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SOME plans and designs in the new Junior Boys' Schools were to be seen at the last General Committee, having been considered by the House Committee, without, as far as we understand, any one being accepted. And to this decision none can object, as it is quite clear, we venture to think, that all the plans exhibited are in excess of our wants, above our means, and utterly beyond the mark. We do not need, we say it advisedly, to have great building operations again for a little boys' school. We do need a junior school, and Bro. RAYNHAM STEWART'S idea was a very fair and good one, that for £8000 we ought to have our junior department thoroughly well and comfortably set up. In all school buildings which deal with the housing, and feeding, and sleeping of children, as well as the teaching, a good deal of expense is necessarily incurred in preparing such a building, both for scholastic purposes and on an hygienic system, by which the proper number of cubical inches is obtained for the scholars. We want for our junior school a good teaching room, certain class rooms, good dormitories, and a well constructed dining room, &c., and one or two needful buildings, but we ought not to exceed £8000 in providing such needful accommodation, the more so as we build on our own land. We trust, therefore, that the House Committee will revert to the original idea, and issue instructions for a fresh competition, affixing £8000 as the maximum of expenditure. Some of the designs, beautiful as they were, seemed more proper for a college than a preparatory school, and were apparently destined for a larger number of boys than is now required, or happily, we trust, will be for some time to come. Two great points ought to be kept before us: (1) At what rent we shall set ourselves down in the expenditure; and (2) That we do not build for ostentation or for building's sake, merely to spend money, but because the greater school is suffering materially from the want of a junior or preparatory school.

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THE passing away of an old friend and very worthy brother, E. H. PATTEN, as recorded elsewhere, will be noted with much regret by many who remember him in his active work and unfailing geniality. Indeed, to some of us, now no longer young, the name of Bro. PATTEN conjures up memories of much Masonic kindness, much personal worth, and many good active efforts in the best of all causes—Charity. Some readers of the *Freemason*, in West Yorkshire especially, though now themselves "few and fewer," will remember his visit, and that of Bro. CREW to Doncaster, where the second step was taken in the energetic Provincial movement in favour of the Metropolitan Charities, which has culminated in such wonderful results.

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It is very curious how prejudices linger, even in cultivated minds, about Freemasonry. Years ago, perhaps, they took up some fad about our Order, and they have never changed, not they, one jot or tittle. It is true, and we fear it must be confessed, that Freemasonry, say, half-a-century ago, did not always present itself in the most engaging form. It was slovenly in work and rough in exterior. It was not particular as to those it admitted; it was little heedful of public opinion; and one great proof of its inherent excellence is to be found in the fact that it has survived all these defects and drawbacks, and stands before the world in renewed power and living reality. Out of a very little what a very deal has emerged, and one of the most wonderful things connected with the annals of Freemasonry is the difference all must observe as between its past features and its present development. And, therefore, some old-fashioned people who cling to the ideas current in their youth, who never change, may be pardoned if they are not so believing or enthusiastic as we think they ought to be, when they are told of the onward advance, of the great work of English Freemasonry. But what shall we say of those who, without reason, without thought, in perfect ignorance of the subject they deal with, and the Order they ridicule, repeat, like parrots, those childish attacks on Freemasonry, which, made often by the most

worthless of men, have found a too ready acceptance with the careless or the prejudiced. Luckily, Freemasonry heeds none of these things, minds none of these phases of passing opinion, but speeds on its mission of charity, toleration, and sympathy, retaining the firm allegiance and ardent admiration of its own members; and, let us hope, destined yet to win the gratitude and commendation of the world.

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THE *Keystone* tells us, that Dr. Le Plongeon, a distinguished archaeologist, writes the following letter from Nevada, Yucatan, which seems to point to the existence of Ancient Freemasonry in Mexico. "I have discovered the ruins of an ancient Masonic Temple, where the priests and magicians used to gather in order to celebrate their mysteries. The Masonic Lodge of those belonging to the First Degree fronts towards the north; that of the Masons belonging to the Second and Third Degrees points to the south. I have found a few of the mystical dice, a stone on which is carved an apron with a hand on it, and a cabalistic stone (the stone is of such a description that your correspondent is of opinion that he found a similar one in the Temple of Heliopolis). I have taken copies in clay, and shall try to establish the relation between these discovered Masonic attributes and those found at Memphis and Thebes. I think I may not be mistaken if I suspect a relation as well with those attributes discovered by Goringe on the pedestal of the Cleopatra obelisk at present in Central Park, New York." Without at all attempting to discount such a discovery, we feel it right just to offer a few words of warning, as to these alleged Masonic similarities. We think these figures, which are not necessarily Masonic, have been too hastily assumed to be so. The evidence of the Cleopatra obelisk is a little hazy and dubious.

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A FAIR lady of the name of "Augusta," who writes from Darmstadt, has addressed a letter to some one which is now at our office in the Editor's basket. If any German brother or German non-mason in Great Queen-street or elsewhere rejoices in an "Augusta," at Darmstadt, or anywhere else in the Fatherland, and expects a letter from her, let him apply at our office, and he will have this most agreeable and tenderest of effusions handed over immediately to him. It is not everybody who has an "Augusta" who writes to him so kindly and lovingly; and we are very sorry that, as the envelope was destroyed, we are perforce detaining the long expected missive from some anxious and pining good German brother or non-Mason. It is always wrong to separate loving hearts; it is surely most hard that "Augusta's" cherished epistle is not in the hands of her "lieber" correspondent.

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THE General Committee of the Boys' School at its last meeting, as will be seen by our report, unanimously voted Bro. BINCKES an increase of £100 per annum. Considering his increased work and his new duties in connection with the preparatory school, &c., do not think that any subscriber will deem the augmentation either uncalled for or unreasonable. The Committee was unanimous in respect of the proposal, and we think all must admit that the remarkable progress and prosperity of the Boys' School must be mainly and fairly attributed to the zealous services of its Secretary. It may be well to remind ourselves that the labours of the officers of our Schools are increasing year by year, until the work becomes a very serious matter indeed. At present there seems to be no possible limit to the needs of the Craft on the one hand, or the extension of the responsibilities of our Charities on the other.

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MANY of our readers have been shocked with the reckless manner in which some of our contemporaries have published, after the American style, in large letters (very bad form by the way), statements disparaging to that fine regiment, the Royal 60th Rifle Regiment, and have persisted in repeating the allegations offensively and unnecessarily, apparently for the love of excitement or desire of profit, when the very same paper furnishes an official denial to the assertion. Such a course of action is very hard on our gallant countrymen abroad, and reflects little credit on our press at home. In a short time we shall come to disbelieve alike correspondents and telegrams.

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THE immortal PECKSNIFF is yet to the fore. We meet him still, day by day, as large as life and as full of unction. In Masonry and out of Masonry, in the press and in the pulpit, at the bar and in the House of Commons, there he is as ever, radiant and paradoxical, soapy and simpering, persuasive and confiding. For the last few days he has been reviling the

Press, and we have traced his strong hand in some of the leaders of our contemporaries. He has come out especially strong as regards the recent promulgation of false news from Alexandria and statements dishonouring to the English Army, and telegrams hostile to English interests. Having been the first to promulgate them, he has been, of course, the foremost in denouncing them; and the sublime manner in which he has taken the high moral line on the occasion, and exposed the extreme immorality and impropriety of such a procedure, is Pecksniffian and edifying in the extreme. Let us hope that editors and sub-editors will learn the very needful lessons just now of patriotic caution and decent restraint.

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SOME sharpish fighting has taken place in Egypt, in which our soldiers and Blue Jackets have greatly distinguished themselves, and which the 60th and 46th, though young soldiers, have won the approval of their leaders. We grudge, however, the valuable lives lost in suppressing a disreputable mutineer, and trust, that when Sir GARNET WOLSELEY arrives, by one decisive blow, this cruel treachery and anarchy may be finally put down.

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WE rejoice to note that the fine weather of the last Bank Holiday enabled so many thousands of all ranks, ages, classes, and sexes to participate in a day's agreeable outing and well-earned recreation.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Boys' School was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, the 5th inst., when Bro. Edgar Bowyer presided. There was also present Bros. Alfred Williams, C. F. Matier, J. L. Mather, Raynham W. Stewart, Arthur E. Gladwell, L. Ruf, James Terry, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, F. W. Ramsay, M. D., and E. C. Massey, (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting of the General Committee were read and confirmed; and the minutes of the House and Audit Committees were also read for information.

The account of the Sustentation Fund was reported by the SECRETARY to be overdrawn, and it was therefore moved by Bro. Matier and seconded, that £250 be transferred from the General Fund to the Sustentation Fund, and on being put to the vote was carried.

Three petitions were considered on behalf of the Boys to be put on the list of candidates for election at next election meeting; of which two were received and the names added to the list, while the third was deferred for further information.

An application was read by the SECRETARY for an outfit allowance for a former pupil—A. E. Breary, who was certified to be progressing favourably, and to be giving satisfaction in the situation which had been obtained for him; and an outfit allowance of £5, was granted to him.

The next business before the committee was Bro. Raynham Stewart's notice of motion as to the addition of £100 a year which he proposed that the committee should make to the salary of Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Institution. The Secretary therefore retired, and the question was discussed.

As a matter of propriety the discussion cannot be reported in detail, but as in the result the increase was made on a unanimous vote, the readers of the *Freemason* will understand that they lose nothing by the omission. It was, however, the wish of the committee that the following facts should be published, as otherwise it was possible that they might be misunderstood. It is seven or eight years ago since any addition was made to the secretary's salary, which, up to this present date, was £400 a year. In addition to this, Bro. Binckes was awarded a sum of £200 a year as compensation in lieu of the commission which he formerly received upon the annual subscriptions and donations to the charity. Two years ago a sum of £100 was voted to Bro. Binckes as a bonus or gratuity on the occasion of his completing his twenty-first year of service; and as to this sum, from the manner in which it was recorded in the published accounts, one of the members of the committee expressed a fear that unless it was specifically contradicted, some of the brethren might be under an impression that this was a sum to be given annually, which was not the case. At the present time, therefore, Bro. Binckes' remuneration was a salary of £400, and a commuted commission of £200 on the funds which he, principally by his energy and ability, has been the means of bringing into the coffers of the Institution. It was now proposed by Bro. Raynham Stewart that the committee should increase the salary to £500 a year, as from the 3rd March last, the allowance of £200 being, of course, continued, so that the Secretary's emoluments from the Institution should be in all £700 a year. He had originally intended to ask the committee for an increase of £150 a year, but to this Bro. Binckes had himself objected. The motion was seconded by Bro. Matier, as a member of the Audit Committee, who expressed the belief that if it had not been for Bro. Binckes the Institution would not be in its present flourishing condition. The motion, on being put to the vote, was carried unanimously.

Bro. Binckes, upon being summoned and informed of the resolution which had been come to, thanked the committee for what they had done, and for the compliment which was implied in their unanimous resolution. He was the last man in the world to wish that anything should be done in his favour which was not for the benefit of the Institution. He was no longer exactly in the possession of the same faculties as when he was younger and stronger; but the committee's resolution showed that they considered that he was not as yet failing in his endeavours in behalf of the Boys' School.

This was the whole of the business, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair; Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James Brett, Edgar Bowyer, George Bolton, Raynham W. Stewart, J. March Case, Thomas Cubitt, A. H. Tattershall, William Stephens, J. G. Gordon Robbins, H. McPherson, Thomas W. C. Bush, C. H. Webb, Robert P.

Tate, W. Hilton, Charles Godtschalk, W. J. Murlis, James Terry, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for £1570 for the quarter's annuities in advance to male annuitants, and to the amount of £1355 for females, besides other cheques for office and other expenses.

A petition from a widow for half her late husband's annuity was granted.

Six petitions were read, and the petitioners were ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for next election. The candidates were Bros. Newsham, Scarborough; West, Deptford; Towing, Exmouth; Wade, Blackpool; and Mrs. Polkington, Penzance; and Mrs. Timbs, London.

Bro. TERRY reminded the brethren that before the next meeting of the Committee Grand Lodge would have met, when Bro. Raynham Stewart's motion for £800 to the Benevolent Institution would be again mentioned, and he would ask the brethren to attend and vote for the gift.

The Committee separated after passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of this Prov. Grand Lodge took place on Thursday, the 3rd inst., under the banner of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, at the Forest Hotel, Chingford. The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Lord Tenderden, K.C.B., presided, and was supported by R.W. Bros. the Lord Mayor, J.G.W., W.M. No. 1; Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk; Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Sir Chas. Bright, D.P.G.M. Middx.; Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; the Rev. Thos. Cochrane, Grand Chaplain, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Bro. Matthew Clark, P.G.D., P.D.P.G.M. Essex; Bros. G. Prior Goldney, P.G. Steward; H. N. Dering (of the Diplomatic Service); Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; and others.

