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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the GRAND MASTER has, as will be seen by our report, been installed W.M. of the Alpha Lodge. The meeting, which took place on Monday last, was composed of some of the most distinguished members of our Order, and passed off with great "clat." HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS presided over the banquet.

We propose now to give our readers a short and succinct account of the Stewards list at the last Boys' Festival, feeling certain that few will care to read, or trouble themselves to wade through a lengthy account of a thrice told tale. Still, as good Masonic work always deserves to be carefully recorded and gratefully remembered, we think it well, following previous precedents, to mention the names of those who have distinguished themselves by their returns and exertions in the last Boys' School Festival. The whole amount of the Stewards return, as previously stated, was £11,693 14s. 1d., of which £5722 18s. was sent by London, £5970 from the provinces, &c. The highest of the London lists was that of No. 1728, Temple Bar Lodge, Bro. T. W. C. BUSH, S., viz., £291 7s.; which is followed by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, Bro. S. SMOUT, £261 9s., and which is succeeded by Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900 (quite a new lodge), G. P. FESTA, £177 13s. 11d., a very good amount. Creton Lodge, No. 1791, JOHN WILLIAMS, with £164, now comes forward smilingly, to be pressed upon by the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, Bro. W. M. STILES, and which has just behind it Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, Bro. F. BREWER, £142 16s. The London Rifle Brigade Lodge, No. 1962, Bro. NEVILLE GREEN here comes to the rescue with £130 12s. 6d., and is followed by the following worthy lodges and Brethren-Stewards in quick and close succession. Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, Bro. A. BROOKMAN, £115 10s.; Islington Lodge, No. 1471, Bro. D. P. HOLMES, £112 7s.; Felicity Lodge, No. 58, Bro. W. J. CRUMP, £110 5s.; Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, Bro. E. B. GRABHAM, £105 16s.; Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, Bro. E. JEN, £105; Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, Bro. K. R. MURCHISON, £103 8s.; H. S. GOODALL (Committee Dinner Club R.M.B.I.), £102 18s. And though many lodges and Stewards unattached have done well, yet we think that it is but fair to all alike to point out those who have done "exceedingly well." The mere amount of the returns is not, we admit, a perfect criterion or altogether safe test of work done, of success achieved; but it is both plain and practical, easily understood and realized by our readers. We note that from 1800 eight lodges only have sent Stewards; from 1500 to 1800, twenty; from 300 to 1500, twenty-two; and from 1 to 300, forty-six. "Verbum sat sapienti!" In the provinces the returns amount to £5970 16s., or £200 in excess of the metropolis, and which, considering that the London lodges only amount to about 300 speaks volumes for the zeal and energy of our good metropolitan brethren; though, indeed, the whole return is alike creditable to town and country. We wish all provinces would tottle up their returns, imitating the "good form" of our old friends of West Yorkshire, always practical and energetic, and save a poor, weary scribe the painful, if necessary, duty of adding up long rows of interminable figures. West Yorkshire leads the van, in its usual gallant style, with £603 15s.; and is followed by Middlesex, at some little distance with £459 6s. 6d. South Wales appears most creditably with £373 6s. 6d., nearly "bumped" by West Lancashire, with £367 13s., while Staffordshire is not far off with £348 2s. 6d. We note now a set of returns all, as it were, close together, viz., Durham, with £288 15s.; East Lancashire, with £263 10s.; Essex, with £251 1s.; Kent, with £248 16s.; Gloucestershire, with £247 16s.; and Devon, with £241 10s. Another division succeeds, over whom, to use a Newmarket simile, you might throw a handkerchief, to wit, Herts with £190 9s. 6d.; Hants with £188 7s. 6d.; Warwickshire with £175 15s.; Sussex with £179 11s.; Berks and Bucks with £176 18s.; Derbyshire with £176 14s.; Worcestershire with £169 1s.; and last, not least, Wiltshire with £161 14s. A small neat trio complete the three-figured returns, namely, Somersetshire

with £118 13s.; Suffolk with £110; and N. and E. Yorkshire with £103 2s. From No. 1500 downwards there are twenty-one contributory lodges; from No. 300 to 1500 there are seventy-three; and from 1 to 300 nineteen. We must again impress on our youngest lodges the imperative duty which lies upon them of faithfully and manfully bearing a due portion of the "burden and heat of the day."

ENGLISH Freemasonry may be very much asleep, as some foreign critics have hastily said; but what we wish to ask such rash objectors, where else are the genuine principles so cheerfully and generously upheld? And we ask this question in no spirit of swagger or self-laudation, no boasting of merely charitable efforts or financial results. Far be from us any such unworthy feelings, any such unmasonic sentiments. But if Freemasonry is to be known, seen and valued by its "prints," what other better results can be shown than those of English Freemasonry at this hour. Freemasonry is certainly not to be commended when it throws itself into the noisy arena of political parties or sectarian conventions. Freemasonry's use and good would be gone if it were for one moment to be supposed that it condescended to pay attention to the pettier interests of municipal or general struggles, the wire pulling, the caucuses, the lower aspirations of partizan claims, or sectional differences. To discuss affairs of state like a debating club, to exhaust social questions, to encourage wild themes, or patronize individual idiosyncrasies, would soon deprive Freemasonry of its prestige, and lower it for ever in the good opinion of the world. And therefore we in England especially, though the same may be predicated happily of all Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, keep to Freemasonry's grand design of being happy and promoting happiness, and in reverence to God, loyalty to our rulers, and charity to all men, and especially those of our excellent brotherhood, we seek to evince that for us Benevolence in its most sense is both of profession and of practice. We all then can look with pride on the returns, for instance, for our Charities, and feel assured that the most distinguished brethren amongst us are never better employed, and the unextinguishable zeal of the Craft never more truly displayed, than in offering hearty, sympathetic, and liberal aid to our great Metropolitan Charities.

IN the recent "Monde Maconique" appears a very able and interesting article by Bro. A. GRIMAU, which deserves to be read by all who are interested in what concerns Freemasonry in France. There has been for some time a movement, mainly set on foot by that peculiar body, the "G. Loge Symbolique," as it terms itself, to reduce all French Freemasonry into two great systems,—one of Craft, or Symbolic Masonry, under the G. Orient, one of the higher grades, from Fourth to Thirty-third Degrees, under the Supreme Conseil of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. In the abstract we should greatly favour any such proposal, as such a system works well with Anglo-Saxon Masonry, but, practically, we doubt the possibility of its achievement in the present position of French Freemasonry. The new departure of the G. Orient, deplored as it is by all Anglo-Saxon Freemasons, would prevent the lodges under the Ancient and Accepted Rite giving up their independence of thought and liberty of conscience; for under the new régime of the G. Orient, unfortunately, *nothing is proscribed* but the consciences of *believers*. Mournful, most mournful paradox! Under the Rite Ecossais the sacred name of T.G.A.O.T.U. is still acknowledged and invoked, whereas, through a mournful departure from the great universal landmarks of Freemasonry, the G. Orient of France has removed from its official and authentic declarations any recognition of the Most High. But, as Bro. GRIMAU well puts it, the inordinate pretensions of the twenty lodges of the so-called Grand Lodge Symbolique must hinder any Masonic concordat, the more so in the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Rite of Mizraim destined to take any part in the proceedings. It seems that the representatives of these twenty lodges have made propositions which are to bind the 276 lodges of the Grand Orient, with, we agree heartily with Bro. GRIMAU, little consideration for the Grand Orient itself, and proposing changes as a "sine qua non, without even consulting the Grand Orient; which, to say the truth, is alike unmasonic and absurd. We, ourselves, never could understand why, on its own principles, the Grand Orient recognised this offshoot or swarm from the Rite Ecossais. We can quite understand the Grand Orient recognizing even a small body of pure Craft lodges, but here were certain bodies of certain grades, in a system of 33°, having no independent right of action, no status of homogeneity, claiming the right to form themselves into a Craft G. lodge, no previous precedent of the kind ever having been heard of. But so it was;

and we are not at all surprised to hear that a scheme based on such shallow and unsafe foundations must fall to the ground. We wish once more to express our fraternal goodwill to French Freemasons. We quite recognise the special difficulty of their position, and we can only hope for better days for them and for us. We are quite certain of this, that the present position of the Grand Orient is in itself untenable, and have reason to believe and know that many French Freemasons regret it as much as we do.

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WE think it right to call attention to the fact that the "Masonic Monthly" has appeared in lieu of the "Masonic Magazine," in a new dress, and with many improvements. As it includes among its writers Bros. HUGHAN, GOULD, MASONIC STUDENT, RYLANDS, SPETH, SANDERSON, and many more, and has the promise of many other distinguished brothers, like Bro. FORT, we feel sure that we are not doing wrong in commending it to the favourable attention of our readers.

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GUTEAU has at last paid the befitting penalty of his great crime, and let us hope that we have heard the last of so great and so desperate a criminal. It is perfectly sickening to notice his last outpourings of profanity, and all the episodes of his last hour seems to suggest another rendering of the well-known adage, namely, "from the ridiculous to the sublime" there is but one step. We never doubted his perfect sanity, and that he was simply the abject assassin of our lamented and our distinguished Bro. General GARFIELD.

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WE call attention to an interesting account, in another column, by a valued correspondent of the position and work of Freemasonry at the Antipodes.

INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AS W.M. OF THE ALPHA LODGE.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was, on Monday last, installed Worshipful Master of the Royal Alpha Lodge of Freemasons in succession to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the ceremony being performed by the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, Grand Master of Cheshire, the oldest Past Master of the lodge. His Royal Highness appointed and invested his officers as follows:

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| H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught (P.G.W.) | Immediate Past Master. |
| Lord Balfour of Burleigh (P.G.W.) ... | Senior Warden. |
| Earl of Limerick (Grand Master of Bristol) ... | Junior Warden. |
| Rev. E. Moore (P.G.C.) ... | Chaplain. |
| Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter (P.G.W. and G.D.C.) ... | Treasurer. |
| Col. Shadwell H. Clerke (Grand Secretary) ... | Secretary. |
| Rev. C. J. Martyn (P.G.C.) ... | Senior Deacon. |
| Sir John B. Monckton (President Board of Gen. Purposes) ... | Junior Deacon. |
| Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg (P.G.C.) ... | Inner Guard. |

At the conclusion of this ceremony, Lord Carrington, Senior Grand Warden of England, was elected a joining member. At the banquet, over which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided, the following members of the lodge, in addition to those already named, were present: Bros. The Earl of Lathom (Deputy Grand Master); Lord Suffield (Grand Master Norfolk); Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., M.P. (Grand Master North Wales); General Brownrigg, C.B. (Grand Master Surrey); Sir Michael Costa (P.G.W.); A.E. John McIntyre, Q.C., M.P. (Grand Registrar); and Jno. Havers, (P.G.W.)

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee met at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 1st inst.; Bro. A. J. Duff Filer in the chair, when the following brethren were also present: Bros. C. H. Webb, William Stephens, C. F. Matier, E. B. Harding, S. L. Mather, S. B. Wilson, Thos. Entwistle, A. M. Broadley, Edgar Bowyer, Wm. Paas, W. H. Saunders, Edwd. Baxter, Geo. Motion, F. Binckes (Secretary), and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the General Committee of the 3rd June were read and verified, and those of the House Committee, &c., were read for information; and it may be mentioned, with regard to the proposal to alter the dates on which elections shall for the future take place, that it has been decided that the dates remain unaltered, with the proviso that when Good Friday and Easter occur at these dates, the election be postponed for one week. This will be formally reported to the Quarterly Court to be held in October next.

Acting on the recommendation of the House Committee, the salary of the bandmaster of the School was raised from 21s. to 30s. per week. On a like recommendation, and in view of the unremitting attention and care bestowed by Dr. Hall upon the pupils during the epidemic that visited the School in the spring of the present year, the Committee voted that gentleman an honorarium of fifty guineas.

The CHAIRMAN read the following notice to this meeting of a motion he had received, under cover, from Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, for the consideration of the next General Committee on the 5th proximo—

"That, considering the increase of the number of the subscribers and of the contributions to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, thereby entailing considerably increased labour upon the Secretary of that Institution, his salary be raised £100 per annum, in recognition of his valuable services rendered for the last twenty-one years."

Eight petitions were considered, three of which were rejected. One of these petitions was from the widow of a brother who had only been a subscribing member to a lodge for two years and a half, and was therefore ineligible in terms of Rule I.V. It was admitted to be a case deserving special consideration, but as even the discretionary power given to the Committee is by the rule referred to limited to cases where the brother has been a subscribing member to a lodge for a term of three years at the least, there was no alternative but to reject the petition. It was explained to the brother who attended to support the case that the Committee had no option, but were bound to observe the laws made for their guidance, and upon his expressing an opinion that the law required revision, he was offered facilities for giving immediate notice of motion for consideration of the General Court to be held in October. He did not, however, avail himself of the offer. Another petition was rejected, after some discussion, by a bare majority, because the widow, who had been in comparatively affluent circumstances, had still a secured income estimated at £70 per annum.

Bro. BINCKES reported that the number of candidates eligible for election, allowing for one withdrawn, and three disqualified by age, was sixty-two, to compete for fourteen vacancies at the School.

There were two applications for grants in aid from former pupils, viz., one from Date, and the other from Leonard Wain. Date was a boy of considerable talent, who distinguished himself at the School, taking many prizes, passing the Cambridge local examination with honours, and winning special commendation from the Head Master, who entertained a high opinion of his abilities. Being desirous of becoming a surgeon, some of his friends had provided the means to enable him to enter as a student at Birmingham, and he now applied to the Committee for a grant in aid.

Bro. MATIER proposed, and Bro. EDGAR BOWYER seconded, a vote of £30 for the payment of college fees, &c., to be given in two instalments of £15, the second instalment to be paid in the discretion of the Committee if and when required, and the same was agreed to.

Leonard Wain, who is employed as a junior clerk in Bro. Binckes' office, was awarded a grant of £5.

Bro. BINCKES reported that Bro. Levitt had left a legacy of £500 to the Institution.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

CONSECRATION OF THE BEACON COURT LODGE, No. 1967, AT NEW BROMPTON.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the above event took place, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Viscount Holmesdale, performing the ceremony, being assisted by W. Bros. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; Rev. Thomas Robinson, M.A., Grand Chap. England; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., Prov. Grand Chap. Kent; and H. Ward, P. Prov. Grand Warden Wilts, as D.C.

By the kindness of Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., the consecration took place in the Military Gymnasium, the spacious area of which afforded ample room for the processions, &c., while the side walls and rafters were resplendent with coloured bunting and other decorations. About half-past one a large number of brethren assembled in the ante-room and walked in procession to the lodge-room, the Prov. Grand Master bringing up the rear, preceded by the Sword Bearer (Bro. H. J. Price). The Prov. Grand Master then took the chair and appointed officers pro tem.

The lodge being opened, the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were saluted in ancient form.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed those present, and the brethren of the new lodge were then arranged in order while PROV. GRAND SECRETARY read the petition and warrant, after which they signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to consecrate the lodge.

A masterly oration on the duties and privileges of Freemasons was delivered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain (the Rev. R. JAMBLIN), who pointed out how closely belief in, and reverence of, the Supreme Being were entwined with the rules laid down for the guidance of Masons. The anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing" was next sung, and the lodge board was then uncovered by the D. of C., which was the signal for the Dedication Prayer.

This having been given, the usual processions followed, with scattering of corn and pouring out of wine and oil, and the dedication of the lodge to Masonry, Virtue, and Universal Benevolence. The members of the new lodge next ranged themselves round while the Provincial Grand Master scattered salt. The Consecration Prayer followed, and then the constitution of the lodge by the Provincial Grand Master, after which the anthem "The Spacious Firmament on High" closed the consecration ceremonies.

Bro. W. J. Blakey, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent, was then installed by the Grand Chaplain as the W.M. of the new lodge, and the officers were invested with collars and jewels, among them being Bro. T. Watson, I.P.M.; Bro. F. T. Butler, S.W.; Bro. J. Parkes, J.W.; Bro. Smith, Treas.; and Bro. H. J. Price, Sec.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Sir Evelyn Wood for the use of the Gymnasium, it being mentioned that this was the first occasion on which the building had been lent for a purpose not purely or in great part military.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Provincial Grand Master for consecrating the lodge and to the Grand Chaplain for installing the W.M.

In the evening a banquet took place at the Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, which is to be the permanent headquarters of the lodge. The W.M., Bro. Blakey, presided, having the Provincial Grand Master (Viscount Holmesdale) and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master on his right. Among others present were Bros. the Rev. T. Robinson, G.C.; the Rev. R. Jamblin, P.G.C.; B. K. Thorpe, P.G.T.; W. Wood, P.J.W.; A. Spencer, P.G. Sec.; T. S. Warne, P.P.G.A.S.; H. Wood, P.P.G.S.W.; J. F. Lewis, W.M. 20; S. Young, W.M. 184; E. Barrell, W.M. 1050; and several brethren from the metropolis and the colonies, the company numbering nearly a hundred altogether.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly observed, and a highly enjoyable evening was spent.

FREEMASONRY IN AUSTRALIA.

BY BRO. W. F. LAMONBY, P.M., P.Z.

Having fairly settled down to my Masonic duties in the capital of Victoria, it may be interesting to your readers if I give a rough sketch of the state of Masonry in that colony, and my impressions of it, gathered during the six weeks or so I have been resident in Melbourne. At the outset, I may observe that Australian Masonry, since the *Freemason* was first started, now nearly fifteen years ago, has received but scanty notice in your columns, and I shall have much pleasure in endeavouring to amend that by periodically sending you accounts of what transpires in connection with the different branches.

