sec. 1723; W. Pennington, P.M. 374 and 678; Morris Davis, 1055; Wm. Housley, W.M. 1144; E. Melrose, J.W. 1144; J. Kershaw, 1144; J. C. Littlewood, J.D. 1144; W. O. Pettitt, O. 1055; F. H. Tattersall, J.W. 1144; Geo. Taylor, P.M. 363; J. Troop, P.M. 269; E. J. Scott, 269; Thos. G. Orrell, 348; Wm. Green, 348; J. Wolstenholme, 348; D. Ormerod, P.M. 1145; M. Noble, 1145; R. Rushton, P.M. 1145; C. Furness, W.M. 1145; Richard Beckett, J.D. 348; J. Turner, S.D. 462; R. Sanderson, P.M. 345; J. Sutcliffe, P.M. 283; J. Barnes, J.D. 283; G. L. Vaughan, W.M. 1030; A. Pemberton, J.W. 1030; W. H. Shaw, P.M. 283; W. Howarth, P.M. 283; J. Roberts, P.M. 1322; J. Miller, W.M. 1322; J. Sharples, W.M. 1519; G. Oldman, W.M. 126; R. Partington, 625; J. Hillgrove, 345; J. Nettleton, W.M. 1011; Jno. Buckley, W.M. 277; W. H. Eckersley, W.M. 467; H. Motham, P.M. 1253; T. Mottershead, J.W. 1011; J. Andrew, P.M. 268 and 1213; R. Kay Shuttleworth, 401; W. R. Sowter, W.M. 815; Ephraim Harris, S.W. 815; John Sheldrick, J.W. 815; A. Bickley, Sec. 815; Hamlet Lees, Sec. 1868; W. Diggle, W.M. 1134; T. Parker, 298; T. B. Collingwood, W.M. 1129; T. Jackson, P.M. 274; W. V. Stallon, 215; J. Booth, P.M. 283; A. Cross, W.M. 283; J. W. Shorrocks, I.P.M. 381; J. Sanderson, M.M. 381; E. Williams, J.W. 1083; H. Lampton, S.W. 1083; W. H. Hoyle, 1012; C. H. Woods, 381; Joseph Senior, S.W. 103; J. Lowndes, 163, 999; R. L. McMillan, 163; F. Armstrong, 325; Jas. Corney, W.M. 852; J. Pollard, S.W. 269; Alfred Turner, P.M. Treas. 1055; H. Mainwaring, P.M. 1134; G. H. Harrop, 1868; W. Bear jun., W.M. 1504; E. Barber, P.M. 113; W. Taylor, 1948; W. Wallwork, 1948; R. Parkinson, 345; D. E. Fielding,

345; H. Hindle, P.M. 345; S. Broadbent, Sec. 1218; E. Barlow, 215; J. Stewart, Sec. 286; J. Taylor, Sec. 1697; T. Parkinson, Sec. 269; E. Halliwell, P.M. 345; J. Harling, 283, I.P.M. 1948; George E. Nuttall, 215; Chas. Nuttall, 215; S. Porritt, P.M. 215, 1634; S. Horrocks, W.M. 1634; T. Wolstenholme, C. 1634; W. R. Hys, S.W. 1634; W. Harcastle, S.W. 1773; J. Holt, 363; E. Crossley, P.M. 54, 286; T. H. Hall, W.M. 1458; W. Wood, P.M. 128; A. L. Cook, S.W. 1774; E. M. Garstang, W.M. 37; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; S. P. Bidder, jun., J.W. 1774; W. F. Townley, W.M. 269; W. Horrocks, P.M. 350; W. H. Kershaw, W.M. 266; N. Dumville, P.M. 152; R. Harrison, W.M. 1064; J. Knowles, P.M. 1064; J. Taylor, P.M. 274; J. Holden, 462; R. Hargreaves, 215; W. Whitaker, 215; R. Nelson, 308, 126; W. Jones, J.W. 269; T. Varley, Sec. 116; P. Gowan, 269; J. Alcock, P.M. 348; C. J. Scofield, W.M. 1219; C. Hargreaves, J.W. 1219; W. T. Lamb, 1392; H. Knowles, 68; F. Thompson, 215; W. Halstead, 1948; R. Barron, 1948; S. Bailey, 1948; Walter Biggs, 1496; and R. R. Lisenden, J.D. 317, (Freemason).

It will be seen by the large body of brethren present that a most successful meeting was held, at the same time the space in the school room was scarcely adequate to comfortably accommodate so many, as we observed several who were compelled to stand at the lower end of the room, whilst others could not gain admittance. All things considered, however, the arrangements were carried out in a satisfactory manner, and reflected credit on the Directors of Ceremonies, and others who had the management thereof. The Hardman Lodge, No. 1948, which was consecrated at the beginning of the present year at Rawtenstall, commenced proceedings at 12.40 by opening in the three degrees, and at one o'clock, with exemplary punctuality, the M.W.P.G.M. entered, preceded by his Standard and Sword Bearers, and followed by a long array of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and was duly saluted, as was the V.W.D.P.G.M., Bro. George Mellor; after which Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. John Chadwick called over the list of lodges holden in the province, to the number of ninety-two, all of which were responded to by representatives therefrom, with one notable exception, viz., the Ashburys, No. 1459, at West Garton.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was next called over and responded to, with four exceptions, of which number two sent letters of apology on account of illness, whilst the other two, by command of the M.W.P.G.M., were ordered to be fined.

With regard to the minutes of the last Provincial Grand meeting at Blackburn, the Provincial Grand Secretary stated that a copy of the same had been duly forwarded to each lodge in the province, whereupon the M.W.P.G.M. said they would, with the consent of the brethren, be taken as read.

After a summary of the Provincial Grand Treasurer's (Bro. H. L. Hollingsworth) accounts had been read by that zealous brother, a report on the same was delivered by the Auditors, Bros. J. J. Meakin, P.M. 992, and J. E. Lees, P.M. 645, both of whom proving by the somewhat exhaustive manner in which they dilated upon the various items of expenditure that they had been the right men in the right places.

The M.W.P.G.M. complimented Bro. H. L. Hollingsworth and the Auditors for the clear and precise manner in which the accounts had been kept and audited.

Bros. J. M. Sinclair, W.M. 163; Rigby, 345; and Andrew, 268, were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer was the next business, and two candidates were put forward for the honour, viz., Bro. John Rigby, P.M. 345, proposed by Bro. Capt. Hargreaves, P.G.J.W., and Bro. J. E. Lees, P.M. 645, proposed by Bro. Chas. Heywood, P.P.G. Reg. In referring to Bro. Rigby's qualifications for the office, Bro. Captain HARGREAVES spoke at some length, and mentioned the fact of Bro. Rigby being brought forward last year, and having to give place to the present Prov. G. Treasurer. Bro. Hargreaves further stated he had been under the impression that no serious opposition would be given to Bro. Rigby's election; but as there appeared to be another candidate in the field, and in order to avoid a contest, he would withdraw his proposition, trusting the brethren would on a future occasion give Bro. Rigby their cordial support.

Bro. J. E. Lees was therefore elected unanimously P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year; after which the following brethren were invested officers for the year:

Bro. Edward Parker	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. E. Hardman	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. F. Collins	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. H. Thomas	...	...	Prov. G.A. Chap.
" J. E. Lees	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Heelis	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Galloway	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Timberley	...	...	Prov. 2nd S.G.D.
" Henry L. Rocca	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Joseph Willgoose	...	...	Prov. 2nd J.G.D.
" Harry Statham	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Kershaw	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" S. Porritt	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" John Roberts	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Leonard W. Whalley	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Waddington	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Holt	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" W. Nicholson	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" T. Mitchell	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After a lengthy report, read by the Prov. G. Secretary, on the doings of the Charity Committee during the past year, Bros. J. F. Hoffgaard, P.P.S.G.D., and Frank A. Huet, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire, were called forward to receive the charity jewel on behalf of their respective lodges, for their earnest and successful efforts in the cause of charity.

In addressing Bro. Frank A. Huet, the M.W.P.G.M. said: It must be a source of great gratification for you to receive, as it is to me to present to you from your lodge, this jewel. It is pleasant to all classes of men when they see virtue, honour, and good deeds rewarded; and when Masons consider that those good deeds are founded on the basis of charity, it is doubly so. I, therefore, have the greatest pleasure in presenting this jewel to you. I have

known of your work in Masonry, though I have never had a personal acquaintance with you, and I am consequently delighted to make your acquaintance in this Prov. Grand Lodge.

The M.W.P.G.M., in pursuance of a notice of motion on the agenda paper, proposed—"That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Provincial Grand Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation felt by all the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe at Her Majesty's happy escape."

The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously; and the M.W.P.G.M. suggested that a Committee be appointed for determining the best means of compiling and forwarding the address to Her Majesty; whereupon Bro. H. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, P.P.G.T., proposed the M.W.P.G.M., the Past and Present S. and J. Grand Wardens, the Prov. Grand Secretary and Registrar to form the Committee, which was seconded and carried.

Bro. CHAS. HEYWOOD, P.P.G. Reg., proposed "That the sum of fifty pounds be contributed from the Prov. Grand Lodge Fund in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," which was seconded and carried.

Bro. GEORGE PARKER BROCKBANK, P.P.G.D., proposed "That the sum of fifty guineas be paid out of the funds of Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

In moving this resolution, our highly esteemed and hard-working brother spoke with some warmth on the very small amounts that had been given to the Charities by Past Prov. Grand Officers, and expressed himself very strongly that sufficient had not been done in that direction by Prov. Grand Officers in return for the great honours conferred upon them by the M.W. Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Brockbank went on to say that he had in his pocket a list of contributions received from Prov. Grand Officers during the last few years, but he should, for obvious reasons, not read it out, trusting the hint would be sufficient for all whom it might concern, and that more support would be given to the Charities in the future.

The resolution was seconded and carried unanimously, after which Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in due form at three o'clock.

Before Prov. Grand Lodge was closed, Bro. GEORGE P. BROCKBANK rose and said that in view of the great honour that had been recently bestowed by the Grand Lodge in London on Bro. Clement R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.P. S.G.W., in making him Grand Deacon of England, he (Bro. Brockbank) suggested that the congratulations of this Prov. Grand Lodge be offered to Bro. Royds on his appointment, and that the same be entered on the minutes.

Bro. Brockbank was followed by the M.W.P.G.M., who made some congratulatory remarks to Bro. Royds, and the resolution was carried, after which Bro. ROYDS thanked the brethren for their appreciation of the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. TOM NASH, P.P.G. Reg., next rose, and stated that in consideration of the self sacrifice and personal efforts which the M.W.P.G.M. had made in being present there to-day, under very trying circumstances, acutely affecting his own interests, that a cordial vote of thanks be offered him.

The resolution was seconded by Bro. Thomas Chorlton, P.P.G. Reg., and carried with acclamation.

The M.W.P.G.M., in thanking Bro. Tom Nash for his kind remarks, fully endorsed what had been said, but expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in being present and presiding over them once more.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to church, where a short but eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. T. F. Collins, P.G. Chap., after which a collection was made, amounting to over £60.

At the Town Hall a banquet was prepared by Bro. Edmondson Yates, of the Swan Hotel, to which a large number of the brethren sat down.

The Hall was very tastefully decorated with flags and banners, and presented an elegant appearance. The menu cards were printed in dark and light blue, the front page having the crest, coat-of-arms, and jewel of the M.W. P.G.M., specially designed by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH WALES.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of North Wales was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Llandudno. Bro. Capt. C. Hunter, P.D.G.M., P.P.G.M., Aberdeenshire East (Craft), presided; the attendance including Bros. G. S. Tudor, P.G.S.W.; R. Roberts, Portmadoc, P.G.S.O.; Rev. J. Sidney Boucher, Carnarvon, P.G. Chap.; R. S. Chamberlain, P.G. Treas.; Robert Owen, Bangor, P.G.R. of M.; T. C. Roden, P.P.G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.; W. L. Banks, A.P.G. Sec., P.P.S.G.W. North Wales and Cheshire; G. F. Felton, P.G. Org.; G. L. Woodley, P.P.G.S.W.; M. Davies, P.P. G.W.; G. J. Warren, P.P.G.R. Chester and North Wales; Thomas Davies, S.D. 38; W. Price, S.O. 38; J. R. Hazledine, Charles W. Bell, 38; J. Moon, P.G. Tyler; C. Davies, Portmadoc; and others.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., the P.G. Mark Master, the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning.

The following resolutions were passed, on the motion of the W. the P.D.G.M.: "That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by this Provincial Grand Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation of all Mark Masons under Grand Lodge at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep and lasting gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence."

On the motion of Bro. T. C. Boden, P.P.S.G.W., P.J. G.D. Eng., P.G. Sec.: "That the condolence of this Provincial Grand Lodge be tendered to the family of our lamented Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., R.W.P.G.M. M.M., on their afflictive bereavement."

The banquet took place at the Imperial Hotel.

Bro. the Earl of Onslow will shortly entertain Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught at his seat near Guildford.

## PROVINCE OF SURREY.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS.THE M.E. COMP. GEN. STUDBOLME BROWN-  
RIGG, C.B. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER will be held on Saturday, the 13th day of May, 1882, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the "GREYHOUND HOTEL," High Street, Croydon, in the county of Surrey, under the East Surrey Chapter of Concord, 463, when the members of the Provincial Grand Chapter, and the other Companions of the Province are requested to attend.

By command of the Grand Superintendent,  
CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.Z.  
(G. D. C. England)

Provincial G.S.E.

61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars'-road,  
1st May, 1882.

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**LOST.**—At the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, The STEWARDS' JEWEL, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 1880.—Apply, W. CLARKE, 1, Coburg Place, Bayswater.

**FOUND.**—The STEWARDS' JEWEL, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 1880.—Apply, W. CLARKE, 1, Coburg Place, Bayswater.

**UMBRELLA LOST.**—Will the Brother who took away a Brown Silk Umbrella, smooth handle, silver mounted, in mistake on Monday 8th, (Stewards' visit to Girls' School) be good enough to return it to Bro. JABEZ HOGG, 1, Bedford Square.

## To Correspondents.

The following stands over:—  
United Lodge, No. 697.

## BOOKS, &amp;c., RECEIVED.

"Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Chronicle," "Services Commemorative of the Dead of the A. and A. Rite, Philadelphia," "Canadian Craftsman," "The Broad Arrow," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Court Circular," "Keystone," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Freemason's Repository," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1882.

## Original Correspondence.

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

## CHARITY VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Until the elections for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are over I cannot find time to formulate, briefly and lucidly, the points I wish to set before your readers. So a "Life Governorship," &c.,—who I see writes in a most jaunty way,—must kindly have patience with me a little longer. Circumstances have made me active in the elections this year, and I have thought over carefully what I have seen, heard, and realized. But as I do not wish to exaggerate what I deem to be wrong, or weaken my argument by imperfectly stating my case, I think it better on every account to keep back my remarks until the "hurley burley's" done, and I have put my scattered thoughts into order and cohesion.

Yours fraternally, ALIQUIS.

## THE ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Bro. Kenning,

May I avail myself of these friendly columns once again, to ask any of your readers, my brethren in Masonry, who have votes which they have not promised, for widows or males, to send them to me at once.

Many votes are annually forgotten, thrown away, misplaced, never polled at all; and I would therefore recall the matter to the attention of the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who read the *Freemason*, and hope that they will, if they have not pledged their votes, transmit them to me forthwith. Any brother subscriber who can either give me kindly, or lend me benevolently some votes, will confer a very great and mutual and lasting obligation on

Yours most fraternally, A. F. A. WOODFORD.

Norfolk Crescent, Hyde Park, W.

May 8th, 1882.

P.S.—May I ask also any brother who has some Clerks' and Warehousemen Votes to spare, kindly to let me have them, as I have an opportunity of using them?

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have for many years thought that a time was fast approaching when the metropolitan members of the Craft would be compelled to adopt some large and liberal measure to provide for their proper representation in the councils of the Order, and at the same time secure for those who merit acknowledgement that recognition of earnest service which it is, in my opinion, more laudable to seek for than to disregard.

The original idea I had entertained as to the means which might be adopted became strengthened and matured during the preparation of the map of lodges I have lately published; and the statistics I was enabled to compile therefrom will materially help such of your readers as may incline to give consideration to the proposal I desire to put before the Grand Lodge at an early date, and to correspond with me thereon.

It is no less than the sub-division of the metropolitan area, which extends over a radius of twelve miles from Freemasons' Hall, into four Metropolitan District Grand Lodges, each representing exactly one fourth of the circle, and each taking one fourth of the lodges which at present meet at the Hall ("the point within the circle"), the Grand Stewards' Lodge to be excepted.

This sub-division would provide in North-west Metropolitan District Grand Lodge 29 lodges; in the North-east M.D.G.L., 91; in the South-west M.D.G.L., 63; and in the South-east M.D.G.L., 123. The grand total of metropolitan lodges, to the several thousands of which the "purple" is practically unattainable, was, on the 1st of January, 1881, no less than 306.

In a future letter or article a detailed list of these lodges, and their places of meeting, shall be given. For the moment, I am more concerned in letting the intended proposal be generally known than in offering incontrovertible reasons in favour of its adoption. These are not only numerous and easily forthcoming, but, to the minds of a majority of those interested, will present themselves without hesitation. One question I may fairly ask: Why should eight lodges only constitute a province in the South-west of England, and the respective numbers of 29, 63, 91, and 123 lodges in the metropolis have no such privilege?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours very truly and fraternally,  
JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.  
Clapham, May 3rd, 1882.

## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your last issue will, I think, prove to most persons that *H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh* is not a Freemason. I find, however, that some Masons, a Past Master amongst them, have a strong impression that His Royal Highness was initiated in Australia.

Will you please say in your next issue whether His Royal Highness is, or is not, a Freemason?

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

A MEMBER OF LODGE OF UNITY, No. 183.

London, May 2nd, 1882.

[No; the Duke of Edinburgh is not a Freemason.—  
Ed. F.M.]



FREEMASONRY IN OXFORDSHIRE. Compiled by  
Bro. E. L. HAWKINS, M.A., P. Prov. G.R. W. R.  
Bowden, 59, High-street, Oxford.