There was also a large gathering of Present and Past P.G. Officers and members of lodges in the provinces. Soon after one o'clock, the brethren assembled in the great Dining Hall of the Forest Hotel, which had been transformed into an imposing Lodge-room. The minutes of the last P.G.L. (held at Southend) were confirmed, and the P.G. Sec. read letters of apology for their non-attendance from R.W. Bros. Lord Holmesdale, P.G.M. Kent; T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Justice Cave, P.J.G.D.; Reginald Hanson (Sheriff of London), and others.

The returns from the lodges showed that the number of subscribing members is 866, as compared with 896 last year, so that there is a decrease of thirty; while the contributions have amounted to £62 3s. 6d., against £66 1s. 6d., last year. The Auditor's report showed a balance in hand of £79 17s. 6d.

The R.W.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren at some length. His lordship remarked that it had been said that the country was happy which had no history, by which he presumed was meant that the country was fortunate which had least experience of the wars and revolutions of which history was for the most part composed. If that were so, they were certainly very well off in Masonry in their province of Essex. Under the able and popular rule of His Royal Highness their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, they knew nothing of revolutions. (Much applause.) They had, happily, amongst themselves no petty internal discords, and, except if it be in the friendly and fraternal struggle of who should be the foremost in the cause of charity, they had nothing which even faintly resembled war or even rivalry. (Hear, hear.) At the same time, if they came to consider their Masonic history for the past year they were not driven to say, like the schoolboy in the examination, when asked what happened after the death of Queen Elizabeth, "nothing happened"—(laughter)—or, like Canning's knife-grinder, "Story, Lord bless you, I have none to tell." (Renewed laughter.) It was not good either for a country or for an institution to be stagnant. Happily, Freemasonry was very far indeed from being stagnant. Since 1874, when His Royal Highness succeeded the Marquis of Ripon as Grand Master, the number of English lodges had increased by upwards of five hundred. There were then a little over fourteen hundred lodges; there were now nearly two thousand. (Hear, hear.) He asked their Grand Secretary, whom he was glad to see there that day—(hear, hear)—how many Masons they now numbered in England and Wales. Bro. Col. Clerke told him that without a Masonic census it would be impossible to say, except approximately, but that there were, at least, 100,000 subscribing Masons on the active list under our Grand Master's banner, and that there were probably another 100,000 retired or honorary members. (Applause.) The number, no doubt, continually fluctuated—at least they found that it did so in Essex. According to the last return, there were now, as they had heard, 866 on the active list. This was a slight falling off from last year, but an increase on 1879. There were 62 initiations—so that they had not been badly off for recruits—and 30 joining members. No doubt the diminution in the last year was to be accounted for by the agricultural depression, which has, unhappily, affected the county, which was purely agricultural. Their funds, as they had learned from their Treasurer's Report, were flourishing, and in other respects Masonry in the Province had been by no means stagnant. He had had brought before him two applications for warrants for new lodges, one within the last few days, upon which he was consulting with their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who had the interests of the Province so truly at heart—(applause)—whose unavoidable absence that day they all so much regretted. (Renewed applause.) These applications showed that Masonry was on the alert. He was sure, however, that they would agree with him that it would be a mistake and a misfortune to multiply lodges in the province, unless there was a confident assurance that they would prosper. It would be a great pity to try and set up rickety lodges, over which, in a year or two, they should have to write the American epitaph on a baby, "What was I begun for, to be so soon done for?" (Laughter.) The past year had also been marked by an incident which had more especially left happy memories among many of those who were entertaining them so hospitably that day. He referred to the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in attendance on the Queen, to Epping Forest, of which he was the Ranger, and which had been preserved for the benefit of the population of London by the exertions of the Lord Mayor—(applause)—whom they were honoured by receiving as a guest to-day—(hear, hear)—and his fellow citizens. On that occasion, the Chigwell Lodge presented to His Royal Highness the following address:—

"We the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Chigwell Lodge of Freemasons, No. 453, of the Province of Essex, established and held in Epping Forest, formerly at Chigwell, and now at the Forest Hotel, Chingford, desire to take advantage of the opportunity of the visit of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to the Forest on the 6th of May, 1882, to express the joy and satisfaction of the Brethren as well of this Lodge as of the whole Province of Essex, at this Her Majesty's graceful act for the benefit of her loving subjects: and to assure her of the sincere and steadfast loyalty of the Craft, and the hearty good wishes of the Brethren for her continued health and happiness.

"Dated this 1st day of May, 1882. Signed—A. Buck, W.M.; J. Child, S.W.; J. Glass, J.W.; R. Martin, Treas.; and G. Coble, Sec."

He (Lord Tenterden) had the honour of submitting this address to His Royal Highness, who was pleased to reply as follows:—

"Buckingham Palace, May 7, 1882.

"My Lord,—I have been desired by the Duke of Connaught to express on the part of His Royal Highness his appreciation of the cordial and loyal greeting from the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Chigwell Lodge of Freemasons on the occasion of His Royal Highness's visit to Epping Forest yesterday."

(Applause.) The Duke of Connaught (continued his Lordship) was Past Senior Grand Warden of England, and he had the pleasure of himself installing His Royal Highness as Worshipful Master of the Alpha Lodge, two years ago, so the Duke was a working Freemason. And now he had gone out to Egypt to prove that he was a working soldier, their hearty good wishes accompanied him. (Applause.) The Provincial Masonic year had further been marked by the success which had attended their Charity Committee in the Elections, a boy, a girl, and a pensioner having been elected. Considering the comparative smallness of the Province, and the overshadowing influence of London, this result was, his Lordship ventured to think, very creditable indeed to those who had had the management of their Charity Committee, and showed what good results could be obtained by not only a long pull, and a strong pull, but a pull altogether. (Applause.) They had the pleasure of receiving as guests that day the Provincial Grand Masters of Suffolk and Middlesex. The Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire, who was a Member of Parliament, was detained by his engagements in another place; and the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, Lord Holmesdale, had written to say how sorry he was to be unable to attend, but he had to preside at his Provincial Grand Chapter to-morrow, and was unable to manage it; and the Provincial Grand Master for Sussex had also been prevented coming at the last moment. He did not know whether he was indulging in a visionary speculation if he ventured to throw out a hint that possibly the relations thus opened up with their neighbouring provinces might have, some day, a practical result. The Charity Committee in Essex might, should occasion arise, enter into alliance with one or more neighbouring provinces, and thus secure the election of any candidates in whom Essex might be specially interested, in return for Essex voting for the candidates, in which say, Suffolk might be specially interested. He did not know how far this might be really feasible, he merely threw out the hint. (Hear, hear.) There was another matter which was of interest to the Craft in general as well as to this Provincial Grand Lodge in particular. He meant the proposed re-arrangement of the Book of Constitutions. On receiving the rather bulky volume which contained the proposals for re-arrangement, it occurred to him that all their members might not have the leisure or the accurate knowledge of the present Constitutions necessary to enable them to examine these proposals critically for themselves, and he accordingly asked their Deputy Provincial Grand Master (who, as many of them might be aware, had been of those engaged in assisting the Grand Master in the work of re-arrangement) if he would be good enough to let them have a brief notice, explanatory of the changes contemplated. Bro. Philbrick had been so good as to furnish it, and it had been circulated in the province, so that they might be able to judge for themselves of the nature of the proposals, which were to be submitted to Grand Lodge. There did not appear to be anything in those proposals which affected this province. They consisted mainly in a re-arrangement of the paragraphs of the Book of Constitutions. The only important alterations were the omission of the ceremonial directions for constituting a new lodge, which had become obsolete, inasmuch as since the great extension of Freemasonry in England, to which he had already adverted, it was physically impossible for the Grand Master or his Deputy to constitute all new lodges themselves personally or in public. Another omission was that of the directions for Masonic funerals, which had also become obsolete. There must have been something singularly touching and impressive in the breaking of the Masonic chain when the brother whom they had perhaps only recently seen full of life and vigour was consigned to the cold embrace of the tomb, which would in turn open to, receive them all; but, nevertheless, a wise discretion had, no doubt, been exercised in eliminating from their Book of Constitutions a ceremony which was no longer consonant with the spirit of the age. (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, his lordship strongly enforced the efficient working of the lodges as of paramount importance. No lodge could possibly thrive which was carried on as a mere knife-and-fork affair, or regarded only as a benefit society. If men wanted to belong to benefit societies they could become Odd Fellows, or Druids, or the like. They became Masons and retained their love for Masonry because they believed in it as a reality, as being truly what it proclaimed itself—a perfect system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Their Charities were the jewels which decorated the golden columns which supported their Masonic temple, which showed that they practised what they professed; but the secret of the great development of Freemasonry was not to be found in its Charities, admirable as they were, but in its being a perfect system of universal toleration and morality, within whose lodges men of all creeds, classes, and countries could meet on a common ground and find a fraternal welcome. (Applause.)

The R.W.P.G.M. expressed his great regret that, owing to an important engagement at Bury St. Edmund's, W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, the D.P.G.M., was unable to be present to-day. (Hear, hear.) He need hardly say that he should have great pleasure in re-appointing Bro. Philbrick; and took the opportunity of thanking him for his great assistance in carrying on the affairs of the province.

The Grand Officers for the year were then appointed and invested as follows:

W. Bro. Alfred Buck, W.M. 453	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" E. B. Florence, I.P.M. 214	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
Bro. Rev. J. H. Rowley, 1343	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
W. Bro. A. Durrant, 276 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. F. Barrett, W.M. 1000	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. E. Dchane, W.M. 1543	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.

W. Bro. A. J. Manning, P.M. 1437	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" F. C. Smith, W.M. 1457	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lucking, P.M. 160 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. Hempson, W.M. 1799	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
Bro. H. Bowles, 276	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
W. Bro. J. M. Farr, W.M. 1817	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" D. J. Wright, I.P.M. 1024	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
W. Bro. Wm. Sowman, W.M. 51	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. Shedd, W.M. 276	...	...
" T. G. Mills, W.M. 697	...	...
" A. Mead, J.W. 276	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
Bro. R. Clowes, S.W. 650	...	...
Bro. T. S. Sarel, 276 (re-elected)	...	...

W. Bro. ANDREW DURRANT, P.G. Treas., pursuant to notice, proposed the following resolution:

"That every lodge in the province add to the present payment to Provincial Grand Lodge a contribution of sixpence for each subscribing member per annum: the amount to be forwarded with the annual return, and to be applied towards making as many Worshipful Masters for the time being, Life Governors of the Masonic Charities, as the funds will admit. Not less than £10 10s. being subscribed to each charity, and the lodges to have precedence according to their seniority."

After a desultory conversation, the motion was carried, substituting the word "Lodges" for "Worshipful Masters for the time being," and "Subscribers" for "Governors;" a negative proposition falling to the ground for want of a seconder, and a suggestion that the money should be allotted to the lodges by ballot instead of by seniority also failing to elicit any support.

The following proposition by Bro. DEHANE was also carried *nem con.*:

"That four Provincial Grand Officers be now added to the Masonic Charity Committee, three Past and one Present; and that one of the Past Provincial Grand Officers retire by rotation at the yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, when a Present Grand Officer shall be elected to fill the vacancy."

Some other business having been transacted, the LORD MAYOR proposed, and Lord WAVENEY seconded, a vote of thanks to Lord Tenterden, for his kindness and ability in presiding over the business of the day. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pavilion, attached to the Royal Hotel, where some 150 partook of a splendid banquet. A brass band was placed in the gardens, and played during dinner; and between the toasts a concert party, under the direction of Bro. Walter Latter, R.A.M., discoursed some sweet music. Altogether the proceedings passed off most happily; and the brethren of the Chigwell Lodge, headed by their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Corble, are to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements they made for the reception and entertainment of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF KENT.

By the invitation of the Bertha Chapter, 31, the annual provincial meeting of the Grand Chapter of Kent was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Comp. Viscount Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Superintendent, presided, and appointed and invested the following companions as Provincial Officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. J. S. Eastes (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" C. Holtum	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" T. S. Warne (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.F.
" J. S. Podevin	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" H. J. Butler	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" W. Mate	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" B. Swallow	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" B. K. Thorpe (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Russell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Captain W. J. Blakey	...	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" C. E. Wright	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" G. Page	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" A. Bourne	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Cooke	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Provincial Chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel. This well known hostelry has been completely renovated and refurnished; and is now an ornament to St Margaret's-street. The banquet on Wednesday was elegantly served by Bro. Horatio Ward, who has become proprietor of this hotel. Viscount Holmesdale presided, and the vice-chair was filled by Bro. J. S. Eastes. "The Queen and Royal Arch Freemasonry" was the first toast, and this was followed by "The Health of the Grand First Principal, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Pro. Grand First Principal Earl Carnarvon." The other usual toasts were afterwards duly honoured, and at intervals songs were rendered by Comp. Plant and Bros. Rhodes, Moulding, and Higgins, Master Higgins presided at the pianoforte.

HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY.—It is not quite easy to say what this term really implies. If it means anything, it relates to the philosophic teaching of a supposed *Hermetic Brotherhood*, as derived from the works of Hermes Trismegistus originally, and subsequently of his followers, who practised alchemy and studied the occult sciences, and were believers in the Philosopher's Stone and the Elixir of Life. It is idle to attempt to cover this simple fact with a jargon of meaningless words and technical absurdities. The Hermetic philosophy is, as far as we can reach into its profundity to-day, very questionable indeed; and though there may be truth mixed up with its fallacies, it cannot be treated as a philosophy in any true sense of the word. Latterly a great deal of nonsense has been written about "Hermetic Philosophy." Any scientific treatment of it is, we believe, impossible, as a good deal is attributed to it which it never professed to hold or to teach. As far as we can master the Hermetic treatises, the greater portion of their teaching turned upon the transmutation of metals, the Philosopher's Stone, the adaptation of Hebrew cabalistic forms and words to magical ceremonies, the question of nativities, and the whole machinery of judicial astrology. That there may have been, in ignorant times, some teaching beneath all this paraphernalia of rubbish, we do not deny; but, as far as we can see, that "residuum" was very small, and now is no longer useful or valuable to man.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARY ABBOTTS LODGE, No. 1974.

This lodge was consecrated on Thursday, at the Town Hall, Kensington, by V.W. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as S.W.; Bro. Robert Freke Gould, P.G.D., as J.W.; V.W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; W. Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Secretary, as I.G.

In due course the W.M. designate, W. Bro. Captain Adolphus Nicols, P.D.G.S. of Works Punjab, was presented and installed, and he having been saluted, formally appointed the brethren named in the warrant as the Wardens, viz., Captain Henry Smith Andrews, S.W., and Francis Henry Gruggen, J.W.; the latter was, in consequence of an accident, unfortunately prevented from attending. W. Bro. Colonel Martin Petrie, after unanimous election, was appointed Treasurer.

The W.M. stated that as the brother who would act as Secretary was not yet a member of the lodge, he proposed to make the appointment to that office, as also to the other minor offices later on, but in the meantime would ask Bro. Colonel Petrie to act as Secretary; Bro. Captain Charles Francis Compton, as S.D.; W. Bro. Francis Charles Compton, as J.D. Bro. Austin was elected and invested as Tyler.

The names of five brethren as candidates for joining, and of one gentleman as a candidate for initiation, were handed in. A vote of thanks to the consecrating officers was proposed by the W.M., seconded by the S.W., and acknowledged by the Grand Secretary. A Committee was appointed to draw up the Bye Laws, and a vote of thanks passed to the brethren who had contributed to the ceremony by their musical abilities, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet.

A full report, together with the Chaplain's oration, will appear in our next.

THE GRAND LODGE QUESTION IN AUSTRALIA.

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

I promised in my last communication to the *Freemason* to discuss the question of the formation of a separate and united Grand Lodge for the colony of Victoria. Since I last wrote I have had abundant opportunities for ascertaining the real feeling anent the proposed change in Melbourne. Primarily, I may say that Victoria has little short of 100 Craft lodges, over sixty of which belong to the English Constitution, twelve to the Scotch, and sixteen to the Irish. I find the question has been in agitation for some time back, principally amongst the members of the lodges hailing from the two sister constitutions.

Your readers must understand, however, that the agitation is of a merely informal character, an out-of-door discussion, as it were; no regular meeting so far as I am aware, having been held. At lodge banquets I have not infrequently heard the matter broached and dovetailed into speeches, one brother going so far as to assert that if a plebiscite were taken of the whole Craft in the colony, nine out of every ten would be in favour of an independent Grand Lodge of Victoria.

Now, as to the reasons for the proposed severance from the mother Grand Lodge—and bear in mind that many English brethren support the same arguments—it is urged that the quarterages sent home are good money thrown away, inasmuch as distressed colonial brethren very rarely seek assistance from the home Fund of Benevolence. And, again, the great majority of relief cases in Victoria emanate from lodges in the old country, the proportion of new arrivals who affiliate with colonial lodges being very small indeed. Lastly, it is maintained that a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, numbering, say 100 lodges, under one supreme head, resident in the colony, would get along more smoothly than the three subordinate bodies now do, at a distance of 15,000 miles from their respective Grand Lodges, whilst the sphere of usefulness would not only be increased to a large extent, but centralised.

The foregoing arrangements, as I have previously remarked, are merely of an informal character, and in the matter of bringing the question to a legitimate issue, the more calm and reasoning of the new Grand Lodge advocates say, that if it ever has to become a "fait accompli," it must be by resolution or a majority of the lodges under the three jurisdictions, supplemented by petitions to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland for separation and acknowledgment as a Grand Lodge of Victoria. Such, then, is the situation as it at present stands, and I may be allowed to add, that I myself express no opinion in the matter, one way or the other; I simply give you the points of what at the present time (June 24th), is the one topic of interest amongst "coteries" of Melbourne Masonry.

UNDER THE TONGUE OF GOOD REPORT.

Every Mason knows well what the above phrase signifies, and when we recollect how much it does really mean, how important is it that we should guard with great care the portals of the Lodge-room. "Guard well the outer door" is a maxim the Hiramite should never forget; it is his *sworn* duty to do so. Would he receive into his house, or take to his house as a friend a man destitute of moral character, or introduce into his home circle the libertine or the profane? No. How dare he then permit one, whom he knows to be a libertine, a gambler, or a blasphemer, to cross the threshold of the Masonic Lodge. Accept not any candidate that does not come literally and truthfully "under the tongue of good report."

The object of every Mason should be to raise the standard of Freemasonry; to make the Fraternity what it should be, a brotherhood in the highest sense of the word, of honourable, true and upright men. To be negligent in this respect shows a criminal carelessness that is deserving of the highest censure. The brother that is careless in this particular, and neglects the duties of his Lodge, will never make a good Hiramite or prove to be true to the principals of the Order. How can he? If he does not care sufficiently for the material of the *foundation* of the temple, what regard can he have for the superstructure? NONE; and such a Mason is not worthy to be called a follower of the Widow's Son.

The importance of securing the best men for the first three degrees is all important. We cannot lay too much stress upon this. Generally speaking the practical benefits of the Craft are distributed by the Blue Lodge, and is the universal Masonry that is acknowledged wherever civilization has penetrated. It is Freemasonry that brethren of every degree must

acknowledge, and that is known and practised in every part of the world; and it matters not to how many branches of the Order a brother may belong, his first allegiance is due to Symbolic Masonry. Hence the great and paramount importance to be attached to regular duties. If bad men, or even careless men, are accepted, the welfare of the society is at stake, and every Mason should be sufficiently interested in the Brotherhood to examine well the character of those who seek admission to our sympathies.

We entirely fail to understand how any Hiramite can be so lost to his sense of duty, and so regardless as to his obligations, as not to pay strict attention to the nature of the material that is brought up for the building of the Temple. We are presumed to be engaged in a sacred work, and if we are derelict in our duties and careless with regard to our responsibilities, we have forgotten the principles that we promised to support, and negligent of those important lessons that it should be our pride to teach and our glory to practice. The Mason that will admit a candidate to our mysteries that he knows to be unworthy should be expelled from our Fraternity, for he is striking a death-blow to our institute, and he has woefully perjured himself in the sight of God and in the eyes of his brethren.

The Lodge should be the *Masonic home* of every Hiramite, and, in order to keep it so, none must be admitted excepting those who are "under the tongue of good report." We are a great social and moral organization, professing certain fixed principles and advocating certain dogmas. To admit a man amongst us who openly violates these, and by his course of life shows his utter disregard for them, is a heinous offence. We, by so doing, destroy our Masonic home and drive from the lodge those whom we love to honour. The swearing, cursing, blaspheming Mason is a hideous nightmare to those who understand our traits. The scoffer at religion and the *habitué* of the gambling hell are surely not fit companions for a band of men who have professed their belief in the Divine God-head and acknowledged their faith in the brotherhood of man. That creatures so demoralized do at times gain admission within our portals cannot be denied; but if gentle admonition and kindly advice fail to reclaim them, it is our duty to drive them from our midst.

Our foul-mouth animal, in form of a man, in heart a loathsome creature, will do more in one year to demoralize a lodge and disgrace Freemasonry than ten good men can do in the same length of time to purify and reclaim it. This is a stubborn fact; consequently, let every Mason ever guard well the outer door, and see that none are initiated into our mysteries who do not live a pure and moral life, and believing in the heaven inspired doctrines of Freemasonry, are "under the tongue of good report."—*Masonic Tablet*.

THE THIRD DEGREE—ITS MYSTERIOUS DARKNESS.

In the ancient mysteries perfectly initiated aspirants were reputed to have obtained a state of pure and ineffable light, and supposed to be safe under the protection of the gods, while the profane, who had not undergone the purifying process, were declared reprobate; doomed to wander in the obscurity of darkness; to be deprived of the divine favour, and condemned to a perpetual residence in the infernal regions.

During the Persian initiations this doctrine was enforced "ex cathedra." The Archimagus informed the candidate at the moment of illumination that the divine lights were displayed before him, and after explaining the nature of the mysteries in general, he taught that the universe was governed by a good and evil power, who were perpetually engaged in contest with each other, and as each in turn prevailed the world was characterised by a corresponding succession of happiness and misery; that uninitiated men and immoral men were votaries of the evil power, and the virtuous of the good; that each would go to a separate world—one to ascend by means of a ladder to a state of eternal light, where exists unalloyed happiness and the purest pleasures; the other would be plunged into an abode of darkness, where he would suffer a disquietude and misery in a desolate place of punishment situated on the shore of a stinking river, the waters of which were black as pitch and cold as ice. Here the souls of the uninitiated eternally float. Dark columns of smoke ascend from the stream, the inside of which is full of serpents, scorpions and venomous reptiles. The multitude, being thus amused with fables and terrified with denunciations, were effectually involved in uncertainty, and directed to paths where only error could be found; for every degree was mysterious, and every mythological doctrine shrouded under a corresponding symbol, all was dark.

The allegorical fables became popular (and so has the story of Hiram), the simple rites of primitive worship soon assumed a new and more imposing form, and religion was at length enveloped in a veil so thick and impervious as to render the interpretation of the symbolical imagery extremely difficult and uncertain. In all the ancient mysteries, before an aspirant could claim to participate in the highest secrets of the institution, he was placed within the pastos, bed, or coffin, or, in other words, was left alone for a period—that he might reflect seriously in seclusion and darkness on what he was about to undertake, and be reduced to a proper state of mind for the reception of great and important truths. This was the symbolical death of the mysteries, and his deliverance from confinement was the act of regeneration, or being born again, or, as it was termed, raised from the dead.

Clement, of Alexandria, tells us that in the formula used by one who had been initiated, he was taught to say, "I have descended into the bed-chamber." The ceremony here alluded to was, doubtless, the same as the descent into Hades, and we are inclined to think that when the candidate entered into the mystic cell, he was directed to lay himself down upon the bed which shadowed the tomb of the great Master, and while stretched upon the holy couch he was said to be wrapped in the deep sleep of death. The candidate was made to undergo these changes in scenic representations, and was placed in the tomb in perfect darkness for the space of three days and nights. In different nations this time varied: in Britain it was nine days; in Greece three times nine; in Persia fifty days and night of darkness, want of rest and fasting. (W. Arch Tri. fifty apud Dav.) Porph vit Pyth.

A celebrated piece of antiquity was recently standing near Maidstone, called Kit's Coty House. This was a dark Chamber of Probation for Kit, in no other than Ked the British Ceres, and Cetti or Cotti means an ark or chest. Hence the compound word referred to the ark of the diluvian Noah, whose mysterious rites were celebrated in Britain. Voltaire, in speaking of the Eleusinian mysteries, says: This pure religion consisted in the acknowledgment of one Supreme God, of his providence, and of His justice. That which disfigured these mysteries, if we can believe Tertullien, was the ceremony of regeneration.—*Masonic Review*,

VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR, J.G.W., TO WELSHPOOL.

On Friday, the 4th inst., the members of the Welshpool Lodge, No. 998, taking advantage of the Lord Mayor's visit to the above town, eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity of asking his lordship to honour the lodge by attending as Junior Grand Warden of England.

The lodge, which was held in the lodge-room at the railway station, was opened by Bro. Edmund Field Robinson, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. Rev. A. Whitlow, M.A., I.P.M., Chap.; T. R. Morris, P.M., as S.W.; Dr. Morgan, P.M., as J.W.; W. Withy, P.M., Treas.; D. P. Owen, P.M., Sec.; W. Collender, P.P.G.A.D.C., as S.D.; Rhys Buckley Williams, J.D.; Rees Thomas, I.G.; T. McGrath, D. of C.; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. Sir W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G. Master North Wales and Shropshire; J. Danily, P.P.G. S.B.; F. Britton, P.P.G.J.W. Derbyshire; J. H. Anderson, P.M.; R. W. Hurst, Edward Owen, John Owen, R. Lewis Andrew, J. Kitto, P.M.; W. Spraggon, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; C. E. Monro, J. Nunn, P.M.; T. A. Forster, P.M., and Clement O. Ray.