A day or two after my arrival in the colony I was introduced to the District G. Sec. of Victoria (E.C.), Bro. P. H. Lempriere, P.M., P.Z., an enthusiast and veteran in Masonry, and a native of the colony, whose son he also initiated in his mother lodge a few years back. Through Bro. Lempriere's energy and fostering care, Craft and Arch Masonry, under the English Constitution, have attained a wonderful degree of vitality, and at the present time there are about a score of lodges and half-a-dozen chapters in active work belonging to the city and suburbs. I have had the pleasure to visit several lodges and chapters so far, preparatory to affiliating; but the great difficulty with me seems to make a choice, where one and all are so excellent in working and flourishing in number of members. What is termed the "crack lodge" of Melbourne is the Combermere, No. 752, and I had the good fortune to be present when there was a heavy night's work in the Three Degrees, an attendance of members and visitors close upon a hundred, and music by a choir of professional brethren, under the direction of Bro. David Lee, the city organist, the like of which I certainly never heard in the old country. The chapters are also well attended, and the work (inclusive of the lectures) equal in efficiency to any at home. By the way, the District Grand Lodge meets regularly in March, June, September and December, and the District Grand Chapter in June and December. The address of Bro. Lempriere is 54, Queen-street, Melbourne, not No. 32, as appears in your "Cosmopolitan Calendar." There is a Mark lodge in Melbourne (joining the Province of Victoria), a Preceptory, K.T., and a Rose Croix Chapter, under the English Constitution, and all in active work. I have been pleased to note that in all lodges and chapters the production of the certificate is the first "sine qua non" towards the reception of a strange visiting brother. Lodges of instruction are an institution, and several are held on the Sunday. Another custom here is well worthy of mention, and that consists of the Masters of lodges sending out cards of invitation to brethren members of other lodges and constitution.

Under the Scottish Constitution there are six lodges in Melbourne and the suburbs, two or three of which I have had the opportunity of visiting, and had the good fortune to drop in when there was work to do. The ritual is almost the counterpart of the English, arising, no doubt, from the regular intercourse which exists amongst the bodies working under the three British Constitutions, as they meet in one common hall; in fact, the "entente cordiale" in this respect is a pleasing attribute of Masonry as practised in Australia. By way of digression, I should not omit an interesting circumstance which came under my observation at the refreshment board of one of the Scotch lodges. The gavel used by the R.W.M. bears a silver plate, engraved with the name and number of a lodge in the county of Perthshire, that I know was working not long ago. Query—How came the said gavel to travel from one end of the world to the other? Nobody seems to know here.

Masonry, under the "ægis" of the Irish Constitution, is likewise flourishing in Victoria. There are about ten lodges in Melbourne and suburbs; and here again the work is a replica of our English system, besides being well performed by the presiding officer and his subordinates. An exception to the ritual, however, is provided by a lodge, meeting once a fortnight, under the title of the Ancient York, and whose work of the Three Degrees is according to the American system. Under the Irish Constitution there is a lodge of Past Masters, a very strong body of working Masons. On the occasion of my visit to the Past Masters' Lodge a very interesting and able lecture was delivered by one of the brethren. The lodge is opened and closed with a ceremony something similar to that used by Boards of Installed Masters in certain parts of the north of England. The only chapter under the Irish Constitution, viz., the Washington, attached to the blue lodge of the same name, No. 368, is very effectively worked, and, with the lectures, the ceremony of exaltation is nearly the same as the English, with the addition of "Passing the Veils." Working under the Washington Chapter is a Mark Lodge, meeting on separate nights, the ritual of which, it should be explained, is a mixture of the American and English (the latter very much

disjointed). Though emergency has evidently been the result of its manipulation, the ceremony of advancement is very interesting. Last week, when I visited the Washington Mark Lodge, there was not only the work of advancement, but the installation of the W.M.M. of an Irish Mark Lodge in Launceston, who, in consequence of there not being a competent Installing Master in Tasmania, had come all the way for that purpose. The Provincial Grand (blue) Lodge meets four times a year—in March, June, September, and December. On Sunday (May 14th), there was a funeral lodge in Melbourne, when the Irish Masons, to the number of a hundred and upwards, followed the remains of Bro. J. Duross, an old Craftsman, P.M. of several lodges, and a Past Officer of the province, to their last resting-place in the cemetery. The lodge services, both before and after the interment, and at the graveside, were conducted by the R.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. George Baker. The music and service generally, as exemplified by the Irish Constitution, is beautiful and impressive.

And now a few remarks anent the lodge accommodation of Victorian Masons in general, and those of Melbourne in particular. In the metropolis there has long existed a Freemasons' Hall, situated in Lonsdale-street East. It was formerly a Dissenting place of worship, built in the days when Melbourne was a new and rising city. The hall was purchased by a limited company, who, for some years past, have felt that the building was too small and inconvenient for the growing requirements of the Craft, this being self-evident when it is seen that every night in the week, except Saturday, it is occupied by one, and sometimes two lodges, &c., English, Scotch, and Irish bodies all meeting in the place. The old and primitive-looking building is accordingly condemned, and very shortly the corner stone of a new and much larger temple will be laid with Masonic honours, it is expected by the Provincial Grand Master designate of the Irish Masons, Bro. the Hon. W. J. Clarke, who is now in England. In the meantime the various lodges will meet in the Academy of Music, Bourke-street, East. The prize designs selected were those of Messrs. Grainger and D'Ebro, architects, of Melbourne, and the style in Italian Renaissance. On the ground floor there will be a secretary's office, 19 feet by 10 feet, and two other rooms, 14 feet by 12 feet, and 13 feet by 12 feet. On the right of the entrance hall there are two offices, 13 feet by 12 feet, and 14 feet by 12 feet. The large refreshment room is 21 feet by 19 feet, the centre hall is 22 feet by 20 feet, and there are two flights of stairs leading to the upper floor. At the rear of the building, on the ground floor, is one of the lodge-rooms, 54 feet by 27 feet, and 21 feet 6 inches high, with dressing, ante, and preparation rooms, lavatories, &c. The upper floor contains a large hall, which can be used for ordinary meetings, extending along the whole front 63 feet 6 inches, by 31 feet 9 inches, and 26 feet high. At the back there will be another lodge-room, 63 feet by 27 feet, and 20 feet from floor to ceiling, with space for organ and choir. The refreshment-room on this floor is 20 feet by 13 feet, and there are ante-rooms, &c., as in the other lodge-rooms. The extra space has been obtained from the ground in front of the old building, which stands several feet back from the street.

A new Masonic Hall will form a worthy addition to the many handsome buildings of Melbourne, a city that now has a population of over 280,000 inhabitants, whereas forty-five years ago it was simply a village of a few hundred inhabitants, and the buildings constructed of rough sawn planks. The rise of the colony, and with its rise the progress of Masonry, is something marvellous. As regards the suburbs, some of the Masonic Halls would be a credit to any large town at home, and that of Sandridge is not much behind what the new Melbourne hall will be. In my next I hope to be able to give some interesting particulars about the New South Wales situation, and the project some time past set on foot for the constitution of an independent Grand Lodge of Victoria.

CLACTON-ON-SEA RAILWAY.—The quiet little town which has grown up on the Essex coast within the last ten or twelve years under the name of Clacton-on-Sea, has now been connected with the railway system of the Great Eastern Company by a line which was formally opened on Tuesday. The new railway, which is about four and a half miles in length, branches off at Thorpe from the line to Walton-on-the-Naze, locally known as the Tendring Hundred Railway, the first three-quarters of a mile having been formed by widening that line. The cost of the railway, which has been about two years in course of construction, is put down at £33,000, sufficient land being secured to make a double line, with a treble line at the terminus and a station ground of twelve acres. The Great Eastern Company, who will work the line for the Clacton-on-Sea Railway Company, have put on a service of eight trains a day with one express each way—the fast train, which will leave Clacton at 8.20 a.m., being timed to reach town at 10.30, and returning at 5 o'clock in the afternoon from Liverpool-street. A special train which conveyed invited visitors to the place on Tuesday, made the run of 68 miles from Liverpool-street to Clacton-on-Sea in a little over two hours, stopping twice only during the journey. The ceremony of declaring the line open was performed by the Mayor of Colchester, and the guests then walked in procession into the town, which was gaily decorated in honour of the event. The lifeboat Albert Edward, one of two presented to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution by the Freemasons of England as a thank-offering for the safe return of the Prince of Wales from India, was drawn, fully manned, at the head of the procession and launched upon the beach. For their gallantry in saving, under unusually hazardous circumstances, the crew of the lugger *Madeline*, as she lay a wreck on the Gunfleet Sands, the French Government have awarded the crew of this lifeboat two gold and eleven silver medals with certificates. A luncheon was served in the Royal Hotel, the Mayor of Colchester, Mr. J. B. Harvey, presiding, when those present included Mr. James Round, M.P., Mr. Errington, High Steward of Essex; Mr. J. D. Hayes, chairman of the Clacton-on-Sea Land Company; Mr. Bright-Wool, chairman of the new line; Mr. W. B. Towse, Mr. Harman, Mr. F. J. Nunn, Mr. H. R. Spence, and about 200 ladies and gentlemen. In the course of the speeches, it was stated that a good supply of water had been provided, and that public companies had laid out on land, houses, gas and water supply, the pier, the assembly hall, hotel, &c., over £190,000. Sewerage works on an extensive scale, which would have an outlet nearly two miles at sea, were now being carried on, and it was believed that the sanitary condition of the place would be found in every way satisfactory.

A NEW AFRICAN EXPEDITION.—The Council of the Royal Geographical Society have decided on equipping an expedition to Eastern Africa for the exploration of the snow-capped mountains, Kenia and Kilimanjaro, and the country between them and the eastern shores of Victoria Nyanza. Mr. Joseph Thomson is to be the commander, and, according to present arrangements, he will leave England for Zanzibar to organise his party early in the ensuing year.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 8th day of July, 1882, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place candidates on the list for election in October next, and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected; also to consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL.—

To amend Rule 56 as follows:—

"No girl shall be eligible for election, or for admission by purchase or otherwise who has a sister in the Institution, unless the number of vacancies is in excess of the number of candidates."

To insert in Rule 37 after the word "Trustee."

"That three Members shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election until after an interval of twelve months."

also

By Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice Patron.—

"That a further gratuity of £25 in addition to the £25 voted at the Special Court held on the 10th June, 1882 (making altogether a sum of £50) be awarded to Bro. W. G. Weber, the Senior Clerk in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on his retirement in consequence of ill health, and to assist in defraying the expenses of the journey of himself and family to Australia."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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The chair will be taken at 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES,
(P.G. Std.), V. Pat., Secretary.

July 1, 1882.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER, 1882.

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

Your Vote and Interest are earnestly solicited on behalf of

RHODA WHITE,

Aged 39, a Candidate for the Pension,

Who was a Dressmaker; but, in consequence of acute rheumatism and brittleness of the bones, was obliged to relinquish her trade and depend upon charity. About three years ago, when in bed, she was seized with violent spasms; it was discovered that the bone of the left thigh was broken. Efforts were made to bring about a re-union of the bone, but without success. Shortly after the bone of the right arm broke—then that of the left. She has not been able to move for nearly three years, hence requires constant help and attention. Her relatives cannot assist her; she, therefore, entirely depends upon charity.

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at 3.45 o'clock in the afternoon.

N.B.—Morning dress

By command,

CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M.,
P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Sec.

61, Nelson-square, Blackfriars-road, S.E.,
June 21st, 1882.

A dinner will take place at the Goldwork Hall, at 5.30 o'clock. For tickets apply to Bro. C. J. Tyler, Send Lodge, Woking Station, Surrey, enclosing 6s. 6d. (which will not include dinner).

N.B.—Dinner will be provided for those only who have taken tickets, and no tickets will be issued after July 7th.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master requests the attendance of the brethren at Divine Service at Christchurch, Woking Station, at 4.45 p.m. A sermon will be preached by the W. Bro. the Prov. Grand Chaplain. Brethren not to appear in Masonic costume at Divine Service.

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On Saturday, 15th July, by

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With Masonic Ceremonies,

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And the Grand Officers and Brethren of the Province.

Her Royal Highness the PRINCESS OF WALES has graciously consented to receive purses of £5 5s. and upwards, and ladies presenting them will be entitled to free tickets, as well as the usual privileges of Life Subscribers.

The ceremony will be preceded by a Luncheon at half-past one, at which the Earl of Aberdeen, Chairman of Committee, will preside.

The Band of the Royal Horse Guards will perform during the day.

Ticket for the ceremony, including luncheon, 5s., to be had on application at the London offices only.

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To Correspondents.

We have received the following corrections of the Boys School List of subscriptions published last week:—

"Provincial Grand Mark Lodge (Bro. A. M. Broadley, £90)," should have been "Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North Africa," a province which has only been in existence a few weeks.

The Staffordshire returns were incorrect, and should read as follows:—

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| No. 526, Bro. F. S. Barnett | ... | £143 | 6 | 6 |
| " 726, " Jno. Storer | ... | 130 | 10 | 0 |
| " 1792, " E. Piddock | ... | 21 | 0 | 0 |

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Citizen," "Broad Arrow," "Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Court Circular," "Military Record," "The Hull Packet," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Liberal Freemason," "Keystone," "El Taller."



SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

ELECTION VOTING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wonder if our very esteemed Bro. "Aliquis" has been overcome with the fatigues of electioneering so far as to have induced him to give the conundrum up, or has he (as I asked before) got the matter solved to his own entire satisfaction, and, if so, is he so churlish as to keep the solution strictly to himself?

In your publication of April 5th he drew attention, in a somewhat ambiguous way, to something which he did not seem to like, and, in short, seemed to question the soundness of a certain principle, which he hinted at as becoming dangerously general; but after the first flourish of trumpets heralding his approaching onslaught, he bows himself off the scene "until after the elections."

In your next issue, April 15th, he again rushes on with a second warning note, more fierce, in consequence of its still greater ambiguity; but what he has to do he desires to do "dispassionately," and, therefore, he will take "a little calm reflection."

What does it all mean? Had he some personal end to serve during the currency of the said elections, and desired to strike a wholesale terror in the breast of some very exacting brother by giving him notice of severe judgment in store for him unless he became more generous and less exacting in reference to his just and proper claims on the score of financial transactions in voting?

Some brethren, even in the provinces, are so highly strung in their rendering of Masonic morality in reference to these Charities, that they consider it exceedingly wrong that any brother having a certain quantity of votes for Girls, and not requiring them, should exchange them for an equivalent of Boys votes, which he does want very much indeed.

Is it wrong, "per se," to do so? I mean is the principle wrong? Suppose, for example, I happen to hold 100 votes for Girls, but have no Girls in whom I am interested, what am I supposed to do with my votes? Am I to throw them in my waste-paper basket? If I go to the election, and let it be known I have 100 Girls' votes to spare, how many brethren would come round and worry me for them? Who of the lot am I to give them to? How am I to discern who has the most deserving case? Each one has points of the highest merit and most pressing importance. How am I to extricate myself from the dilemma?

The plan is extremely simple, and, I think, very workable. I have one or two boys to elect; I may want votes to secure their election; I therefore ask my very highly esteemed brethren all round, one after the other, "how are you fixed for Boys?" I find one who has some votes, but no boy; we exchange, it may be at par, or at any other rate as arranged (the principle is the same), and both are pleased. Does our Bro. "Aliquis" see anything wrong in this?

I am in some doubt as to whether this is the point to which our Bro. "Aliquis" desires to allude, and I regret to notice that even my gentle reminder in yours of May 6th only drew from Bro. "Aliquis" another procrastinating note, as per yours of 13th May; and, so far as I have been able to see, our very much puzzled and harassed Bro. "Aliquis" has not since been able to collect his "scattered thoughts." Possibly he is annoyed that no one else has apparently shown any interest in the matter. However, as in his last note he refers to "circumstances having made him active this year," may we hope that his activity has brought him some light, and that on the next occasion of his activity he will be in the fore front of the struggle, and will not find it necessary to complain so indefinitely about

what has been arranged, also by force of circumstances, long before he entered the lists.

I would desire to be permitted to disclaim any desire to worry our esteemed Bro. "Aliquis"; brethren who take such a lively interest in these matters are too scarce to be slighted; but I do think Bro. "Aliquis" might have spared himself the trouble of writing until he had got something to say. If what he has to say is upon any other point than that upon which I have touched, I will be very pleased to learn what it is, and if it is a matter really requiring adjustment, I will be glad to render what little assistance I can if it is acceptable to Bro. "Aliquis."

I also have a grievance, but I will keep it to myself at present; it is not, however, upon the score of exchange of votes, as I apply the phrase.

With fraternal regards,

L.G. BOYS AND AGED.

MASONIC INSURANCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In vain have I sought in this week's *Freemason* for letters or remarks from able and distinguished brethren on the exhaustive "leaderette" in last week's issue on the above subject.

The improvidence of many Freemasons who come upon the funds of our Board of Benevolence loudly calls forth the necessity of establishing such an institution.

I, for one, shall be most happy and willing to offer my humble services in its formation, having been closely identified with charity for many years, and a member of the Board of Benevolence.

Yours fraternally, EDWARD F. STORR,

P.M. 22, 1679; P.Z. 1044; H. 192, &c.
July 3rd, 1882.

ARCH NAMES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

If "One of the Z's" had pursued his enquiries concerning R.A. titles a little further back than the present R.A. Regulations, he would hardly have insinuated that the reporters of the *Freemason* are "ignorant" or its Editor guilty of "culpable laxity" for using the abbreviations M.E.Z. when referring to a First Principal.

What authority has "One of the Z's" for stating "there is only one M.E.Z. in English Chapter Masonry?" Will he quote the passage, or any passage in the R.A. Regulations which supports his dictum?

Let your readers study carefully the last edition of the R.A. Regulations, and they will find no reference to the prefix M.E., from one end of the book to the other. We must seek for the title in the customs and usages of Royal Arch Masons, and in older regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter.

In "An Abstract of Laws and Regulations of the Society of Royal Arch Masons," first published in 1786, and revised and reprinted in 1800, p. 13, sec. 3, contains the following regulation: "The Three Principals and all Past Principals are styled *Most Excellent*, all other officers *Excellent*, and the rest *Companions* of the Order."

The whole working of whatever Royal Arch Chapter I have attended is in conformity with this old regulation, which evidently formulated the exact use and custom of Royal Arch Masonry 100 years ago.

Yours truly and fraternally,

E. T. BUDDEN, P.Z. 624.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I remember seeing a letter written by the late Grand S.E., Comp. J. Hervey, in which he stated that the First Principal of a private chapter was, by courtesy, entitled in his own chapter to be addressed as M.E.Z. This courtesy might have taken its rise from the fact that many years before the Grand Chapter was established private chapters existed, in which the First Principal was always addressed as M.E.Z., which custom has since been continued without interference. Moreover, it seems to me questionable whether Grand Chapter has the power to deprive private chapters of a privilege enjoyed by them so many years before its own existence.