This is a very interesting and lucidly compiled history of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire. True it is that the record is not very old, which somewhat surprises us, and the annals of Oxfordshire Masonry are not very striking or important. But we believe this historiette to be an honest and faithful one of the progress of our Craft in a very distinguished province. As we commence our task we think it well to give one passage "verbatim et literatim." "In studying the history of the early lodges in Oxfordshire we cannot but be struck by the activity displayed in the province during the past century and the commencement of the present one, the number of extinct lodges being only one less than that of existing ones, as well as by the shortness of their lives and the almost complete disappearance of their records." The earliest lodge seems to have been No. 58, of the Crown, Corn Market, Oxford, warranted August 8th, 1729. The compiler says: "This lodge does not appear in the list of 1740." No records of it are preserved. And then comes a passage which we do not profess to understand, though we have turned it every way: "the compiler has traced what he believes to be the minute book of this lodge down to about twenty years ago." The next lodge seems to be No. 181, White Lion, Banbury, warranted 31st March, 1740, but this lodge was erased by Grand Lodge, we are told, in 1768. The third, apparently the University lodge, the Lodge of Alfred in the University of Oxford, No. 455, 2nd December, 1769. The petition for it was signed by six clergymen, and it lasted until it collapsed in 1783. At one time it was called the Royal Alfred, and seems to have had, if a fitful existence, yet a not altogether undistinguished career. In 1770, March 17th, No. 396, the Constitution Lodge, was warranted, but it seems to have passed away by 1792. These lodges were all warranted by the Modern Grand Lodge. The Antient, or Atholl G. Lodge, warranted No. 172, at the Ram, Chipping Norton, 5th June, 1771; but it does not appear in the Union List. No. 180, Star Cross Inn, Oxford, was warranted, 26th February, 1773. Re-warranted April 2nd, 1762, but disappears in the Union List. No. 185, Crown, Bicester, on the Union List as No. 224, but erased April, 1832. 214, Duke of Atholl's Arms, Oxford, warranted 13th October, 1781, is not in the Union List; and thus, of the eight lodges established between 1728 and 1782, but one, the Crown, Bicester, was in existence in 1813, and that disappeared before 1832. The present lodges all date from 1815. The Alfred Lodge, well-known by its Masonic excellence and good Masons, dates from 1814. The Apollo University Lodge, which has a world-wide reputation, dates from 1818. Some most distinguished Masons have come out of this lodge, among them we may fitly name Bros. C. J. Ridley, R. Harrington, W. H. Cox, G. R. Portal, W. W. H. Beach, H. A. Pickard, J. E. Codrington, A. H. Faber, R. W. Norman, W. R. K. Bedford, W. F. Short, G. N. Morrell, H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, Rev. L. H. Hilton, Reginald Bird, and others. The Churchill Lodge was founded in 1811; the Cherwell in 1852, and the Bowyer in 1864; while the Marlborough Lodge was founded in 1872; the Berbe in 1874; the Windrush in 1877; and St. Mary's Lodge in 1878. The Thames, the youngest lodge, was consecrated by Bro. R. Bird, D.P.G.M. for Oxfordshire, in 1881. There are now ten lodges and 527 subscribing members in the Province of Oxfordshire. But there are only three Royal Arch Chapters. Why is this? It has often struck us as a great "Crux" why the Royal Arch Grade was so little popular, and knowing the reputation of such expert brethren as Bro. W. W. Beach, and others, as exponents of Masonic Craft lore, we are, we confess, very much surprised at the little progress Royal Arch Masonry has made in the lodges and Province of Oxfordshire. We thank Bro. Hawkins for a very readable little book.

## THE MAGAZINES.

"The Quarterly Review." We approach the review of this leviathan of serial literature with beseeching diffidence and awe. This number possesses many claims on the reading and the thoughtful which we need hardly particu-



larize, but will merely add that the two articles on the Revised Version of the New Testament and Dean Swift seem to stand out remarkably for notice, study, consideration, and respectful perusal. The fate of the Revised Testament has been a sad one, a melancholy instance of the mutability of human opinion, and the fallaciousness of earthly plans and proposals. Great things, wonderful things were expected from it, but the prophets have been "discounts," and the prophecies have signally failed. As an authority its doom is sealed. It has, with the exception of a small and noisy party, never been accepted by the thoroughly learned, expert, careful, and critical scholars of the age, and it represents in its fullest outcome nothing but the "ideas" and inchoate utterances of a passing school of thought and special tendency amongst us. We do not concern ourselves with the noisy acclamation or vehement attacks of this intriguer or that defender of the revision. For its lasting value and authority, a critical "consensus" is wanting, and the great mistake of Drs. Hort and Westcott appears to be this, that whereas their new test, their latest revision, rests more or less on the "Sinaitic MS.," a happy and fortuitous discovery of Tischendorf, for which they now seem to claim all but infallibility and almost finality, "Causa finita est." They shut out of sight the possibility, nay, the probability, of an earlier MS. turning up, which may upset all their wonderful deductions and all their dogmatic assertions. We apprehend that by far the safer way is to accept a consensus of authorities and readings, and not to lean slavishly to this or that MS., this or that reading. There are MSS. and MSS., and readings and readings; and each MS. must be carefully considered alike in its external and internal evidence, the age it was written in, the text it displays, and many attendant circumstances which are familiar to experts, before we can, however high its relative or assumed value may appear to be, pronounce safely or fitly on its absolute authority in the great and sacred work of Biblical archaeology, revision, and interpretation. It seems a great pity that the high authority of Dr. Scrivener should have been overlooked or put on one side, and a Greek text adopted and translated from, with semi-barbarous and pedantic English in many places, which neither commends itself to the ears, the taste, the scholarship of Englishmen. We recommend, however, our readers who are able to follow such an article to study it for themselves, as well as the answer to it which the *Times* lately gave. For ourselves, we feel pretty sure that we are still far from having reached the limits of the paleographic study of the Bible. We yet may find an earlier MS. than the "Sinaitic," which may throw a still greater light on the MSS. used and quoted by the early writers. One thing we never can agree to, which is this,—that one or two writers, or a band of scholars, however able, can safely and arbitrarily select one or two MSS., even the earliest extant, and base thereon a revision to the exclusion of all other MSS., and all other writers, using the one common authority, without doubt or debate. But, like a good many other things, nowadays, this Revised New Testament is only another proof of hasty resolves and immature conclusions.



### THE "MASTER KEY" AND OTHER CURIOUS WORKS.

Bro. J. Horner Neilson (of Dublin) has kindly sent me an old book to examine, in illustration of the interesting communication from the "Masonic Student" on the 1st inst. Its short title is "A Master-Key to Free-Masonry, price a British six-pence," but its inside description is much larger. It was "printed for T. Burd, at the Temple Exchange Coffee-house, Fleet-street," and is dated MDCCLX (1760) (8vo. viii. 48 pp.). It is not the same as "Hiram," &c., and in many respects not like the ordinary works of the kind and period, particularly as to the Master Mason's Degree, the first part evidently being a "hash up" from a book of some thirty years earlier at least. The first edition of "Hiram, or Grand Master Key," was, I believe, in 1764 (No. 553 *Carson*). The one alluded to above of 1760, is No. 875 in Bro. Carson's "Bibliography," who terms it "an exceedingly scarce and curious pamphlet." According to Dr. Kloss (No. 1867) two editions were issued in 1760, the one in Bro. Neilson's library being the first. The copy by "W.O.V.M.," alluded to by "W.M.," in the *Freemason* of the 15th ult., appears to me to be of A.D. 1811, and occurs in Dr. Kloss's "Bibliographie," No. 1888. Neither of these works are the same as the one noticed by "Masonic Student," called "The Free-Mason Stripped Naked," which, according to Dr. Kloss was first issued in 1760. I never wrote about these matters without wishing Bro. Carson would complete his "Masonic Bibliography," which so provokingly left off at "Picart," the remaining portion being often much wanted. I feel sure there are many who would gladly subscribe for so excellent a compilation.

W. J. HUGHAN.

### MR. COLLINS.

Is Mr. Collins, by chance alluded to in the Locke MS. Evidences, the Mr. Collins, supervisor of Bristol, who was born at Oxford, 1642, and of whom Messrs. Ellis and White, of Bond-street, have a fine portrait, dated 1676, in their remarkable list of engravings, &c., just published.

MASONIC STUDENT.

### DANIEL HINTZE.

Who was Daniel Hintze said to be mixed up with? L. de Lintot, in the Chapter of the Perfect Observance of Rose Croix of Heredom, about 1770.

LAMBERT DE LINTOT.

Did P. Lambert, or Lambert de Lintot, publish any other engravings about 1789? Perhaps we may be able to have him in this way.

Several of the prints described by "Masonic Student," or very similar ones, are to be seen in the collection of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, at Hull. I feel quite sure that P. Lambert and P. Lambert de Lintot were one and the same person, and a close examination of the mystical designs alluded to shows that they were the work of the same artist.

Lintot was evidently a dealer in, if not an inventor of "Degrees," and published his prints as an aid to his business. His correspondence with Edinburgh shows that he was engaged in the introduction into the South of any Masonic novelties he could secure.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

### CHINESE SECRET SOCIETIES.

In the current number of the "Gentleman's Magazine," there is a story by Mr. F. Boyle, which has a certain interest for us. He calls it "A Story of the Hués," and the whole tragic narrative rests upon the machinations and mysteries of certain secret societies of China. I quote what he says on this subject:—"It is necessary to say something of the Hwuy (the word is spelled Hué in Singapore, Australia, California, and other lands where white men have their notice drawn, perforce, to these associations). The number of Chinese secret societies is much greater, doubtless, than Europeans have discovered; but fifty, at least, have been identified with more or less exactness, all, or very nearly all, containing elements which may militate against public order. The whole subject is fascinating, but at this moment we are concerned only with the two chief Hwuy, the T'ien Ti and the Wu-wei-Keiou—the Heaven and Earth, or Triad, and the Do Nothing, or White Lily, often mistranslated into No Hypocrisy. The former of these is so ancient that it claims to have been instituted by the mystical Emperor Yas, but, until the last Tartar conquest it appears to have been no more than a philosophic mystery of high metaphysical aims and benevolent intentions. Its symbols, ceremonies, and usages are sufficiently well-known to prove that the T'ien-Ti Hwuy and European Freemasonry sprang from the same root, and diverged in times so modern comparatively, that the proceedings at initiation and even the words are substantially the same. If any reader doubts this fact, before cavilling let him consult Gustav Schlegel's translation of a text book which he got hold of." Again, he says, "The name Taeping is that of a recognised order in the T'ien Ti Association, and the title Wang, originally assumed by the leader of the movement (the Taeping rebellion), is the precise equivalent of our Provincial Grand Master in Masonry." Mr. Boyle gives some other particulars, but my object in calling attention to this is to ask if any of your readers can say where Schlegel's translation of the Text Book is to be seen.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

### OPENING OF A MASONIC HALL AT AYLESBURY.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the public hall which has for some months been in course of erection for the local Freemasons (Buckingham Lodge, 591), and which is situated in Ripon-street, was formally opened.

The building stands on what used to be the site of the old Racquet Court, and its frontage is 52 feet. In design it is Gothic, with the exception of the roof, which is modern slated. It is built of red brick with Corsham stone dressings. The Racquet Court originally occupied the basement, but for the purposes of the new building eight additional feet have been built upon. The basement now consists of a large room 47 ft. 6 in. long by 24 ft. wide, with 14 ft. 6 in. height from floor to ceiling. At the entrance to this, on the right is a kitchen, with suitable appliances, and to the left a retiring room and other offices. On the upper floor, approached by a staircase of pleasing design is a room immediately above the lower one, and similar to it in dimensions with the exception of height, which is less. To this light is admitted by large skylights, the ceiling being supported by ornamental timber baulks. To the front of this room, corresponding with the small apartment below, are a cloak-room and ante-room, on the left and right respectively. The boundary of the building in Ripon-street is marked by a low wall, surmounted by pretty iron palisading, and leading up to the entrance are three stone steps. Right in front is a porch, at each side of which is a stone column with Corinthian cap, while over the entrance door is a large glass fanlight, and let into the wall is a solid stone with the inscription in plain letters, surrounded by a floral device, "Masonic Hall, 1882." Both the main rooms have fireplaces in them, as have the other apartments where necessary. The place is lighted throughout with gas, and the internal appearance generally is neat and pleasing. Mr. Luckett has been both architect and builder, and the manner in which he has carried the work to a completion reflects great credit upon him. The whole cost of additions and alterations together has been a little under £500, and the work was commenced about November last.

The building, which could scarcely be said to have been habitable in a strict sense of the word on Tuesday night was yet so thoroughly metamorphosed by the zeal and energy of the Building Committee, under the direct supervision of the W.M., that on Wednesday it presented quite a comfortable appearance, and the brethren were equally astonished and delighted at the change. The company which assembled for the occasion numbered some sixty, including the greater part of the home members, augmented by visitors from other lodges, among whom were the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart, M.P.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg; the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Bradley; and other distinguished Present and Past Grand Officers of the province.

The Rev. J. STUDIOLME BROWNRIFF performed the ceremony of consecration. Having opened the lodge in ancient and solemn form shortly after one o'clock, he immediately proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which was carried out according to Masonic formula. He then delivered the following oration: The consecration of the first Masonic Hall in Buckinghamshire takes place to-day under the auspices of the oldest lodge in the county. It is well fitting that this should be so, and I hope that the day will not be far distant when every large town in this county will have its Masonic Hall. Permit me for a few moments to bring under your notice some of the reasons why I congratulate the brethren of the Buckingham Lodge, Aylesbury, upon what they have done, and why I commend the work they have finished to-day to other lodges as most worthy of imitation. In the first place, brethren, it always seems to me that the dignity of our Masonic ceremonies is greatly enhanced when they are conducted in a room specially designed for them. The moment when the candidate first sees the light of a Masonic lodge is one which forcibly impresses itself upon his memory. How often is

this impression marred by the unsuitableness of the room. The furniture may be perfect and costly; the work may be well and eloquently done; every officer may know his part; but the whole is almost spoiled by the dingy appearance of the room, out of harmony with the whole ceremony, and associated perhaps in the mind of the candidate with scenes neither solemn nor edifying. How infinitely greater is the effect upon the mind when to good work and good furniture there is added a well arranged Masonic Hall. I congratulate you on what your architect has done for you. Your building is good and impressive. If hereafter you see fit to add something in the matter of decoration you may even make it more perfect; but here you will still want the master hand of your architect—every colour must be carefully chosen, every design carefully drawn. Do not I pray you, by over eagerness, make glaring and tawdry, what, even without any decoration, is beautiful. But to turn to another reason why the step you have taken is a most happy one. It makes you independent of the public hotel. And do not mistake me here. I have no desire to say anything offensive to that extremely respectable body of men, the keepers of hotels at which lodges meet. I can certainly in this province speak from personal experience of the courtesy with which many of them, Freemasons themselves, have done, and are doing their best, not simply for the sake of gain, to advance the cause of our Craft. We do not wish to dispense with their help or their services, but still I think it is a very great thing that a lodge should meet independent of any house of refreshment. In the early days of Freemasonry in England this was not possible—the lodge was then too often part and parcel of the public-house—its very name was that of the sign which hung over the door. And what was the result? The world said, and often said truly, that our chief business was to dine. The accusation was, of course, false as a whole, but there were some cases in which the charge was true, and it had, I believe, become true owing to the lack of independence as regards a lodge room. It was impossible to meet without doing something for the good of the house, and what was good for the house was often bad for the lodge. And, brethren, we are living in times when it is specially important that we should, as Masons, be perfectly independent on this matter. Masonry is now, more than ever, a power in this country for good or for evil. There are many social questions not immediately connected with it, of which it must more or less take cognisance. Certainly one great social question of the present day is how all excess, whether of food or drink; how all bodily indulgences may be kept within the compass of propriety. Let us, as Masons, try and show the world that we can meet for work and for refreshment without allowing the latter to take undue prominence; let us try and make our ordinary Masonic banquets simple and less expensive; not refusing God's creatures, let us use and not abuse them. The fact that you are independent of the public-house will make this easier to you; and, in conclusion, let me express a hope that the work we have so happily accomplished to-day may bind us all together in renewed brotherly love and affection. Let your new home never hear any discordant sound. Wherever there is life there must be progress. Differences of opinion, to some extent, must exist where men meet together; but they may exist without hurt if they are not allowed to drive out that brotherly love, which in deed, as well as in name, should be our distinguishing characteristic. Leave behind, then, in old lodge-room anything which your conscience tells you had better not bring here. Bring only the memory of those old associations which have endeared the Craft to you; and may the future of your lodge be no less creditable to you than the past.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the D.P.G.M. and to Sir Daniel Gooch for their attendance, and the hall having been declared duly consecrated, the whole company retired to the George Hotel, where they partook of a cold collation, under the presidency of Bro. Lewis Poulton, Worshipful Master of the lodge. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with songs and glees, rendered under the direction of Bro. S. Hales, were proposed and duly honoured, and after several hours' enjoyment, the proceedings were brought to a satisfactory close.

### MASONIC CONCERT AND BALL AT MANCHESTER.

A concert and dance in connection with the Derby Lodge, 1053, organised by Bro. H. P. Davis, took place at the Masonic Rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road, last week. We may remark "en passant" that this was the last of a series of these entertainments which had been given during the season, and were organised to reduce a debt which had been hanging over the lodge and chapter since their first occupancy of these rooms, caused by the large expenditure in connection with furnishing the same. We are happy to state the debt has considerably decreased, and it is more than probable that if the same unity and perseverance is continued for another year, the debt will have ceased to exist. The entertainment provided was a very good one. In the first part of the entertainment Bro. Alfred Lewtas, 1588, sang very finely the song "Tom Hardy," which was deservedly encored. Bro. Thomas Campbell's pianoforte solo, fantasia from "Oberon," was well rendered, and Miss Bowes, Miss A. E. Davis, and Bro. R. R. Lisenden also contributed songs in the first part, which was brought to a close by the performance of "une petite comédietta," entitled "The Governess," most admirably enacted by three young sisters of Bro. H. P. Davis. In the second part, Professor Le Mare, who kindly volunteered his services, performed some really clever tricks of legerdemain, for which he was loudly and deservedly applauded. Bro. Lewtas sang "The Postillion," which this time roused the audience to enthusiasm, resulting in an encore, for which "A Warrior Bold" was given. Bro. Campbell gave a piccolo solo, "The Keel Row," with variations. Bro. Campbell was skilfully accompanied on the piano by Miss Davis; and Miss Minnie P. Davis recited "Lord Ullin's Daughter" remarkably well. Bro. Davis's song, "He was a careful man," was humorously rendered. The entertainment was brought to a close with a song, the subject of which was one of somewhat questionable taste. A most enjoyable dance followed, and the successful gathering terminated at three a.m. Bro. Thomas Campbell, who played the accompaniments of the songs and dance music, is certainly a valuable acquisition to this lodge, and deserves the thanks of all concerned for his untiring exertions during the evening.