The following visitors were also present: Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, G.J.W. of England, attended by the City Marshall, Bro. Major Bannerman Campbell, 21; the Sword Bearer, Bro. C. J. W. Winzar, 87; and the Mace Bearer, Bro. W. H. R. Ikey, 697; Bros. Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey; W. H. Spaul, Prov. G. Sec.; Col. Huddleston, 460; Edgar Attwood, W.M. 1070; T. Goodman, P.M. 1594; T. W. Thomson, P.M. 117; J. H. Webb, W.M. 1582; W. Russell, 120; A. J. Blair, 1432; J. Pugh Morris, 1124; Joseph Evans, 1583; E. Davies, 1582; W. Craig, 954; W. Francis, 1594; J. A. Talbot, 1594; Edward Jones, 1594; and C. L. B. Powell, 1072.

An unanimous ballot was taken that Bros. T. Morgan, P.M. 1120, and A. J. Blair, 1432, be joining members, and also that Mr. William Noah Holt be admitted a candidate for Freemasonry. The R.W. Prov. G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, was then announced, and received in proper form, and the same with the Prov. G.M. of Surrey, and they were saluted accordingly.

The W.M. then asked W. Bro. D. P. Owen, P.M., to ascend the pedestal, and the candidate already balloted for being present, he was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The Masonic services were conducted musically, Bro. D. P. Owen's Masonic Service of Scriptural Extracts being ably rendered by the aid of Bro. R. Lewis Andrew presiding at the harmonium, assisted by Bros. John Owen, Ed. Owen, and W. Francis.

On the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. resumed the pedestal, when the R.W. the Grand Junior Warden was announced, and a deputation, consisting of W. Bros. Collender and Spraggon, P. Prov. G.A.D. of C.'s, awaited upon his lordship, and conducted his lordship to the dais, when he was saluted in due form.

A petition to the Board of Benevolence was sanctioned by the lodge on behalf of an old member, and a cheque for £5 was ordered to be sent to meet his present necessities. The lodge afterwards was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Oak, when a sumptuous banquet was served.

The W.M. said the first toast he had to propose was one of unusual interest—that of the most illustrious lady in the land, "The Queen." They all knew how she had endeared herself to the Brotherhood by permitting her son to take the sincerest interest in the welfare of the Order.

The W.M. then said the next toast he had to propose was that of "The Prince of Wales"—a name that was dear to all as the noble patron of the Order and the Worshipful Grand Master of England. His geniality and thoughtfulness were so proverbial that he need not say more on that point, and it gave him great pleasure to couple with the toast the name of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, with sincere thanks for the honour he had done Lodge 998 by accepting their invitation to advance the interests of the Craft, and if he (the speaker) were not going beyond the bounds of propriety, he was quite sure that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master would give him absolution if he said on his behalf that there was nothing which gave him greater satisfaction than to feel that the Freemasons appreciated the work he did on their behalf.

The LORD MAYOR, in responding, said he hardly knew how to reply for the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, but they all knew how exceedingly gracious and condescending His Royal Highness was, and how he was always anxious to promote the interests of Freemasonry. The objects and ends of Freemasonry were so worthy that upon several occasions he had freely and with the most open-heartedness explained the real and true principles upon which Free Masons act, and he was assured that those principles were the principles which his Royal Highness highly approved. He believed that the basis of all Freemasonry was good will towards men. Justice, truth, honour, and virtue were the words that were inscribed, not upon their banners, but in their hearts. They believed that the happiness of mankind was made up by a behaving to each other as they would be done by, and that those virtues should be practised by Freemasons, not occasionally but universally, at all times. With them emulation was one of the first principles, but they desired to succeed not to the disadvantage of others, but that their success might be a benefit to all who were associated with them. Those were the sentiments which he believed should emanate from every true Mason. Having the honour on the present occasion of answering for that toast, he had great pleasure in doing so. He felt it a most distinguished honour and a pleasure, and a gratification beyond expression. He felt also very great satisfaction in being associated with such excellent company. Perhaps he could hardly speak amongst Welshmen of his friend Sir Watkin Williams Wynn in terms which would be equal to what he knew animated their breasts; in fact no language could describe the position which Sir Watkin held in the Principality. He hoped and trusted that some more able orator than himself would yet propose the health of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn. But speaking for Bro. Colonel Brownrigg, he was the P.G.M. of the County of Surrey, which was the county in which he had long resided. He could say that they were very proud of their county. It was a metropolitan county. They believed they had the advantages which a great town affords in civilising and educating the people, but they also possessed some of the most beautiful

scenery in the world—the river Thames in its beautiful course—the Surrey hills, full of grand scenery, and almost as poetic as the hills of Wales; but the beauty and grandeur of the scenery of Surrey would not create envy, because envy never entered the breast of a Welshman. (Great cheering.) But they esteemed Bro. Brownrigg on account of his knowledge and skill in the Craft of a Freemason. His lordship concluded by returning their heartfelt thanks to the brethren for the manner in which they had received the toast.

W. Bro. D.P. OWEN then said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose the next toast, viz., "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North Wales and Shropshire, Sir W. W. Wynn, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge." He (Bro. Owen) had peculiar pleasure in so doing, as he was one of the very few who were present eighteen years ago, when Sir Watkin came and consecrated the lodge. The pleasure of Sir Watkin's presence was always enhanced by the knowledge that he always expressed his great delight whenever he honoured the old town with a visit. The able manner in which Sir Watkin governed his province was evinced by the fact that Masonry was dull in the province previously to the establishment of the No. 998. The Masons of the province sprang into activity in 1864, since which time Sir Watkin had consecrated eighteen lodges, and in the province in addition to the twenty-seven Blue Lodges, five chapters were flourishing as well. As regards the other Provincial Officers, it was well known how assiduous they were in the performance of their duties.

Bro. Sir WATKIN WILLIAMS WYNN said he rose to return thanks to his old friend Bro. Pryce Owen for the kind way in which he had proposed his health. He begged to thank them all for the kindness they had shown to him. It gave him great pleasure to be amongst them again, for in no town in North Wales had he received more kindness. He was glad of the present opportunity of being there, and very glad to see one in particular coming amongst them—one who occupied a very high position in this country—one presiding over the largest municipality in the kingdom. In that position the Lord Mayor had done all he could to keep up the prestige of that high office. He felt sure that they were glad to have the opportunity of welcoming one who held one of the highest offices in the Grand Lodge as well as the responsible position of Lord Mayor of London. He thanked the officers and their predecessors for their kindness.

Bro. Sir WATKIN WILLIAMS WYNN then said he had to give them a toast which he thought ought to be given, "The Health of the Worshipful Master," with thanks for the trouble he had taken in receiving the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor in the way which he had done, and also to propose prosperity to the lodge.

The W.M. thanked them sincerely for the manner in which his health had been drunk. It was a great honour to him to receive such distinguished company that day, and it would afford pleasing reminiscences to him and the lodge.

Bro. PRYCE JONES said that the next toast, that of "The I.P.M. and the Officers of the Lodge," had been placed in his hands, why, he assured them, he knew not, save that it was simply because he was an inhabitant of the county of Montgomery, and also a member of the Welshpool lodge. It was his mother lodge in Masonry, certainly, and the Masonry which had taken root throughout the county, initiated by the lodge at Welshpool. The Immediate Past Officers, and its Present Officers must certainly, therefore, have managed the affairs of Masonry at the Welshpool Lodge in such a manner as to merit their thanks. He also knew that they were continually making life votes, year after year, for the good cause of Masonry.

Bro. Rev. A. WHITLOW, I.P.M., in responding, said it was his duty to return thanks. He confessed it was the most auspicious occasion upon which he had been at a banquet. It was no doubt a grand red-letter day in the history of the lodge, and he ventured to express a hope that it would encourage them to work harder and make Masonry prosper here and everywhere else.

The W.M. said he wished to give the next toast, "The Visitors," with great heartiness. They had honoured and distinguished guests, and old friends, and he was very pleased to see them, and hoped that they might long be spared to meet them again. He thought that those visits did a great deal of good—infused new ideas, and introduced influences which would tend to the prosperity of the art. He coupled with the toast the name of R.W. Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M., Surrey.

R.W. Bro. BROWNRIFF, in responding, said that he felt sure that all those who were, like himself, visitors, would entirely agree with him in thanking the Lodge of Welshpool most cordially for the hospitality they had shown them that evening. He was very pleased with their lodge-room, and particularly struck by the arrangement of the draperies, and the artistic and very charming appearance of the room. It was much better that Masons should hold their meetings separately from any hotel—there was a certain sanctity about their meetings and customs which made it far better to have a temple dedicated to Masonry in which to hold them. What struck him very forcibly, also, was the admirable way in which the initiate went through his trial, and the solemnity which he exhibited. Very often, sometimes through nervousness, sometimes from other causes, there was an appearance of carelessness. But he believed the ritual of the Order was thoroughly impressed upon the mind of the initiate that day. He concluded by returning thanks on behalf of the visitors, and said it was a matter of great congratulation to him to meet them, and to see that they were flourishing and doing so good work.

W. Bro. D. P. OWEN then gave "The Masonic Charities." Their distinguished guest, the Lord Mayor had a few days before presided over the Boys' Festival, and his exertions in the cause of charity evinced itself in the fact that not quite £12,000 was put on the dinner table. As regarded the Charities and the Welshpool Lodge, they were supported by making a life vote every year; and if every lodge followed their example it would add about £10,000 per annum to the funds of the three Charities.

The Tyler, Bro. JOHN BARNARD, gave "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," and the proceedings then closed.

Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley is not suffering from Cyprus fever, as has been stated in many journals, but from fever occasioned by erysipelas in a mild form over one eye. The sea voyage and rest are expected to put the gallant officer in thorough health.

PROVINCE OF WEST LANCASHIRE AND THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

A very large and most influential meeting of Masters and Past Masters resident in Liverpool and immediate district, was held on Friday afternoon, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, for the purpose of considering certain alterations in "The Book of Constitutions." Bro. Clayton, Prov. G.J.W., occupied the chair, there being besides about fifty W.M.'s and P.M.'s present, and the discussion which took place showed how intelligently the working of Masonry was understood in the largest province in England.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on the 7th June last, the following report from the Board of General Purposes, relating to the revision of the Book of Constitutions, was received and adopted viz.:—"The Board desire to lay before the Grand Lodge the revision of the Book of Constitutions, on which much thought and attention have been bestowed, and they recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be asked to convene a special Grand Lodge at a convenient time to consider the same." The P.G. Secretaries of the various provinces were requested to give every opportunity of inspecting the new scheme, in order that they might become acquainted, as far as practicable, with the suggested alterations before the meeting of the special Grand Lodge.

At the meeting in Liverpool on this occasion Bro. H. S. Alpass, G. St. E. of England, the Prov. Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, read and fully explained the proposed alterations in the "Book of Constitutions." It was ultimately agreed that the W.M.'s of the various lodges in the district (or P.M.'s nominated by them) and the present Provincial Grand Lodge officers should be appointed to consider the proposed alterations and report to a future meeting. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Clayton for presiding.

THE THIRD OF AUGUST.

An impromptu song, written by Bro. Frank Toole, P.M., and father of Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, at the annual banquet of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex, held at Chingford, 3rd August, 1882. Sang by Bro. Arthur Hooper. Music arranged by Bro. W. Lutter.

Dedicated by special permission to the Right Hon. the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Essex.

Impromptu, 3rd August, 1882.

"Success" be my theme
For our Grand Lodge to-day;
To Lord Tenterden, Master,
All honour we pay.
Good Philbrick—likewise
Warden Ellis, Lord Mayor,
By right, and by love,
Full honours shall share.
Corble, Ralling, and Lucking
Come in good will,
With Dehane, Shedd, and Durrant,
All brothers of skill.
Lord Waveney of Suffolk,
Sir Francis Burdett,
And Sir Gabriel Goldney
We gladly have met.
Also bright Sir Charles Bright,
With Florence and Lowman;
Grand Secretary, Shadwell Clerke,
Yielding to no man.
Whilst Matthew Clark, Creaton,
Binckes, Gordon, and Terry,
In wisdom and humour,
Are happy and merry.
Now, should any brother
Exclaim, "Pray, Oh! tell
Who reigns as the Host
Of this Forest Hotel?"
Like Alfred the King,
Alfred Buck here is found—
A good kingly Buck
Of this woody ground.
Chigwell to Chingford
Comes with a bound,
With outstretched hand,
To Essex around;
Thus in the Royal Forest
Loyal Masons all meet,
And in brotherly unity
Each other greet.
With good hearts and good spirits,
This Queen's Royal weather,
Makes jolly and joyous
Essex Masons together.
God bless the Grand Master,
And Deputy Grand,
As landmarks of honour
Long may they stand.
So here's to this banquet
Of August the Third,
Whilst taking to heart
The Grand Master's grand word.
May prosperity thus
For ever attend
Each lodge in the province,
Our neighbour and friend.