Will "One of the Z's" kindly give his authority for stating that a Provincial Grand Superintendent is only entitled to the prefix E., and oblige, yours fraternally,

ONE OF Z's IGNORANT REPORTERS.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.— SUPREME COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your much respected correspondent, Bro. Sandeman, in his letter in the last *Freemason*, states that this Supreme Council has been declared illegal, but, unfortunately, he neither states who the condemning Masonic authority is, nor the grounds of the illegality on which it proceeds. From your note to Bro. Sandeman's letter I infer that you adopt his views. In doing so I think you have acted somewhat hastily. Bro. Sandeman represents a competing Council, of which I know you are a valued member; but, still, as a Masonic journalist, I think you should have personally made some enquiry into the matter before condemning a Supreme Council which has been in

existence for several years, and which, unquestionably embraced amongst its members the most influential Craftsmen in the colony.

Two of the *nine* members of the New Zealand Council, and one honorary one, have, no doubt, lately placed "themselves under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of England." But this fact, of itself, implies a previous genuine creation; for had these brethren not been lawful members of the Order, something more than "placing themselves" under the Supreme Council of England would have been required, nor would they have been accepted 33° of England. This fact, of itself, shows out of Bro. Sandeman's own mouth the genuineness of the body he condemns.

Two of these three brethren were in England two years ago, and were, I know, influenced in the step they have taken by overtures made at the hospitable board of Golden-square. But, when I saw the leader of them, while prepared to join England, under the powerful inducement of becoming one of its 33°, he remained satisfied of the genuineness of the New Zealand Council; nor did much appear to have been said by England against its legality, further than an intimation that it would never recognise it. But recognition, or non-recognition, of one Supreme Council by another does not make a Council either spurious or genuine. That fact depends on the legality of its institution.

Bro. Dr. Loth, no mean authority, and a well-known writer on the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in his letter in your last issue, stated that the Supreme Council of New Zealand is a lawful Masonic power. Bro. David Murray Lyon, the distinguished Masonic historian, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, who occupies high office in the Supreme Council of Scotland, and to whom you frequently refer as a high authority in all Masonic questions, holds not only the Supreme Council of New Zealand to be a genuine Council, but he is actually one of its members! I think you will readily concede that, did he not entertain an unqualified opinion of its genuineness, he would not be so. I know, too, that Bro. Hughan, one of the most influential and best informed Masonic writers of the day, and whose name I cannot mention without the deepest respect and admiration, has also enquired into this matter; and I would, respectfully, invite you to ascertain his opinion on the point before finally giving your own.

You will find, also, that the Supreme Council of New Zealand has its place in the Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, among the other lawful Supreme Councils of the world; and it was only placed there after due enquiry, and in face of influential interests seeking to exclude it.

It has likewise been recognised by the Grand Orient of France in its character of a Supreme Council.

Bro. Sandeman expresses his belief that the Supreme Council of New Zealand is probably no longer in existence. The wish is father to the thought! I had letters from two of its members last Saturday; and I have pleasure in informing Bro. Sandeman that that Council is still pursuing its successful career. "Time and circumstances" will, I hope, by and bye heal this sore.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM OFFICER, 33°,

Member of the Grand College of
Rites of France, P. Senior Grand
Deacon of Scotland.

[We simply replied to an English member of the A. and A. Rite as to what was *binding* upon him.—Ed. F.M.]

BLACKBALLING CANDIDATES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I shall be glad if you will be good enough to answer the following question in the next issue of the *Freemason*:

Has ever a member been excluded from a lodge on a charge of conspiring to blackball candidates? If so, please give the lodge and date.

Yours, &c.,

H. H.

[Perhaps some of our readers can answer. We know of no such case.—Ed. F.M.]

PURE WATER IN HOTELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

After the able manner in which you have decried the system of using Masonry for mercenary purposes, I must confess that I am surprised that you should have allowed the publication of such an apparently advertising letter as the one signed "A Traveller," and which appeared in last Saturday's issue. If a person wishes to advertise his wares, let it be done in the proper column, not in the shape of a letter of advice, otherwise that useful part of your journal which you so kindly devote to correspondence upon Masonic subjects, may be blocked up by manufacturers or their friends in advertising their goods by means of letters.

I have travelled a great deal myself, but should not think of advertising any particular hotel whose proprietor might be a friend of mine.

Trusting my declamation of this new system may be taken in good part and have the desired effect,

I remain, yours fraternally,

W. S. DUNKLEY.

July 3rd, 1882.

P.S.—Of course I do not mean to affirm that the letter

was not written by a disinterested person, but it would have been less open to suspicion had no particular firm been mentioned.

[We do not quite understand what our worthy correspondent means by the word "declamation."—ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your correspondent, "A Traveller," should read Professor Frankland's letter in the *Times* of April 28th, if he did his faith in Animal Charcoal Filters would be rudely shaken.

Filters placed inside cisterns, which he so strongly recommends, are mechanically wrong, it being impossible to get at them to clean or repair without first emptying the cistern, and the cistern itself cannot be cleaned out properly so long as the filters remain inside it.

On the other hand, filters which are fixed on the main supply pipe, or under the cistern, can always be got at easily for cleansing or repairs, and that without climbing out on the roofs or getting into the cistern. I have a Silicated Carbon Filter fixed on the main which filters all the water used for drinking and culinary purposes, and which is cleaned out daily. This is as it should be.

A small and handy pocket filter of the same make has accompanied me over the greater portion of the continent, and I am looking forward to the end of the month to once more test its powers.

I am, dear sir, yours fraternally,

A WANDERER.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The error in my last review, of "The Mysteries," whether it arises from bad copy or worse reading on my own part, seems to call for a notice from me. Probably some of your readers will have "spotted" the typographical blunder, where Bro. Warburton is put for Bishop Warburton; but I think it well, at any rate, to correct the erratum now. The ingenious typist was probably so full of "Bros.," had so much Freemasonry on the brain, that he came to the conclusion "Bp." meant "Bro."

Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE REVIEW.



THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines are again before us with much attractiveness and effect. They have almost become a necessity of modern civilization, for, inasmuch as everybody must have a smattering of something, and the "Small-Forecks" rule amongst us in society and out of it just now, that superficial knowledge of men and things, which is acquired by careful serial reading, is not only much in vogue, but requires constant aliment and sustenance. It was Arnold, if we remember rightly, who called attention to the discursive paths and shallow studies to which magazine reading must pave the way, and we fear that the result has justified his apprehension, the outcome has realized his anticipations. We talk about a great deal, sincerely and satisfactorily, of which we know very little, as the French say, "au fond," and the effect has been sometimes to bring out in vivid and startling contrast the ignorance of the passing hour and the deeply-rooted knowledge of dead and buried generations. But let us pass on. Magazines are all but a necessity of the situation, and as they are before us, let us deal with them.

"The Century" (Scribner's) is all but unapproachable among magazines. Whether we have regard to matter or manners, letter-press or illustrations, readability of type, and artistic excellencies, it certainly may be fairly dubbed Ar. "Among the Thinks in Alaska," "The Evolution of the American Yacht," "The Bee Pastures of California," "The Horse in Motion," are all most interesting and readable articles. If we do not like, as who can? "Carlyle in Ireland,"—indeed all this aftermath of Carlyle, unlike to Longfellow, is most unfavourable to him,—we are delighted with "Christmas Wedding Dress," and "Damming the Sacramento." The portraits of R. W. Emerson, and H. D. Thoreau are very striking indeed. "Bric à Brac" is very amusing.

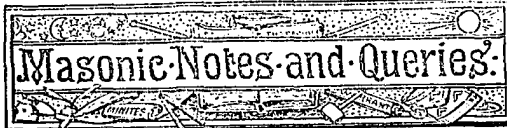
"All the Year Round" has a new tale by Anthony Trollope, which begins sensationally. The monthly part contains, as usual, some most admirable reading, though we think we detect a little falling off from its wonted higher level. We can specially commend "A Speculative Spirit," "Four Bad Moments" and "Popular Astronomy."

"Temple Bar" has a good deal of interest and force this month. "A Ball Room Repentance" seems hastening to a satisfactory denouement after all. "Wild Jack" seems to portend the weird and startling, but it may all work round. Wagner is a remarkable article, "De omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis," and with the slightest "soupçon" of Wagner himself possible.

"The Masonic Monthly" is an old friend in a new dress, and is, we venture to think, very much improved by the metamorphosis. It contains some interesting articles by Bros. Hughan, Gould, Rylands, Speth, Sanderson, and the Editor, and will repay patronage and reward perusal. Here in these columns we cannot well say more about it than simply call attention to the fact.

"Le Monde Maçonnique for June." This is a very able number of a well-edited French Masonic magazine, but though much which its pages contain we cannot, of course, conscientiously agree with, we fully recognize the ability and conscientiousness of our esteemed confrère, A Grimaux. "The Antiquary" has some readable and valuable articles, though we do not profess to agree with Mr. Lewis as to parochial registers, on many grounds.

"The Bibliographer" contains a very lucid and interesting account of the Bechford Library, and we can especially praise the communications anent "Martin Lister's Edition of Apicius," "Ballad Illustrations," and the "Woodcutters of the Netherlands." We confess we feel no interest whatever in the "Sham Book Door" communications. Witty the names may be, but utterly unesthetic and unreal is any such arrangement.



19] MAGISTER DE LAPIDIBUS VIVIS.

This is a new name which Batisier, in his most valuable "Elements d'Archeologie," Paris, 1843, tells us was given in the Middle Ages to the chief or principal artist of a confraternity, master of "living stones," "pierres vivantes." Batisier also tells us that the same person was simply termed "Magister Lapidum," and refers on both these points to some statutes of the Corporation of Sculptors in the twelfth century quoted by a certain "Father Della Valle," who is probably the same person who wrote, in 1791, "Storia del Duomo d'Orvieto," published at Rome. Can any one help me to this reference, which is said to be found in the "Lettere Sanese" of Father Della Valle? Is it possible that our words "free stone" correspond to the "pierres vivantes," the "lapidibus vivis" of these ancient operative corporations, or what is living stone?

MASONIC STUDENT.

20] THE MASONS' COMPANY.

Some proceedings before the law courts in respect of this company must interest all Masonic students. In the arguments before the judges, it is averred that the charter was first granted by King Charles the Second on petition. This statement is, I apprehend, altogether erroneous. The incorporation of the company must have been far earlier, as it is recognized among the minor companies according to the records of the City of London, at a very much earlier date, and the grant of the coat of arms, made by Hawkeslowe, confirmed by Benolt, and re-confirmed by St. George in King Charles II.'s reign, would point to much earlier incorporation, as, I apprehend, the Herald's College would grant no coat of arms to a company unless incorporated by Royal Charter. The granting of coats of arms to companies was based on the Royal Charter, as the original grant of arms was only made either to those who bore arms from descent, who obtained them from a manor, or who had been placed in the position of "generosus nobilis" by Royal favour, and for public and distinguished services. The Masons' Company seems almost to have fallen into desuetude, and possesses "ut dicitur" few documents or records. It has been always assumed that many of the archives were destroyed in the Fire of London, and Hawkeslowe's original grant of arms is among the Additional MSS. in the British Museum, as it appeared in the "Masonic Magazine" some time back. I should like to know, if it were possible, what documents, if any, the Masons' Company possesses.

ANTIQUARIUS.

21] A CURIOUS PAMPHLET.

I may call attention to a pamphlet, published by B. Lintot and E. Cull, in 1714, which deals with the Rosicrucians, in the "Diverting History of the Count de Gabalis," and which is a translation from a French work, by an Abbé de Villars, in 1706, which was written to ridicule the Fraternity of the Rose Croix and the German Fraters. Space is limited here, and I propose that a fuller account of this pamphlet shall appear in the "Masonic Monthly" for August.

MASONIC BOOKWORM.

22] THE FREEMASONS' ARMS, &c.

Respecting No. 18, "Notes and Queries," my reason for speaking of the "supporters" (Beavers) of the Arms of the Operative Masons of "the last century," was because the only authority I know of to favour that statement is Bro. Dermott, to whom Bro. W. H. Rylands alludes. It is well worth while to test his assertion, for as a matter of fact he is not a sure guide to follow; only one would fancy he had some data to guide him in furnishing such arms, with "supporters." I am not aware of any "supporters," ("Beavers" or aught else), before 1764, in any work. Of late years, the arms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland have as "supporters," two Unicorns. The curious point is that in their own authorised Calendars of 1852 and 1853 they were a Unicorn and a Beaver. The "Moderns" had two Beavers as we know, and they are so to be found in the frontispiece to some of the Books of Constitutions after 1756.

W. J. HUGHAN.

23] MASONIC MEDALS.

Is there any truth in the statement that there exists a medal or token of the fifteenth or sixteenth century, which proves that the "Third Degree" was worked at York at that period. What does "Masonic Student" say to this. Is it really a fact, or only a fancy?

MASONIC INVESTIGATOR.

VISIT OF LIVERPOOL GENTLEMEN TO AMERICA.

More than usual interest attached to the sailing of the White Star steamer Britannic for New York, owing to the fact that amongst the passengers were several gentlemen who occupy prominent positions in Liverpool. These included Bro. Edward Saker, lessee of the Royal Alexandra Theatre; Bro. Dennis Grannell, proprietor of the Rotunda Theatre; Mr. F. W. Wyndham, an actor who bears a good name; Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, Mr. T. W. Oakshott, and Mr. J. A. Sinnott. At the landing-stage there was a large gathering of personal friends to bid good-bye to the voyagers, and the last tender conveyed many of these to the Britannic, which lay at anchor off New Brighton. The Britannic, which left the river in the course of the evening, commanded by Captain Perry, carries about 160 saloon and upwards of 500 steerage passengers. During their tour the Liverpool gentlemen will visit Niagara and Saratoga, and will return to Liverpool by the same steamer, which is due on the 24th inst.

ESPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF A NEW HOSPITAL.

Last Saturday afternoon, there was a great gathering of Freemasons at Birkenhead, for the purpose of assisting Bro. the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.V.P.G.M. Cheshire, in laying the corner-stone of the Wirral Children's Infirmary. His Lordship was invited some time since to perform the corner stone laying ceremony; and with that willingness and good feeling which have always characterised his lordship, masonically and socially, a ready consent was given to the request. As the head of a province which has done much in the direction of charity, Bro. Lord de Tabley directed that the ceremony should be performed with Masonic honours; and accordingly, by his command, an especial Provincial Grand Lodge was summoned to meet on Saturday afternoon at the Music Hall, Cloughton-road, Birkenhead. The popularity of his lordship has long been well established, but on this occasion he was greeted with even more than ordinary enthusiasm, and by a larger number of brethren than on any previous similar occasion, there being also a large contingent of representatives from West Lancashire, over which Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Dep. Grand Master of England, holds Masonic sway as Prov. Grand Master.

The arrangements for Saturday's "Especial," which were of an eminently complete and highly satisfactory nature, were carried out with most admirable tact by Bro. Herbert Finch, the indefatigable P.G.D. of C. Shortly before three o'clock, the R.W.P.G.M. (Bro. Lord de Tabley) entered the large room of the Music Hall, where he was greeted with much cordiality by a gathering which numbered about 400 brethren, many of whom were Present or Past Officers of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge. His lordship's chief supporters were Bros. the Right Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., R.W.P.G.M.; H. S. Alpass, J.P., G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec. W. Lanc.; R. Wood, P.P. G.J.W.; H. Finch, P.G.D.C.; J. Hibbert, P.G.R.; T. Clark, P.G.S. of W. W. Lanc.; R. Washington, P.G. S.D. W. Lanc.; J. Banning, P.G.O. Cumberland and Westmorland; J. Siddeley, P.G.A.D.C.; H. A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W. W. Lanc.; Rev. J. Cumming Macdonna, P.P.G.C.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G.C.; C. Dutton, P.P. G.S.W.; T. Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Bratton, P.P. G.S. of W.; H. Collier, P.G.O.; J. Beech, P.P.G.P.; H. Holbrook, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. K. Digges, P.P.G.A. D.C.; J. Wood, P.P.G.W.; H. Bulley, P.G.S.B. Eng.; T. Simcock, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hordern, P.G.S.; J. Sillitoe, P.P.G.J.D.; T. E. Tomlinson, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. H. Griffiths, P.G. Sec.; W. Horner, P.P.G.S.W.; W. S. Sutton, P.P.G.O.; F. Jackson, P.G. Treas.; T. Lockett, P.G.S.D.; A. Cockayne, P.P.G.S.B.; J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Nicholls, P.P.G.P.; T. M. Lockwood, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Friend, P.P.G.J.D.; E. Pierrepont, P.P.G.D.; H. Crosby, P.G.D. W. Lanc.; and H. Jackson, P.P.G.P. Among the chief representatives of lodges present were Bros. H. Firth, P.M. 667; W. Booth, W.M. 104; F. Preston, J.W. 104; G. Balfe, Treas. 104; W. Marquis, I.P.M. 537; A. E. Coveney, I.P.M. 605; H. Matthews, P.M. 1276; W. Bayliss, W.M. 1088; S. Wylde, W.M. 1403 W. Lanc.; Thomas Shaw, P.M. 477; W. C. Fleming, W.M. 322; C. S. Dean, S.W. 1289; W. E. Clayton, 1576; J. Jones, P.M. 1576; C. J. Clover, 537; W. Jones, P.P.G.S.; S. Hinks, P.M. 1570 W. Lanc.; W. Price, P.M. 1276; T. H. Kirk, P.P.G.O.; S. Marwood, J.W. 758; T. G. Parker, I.P.M. 1276; John Atkinson, W.M. 1609 W. Lanc.; Joseph Wood, 477; and others.

After the especial Prov. Grand Lodge had been opened in due form, the rolls of Prov. G. Officers and lodges were read by the Prov. G. Sec. (Bro. E. H. Griffiths). A very large proportion of lodges on the roll were represented on the occasion, several of those in the neighbourhood having as many as twenty and thirty officers and members present. Bro. W. C. Fleming, W.M. of the Lodge of Peace, Stockport, was invested as the hon. Prov. G. Tyler. The P.G.M. said it gave him extreme pleasure to be present that day for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Wirral Children's Hospital. When he received the invitation to attend, he accepted the invitation most readily, and he must express his sincere thanks for the very large and influential attendance that day, which showed that the brethren of that province had the true principles of Masonry at heart. His lordship concluded by detailing the order of the day's proceedings.