### Craft Masonry.

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27)**—The members of the above lodge met for the last time this session on the 4th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Bro. C. J. Cuthbertson opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. C. A. Grammer, S.W.; J. Munch, J.W.; H. G. Buss, P.M., Asst. Grand Sec., Treas.; J. B. Poole, P.M. Sec.; J. B. King, S.D.; B. Haynes, J.D.; D. R. Jones, I.G.; M. H. Hale, D.C.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; C. King, P.M.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; W. H. Libbies, P.M.; J. Green, P.M.; J. Harrison, P.M.; J. H. Coulson, I.P.M.; B. Hosegood, C. B. Todd, B. Young, A. R. Isaacs, J. W. Dixon, A. Chapper, W. A. Patterson, F. Brooks, H. P. Robinson, F. Easton, A. T. Welsted, S. Ullmann, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Walker, 429; T. G. Carpenter, W.M. 270; M. Hubbard, 22; G. Ashdown, 765; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

The usual formal business having been disposed of, the ballot-box was brought into requisition, and proved unanimous in favour of the admission of Mr. F. Brooks, who was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in very impressive style. After some matters of lodge interest had been discussed, and two notices of motion given, bearing upon the days of meeting, the lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a banquet.

After grace, the W.M. gave, in the usual hearty manner, the loyal and Craft toasts, Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, responding on behalf of "The Grand Lodge Officers," who, he said, were deeply sensible of the honour so often paid them by the brethren.

Bro. Cuthbertson next gave "The Initiate." It was, he said, the first time he had had the pleasure to propose the health of Bro. Brooks, and he did so with very great pleasure indeed. He trusted that brother would come forward and take his several Degrees, and they would find him aiming at making a good worker in Masonry.

In response, Bro. Brooks said he was very much obliged for the manner in which he had been received that evening. Bro. Poole and the W.M. must accept his sincere thanks for acting as doctor and nurse at his Masonic birth. He had felt a little surprised at the ceremony, having expected something different, and had hoped to have had a brother in distress. However, he had gone through it, and felt all the better for it, and had great pleasure in drinking to the health of the brethren.

"The W.M." was next toasted in eulogistic terms, Bro. Coulson saying he had fulfilled every high promise given at the outset of his career, had been courteous in manner, and always ready to subscribe to the old Constitutions. They all knew Bro. Cuthbertson to be a Tyler, and an eminent one, and doubtless the time is not far off when he will add additional lustre to his name as a C.C. Bro. Coulson would not say more in the presence of the W.M. for fear he should make him blush, so would conclude by asking them to drink the health of the W.M.

After making a suitable response, the W.M. gave "The Visitors" a hearty welcome. If not up to the usual standard of the Egyptian Lodge in point of numbers it made up for that in quality. Bro. Carpenter, if an "O" stood for nothing, would be like themselves, an Egyptian, but as it was he belonged to 270. Bro. Hubbard was well known, as also was Bros. Ashdown and Stephens. The W.M. said he could not say anything additional calculated to ensure a hearty reception to the toast. From what he had seen when visiting other lodges, he was sure the Egyptian stood high in the estimation of the Craft for the hospitable way in which they received the visitors.

Bro. Isaacs and Carpenter, W.M. 270, thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Egyptian Lodge for the very kind way in which the visitors had been received. He had had the honour of being at the lodge on previous occasions, and was indeed pleased to witness the kindness and good feeling which always existed amongst the brethren, and trusted to be present on many other occasions.

Bro. Ashdown also returned thanks, and said it was a good thing to visit other lodges, as it instructed brethren to become good Masons, and to learn of one another. He hoped to be able to seek out the Egyptians, and renew the pleasure which he would not soon forget.

Bro. Hubbard re-echoed the sentiments of the previous speakers, and Bro. Stephens spoke afterwards in acknowledgment.

"The Past Masters" whom Bro. Cuthbertson characterised as the backbone of the Egyptian Lodge, were next toasted and coupled with the name of their esteemed I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Coulson.

Bro. Coulson responded to the toast in becoming terms.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141)**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. Morrison, I.P.M., in the chair; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Clark, J.W.; Frohmolt, J.D.; Kendall, I.G.; Homes, W.S.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Green, P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Carr, 24; Nesbit, 24; Banister, 164; Dickson, 179; Langdale, 401; Wright, 813; Cox, 1563; Jay, 1614; Bull, 1681; Pickering, 1699; and Nadland, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Allan and Barrett were raised, Bro. Hakim passed, and Messrs. Snell and Crane initiated, the latter ceremony, by permission of the I.P.M., being ably performed by Bro. Cobham, P.M. The bye-laws, as revised by the committee appointed for that purpose, were approved and passed.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was most admirably presided over by the I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M. The usual toasts followed and a most pleasant evening was passed.

**JOPPA LODGE (No. 188)**—This lodge held its closing meeting for the season at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on the 1st inst. Present: Bros. A. G. Dodson, P.M. (in the absence of the W.M.) in the chair; Benjamin, S.W.; A. Martin, J.W.; Past Masters Lewis Alexander, J. Abrahams, H. M. Levy, M. L. Alexander, O. Roberts,

S. L. Hickman, L. Lazarus, H. Hymans and E. P. Albert, P.G.P. Hon. Sec.; and numerous brethren.

A ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. F. Deering, which was unanimously in his favour, and who was afterwards initiated into the Order; Bro. Salinger was passed to the Second Degree; Bros. J. Hyman and J. Isaacs were raised to the Third Degree. The whole of the ceremonies were ably performed by Bro. P. M. Dodson, in his usual impressive manner.

Previous to closing the lodge, P.M. Hymans rose and stated that he was deputed by the W.M. (on behalf of the lodge), to present to Bro. Lewis Alexander, senior P.M., on his retirement from the Presidency of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, a handsome clock and an illuminated address in recognition of his valuable services in that position for the past seven years. Bro. Hymans spoke at some length, eulogising the services of Bro. Lewis Alexander during the many years he had been a member of the lodge; and Bro. Lewis Alexander, in returning his heartfelt thanks was visibly affected.

The lodge closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment at an early hour, the usual Masonic toasts were given, and the brethren generally appeared to enjoy themselves very much during the evening.

**UPTON LODGE (No. 1227)**—The opening meeting for the session was held at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on the 26th ult., and the weather being fine, a numerous attendance of the brethren attended, and enjoyed the rural aspect, for which the above well-known hostelry is celebrated. Lodge was opened by Bro. A. Clark, W.M., who was ably supported by Bros. W. W. Pearcey, S.W.; W. Serjeant, J.W.; J. Wayland, Treas.; G. W. Rowe, Hon. Sec.; G. Gieseke, S.D.; D. Legg, J.D.; T. E. Horley, acting as I.G.; J. Andrews, P.M.; A. W. Fenner, I.P.M.; B. Picking, P.M.; J. Stroud, W.S.; M. H. W. Sherwin, Org.; C. J. Free, C. Schmidt, M. Doew, W. H. Smith, J. Morris, A. Austin, G. Hockenbocham, J. Dawson, J. Jones, F. A. Key, J. Terry, P.M., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Hon. Member; and the following visitors: Bro. W. B. Ford, 180; A. W. Ellingford, W.M. 834; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507; H. Scales, 1507; D. Moss, S.D. 1275; J. Quincey, W.M. 1178; J. D. Simmonds, 72; C. J. Davison, 77; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the last regular and of an emergency meeting were submitted and received confirmation. The W.M. next proceeded to initiate two gentlemen into the Order, a ceremony he rendered in good style. Some subjects of considerable importance to the future of the lodge were discussed at great length, and one was disposed of satisfactorily, and the second held over to be discussed in another form. Throughout the debate the tone of the brethren was noticeable as being truly Masonic.

All business being at length at an end, after the usual wait whilst the room was altered to allow the brethren to sit down to supper, that meal was heartily enjoyed, and the W.M. having premised that he was not given to making long speeches, but spoke what he felt was to the purpose, gave "Loyalty to the Throne and Success to the Best Interests of the Craft."

Bro. Fenner, I.P.M., gave in appreciative terms "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Clark," who briefly responded.

"The Initiates" were next honoured, Bro. Clark saying that without them lodges would in time die out. The Upton Lodge was fortunate in this respect, for at the emergency meeting they had admitted three gentlemen into the Order, and that afternoon had initiated two others, all of whom, he felt sure, by the great attention they had paid to the ceremony, were the right sort of stuff to make good Masons out of. Addressing the candidates, Bro. Clark told them when he was initiated he never dreamed it possible he would arrive at the proud position of W.M. of a lodge, yet he had so succeeded, and they by hard work and perseverance might aim at doing so, as he had.

Bro. Roberts thanked the W.M. and brethren for so kindly admitting him into the Order, and trusted that he would in time be an ornament to the Craft, and sometime hold the honourable position of W.M., which remarks the other initiate endorsed.

"The Visitors" were in turn honoured, Bro. Clark expressing the pleasure the Upton Lodge at all times felt in honouring the toast. There was a large number present, although some had left. Of those present, some had visited the lodge before, and he hoped to see them many times. Bro. Ellingford's name was coupled with this toast.

Bro. Ellingford begged to be excused making a speech, as the Upton brethren knew he could give them a song, but suggested they called upon Bro. Stephens to respond on behalf of the visitors. This was acceded to.

Bro. Clarke gave what he deemed the toast of the first importance, "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of the distinguished Secretary for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons (Bro. Terry), alluding to the eminent services rendered by that brother in consecrating the Upton Lodge some thirteen or fourteen years since. Bro. Clark said Bro. Terry being behind the scenes could tell them whether he felt proud of the lodge which he had started, and whether it had done all it ought to have done for the Charities. He felt that in the past as much had not been done as he should have liked, but he felt a new state of things was inaugurated, and that with the help of the brethren, and their kind co-operation, the Upton Lodge should not be behindhand in its support of the Three Institutions, which held so strong a claim upon the sympathies of the Craft.

Bro. Terry responded in his usual able and effective manner.

"The Officers" were also honoured, and after being replied to, the Tyler's toast was given, and at an early hour the brethren separated, many of them enjoying a ride home to town under a beautiful and cloudless sky.

**HEMMING LODGE (No. 1512)**—An emergency meeting of this prosperous lodge was convened on the 27th ult., at the Lion Hotel, Hampton. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, acting W.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Walls; J. W. Hiscox, S.W.; W. M. elect; T. Moody, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Treas.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., acting S.D.; Davey, J.D.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middlesex, P.M.; J. Chilcott, E. Russell, G. Rainsford, C. Wordley, and G. Phillips. The visitors were Bros. Webb and Harrison, 569; and Handel, 1656. Apologies for non-attendance were read from the W.M. and Bros. T. W. Ockenden, I.P.M.; J. Hammond, P.M.; and others.

The ballot was then taken upon behalf Mr. A. A. St. Vincent Rich, and it proving to be unanimous, he was most ably initiated into Craft mysteries by W. Bro. W. Hammond. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts were given and responded to. The remainder of the short interval left to the brethren was agreeably diversified by the vocal exertions of several of the brethren.

**SAMSON LODGE (No. 1668)**—The last meeting of the season was held on Tuesday at the Café Royal, Regent-street, Bro. W. T. Lover, W.M., in the chair. Though the lodge is more select than strong in numbers, there was a goodly muster of brethren, who derived great pleasure from Bro. Lover's masterly working of the Third Degree, in the raising of Bro. Kingsbury, and his impressive rendering of the installation ceremony, when Bro. Ochse was duly inducted into the chair of King Solomon. The W.M. appointed as officers Bros. Aarons, S.W.; Quincey, J.W.; M. D. Loewenstark, P.M., Treas.; B. D. Barnett, P.M., Sec.; Williams, S.D.; W. J. Cooper, J.D.; Moses, I.G.; Casper, D.C.; Rudderforth, P.M., W.S.; Kingsbury, Org.; and Oberdaffa, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently entertained their numerous visitors at banquet, when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were properly honoured; and the retiring W.M., who has been especially popular during his year of office, was presented with a handsome jewel.

Some pleasant harmony was contributed by Bros. Kingsbury, Rudderforth, Cooper, Morby, and others, and it was late before the company separated.

Among the visitors were Bros. Albert, P.G.P. 188, 1017; Myers, W.M. 185; De Silva, W.M. 205; Freedam, 169; Harfeld, 185; Hirsch, 188; Hogard, 205; Field, 717; Blum, 1017; Bell, 1178; Clark, 1178; Morey, 1178; Stroud, 1227; and others.

**ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827)**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. Frank Green, W.M., presiding. In the absence of Bro. Wilkey Wright, who was detained at the law courts, the Senior Warden's chair was filled in a most able manner by Bro. Major Sewell, P.G.S. Bro. G. N. Johnson, C.C., P.M., acted as J.W. Bro. I. F. Littell, I.P.M., was greeted with cheers when he entered the lodge clothed in the purple of Grand Lodge. A resolution of congratulation was ordered to be entered in the minutes relative to the honours conferred upon two of the members by the Grand Master. Bro. The Rev. J. G. Scott was raised to the degree of a Master Mason, the W.M. wording the ceremony in a most impressive way. Bro. Major E. T. Rodney Wilde was afterwards passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Henry Wright, J.D., acting as S.D. It was announced that Bro. the Lord Mayor, J.G.W., had accepted an invitation from the lodge to visit them in state. We shall hope to give an account of this event later on. Under the presidency of the W.M., the brethren aforementioned, and Bros. Whiddington, H. Squire, C.C., Steward; E. Garnet Man, I.G.; J. Jackson; and J. C. Turner, Secretary, sat down to a plain dinner, when a most agreeable evening was passed.

**HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40)**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place on the 8th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Bro. Capt. E. W. Hennah, R.N., W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Arthur Wells, I.P.M.; W. Glenister, P.M.; Charles M. Norris, P.M., P.G.S.B.; Frederick Rossiter, P.M.; J. Pierce, S.W.; F. G. Wood, Sec.; J. D. Weller, Treas.; F. Plowman, S.D.; J. Bray, acting J.G.; H. F. Crossthwaite, I.G.; J. Puttick, Chap.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; K. J. Reed, Steward; Leslie, Tyler; Geo. Gaze, F. Duke, Walter Hudson, George Roddis, Henry Gloyns, Markwick, Wilson, Chandler, Henry Kimm, 1184 (*Freemason*); and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of last meeting were submitted and duly confirmed. Bro. H. D. Hunter was then tested as a candidate for passing, and having proved his efficiency, the ceremony of that Degree was worked by the W.M., Bro. Capt. Hennah, after which he explained the tracing board in a most able manner.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

**BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41)**—The last regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. B. Cater, W.M., supported by Bros. Keady, I.P.M., P.G.S.W.; Past Masters, Rubie, P.P.G.I.W.; Ph. Braham, P.P.G. Org.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S. Wks.; R. Peel Floyd, P.P.G. Reg.; Ashley, P.P.G.W. and Treas.; T. Wilton, P.P.G.J.W. and D. of C.; Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, and P.M. 43, 958; Mercer, S.W.; Murlis, J.W.; Holmes, Sec.; Ames, S.D.; W. Peach, J.D.; J. Wilton, I.G.; Gregory, Stwd.; Bigwood, Tyler. There was a good attendance of members, and the following were present as visitors: Bros. Butterfield, S.W. 1085; F. W. Dingle, S.D. 906; C. B. Smith, 53; S. T. Steel, P.M. 308; and W. Clements, 605.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, as were also those of the Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. announced that he and the I.P.M. had attended the last meeting of Grand Lodge, with many other Somerset Masons, in compliment to Bro. R. C. Else, the respected D.P.G.M., on his receiving a collar as Grand Deacon, an honour he had so well earned by his unremitting labours in the Craft, especially in regard to the Masonic Charities. He called on the I.P.M. to read a letter from Bro. E. T. Payne, Past Grand Deacon and Prov. Grand Treas., which having been done, the W.M. concluded by proposing the following resolution: "The officers and brethren of the Royal Cumberland Lodge desire to express to Bro. R. C. Else, the D.P.G.M. of this Province, their great gratification that the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to confer on him the distinguished rank of a Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, and to express the hope that Bro. Else may be spared many years to wear the collar which his Masonic labours and great zeal for the charities have so deservedly earned." This was seconded by Bro. Ashley, supported by Bro. Dr. Hopkins, and carried by acclamation. The last named brother expressed his delight that at last Grand honours had been liberally conferred on several Prov. Masons of high standing, explaining that it had been the custom to restrict

them very much to London brethren, and that when any departure from this took place it was rarely that any position higher than Sword Bearer was given, for which there was formerly some excuse, inasmuch till of late years there was no Prov. Grand Lodge of Middlesex. He trusted that now a new era had commenced, and that this course would be continued.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in the letter of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which had been read, Bro. Radway proposed and Bro. Wilkinson seconded a resolution for a grant of one guinea towards a fund for providing a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing to be presented to the D.P.G.M.

Bro. Wilton represented to the lodge the case of a member who is severely afflicted, and solicited the assistance of the brethren in obtaining admission for one of his children to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He proposed a resolution to that effect, which was seconded by the Treasurer and carried.