JAMAICA MASONIC BENEVOLENCE ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Management of this Association held their first meeting on Thursday, the 6th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Kingston, when the following executive officers were elected: R.W. Bros. Alt. De Cordova, Deputy District Grand Master, President; S. C. Burke, Prov. Grand Master for Scotland, and W. Bro. M. C. P. McCormack, Vice-Presidents; Bros. J. C. Ford, Treas.; and A. C. Sinclair, Sec. It was resolved that a musical and dramatic entertainment in aid of the funds should be given at the Theatre Royal at an early date, and the Committee have determined to make it attractive and worthy the support of the community.

REVIEWS

THE ROMANS IN BRITAIN. By HENRY CHARLES COOTE, F.R.S. F. Norgate, 7, King-street, Covent-garden.

This very able work, by a well-known writer, and which originally appeared in 1878, has not been sufficiently dwelt upon, or is, as it seems, but little known to Masonic students and Masonic reviewers. It is, for instance, the fullest of any existing English work as regards the *Collegia Romana*, and contains much that requires thought, and deserves study. A very hasty glance, and a very brief review, as necessarily best befit these columns, enable us to say that, subject to some reservations, and "pace" some doubtful passages, and one or two clearly erroneous ones, Mr. Coote's contribution to the history of the *Collegia* is both most important and valuable, and, we may add, trustworthy. One little amusing mistake deserves noting here. He terms the *Centonarii* old clothesmen. He has been misled by the word "*cento*," which, however, does not strictly mean old clothes, but a patched garment, made up of various materials, a patched cloak as worn by slaves, a sort of quilt, &c., from the Greek *Kentron*. The *Centonarii* were the firemen of Rome, and are grouped as such by Facciolati, as they are often found in inscriptions with the *Trignarii*, and the *Dendrophori*, both colleges of artificers, though about the *Dendrophori* some little doubt has been expressed, being a word of Greek derivation "*dendropheroi*," from *Dendron* and *phero*. One or two little similar blemishes require that the learned writer's words should be thought over. He has no doubt built a good deal on Massmann, and there may have been a little friendly and all but unconscious sheepwalking, as Massmann again builds up his statement on Gruter and many more. Gruter's work originally appeared in 1609, but the chief edition is that of Grævius, in 1709, who equally adopts a very large number of authorities, and quotes the same authorities Massmann relies upon, such as Smetius, Sigonius, Fabricius or Fabretti, and many more. The works of Zell, Mommsen, Pitiscus, and Massmann also require to be carefully collated before we can obtain one consistent whole as regards the history of the *Collegia*. Another great desideratum is approaching the study from a purely critical point of view. We must not attempt to square the evidence with any preconceived notions or theories of our own, but must take the inscriptions as they are, for they are our only safe authority, note what they say, and then endeavour carefully and conscientiously to construct an account of the *Collegia*, which is alike rational and historical, and can meet the test of accurate criticism, and face the serious demands of positive evidences. The writer of this review knowing that his space is necessarily very limited here, proposes to review this portion of the work more fully and exhaustively in the October "*Monthly Magazine*." Few subjects are more important for the Masonic student to be rightly understood and clearly realized than the true history and actual status of the *Roman Collegia*. It is still a moot point how far the *Gilds*, as we meet them, "*Les loges Latomorum*," are descended from the *Collegia*. We think ourselves they are, but it is no use saying so dogmatically. What we want is the old formula to be made good, "*quod probandum est*," if proof be possible after this lapse of time.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

MASONS' MARKS.
Looking over Gruter's Inscriptions, I was struck by two facts: (1), That the *Notæ Yironiane*, *Tironian Notes*, Latin short hand, furnished several well known Masons' marks; and (2), That the old Greek alphabet, as well as the Etruscan, given us by Gruter, may be identified with our Masonic marks. It is well known that the *Runes* furnished several early marks, and if the *Runes* represent an adopted early Greek trading alphabet, we have as the foundation of the marks an alphabetical and numeralistic user. Such was Bro. E. W. Shaw's idea, and all I have seen since has convinced me (though some do not agree with him) that he was in the right. The symbols which are in Christian architecture are of later development, and though I do not deny that you may see the *Pentalpha*, and *Hexapla*, and *Delta*, and what Mr. Godwin calls the hour glass, being two triangles converted, on early buildings, we must always look into the question of date before we admit the fact; not perhaps that it signifies much, but it is an interesting point in itself as proving the *Cosmopolitanism* of the *Building sodalities*, that these marks were for a long time, at any rate, alphabetical and numeralistic, national and local, so that the difference for instance, which lies between English and foreign Masons can be pointed out.

MASONIC STUDENT.

Bro. G. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., and Bro. E. J. Barron, F.S.A., Lodge of Antiquity, were amongst those who sat down to dinner with the London and Middlesex Archæological Society at their annual festival.

Bro. E. E. Gellowski has just completed a very successful marble bust of Sir Frederick Roberts for the Company of Merchant Taylors, of which body Sir Frederick is a member. The general appears in uniform, wearing the star of the Order of the Bath, the Victoria Cross, and numerous other medals and decorations. The likeness is very happily hit off, being instantly recognisable from any point of view. Bro. Gellowski is now putting the finishing touches to a very characteristic bust of Sir Joseph Fayer, whose magnificent work on the "*Thanatophidia of India*" has retained its place as an authority on death from snake-bite, a much more important subject in India than would be imagined without reference to statistics. Bro. Gellowski is also at work on busts of Sir James Gordon, formerly secretary to Lord Lawrence, and now commissioner at Mysore, and of the Maharajah of Burdwan; as well as on full-lengths of Baboo Prussam Komar Tagore, for the Senate House at Calcutta, and of the Maharajah of Mysore.

REPORTS OF LATEST MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—On the 2nd inst. a largely attended meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Bro. J. R. Smart, W.M., presiding. In addition to the members, there were also present a large number of visiting brethren from other lodges in the town. A very interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to the oldest member and Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Alderman Potts, J.P., P.M., of his portrait, the W.M. making the presentation in a very appropriate speech. The portrait is full-sized, and was painted by Bro. Paul Stabler.

Bro. Potts, in acknowledging the gift, said it would give him great pleasure and satisfaction if they would allow the portrait to be hung up in the lodge room. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the presentation.

One candidate, the Rev. H. P. Levy, was accepted and initiated.

At the close of the business the brethren partook of refreshment, and a harmonious evening was spent.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—At a lodge of emergency, held on the 27th July, at the Masonic Hall, the W.M., Bro. J. H. Leech, in the chair, the lodge was favoured with the presence of, and afterwards with an address from Bro. Bracey Wilson, who was initiated into the lodge on Christmas Eve, in 1835, when the late Sir Hednorth Williamson was W.M. and the late Sir Cuthbert Sharp was an officer of the lodge. Bro. Wilson has been a British Consul for about twenty years in South America. The brethren were deeply interested in his recital of Masonic events in Sunderland nearly fifty years ago. His father and grandfather were both members of the Craft.

BELVEDERE.—Saxe and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—A meeting of this Kent lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at Essenden House, the residence of Bro. Dr. Spurrell. Present: Bros. James Giesman Chillingworth, W.M.; Wood, S.W.; Bateman, J.W.; Spurrell, I.P.M., Treasurer; Bright, S.D.; Elliott, J.D.; Gibson, I.G.; Macdonald, J. K. Paine, Barnes, and others. Visitors: Bros. Blunt and Dr. Kendall.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ballot taken for Messrs H. A. E. de Pinna, C. R. Paine, F. G. Houghton, and T. Heather, when the candidates were declared to have been unanimously elected, and having been admitted in ancient form, were initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. de Pinna was elected Secretary to the lodge by unanimous vote. The brethren then proceeded to discuss the proposed bye-laws for the lodge, and various other important topics of lodge interest, among which should be specially mentioned a vote of thanks to the Committee of the Royal Alfred Institution for Merchant Seamen, Belvedere, for allowing the lodge the use of the Gold Room of the Institution on the occasion of the consecration banquet, held on the 26th ult., which was proposed by Bro. Dr. Spurrell, Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Chillingworth, W.M., and carried unanimously. And a vote of thanks to Bro. Dr. Spurrell, Treasurer, for the use of the lodge room, which was proposed by Bro. Bateman, J.W., seconded by Bro. Chillingworth, W.M., and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed in ancient form.

INSTRUCTION.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., the offices being filled as follows: Bros. Tanqueray, W.M.; Chubb, S.W.; Guerson, J.W.; Pocock, S.D.; Johnston, J.D.; Spearing, I.G.; Duret, Preceptor; and J. D. Langton, Sec. Also Bros. Garland, Fletcher, and others.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the lodge opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the First, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fletcher acting as candidate. After a call off the W.M. worked the Fifth Section of the First Lecture and rose for the first time, Bro. Chubb being unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. then rose for the second time, and Bro. Tanqueray proposed, Bro. Langton seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Bro. Thos. Fletcher of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, be elected a member of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose finally for the third time and the lodge closed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 1st inst., at Bro. Geo. Monks, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of brethren. Present: Bros. R. Poore, W.M.; G. W. Knight, S.W.; R. R. Johnstone, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. M. Williams, Secretary; C. H. Phillips, Treasurer, S.D.; H. Hooper, J.D.; Jos. Perry, I.G.; Thos. Poore, P.M. and P.Z., Joint Preceptor; Jas. Warren, S.D. 1348; John A. Danks, 1669; E. Bye, jun.; H. Stokes, Geo. Flint, C. G. L. Kipling, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read by the Secretary, and duly confirmed.

The W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Flint as candidate, in a masterly manner. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. ably worked the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Kipling as candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected members: Bros. Jas. Warren, 1348, and E. Bye, jun., 141. These brethren duly returned thanks, stating they should be present as often as possible. Bro. G. W. Knight was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

After "*Hearty good wishes*" from the brethren, the lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned. The after-proceedings were as enjoyable as ever, all the brethren remaining when the lodge was closed for the usual musical and social entertainment.

The toasts of "*The Visitors*," "*New Members*," and "*Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor*," were given with enthusiasm, and duly responded to.

Bro. H. M. Williams, in giving (by permission of the W.M.) "*The Health of Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., &c.*," welcomed him on behalf of the brethren once more to their lodge, and expressing their pleasure on his renewed health and vigour, and their hopes that he would long be able to attend the lodge as often as his other numerous Masonic engagements would allow.

Bro. Thos. Poore, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and stated how pleased he was to attend their lodge once more. He was much gratified to hear of the progress of the lodge, as regards new members and the good weekly attendance, and to witness their earnestness and the good working of the lodge. He hoped the brethren would attend regularly, and thereby profit by the excellent instruction of Bro. Francis.

Bros. R. R. Johnston and Monk delighted the brethren with several songs and duets, while Bro. Williams presided at the piano. Bros. Kipling and Thos. Poore likewise favoured the brethren with recitations. The lodge offers a hearty welcome to all brethren.

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGE QUESTION.

The proposal for forming the lodges of London into a series of Grand Lodges, which was rejected at last Grand Lodge, is to be brought forward in another form at next meeting by the same brother who introduced the subject in June. The motion is as follows: "*That, having regard to the great increase during the past twenty-five years in the number of lodges within the London district, this Grand Lodge desires to respectfully represent to His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the desirability of subdividing the said London district into subordinate Grand Lodges, to be constituted in like manner to Provincial Grand Lodges.*"

THE JOHN HERVEY MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund, as will be seen in another portion of our issue, is still open. The trustees hope to invest as much as £1000. The sum of £988 3s. has been received, of which £900 is now invested. It will be remembered that at the last election of annuants to the Benevolent Institution £20 13s. 1d., the amount of dividends then accrued, was divided amongst the two males and two females who were highest on the list of unsuccessful candidates. The Secretary of the fund, Bro. R. R. Davis, will be happy to receive any additions to the amount already subscribed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The plans and elevations for the proposed Junior School, in connection with the above Institution have been sent in, and are now in the board-room at Freemasons' Hall. The plans will furnish a handsome piece of work, which will do architect and builder credit when the buildings are erected. The cost may be estimated from £15,000 to £25,000, according to the design chosen and the manner in which it is carried out, while, we believe, the net sum at present authorised to be spent is no more than £13,000, if it can be avoided. This even appears a large sum of money to spend on a building in which to lodge, clothe, and educate 150 little boys, too young to enter the present school at Wood-green.

A ROYAL MEMORIAL.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales has lately erected a cross over a grave in Brompton Cemetery bearing the following inscription: "*In memory of Elizabeth Jones, who died May 13th, 1881, for 14 years the faithful servant and friend of Alexandra, Princess of Wales, by whom this memorial is erected.*"

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won,
Now comes rest."
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,"

PREVENTION OF FIRES.