A procession was then formed under the direction of Bro. H. Finch, P.G.D.C., and its progress from the music-hall along Oxtou-road to the scene of the ceremony was witnessed by crowds of the public who lined the route.

When the head of the procession arrived at the site of the intended structure, the brethren divided to the right and left, facing inwards, forming an avenue through which the Prov. G.M. passed, preceded by the Heralds, the Standard Bearer, and the Prov. G. Sword Bearer, and followed by a P.M. bearing the Ionic Light. The Grand Officers of England, the D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Officers and brethren followed in succession from the rear, so as to invert the order of procession. The arrival of the Prov. G.M. at the site was announced by a flourish of trumpets, and the officiating brethren took up the position in the east, west, north, and south assigned to them by the Prov. G.D. of C. and his Assistant, and deposited the vessels, &c., borne in the procession on pedestals placed for their reception.

The interesting and impressive ceremony attracted a crowded concourse to the site of the hospital in Woodchurch-road. A brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen watched the proceedings from a commodious grand stand which had been erected for their accommodation, and ample facilities for viewing the ceremonial were afforded to the general public. The Prov. G.M. took his position, with his principal officers, on a raised dais at the east end of the enclosure, the officers and brethren forming in a square. A line body of the 1st Cheshire Engineers, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Walker, was drawn up as a guard of honour. Amongst those within the enclosure, besides the members of the Grand Lodge, were the Mayor of Birkenhead (Mr. William Laird), Alderman Roper, Alderman Crowe, Alderman Mills, the Rev. Canon Robson, the Rev. Canon Saumarez Smith, the Rev. R. F. Smithwick (vicar of Seaford and chaplain to Lord de Tabley), the Rev. W. Binns, the Rev. P. R. Robin, Dr. Braidwood, Councillor Williams, Messrs. T. H. Ismay, James Beazley, John Laird, E. Bevan, A. Bleakley, T. G. Carver, J. R. Shaw,

J. Elliott, J. Cook, W. J. Barnes, E. Price, J. T. Kenyon, E. Taylor, and others.

The 100th Psalm, "All people that on earth do dwell," having been sung,

The MAYOR OF BIRKENHEAD, President of the Wirral Children's Hospital, on behalf of the Building Committee, asked the P.G. Master to lay the corner-stone. He said that on such an occasion as that it was his duty to show the necessity of proceeding with the erection of a commodious building for the purposes of a children's hospital. The institution had already had an existence of some twelve or thirteen years. If they took a period extending over the last seven or eight years, the average number of patients treated during the first three of those years was about 70, whereas in the last five years the average number was 100, and in 1881 it exceeded 130. It should not be forgotten that the benefits of the hospital were unrestricted. A very large number—some 1500 or 1600—were treated every year as dispensary patients, and these were from the whole Hundred of Wirral. The Committee did not draw the line at the borough boundaries, and therefore appealed with confidence for the support of those who resided without as well as within the town. Questions had been raised as to whether the Committee had been premature in undertaking so extensive and important a work, involving not only a very large expenditure for the erection of a building, but for the maintenance of the institution in a thoroughly efficient state. However, he thought the figures he had quoted proved that the necessity had been forced upon them; and, moreover, he believed they were doing right in availing themselves of the zealous co-operation and support which had been extended to them. (Hear, hear.) That was, he understood, one of the largest gatherings of Freemasons that had ever been held in Cheshire to take part in a ceremony of that kind. (Applause.) He thought the occasion appropriate to glance briefly at the progress of the borough in which they were assembled. The inhabitants had from the very outset felt the necessity of keeping in advance of the time in all good and beneficent works. (Hear, hear, and applause.) In proof of this he would point to the excellent sanitary condition of the town, to its beautiful parks, its efficiently-worked ferry, its docks and quays, its borough hospital—(applause)—and many other institutions, of which even larger towns had not yet realised the advantage. Birkenhead had been one of the foremost places in promoting the education of the masses, and in addition to its efficient elementary schools, it possessed its theological college and schools of art and science. (Hear, hear.) The borough had more than a dozen churches, and more than double that number of Nonconformist chapels. He was exceeding the mark in saying that the inhabitants of the area now occupied by the borough of Birkenhead numbered half a century ago 5000, whereas in placing the population now at 80,000 he was very considerably understating it. The last twenty years had added 30,000 to the population, and there was no reason why it should stand still. (Hear, hear.) They all believed in the future of Birkenhead, and therefore the inhabitants were doing all they could to keep themselves in the forefront in all good works. (Applause.) He thanked Lord De Tabley and the brethren for assisting in a ceremonial which he was satisfied they would never regret having participated in. (Loud applause.)

Alderman ROPER, vice-president of the institution, then handed a silver trowel to the P.G.M., expressing the hope that his lordship would be long spared to aid in works of beneficence such as they expected the Children's Hospital, would, by the blessing of God, prove to be. The trowel, which is made of the new standard silver, was the gift of Alderman Roper. It was designed by the architect of the building (Mr. John Clarke). On the plate is engraved a prospective view of the hospital, most artistically designed, and also Lord De Tabley's coat-of-arms. Several Masonic emblems are also embodied, and the end of the handle, which is of white ivory, is carved in the form of a coronet. The trowel bears the inscription, "Presented to the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. of the Freemasons of Cheshire, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of the new Wirral Children's Hospital, 1st July, 1882."

Lord DE TABLEY, in acknowledging the gift, said—I accept with pride and pleasure this beautiful trowel which you have been good enough to present to me. Be assured it will always be treasured among my most precious deposits, and will be handed down as a memorial of this day's proceedings. When I first received the proposition, which the mayor was good enough to make to me on behalf of the Building Committee, that the corner-stone of this hospital should be laid with Masonic ceremonial, I cheerfully and gladly accepted the invitation, being convinced that it was most consonant with our duties as Freemasons to help in the raising of all stately edifices; and moreover that it was more peculiarly our duty to aid an institution devoted to the promotion of that divine charity which we, as Freemasons, esteem it our pride and pleasure to profess. (Applause.) All hospitals and dispensaries are certainly most proper objects for a Freemason's encouragement, and call for his warmest and most heartfelt endeavours. That being so, surely a hospital and dispensary for those helpless little ones, who from no sin of their own share in the sufferings of human nature, more peculiarly claim our care and attention. (Applause.) The Mayor has spoken of the foremost place which Birkenhead takes in all good works. It needs not the Mayor's eloquent words to remind us of that. All England is aware of its present state of commercial prosperity and activity. His Worship has referred to Birkenhead fifty years ago. I remember it a much longer time than that. I can remember being sent with my nurse to pick up shells and seaweeds on the shore now covered with glorious docks and quays. (Applause.) Let us hope the Mayor that the prosperity and commercial greatness of Birkenhead may continue to increase, and that it may by the blessing of the Divine Architect of the Universe reap the reward which the zeal and energy of her citizens so richly merit. (Loud applause.) It is gratifying to me, and I am sure to us all, to assist in so interesting a ceremonial, and I am pleased that it takes place under the auspices of one whose name is so indissolubly connected with the prosperity of Birkenhead. (Loud applause.) His lordship concluded with a brief address in ancient Masonic form, in which appropriate reference was made to the object of the gathering, and a prayer was expressed that the Almighty Architect of the Universe would prosper the handiwork of the brethren.

A special prayer having been offered by the Prov. G.

Chaplain, the upper stone was raised, and the Prov. G. Treasurer, Secretary, and Superintendent of Works advanced to it. The Prov. G. Secretary, by command of the Prov. G.M., announced the contents of the phial to be placed in the cavity of the stone, and read copies of the records to be deposited therein. An illuminated scroll, of which the following is a copy, was presented to his lordship:

"The Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children was founded in the year 1869, for the relief of little children in the hundred of Wirral who might unhappily be suffering from disease or injury. The manner of working in this cause has been by giving surgical and medical aid at the hospital daily to children who have come there from their homes, and by receiving those who had the greatest needs into the house, and there nursing them and healing them so far as might be done. This surgical and medical work has been freely and graciously done by skilful surgeons and doctors of medicine, without any reward save those of the good deeds themselves; and the expenses have been provided for by many persons concerned for the welfare of sick children. The work has from the first prospered, and the benefits of it have year by year greatly extended, so that from time to time an increase in the means of doing it has become needful. At the end of the year 1872 a house in the Oxtown-road was bought, and the hospital was removed thither from the small house in Wilkinstown-street, holding six beds, where it first began; and, again, since the beginning of the year 1881 a small house in Barton-street has been hired and used as an addition to that in Oxtown-road, and has been worked with it. But even so, the need of a larger and better house has become so great that at last it was resolved that such a house should be built. And now, on this 1st day of July, A.D. 1882, through the charity and generosity of many persons dwelling in Wirral and in neighbouring places, a commencement of this building has been made, in the sure hope that when safely completed it will nobly serve a great and good work."

(Signed) "WILLIAM LAIRD, J.P., President.
"JAMES ROPER, J.P., Vice-President.
"JOHN CLARKE, C.E., F.R.I.B.A., Architect."

The cement having been placed by the workmen on the upper face of the lower stone, the P.G. Master, with the Deputy P.G.M., the Wardens and Deacons, advanced to the stone, and the Right Worshipful Master spread the cement. By command of the P.G.M., the upper stone was then lowered with three distinct stops, during which the ode "Great Architect of earth and heaven" was sung. The P.G.M. adjusted the stone on its bed, striking it on the four corners with the setting maul, which was handed to him by the Grand Senior Deacon. He then directed his Wardens and the Deputy P.G.M. to prove the just position and form of the stone by the plumb, rule, level, and square. Being satisfied in these particulars, the P.G.M., in the usual Masonic form, declared the stone to have been well and truly laid in accordance with the ancient rules of architecture. This announcement was greeted with a flourish of trumpets. The P.G. Superintendent of Works and the Architect (Mr. J. Clarke) of the building then advanced to the stone, the former presenting the plans for the inspection of the P.G.M., who, having approved of them, delivered them to the Architect for his guidance in carrying out the work. The vessels containing the sacred emblems, corn, wine, oil, and salt, were afterwards carried round the stone four times by the Wardens and Deacons, passages of Scripture being read by the Chaplain during each circuit. The emblems were presented by the Deputy P.G.M. to the P.G.M., who scattered them on the stone, the choir, after each dedication, singing "Glory be to God on high." Prayer was offered by the P.G. Chaplain, some money was placed on the stone for the workmen by the P.G. Treasurer; the officiating brethren resumed their seats, and the imposing ceremonial terminated.

The working tools used during the ceremony were presented by the Architect, Mr. J. Clarke, and were specially manufactured by Bro. H. Firth, P.M. 667, Liverpool. Each of the articles bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire by John Clarke, Esq., Architect of the Wirral Children's Hospital, on the occasion of laying the corner stone, July 1st, 1882." The articles were made of solid ebony, the handle of the gavel and the eyelets of the level and plumb rule being of white ivory. The working tools were executed with artistic taste, and were greatly admired.

Mr. J. R. WALSH moved a vote of thanks to Lord De Tabley and the Provincial Grand Lodge. In doing so, he said that the Building Committee had received contributions and promises amounting to about £6000. On the other hand, the cost of completing the building would not be less than £6900, and to this must be added a considerable sum for furnishing. Moreover, the price of the land was £1030, whereas the value of the present land and building remaining to be realised was only £1300 in 1872. The Committee, therefore, still needed help. (Hear, hear.) Speaking of the ceremony which had just been concluded, he observed that its solemnity was such that he could not conceive anything tending more to give a religious and proper tone to the proceedings.

Mr. T. H. ISMAV, in seconding the motion, said he was unfortunately not a member of the Craft, but he knew that one of the chief objects of Freemasonry was the relief of suffering humanity in every corner of the world, and irrespective of creed or country. (Applause.) He did not think that the brethren of Cheshire could be better employed, therefore, than in assisting the good work connected with the Wirral Children's Hospital, for nothing in life called for their sympathy so much as suffering childhood. (Hear, hear.)

The vote having been accorded unanimously, Bro. Lord DE TABLEY responded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge, expressing the hope that the work would be carried to a successful issue.

The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung, and the proceedings at the site terminated.

On returning to the music hall in reversed processional order, a cordial vote of thanks, on the motion of the Prov. G.M., seconded by the D.P.G.M., was accorded to Mr. Clarke, for his handsome presentation of mallet, level, and plumb rule to the Prov. Grand Lodge, and also for the active services he had rendered in connection with the day's ceremony.

On the motion of the Prov. Grand Sec., seconded by the D.P.G.C., a similar compliment was passed to Bro. Marquis for his presentation of a bearing barrow for the Volume of the Sacred Law, and wands for the Director of Ceremonies and Assistant.

Bro. MARQUIS having briefly acknowledged the vote, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed in Masonic form, and the brethren then dispersed.

Scotland.

THE INTER-MASONIC SHOOTING TROPHY.

The regular meeting of Lodge St. John, No. 3, Bis, was held in the Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., when a goodly number of brethren were present. The R.W.M., Bro. Jas. Menzies, occupied the chair, and was supported by several Past Masters of the lodge, while Bros. Wm. Brown, S.W., and John Anderson, J.W., filled their respective places.

After conferring the E.A. Degree on two candidates, the R.W.M. stated that he had much pleasure in informing those present that he should now call the lodge from labour to refreshment. His object in so doing was to afford an opportunity to Bro. Lumsden, P.M. (from Edinburgh), to hand over the Inter-Masonic Trophy which the "Lambs" of Glasgow, St. John, No. 3 Bis, had succeeded in carrying off at the recent shooting competition at Cowglen.

This Trophy, which is an exceedingly chaste and valuable piece of silver work, is subscribed for by the Masonic Body in Scotland, and is shot for annually by teams of six shooting men, either volunteers or brethren, the winning team holding the Trophy for the current twelve months. Each member of the winning team is presented with a handsome gold charm, and the members of the second team each with a silver charm, which they are entitled to wear for all time coming. The Trophy, which has now been in existence five years, is engraved: "Inter-Masonic Shooting Trophy, subscribed for by lodges and members of the Craft in Scotland. To be competed for annually by teams from lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland."

"1878—won by Lodge St. Anthony, 154, Inverurie.
"1879 " " " Union and Crown, 307, Barrhead.
"1880 " " " Caledonian, 592, Edinburgh.
"1881 " " " Caledonian, 592, Edinburgh.
"1882 " " " St. John, 3 Bis, Glasgow."

This year the contest was very close, and clearly proved the eagerness of the several competing lodges to become possessors of the honour, the scores at the close of the competition being:

329, St. John, Glasgow.
323, Thorntree, Thornliebank.
316, Ancient, Stirling.
310, Rose and Crown, Barrhead.

Bro. Lumsden then presented the following six brethren with their gold charms: Quarter-Master McLoy, Lieut. Brown, Capt. Stewart, Capt. Menzies, Capt. Easton, and Sergt. McGibbon. He remarked how glad he was to see the Trophy in such good hands, as he believed it would be an additional incentive to shooting-men in the West of Scotland to join the Masonic ranks.

After a few remarks had been passed by other visitors, congratulating the brethren on their success, the lodge was called from refreshment to labour, when Bro. Lumsden, P.M., received honorary affiliation. The lodge was then closed in due and ancient form, and the brethren separated, after having spent a very agreeable evening.

The following is a full description of the Trophy:

The general form of the Trophy is square, relieved at the centre of each side by a projecting Gothic arch, in front of which are placed four Scotch lions rampant, supporting shields engraved with Masonic emblems.

At each of the corners stand fluted pillars, terminating in antique Gothic capitals, on which are placed full-length models of notable characters taken from the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." Respectively they represent, "Deloraine," the "Lady of Buccleuch," the "Monk," and the "Minstrel."

Following out the general lines of Gothic Architecture of the fifteenth century, the upper portion of the design has been supported on rounded arches, which tend to lighten the solid effect of a square base. In the spaces thus formed have been placed eight chased masks of individuals alluded to in the "Lay of the Last Minstrel."

The central column of the Trophy is an exact model of the Prentice Pillar in Roslin Chapel. It is enclosed in a Gothic canopy, which represents on each of the four sides a peaked arch surmounted by a cross—a marked characteristic of that style of ornament—and supported by four pillars resting on the base. The capital of the central column is extended so as to form a plinth, which supports a figure of St. Andrew, the patron Saint of Scotland. The prevalence in many cathedrals and abbeys in this country of the style of ornament adopted and the faithfulness displayed in carrying it out, in the present design have given the Trophy—viewed as a whole—rather an ecclesiastical appearance, while it lacks that solid and massive appearance which renders its adoption so difficult for other than ecclesiastical purposes for which it was originally designed, and hitherto almost exclusively used. Many of the details of the Trophy, such as the capitals of the pillars, the water-spouts surmounting them, and the pierced railing enclosing the base of the central pillar, are reproduction on a small scale of similar ornaments in Melrose Abbey and Roslin Chapel. The Trophy rises to a height of nearly thirty inches, weighs upwards of 200 ounces of standard silver, and is placed upon an ebonised plinth. On one side of the latter is placed a shield, bearing the following inscription:—"Inter-Masonic Shooting Trophy, subscribed for by lodges and members of the Craft in Scotland, to be competed for annually by teams from lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland," while on the sides of the base there is cast in relief the inscription, "Inter-Masonic Trophy, 1877. Instituted in Lodge Caledonian, Edinburgh, No. 392. R. Lee Bryce, Chairman; R. Lumsden, Sec. and Treasurer."

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Craft Masonry.