Mr. Richard Sidwell and Mr. John A. Fisher, who had been previously admitted by ballot, were initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony for the first time, in a style which would have done credit to a P.M. of long experience. The symbolism of the working tools was explained by Bro. Ames, and Bro. Dr. Hopkins, as usual, gave the charge. A favourable ballot was taken for Mr. C. E. Ponting as a candidate for initiation. In accordance with a proposition placed on the agenda paper by Bro. Ashley, he proposed the appointment of a P.M. as permanent Secretary, in addition to an Assistant Secretary, under whose superintendence uniformity may be maintained in the manner of keeping the records. He stated that the subject had been well considered by the Permanent Committee with a favourable result. During the discussion which ensued, in which Bros. Braham, T. Wilton, and others took part, there appeared to be considerable diversity of opinion. The result, however, was the adoption of the following resolution, proposed by Bro. Ashley and seconded by Bro. Braham: "That a P.M. be appointed as Permanent Secretary, with an Assistant Secretary, to be appointed annually as heretofore." Bro. Ashley announced that a new lodge would shortly be consecrated at Wellington, which he hoped would be the last in the province for some considerable time, and recommended a full attendance of the brethren, especially of such as have not already witnessed the ceremony. No other business offering the lodge was closed.

#### NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).—

The last meeting previous to the summer vacation was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Toplis, occupied the chair, ably supported by the brethren: Bros. J. Derry, I.P.M.; G. Chapman, S.W.; E. C. Patchitt, J.W.; H. Vickers, S.D.; A. J. Barber, J.D.; and J. Brown, I.G.

About sixty-five brethren were present, including the following visitors: Bros. Goldsmith, 1909 (the Mayor); Alderman Turney, 1435; Stevens, 681; Hatherley, P.M., P.B. G.P.; Rice, W.M. 1405; Harrison, W.M. 506; Manton, W.M. 1085; Greenbury, 304; and Butler, P.M. 1435.

There being a candidate for initiation, the whole of the ceremony of the First Degree, including the lecture on the tracing board, was most admirably rendered, and afforded the greatest interest, not only to the candidate but to the brethren.

After closing the lodge, the brethren adjourned to supper, which was well served in the large hall by Bro. Simpson, 47, Steward to the Masonic Club.

The cloth drawn, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers" was proposed, coupled with the name of Bro. Hatherley.

In responding, Bro. Hatherley said he had known and studied Masonry for a number of years, but could not remember ever seeing more efficient working. The Newstead Lodge he considered almost, if not quite, perfect; and as it is the mother lodge of the province, he regarded it as being now what it should be—a pattern for the other lodges in the province.

Bros. Lawrence, 1909, and A. R. Watson, 47, gave some fine selections of music on the piano and violin. Bros. Parker, Sutton, and Greenbury delighted the brethren with some excellent singing, and with the ordinary toasts, a most enjoyable evening was concluded.

#### DARLINGTON.—Restoration Lodge (No. 111).—

A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. R. Luck, W.M.; J. J. Wilkes, S.W.; T. Bowman, J.W.; R. A. Luck, Treas.; G. J. Wilson, Sec.; J. Johnson, S.D.; T. E. Hall, J.D.; W. Hodgson, I.G.; G. Saltimer, Steward; J. Bailey, P.M.; Lear, P.M.; Toes, and John Hodgson. The business before the lodge being of an unimportant nature, the W. Master read a very able paper on the history of the lodge.

#### DURHAM.—Marquis of Granby Lodge (No. 124).—

A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present Bros. W. Coxon, acting W.M.; S. F. Bousfield, S.W.; A. Carr, J.W.; Rev. J. Lawson, Chap.; J. Richardson, Sec.; T. Lavrick, S.D.; W. Jogan, J.D.; C. Blackett, D.C.; W. Robertson, I.G.; J. Phillips, Stwd.; J. Carter, Tyler; Past Masters Bell, Fenny, Holdsworth, Bignall; and Bros. Goodhead, Welsh, Walker, and others.

The minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Bellerby was passed to the F.C. Degree. Three candidates were then balloted for and accepted.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Five musical brethren, members of the cathedral choir, were present, and we very much doubt if the music in this lodge can be equalled by any other in the kingdom.

#### PORTSMOUTH.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 257).—

The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when Bro. J. Ridd Hayman, I.P.M., was the recipient of a very handsome gold P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by a large number of the brethren. The W.M., Bro. Captain W. H. St. Clair, R.N., made the presentation, and alluded to the valuable assistance rendered by Bro. Hayman in the restoration of the lodge buildings, and spoke in complimentary terms of the manner in which the business of the lodge had been conducted during the year of Bro. Hayman's office. The following is

the inscription on the jewel: "Presented, with fraternal regards, to Bro. J. Ridd Hayman, I.P.M., in commemoration of the restoration of the Phoenix Lodge Buildings, 1880-Sr."

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—**The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst. Present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; R. Tomlins, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; W. J. Edwards, Sec.; R. R. Lisenden, J.D., acting S.D. (Freemason); J. R. Lever, P.M., Org.; J. Smith, I.G.; J. Sly, Tyler; John Bladon, P.M., D.C., P.P.A.D.C.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; H. T. Mapleston, W. B. Akerman, G. D. Venham, Ludwig Oppenheimer, J. Gar-side, S.; and Nelson. Visitors: Bros. D. A. Davis, P.M. 625, P.G.S. of W. Derbyshire; Frank A. Huet, P.M. 1009, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire; Partington, 625; and Carmichael.

The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. W. B. Akerman and H. T. Mapleston being present, and desirous of being passed to the Second Degree, by permission of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. J. R. Lever, who passed Bro. H. T. Mapleston to the Degree of a F.C., after which Bro. James Dawson, P.M., took the chair, and passed Bro. W. B. Akerman to the Second Degree, and this concluding the business of the evening, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

A pleasant time was passed at the social board, during which the newly-elected Prov. G. Treas., Bro. J. E. Lees, P.M. 645, and Bro. George Parker Brockbank, P.P.G.D., put in an appearance, and were cordially welcomed.

The healths of both brethren were proposed by Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., and drank by the brethren, and, in response, Bro. Geo. P. Brockbank gave a *resumé* of his Masonic career, from which it appeared he was initiated into the Order in 1846, and was installed W.M. of his Mother Lodge in 1849, and appointed P.G.D. in 1872. Our much esteemed brother is very popular in this province, and is never tired of working for the welfare of Masonic charity, which is testified by one of the most honourable distinctions any Mason can possess, viz., a charity jewel with twenty-one bars, that adorns his breast.

The brethren then separated.

#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, on Thursday, the 27th ult. The W.M., Bro. T. F. Barrett, being unavoidably absent through illness, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. G. Berry, who was supported by Bros. W. D. Merritt, S.W.; Dr. F. D. Grayson, S.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.Z., Prov. G. D.C., Sec.; W. G. Brighton, P.M., P.Z., W.M. 509, S.D.; C. Floyd, as J.D.; H. Beecher, as I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Drummond, L. Warren, jun., G. Lingwood, W. Gregson, S. Penny, A. Martin, Tyler, and others. The charge after initiation was given to the candidates, Bros. Gregson and Penny, by the J.W., and the explanation of the first tracing board was delivered by the S.W. Bros. Gregson and Penny were afterwards passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. A cordial vote of thanks was carried to Bro. Brighton, S.D., for his valuable services in procuring a harmonium for the lodge, and a joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

#### COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Station-street, on Tuesday evening the 1st inst. The lodge was opened in due form by the I.P.M., Bro. T. C. Robinson. After all formal business had been done, the Secretary, Bro. Mason presented a large portrait of Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., in full Masonic Craft clothing, which had been sent to him by Mrs. Lamony for the lodge.

The I.P.M. in returning thanks in the name of the lodge, moved that a vote of thanks be sent to Mrs. Lamony, which was seconded by Bro. Peacock, S.W., and unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed in due form with good harmony, according to ancient custom.

#### MANCHESTER.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. At this meeting the installation of W.M. should have taken place, but owing to the absence of the W.M. elect, Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.V., who is cruising in the Mediterranean for the benefit of his health, it was postponed until the next regular meeting. However, in order that the Constitutions should be strictly adhered to, the W.M., Bro. Frank A. Huet, P.P.G.P. Staffordshire, invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. George Hunt, S.W.; G. Carter, J.W., D. of C.; T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T.; W. E. Pickles, Sec.; Radford, S.D.; Allott, J.D.; Enticknap, I.G.; Austin, Treas.; H. T. Robberds, P.M., P.P.G.O. Org.; Rowe, S.S.; Godbert, J.S.; and Heap, Tyler.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

#### RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1228).—

On Saturday, the 6th inst., this lodge met for the annual installation and for other business, also to present the much esteemed Secretary, Bro. J. H. Jewell, P.M. and P.P.G.O., with a testimonial, when the following officers of the lodge were present: Bros. J. Smalman Smith, W.M. elect; J. T. Baker, J.W.; R. Durtnell, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Birch, S.D.; H. L. Hall, J.D.; R. Stevenson, D.C.; F. J. Crowest, Org.; C. I. Craig, Stwd.; J. H. Jewell, Sec., P.M., P.P.G.O.; and W. Bro. E. J. Dodd, P.M., Prov. G. Org., Charity Representative to the Amherst Lodge; and Bro. W. South, Tyler. The following brethren were also present: Bros. C. J. Dodd, P.M.; Piffiner, Waller, P. Hamner, J. I. Birch, E. S. Strange, W. Sparrowhawk, A. H. Lee, E. Roberts, T. Clarkson, and others. Among the distinguished visitors present were W. Bros. J. Lucus Workshop, Prov. G.S.W.; J. Griffin, Prov. G.J.D.; Bros. Pigg, P.M. 256; Bigley, P.M. 1298; Church, P.M. 1437; Novis, P.M. 1691; and sixteen other visitors. Letters of apology were read from the R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. for Kent; and from other noblemen and brethren, regret-

ting their absence; also from Bros. Alliston, Gauntlett, I.G.; John Webb, W.M.; and others.

The usual business having been proceeded with, the installation was commenced. The Board of Installing Masters was composed of several Past Masters, and the installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. J. Figg, who duly installed Bro. J. Smalman Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year, to which office he had been unanimously elected by the brethren. Having been greeted with the accustomed salutations, he appointed the following as officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, and duly invested each with the collar and jewel of his office: Bros. T. J. Baker, S.W.; H. L. Hall, J.W.; C. E. Birch, S.D.; R. Stevenson, J.D.; C. I. Craig, I.G.; E. S. Strange, D.C.; F. Crowest, Org. and Stwd.; and W. Sparrowhawk, Asst. Stwd. Bros. Durtnell and Jewell were unanimously elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, with thanks for their past services. Bro. South was re-elected as Tyler and duly invested. Bro. Durtnell was also subsequently elected as Charity Representative for the ensuing year.

The Auditors (Bros. Craig and Stevenson) having duly reported upon the examination of accounts, &c., Messrs. John Hamlin, Henry Joseph Drane, and Herbert Barnard were balloted for and approved, and Messrs. Drane and Barnard being present were duly initiated. Bro. E. J. Dodd then proceeded to present Bro. Jewell with a testimonial, which, at the request of the recipient, took the form of a splendid American organ.

Bro. Craig acted as Secretary, with the W.M. and Bro. Webb as Committee, and they are to be congratulated on the success of the presentation.

The testimonial (to which the whole of the members subscribed) was given as a token of the high estimation in which Bro. Jewell is so deservedly held, and in thorough appreciation of the able manner in which he has discharged the onerous duties of Secretary during a number of years. Great interest was manifested in the presentation, as Bro. Jewell was one of the founders of the lodge, and by his courtesy, kindness, affability of manner, and earnest devotion to the principles of the Craft, has earned the high esteem, not only in his mother lodge, but in the province in which he is P.P.G.O. A photograph of the organ was exhibited.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the Amherst Arms Hotel, where they partook of a splendid banquet. The lodge is to be particularly congratulated upon having so eminent a W.M. for the current year. The W.M. was ably supported by his officers, both in the lodge and at the banquet, and the whole proceedings were completely successful. Bro. Novis, of the Chapel Royal, gave some beautiful songs during the evening.

#### CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton

Chapter (No. 1387).—The ordinary bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and was opened by Comps. J. G. Batty, Z.; Robert Davies, H.; and Henry Marshall, J.; there were also present: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st. Assist. Soj., East Lancashire; Joseph Potts, P.Z.; Joseph Crompton, S.E.; Chas. Heywood, P.S.; Thos. Mottershead, 1st. Assist. Soj.; J. J. Clayton, 2nd Assist. Soj.; J. J. Lambert, Treas.; W. H. Milner, W. Hall, J. Cardwell, Jno. Dewhurst, acting S.N.; E. Brundrett, and W. Cheshyre, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. H. Miller, A. Griffiths, W. Dumville, H. 163; and W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G.P.S. Cheshire.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was then taken for Bro. A. Lewtas, J.D. 1588, and being favourably reported, he was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Sillitoe, assisted on this particular occasion by the following choir viz.: Comps. Miller, Dumville, Griffith, Crompton and Brundrett.

At the close of the ceremony, the ordinary routine business was transacted, and the chapter closed in solemn form, after which the companions adjourned to refreshment. The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the beautiful rendering of songs, duets and trios, by Comps. Miller, Dumville and Lewtas.

#### LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Emulation (No. 1505).—

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, and the special object of the gathering caused a good deal of interest. Bro. R. Foote, W.M., presided. The meeting was called for the purpose of presenting Bro. John Little, S.S., who has been for some years an active member of the lodge, with a handsome timepiece on the occasion of his giving up the position of manager of St. John's Market, for that of superintendent of Bilingsgate Market, London. The W.M. made the presentation in a few graceful sentences, and was followed by Bro. Coulson, I.P.M.; J. Hocken, P.M., M.C.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; D. Lloyd, W.M. 667; and H. Firth, 667.

Bro. J. Little having suitably acknowledged the gift, the lodge was duly closed.

The timepiece bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. John Little by the members of the Lodge of Emulation, in token of esteem and regard. May 3rd 1882."

#### PONTYPRIDD.—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).—

On Monday, the 1st inst., a large assemblage of brethren met within the precincts of the lodge-room to welcome the coming and speed the parting W.M.'s of the lodge. The lodge having been opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Thomas Dickson, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, presented Bro. Richard Male, W.M. elect, for installation at the hands of the retiring W.M., Bro. Dickson, and with reference to the manner in which the past W.M. did his final devoirs it may be permissible to say of it and of him, that nothing in his whole official life became him like the leaving it. Bro. Richard Male having taken the chair proceeded to invest his officers with their collars and jewels of office as follows: Bro. Thomas Dickson, I.P.M.; W. Howells Key, S.W.; Henry Nauman Davis, J.W.; Rev. William Lewis, Chap.; Capt. William Williams, Treas.; Joseph Sprague, Sec.; Edward Henry Howard, Org.; John Edwards Price, D. of C.; Rev. S. Rowland Jones, S.D.; Stephen Lewis, J.D.; Robert Thomas, I.G.; W. R. Davis and W. R. Perrot, Stewards; and Albert Parsons, Tyler.

The members of the Merlin Lodge present were Bros. T. Dickson, W.M.; R. C. Hunter, I.P.M.; J. Jones, P.M.; J. Hurman, P.M.; J. L. Leckie, S.W.; R. Male, J.W.; S. R. Jones, Chap.; W. Williams, Treas.; W. H. Key,

Sec.; E. H. Howard, Org.; H. N. Davies, S.D.; Joseph Sprague, J.D.; T. W. W. Morgan, D. of C.; Stephen Lewis, I.G.; R. Thomas, Steward; A. Parsons, Tyler; R. S. Price, W. Lewis, W. R. Davies, W. R. Perrott, M. Price, W. H. Morgan, H. Jones, W. Merchant, T. R. Hadkin, L. Gordon Lenox, A. Jenson, W. W. David, G. Abraham, T. W. Parry, David Morgan, E. W. Lewis, E. Davies, M. R. Williams, and A. A. McLucas.

The visitors present were Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M.; Harry Cousins, W.M. 36; D. Duncan, S.W. 36; G. Thomas, J.W. 36; R. W. A. Sothorn, P.M. 36; T. Harrison, 36; S. Coleman, 36; R. Price, 36; A. P. Fabian, 36; C. Chalk, 36; W. D. Williams, W.M. 679; G. H. Noel, P.M. 960; W. D. John, W.M. 1754; A. C. Williams, 721; T. J. Reynolds, 36; A. P. Fabian, P.M. Hants; D. Hopkins, P.S.G.W.; T. Morris; T. Thomas, P.M. 1323; J. O. Lewis, W.M. 960; J. F. McClune, 110; T. Phillips, P.M. 679; F. P. Adey, J.W. 1754; W. D. Wiltshire, 960; G. Bowden, 960; B. Arthur, S.W. 1754; and G. T. Coleman, 960.

The R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Sir George Elliot, wrote regretting his inability to attend.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where upwards of sixty partook of a most sumptuous repast, presided over by the newly installed W.M., Bro. Richard Male. During dinner the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. E. J. Roberts, of Cardiff, gave some excellent selections.

After refreshment, the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured. Bros. Hurman, Jones, Coleman, Dickson, Duncan, and others contributed to the musical enjoyment of the evening, Bro. Abraham presiding with his usual marked ability at the piano.

Bro. Richard Male is the seventh W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, and a comparatively young Mason, and though the circumstances in which he found himself must have been trying to a more experienced and older Mason, it is but justice to him to say that he was fully and completely in harmony with the occasion, and discharged his onerous duties in a manner well worthy of the traditions of the Merlin Lodge, and we heartily congratulate him upon the brilliant success of the meeting.

**YORK.**—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, when, in the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., who was supported by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M.; Treas.: J. S. Rymer, W.M. 236; J. Kay, S.W.; M. Millington, J.W.; T. Humphries, Asst. Sec.; and a number of other officers and brethren, together with several visitors from the York Lodge; Bro. Davis, of the Sligo Lodge, and others.

A successful ballot was taken for a candidate, and also for Bro. F. Slinger, 1626, as a joining member. Bro. S. J. Dalton was passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Bro. J. Horner was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. Whytehead then presented to the lodge, on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hughan, a copy of the "Directory of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall for 1882," and, on behalf of Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, the world-renowned Masonic collector, a beautiful medal lately struck and dedicated to all Masonic bibliographers. Bro. Whytehead also presented a copy of the "History and Description of King's College Chapel, Cambridge," by Henry Malden (1769), in which occur some interesting allusions to Freemasonry, and copies of the "Transactions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania for 1881."