On Wednesday afternoon some interesting experiments were made on the vacant spot in Whitehall-place (opposite the Avenue Theatre) in order to demonstrate the combustibility of buildings coated with the patent asbestos fire-proof paint, of the United Asbestos Company, Limited. The experiments were made for the information of the Metropolitan Board of Works, on behalf of whom attended Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P. (Chairman), and other officials. The Asbestos Company was represented by Mr. Charles Allport (Manager), Mr. J. Alfred Fisher (Secretary) and other gentlemen. Representatives of various public companies and mechanical and scientific institutions also were present, including the managers or secretaries of several theatres. Amongst those on the ground were the Earl of Radnor, Sir Charles Du Cane, Major F. A. Marindin, Royal Engineers, Mr. A. E. Cowper, chairman of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. C. Woodall, C.E., Mr. John Rutherford, Her Majesty's Office of Works, and others. The experiments consisted in placing combustible material in the roofs of two buildings, and the result was to show that in the one coated with the fire-proof paint the fire would be isolated. Combustible material was next placed on and under the stages erected within the buildings. In this experiment the value of asbestos cloth as a means of isolating fires was shown. Mr. Charles Mountford, of Birmingham, inventor of the paint, and manager of the paint department of the company, superintended the experiments, which were pronounced to be successful.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT offer to suffering mankind the most effectual cure for Gout and Rheumatism.—An unhealthy state of the blood, attended with bad digestion, lassitude, and great debility, conduces to these diseases, showing a want of the proper circulation of the fluid, and that impurity of the blood greatly aggravates these disorders. Holloway's Pills are of so purifying a nature that a few doses taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism, but any one that has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful properties of which, combined with the effects of the Pills, ensure rapid relief. The Ointment should be thoroughly rubbed into the parts affected at least twice a day, after they have been sufficiently fomented with warm flannel to open the pores in order to facilitate the absorption of the Ointment.—[ADVERT.]

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF GLASGOW.

The Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street. Bro. Dalrymple Duncan discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Master, and Bros. William Oliver and John Morgan, Senior and Junior Wardens, were at their posts. Among the other office-bearers present were Bros. W. McDonald, Bible Bearer; T. Halkett, Treasurer Benevolent Fund; Collingwood Flower, P.G. Secretary; D. Ronald, and others.

Bro. HALKETT reported that during the past three months there had only been two petitions for relief from the Provincial Benevolent Fund and two applications for casual relief, and the Committee had granted the sum of £12 7s. 6d. It was agreed to remit the question of admission of Past Masters as members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to a Committee as to the time when they should be entered on the roll.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that a festival should be held in the course of the ensuing season, and it was remitted to the Committee to make the necessary arrangements. There was no other business of interest.

South Africa.

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.—British Kaffrarian Lodge (No. 853).—On (St. John's Day), June 24th, the members of this lodge met in their Temple, Alexandra-road, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of officers for the ensuing year. The R.W.D.G.M. Bro. C. J. Egan, M.D., 30, presided; and, after the transaction of formal business, regularly installed Bro. John Hartly—re-elected for a second term of office—as W.M. of the Lodge. The following officers were then duly invested: Bros. W. C. Massey-Hicks, S.W.; J. M. Massey-Hicks, J.W.; W. M. Roach, Treas.; E. Brothwell, Sec.; W. T. Randall, S.D.; J. P. Kidson, J.D.; C. E. Lawton, I.G.; A. R. Hendry, Tyler.

There was a good attendance of the brethren, the invitation to the members of the two other local lodges to be present on the occasion being cordially responded to.

Australia.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, held under the English Constitution, took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Lonsdale-street, East Melbourne, on Monday evening, June 19th. Bro. Capt. F. C. Standish, R.W. District Grand Master, occupied the throne, supported by Bros. H. W. Lowrey, D.G. Treas., as D.D.G.M.; T. Astley, as D.G.S.W.; J. Cahill, D.G.J.W.; Rev. W. A. Brooke, D.G. Chap.; T. H. Lempiere, D.G. Sec.; and several other officers and Past Officers of the District Grand Lodge, along with the W. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of lodges belonging to the jurisdiction.

The minutes of the March communication were read and confirmed. The D.G. SECRETARY read a telegram from H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, in reply to a congratulatory telegram to Her Majesty the Queen, on her escape from assassination.

The amount in the hands of the D.G. Treasurer on account of the Board of Benevolence, was stated to be £626 14s. 5d., with several grants to distressed brethren.

The D.G. TREASURER gave notice of motion for the sum of £30 to be voted to the three Masonic Charities in London; also £5 to the funds of the Albert Hospital, in Melbourne. He likewise forcibly advocated the organisation of a general subscription amongst the several lodges and chapters in the district in aid of the three Masonic Charities.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER, approving of the suggestion, wished his name to be put down for £5.

On the proclamations being put, the D.G. CHAPLAIN intimated that the Sandridge Marine Lodge, 768, of which he was P.M., intended celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist, on the following Monday evening, by a procession and Divine service at Trinity Church, when a sermon would be preached in aid of the Masonic Charities. He had much pleasure in inviting the members of sister lodges to attend, when a hearty welcome would be extended them by the brethren of Sandridge Marine Lodge.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. Cumberland and Westmorland, tendered "Hearty good wishes" from his province, after which the District Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

CRAFT.

MELBOURNE.—Australia Felix Lodge (No. 474).—The monthly meeting of this, the oldest lodge in the Colony of Victoria held under the English Constitution, having been constituted in 1841, was held in the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 12th June. Bro. J. M'Naught, P.M., presided, in the absence of the W.M. in Tasmania. After the minutes were read (including several charitable grants), two brethren were passed, a candidate initiated, and four candidates proposed. It was agreed to hold a ball in the Athenæum on Thursday, July 13th, the tickets to be respectively 12s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. The lodge was then closed, and the customary hour was passed pleasantly in toast and song by about forty brethren.

MELBOURNE.—Yarra Yarra Lodge (No. 714).—This lodge held their monthly meeting in the Myrtle Hotel, Emerald Hill, on Thursday evening, June 15th. Bro. Cahill, the oldest P.M., occupied the chair, in consequence of the W.M. having gone up country to reside, and he was supported by a good attendance. The reading of the minutes, presenting for confirmation several charitable grants to distressed brethren of the several Constitutions and the widows of such, were granted. There being no business before the lodge the W.M. invited Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1002, Cumberland and Westmorland, to

explain the first tracing board, which having been done, he received a hearty vote of thanks, and it was ordered to be inserted on the lodge minutes. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

MELBOURNE.—Meridian Lodge of St. John (No. 729).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the feast of St. John the Baptist at Scott's Hotel, Collins-street, West, on Saturday evening, the 24th June, in accordance with annual custom. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Balls-Headley, W.M., assisted by his Wardens, Bros. T. C. Russell and Dr. Ryan. The minutes were confirmed, and correspondence read, and there being no other business, the lodge was "called off."

Adjourning to another room, the members and invited guests sat down to a sumptuous banquet, "a la russe," at the conclusion of which the loving cup and charity box were passed round—a custom observed by the Meridian Lodge of St. John for many years past. Another custom is the absence of a toast list, the W.M. merely giving "The Queen and the Craft" and "To all Poor and Distressed Masons," after which the lodge is closed. Then the company enjoy a social hour in conversation to the accompaniment of pipe and cigar, and the meeting breaks up at ten o'clock.

MELBOURNE.—Melbourne Lodge (No. 747).—The ordinary meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Monday, June 19th, in the Masonic Hall. Bro. W. Gledhill, W.M., presided, supported by his officers, and about fifty members and visitors. The minutes being read and confirmed, the Rev. W. M. Mantell was balloted for and duly initiated into Masonry; after which the E.A.'s charge was delivered. Two brothers were also passed to the Second Degree, one being a member of Australia Felix Lodge, as he was leaving for New Zealand by the Te Anau, the following morning.

On the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to supper. In the course of the speechifying it was announced that a choir was being formed in connection with the lodge.

ROYAL ARCH.

MELBOURNE.—Collingwood Chapter (No. 727).—The two-monthly convocation of this chapter, was held on Thursday, June 22nd, in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne. There was a large attendance of members and visitors from English and Irish Chapters, it being Installation night. Comp. P. F. Donald, M.E.Z., presided; Comps. W. Simmons, H.; and R. Telfer, J. The work of installation was performed in the most perfect and complete manner, by Comp. James, P.Z.; Australasian Chapter, No. 474; and an old English Arch Mason. The following are the new principals and officers: Comps. W. Simmons, M.E.Z.; R. Telfer, H.; F. Le Plastrier, J.; W. Burroughs, S.E.; J. Bailey, S.N.; J. Parkin, P.S.; H. Fox, Treasurer; and J. Paul, Janitor. The P.S. having appointed his assistants, the financial statement of the Chapter was read, showing the balance in hand to be £37 odd, and the total assets amounted to a little over £104—a very gratifying state of affairs. Comp. W. F. Lamonby, P.Z., 110, P.P.G.A.S., Cumberland and Westmorland, was proposed as a joining member, and, after a candidate had been proposed for exaltation, the Chapter was solemnly closed.

Subsequently about 50 companions partook of a capital banquet, when the usual toast list was duly honoured.

MARK MASONRY.

MELBOURNE.—Victoria Lodge (No. 47).—The regular meeting of the oldest Mark lodge in the Antipodes was held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday evening, May 26th. Bro. J. D. Drew, W.M., occupied the chair of A., and there were present a good number of members and visitors from the Washington (Irish) Lodge and others. Three candidates were regularly advanced, and two others proposed, as also Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Sec., Cumberland and Westmorland. It was arranged to hold a lodge of instruction, in order to perfect the latest version of the authorised working.

Jottings from the Antipodes.

At the installation festival of the St. John's Lodge, No. 427, I.C., at Ballarat, on June 8th, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. Geo. Baker, attended specially from Melbourne, accompanied by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. A. Ellis, and the proceedings were more than ordinarily interesting, from the presentation of a full set of Irish Provincial Officer's clothing to Bro. W. Scott, who is the representative of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Victoria, at Ballarat, under the title of Provincial Grand Inspector. The retiring Master was also presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Subsequently a ball was held in the Alfred Hall, attended by over 100 ladies and gentlemen.

The lodge of Emerald Hill, No. 595, S.C., gave a "soirée musicale and dansante" on Thursday evening, June 15th.

The Principals of Washington Chapter, No. 368, Irish Royal Arch Masons, were installed in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Tuesday, June 27th. The Installing King was Comp. Angel Ellis, Prov. G. Reg. The chapter is in a very flourishing condition.

The old Masonic Hall, in Lonsdale-street, East Melbourne, is now being razed to the ground in order to make way for a larger and entirely new building, which, when completed, will form one of the architectural embellishments of this flourishing Australian city.

The officers and choirs of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Victoria, under the Irish Constitution, gave a "soirée musicale and dansante" in the Masonic Hall, Melbourne, on Thursday evening, June 8th. The attendance was very numerous, the invitations having been generally extended to members of the Craft belonging to the three Constitutions. The proceedings opened with a vocal concert, under the direction of the P.G. Organist, the performers being the members of the P.G. Lodge choirs. A capital programme was gone through in the most able manner. At the conclusion of the concert dancing com-

menced, and was spiritedly carried on till the small hours. The gentlemen were attired in Masonic paraphernalia, the various colouring of which, belonging to the three Constitutions, produced an enlivening effect. We have to acknowledge kind attention and hospitality extended to the Melbourne representative of the *Freemason*. Our brother is much impressed with the fraternal courtesy and welcome extended him by the Freemasons of Victoria.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Victorian Freemason's Charitable Institution was held at Melbourne last June. The statements of accounts, which were not so satisfactory as could be desired, was passed, and it was resolved to organise a special subscription amongst the brethren of the three Constitutions. The report showed that the building fund had been largely drawn on for repairs of permanent character; and the maintenance fund had also excessive demands made upon it, consequent upon the increased number of inmates in the cottages, which were fully occupied.

Steps are being taken to open a conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine in the city of Melbourne. Although there are six conclaves in the neighbouring colony of New Zealand, in Australia the order is unknown. The premier difficulty will be in finding a sufficient number of Sir Knights to form a nucleus.

American Items.

BENEVOLENT.—The Masonic Benevolent Association of Central Illinois, office at Matton, is still prosperous. It has paid its 106—109th benefits, amounting to 10,833.75 dollars. Benefit 106 was paid from surplus fund. The total receipts to February 1st, 1882, were 319,724.02 dollars; benefits paid, 246,112.38 dollars; fees returned, 585.00 dollars; expenses, 61,120.35 dollars; building, &c., 4812.28 dollars; cash, 6594.01 dollars. We note with some surprise the causes of the last four deaths, to wit, consumption, asphyxia, apoplexy, and dropsy of the heart, and infer that the medical examiner was not as careful as duty required. It is possible, however, that the consumption was hasty, and that the last two diseases were developed after the certificates were issued. In the face of the developments in Missouri, it is a pleasure to believe the affairs of the Association are in good shape and honestly conducted.