NELSON LODGE (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich. Bro. E. B. Hobson, W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and visitors: Bros. F. J. Dawson, P.M.; W. J. Graham, P.M.; W. Bowles, P.M.; E. B. Hobson, P.M.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; A. Woodley, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; J. Wilkins, P.M.; G. Beaver, S.W.; J. H. Roberts, J.W.; T. Ovenden, S.D.; W. Ross, J.D.; C. Sweeting, I.G.; W. Lacey, D.C.; W. J. Bidgood, Org.; J. A. Elder, W.M. 1472; G. H. Masters, S.D. 13; A. F. Jewell, 1158; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

After the usual preliminaries, Bro. A. Eton, R.E., was raised to the Sublime Degree, and then utterly unanimous was the vote that placed Bro. G. Beaver, the respected S.W., in the position of W.M. elect for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. T. Butt, P.M., was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland, Tyler. It was then unanimously resolved that the annual installation banquet should be held at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend; and Bro. Butt having given notice of motion that the meetings of the lodge be in future five, instead of nine, as at present, the lodge was closed in due form.

After partaking of a pleasant little supper, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts; and then the I.P.M., Bro. Wilkins, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that this would be the last time that he should have the pleasure of proposing the toast, and could only repeat that which he had said so many times during the past year as to the many excellent qualities of their esteemed W.M. He (the W.M.) had been most genial at their social boards, and had carried out his duty with firmness and courtesy. He trusted it had been as happy a year to their W.M. as it had been to them.

The W.M., in reply, said: As this is the last time I shall have the pleasure of responding to the toast so kindly put and so heartily received by you, brethren, and also as this is most probably the last time I shall have the honour of presiding over you as your W.M., I may be permitted to say that I can hardly find words to thank you for the reiterated expression of good will that has to-night greeted the toast, so ably proposed by Bro. Wilkins. All that I can do is to thank you first most sincerely, both officers and brethren, for your continued kindness to me, and the forbearance you have always shown to my shortcomings. Since I have been your W.M., I have never had cause to regret having striven for the office. I have met such good men and such excellent Masons, with, I may say, such jovial dispositions, that I account my year of office as the proudest and happiest of my life, and I shall, so long as I live, look back to the years 1880 and 1881 as the year when I only found out what true Masonry meant. I trust that I have given you every satisfaction, and when I vacate this chair, as I shall shortly, do to an excellent Mason and good brother, I shall be found worthy of ranking myself among that bright list of Past Masters for which the Nelson Lodge has for so many years past been famous. I thank you most heartily for your toast.

The toast of "The Past Masters" followed, and was responded to severally by the P.M.'s present.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Elder expressed his sorrow that he had not been able, on account of ill-health, to be more frequently at their meetings than he had been. He had had the pleasure of seeing their W.M. and his predecessor installed, and was sure that the promises made then by Bro. Hobson had been faithfully carried out. They were told by the Book of Constitutions to visit one another's lodges, so as to have, if possible, the universality of working. So far as the W.M. elect was concerned, he (Bro. Elder) felt sure that they had coming to their head a good, true, and capable Mason, and one who would by his rule and government sustain the high prestige of the Nelson Lodge.

"The Health of the W.M. elect" was then proposed, and, in response, Bro. Beaver said that he felt sure if he was supported by the officers and brethren as their esteemed W.M. had been, he should have a good year of office. He thoroughly intended to make himself acquainted with the duties, so as to carry them out to the satisfaction of every brother in the lodge. He felt the responsibilities and knew they were heavy ones, but hoped so to follow them as to be able to leave the chair with the same good feeling from one and all with which he was sure he entered it.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 865).—The installation meeting of this pleasant little lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Town Hall, Hounslow, when the brethren met to greet their twenty first Master. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last lodge confirmed, and an earnest appeal was made to Bro. Richards, P.P.G. J.W. Middx., who had signified his intention of resigning the Treasurership of the lodge, after having held it for the past sixteen years, to consent to hold the office for another year, which proved successful, to the great delight of the brethren: Bro. Walter, who had been appointed to succeed him, kindly consenting to waive his election.

Bro. Richards then proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. Corston, and performed the ceremony in such a manner as to show an intimate and perfect knowledge of the ritual of Masonry. The retiring Master, Bro. Walker, was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

An adjournment was then made the Red Lion Hotel, where Bro. Arnold had provided a banquet in a style which elicited the congratulations of all, drawing from the visitors remarks that it excelled many banquets that were provided at lodges in town. In the course of the evening Bro. Richards was presented with a table musical box, as a mark of respect and esteem from the members of the lodge.

FRANCIS BURDETT LODGE (No. 1503).—This lodge held a meeting on the 21st ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. Among those present were Bros. W.

Taylor, P.M., in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. Saunders, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; the Rev. D'Orsey, Chap., acting J.W.; Briggs, I.G., acting S.D.; and Clark, acting I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Jenkins was most impressively raised to the Degree of a M.M. by the acting W.M. Several communications having been read, Bro. W. Taylor was unanimously nominated to the R.W.P.G.M. for Provincial Grand honours. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet. There were no toasts.

MOZART LODGE (No. 1929).—The regular July meeting of this lodge was held at Harewood House, Croydon, on the 1st inst. The W.M., assisted by the Wardens and brethren, opened the lodge in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. No candidates being present, and it being election meeting, the same was proceeded with, that for W.M. resulting unanimously in favour of Bro. Edwin Moss, S.W.; Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison Tyler.

Bro. Moss tendered his best thanks to the lodge for electing him W.M. He promised to do all in his power to render his year of office agreeable, pleasurable, and he hoped satisfactory to them, and the officers selected to assist him in the discharge of the lodge duties he was sure would meet with their entire approbation.

Bro. Moss, being the next senior officer of the lodge, rose, as he said, with a great deal of pleasure, to propose to them that which was equally gratifying to the brethren as himself. Their W.M., Bro. E. M. Lott, was already a P.G.O. of the province, P.G.J.W. Jersey, and P.M. of Lodges 245 and 1765, and the decorations he wore bore ample testimony to his distinguished services, therefore, it was needless for him to say more than that their W.M. had faithfully discharged his duties to the lodge. He (the W.M.) knew well how deeply he had riveted his affections in their hearts; he, therefore, proposed a Past Master's jewel, of the value of £10 10s., be presented, with a suitable inscription engraved thereon, to their retiring W.M., Bro. Lott, as a small mark of their estimation for the eminent services rendered by him before and during his year of office.

Bro. J. J. Phillips, J.W., rose and seconded the proposition, endorsing all that had been said by the S.W., and the same was unanimously carried by the lodge. Masonic business being ended the lodge was duly closed.

After banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The R.W. Bro. Genl. Studholme Brownrigg, Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past," reiterating the fact that their Provincial Grand Master had been with them during the whole evening, and had expressed to him his entire satisfaction of their working and progress. He, the W.M., knew the brethren, in conjunction with himself, felt deeply the honour thus conferred on them by the visit of their distinguished P.G. Master. It would ill become him, their W.M., to even attempt to do justice to the merits of their P.G. Master; but one thing he could say, that he yielded to no one a greater dutiful respect, and no one could feel and appreciate more the greater compliment paid him that evening by his presence than himself. He had promised to again visit them before long. They would therefore unite with him in a bumping toast and an appreciable fire.

The P.G. Master, in responding, thanked them for their reception, and admonished them to go on as they had commenced, and hoped in their prosperity they would not forget the Charities. He had enjoyed a very pleasant evening among them, and trusted to see the lodge fully represented at the next Provincial Grand Lodge.

A few minutes later he retired, amidst a shower of applause.

"The Visitors" came next, being well received and ably responded to by Bros. Capt. Compton, Edwards, and others.

Bros. E. Moss, S.W., and T. T. Phillips, J.W., returned thanks for "The Officers."

Bro. T. Tremere returned thanks for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Thomas, I.G., replied to the toast of "Absent Members."

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Lay Members," paying them high compliment.

Bros. the Hon. Nelson Hood, Grundtvig, and Holdgate, in telling terms expressed their acknowledgments to the W.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. The Tyler's toast closed one of the most pleasant evenings possible to conceive, the musical portion of the programme being ably sustained by Bros. Ashton, Moss, and Tremere.

The following is a full list of the brethren present: Bros. E. M. Lott, W.M.; Moss, S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; Tremere, Sec.; Dewar, P.M.; Thomas, I.G.; Hon. N. Hood, Holdgate, Grundtvig, Leopold, Rose, and Compton, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Capt. Compton, 1615; Edmunds, J.W. 1095; Goodenough, S.W. 1045; W. H. Searle, 490; and others.

LIVERPOOL.—Merchants Lodge (No. 241).—There is no lodge in the whole of the extensive Province of West Lancashire which bears a more deservedly honourable position than the Merchants Lodge, No. 241; and, under the extremely popular and excellent Masters who have recently occupied the chair, there seems little chance that it will soon lose its capital position.

Among the numerous summer festivals held by our Masonic brethren at this, the brightest, merriest time of the whole year, there are none so brilliantly successful or more enjoyable than that which takes place in connection with the Merchants, and that held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when the annual installation took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, was perhaps the most successful of the series. The lodge celebrated the centenary of its consecration some two years ago, when Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. and R.W.P.G.M., was present to give éclat to the proceedings, and the honour which comes of a good "old age" is still present in a large measure in the century-old lodge, which has numbered, and still embraces many good and true brethren.

The brethren were summoned to business at eleven o'clock, at the Masonic Hall, where there was a large attendance. Bro. John Latta, W.M., presided at the opening, and amongst those present were Bros. R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas., P.M.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.,

P.M.; J. Winsor, P.M.; G. Hutchin, P.M.; T. Salter, P.M., P.G.J.D.; T. Whitehead, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Pendleton, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. Brotherton, Sec.; R. White, S.D.; A. Luker, J.D.; S. Jude, I.G.; P. Ball, Tyler; R. Davis, J. Redfearn, H. Bryant, C. Robson, J. Proctor, J. Macnab, John Winsor, R. Johnson, T. D. Jones, W. Hughes, A. Hather, T. W. Bruce, J. Duthner, W. Steadford, P.M.; A. Woolrich, W. McLachlan, R. Richards, G. W. Dixon, and H. Rigg. Amongst the visitors were Bros. S. Alpess, G. Std. Br.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Councillor J. Ball, W.M. 673; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.M. 523; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. Atkinson, W.M. 1609; F. M. Barnes, W.M. 1380; Dr. Kisch, M.C. 216; W. J. Hughes, P.M. 1013; J. Lyon, 1620; Major Nicholls, 203; J. Middleton, 823; W. Lewis, 203; J. Keet, W.M. 1350; W. Burnett, Org. 1393; J. B. MacKenzie, P.M., Treas., 1609; J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035; J. H. Parsons, 1432; and J. McCall, 594.

After the minutes had been read, Bro. John Latta, the retiring W.M., proceeded to install Bro. Thomas Whitehead as his successor in the chair, the ceremony being performed in a very efficient manner. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. John Latta, I.P.M.; James Pendleton, S.W.; John Brotherton, J.W.; Dr. S. J. McGeorge, P.P.G.R., Treas. (re-elected); Roger White, Sec.; C. A. Luker, S.D.; Simon Jude, J.D.; A. Huther, I.G.; Lieut. J. Macnab, S.S.; J. Proctor, J.S.; T. Salter, P.G.J.D., M.C.; and P. Ball, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, the W.M., in a few well-chosen terms, presented Bro. J. Latta with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his excellent services during his year's occupancy of office.

The presentation was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Latta, who spoke of the pleasure which he had experienced in doing his best for the lodge during the past year.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the proceedings, the brethren took train for Southport, where, after viewing the "lions" of the pleasant watering place, they adjourned to the Prince of Wales Hotel. Here a banquet was served under the direction of Bro. Marshall, the new manager, and the manner in which it was supplied gave universal satisfaction to all who were present. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Whitehead, W.M., and he was supported by an unusually large number of P.G. Officers and other influential brethren. There were upwards of eighty present, by whom the banquet and the after-entertainment were greatly enjoyed.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., the S.W., and J.W.; and Bro. H. S. Alpess, G. Std. Br., responded for "The D.G.M. and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Officers of the Province" was responded to by Bro. Callow.

"The Masonic Charitable Institutions," proposed by Bro. R. Wilson, P.P.G.S.D., was acknowledged by Bro. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., who stated that at present there were nearly 150 children reaping the benefits of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Institution, also replied; and in the course of his speech he said that during the past year the sum of £37 had been expended in the educational advancement of children connected with the Institution.

"The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. J. Latta, in flattering terms, was responded to by Bro. Whitehead, W.M., who spoke of the long list of distinguished Masons who had occupied the chief place of honour in the lodge during the last century.

"The Visiting Brethren" was replied to by Bros. Councillor Ball, W.M. 673; MacKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; and Dr. Kisch, M.C. 216.

"The Installing Master and Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bros. J. Latta, I.P.M., and R. Brown, P.M.

"The Officers," given by the W.M., was responded to by Bros. Dr. McGeorge, Treas., and R. White, Sec.

A capital musical programme was given by Bros. Major Nicholls, R. N. Hobart, J. P. Bryan, W. Quayle, W. Lewis, and J. Pugmire.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The brethren composing this lodge, which meets in the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, on the 28th ult., by dining together at Rigg's Hotel, Windermere.

Several of the brethren left Lancaster by an early morning train for Barrow, and went through the iron and steel works, and also through the ship-building yard and its many workshops, in that town, permission having been previously obtained for this purpose. The visit to these busy hives of industry was very interesting, and much appreciated by the party. Others of the brethren went by the noon train to Windermere, and after spending a few hours on "the Queen of English lakes," all assembled at Rigg's Hotel about five, those present numbering about thirty.

Bro. John Pilkington, the W.M. presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Bro. B. Gregson, S.W. Amongst those present were Bros. E. Simpson, James Hatch, J. Fenton, John Hatch, John Atkinson, W. Hall, T. Atkinson, G. Kelland, W. King, G. Cleminson, E. Clark, A. McRaith, and others.

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, but, owing to the fineness of the evening, the speeches were exceedingly brief.

The toast list was as follows: "The Queen," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England," proposed by the Chairman.

"The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and Officers of Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge," proposed by Bro. John Hatch, and responded to by Bro. W. Hall.

"The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Fortitude" was proposed by Bro. J. Atkinson, and acknowledged by the Chairman.

Bro. Kelland gave the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," which was responded to by Bro. John Atkinson.

"The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary" was entrusted to Bro. Fenton, and acknowledged by Bro. John Hatch.

Bro. Cleminson proposed "The Wardens," to which Bros. Gregson and Bayley responded.

Bro. Hall gave "The Junior Officers," which was acknowledged by Bros. McRaith and Thistlethwaite.

The list was completed by drinking "The Healths of the Visitors," which was proposed by Bro. Clark, and responded to by Bro. S. Satterthwaite.

Owing to the brevity with which the after-dinner business was conducted, an opportunity was offered for a stroll on to Orrest Head above the hotel, before the train started on its homeward journey, and the rich and varied scenery of the lake district was seen to great advantage from this lofty prominence, under the rays of the setting sun.

LIVERPOOL.—Derby Lodge (No. 724).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, and there was a fair assembly of Past Masters and brethren. Bro. Geo. Gordon, W.M., occupied the chair, and after the minutes of the May meeting had been duly confirmed, initiated two gentlemen who had previously been proposed and balloted for, after which Bro. Thos. Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Chester, ably installed the W.M. elect, Bro. James Pendleton, S.W., the new W.M. being presented by Bro. J. W. Ballard, P.M., P.P.G.P., and Bro. Henry Trevitt, P.M. After the usual honours, the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Geo. Gordon, I.P.M.; J. Comins, S.W.; J. Humphreys, J.W.; Geo. Beekin, P.M., Treas.; D. Davis, Sec.; Henry Ellis, S.D.; Jos. Sharples, J.D.; E. R. Hoblyn, I.G.; John Blenkinsop, S.S.; Edward Ellis, J.S.; and J. Green, A.S. Bro. M. Williamson being re-elected Tyler.

The statement of accounts having been read by the Auditors; on the motion of Bro. Chesworth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Cheshire, two guineas were voted to the West Lancashire Relief Fund, after which the new W.M. presented a handsome P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. on behalf of the lodge.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and during the evening the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to. A Past Master's apron was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Gordon, by the W.M., in the name of a few members of the lodge. During the evening Bros. Pushfield, Humphreys, Hannah, H. Ellis, and J. Ellis contributed to the harmony, Bro. Skeef, P.G.O., accompanying in his usual brilliant manner.

MALDON.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1024).—This Essex lodge, which is happily in possession of a well-adapted hall (one part of the ancient church of St. Peter's), held its installation meeting therein on the patron saint's day. The opening ode having been sung, the lodge was duly opened by the W.M., W. Bro. D. J. Wright, assisted by the Wardens, Bros. F. Bird (W.M. elect) and T. J. Cramphorn, who then raised Bro. E. J. Smith and passed Bro. N. F. Christie. The lodge then received the R.W. D.P.G.M. of Essex, W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., and he then proceeded to install Bro. Bird into the chair of K.S., which ceremony he performed with such masterly ability as to elicit frequent marks of admiration from the brethren. The new W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. T. J. Cramphorn, S.W.; John Hutley, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chaplain; H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., Treas.; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Secretary; Edmund Gowers, P.C. Org.; Organist and S.D.; A. W. Garrood, J.D.; Caleb S. Blyth, I.G.; and G. Huxtable, Tyler. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then delivered with much eloquence the three addresses. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by representatives of lodges 51, 160, 276, 650, 697, 1543, and 1734. Two new members were proposed for initiation, and the closing ode having been sung, and the broken pillar passed round, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

During the intervals and procession various musical selections were played on the valuable organ belonging to the lodge by Bros. Gowers, Turner, and Bowles.

The brethren then adjourned from labour to refreshment, at the Blue Boar Hotel. The banqueting room had been handsomely decorated by Bro. E. J. Smith and assistants, the beautiful banner of the lodge being a considerable feature in the work. Much satisfaction was expressed to the hostess at the excellent menu provided and the manner of service, and full justice was done by the brethren to the viands.

There were present, in addition to those already named, the following brethren of the lodge and visitors: Bros. T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P. G. Sec.; W. Humphreys, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.J.W.; T. Aldham, P.M. 1024, P.P.G.P.; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C.; W. Sowman, W.M. 51; J. J. T. Turner, P.M. 21, P.P.G. Org.; Jas. Nicholls, M.D., P.M. 276, P.P.G.S.W.; J. P. Lewin, I.P.M. 276, P.G.S. of W.; F. Wiseman, P.M. 1734, P.G.J.D.; C. Osmond, J.W. 51, P.P.G.O.; A. S. B. Sparling, Org. 51; E. J. Bridge, John Baker, W. H. de Ceane, R. Nightingale, H. F. Christie, E. J. Smith, and others.