The Secretary read a letter from Bro. G. F. Marwood, of Busby Hall, thanking the lodge for a letter of sympathy which had been forwarded to him on the occasion of the death of his late father, Bro. G. Marwood, P.D.P.G.M. A letter from the Grand Secretary was also read, containing a decision of the Grand Registrar relative to the postponement of lodge meetings when the stated gatherings fall upon public holidays. These were ordered to be placed upon the minutes. A telegram was read from the W.M., who was absent in Aberdeen, conveying "Heartly good wishes" to the lodge; and a similar message was also read in a letter from Bro. A. M. Broadley, at Tunis.

The acting W.M. also read a letter from Bro. A. G. Goodall, of New York, who is the representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of New York, reporting the arrival in that city of Bro. Girling, of the Eboracum Lodge, who had taken letters of introduction to the United States, expressing his pleasure at receiving any members of 1611, and intimating a hope that he should be able to visit York ere long.

The lodge having been closed, the members met at refreshment, and a social evening was passed.

In responding to the toast of "The Earl of Zetland and the Prov. Grand Lodge," Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.P.G. Warden, gave a good report of the progress he had been able to make with the Earl's list for the Girls' Festival on Wednesday. It already amounted to a handsome sum, and he hoped still to have additions to it. The Hull lodges had made most handsome votes, and North and East Yorkshire would, he hoped, be well represented.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—Sackville Lodge (No. 1619).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Crown Hotel. Present: Bros. E. A. Head, W.M.; Wm. Rudge, S.W.; J. G. Calway, J.W.; S. Davis, I.P.M.; John G. Horsey, P.M.; G. Mitchell, Sec.; Vm. Pile, S.D.; A. M. Betchley, W.S.; G. Histed, G. D. Woolgar, J. Cooper, J. Woodbridge, and Wm. Hoskins. Visitor: Bro. Thos. Smith, 1096.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Wm. Rudge, S.W., was then unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Heckford re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. Sargeant re-elected Tyler. Three auditors were appointed. Bro. John G. Horsey, P.M., next read the bye-laws of the lodge, after which Bro. Davison, I.P.M., gave notice of motion that a jewel be voted to Bro. Head on his retiring from office as W.M.; also, that the bye-laws be altered with reference to the dates of meeting and payment of subscriptions. Lodge labour being ended, the brethren afterwards spent a pleasant evening at refreshment.

**SHOEBURNESS.**—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 1817).—The regular meeting of this young yet flourishing lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Cambridge Hotel. Bro. J. M. Farr, W.M., was supported by

Bros. J. Glasscock, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; A. Lucking, P.M. 160 and 1000, Prov. G.D.C.; J. W. Harris, P.M. 1000, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and E. Bacon, P.M. 153, Past Dist. G. J. V. Gibraltar. The following officers assisted the W.M.: Bros. C. Floyd, S.W.; H. Church, J.W.; G. Lucking, acting S.D.; T. Lightowlers, J.D.; J. Ayling, I.G.; Harris, Sec.; J. Gunnell, Steward; E. Bacon, Org.; and G. Martin, Tyler.

There was a good attendance of members, but the unsettled weather considerably reduced the number of visitors that usually honour this lodge with their presence. The lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Geo. Thomas and David Smith were raised to the Second Degree, the lecture being most impressively delivered by the W.M., Bro. Farr. After some routine business was transacted, the lodge was duly closed in peace and harmony. At the refreshment table the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably proposed by the W.M., and heartily responded to; and the brethren separated after spending a very instructive and agreeable evening.

**CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.**—High Peak Lodge (No. 1952).—At a regular meeting of the above lodge, on Monday, the 5th inst., Bro. James Whitehead in the chair, it was proposed by Bro. Theobald Edward Jones, S.W., seconded by Bro. John Burton Boycott, S.D., and unanimously resolved, "That this meeting (composed of brethren of this lodge and representatives of the neighbouring lodges of Phoenix St. Ann, No. 1235, and Peveril of the Peak, No. 654), being the first Masonic gathering in the Province of Derbyshire since the recent horrible crime in Ireland, desires to record its profound horror, indignation, and grief at the foul and cruel assassinations of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke, and to express its deep and heartfelt sympathy and condolence with the Marquess of Hartington, the Provincial Grand Master, on the deplorable loss of such a noble and distinguished brother."

### INSTRUCTION.

**SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held, as usual, at the Three Nun's Hotel, Aldgate, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. J. S. Fraser, W.M.; W. Fraser, S.W.; G. Jones, P.M.; J. W.; A. H. Brown, Deacon; T. Jones, I.G.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Cant, Hon. Sec.; Richardson, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and Bro. Cant having submitted the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st inst., they were unanimously confirmed. Bro. Richardson as candidate was tested, and on lodge being advanced the ceremony of passing was really ably worked. Bro. Richardson next worked the First and Second Sections of the Second Lecture, the brethren assisting. The ceremony of closing the lodge in the Second Degree was carefully performed, and subsequently Bro. W. Fraser was elected to preside over the lodge at its next meeting. The arrangement for working the Sections in this lodge were discussed, and it was arranged to work the Fifteen Section on Monday, the 5th of June, so as to be clear of Bank Holiday. Bro. G. H. Stephens has already consented to preside, and the list is being filled up. It is with great pleasure we mention the uniformly excellent working to be met with at this lodge, and which recommends it to seekers after Masonic instruction. To such Bro. P.M. Webb, Preceptor, offers a fraternal welcome.

**CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).**—This old lodge has now quite established itself at Bro. Maidwell's comfortable hostelry, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., and held its usual meeting on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. F. Sackett, was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. J. E. Fells, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; D. Moss, Preceptor; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; S. Smither, S.D.; De Say, J.D.; Biddle, I.G.; Saint, Morris, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were submitted for confirmation. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Saint being candidate. Bro. Moss worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Fells was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and several announcements having been made lodge was closed and adjourned until the 10th inst.

**ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).**—At the last regular meeting, at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., the chair was occupied by Bro. T. Loane. Present: Bros. W. Richardson, S.W.; Shingfield, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; D. Moss, S.D.; J. Taylor, J.W.; C. Richmond, I.G.; T. W. Jones, P.M.; J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; W. J. Musto, Hughes, J. Fowler, W. Yetton, P.M.; and S. Samson, 205, visitor. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was very creditably worked, Bro. S. Samson candidate. Bro. Job worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. S. Samson, 205, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge, and Bro. Richardson was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and lodge was closed.

**UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. James Stevens, P.M. Hon. Preceptor, W.M.; H. M. Williams, S.W.; H. Goodwin, J.W.; Richard Poore, S.D.; C. H. Phillips, J.D.; J. James, I.G.; also Bros. R. Field, Henry Smith, F. Thurston, J. Bate, A. G. White, A. Style, J. W. Watts, J. B. Sarjeant, Lucas, Baxter, and others.

The lodge was opened and minutes were read. The First Section, the ceremony of initiation, with proofs of proficiency, and the charge (by Bro. J. Bate), were rehearsed, and the Fourth Section was worked by the brethren. "Question time" was occupied in discussing sundry points of ritual and ceremony; and Bro. H. M. Williams having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the lodge will work in the Second Degree, and Bro. Stevens (the Preceptor) will anticipate a portion of his forthcoming lecture on the second ceremony, the lodge was closed. We are pleased to notice the steady increase of attendance at this lodge of instruction.

**YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).**—This old lodge met as usual on Tuesday last, at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney. Present: Bros. Evans, W.M.; A. Ellingford, S.W.; J. J. Berry, P.M., J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; W. Cross, Sec. and S.D.; G. H. Stephens, J.D.; Taylor, I.G., and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and after due preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Taylor, candidate. Lodge was subsequently opened in the Superior Degrees and closed down. Bro. Evans then retired from the chair in favour of Bro. Ellingford, who proceeded to work the initiation ceremony, Bro. Evans candidate. A good evening's work having been done, Bro. Evans again occupied the chair, and Bro. Ellingford was duly elected W.M. for next Tuesday. Bro. W. Cross, the esteemed Honorary Secretary, then informed the brethren that he had considered the subject of his resignation, and after the very kind expressions from the brethren, he had determined to continue in his position of Secretary to the lodge of instruction. The announcement gave great satisfaction to all present, and lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).**—This lodge met as usual on the 9th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, the Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Smyth, W.M.; Warden, S.W.; Edwards, J.W.; Boyce, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Gosling, I.G.; W. H. Wallington, P.M. Preceptor (whom all the brethren were pleased to welcome in the lodge after an absence of seven weeks through illness), Bros. A. Clark, Jones, Brasted, Christian, Darnell, Holsworth, C. Lorkin, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and minutes submitted and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Holsworth having previously been tested and entrusted. Bro. Christian delivered a lecture on the tracing board, and the W.M. worked the First Section of the Lecture, in which the brethren assisted. Lodge was opened up and afterwards closed down in due form, whereupon Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. It was announced that the annual supper would take place on Friday, the 19th inst., when Bro. Burleton, W.M. 860, will preside. Proceedings to commence at 7.30 p.m. precisely.

**DORIC LODGE (No. 933).**—This lodge met, as usual, on the 5th inst., at Bro. J. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E. Present: Bros. Loane, W.M.; W. Richardson, S.W.; J. West, J.W.; W. McDonald, S.D.; G. T. Holdom, J.D.; Musto, jun., I.G.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Stephens, J. T. K. Job, J. Clayton, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were submitted and confirmed. The W.M. then gave a very able rendering of the initiation ceremony, Bro. McDonald acting as candidate. Bro. McDonald was called upon to work Sections, and with the assistance of the brethren worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth in the First Lecture. Bro. Richardson was elected to the chair for the next Friday's meeting, and lodge was closed and adjourned.

**CLAPTON LODGE (No. 1365).**—This lodge held a capital meeting on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. Stephens, W.M.; Stoddart, S.W.; Morling, J.W.; Honeychurch, Deacon; George, I.G.; Cusworth, Preceptor; C. Diamond, Hon. Sec.; Cogan, Soper, Lutwyche, Bott, Godwin and others.

After due formalities the minutes were read and received confirmation, and the ceremony of initiation worked, Bro. C. Diamond being candidate. Bros. James Bott, 733, and Godwin, 1579, were duly admitted members of the lodge and expressed their thanks for their election. The services of Bro. Stephens were recognised by a cordial vote of thanks to be recorded upon the minutes, this being the first occasion on which that brother had discharged the duties appertaining to the chair. The W.M. suitably returned his hearty thanks for the honour paid him, and closed the lodge in harmony.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE.**—(No. 1524).—This lodge met on the 3rd inst., at Bro. Richardson's, Royal Edward Tavern, Mare-street, Hackney. Present: Bros. Green, W.M.; Olley, S.W.; Stevens, J.W.; Dignam, Deacon; Diamond, Hon. Sec., as I.G.; W. Fieldwick, P.M., Preceptor, &c.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Fieldwick, candidate. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Olley, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Olley was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. A vote of thanks, to be recorded upon the minutes, was accorded Bro. Diamond for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the chair on the 26th ult., and lodge was closed.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Among the brethren present were the following: Bros. Stoddart, in the chair; Buc, S.W.; Morris, J.W.; Pocock, S.D.; Barnett, J.D.; Marshall, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Garland, Shaw, Vials, Steingraber, Gurson, Tanqueray, Wickins; and Bro. Lawrence, visitor. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed in the First, when Bro. Bartholomew, acting as candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree, Bro. Bartholomew was raised to the Degree of a M.M. After the usual call off, Bro. Shaw took the chair of W.M. for the remainder of the evening, and the lodge resumed in the First Degree; Bro. Tanqueray working the Fourth Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. then rose for the first time, and Bro. Buc was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Hosegood's resignation was read and accepted. The W.M. again rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).**—The brethren met as usual on Monday last, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, E. Bro. Brittain was W.M., and was well supported by Bros. Clements, S.W.; C. Kendall, J.W.; C.

Breden, S.D.; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; T. J. Barnes, P.M. Treas.; and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was ably worked, Bro. Breden candidate, deaconed by Bro. Stewart. Bro. Clements was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and the lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday.

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**PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).**—The eighteenth installation meeting of the above chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 5th inst., when a good attendance of members and visitors assisted in the proceedings. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. R. N. Field, and Principals and Past Principals, amongst whom were present Ex. Comps. S. Poynter, H.; B. R. Bryant, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., S.E.; John S. Terry, P.J., S.N.; Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; R. H. Harvey, P.Z.; M. S. Larham, P.Z.; and visitor, Comp. T. S. Watts, P.Z. On the admission of other companions, there were also present Comps. J. W. Watts, P.S.; H. Baldwin, 1st A.S.; G. T. Thorne, W. Wilkins, G. Harrison, and others; and amongst the visitors were Comps. G. Wale, W. W. Morgan, R. E. H. Goffin, H. E. Joyce, and W. Permewan.

Comp. F. H. Clemow was unanimously elected a joining member, and took his seat accordingly. Ballots were taken for three candidates, of whom two were unavoidably absent. The third, Bro. H. C. Jefferys, 902, was exalted to the Supreme Degree. Ex. Comp. James Stevens having first read a dispensation for the elevation in rank of J. to H. without full service, then installed, with full ceremonial, Ex. Comps. Samuel Poynter M.E.Z.; B. R. Bryant, H.; and John S. Terry, J. On the completion of the ceremony of installation, the following officers were invested: Comps. James Stevens, P.Z., S.E. (fourteenth re-investiture); J. W. Watts, S.N.; Henry Smith, P.Z., Treas.; Henry Baldwin, P.S., who appointed as his Assistants, Comps. W. Wilkins and G. T. Thorne. The M.E.Z. appointed Ex. Comp. Harvey, P.Z., as M.C., and Comp. Boon as W.S. Comp. Harrison was re-invested Janitor.

The thanks of the chapter were voted to Comp. Stevens for his services as Installing Principal. The auditors' report and the balance-sheet were favourably received and adopted.

Chapter was then closed. A banquet followed labour, at which, in consequence of the indisposition of the M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. Field, I.P.Z., presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, and the healths of the new Principals heartily drank, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Field by the Installing Principal, who expressed, on behalf of the chapter, the satisfaction with which its members had been presided over during the past year.

Other customary toasts followed; that of "The Visitors" receiving a very hearty response from each visiting companion present. Songs and recitations, one of the latter, especially by Comp. W. W. Morgan, receiving well deserved recognition and applause, were interspersed throughout the evening's proceedings, which were brought to a close about eleven o'clock, when the brethren separated.

**LILY OF RICHMOND CHAPTER (No. 820).** The companions of the above successful chapter met on the 27th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. Among those present were Comps. Myers, M.E.Z. (who is now in that position for the second time); McCarthy, H.; Richard Durell, J.; Cockburn, P.Z., S.E.; J. Mitchell, S.N.; G. T. Holdom, P.S.; J. G. Twinn, A.S.; Giles, P.Z.; Koch, P.Z.; C. Hubbard, P.Z.; and others. The business before the chapter was of a purely formal character, in the absence of the candidate for advancement.

At the close of the business the companions partook of a banquet, after which the usual R.A. and other toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

In proposing "The Health of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen," Comp. Myers alluded to the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, and coupled the toast with the names of the Royal bride and bridegroom, wishing them a happy and a long life to enjoy each other's society. The M.E.Z. was sure the companions would pardon him mentioning that he was one of the founders of the first lodge named after His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, and had the honour of proposing the name for Lodge No. 1445.

Comp. Myers, in giving "The Health of the Grand Z.," alluded to the admirable presence of mind displayed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales at the Comedy Theatre in the previous week, and which no doubt stayed a panic, and probably averted a great loss of life and injury to many persons.

Some other toasts were given, and the meeting was a most enjoyable one, being interspersed with song and recitation. Some curious readings were also furnished by Comp. Cockburn, P.Z., from the "London Magazine" of 1736, which contributed greatly towards making the proceedings an intellectual treat. The companions resumed their journey towards London at an early hour in the evening, and separated in harmony and good fellowship.

**FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1503).**—This prosperous chapter met at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. R. Thrupp, M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, H.; Rushworth, J. and Treas.; W. H. Saunders, S.E.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., S.N.; P. Saunders, P.S.; Cama, P.Z., &c.; James Stevens, P.Z. (hon. mem.); and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken as a joining member for Comp. G. R. Dodd, 12, and it proved to be unanimous. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Bros. C. L. Smiles, P.M. 1309, and S. T. H. Saunders, 1503, &c., and it proving to be unanimous, those brethren were duly exalted, the ceremony being most ably performed by the M.E.Z., ably assisted by Comp. J. Stevens as P.S. The installation of Comp. W. Taylor as M.E.Z.; Rushworth as H.; and W. H. Saunders as J. was then admirably carried out by the M.E.Z., with the assistance of Comp. J. Stevens, as D.C. The officers invested were Comps. Walls, S.E.; R. Saunders, S.N.; Rushworth,

Treas.; Metier, P.S. (by deputy); Smiles and Saunders, Asst. Sojs.; and Harrison, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to the I.P.Z. and Comp. J. Stevens for their services as installing officers, and a similar compliment was recorded to Comp. W. H. Saunders for the very excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of S.E. for some years past.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an excellent banquet. A few toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**METROPOLITAN CHAPTER (No. 1507).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present M.E. Comp. W. M. Stiles, M.E.Z.; E. Comp. C. W. Hudson, H.; E. Comp. H. Stiles, J.; E. Comp. W. J. Ferguson, I.P.Z.; Comps. W. Cook, N.; W. Side, P.S.; T. C. Edwards, 1st A. Soj.; A. Holt, 2nd A. Soj.; J. G. Humphreys, M.C.; F. W. Sillis, W.S.; Grant, Hoare, Fraser, Dickey, Rowley, Johnson, George, Silvester, A. M. Clemow, F. H. Clemow, Price, Knight, Mordey, Jennings, Gilbert, Dimsdale, Smith, Simner, Emblin, Dovey, and others; the visitors being E. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z. 720 and 721; and Comp. Barratt Kidder, Belgrave Chapter.

The chapter was opened by the Principals, and the companions having been admitted, the minutes of the last convocation were read and unanimously confirmed. A ballot, which was unanimous, was taken for three candidates, and Bros. J. W. Tubby and G. Dickenson were exalted. Bro. W. Martin, the third candidate, was, however, unable to attend.