COLORADO.—Mount Moriah Lodge of Canon City, Colorado, February 22nd, 1882, gave a fine reception at their new Masonic Hall. The attendance was good. E. T. Alling, Esq., delivered a very appropriate address of welcome. A fine banquet was served, at which numerous toasts and responses were given. The response to "Our Honoured Wives and Children," by Anson Rudd, deserves perpetuity, and is hereto appended:

"Our wives and children, precious terms that move
And thrill our being with a sacred love.
Divine afflatus; from our inmost souls
It wells and bubbles; every sense controls;
Exalts and purifies; refines, restrains;
It soothes our sorrows, modifies our pains;
Subdues our passions; lifts our souls above
Earth's sordid pleasures to elysium love.
In fact, earth's joys would fade; and round us gloom
As deep and dark as in the silent tomb
Would gather; till life's brightest beams would seem
The horrid phantom of some troubled dream,
If 'twere not for these precious gems to light
And cheer our pathway thro' this earthly night.
God bless our wives first, last best gift to man,
The crowning beauty in creation's plan;
Our guiding star that points to heav'n above,
Where all is joy, and harmony, and love.
Our children also; sparks that scintillate
From love's bright realm where forms exotic mate,
May they be spared to cheer our varied lives,
As we go journey'ng heav'nward with our wives."

The occasion was very pleasant and thoroughly enjoyed. The lodge merits praise for zeal, its new hall being the result of hard, persevering work.

MEMORIAL.—Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, of Washington, District of Columbia, has issued a memorial to the late President Garfield, who was a charter member of the lodge, which is a wonderfully beautiful specimen of typographical art. It is a series of memorial pages in book form, containing the date of the late President's affiliation with the various Masonic bodies with which he was connected, a succinct account of the funeral ceremonies at Cleveland and the resolutions adopted by the lodge at the stated communication held Monday, October 17th, A.D. 1881, A.L., 5881. A fine portrait accompanies the volume, and all in all it is probably the most chaste and elegant Masonic souvenir that has ever been issued. The report of the committee concludes as follows: "In thus honouring our Bro. Garfield, we honour Pentalpha Lodge; we honour all branches of Masonry; we honour America; we honour mankind."

REMEMBERED.—In 1881, Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of New York, very courteously entertained the members of De Molay Commandery of Boston, as they were returning from a pilgrimage to Richmond, Virginia. The kindness was not forgotten, and now Palestine is the recipient of a richly engrossed and handsomely framed set of resolutions as a testimonial thereto. This commandery contemplates a pilgrimage to Charleston, South Carolina, and to Boston, Massachusetts.

OPPOSITION.—The New York *Dispatch* has copied from our "Masonic Brevities" our remarks relative to much of the opposition to Freemasonry, and said, "This reminds us to say that one of the best means of accomplishing our aims and making known our principles is through the medium of public installations and other gatherings of the Craft, where the families and friends of the brethren being present, may learn to some extent what Masonry is, and the work it proposes to do. We inaugurated the custom in 1844, in the lodge of which we then Master—probably the first of such meetings, at least since the close of the Morgan excitement—and we have attended hundreds more since that time, and we declare our sincere belief that with the aid of the Press they have been largely instrumental in conciliating public esteem, and helping the institution to win its present exalted position. As one of the elder members of the literary guild of Masonry—and

we shall be the last to belittle the value of the Masonic Press—but the magnetism of personal effort, the opportunity to see the men in whose behalf the Press labours so diligently, is an adjunct not to be slighted."

WHAT FREEMASONRY TEACHES.—Freemasonry impressively enjoins upon all its votaries the study and practice of all the virtues. It uses the beehive as an appropriate emblem of systemized industry, and it requires all its members to intelligently, diligently and assiduously labour for wise and beneficent purposes. It cites the bee as a model-worker, and encourages its handi-craftsmen to emulate its skill and its excellence. It says that all Master Masons shall work honestly and live creditably; that they shall qualify themselves fully to earn wages, as a means of supporting themselves and their families, and of contributing to the relief of worthy distressed brethren, widows and orphans. It thus inculcates not only the necessity but also the nobility of systemized industry, as regards both the present and the future life. It places every other object as secondary or incidental to this. Using Dr. Mackey's words: "As Masons, we labour in our lodge to make ourselves a perfect building, without blemish, working hopefully for the consummation, when the house of our earthly tabernacle shall be finished, when the lost word of divine truth shall at last be discovered, and when we shall be found by our own efforts at perfection to have done God service." In short, the great aim of Masonic industry is to erect the Temple of the Soul, and to that purpose all the energies must be employed. In accomplishing this the pathway of life must be strewn with good deeds, genuine acts of faith, and hope, and love. In Gadick's language: "As we build neither a visible Solomonic Temple nor an Egyptian pyramid, our industry must become visible in works that are imperishable, so that when vanish from the eyes of mortals it may be said of us that our labour was well done. Like that of the busy bee our labour is to be for a grand purpose. It must furnish a nectar that is fit food for gods; it must be a blessing to ourselves and all around us; must be a worship of the true, the good, the sublime, and a perfect adoration of Jehovah, as our Father and Saviour. Again using Dr. Mackey's words: "We hear constantly of Freemasonry as an institution that inculcates morality, that fosters the social feeling, that teaches brotherly love; and all this is well, because it is true; but we must never forget that from its foundation-stone, to its pinnacle, all over its vast temple, is inscribed, in symbols of living light, the great truth that *labour is worship.*" By our faith and our works we are to praise the Lord our God, now and evermore. Is our industry thus systemized? If nay, then our work is not true, square, nor such as is wanted for the eternal temple, and it behoves us to go at once into the quarries and begin anew and aright, that we may not at last be rejected and cast into the endless rubbish.—*Voice of Masonry.*

DANCING IN LODGE ROOMS.

We find this in an American paper:—

"The propriety of dancing in a Masonic lodge-room is a subject that heretofore we have had no occasion to discuss. If such a practice has existed in this or any other grand jurisdiction, it has escaped our notice until quite recently, when we first saw dancing in one of the lodge-rooms in this city. At first it did not strike us as objectionable; as when not carried to excess and late hours we have always regarded dancing as a harmless and pleasant amusement, especially at social gatherings and private parties, or even at dancing clubs and other places where none are permitted to participate except those holding tickets of admission from a reliable committee. To be a graceful dancer is generally regarded as a desirable accomplishment in genteel society, and the sons and daughters of many of the best families are sent to dancing schools to acquire it. Granting then that there is no harm in dancing, under certain circumstances, is there any wrong in introducing it into our lodge-rooms upon festival occasions?"

"It has been wisely said that 'there is a time and place for all things.' Many things that people generally regard as harmless in themselves are not appropriate to all places and occasions. Under no circumstances would anyone think for a moment of dancing inside a church edifice. And why is this the case? It is not because all churches prohibit their members from dancing. Some churches do forbid it, others do not. But there are more or less members of every church who think that dancing is wrong, and their own consciences forbid it even if their church discipline does not. They do not attend dancing parties nor could they consistently permit dancing in their home parlour. As members of a church they would have the right to protest against dancing in any church building, but even that is not necessary, for a decent respect for their feelings, on the part of all, whether church members or not, prohibits such a suggestion. No one would even think of inviting such a person to any social gathering when there was to be dancing, without informing them of the fact. This consideration for the opinions and feelings of others is every way commendable and cannot be too highly regarded."

"Masonic halls are solemnly dedicated to Freemasonry. In the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons there are members of every church in the world. One of the principles of Masonry is to permit nothing inside a lodge-room to which any brother may justly take offence. This rule should be made to apply to social and festival occasions as well as to the regular meetings of the lodge. At such times not only Masons but their families are brought together. Is it right upon such an occasion to make a programme of entertainment that all cannot participate in without doing violence to their own consciences, and what they believe to be wrong? Among the families of all the members of a lodge there must be a large number who are opposed to dancing. There are a still larger number who sometimes dance, but who prefer not to do so around a Masonic altar with burning tapers beside it. All such must retire when the dancing begins, or, fearing to give offence by so doing, they remain unwilling spectators of what they believe to be wrong."

"On a recent festival occasion of one of the lodges in this city, in which there were some three hundred ladies and brethren present, all were highly entertained by an interesting address from a distinguished minister upon the subject of Freemasonry. He had hardly taken his seat when the band struck up a grand march, and then all were invited to "take partners for a quadrille." The wife of a

brother Mason sitting by our side, who has a high regard for Masonry, exclaimed, in great surprise, 'What, are they going to dance in the lodge-room? I would as soon think of dancing in a church.' On the opposite side of the hall, between two ladies who came with him, sat another distinguished minister, a Presiding Elder in the Methodist church, whose name appeared as Chaplain among the list of officers of the lodge, as printed on the back of the invitation we had received. We had no opportunity to enquire of him how he was enjoying himself, but seeing him there we were at once reminded that among the first lessons we received in Masonry was the important one that no man should ever engage in any important undertaking without first invoking a blessing of Deity. His services had not been called into requisition at the beginning of the exercises of the evening, nor were they at the supper table at the proper time. The propriety of dispensing with them under the circumstances could not be questioned."

"We have referred to the occasion here presented, not in any spirit of fault-finding, but simply as an illustration of the incongruous surroundings when dancing is introduced into a lodge-room. It must be evident to every one that they are not calculated to strengthen the bond of friendship and brotherly love among the membership of a lodge, nor to create a more favourable opinion of Masonry in any community."

"While confessing a weakness for dancing upon all proper occasions, a little reflection has fully satisfied us that a lodge-room is not a proper place for it. Festival occasions can be made quite as pleasant and enjoyable without it, and much more profitable to Masons and their families. A majority of those in attendance do not dance, and it must be poor satisfaction to them to spend an evening in seeing others enjoy themselves at their expense. If it is thought best to provide for dancing for those who can best enjoy themselves in that way, let it be in the ante-rooms or an adjacent hall, where they can get the full benefit of their favourite amusement without interfering with the happiness of others. All will then enjoy themselves better, and the lodge will have the satisfaction of knowing that no cause of offence has been given to any member or his family."—*Masonic Advocate.*

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD HENRY PATTEN, P.G.S.B.

Bro: Edward Henry Patten, Secretary for eleven years to the Royal Freemasons' School for Female Children, now called the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, died on Tuesday at his residence, Bolton Lodge, Eastbourne, at the age of eighty-three. He was for many years a resident of Camberwell, where he continued to live long after he was awarded a pension on his retirement from his Secretaryship in 1872. It was a paralytic stroke which caused his resignation, and universal sympathy was felt for him on the event, as he had been an admirable Secretary besides winning the good will and esteem of the brethren with whom he had become connected during a long Masonic life. At that time he had seen several generations of Masons out, but he was equally esteemed by the younger brethren who saw in him a careful guide to follow—a brother without that intense gush which makes some men support Masonry at all hazards, whether they can afford it or not.

Bro. Patten was one of the cautious school. His institution was founded on a rock, and he took care that he should not be the cause of tempests beating on it. True, in his day Masonry was a more quiet institution than it is now, and it had amongst its members then many more Masons of the worthy class than it has now. But cautious as he was, he brought the Girls' School to a noble position, though he had followed in the footsteps of even easier going Secretaries than himself. From the date of its foundation, in 1788, it kept on an almost sleepy course—at least, what would in these days be called a sleepy course—and the Secretary had to attend at his office only once a week for a couple of hours to receive subscriptions and answer enquiries. The other Institutions were on the same footing, and in the early part of the century even Grand Secretary had no more arduous duties to perform than to attend on Saturday evening at Freemasons' Tavern for a few hours "on the business of the Society."

Masonry was not in a much more impetuous course than this when Bro. Patten was initiated, on 13th January, 1825, in the Jordan Lodge, now 201, but it showed the thorough Masonic feeling of the man that he kept up his Masonry during all those steady going years of the Craft, and worked with alacrity at the business of the lodge. Four years after his initiation he became Master of the lodge, and nearly forty years later he joined the Grand Masters' Lodge, 1, of which the Lord Mayor (Sir J. Whitaker Ellis) is now the Master. He did not lose much time in joining the Royal Arch, for on the 11th March, 1834, he was exalted in the Jerusalem Chapter, 185, and in 1841 he became M.E.Z. of that chapter. Seven years after, the late Earl of Zetland made him Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. It is a comforting assurance for the brethren to know that a liberal pension, granted ten years ago, has lengthened the life of a most worthy Mason, for whom no one had a hard word to say, and who himself never had a hard word for any one.