The loyal toasts were received with the usual heartiness, and that of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master" was drunk with great enthusiasm.

In responding, Bro. Philbrick, Deputy Prov. G.M., referred at some length to the work of revision of the Book of Constitutions which Grand Lodge had recently and for some time been engaged in—a work which would not alter in the slightest degree the grand principles of the Craft, but simply improve matters of detail, and make the Constitutions more easily understood.

This toast, as well as the others, was accompanied with capital firing.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of the Provincial Grand Organist (Bro. Gowers), and were well carried out. A platform was erected at one end of the room, and during the banquet a string band discoursed a well selected programme, and a full programme of vocal and instrumental music enlivened the subsequent proceedings, the entertainers being the W.M., Bros. Osmond, Sparling, Gowers, Turner, Bird, Lewin, and Master Ibbis; Bros. Wiseman and Smith also gave recitations.

Bro. Philbrick expressed to the P.G. Organist his belief that he had never remembered so complete and effective arrangement before, in a private lodge, either in town or country. Altogether the brethren enjoyed a very pleasant evening, and one which will long be remembered as one of the most successful in the annals of 1024.

EGREMONT.—Kenlis Lodge (No. 1267).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. L. Towerson as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a good muster of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. F. Kirkconel, W.M., with the following officers: Bros. J. Fearon, as S.W.; W. L. Towerson, J.W.; Rev.

G. B. Armes, Chap., P.G. Chap.; E. Chapman, Treas.; W. Sharp, Sec. and Org.; S. Braithwaite, S.D.; J. Black, J.D.; J. Lewthwaite, I.G.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; Ed. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Muncaster, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. Baxter, P.M.; J. J. Robson, P.M.; G. Douglas, H. Ashley, Ed. Satterthwaite, T. H. Walker, W. Rowe, J. Jackson, J. Dyson, B. Grey, W. J. Blythe, T. Richardson, J. Killey, A. E. Lamb, W. Burnyeat, T. Vincent, J. Smith, J. J. Wilson, R. Tyson, Ed. Bromley, J. Dickinson, and W. Armstrong.

Visitors: Bros. J. W. Montgomery, W.M. 119; J. McArthur, J.W.; C. Mossop, W. F. Hunter, G. Dalrymple, W.M. 872, P.G.A.D.C.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; H. Burns, J.D.; J. S. Braithwaite, H. Cooke, 1350; W. Bradley, W.M. 1390; G. Hill, Sec.; R. Black, S.D.; Jordan Ashworth, W.M. 1660; B. Craig, J.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.D.; C. Gowan, I.G.; and J. Johnston, Tyler.

Bros. Clarke and Muncaster performed the duties of installing Masters in a most effective manner, and the newly-invested W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. F. Kirkconel, I.P.M.; Dr. Braithwaite, S.W.; R. Tyson, J.W.; E. Satterthwaite, Treas.; E. Bromley, Sec.; Rev. W. Thwaites, Chap.; J. Black, S.D.; J. Lewthwaite, J.D.; R. Baxter, P.M., D.C.; A. E. Lamb, Org.; W. J. Blythe, I.G.; W. Burnyeat, G. Douglas, J. Kelley, and W. Rowe, Stewards; and S. Braithwaite, Tyler.

With "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors, the lodge was closed in form, and the brethren, at the invitation of Bro. Towerson, adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent spread awaited them, which was presided over by the W.M., faced by his Wardens. Ample justice was done to the loyal and Masonic toasts, and with a long list of songs and recitations, a very pleasant evening was spent; the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close.

LIVERPOOL.—Stanley Lodge (No. 1325).—The members of this lodge mustered in strong force at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Monday evening, the 26th ult., to assist at the installation of the W.M. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. N. Robertson, who was supported by Bros. J. Holms, S.W.; Geo. Wynn, J.W.; R. B. Burgess, I.P.M.; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M. Treas.; F. Knight, P.M. Sec.; J. Cook, J.D.; J. P. Chapman, I.G.; M. Brown, S. J. Hodgson, Org.; and W. H. Bell, Tyler. Among a numerous array of visitors we noticed Bros. R. Washington, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Pemberton, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; Hugh Williams, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Berch, P.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035; J. King, Sec. 823; and others.

The W.M. elect (Bro. J. Holme, S.W.), a very popular member of the lodge, was presented by Bros. J. Bradshaw and R. B. Burgess, and efficiently installed by Bro. F. Knight, P.M.

After the usual honours the following officers were invested: Bros. N. Robertson, I.P.M.; J. H. Bradshaw, P.M., S.W.; G. Wynn, J.W.; John Davies, Treas.; F. Knight, P.M. Sec. (re-appointed); J. P. Chapman, S.D.; M. Brown, J.D.; W. Barnes, I.G.; John Hodgson, Hon. Org.; P. Dickinson, W. Ellis, and W. White, Stewards; R. B. Burgess, P.M., M.C.; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together, when the usual P.M. jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. N. Robertson; and a pair of gold spectacles and a handsome timepiece to the Hon. Organist, Bro. John Hodgson for his long and efficient services at the organ.

ST. ALBANS.—Halsey Lodge (No. 1479).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 27th ult., for the purpose of initiating two gentlemen connected with the Abbey Church, viz., Rev. P. Deedes, M.A., Senior Curate, and Mr. George Gaffe, F.C.O., Organist. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. C. D. Reynolds, P.P.G.A.P., who also gave the charge and explained the tracing board in such a manner as to call forth the hearty congratulations of every brother present.

A supper was afterwards provided by Bro. Marks, P.M., at the Peaton Hotel, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the two Initiates," and said that he and all the brethren had had great pleasure in receiving into their ancient Order two gentlemen so closely connected with their glorious old Abbey Church, which was built in memory of our protomartyr, St. Alban, and who, with St. Amphibalus, is said to have first founded Freemasonry in this country, within almost a stone's throw of the room they were now in.

There were a large number of brethren of the lodge present, as also visiting Bros. Rev. Finch, P.G. Chap.; Dr. Mann, of Cambridge, and C. Masters, 32°, of St. John, N.B., Canada.

The lodge was represented on the following day at the Boys' School Festival by Bro. Thomas Kent, P.M., P.P.G.D., who is the third Steward to the Festivals that the lodge has sent this year.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—This lodge met at Bro. Yatton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E., Bros. H. Aarons, W.M.; L. C. Haslip, S.W.; Marks, J.W.; J. Taylor, Deacon; J. R. Shingfield, I.G.; Jones P.M.; Job, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably worked, Bro. Shingfield being candidate. Bro. J. Taylor worked the First and Bro. Job the Second, Third, and Fourth Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Haslip was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and a vote of thanks was passed in recognition of the able performance of Bro. Aarons in the chair for the first time in the lodge. All business being ended, lodge was closed in harmony.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—The regular meetings of this lodge were continued on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney. Present: Bros. A. Waller, W.M.; Harper, S.W.; Ellingford, J.W.; Stephens, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; G. Price, I.G.; Barnes, P.M., Preceptor; Berry, P.M.; Gower, and Evans.

Lodge was formally opened, and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro.

Gower being the candidate. Bro. Taylor worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Ellingford was elected to perform the duties appertaining to the chair on the next lodge meeting, and Bro. Barnes, P.M., gave a notice of motion in connection with the officers of the lodge, and lodge was closed.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—At the meeting of the above lodge, on the 4th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, there were present Bros. Jones, W.M.; Wardell, S.W.; Corble, J.W.; Smyth, Treas.; Carr, Hon. Sec.; Catling, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Bunker, I.G.; Parfitt, Hammond, Forss, Christian, T. Clark, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Hammond being the candidate. The chair was then occupied by Bro. Christian, who, having regularly interrogated Bro. Hammond, advanced the lodge, and worked the ceremony of conferring the Second Degree. Lodge was resumed, whereupon Bro. Forss worked the Third, and Bro. T. Clark the Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when we are informed Bro. J. Stevens, P.M., &c., will deliver a lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the First Degree, and the attendance of brethren is invited. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock prompt.

UPTON LODGE (No. 1227).—An extremely well-attended meeting of the above lodge was held at Bro. Gray's, the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, on the 29th ult. Bro. T. E. Horley ably filled the chair, and was well supported by Bros. Keyes, S.W.; G. W. Rowe, J.W.; G. Gieseke, Treas., S.D.; W. Ford, J.D.; J. Oxley, I.G.; A. Clark, W.M. 1227, as I.P.M.; C. J. Free, Hon. Secretary; Benjamin, Kramm, A. G. Clements, Morris, Welsh, Gray, Hambach, Moss, Perkins, Lane, Turberville, Everett, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was next very creditably worked, Bro. Welsh, the last initiate of the mother lodge, being candidate. The same brother was questioned for the Second Degree, and acquitted himself very efficiently. Bro. Stephens next worked several Sections, the brethren assisting. Bro. Keyes was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and a profitable meeting was closed in harmony. Bro. Walsh, 1227, was admitted a member of the lodge.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—This lodge met, as usual, on the 30th ult., at the Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-street, Limehouse. Present: Bros. Waller, P.M., W.M.; Chapman, S.W.; Etling, J.W.; Charlton, Treas.; Buchan, P.M., Sec.; Rolfe, S.D.; Saunders, J.D.; Waterfield, I.G. and Steward; Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Dixon, and Stephens. Visitor: Bro. J. R. Shingfield, J.D. 554.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Charlton was subsequently questioned as an applicant for the Third Degree, and entrusted, and on lodge being fully advanced, the ceremony of raising was capitally rendered. Bro. Atkins, P.M., next gave a lecture explanatory of the tracing board of the Degree, which was highly enjoyed, and was creditably rendered, for the first time, by Bro. Atkins. Bro. Chapman, W.M. 898, was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Bro. Shingfield, J.D. 554, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. After an exhaustive discussion, it was unanimously resolved to continue the meetings of the lodge through the summer months, a course which the success of the lodge of late was deemed to warrant, especially in the interests of the officers of the mother lodge who attend, as otherwise when the parent commences its labours in the autumn, the officers would not be so well qualified for their duties.

STAR LODGE (No. 1275).—This increasing lodge held its usual meeting on Saturday last, at the new home, the Five Bells, New Cross-road (near New Cross Gate). The W.M. for the evening happened to be Bro. J. R. Behenna, just elected W.M. of the Chislehurst Lodge, who worked the First Degree, assisted by Bros. Nunn, S.W.; Youngman, J.W.; Waterman, P.M., S.D.; Goodale, J.D.; H. B. Taylor, I.G.; Andrews, P.M., Preceptor; and Walter Martin, Sec., Bro. Rotheroe impersonating the candidate, and the thirty-five other brethren who were present were much pleased with the working of the W.M. It was afterwards agreed to appoint a permanent paid Steward, so that the comforts of the brethren attending the lodge might, if possible, be increased during the necessary ceremonies. The lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till next Saturday, when Bro. Nunn will occupy the chair of W.M.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A good meeting of the members of the above lodge mustered at the St. George's Hotel, Millwall Docks, under the presidency of Bro. Millington, W.M.; Stapleton, S.W.; W. J. Bonner, J.W.; Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; S. G. Bonner, Sec.; McLeod, S.D.; W. Clark, J.D.; Raiker, I.G.; Past Masters Delves, Preceptor; Shays, Bennett, Saunders, and other lay members of the mother lodge.

Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. gave a creditable rendering of the first ceremony, Bro. Saunders being the candidate. Afterwards the same brother practised the questions for the next Degree, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to social enjoyment, at the conclusion of which lodge was closed in harmony.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was continued on Monday last, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Gooenough, W.M.; Hiscox, S.W.; Freeman, J.W.; J. Laurence, Sec.; Wheelhouse, S.D.; J. Young, J.D.; Duncker, I.G.; G. F. Gaudin, T. McButt, W. McButt, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened with all necessary formalities, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting submitted and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Gaudin candidate. After this Bro. W.M. worked the First, and Bro. Laurence, Secretary, the Second Sections of the Lecture, which were ably rendered with the assistance of the brethren. Unfortunately Bro. Pennetather, the esteemed Preceptor of the lodge, was again unable to

attend, through continued illness which we trust he will speedily recover from.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—This lodge met on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present: Bros. W. H. Hubbert, W.M.; A. G. Clements, S.W.; W. Maud, J.W.; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; C. Kendall, S.D.; Oxley, I.G.; and others. After due formalities the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Stewart, candidate. Bro. Clements worked the First, and Bro. Stewart the Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Clements was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, to be held on the 10th inst., and all business being ended, lodge was closed and adjourned.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, when there was a fairly good attendance of the brethren. The lodge opened in the First Degree, and in the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Tanqueray read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. The lodge then opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the First, when Bro. Tanqueray, acting as candidate, answered the usual questions, and the lodge resumed in the Second Degree, the ceremony of initiation being rehearsed.

After a call off, the lodge resumed in the Third Degree, and the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the Second and Third Section of the Third Lecture, the W.M. closing the lodge down to the Second Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Sudlow, seconded by Bro. Marshall, on behalf of Bros. Barton and Hallows, and carried unanimously, that Bros. A. S. Gosling, and T. Comfort, both of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, be members of this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

FRANCIS BURDETT CHAPTER (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the despatch of business on the 22nd ult., at the Albany Hotel, when there were in attendance Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G. D.C. Middx., S.E. acting H.; W. H. Saunders, J.; Cama, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.Z.; Metier, P.S.; S. Saunders, 2nd Assist. P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, numerous letters of apology for non-attendance were read. The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet. There were but few toasts. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the S.E., and having been briefly responded to by Comp. Taylor, he gave "The Second and Third Principles," coupled with the name of Ex. Comp. W. H. Saunders who duly acknowledged the compliment. The proceedings then terminated.

Mark Masonry.

EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 226).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, and was graced by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., &c. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Weston, W.M., and P.P.G.O. Kent; and after the minutes of the last meeting had been passed, Bro. Robinson was received with Grand honours. Bro. Whiteheart, of the United Military Lodge, being a candidate, was elected, and with the usual formalities advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. by Bro. D. M. Dewar, P.G. M.O., and Assist. G. Sec., England. The W.M. elect, Bro. Penfold, S.W., and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, was then presented to Bro. Dewar, who officiated as installing officer, for the benefit of installation, and was with the usual ceremonies placed in the chair and saluted. He then invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Shaw, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, S.W.; the Rev. C. A. Solbc, B.A., P.P.G. Chap. Kent, J.W.; T. Holleyman, P.P.O. Stvd. Kent, M.O.; D. Capon, P.P.G. Stvd. Kent, S.O.; W. B. Lloyd, P.G. Swd. Br., J.O.; H. Pryce, P.P.G.R.M. Kent, Treas.; T. D. Hayes, R.M.; G. Kennedy, P.P.G.AS. Kent, Sec.; Dr. Flaxman Spurrell, M.D., P.G.R. Kent, S.D.; W. Moulds, P.G.J.G. Kent, J.D.; G. R. Nichols, I.G.; T. Ovenden, D.C.; J. Bilton, A.D.C.; and F. Wood, Stvd.

The several charges were then given by Bro. Dewar and the ceremony closed. It was then proposed and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks should be tendered to Bro. Dewar, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, for the admirable way in which he had carried out the duties of installing officer that day, and Bro. Dewar returned thanks.

Bro. Penfold then proposed in glowing terms that a vote of thanks should be tendered to Bro. Robinson, Grand Master, for honouring, at great trouble to himself, the lodge with his presence that day. This was seconded by Bro. Solbc and carried unanimously.

Bro. Robinson, in returning thanks, said it was his duty as Grand Master to visit all the lodges, and that duty he was most anxious to do. Among the lodges was the Excelsior, and he had looked forward to visiting that lodge with a great deal of pleasure, although at the time he received their W. Master's invitation he was very unwell, and was afraid he should not be able to come. Yet he felt better, and did not regret coming, as he had been very pleased at the admirable manner Bro. Dewar had worked the ceremonies, both of advancement and installation, although he must confess he would have been better pleased had the work been done by the out-going W.M. He trusted that the officers would do the work themselves, and make Mark Masonry as much renowned for good working as the Craft was.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Earl of Chatham Arms, Thomas-street, where a superbly-appointed banquet awaited them. After this had been discussed,

The W.M. gave "The Health of the Queen and Mark Masonry." He said it would be like the proverbial looking for a needle in a bottle of hay to attempt to say anything new in giving the toast. He could only repeat what the Lord Mayor had said at a banquet given by him to the Mayors of the United Kingdom, on the previous Saturday evening. He said, quoting from Shakespeare's "Henry the Eighth"—

"She shall be
A pattern to all princes living with her,
And all that shall succeed, and those about her
From her shall read the perfect ways of honour."