It was proposed by Ex. Comp. W. J. Ferguson, P.Z., seconded by C. W. Hudson, H., that a P.Z. jewel of the value of five guineas should be presented by the chapter to the M.E.Z. on his retirement from the chair, for his able and valuable services during the past year. The M.E.Z. was a very distinguished Mason, and it was with no inconsiderable feelings of pleasure that after their experience of the duties of his office that he had to propose the presentation of the jewel, which he hoped the M.E.Z. would live long to wear, and to look upon as a mark of their high esteem and regard.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the year ensuing: Comp. C. W. Hudson, M.E.Z.; H. Stiles, H.; T. J. Hyland, J.; J. Willing, P.Z., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.I.M.E.Z., Scribe E.; W. Cook, Scribe N.; W. Side, P. Soj.; and J. Daly, Janitor.

Comps. F. Minstrell, H. E. Price, F. W. Dimsdale, and G. W. King, were unanimously elected by the chapter as Auditors.

The proceedings were then closed in due form, and the chapter was then closed in ancient form, and adjourned.

Most of the companions sat down to a substantial banquet, which was served under the personal direction of Comp. A. N. Clemow. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given and honoured. In response to his health,

Comp. Stiles, M.E.Z., spoke of the extreme pleasure he had experienced in filling so important an office, and he expressed a wish that his successor might be not less fortunate than himself in this respect.

Comp. Stevens, who replied for "The Visitors," bore testimony to the admirable manner in which the Principals had discharged their duties. He had had considerable experience in Royal Arch Masonry, and without hesitation he said that he never had heard the exaltation ceremony performed more impressively, or with greater credit than it had been done by the M.E.Z.

E. Comps. Hudson, H.; Henry Stiles, J.; Comps. Stevens, Hudson, Tubby, Sillis, Smith, and others, gave some excellent recitations and songs during the evening.

**LIVERPOOL.—St. John of Jerusalem Chapter (No. 203).**—The annual installation meeting of the companions of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when there were present, among others, Comps. John T. Alston, M.E.Z.; Charles Birch, H.; James Hilton, J.; B. W. Rowson, P.P.G.S.D., P.Z.; Henry James, P.Z.; Dr. T. W. Sergeant, P.G.S.D., P.Z.; E. Cattrall, S.E.; W. Gick, P.S.; C. Bromley, P.Z., Treas.; Timothy Webster, Z. 283; and others.

The installation ceremony was efficiently carried out by Comp. Rowson, who placed the following as Principals: Comps. Charles Birch, P.M. 203, M.E.Z.; James Hilton, I.P.M. 203, H.; W. Gick, P.M. 1756, J.; J. T. Alston, I.P.Z.; C. Bromley, P.Z., Treas. (re-elected); J. N. Housell, S.E.; James Galloway, S.N. (by proxy); Thos. Hatton, W.M. 203, P.S.; and P. Ball, Janitor (re-elected).

The companions afterwards dined together, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. During the evening a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the I.P.Z., Comp. Alston, on behalf of the chapter, and suitably acknowledged by him.

**TORQUAY.—St. John's Chapter (No. 328).**—A regular convocation and installation meeting of the above-mentioned chapter was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when there was a fair attendance of the companions. Ex. Comp. J. Dodge was installed as M.E.Z.; W. A. Goss, jun., as H.; and W. G. Ellis, as J., the ceremony being performed by Ex. Comp. T. Perry, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st S.B., in his usual eloquent and impressive manner, in the presence of the following Board of Installed Principals, viz., Ex. Comps. C. J. Harland, P.Z.; W. E. Warren, P.Z.; J. Hurrell, P.Z.; W. Bradnee, P.Z.; and W. J. McLean, P.Z. 248.

The companions having been admitted, the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest the officers with their respective collars, viz., Comps. A. T. Blamey, S.E.; W. H. Probert, S.N.; B. Knight, P.S.; Jno. Lane, 1st A.S.; G. J. Pepperell, 2nd A.S.; W. Taylor, Treas.; C. Emmett, Reg.; A. T. Blamey, D.C.; J. Mortimer, 1st Std. B.; L. H. Bolt, 2nd Std. B.; W. Eddles, Swd. B.; W. Taylor, Steward; and J. Cheneouer, Janitor, the M.E.Z. accompanying each investiture with fraternal congratulations.

The balance sheet was received and adopted, copies of the same being distributed amongst the companions. The next business was the pleasing ceremony of presenting the retiring M.E.Z., Ex. Comp. B. Fullwood, with a gold P.Z.'s jewel, the presentation being made by Ex. Comp. C. J. Harland in a very graceful manner, amidst applause from the companions.

Ex. Comp. B. Fullwood feelingly and appropriately acknowledged the gift, and said he should wear it as a

memento of the confidence the chapter had reposed in him, and that he should never forget the kindness the companions had shown him on all occasions.

The chapter having been closed in solemn form, the companions adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was provided by Comp. Bolt, whose catering was of the first order, the M.E.Z. presiding. The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given from the chair; the first of course being that of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," patroness of our Order, who, the M.E.Z. said continued to be beloved by the millions of her subjects but by none more so than by Royal Arch Masons; and it was a matter for unbounded thankfulness that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe had protected her from the hand of the assassin. "The Most Excellent Comp. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Superintendent of England" came next, and was enthusiastically received by the companions. M.E. Comps. Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.Z.; Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Grand H.; Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Grand J.; and the Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter, were toasted and duly honoured.

The M.E.Z. then gave the toast of "M.E. Comp. Viscount Ebrington, Grand Superintendent of the Province, and the Officers of P.G. Chapter Present and Past," and said he felt sure that in Viscount Ebrington they had one who took a very deep interest in Masonry, and trusted that his rule might be long and happy.

Ex. Comp. Watson, G.D.C., responded, stating that he endorsed what the M.E.Z. had said, and thanked the companions for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.

The next toast was that of "The M.E.Z. of St. John's Chapter, No. 328," which the I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. Fullwood, said, in giving it, was the toast of the evening. It gave him great pleasure to propose it, and he was quite sure the chapter would lose none of its lustre by having such a worthy companion as its First Principal. He was sure the companions one and all wished him a happy year of office.

The M.E.Z., in responding, said: I thank you, Ex. Comp. Fullwood, for the kind terms in which you have proposed the toast, and you, companions, for the cordial manner in which you have received it. I esteem the honour very much indeed, and will do my best to carry out the duties incumbent on me. My Masonic career has been a very happy one. During my Mastership in the Craft lodge I had not an angry word or unpleasant feeling, and I trust it will be the same in the chapter during my year of office.

Ex. Comp. Harland then gave "The I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. B. Fullwood," who, he said, had travelled many hundreds of miles in order to be present at the meetings of the chapter, thus showing that his zeal for Masonry must be very great.

Ex. Comp. B. Fullwood replied, stating that when he visited the various London chapters he was always proud to represent the St. John's Chapter.

"The Past Z.'s of the Chapter" was duly given, and responded to by all the P.Z.'s present.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Officers," and said he regretted the absence of the S.N., who was unavoidably prevented from attending, but whose heart was with us, and remarked that in the S.E. we have one who had always done his duty, both in the lodge and in the chapter; the same might be said of the others. He felt proud at having such able officers to assist him.

Comp. Blamey, S.E., said he felt the honour and also the responsibility of the office he had undertaken, and although the ceremonial work was not great, yet he was convinced that the office of S.E. was no sinecure; and then having the extra duties of D.C., in addition, he felt sure the companions were determined he should not be idle. They knew how much he liked Masonry, and all that pertains to it; and he could say that the more he worked in Masonry the better he liked it; and he thought, considering the purity of its teachings, that our moral nature must be improved in proportion as we dived into its mysteries and drank in its spirit. By so doing we should be happier ourselves, and should be better enabled to promote the happiness of others.

Comp. Knight, P.S., said he fully concurred in what his predecessor had said, and to that end would endeavour to discharge the important duties of P.S. by unfolding the mysteries connected therewith.

Comp. Lane, 1st A.S., said he felt it to be his duty also to assist to his utmost in carrying out the glorious work spoken of.

Comp. Taylor, Treas., expressed his thankfulness for associating his name with the toast, and for the kind remarks of the M.E.Z. in reference to his late duties as S.E., and although he could go no further at present, trusted that at some future time he should be able to advance nearer the keystone.

"The Exalte" was next given, and Comp. Garcia, in replying, said that although he had been a Mason but little more than a year, yet he had seen sufficient of it to make him very fond of it, his only regret was that he had not become a Mason earlier. He was very much impressed with the ceremony of exaltation, and appreciated the kindness shown by the brethren and companions very much, and trusted to be amongst them for some years to work in the cause of Masonry.

Other toasts followed, and the companions separated at an early hour in love and harmony.

**NOTTINGHAM.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 402).**—The first anniversary convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. There were present Comps. Jno. Watson, Z.; Arthur Stubbs, H.; Wm. Newton, J.; H. R. Hatherly, P.Z., S.E.; Sir H. Bromley, Bart., S.N.; Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin, P.S.; Dr. Tate, 1st Asst.; C. T. Jacoby, Treas.; Wm. Wright, Org.; Wm. Glover, Janitor; W. F. Bromley, Evans, Perry, Fielmann, Farmer, Hunt, and Kirby. Visitors: Comps. Vowles, P.Z.; Wiagg, P.Z.; Fitzburg, P.Z.; Truman, P.Z.; and Field, H. 47; and J. E. Truman, J. 411.

The following officers were appointed: Comps. Arthur Stubbs, Z.; Sir Henry Bromley, H. (by dispensation); H. R. Hatherly, J.; Dr. Tate, S.N.; W. F. Bromley, S.E.; Rev. A. J. L. Dobbin, P.S.; R. Evans, 1st Asst.; Jno. Perry, 2nd Asst.; C. T. Jacoby, Treas.; W. Wright, Org.; W. Newton, D.C.; and W. Glover, Janitor.

A resolution was unanimously passed, and ordered to be forwarded to the Supreme Grand Chapter, in favour of a Provincial Grand Chapter being formed for the Province of

Nottinghamshire, and it is hoped that one will be opened in July next, with Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., as the Prov. Grand Superintendent.

### Mark Masonry.

**PANMURE LODGE (No. 130).**—This lodge met on Monday the 1st inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham, under the Presidency of Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P. G.D.C. of Middlesex and Surrey, W.M., supported by Bros. Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M.; C. Pulman, P.G. Steward, I.P.M. and Secretary; Walter Mitchell, S.W.; Osman Vincent, acting J.W.; John Walmsley, M.O.; Ebenezer Whitaker, S.O.; George Lilley, the excellent host of this ancient holstery, P.M. and Treasurer, acting as I.O.; and Charles J. Oxford, as I.G.; and Thomas, Tyler. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last lodge meeting, the W.M. rose and thanked the brethren for the very kind and expressive vote of sympathy and condolence passed in his favour at the last meeting, during his temporary absence in Yorkshire, on visiting his sister, during what has since proved a fatal illness, as it pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to call her off from her labours here on the 18th ult.

No candidates being in attendance for advancement, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Mitchell, S.W., and he will be installed into the chair of A. on Monday, the 4th September next. Bro. George Lilley was unanimously elected Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Tyler.

A notice of motion by Bro. Pullman, Secretary, was then brought before the lodge, duly seconded, and carried unanimously, that a P.M.'s jewel of the usual value be presented to the W.M. on the completion of his year of office, and which the brethren intimated was well deserved by him, for the assiduous and untiring energy displayed during his term of office, and the creditable and efficient manner in which he had performed the several ceremonies of this beautiful, attractive, and very ancient Degree.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed in perfect peace and harmony and the meeting adjourned.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—Simon de St. Liz Lodge (No. 245).—The annual meeting and installation took place on Tuesday, at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. Hewens, W.M., and a candidate (having been unanimously elected) was advanced to the degree of M.M.M. Another candidate was proposed and duly elected; but, being unavoidably absent, the advancement was postponed. Bro. H. J. Atkins was then installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most ably and impressively rendered by the W. Bro. Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., P.G.S.W. of Leicester, Northamptonshire, and Derbyshire.

The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. N. T. Hewens, I.P.M.; G. Ellard, S.W.; H. Hill, J.W.; C.A. Phillips, M.O.; H. Brown, S.O.; Brook Sampson, J.O.; Rev. T. C. Beasley, M.A., Chaplain; T. Emery, Treasurer; J. Manning, Secretary; E. Morris, Reg. of M.; G. Butcher, S.D.; J. Currall, J.D.; J. J. Hart, D.C.; R. Croft, Org.; A. Jones, I.G.; T. P. Dorman, Steward; and Kirby O.G. The lodge business was then transacted.

"Hearty good wishes" from S.S. Peter and Paul Lodge were offered by Bro. Cooper, S.W. 163, from the province by the W. Bro. Sanders, P.G.S.W., from Fowke Lodge, No. 19, by Bro. Brown; also from R.W. Bro. Kelly, F.H.K.S., F.S.A., P.G.M.M.; W. Bro. Thorpe, P.P. G.S.W.; W. Bro. Cumberland, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorkshire; and other distinguished brethren, who were prevented attending. It was incidentally mentioned, as showing the universality of Masonry, that the R.W.P.G. M.M., who would otherwise have been present, was that evening assisting at the initiation of a Greek priest—the superior of a convent and church at Chios—introduced by Bro. General Burnaby.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were subsequently honoured, and a pleasant evening was spent.

### WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The annual report of this most admirably conducted Masonic Charity, which has just been issued, shows steady, substantial progress in respect to support, and a greatly widened field of usefulness occupied by the Charity itself. The following is the full text of the report which has been issued for the past year, a perusal of which will indicate how well and wisely the Charity is being managed:

"The Committee have much pleasure in presenting the report and statement of accounts for 1881, and in expressing their congratulations on the abundant success which has attended the good work of the Institution.

"The increased and increasing claims upon the Institution will be seen by comparing the last year's report with this. In 1880 93 children received the benefits of the Charity, at an outlay of £671 17s. 10d.; during the past year 144 children have participated, at a cost to the Institution of £937 3s. 8d.

"The new bye-laws, entitling children to be claimants at the age of six years instead of eight, and permitting them to remain at school until the age of fifteen, also allowing one-fourth of the amount granted to be expended in clothing, have been in full operation during the past year, accounting in a great measure for the large expenditure noted above; the increase alone over 1880 being equal to the total expenditure ten years ago.

"Whilst gratefully thanking the various lodges and brethren for their generous subscriptions and donations—special thanks being due to one lodge in particular, who have, by their efforts in connection with a concert and by individual subscriptions, materially assisted the funds during the past year—the Committee would beg to remind brethren that the extended sphere of usefulness which the new bye-laws have opened out, and the consequent larger claims upon its funds, makes it the duty of every brother in the province, not only to keep up his contributions, but in season and out of season to bring the claims of the Institution prominently before his fellows, that, as in the past so in the future, no child duly qualified shall be refused admission on the foundation for want of funds.

"Your Committee have to report with regret a larger list than usual of Life Governors deceased, containing the names of some good men and Masons, who in their day rendered good service to the Charity.

"Finally, the Committee enter on the duties of another year full of confidence in the support of the brethren, and of trust that He from whom all good counsels and all just works do proceed will continue to bless and prosper the good work."

The "one lodge" generally referred to in the above report is, we understand, the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, which, although only in existence for comparatively few years, now holds no fewer than eighty votes for the Charity. The contributions of the "Dramatic" for the past year amounts to the splendid sum of £70 10s., of which £42 comes from the half proceeds of a concert given by members of the Carl Rosa Company at the Bijou Opera House, to constitute the W.M. and I.P.M. Vice-Presidents; five guineas for the sale of a P.M.'s portrait to constitute the Treasurer a Life Governor; a five guinea donation from the W.M., I.P.M., S.W., J.W., Treasurer and Secretary, to constitute the Inner Guard a Life Governor; and the remainder has been contributed by no fewer than seventy members of the lodge. The report bears the names of Bros. Richard Brown and George Broadbridge, the Hon. Secs., who have both largely contributed to the present capital position of the Charity. Bro. Brown, in consequence of ill-health, has given up the position of one of the Hon. Secs., and it may be interesting to many to know that a testimonial is now being got up in the province with the view of recognising his valuable services for a period of nearly ten years, during which he has faithfully fulfilled the onerous duties of the office with an amount of self-sacrifice which cannot be too highly commended. Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, has been appointed to assist Bro. Broadbridge in the performance of duties which involve the expenditure of much time and anxious work.

### Scotland.

**EDINBURGH.**—Old St. David's Lodge (No. 36).—At the past monthly meeting of this lodge, held on the 18th ult., the brethren conferred honorary affiliation on Dr. A. M. Malm, from Gothenburg, who is here as Commissioner from the Swedish Government to the International Fisheries Exhibition, and has under his charge a duplicate collection of specimens of fishes from the Gothenburg Museum, of which he is Director and Manager; these specimens were collected by his father, the late Professor Malm and himself, and was the work of thirty years duration, there being a great difficulty in obtaining specimens to represent every stage of growth of fishes. This collection has attracted considerable attention of the scientists and pisciologists in Edinburgh. The Swedish exhibits were brought over at the expense of Bro. Oscar Dixon, who has already done so much for Sweden and its Fisheries.

There were present at this meeting Bro. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary, a number of deputations, and many of the R.W.M.'s of the Metropolitan Lodges, also a good attendance of visiting brethren. Bro. Dr. Malm was introduced by P.M. Sellentin, and thereafter a most interesting ceremony was carried through by Bro. David Taylor, the R.W.M. of St. David's, who after the affiliation presented him with the certificate of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, remarking that this enabled him now, to enter and work not only in Lodge St. David's, but all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and while they felt themselves bound to recognise and honour the brother who pursued his researches with success into the hidden mysteries of Nature and Science, they, the brethren of St. David's, on their own and behalf of the Scottish Craft, were exalting, or rather placing Masonry on the legitimate position which is inculcated by it.

On Bro. Sellentin, P.M., attaching the lodge jewel on his breast, Bro. Taylor again said: That among the insignias of the many offices and honours which you so worthily bear, let this keep you in a kindly remembrance of Scottish Masonry, your visit to Edinburgh, and David's Lodge in particular.

Bro. Dr. A. M. Malm, after thanking with great feeling the R.W.M. and brethren of the lodge for the honour conferred on him, said he esteemed it more highly because it was unasked and unexpected, yet would fain remark that he was not altogether unworthy of it. He then mentioned he had filled only lately four distinct offices in the different Degrees of his Order in Sweden, and during one and the same period he acted as Librarian to the Gotha Provincial Lodge. He was Orator in the St. Andrew's Lodge of the Three United Crowns, and he was now Orator in St. John's Lodge, and honorary Secretary for the Freemasons' Home for Children, which offices, he believed, he filled to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. Murray Lyon took the opportunity to mention that Bro. Dr. A. M. Malm was a member of the lodge in Sweden which had the honour of initiating H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in Masonry.

After the usual complimentary toasts to the deputations, R.W.M.'s, and visiting brethren, the lodge was duly closed.

### New Zealand.

#### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND.

The installation of Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham as R.W. District Grand Master of Otago and Southland took place on Thursday, March 2nd, in the Temperance Hall, Moray-place, Dunedin, in the presence of the largest assemblage of the Craft yet witnessed here. Several years have elapsed since the installation of so important an officer as the District Grand Master is—a functionary possessing in his jurisdiction powers only secondary to those of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and therefore the ceremony of Thursday may justly be considered worthy of being marked with a red letter in the annals of the District of Otago and Southland. The preparations made by the Board of General Purposes for the event were most complete, every part of the ceremonials being carried out with the utmost precision by those officers entrusted with the details. The last event of the kind in connection with English Craft Masonry took place in the old Masonic Hall

in Manse-street, on the 11th August, 1864, when the late and lamented R.W. Bro. John Lazar installed Bro. John Hyde Harris, and invested the officers of the then Provincial Grand Lodge with great *eclat*. But the ceremony of Thursday was of a still more brilliant character, and was witnessed by representatives of every Craft lodge in the district, who attended to pay homage to their new ruler. The brethren assembled in the Masonic Hall, and marched in procession to the adjoining building, the upper hall of which had been specially fitted up for the occasion, and the W.M. of the Lodge of Otago proceeded to open the lodge. This being done the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland, E.C., was announced and received with appropriate honours.

The R.W. Bro. H. S. Fish, D.D.G.M., then opened his lodge in due form, and the D.G. Secretary, W. Bro. S. James, proceeded to call the roll of lodges, those represented being the Otago, Dunedin, Port Chalmers Marine, Lake Lodge of Ophir, Southern Cross, Waitaika, S. George, Palmerston, Hercules.

The lodges of sister constitutions were Kilwinning Otago, St. Andrew, Clutha, Celtic Oamaru Kilwinning; St. John's, Invercargill; Cargill Kilwinning; St. John's, N.E. Valley; Scotch Constitution, and St. Patrick, Irish Constitution.

The R.W. Bro. George P. Pierce, R.W.P.G. Master of New Zealand, Irish Constitution, was then announced and received, taking the chair as Installing Officer; and the approach of the new District Grand Master was announced by sound of trumpet, in answer to which the W. Bro. C. Longueville Graham, G.D.C., proceeded to bring into Grand Lodge the patent granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales appointing the W. Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham, District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, which he handed to the Installing Officer, who directed the W. Bro. S. James, D.G.S., to read it. The patent having been read, a deputation composed of six Past Masters, with the Board of Grand Stewards, the Grand Swordbearer, W. Bro. H. F. Dench, and the G. Director of Ceremonies, with his assistant, waited on the District Grand Master, preceding and attending him into the Grand Lodge, the organ playing an appropriate march, and the choir chanting the anthem, "Incline thine ear."

The R.W. Bro. Pierce then addressed the D.G. Master; and the Rev. Bro. Lichtenstein, District Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer appropriate to the occasion, the choir chanting the responses.

After being obligated and invested, the R.W. District Grand Master was placed on the throne, and, preceded by his Heralds, the District Grand Director of Ceremonies thrice proclaimed that the R.W. Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham had been duly installed as District Grand Master of Masons of Otago and Southland. Prior to each proclamation the Heralds made a flourish of trumpets.

The brethren present then paid the customary homage to the District Grand Master, and the choir chanted the ode, "Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom."

The W. Bro. E. Nathan was then presented and duly invested as W. Deputy District Grand Master, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, again attended by the Heralds, proclaiming that worshipful brother as Deputy Grand Master with similar honours; and the choir chanted "I will lift up mine eyes."

The Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year was then elected, the choice of the Grand Lodge falling on W. Bro. Julius Hyman, P.G.S.V. and P.G.T.

The following Grand Officers were then presented to the R.W.D. Grand Master, who invested them:

W. Bro. S. de Leon	...	Dist. G. J. W.
" B. Lichtenstein	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" J. Hyman	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" J. A. D. Adams	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" S. James	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" C. de Longueville Graham	...	Dist. G.S.D.
" D. Cameron	...	Dist. G. J. D.
" J. Ross	...	Dist. G.S.O.W.
" C. Braid	...	Dist. G.D.O.C.
Bro. W. L. Buchanan	...	Dist. G.S.B.
W. Bro. J. A. X. Riedle	...	Dist. G. Org.
" R. Bamfield	...	Dist. G. Purs.
Bro. H. W. Meyer	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
Bros. W. G. Downes, O. J. Hodge, F. Lewis, Broomhall, J. R. Carter, and W. G. McKenzie	...	Dist. G. Stewards.

The District Grand Chaplain having offered prayer, the choir chanted an anthem, and the District Grand Officers received the salute due to their rank from the brethren present, led by the W. G.D. of Ceremonies.

The R.W. District Grand Master then delivered an inaugural address to the brethren under his jurisdiction.

Afterwards he received congratulation from the R.W. District and Provincial Grand Masters present, with those of the Masters of the lodges under his rule, and from visiting Masters, to each of which he made suitable replies.

The "Old Hundredth Psalm" was then rendered by the choir, and "Farewell till again we shall welcome the time" was sung.

The District Grand Lodge closed in due form.

We must not omit to mention that the whole of the beautiful ceremony of installation was composed by the W. President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. E. Nathan, D.D.G.M. Prior to closing the lodge an Audit Committee, consisting of the W. Bros. Burton, Fordyce, and W. Asher, and a Committee to revise the bye-laws of the Grand Lodge, consisting of W. Bros. Nathan, Hyman, James, and Burton, were appointed; while the District Grand Master specially thanked the choir for the very great musical treat they had afforded them.

A ball to celebrate the installation of the District Grand Master was given in the Garrison Hall on the same evening. The interior of the building was appropriately decorated, while the corridors beneath the galleries were fitted with lounges and chairs for the accommodation of the dancers; appropriate retiring-rooms were provided for the ladies; and there was an excellent card-room on the main floor. The Austrian Band discoursed some of their sweetest music during the evening; and the whole of the arrangements were admirably carried out by the Board of Stewards, headed by the District Grand Master himself. The supper and other refreshments were of the most *recherché* character, and were provided in Bro. Waters' well-known and liberal style. Dancing was kept up with great spirit during the evening, and the whole of the persons present (fully 400 in number) thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



"Far from the Madding Crowd" has, contrary to the expectations of some, drawn crowded audiences at the Globe, where it was brought out on Saturday week, after being played with similar success in Liverpool. The management of the Court for once have made a mistake; for this theatre, after "The Squire" was brought out at St. James's, declined to have it on their stage, as being so much alike that the two could not run. We believe, on the contrary, that they will help each other, for, remembering the keen, even bitter controversy carried on in the *Times* and other papers last January, every one who has seen "The Squire" will flock to the Globe to judge for themselves as to the likeness and merits of the two pieces. We have seen both, and it cannot be denied that there is much in common in the plays. There is, however, much that is entirely diverse. Mr. Pinero's "Squire" is not so dramatic, but more refined than Mr. Comyn Carr's adaptation of Mr. Hardy's novel. In both plays the heroine is an owner of a farm, and in both she is beloved by a farm servant, and in both this love is rejected; in each the heroine has given her heart to a soldier—in "The Squire" to an officer who is married, and in the other to a sergeant who should be. But the conclusions are wide apart. In the former the death of the woman who trapped him into marriage releases him, and he is forgiven by the squire and marries her. In "Far from the Madding Crowd" he is unforgiven, but is killed by the brother of the girl he has wronged, enabling the lady farmer to marry her bailiff, her first sweetheart. In the first act at the Globe we have some quaint country dialogue well spoken by some. Mrs. Bernard Beere, who is *Bathsheba*, plays with much emotion, and shows consummate skill, more especially in certain parts. We think in this play Mrs. Bernard Beere has almost outdone herself. *Bathsheba* has been left by her father with a farm on her hands, and a hope that she would marry *Gabriel Oak*, who has worked on the farm all his life. But *Sergeant Troy* makes his appearance and loafs about the farm and wins her love by his double face. He has already been the lover of a girl on the farm, but has thrown her over for her mistress. The girl's brother, *Will Robin*, vows vengeance, and, as a gipsy, dogs *Sergeant Troy* everywhere. *Troy's* victim, *Fanny Robin*, comes upon the scene just as he is expecting a visit from *Bathsheba*, and he bids her begone from the village, but *Oak* overhears all, and gives her money to procure the necessities of life. A fire occurs on the farm, and *Oak* is the means of putting it out. *Bathsheba* is told a stranger has done it, and is sure it is *Troy*. But on learning it is *Gabriel Oak's* handiwork, engages him as bailiff on the understanding he is never to speak to her of love. He consents, not so much for his own sake as to save his mistress from the ruin he sees the *Sergeant* will bring to her. *Bathsheba* is quietly married on the day of a village beanfeast. *Troy* is about for a short while, and *Oak* not knowing of the marriage, takes the quiet opportunity to warn *Bathsheba* of this man *Troy*. As he finishes the door opens, and he confronts *Troy*, and then denounces him to his face. *Bathsheba* pleads him to spare *Troy*, for "he is my husband." In the middle of the festivities, before the assembled villagers who are at the farm dancing "Roger de Coverley," *Will Robin* breaks in, and hands *Bathsheba* a letter written by his sister before drowning herself, warning her of *Troy* against her betrayer. Overcome with shame, for he cannot deny it, *Troy* quits the house, and nothing is heard of him for two years. It is rumoured he was drowned at sea, a report which he himself spread about to trap his wife. She believing him to be dead, and his having proved a villain, her old love for *Oak* returns. On a day that he informs her he must emigrate, because the villagers are connecting his and her names together, she begs him to remain, and to remain as master. Another festivity occurs, and she proclaims there her intention to wed their friend *Gabriel*. Now is *Troy's* turn for revenge; he is in the village, and enters the house, and claims his wife. She scornfully tells him she will follow him, as he orders, as his lawful wife, but he shall not pollute her by touching or speaking to her; but just as he crosses the threshold he is shot dead by *Will Robin*. It is in the third act and the conclusion that Mr. Comyn Carr's play is better than Mr. Pinero's, and the interest is better maintained. We could not help thinking that Miss Alexes Leighton who plays *Lydia Smallbury*, *Bathsheba's* maid, has studied her character in a farm house, so free is it from everything stagey. Mr. Charles Kelly, as *Gabriel Oak*, acts with great style and shows an intensity of feeling underneath his composure. Mr. H. J. Barnes, as *Sergeant Troy*, has a difficult part, but proves by the hisses that he has won his audience from his excellent representation of the villain. Of Mr. Wood, Mr. Russell and Mr. Medwin, all country yokels, we have only space to say that they add greatly to the interest of the piece. In many points they show their talents. The calling of both author and actors before the curtain is proof that "Far from the Madding Crowd" is a popular play. We must just allude to the beautiful singing of the Christmas Carol, "Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen," and the dancing of "Roger de Coverley." Mr. Perkins' scenery is also very good. We feel sure, however much Messrs. Hardy and Carr may feel aggrieved at another theatre playing a piece similar to theirs, they need not fear any injury. We believe, as we said before, the plays will help each other.

Miss Clara Merrivale has taken the place of Miss Rosa Leo at the Strand as *Manola*, but we can hardly say that the change is for the better. On the first night she did not seem to be at home in her part, which one can well understand, thus offering a contrast to the rest of the performers, who have now settled down to their respective parts. But by this time, doubtless, Miss Merrivale sings with greater ease. Miss Irene Verona (*Beatrice*) was greeted with great applause on her appearance, which is well deserved. The trio of the Cupids was encored, as was a new song of Bro. Ashley's. Bro. Hill affords as much mirth as ever by his drollery and figure. We learn from a contemporary that Miss Verona began her stage life at the early age of thirteen, and it is not unlikely.

Considering the strides she has recently made, she will be known ere long as a leading operetta singer. We notice that Bro Hitchins is now acting as a manager here.



Unquestionably the most important musical event we have to record this week is the production at Her Majesty's Theatre, of Wagner's tetralogy, or trilogy with a prologue, as we have also seen it entitled, the "Nibelung's Ring." This was first produced at Bayreuth in 1876 in a theatre expressly built for the purpose by the King of Bavaria, and everything was done in order to make its success a certainty. A company of specially-selected artistes was brought together; nothing was spared in the way of ingenious and novel contrivances in arranging the scenery and appointments. To crown all, a large audience, including some of the best musical folk, were present, so that there can be no two opinions as to the great success it achieved being thoroughly genuine. From Bayreuth the work made its way into other parts of Germany, and success attended its performance everywhere. Under these circumstances nothing was more natural than that it should be produced sooner or later in England, and where, we ask, could a fitter stage for its performance be found than that of which Bro. Mapleson is the presiding genius?

Accordingly, care having been taken to secure all the most capable artistes, the most efficient orchestra, and the original properties, the "Rhinegold," the first part or prologue, was produced in a house that was crowded in every part on Friday last, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were present at the very beginning, remaining till the end. The scene on which the curtain rose, and which represented the Nixies or Rhine maidens floating near the bottom of the river, gave the house a foretaste of the scenic beauties that awaited them, and was received with approval, but the house was so intense in watching the progress of the story that very wisely they reserved all evidences of their appreciation till the conclusion of the performance, when the applause was loud and prolonged, and all who had had a share in the work of the evening received their just reward. As this and the successive sections of the "Nibelung's Ring" have already been described at length in the columns of our daily contemporaries, let it suffice if we state that the Rhine maidens above mentioned are the guardians of the Rhinegold, which he only who forswears love can remove. *Alberich*, the Nibelung, does this, and becomes possessed of the treasure. From this he manufactures a ring, of which he is subsequently dispossessed, but not until he has laid upon it the curse of death to whomsoever becomes its possessor. How this was fulfilled appears later on. The performance was throughout a success, and, as we have said already, was enthusiastically applauded. The following was the cast: Herr H. Vogl resumed his original character of *Loge*; Herr Emil Scaria was *Wotan*; Herr Wiegand, *Donner*; Herr F. Burger, *Froh*; Herr Schelpe, *Alberich*; Herr Ellers, *Fasolt*; Herr Biberti, *Fafner*; Frau Reicher-Kindermann, *Fricka*; Fräulein Schreibe, *Freia*; Frau Riegler, *Erda*; and Fräulein Kraus, Klafsky, and Schulze, the Rhine maidens.

The "Valkyrie," which forms the second of the four parts which make up the cycle, was performed on Saturday, the Prince of Wales, as on the previous evening, remaining throughout the whole of the performance. In this the further history of the ring and the Nibelung's curse is developed, the "Valkyrie" being the warlike daughters of *Wotan*, the father of the gods by *Erda*, the Goddess of Earth, and it is their mission to convey the bodies of slain heroes to the Walhalla, to recruit the army of defence and protection for the gods. There is rather more concerted music in this section of the work, and the performance, though tedious and trying in the latter part, went well. The artistes already named, together with Frau Sachse-Hofmeister, Frau Vogl, Herr Niemann, &c., played admirably.

"Siegfried," the third part of the "Nibelung's Ring," and "Götterdämmerung," or the twilight of the gods, which is the concluding part, were given on Monday and Tuesday respectively. The hero of the former, who gives to it the name, is the son of *Sieglinde* of the second part, and she dies in giving him birth. This *Siegfried* is brought up by *Mime*, a smith, who is well acquainted with all *Wotan's* plans, and trusts by his means to gain possession of the ring, the tarn, or wishing cap, and the treasure. Whether in these plans *Mime* is successful is shown in due course. After this *Siegfried* becomes possessed of *Brünnhilde*, one of the "Valkyrie," who has fled from the wrath of *Wotan*, but had been deprived of her immortality, and condemned to lie in a charmed circle of flame till some one who knows no fear passes the said circle, and wakes her with a kiss. The remainder of the story, and what is the ultimate fate of the ring, is brought to a close in the fourth part.

Thursday last witnessed the production for the first time this season of Verdi's "Aida." M. Vergnet, however, who was to have made his *début* on the occasion was prevented from doing so, and his place was taken by the ever-ready Signor Frapollini, who, though his voice is not exactly suited for the part, played *Radamès* with considerable care and intelligence. *Aida* herself was finely and energetically rendered by Madame Fursch-Madi, and a *débutante*, in the person of Madlle Stahl, made a favourable impression as *Amneris*. Signor Pandolfini was a good *Amonasso*, and Signori Scolaro and Silvestri were the *King* and *Ramfis*. Much of the merit of the performance must be set down to the skill and care of Signor Bevignani, who conducted.

Madame Albani experienced almost as hearty a reception at her second appearance last Saturday as she had done at her first the Saturday previous. In the present instance she sustained the part of *Margherita* in "Faust e Margherita," and that, too, in a manner which could only have been exhibited by one who was possessed

of the highest form of vocal and dramatic talent. Signor Cotogni, as *Valentine*, very ably supported her, while M. Bouby was a refined and humorous *Mefistofele*. Signor Frapollini, as *Faust*, and Middle Guercia, as *Siebel*, completed the cast.

As we anticipated last week, the ballad concert of Saturday at the Alexandra Palace proved a great success, thanks to the high-class character of the principal vocalists, the excellence of the choir, and the able leadership of Mr. David Beardwell. Mr. Edward Lloyd was enthusiastically applauded for his rendering of Sullivan's "The Distant Shore," and the audience insisted on its repetition, a compliment which was in part also accorded to Miss Jeanie Rosse, for the powerful manner in which she gave Sullivan's "St. Agnes Eve," the last three verses of which she was compelled to repeat. Miss Julia Albu was successful in "Sing, Sweet Bird," by Bro. W. Ganz, and so, too, were the choir in Pinsuti's "A Spring Song." There was a very full attendance.