The next toast was that of "Lord Henniker," whose very name, as the Grand Master of the Order, the W.M. said, was sufficient to commend their loyalty.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Earl of Kintore, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Dewar, who, in responding, said they were, no doubt, well aware that Bro. Robinson was his superior officer, and should respond, but he very kindly gave way to him (Bro. Dewar). Their W.M. had spoken very highly of Lord Henniker, and he could assure them that no one tried more earnestly to do his duty than did their Grand Master. The D.G.M., the Earl of Kintore, was a young Scotch nobleman, who was most enthusiastic in the cause. He had kindly promised to take the chair at their Benevolent Festival, on the 19th of July next, and was not only a most estimable nobleman, but a credit to the position he held. As to the rest of the Grand Officers, they were most excellent men and Masons, and tried, he hoped, to be worthy of the confidence reposed in them by the Grand Master. He was happy to tell them that Mark Masonry was progressing all over the civilised world, and they were receiving at Grand Lodge applications for warrants from not only the various stations in the Mediterranean, but from Montreal, where they had never before had applications from. There were now 314 lodges, and they must acknowledge that under the rule of, and since the formation of, Grand Lodge Mark Masonry was flourishing in a most remarkable manner. The Degree was a most excellent one, and would be sure before long to take even a higher position in the Masonic world than it even did now.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Prov. G. Master," who, Bro. Penfold said, rejoiced with them in their prosperity, and would, no doubt, feel for them and aid them in affliction. It must be very gratifying to know how much their Grand Master was respected by the Masons of Kent, more especially in Woolwich and Plumstead; and the best instance he, the speaker, could give of that was the magnificent reception he met with at a late meeting to do honour to him, when representatives were present from every lodge in the province. They were proud of him as their Grand Master, and felt sure that in his hands the interests of Mark Masonry would never be neglected. He was not only a good but an erudite Master, and his teachings in Royal Arch Masonry were accepted by them and worked in the Pattison Chapter. Some teachers of Masonry were like a man who put up a bridge; if you were to ask him why he did certain things, he would tell you because it had been done by some one else before; but a good architect, who knew the first principles of the business, would tell you the why and wherefore. And so it was with their Grand Master; his perfect mastery of the classic languages and lore placed him in the position of an architect in Masonry, who could not only work himself, but could instruct others in the technicalities of the work. He asked them, therefore to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Robinson, who was heartily cheered on rising, said he hardly knew when his health had been so enthusiastically drunk as it had been that evening. He had been a Mason for forty years, and when he told them that he had been a hard working Mason during these forty years, not only in England but in the Colonies, they would see that that was perhaps the reason why he knew more than ordinary about Masonry, especially Royal Arch Masonry. And now to the point at issue. He was especially proud of being their Grand Master, because he held his office not by appointment, but by the unanimous consent and nomination of the whole of the lodges in the province. He had already served one three years as their Grand Master, and now, only lately, he had been again unanimously nominated for another like term. The object of a Grand Master was to set things right, and during the time he had been in office many things had had to be looked up. They must not suppose that the position was one of unmitigated pleasure; the difficulties he had had to encounter had given him many a sleepless night. If during that time he had given pain to anyone, he could only say that it had not been done intentionally, or with any desire to hurt the feelings of anyone. That the Degree was progressing in the province might be seen at once by the fact that he had issued warrants for five new lodges in one year, and he believed they would have three more soon. He was sure of one next year, and he was glad to say that those lodges so opened were doing well. At one time the Excelsior was the largest lodge in the province, having a list of fifty-three members, but now it only had thirty-three. The falling off he attributed to the fact of it being a service lodge, with members coming and going from and to all parts of the globe. The same state of things existed in the chapter he belonged to, the Pentangle, and at the Mark lodge, at Dover. After an exhaustive exposition of the difficulty in service lodges, both at home and abroad, in keeping up numbers, he concluded a brilliant speech by assuring them that Mark Masonry was flourishing in the province; and he asked them to keep up a stout heart, support the lodge, and look for the good time to come.

Bro. Coupland responded for "The rest of the Grand Officers," and then

The I.P.M. proposed, in eulogistic terms, "The Health of the W.M.," who, in reply, said: It is always an interesting incident in our Masonic career, a red-letter day in our Masonic history, when one is installed as Master of a lodge; to him this eventful occasion was particularly gratifying, seeing that he had not only been unanimously but most cordially elected by the brethren. This unanimity and cordiality rather increased than lessened his responsibilities; it also increased the responsibilities of the brethren. He would endeavour to fill his part of the obligation, and he must ask the brethren to fulfil their part of the obligation. He had a right to expect that they would co-operate and support him during his year of office in performing the work of the lodge. Remember, brethren, Freemasonry is a sodality that is held together by a mere film, a silken cord; but that fine silken cord is stronger than the strongest chain with links of steel; for while a chain would cause friction, and irritation, and soreness, and possibly mutiny, it would certainly in time rust and decay, our Institution, which has stood the "wreck of mighty empires and resisted the destroying hand of time," is held together by a common feeling, by a common obligation, and by a common principle. I want the brethren of the Excelsior Lodge to feel the influence of this silken

cord; every brother is a link of the whole system; every brother is an entity, we have no such thing as a nonentity in Freemasonry, unless a brother chooses to efface himself. We are the most Conservative and the most Republican institution on the face of the earth; for while on the one hand our principles teach us in all cases to give honour to whom honour is due, tribute to whom tribute is due, to be law-abiding, supporting the powers that be, and if in a foreign country in every way to conform to the laws of that country. On the other hand each brother has a voice in the governing of his own lodge; the Master is elected to govern, but it is only by the consent of the governed that he can rule. Each brother is, therefore, part of the governing power. Brethren, I want you to feel an interest and your direct importance in the lodge, and to try with me to bring it back to its old form. We can, brethren, if you will. I will do my part, but I cannot do everything; it rests with you, it is in your hands; if you say we will, it can be done, for where there is a will there is a way. I am quite sure if we are united in our efforts, putting our shoulders to the wheel, earnestly and determinedly, it must eventually yield to our exertions. Brethren, the only purpose I have in view as Master of the lodge is its interest, its prosperity, and its well being; and if, when my year of office has expired, I receive from you the plaudit "Well done, good and faithful servant," I shall be amply and well rewarded.

A handsome Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Weston by the W.M., who, in the name of the lodge, wished Bro. Weston many years of happiness to wear it.

Bro. Weston feelingly returned thanks, and in so doing reviewed the rise and progress of the lodge since its foundation in eloquent terms.

The following toasts were: "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Officers," "Absent Brethren" (especially Bros. Spinks and Deeves, at the Cape), "The Masonic Press," "The Host and Hostess," and the Tyler's toast.

The affair was altogether a great success.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 238).—A meeting of this prosperous lodge was convened at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 20th ult. Among the members present were Bros. Richnell, P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., S.W.; J. H. Dodson, J.W. and Treas.; W. Wigginton, P.G.S. of Wks. &c., P.M., and Sec.; Alfred Tisley, I.P.M.; F. Farrington, M.O.; W. E. Farrington, S.O.; C. Brown, J.O.; Groves, J.D.; Harding, I.G.; Skelton, W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several important matters in connection with the financial business of the lodge were fully discussed, and an early meeting of the Audit Committee to consider the same ordered to be convened.

The Secretary reported that, in compliance with the resolution passed at the previous meeting, an illuminated address, congratulating Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany upon his marriage, had been forwarded to the Prince, and had been accepted, and duly acknowledged by him in a most courteous letter of thanks.

It was then unanimously resolved that the letter should be carefully preserved in the archives of the lodge, and its contents entered on the minutes.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was excellently served by the Bros. Clemow. The W.M. presided most genially, and gave the customary toasts briefly but pertinently.

Red Cross of Constantine.

SHEFFIELD.—White Rose of York Conclave (No. 120).—The annual meeting of the above conclave was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 30th ult. The brethren met, and after the conclave had been duly opened by Em. Sir Kt. G. W. Hawkesley, M.P.S., assisted by his officers, he proceeded to enthrone Em. Sir Kt. John Barker as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, after which Sir Kt. H. J. Garnett was consecrated V.E., and the following officers appointed: Sir Kts. W. J. Roper, S.G. and Treas.; M. Jervis, J.G.; H. A. Andrew, H.P.; J. E. Darling, Recorder; J. N. Pickering, Marshall; John Shaw, Prefect; F. Blair, Std. Br.; H. Thomas, 1st. Aide; C. H. Thornhill, 2nd Aide; J. Parker, Org.; F. Waterfall, Herald; Rossall, Stvd.; F. Leighton, Sentinel.

The ballot was also taken for Bros. Davidson and Hall, which proving unanimous, they were duly installed.

That being all the business the conclave was duly closed, and the brethren started off on their annual excursion, which was this year to Castleton, where they dined and spent once more a happy day together, returning in the evening well pleased with their trip.

LORD CARNARVON ON EDUCATION.

The Earl of Carnarvon on Friday afternoon, the 30th ult., opened the new rooms at Uppingham School, in the presence of a large and distinguished company. The decorations, which are by Mr. Rossiter, consist of frescoes of representatives of literature with alternate panels of thirteenth century ornamentation. Among those on the platform were the Rev. Edward Thring, the warden of the school, the Bishop of Carlisle, Bishop Mitchinson, Sir George Cowper, and Sir Henry Thring. Lord Carnarvon, addressing the school, pointed out the enormous difference between school life twenty-five years ago and today. In former days clever boys were favoured at the expense of the dull, the classes were enormous, the teachers were simply overburdened with work, and there was no system by which the teacher and the boys were brought into personal and kindly relations with each other. For five generations he and his family had been brought up at Eton, and the bare walls and oak panellings there had remained unaltered since the days of Henry VI., but the work before them—the crowning work of Mr. Thring's life—showed him the completeness of the change. The great characteristics of English public schools would, he believed, be maintained in the future, though the life of the coming generation would be very different from that of the past. There would be different trials, different duties, different avocations; but the old principles which had made English gentlemen what they were would still continue, and it would be their own fault if these principles yielded new and inferior fruit.



"Manteaux Noirs," the latest of the comic operas, now being played at the Avenue Theatre, bids fair to hold its own against all comers. Mr. Harry Paulton has adapted it, with the assistance of Mr. Parke, from the French. Mr. Harry Paulton, who himself on the stage is a fund of dry humour, has, of course, thrown much of his own quaintness into this opera. *Girola* (Miss Florence St. John), is the fiancé of a loutish miller, *Dromez* (Mr. Charles Groves); but not caring for him, sells her chances to a young Spanish officer, *Don Louis* (Bro. Henry Bracy), who agrees with the miller to impersonate him at the marriage ceremony, for which purpose he gets a suit of clothes like the miller's. The first act is a little lengthy, but is necessary to explain the story. The second is full of spirit and pretty music. In this the officer gets to the trysting place to claim his bride. This is an old mill. Here also comes *Don Philip of Arragon* (Mons. Marius), who is always on the look out to escape the eye of his jealous *Queen* (Miss Byron), and flirt with the ladies of the Court or a country lass. To the mill also comes the Lord Chamberlain, *Don José* (Mr. Fred Leslie), who has secretly married one of the ladies of the Court, *Clorinda* (Miss Trevelyan). These three said libertines play a sort of hide and seek in the darkness of the night in the mill. A great deal of amusement is afforded to the audience by the acting of M. Marius, Bro. H. Bracy, and Mr. Leslie. The young Prince Consort is of a very volatile character, falling in love with every one of the fair sex he comes across. When his queen is about he continually turns to her and asks if he is "going too far." The chamberlain is forced by his royal master to go outside the mill in a snowstorm, and keep watch and also to get cold. A duet, sung by Mons. Marius and Mr. Leslie was well executed. While the king serenades with his mandoline, the chamberlain is outside mewing like a cat. Great amusement is caused by the report that the queen is coming; the king makes a clean bolt of it, and leaves his chamberlain in the mill, and enters it with the queen, and, of course, pretends to be both astonished and shocked at finding *Don José* here. In the last act we have everything cleared up by the queen recognising the marriage of *Don Louis* with *Girola*, though she had arranged he should marry *Clorinda*. She also forgives *Don José* for having secretly wedded *Clorinda*. Miss St. John plays *Girola* as no other could. Perhaps her song "The heart sighs ever to be free," is only one of her prettiest; both her words and Bro. Bracy's can be heard distinctly. Both of them besides know how to act, and both are perfectly natural. It is in the second act that the interest rests, and in this are also the best songs. The pretty faces of the young ladies of the chorus, the costumes, and scenery all add to the popularity of this opera. Bro. Charles Morton, as the manager, is also to be congratulated on the admirable arrangements carried throughout the house. No one need fear fire at the Avenue Theatre, so many doors are there for exit, and such a large portion of the house is on the ground floor that the whole theatre can be emptied in a few minutes.

Mr. Thorn seems to be anxious to avoid long runs, and is attracting around him a body of playgoers who love a constant change. Lord Lytton's comedy, "Money," is just now the order of the day, after having been played at a few morning performances. It is put on in spite of "London Assurance" drawing crowded audiences. Mr. Henry Neville, who plays *Evelyn*, again displays his wonderful talents, and no one can witness it without having some effect on the mind. We do not think the most bigoted anti-theatre goer could find a fault with "Money." It has several beautiful lessons in it. Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Thorne, as *Lady Franklin* and *Mr. Graves*, fill the stage with comedy. Loud laughter greets every word they speak, and every gesture. Miss Ada Cavendish plays *Clara Douglass* with great care and marked style. Miss Alma Murray, as *Georgina*, is not well suited to her part, we have seen her often to greater advantage. It is needless to say that Mr. Farren's *Sir John Vesey* is excellent. He always does the old English gentleman so well. Bro. E. Righton, as *Stout*, is bright and humorous. Bro. Righton never fails to throw fun into his characters. Mr. Crauford, as *Lord Glossmore*, and Mr. Archer, as *Captain Dudley Smooth*, are capital. We hope that many will carry out the lesson the comedy teaches, that the "golden calf" is not the thing for which we are to live and have our being in this world, and that it is only when it is usefully employed, and not in itself, that it is a blessing.

The Strand Theatre, at the close of the season, will be enlarged and reopened in October. It will then be one of the most comfortable of the London theatres. Just now the seats are very much cramped. Bros. A. and E. Swanborough will by this increase their popularity.

Bro. Augustus Harris has released Miss Litton from her engagement to play at the Drury Lane in the forthcoming drama, owing to the success of "Moths" at the Olympic, which is likely to continue till Christmas. Bro. Harvey, Belgrave Lodge, is the assistant manager.

Bro. Kendal's theatre—St. James's—will shortly close until the autumn. "The Squire" will, in the meantime, be taken into the provinces.

"Far from the Madding Crowd" was withdrawn last night from the Globe. A comic opera, "The Vicar of Bray," will probably take its place.

Bro. J. L. Toole's benefit came off on Saturday last with immense success. The programme was a full and varied one and was received by the audience with enthusiasm.



"Il Trovatore," in spite of its lack of dramatic incident, is an opera which invariably attracts numerous and appreciative audiences, and the performance at the Garden on Thursday last, proved no exception to the rule, notwithstanding the fact that the cast included among its members no star of the first magnitude. The part of *Leonora* was taken by Madame Fursch-Madi, who has a fine voice and excellent method, and acquitted herself very successfully. Middle Tremelli, as *Alcega* sang with force and effect, while Signor Frapoli, in the place of Signor Marini, indisposed, made a vigorous *Maurico*. Signor Bevigiani conducted.

"Carmen" was played at the Royal Italian Opera, Covent Garden, on Monday, it being the benefit and last appearance this season of Madame Pauline Lucca. Of the excellence of the performance we have already spoken, nor, as regards the special character of the occasion need anything more be said than that the fair artiste experienced a reception in all respects worthy of her abilities.

Lenepveu's opera of "Velleda" was produced on Tuesday, and, though it is unwise to form a judgment of an entirely new work by a previously unknown composer at the first hearing, it may be said unhesitatingly that in this instance the new production, owing chiefly, perhaps, to the strength of the cast, met with a reception from a full house, a large proportion of which remained till the curtain fell. The following were the principal characters as severally represented by the artistes named: *Velleda*, Madame Adelina Patti; *Ina*, Madame Valleria; *Even*, Middle Stahl; *Tenter*, Signor Cotogni; *Suon*, Signor De Reszke; and *Celio*, Signor Nicolini. As might have been expected, Madame Patti obtained the lion's share of applause. The opera was to be repeated yesterday (Friday).

The people of Newport, Monmouthshire, have decided on giving their support to the scheme for establishing a Royal College of Music, while at Leeds subscriptions have been promised to the same end amounting to close on £500.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa, P.G.W. England, expects to be able not only to conduct the performances at the Birmingham Musical Festival, but likewise to superintend the final rehearsals.

An amateur performance of vocal and orchestral music was given on Friday last by Viscountess Folkestone, at Stafford House, by permission of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, in aid of the funds of the Royal College of Music. The Prince and Princess of Wales honoured the occasion with their presence.

The same concert was repeated on Wednesday, the Duke of Sutherland again placing Stafford House at the disposal of those interested. The object in this instance was to raise funds for the restoration of the parish church of Sheriff Hales.

A grand military musical fête and garden party took place on the afternoon of Friday last, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in aid of the fund for supplying coffee taverns to the army and auxiliary forces in camp and garrison towns. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their three daughters were present.

On Monday afternoon a concert was held in St. James's Hall for the benefit of the widow of the late Signor Fabio Campana. The programme was composed almost entirely of the deceased composer's works.

Some time since we announced that it was in contemplation to re-organise Mr. Henry Leslie's choir. This has now been done, and the first concert was given at St. James's Hall on Tuesday under the auspices of that gentleman, who, it is quite needless to say, was greeted with enthusiasm on his appearance at his accustomed post of president. The principal vocalists were Miss Orridge and Mr. Jos. Maas, while Messrs. J. G. Calcott and John C. Ward presided at the pianoforte and organ respectively. Mr. Alberto Randegger conducted, with the exception of a new part song, "Who is the angel that cometh?" composed by Mr. Leslie, and performed on this occasion for the first time. Of this that gentleman himself took charge.

Another of the chief musical attractions of the week was Sir Julius Benedict's Grand Annual Morning Concert, in St. James's Hall, on Tuesday, when the veteran musician had the assistance of Mesdames Albani, Trebelli, and Rose Hersee, Middle Alice Barri, Signori Frapoli and De Reszke, Bro. Santley, Mr. Joseph Maas, and other members of the profession. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. Henry Irving recited Mr. Edwin Arnold's poem of "Belshazzar's Feast," which, if we remember rightly, carried off the Newdegate prize at Oxford, in 1852.

Saturday next is fixed for a Grand Operatic Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in which are announced to take part the following artistes, namely, Mesdames Adelina Patti, Albani, and Fursch-Madi, Middle Tremelli, Signori Nicolini, De Reszke, and Mierzwinsky, and M.M. Sylva and Gailhard. The orchestra and chorus of the Royal Italian Opera, together with the Band of the Royal Artillery, under the direction of Herr L. Zavortal, will also assist on the occasion, the conductors being Signor Bevigiani and M. Dupont. The concert will be under the patronage of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family.



At the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, held at St. James's Hall on Thursday, fifty special prizes, awarded for essays to scholars of our public and other schools, were distributed by H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, who was accompanied by Earl Sydney. At the close of the proceedings the Chairman, Lord Aberdare, proposed a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness for her kindness in attending; the compliment being acknowledged on her behalf by Lord Sydney. During the earlier part of the meeting the report of the society was read by the Secretary, Mr. Colam, and agreed to.

A stained-glass window was placed in the Castle on Thursday last, for the purpose of commemorating the jubilee of Durham University. The bishop of the diocese conducted a special service in the afternoon in honour of the event, and later on a banquet was served in the Castle Hall.

Professor G. H. Palmer, author of the "Desert of the Exodus," has undertaken for the Committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund, to visit a small region of hitherto unexplored country situated between Akabah, the ancient Elath, the port from which the fleets of King Solomon sailed for Ophir, and the Sinaitic peninsula, his object being to endeavour to complete the map of the scene of the Wanderings of Israel. Among the places he proposes to explore are the site of Kadesh Barnea, originally discovered by the Rev. J. Rowlands de Moor, recently visited by Mr. Clay Trumbull, of Philadelphia, and if time shall permit, the city of El Barid, North of Pitra, which he discovered in conjunction with Mr. C. F. Tyrwhitt Drake, in 1870.

Captain Douglas Galton presided on Thursday last at the first meeting, held since its incorporation, of the Parkes Museum, which was founded in 1876 as a memorial to the late Dr. Edmund Parkes. The museum has up to the present time been located in University College, Gower-street; but on this occasion, owing to the growing importance of the Institution it was resolved in taking steps to erect or acquire more central and commodious premises, and a Committee was appointed for the purpose. The collection is valued at over £1000 and the Council have a fund in hand of £1630.

Lord Aberdare presided at a meeting, held on Thursday evening last, at Freemasons' Tavern, of the Society of Cymrodorion, when a highly interesting lecture on Welsh music, in which its history was traced from the earliest to the present time, was delivered. A number of Welsh melodies were performed in illustration.

Arrangements have now been completed for holding an International Food Exhibition at the Agricultural Hall in October, special encouragement being given to Colonial agents and others to introduce the best means of preserving foreign animal food, fruit, vegetables, &c.

Bro. Horace Jones, City Architect, G. Supt. of Wks., was one of a deputation from the Royal Institute of British Architects, which attended the weekly meeting on Friday last of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The object of this deputation was to present a memorial on the proposed improvements at Hyde Park Corner, and Bro. Jones submitted a plan by which he showed how the improvements might be carried out at a far less cost than was proposed to be incurred by the first Commissioner of Works, the objects in view being accomplished all the same. The chairman having reminded the deputation that the scheme was a Government one, to which the Board had only agreed to pay a sum, and Mr. Fowler having pronounced the scheme to be better than that of the first Commissioner of Works, the memorial and plan were referred to the Works Committee.

At the last meeting of the Anthropological Society, General Pitt-Rivers, President, in the chair, Mr. Villiers Stuart, M.P., gave a very interesting description of a funeral tent or canopy of an Egyptian Queen, a drawing of which he also exhibited, as well as casts of some bas-reliefs he had found close by the tent. Mr. E. H. Man read a further account of the Andaman Islanders, describing especially their domestic life, games, amusements, and dances. A paper communicated by Mr. H. C. R. Becher was also read in respect of certain Mexican terra-cotta figures he had found near the pyramids of San Juan Teotihuacan, and which, from a comparison he had made of them with those in the Museum at Palermo, he argued had been produced by people of the same race, and that the builders of the ancient monuments were Phœnicians.

There have been several horticultural exhibitions within the past few days. On Friday the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, was the scene of an extremely pretty display of roses, the hall being very tastefully arranged for the occasion, while the proceeds were intended to be handed over to the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge-road, and the Convalescent Home for Scarlet Fever Patients. On Monday took place the Rose Show at the Crystal Palace, which, having regard to the badness of the season, was in the highest degree creditable to the exhibitors, among whom were the Messrs. Paul, of Cheshunt. A third rose show was held on Tuesday at the gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington, the band of the Royal Horse Guards being in attendance, and adding greatly to the enjoyment of the gathering. On Wednesday there was an exhibition of plants, flowers, and fruit at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park, and here, too, the music contributed by the bands of the First Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards added vastly to the pleasures of the visitors.



Bro. Thomas W. C. Bush, W.M. 185, P.M. and Sec. 1728, bears the honour of having collected the largest amount among the London Stewards, the sum realized being no less than £366 10s., which consisted of subscriptions from the members of the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, and of the Temple Bar Lodge, No. 1728, the last-named being by far the largest supporter, having contributed £291 7s. This lodge, though barely five years in existence, has already given about seven hundred pounds to the various Institutions. Of this amount the greater part, £570 2s. 6d., was taken up by Bro. Bush on his three occasions of Stewardship, viz., for the Girls' School in 1879, the Benevolent Institution in 1880, and the festival now under notice.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset will be held at the Town Hall, Burnham, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., under the banner of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291, when the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Earl Carnarvon, the Provincial Grand Master will preside. Special train arrangements have been made for the convenience of brethren wishing to attend.

The Union Steamship Company have made arrangements for the conveyance to England of Cetewayo and his party by their steamship Arab, which will leave Cape Town on the 12th inst. The Arab will call at Madeira about the 28th inst., and is expected to arrive at Plymouth about the 1st of August, proceeding thence to Southampton.

The annual rose show at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday last, was, as usual, a great success. The more fashionable and modern forms, together with many old favourites of this glorious flower, were well represented, and we understand the exhibition is to be followed by another great display at South Kensington. The prize list contained many well-known names, headed by Messrs. Paul and Son, who won the premier prize for seventy-two distinct varieties.

The French Government has awarded, through the medium of our Foreign Office, a gold medal each to the first and second coxswains, and a silver medal to each of the crew of the Albert Edward lifeboat, Clacton-on-Sea, in recognition of their gallant services in rescuing the crew of the French fishing lugger, Le Madelaine, of Boulogne, which was lost on the Gunfleet Sands, on 23rd of October last. It will doubtless be in the recollection of our readers that this is one of the two lifeboats presented by Grand Lodge, in commemoration of the safe return from India of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk was held yesterday (Friday) at Stowmarket, under the auspices of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 516. We shall give a report in our next.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, the marriage of Bro. the Earl of March, Past Grand Warden, with Miss Isabel Sophie Craven, was celebrated by the Rev. Henry White, assisted by the Rev. E. Lyon Fellows, Rector of Wimpole. The service was fully choral. Among the congregation were the Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon and Lady Caroline Gordon-Lennox, the Countess of Wilton, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Lady Rosslyn, Maria, Marchioness of Ailesbury, Lord and Lady Hardwicke, the Dowager Lady Craven, Lord and Lady Colville, Sir W. Bartelot, and Sir W. and Lady Dyke.

On Friday, the 30th ult., at Buckingham Palace, the Countess of Aberdeen introduced a deputation of twenty maidens, who presented the Duchess of Albany with a Bible from 26,020 maidens of the United Kingdom.

"We are glad to notice," says the *Civilian* of last week, "that Mr. Emma Holmes, Collector of Customs at Barnstable, and late of Fowey, is promoted to the Collectorship of Kirkcaldy." Bro. Holmes, who is an old contributor to the "Masonic Magazine," is an Honorary Provincial Prior and Representative of the Great Priory of Canada in the Great Priory of England, and we are glad to commend him to our Masonic brethren over the border as an enthusiastic Freemason and Knight Templar.

The annual holiday of the Girls' School took place yesterday (Friday), as usual, at the Crystal Palace.

A Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution took place at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, yesterday (Friday), for the purpose of electing children recommended by the General Committee on the foundation of the Institution, and for other business.

Bros. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Lord Wolverton, Alderman Nottage, the Earl of Fife, Alderman Fowler, M.P., and Sir Reginald Hanson are on the Committee of the Egyptian Refuge Fund.

Bro. Walter Hamilton, F.R.H.S., author of "The Poets Laureate of England," "A History of National Anthems and Patriotic Songs," "A Memoir of George Cruikshank" and other favourably received works, has nearly ready a volume entitled "The Aesthetic Movement in England," to be published by Messrs. Reeves and Turner. This work may be expected to throw considerable light upon a curious chapter of nineteenth century life and literature.

The Summer festival, concert, and ball of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, will take place at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond Hill, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Dinner at 4.30 sharp. Band in the grounds at 3. Ball at 7.

Bro. W. Grantham, O.C., M.P., responded for "The House of Commons" at the recent dinner of the Tin Plate Workers' Company.

SUMMER EPIDEMICS.—Medical officers of health as hot weather approaches should remind the public that if they desire to be free from such infectious diseases as scarlet fever, small pox, and measles, they should wash only with WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. Purchase only the genuine "WRIGHT'S," which is branded (as the medical profession prescribe) "Sapo Carbonis Detergens."—[ADVT.]

Bro. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Countess of Carnarvon, Bro. Knight Watson, F.S.A., Miss Gladstone, and her cousin, the Hon. H. Lytton, were amongst the congregation at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday morning. The service, which begun at half-past ten, was not terminated until past one o'clock. Bro. Barrett, Mus. Bac., and Bro. de Lacy were amongst the choirmen.

Bro. Lawrence Allport, Yarmouth Lodge, was, on Thursday, married to Miss F. Manning, at the Chapel Royal Savoy, by the Rev. H. Geary, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the Chapel Royal Savoy, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Waterlow, Bro. J. Perkins, C.C., Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, and Bro. Henry Wright were amongst the company at the recent conversation of the Society of Arts, at South Kensington Museum. There were about 3000 persons invited. The Hungarian Band and the Band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Dan Godfrey, and the Royal Criterion Hand Bell Ringers entertained the guests with music throughout the evening.

Bro. the Very Reverend the Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain, will be the preacher on Sunday at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, and Bro. the Rev. F. E. C. Byng, P.G. Chaplain, and vicar of St. Peter's, Cranby-gardens, and Chaplain to the Speaker and the Queen, will preach in the same chapel on the 16th inst. Service commences at six o'clock, and is open to the public. The chapel is now very beautiful, being enriched with mosaic work and stained windows.

Bro. the Rev. H. Hirsch presided at a meeting of his parishioners, in Wood-street, to elect a representative for the forthcoming Diocesan Conference.

Bro. Alderman Knight presided last Saturday at the distribution of prizes of the Warehouseman and Clerks' Schools. Bro. J. Derby Allcroft gave several prizes to be competed for.

Bro. Alderman Hanson went to Windsor on Thursday last week by command of the Queen, and together with Mr. Sheriff Ogg, after the Privy Council meeting, was knighted in recognition of his services with regard to the freeing of Epping Forest for ever.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P. for Greenwich, presided at the Licensed Victuallers' School Festival, when £4700 were announced as the subscription of the evening. Bro. Boord's little son, a fine-looking boy, is the subject of one of the portraits in this year's Academy.

Bro. Lord Carrington's brother, the Hon. W. P. Carrington, has accepted the post of equerry to the Queen, vice General Augustus Lennox Fitzroy, now Duke of Grafton, who has become honorary equerry.

Bro. Edward Clarke, O.C., M.P., was counsel for the defendant in the case of Scrutton v Taylor, in the Queen's Bench Division of the Court of Judicature, tried last week, when a verdict for £1000 for the plaintiff was agreed to by the counsel on both sides without calling further witnesses, it being evident that the defendant had not a strong case.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir R. Hanson, and Bro. A. D. Lewis have all received decorations of different classes from the King of the Netherlands in commemoration of his recent visit to the City.

Bros. Deputy Crispe, R. C. Holse, C.C., and Henry Squire, C.C., were amongst the company at the opening of the City of London Society of Arts Exhibition, at Skinner's Hall, when the Lord Mayor presided.

Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, has been presented to the sole charge of Eversley, Hampshire, by the Bishop of Winchester. The late Rev. Canon Kingsley was rector of Eversley for thirty years.

Bro. Lord Carrington presided at the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution's annual meeting at Willis's Rooms last week.

We regret to hear that Bro. Henry Clarke, C.C., has lost his eldest son, after a long and painful illness.

Bro. Alderman de Keyser, Bro. Dr. Hogg, and Bro. Sir John Bennett were guests at the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution festival, held at the Albion, on Thursday, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, supported by Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson.

Bro. Edward Clarke is the subject of an excellent photograph just published by the Stereoscopic Company.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, painted by T. F. Munns, is one of the pictures in the Royal Academy.

Bro. Justice Cave was the Judge in a suit tried in the Court of Queen's Bench, W. H. Smith and Son v. the Assessment Committee of Lambeth. Bro. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, was Counsel for Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, the newspaper agents.

Mrs. Halsey, wife of Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hertfordshire, has been painted by A. S. Cope, and is exhibited in the Royal Academy, Burlington House.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., Master of the Patten Makers Company, has been appointed Trustee in the case of Absalom Young, of Devonshire-street.

Bro. R. C. Halse, C.C., chairman of the Second Section of the Court of Common Council, has arranged to take the Court to Oatlands Park, Walton-on-Thames, for their summer excursion.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., was amongst the Committee who took part in the election last week of children for the London Orphan Asylum, Watford.

GREAT JEWEL ROBBERIES.—The public are becoming so accustomed to reading reports of jewel robberies that numbers of the nobility are taking steps to secure their valuables from the attack of the modern burglar, and the demand for Milner's Jewellery Safes is largely on the increase. These are made to fit in cabinets to suit any kind of wood, and are the best and cheapest safeguard against fire and thieves. Milner's Safe Company (Limited), 28, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., have some hundreds of testimonials from gentlemen who have Milner's Jewellery Safes in their possession, and in no instance have burglars succeeded in opening them. Safes are made specially for Masonic Jewellery, Records, &c.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Bro. Henry Irving, Mr. Justice Hawkins, Mr. Leonard Courtney, M.P., Bros. J. L. Toole, G. A. Sala, H. Bancroft, Edmund Yates, the Lord Mayor, Baron de Worms, M.P., H.R.H. Prince Leopold, and Alderman de Keyser were amongst the numerous company present at the opening of the new premises of the *Daily Telegraph*, when a reception was held.

Bros. Lord Brabourne and the Earl of Wharncliffe were amongst a distinguished party invited by Sir Edward Watkin to visit the Channel Tunnel works last Saturday. M. de Lesseps, the contractor of the Suez Canal, proposed the toast of "The Queen" when the party were underground, and it was drunk in an enthusiastic manner.

Bro. the Lord Mayor gave a dinner at the Mansion House, on Saturday, to the Bar of England, to welcome the Attorney and Solicitor Generals. Bros. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., G. Reg.; Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; J. Harrison, O.C., G.D.; and W. Grantham, O.C., M.P., were amongst the company.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury presided yesterday at the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, at the meeting of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, to promote the establishment of a hospital at Jerusalem. The Sultan has given his consent to it.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, G.M. Scotland, and Bro. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, with the Dukes of Buccleuch and Richmond and Gordon, attended at Buckingham Palace, on Friday last, and presented H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., with an address of congratulation, together with a piece of plate, the star of the Order of the Thistle in diamonds, on his recent marriage.

Bros. Lord Carrington, G.S.W., the Earl of Rosslyn, and the Earl of Fife were invited to meet H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at dinner by the French Ambassador, at the Embassy, Albert-gate.

Bro. Baron de Worms presided at the annual meeting of the Anglo Jewish Association.

Bro. Capt. Bedford Pim, R.N., delivered a lecture on Wednesday, on the three "E's" (England, Egypt and Euphrates), to the Southwark Working Men's Club.

Bros. Viscount Ebrington, the Marquis of Bath, the Earl of Zetland and the Earl of Fife were amongst the guests at the Marchioness of Salisbury's Ball on Friday night. H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived shortly after midnight.

Bro. Edwin Freshfield, F.S.A., presided as Vice-President at the last meeting of the Society of Antiquaries, at their rooms in Burlington House, and exhibited three volumes of the Parish Register of Christopher le Stocks, of which parish he is Churchwarden.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon led off the opposition to the Duke of Argyll's Parliamentary Oaths Act (1866) Amendment Bill, and was successful in preventing its being read a second time. The House of Lords rejected it by a majority of seventy-six.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, who has been staying at Portwood Lodge for three weeks, has been ordered to Gostien for the waters, and is about to start.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester, K.T., who has been for some months in Canada respecting emigration, arrived on Tuesday at Liverpool by the Allan steamship Polynesian.

Bro. A. Staveley Hill, O.C., M.P., has joined the Board of Directors of the Lands Improvement Company.

Bro. W. J. Marriott, O.C., M.P., has guaranteed to give £100 towards the action the Corporation of Brighton intend bringing against the *Lancet* for stating that Brighton is an unhealthy town.

Bro. the Grand Master of Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn are about leaving London for Niton, in the Isle of Wight.

Bro. Lord and Lady De Tabley have arrived at the Pulteney Hotel from Tabley House.

Bro. James Cutbush, P.G.P. Herts and Treasurer of the Cholmeley Lodge, dined with the Gardeners' Benevolent Institution at the Albion last week. Bro. Cutbush was one of the judges at the Crystal Palace Rose Show last week.

Bro. Lord Tenterden was invited by Bro. the Lord Mayor on Tuesday to dinner, to meet the Duke of Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

Bro. the Duke of Connaught has left Gibraltar on board the *Lively* for Cadiz, after which he will visit Madrid and Paris.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Morris, the Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, has been elected Chaplain of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards.

Lady Lothian's ball took place last night (Friday), and her concert on Thursday evening.

The Hospital Sunday Fund now amounts to £32,200.

The marriage of Mr. Douglas Hamilton, son of Lord Claud Hamilton, P.G.W., and nephew of the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Ireland, with Lady Margaret Hely Hutchinson, sister of the Earl of Donoughmore, P.G.W., was celebrated on Thursday morning at St. Peter's, Eaton-square. The bride was given away by her brother, the Earl of Donoughmore. There were no bridesmaids. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Canon Owen, the Rev. G. W. Bourke, the Rev. G. H. Wilkinson. The service was fully choral. At the conclusion of the ceremony the register was signed the Duke of Abercorn, the Earl of Donoughmore and Lord Claud Hamilton. The bridal party then adjourned to the town residence of the Dowager Countess of Donoughmore for the wedding breakfast.

Bros. Bedford Lemere, and Co., (Architectural Photographers to the Queen), 147, Strand, London, attend Masonic Gatherings, Wedding Parties and Social Reunions, and execute every description of Out-door Photography with promptitude, in first style and at moderate cost. A large collection of photographs on view and sale. Catalogues and printed terms free by post.—[ADVT.]