The concert given by Bro. W. Ganz, at St. James's Hall, on Saturday last, was marked by the very successful first appearance of a new singer, Miss Agnes B. Huntington, who is American by birth, but has studied both in Italy and Germany, and who turns to good account a voice that is excellent in character and of unusual range as mezzo-soprano. This was evidenced by the songs she sang, which were one and all appreciated by the audience. The orchestral part of the concert included Schubert's splendid symphony No. 9, the overtures to Mendelssohn's "Ruy Blas," Weber's "Euryanthe," and Aubert's "Domino Noir," and Beethoven's Concerto in C minor, the solo part of which was admirably played by Herr Ernest Loewenberg. In all the foregoing the orchestra, under the skilful conductorship of Bro. Ganz, acquitted itself well.

This (Saturday) afternoon the great concert takes place at the Floral Hall, Covent Garden. It will be given under the patronage of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. The proceeds will be handed over to the Royal College of Music, for whose special behalf it has been organised.

Herr Richter, on his appearance in St. James's Hall, on Wednesday last, at the first of the "Richter" concerts, was greeted with round after round of applause, and this was repeated as each succeeding number was brought to a successful close. The "Eroica Symphony" was interpreted in a manner that was certainly masterly, and may almost be set down as perfect, all the various gradations of light and shade being most distinctly and artistically marked. So was it with the overtures to "Der Freischütz," "Tannhäuser" and Wagner's "Kaiser-March," all which were given by the orchestra without book; while another remarkable feature was the performance from memory of Rubinstein's Concerto in D. minor, by M. Eugène D'Albert. This was his first appearance here since his return to England, and his style and execution showed both excellence and intelligence.

The German Opera Season opens at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, on Thursday next, the 18th inst., Wagner's "Lohengrin" being chosen for the occasion.

A new Cantata entitled "Alfred," by Mr. Ebenezer Prout, met with a very cordial reception last week. It was given at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, and a crowded audience were present. The libretto, which deals with the principal events connected with the great Saxon King's visit to the Danish Camp, is by Mr. W. Grist. Mr. Prout's music is effective and melodious, and is scored throughout in a manner which proves him to be a good musician. The solo vocalists, Miss Marriott, Mr. Shakespeare, and Mr. King sang well, the orchestra played well, and Mr. Prout himself conducted well.

Kalozdy's original Hungarian band will arrive in London on Monday, the 22nd inst.



The Shipwrights' Exhibition at Fishmongers Hall, which, of necessity, closes this day (Saturday), as the hall is required for other purposes, has been numerously visited during the week. Among those who inspected the display on Friday last were Lord Henry Lennox, an ex-Secretary of the Admiralty; the Earl of Ravensworth, President of the Institution of Naval Architects; Admiral Hoskins, one of the Lords of the Admiralty; Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., formerly Chief Naval Constructor; Admiral Sir G. P. Hornby, G.C.B.; Mr. Samuda, M.P., &c. On Tuesday a large number of Members of Parliament, under the guidance of Sir E. J. Reed, inspected the models. Those of our friends who wish to see it must therefore lose no time in doing so. We can assure them they will be greatly interested and impressed by what they will see.

Mr. William Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, took the chair at its general monthly meeting on Monday last. Several gentlemen were elected Fellows, among them being Mr. Alfred Meadows, M.D., Mr. Carl Haag, Colonel Sibthorpe, Mr. Alexander Siemens, M.I.C.E., and Mrs. A. Siemens. Mr. John Tyndall, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., was re-elected Professor of Natural History.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have given their approval to the appointment of Mr. P. Edward Dove, of Lincoln's-inn, to be Secretary to the Transit of Venus Commission.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was amongst those present at the meeting, on Wednesday last, of the Royal Agricultural Society, when the chair was taken by Mr. J. Dent Dent, the President. A good deal of business was transacted, and fifty-seven new members were elected.



Bro the Marquis of Londonderry, Vice-Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, is the seconder of Mr. W. S. Gilbert, the well-known burlesque author, as a member of the Club. The Duke of Edinburgh proposes Mr. Gilbert.

Bro. Viscount Sherbrooke and Bro. the Earl of Rosebery are nominated on the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Stolen Goods Bill.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, and Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, G.M. Scotland, have arrived in London.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland is living at 17, Arlington-street, having left Yorkshire.

Bro. the Earl of Haddington has left Rome for the north of Italy.

Bro. Viscount Powerscourt will preside at a meeting at the Westminster Palace Hotel, convened by the Sunday Society to further the Sunday opening of museums.

Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir Charles Whetham, Frank Green, W.M. 1827, V.P., B.G.P., Mr. Alderman Nottage, Mr. Alderman Staples, and Mr. Sheriff Hanson were on the Committee of the Epping Forest Royal Reception.

Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Garnet Wolseley, Adjutant-General, was invited by the Queen to dinner at Windsor Castle, on Monday.

Bro. the Earl of Aberdeen has been appointed by the Queen High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Onslow, and Lord Granville took part in the debate on Tuesday, in the House of Lords, arising from the Bishop of London's Bill for the Union of City Benefices. Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Carrington, G.S.W., Viscount Powerscourt, Lord Ravensworth, the Earl of Rosebery, and the Earl of Derby were present in the House during the debate.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his son, Mr. W. H. Gladstone, M.P., Earl Powis, Lord Stuart, of Cambridge University, the Countess of Sydney, Lord Penryn, Bro. Lord Ravensworth, Mr. George Cavendish Bentinck, M.P., Sir Richard A. Cross, the Lord Bishop of London (Dean of the Chapels Royal), Lord Lamington, the young Lord Boston, and Bro. Winn were amongst those present at the afternoon service at the St. James's Palace Chapel on Sunday. Mr. W. E. Gladstone, who was dressed in mourning, owing to the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish, whose wife is a niece of Mrs. Gladstone's, looked, we thought, very haggard. The second lesson for the afternoon and the collect were singularly appropriate and comforting to those suffering from the loss of a friend. The Rev. Canon Knox Little, who preached at the chapel of Wellington Barracks, spoke most warmly of the character of Lord Frederick.

Lord Arthur Kerney, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Miss Caroline Kerney, Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey, Sir Richard A. and Lady Cross, and the Hon. R. Littleton (brother of Lady Frederick Cavendish) were amongst the congregation at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday morning. Sir Richard Cross, who was the first to inform us of the horrible assassination of the Chief Secretary and the Under-Secretary for Ireland, seemed much affected. Canon Stubbs, who preached in the afternoon, spoke most touchingly and at some length of the tragedy.

Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., will preach at the six o'clock service at the Wellington Barracks Chapel, on July 16th, and Bro. the Rev. F. E. C. Byng, P.G. Chap., vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley-gardens, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, will preach at the same service on July 23rd. The chapel is now of great beauty, and the music is led by the cornet.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Albany on the occasion of their marriage received a large number of presents. Amongst them being a pearl and diamond pin from Bro. the Emperor of Germany; a silver-gilt tea service from the Prince of Wales, and painted screen from Bro. the Duke of St. Albans; Bro. the Earl of Aberdeen presented a Scotch silver honey pail; Bro. the Earl of Breadalbane a sugar basin; Bro. Lord Carrington a silver-gilt casket, Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie a peacock fan; Bro. Lord Granville Sevres vases; and the Lodge of Antiquity a silver-gilt candle upholder, model of one presented to the Lodge by Bro. Sir Christopher Wren.

Bro. John Bevan, District Grand Master of Westland, New Zealand, had a large and enthusiastic audience when he delivered his oration on Charles Dickens, on the 4th inst., at St. Mark's College, on the invitation of Canon Cromwell. The life of the great novelist was rapidly traced, his early struggles and sorrows tenderly touched upon, and his triumphs in the field of literature most powerfully described. His many claims to our admiration, as being a teacher of good, were manfully and eloquently insisted on, and the eulogium upon his writings was a masterpiece of oratorical skill. The lecture was illustrated by quotations from Dickens's works, and many of his more popular characters, including the immortal "Pickwick," the two "Wellers," and even "Mrs. Gamp" herself, were presented to the audience almost in the flesh under the charm of Bro. Bevan's novel mode of interpretation. The two hours' discourse never once flagged, and was delivered with most rapid utterance, without a note of any kind. It was given in the sacred cause of Charity, and was an oration, a play, and a sermon all in one.

No Toilet Soap ever introduced to the public has met with such deserved success as "WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP." It cleanses the skin, frees it from impurities, promotes its healthy action, and ensures immunity from infectious disease, and last, and not least, washing with it is a luxury. Purchasers, to avoid disappointment, should refuse all imitations, which are not only useless, but are positively dangerous.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Canon Tristram, D.C.L., is the subject of an excellent photograph in the April number of "Men of Mark."

Bro. Edward Clarke and Bro. Baron de Ferrieres took part in the debate on the Wigan election in the House of Commons.

Bro. J. Firth presented a petition from Manchester in favour of the total abolition of vivisection.

Bro. the Marquis of Bath has arrived in Berkeley-square from his seat, Longleat, Wiltshire.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, will very likely take part in the opening of the new City of London Schools, on the Embankment, adjoining Bro. Alderman De Keyser's hotel. The ceremony will take place in October. We ventured some time since to state that Royalty would be asked to open the schools. Although not yet settled, we believe Bro. Morrison, the chairman of the committee, will be honoured by entertaining some member of the Royal Family.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie spoke on Tuesday at a meeting at Church End, Finchley, and alluded feelingly to the death of Lord Frederick Cavendish.

Bro. E. J. Barron, F.R.I.B.A., P.M. Lodge of Antiquity, has just been elected Master Warden of the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Braziers. Bro. Barron has already served the office of Master most efficiently.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, on Thursday, brought in a Bill in the House of Lords to legalise marriage with a deceased wife's sister which was read for first time.

Bro. Wilbraham Egerton, P.G.M. Cheshire, has presented a petition in the House of Commons praying for the closing of Public Houses on Sundays.

Bros. the Earl of Dalhousie and Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., G.M. Gloucestershire, attended the meeting of the Royal Commission on Reformatory and Industrial Schools, on Friday.

The Prince of Wales, Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Bro. the Earl of Jersey were present in the Peers gallery of the House of Commons on Thursday, when the Right Hon. W. E. Foster made his statement respecting his resignation of Secretary for Ireland.

Bro. Dr. Stainer conducted the orchestra and choir on the occasion of the 228th Anniversary Festival of Corporation of the sons of the Clergy, in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday. Mendelssohn's "Athalie" preceded the service. "When Herod came out of Egypt" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" were the anthems. The Bishop of Truro preached the sermon.

Our Bro. A. M. Broadley, who is as good and active in the literary walks of life as he is in Masonry, is at present in Tunis preparing a "History of the Fourth Punic War," which, we understand, will shortly be published by Messrs. Blackwood. We have no doubt that the work will be replete with interest, as Bro. Broadley is intimately acquainted not only with Tunis and its inhabitants, but had opportunities of watching the entire course of the French occupation, which will be described in his book.

The following regimental banquets will take place during the next few weeks at Limmer's Hotel: 15th Hussars, 19th Hussars, 14th Hussars, 18th Hussars, 4th Hussars, 7th Hussars, 12th Lancers, 56th Regiment, 51st Regiment, 5th Fusiliers, 36th Regiment, and 69th Regiment.

Bro. William Pearce, Grand Master Glasgow, and head of the eminent firm of John Elder and Co., shipbuilders, on the Clyde, was admitted to the freedom of the Shipwrights' Company, at a Special Court held at Fishmongers' Hall, on Tuesday last. Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell is the Secretary of the Company.

The Prince of Wales visited the Globe Theatre, to see "Far from the Madding Crowd," last week.

Bro. the Crown Prince of Denmark and his sister, the Princess of Wales, went to the St. James's Theatre to see "The Squire," last Wednesday week.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were present on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Haymarket Theatre, to see the play of "Odette."

Bro. Jordan Ashworth was elected W.M. of the Arlecon Lodge, No. 1660, on the 3rd inst.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards for the forthcoming Boys' School Festival will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday next, at five o'clock.

At the annual meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, held on Wednesday, the report stated that during the past year 1050 patients had been admitted, 13,180 out-patients having received advice and medicine during the same period. Since the hospital was opened in 1852, 326,324 patients had been treated. The Convalescent Hospital at Highgate in connection with the institution had received 355 children during the year.

A number of the friends of the late Mr. William Newmarch, F.R.S., the eminent statistician, being desirous to commemorate in a lasting manner the talents and services of that gentleman, have formed an influential Committee to raise a memorial fund, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the establishment at London University or elsewhere of scholarships bearing his name, for proficiency in economic science as illustrated by statistics. All information may be obtained from and subscriptions forwarded to Mr. A. S. Harvey, B.A., F.S.S., the successor of Mr. Newmarch, who has consented to act as Treasurer, at the banking-house of Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie, and Co., Lombard-street.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—A frequent cause of gout and rheumatism is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion and general debility. A few doses of these Pills taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism. Anyone who has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful action of which, combined with the operation of the Pills, most infallibly effect a cure. These Pills act directly on the blood, which they purify and improve. Having once subdued the severity of these diseases, perseverance with the Ointment, after fomenting the affected joints with warm brine, will speedily relax all stiffness and prevent any permanent contraction.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Hiram Henton asks us to state that, in consequence of increasing professional engagements, he has been compelled to decline the Conductorship of the National Sunday League's Band.

The band of the "Park Band Society," promoted by Lady Fanny Majorbanks, Lord Cork, Mr. A. Grey, M.P., and others) will commence the season on the 27th inst., playing daily in Hyde-park, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from twelve till two, and every other day from five till eight. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the band will perform in Regent's-park from five till eight as heretofore.

Middle, Julie de Rothschild, eldest daughter of Baron Gustave de Rothschild, is shortly to be married to M. Lambert, the Brussels representative of Messrs. Rothschild.

It will be news for anglers that trout fishing has commenced at Newbury (Berkshire) with an encouraging amount of sport, taking the state of the weather and water, through the floods, into account.

Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, G.M. of the Province of Kent, will consecrate the Eastes Lodge, named after Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent, at Bickley, on Wednesday next. Bro. Sudlow, Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction is to be the first W.M. Bros. Bué, Johnston, Dawson, Wickes, Pocock, Tanqueray, and H. Wright are amongst the joining members. To Bro. Shaw is due the credit of founding the lodge.

A Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey will be held to-day (Saturday) at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. ex-inspector Foulgar is to be presented with a testimonial on his retirement from the force, after thirty-nine year's service, by the inhabitants of the Wards of Cripple-gate, Coleman-street, and Bassishaw. Bro. Deputy Saunders, P.G.D., is chairman of the committee, and Bro. T. Beard, C.C., one of the hon. secretaries.

A meeting of the Frank Buckland Memorial Fund, at which H.R.H. Prince Christian presided, was held on Saturday last, at No. 34, Portland-place, when, one of the honorary Secretaries having read a report, His Royal Highness proceeded to fulfil so much of the Committee's proposal to honour the memory of the late distinguished and genial naturalist as concerned the handing over to Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, as representing the Committee of Council on Education, the bust of Bro. Buckland, so that it may be placed in the Fish Museum, South Kensington, founded by the deceased, and by him bequeathed to the British nation. The bust is a faithful and finely-executed portrait by Mr. J. Warrington Wood.

At the meeting of the Claremont Lodge, No. 1861, held at Esher, on the 8th inst., it was by unanimous vote agreed that a message of congratulation be forwarded to H.R.H. the Duke of Albany on his marriage.

Bro. Garrod is to be presented with a testimonial in recognition of his services in connection with the second Tottenham and Edmonton Masonic Charitable Association, at a dinner, which will take place at Bro. Oddy's, Seven Sisters' Hotel, Page-green, Tottenham.

Bro. G. M. Felton, at the Court of Common Council on Thursday, proposed the following resolution: That the Court do take such measures as may be thought necessary to remedy the present pollution of the Thames.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Burdett Courts Lodge of Instruction, at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, G.E.R., on Saturday, the 20th inst. Bro. D. Moss will preside, and be supported by the following well-known workers: Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, S.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623, J.W.; and W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor, I.P.M. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. Hammond, 1278; Second, Bro. Brittain, 1278; Third, Bro. T. Loane, M.C. 1421; T. Clark, S.D. 1178; Fifth, Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623; Sixth, Bro. W. McDonald, J.W. 4415; and Seventh, Bro. B. Stewart, 1278. Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. W. J. Musto, 1349; Second, Bro. C. Eschwege, M.C. 1349; Third, Bro. J. T. K. Job, W.M. 1076; Fourth, Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349; and Fifth, Bro. A. Hand, 1278. Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. J. P. Cohen, P.M. 205; Second, Bro. R. Sturtevant, W.M. 1278; and Third, Bro. W. Richardson, 174. Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock precisely, and brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Bro. Polydore De Keyser, the newly-elected Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon Without, in succession to Mr. J. Figgins, was born on December 13th 1832, at Fermonde, in Belgium. His father was Mr. C. De Keyser, the founder of the Royal Hotel. He has for fifteen years been a member of the Court of Common Council, is a Governor of Bridewell and Bethlehem Hospital and of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and a member of the Society of Arts and the Royal Geographical Society. Bro. De Keyser was educated in England, under the personal care of the later Mr. J. Roach, of the Rectory House, Parson's-green, Fulham, and late at Brussels and in Germany. The new Alderman has taken a great interest in the Craft and in the Volunteer service, and his undoubted ability and genial courtesy will ensure for him a hearty welcome in the higher sphere of civic life to which he has been called.

We are pleased to note that Comp. Brown, the able and zealous Preceptor of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, held at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, is to be presented with a testimonial by the members and visitors. The estimation in which Comp. Brown is held cannot be better described than in the words of the resolution passed at a regular meeting of the chapter: "That the best thanks of this chapter are due, and are hereby given, to Comp. Brown for his great zeal and energy in promoting the interests of this chapter, and for the able and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of Preceptor for a period of nearly four years, and that the companions further desire that, as a mark of their appreciation of his valuable services, he be presented with a testimonial, and that such testimonial be raised by voluntary subscription." The following companions were appointed as a Committee to carry the above resolution into effect: H. J. Lardner, 907, 1023; R. H. Crowden, M.E.Z., 1297; S. Pownceby M.E.Z., 157; C. H. Webb, 1549; J. S. Fraser, 214; W. Fraser, 214; and G. P. Gillard, 19.