The *Times*, of Thursday, in its obituary notices, says: "Edward Henry Patten died at Eastbourne on Tuesday, at the age of 83. Freemasons who are not yet gray know neither the name nor the man, but to the elder of the present generation both the name and the man are familiar. Fifty-seven years ago he was admitted into the Order in the Jordan Lodge, at a time when the Masonic Girls' Schools, to which he became Secretary twenty-two years ago, had a modest, unpretending house in St. George's-fields. When more than sixty years of age he was helping that Institution to become a gigantic educational establishment, and it was developing into a scheme far beyond his power to keep pace with, when a paralytic stroke compelled his retirement from eleven years' honorable energetic service. In 1872 he was awarded a pension by the Institution. He lived to see the Masonic Girls' School, which Chevalier Ruspini had founded in 1788, and which had afforded an inexpensive education and maintenance to daughters and orphans of poor Masons for nearly seventy years, grow into a school with receipts of £17,000 a year, which dispensed an unnecessarily costly education to 240 female children mostly drawn from the humbler ranks of life. He saw the unpretentious building in Lambeth closed and the present building in Battersca-rise built in 1851. After he

became its Secretary, in succession to the late Bro. Crew, he strove hard to increase the funds requisite for its support, and in this he was eminently successful. His example has been followed by his two successors, and an annual subscription, which was in his early days only equal to £1000, is now considered unworthy of the Craft if it has not five figures in its £ column. Bro. Patten wore the 'purple,' having been appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1848 by the late Earl of Zetland."

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

- COWELL.—On the 5th inst., at St. Ann's Cottage, Rosslyn-hill, Hampstead, the wife of Albert G. Cowell, of a daughter.
- M'CLURE.—On the 7th inst., at Veranda House, Worle, Somersetshire, the wife of T. M'Clure, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., of a son.
- NEAME.—On the 8th inst., at St. David's, Sydenham, the wife of G. H. Neame, of a daughter.
- PRYOR.—On the 7th inst., at Weston Manor, Herts, the wife of M. R. Pryor, Esq., of a daughter.
- ROSE.—On the 6th inst., at South Lodge, Campden-hill, the wife of Edward G. Rose, Esq., of a daughter.
- SMITH.—On the 7th inst., at Bromfelde Park, Clapham, the wife of H. Smith, of a son.
- WILLING.—On the 8th inst., at Rock Hall, Cricklewood, N.W., the wife of Mr. James Willing, jun., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- ELLIS—SCHOFIELD.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Peter's Church, Cranley-gardens, by the Hon. and Rev. T. E. C. Byng, P.G. Chap., Greyson Ellis, barrister-at-law, to Mildred Agnes Schofield, of Cranley-gardens.
- HAWKINS—MOSS.—On the 8th inst., at Christ Church, Sefton Park, Liverpool, by the Rev. Robert Irving, M.A., Frederick James Hawkins, to Annie Moss.
- MAY—SCOTT.—On the 5th inst., at St. Mildred's, Lec, Kent, Charles Nunn May, of Holmleigh, Grove Park, Lec, to Isabella, daughter of W. Scott, Esq., of St. Boswell's, Roxburghshire, N.B.
- SHORT—EVANS.—On the 5th inst., at the parish church, South Hackney, James Huron, son of T. Short, Esq., of Brant House, South Hackney, to Emmie Marion, daughter of the late F. W. Evans, Esq., of Highbury.
- STOEGER—LANE.—On the 5th inst., at St. Matthew's, Bayswater, Ernest Augustus Stoeger, of Dorset House, Ledbury-road, Bayswater, to Louisa B. S. Lane.

DEATHS.

- BAKER.—On the 6th inst., at Clifden, Gravesend, Caroline Jane, widow of T. E. Baker, Esq., J.P.
- DRAYTON.—On the 5th inst., at Brockley, Henry John Drayton, many years resident of Clarence-street, Islington.
- EVANS.—On the 4th inst., at Cromwell House, Maldon, Essex, Arthur Evans, aged 39.
- GIBBS.—On the 5th inst., at Marine-parade, Worthing, George Gibbs, in his 85th year.
- GRAHAM.—On the 31st ult., at Brighton, John Sainter Graham, son of Robert Graham, late of Doncaster, aged 57.
- MEEK.—On the 6th inst., at The Ferns, Great Berkhamstead, Richard Perry, son of the late R. Meek.
- PATTEN.—On the 8th inst., at his residence, Bolton Lodge, Eastbourne, Bro. Edward Henry Patten, P.G.S.B., late Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, aged 83.

THE TEMPLE OF DIANA.

It seems that further steps are about to be taken with a view to continuing the work of exploring the ruins of this celebrated Temple at Ephesus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In 1869, Mr. J. T. Wood, after a search of six years, was fortunate enough to discover its remains at a depth of more than twenty feet below the level. The trustees of the British Museum, who had already supplied the means with which to explore some of the public buildings in the ancient city, thereupon authorised the exploration of the Temple, and by the aid of government grants, amounting to £12,000, the work was continued for five years till 1874, when owing to the important excavations that were being proceeded with at Nineveh and Babylon, it was suspended. Though Mr. Wood had since made repeated applications to the Government for further supplies, the time had been unfavourable, and latterly it had been proposed to form an influential Committee, under the patronage of the Duke of Albany, P.G. Warden, and with Mr. Beresford Hope, M.P., as its president, with a view to resuming the explorations by means of funds raised by public subscriptions. To this end, a meeting was held a short time since at the Mansion House, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, who explained its object, and letters of sympathy with the movement having been read from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.; the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, P.G. Wardens; the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Manning, Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., Sir F. Leighton, P.R.A., and others. A motion was unanimously carried, that the completion of the work of excavating the Temple, was worthy of the nation, which, already in the British Museum, possessed the only portions of the beautiful sculpture as yet discovered, and that a subscription list be at once opened for the purpose. In our opinion this is an object worthy of the support of our Grand Lodge, which might fairly be asked to make its contribution, as it has done already more than once to the Palestine Exploration Fund.

Bro. 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.]



The Alhambra on Bank Holiday, at the morning performance was literally crammed with people. We have seen it before like this, but never filled with a more appreciative audience. Perhaps the ceasing from work for a day's holiday puts Londoners in a good temper. Certain it is every one seemed inside the theatre to be enjoying the programme of "Babil and Bijou," and when they came outside to feel that they had their money's worth. Bro. Holland, the acting, and we may say active manager, deserves all the praise accorded to him for the spectacular display he has brought out, which seems to have lost none of its popularity. Marian, the Amazon Queen, the giantess of eight feet two inches, requires to be seen to be believed. In Act II Bro. Harry Paulton is very amusing with his various tableaux of love. The Cooper's song, from "Boccaccio," was one of the best received songs, as also the chorus, "Spring, Spring, gentle Spring," sung by boys. The wheeling of some of the companies in the closing scene is as accurately performed as one sees it often by troops. The giantess was greeted with deafening applause, and Bro. Holland, by no means a small man, looked a dwarf by her side when he bowed his respects on being called upon.

"Drink" was revived at the Adelphi on Bank Holiday, Bro. Charles Warner again becoming *Coupeart*, Miss Amy Roselle, *Gerzaise*, and Miss Fanny Leslie, *Phæbe*. It is as likely as not to have another long run before it. For those of our readers who care for sensation we would send them here.

The Vaudeville re-opened on Monday evening with "Money." Miss Alma Murray now plays *Clara Douglass* in the place of Miss Ada Cavendish, and Miss Kate Phillips (Mrs. H. B. Conway) takes *Lady Franklin* in the place of Mrs. John Wood. Miss Goldney has taken *Georgina*, lately played by Miss Alma Murray. Old friends of the Vaudeville will be glad to see Miss Phillips and Miss Murray once more the leading ladies.

At the Olympic, on Monday, "Moths" was withdrawn, to emigrate to the provinces until the end of the year, when, as it has lost none of its popularity, it will be again brought to London. In its place an American play, "Fun on the Bristol," was produced. The whole of the company are Americans. The Bristol is the name of a gigantic steamer famous in American waters, and the action takes place in the various divisions of the boat. Our provincial contemporaries have been unanimous in their commendation of the merits of the "eccentric musical oddity," as it is called. "Fun on the Bristol" was preceded by a comedietta by Bro. Howard Paul, "Following the Ladies," in which the author appeared.

The Grecian Theatre has not yet come into the hands of General Booth. Mr. Hilder has given the people of Hoxton and City-road a melodrama called "Guilty or Not Guilty." There is a great deal of fun and serious interest involved in the episode which it would take too much of our space to detail. We hope that for long this well-conducted house may continue to exist for the exhibition of drama and also for the recreation of dancing, which the East-ender loves in his—we may also add with greater emphasis in her—way. We have never been able to see why, if balls are respectable for the "Upper Ten," in my lady's ball-room, dancing should not be as innocent and enjoyable amongst the lower classes. Yet there is a certain class of the public who connect the "light fantastic" of the artisan and small tradesman with drunkenness, and would put it down with a firm hand. We would advise some of our West-end friends to visit such places as the Grecian, and see if there is not less immorality there than is the consequence of many balls in high life.

Bros. Henry Irving and Toole made eloquent speeches at the annual dinner of the Royal General Theatrical Fund at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 3rd ult. The large sum of £1000 was announced as the proceeds of the evening, including a hundred guineas from the Queen. Bros. the Lord Mayor, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bancroft, C. W. Thompson, and Capt. Shaw, were amongst the two hundred guests.

Bro. Henry Irving is spending his well-earned holiday at Filey, near Scarborough. He will re-open the Lyceum next month with *Romeo and Juliet*, and an alteration of cast.

Bro. Bancroft and Mrs. Bancroft are spending their vacation on the Continent. During the interval the Haymarket will be re-decorated, and several alterations made for the public good. The theatre will re-open next month with the "Overland Route," in which Mr. David James will appear.

Another theatre is spoken of in the Strand district, at the back of Fountain-court and the Divan. The plans have been prepared and approved of by the Metropolitan Board of Works.

"Rip Van Winkle" is spoken of as the new opera at the Comedy Theatre, but it will first be played at Brighton and elsewhere.

The Philharmonic Theatre at Islington is about to be rebuilt and enlarged, under the direction of Mr. Matcham. This house was long the home of "Genevieve de Brabant," one of our popular comic operas.

Owing, not to a typical error, but to a difficulty in reading the manuscript, we stated in our issue of the 29th ult., that the new theatre for Mr. Charles Wyndham, in Northumberland-avenue will have a "marble stage," it should have been a "moveable stage." This will be divided into two parts, that whilst the play is proceeding on one half, the stage carpenters and scene lifters will be

getting the other half ready. The curtain between the acts will only be dropped for a moment to mark the change of the scene, and to enable the stage to be turned round on its pivot. This will be the first theatre in England—we believe, in Europe—to have a moveable stage. By this arrangement the audience will not be kept so long inside the building. The writer apologises for the error he caused us to make in our issue of the 29th July.

We shall notice the novelties at Drury Lane, "Pluck," and "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at Her Majesty's Theatre, next week.

The Strand Theatre will be re-opened, after almost re-building, in October. Mr. John S. Clarke will again delight London in Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." Bro. Swanborough promises us also new comic operas and comedies.



Saturday evening witnessed the inauguration at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, of Mr. A. Gwyllym Crowe's second season of Promenade Concerts. Though only the brief period of a fortnight had been at his disposal for making the necessary arrangements, the result was a complete success. In that short time, however, under the auspices of Messrs. Jones and Barber, of Alexandra Palace fame, a most wonderful transformation had taken place. The whole space behind the proscenium has been turned into a market place in a southern Spanish town, with its characteristic old shops and houses, old Moorish gateways, a steep rocky hill surmounted by a dismantled fortress of the ancient kings, &c., while the refreshment buffets, with female attendants in becoming Spanish costume, kept up the character of an Andalusian Market, and helped capitolly to preserve the illusion. To Mr. Bruce Smith belongs the credit of having prepared this highly picturesque scene. In front of the orchestra a considerable space is occupied with fixed chairs, for which no extra charge is made, while the Floral Hall has been most comfortably fitted up as a smoking lounge, and the building is illuminated most brilliantly by means of the electric light. As to the musical provision which Mr. Crowe has succeeded in making for the entertainment of the public, it should be noted in the first place that he has gathered together a numerous orchestra of skilled musicians, all of whom with a single exception are English, and among whom are such well-known artistes as Mr. Carrodus (leader), Mr. Doyle, Mr. Howard Reynolds, (cornet) Mr. Barrett, Mr. S. Hughes, Mr. E. Howell, Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Julian Egerton. In the next place, the principal vocalists include Miss Elly Warnots, Madame Enriquez, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Mr. Thurley Beale; and lastly, the programme contained a selection of choice music, varied enough to meet every description of taste. On his appearance in the orchestra, Mr. Crowe met with a most enthusiastic reception from a house that was full to overflowing, and never once missed an opportunity of expressing its satisfaction with what it saw and what it heard. The first part of the concert on Saturday opened with Rossini's overture to "La Gazza Ladra," which was played with great delicacy. Then followed in succession the ballet music from Gounod's "Faust," the andante con moto from Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony," and the slow movement from the same master's violin concerto, Mr. Carrodus's rendering of which excited the enthusiasm of the audience. The andante and rondo from Mendelssohn's "Concerto in G Minor," in which the pianoforte was assigned to Miss Florence Waud, and a grand selection from "Tannhäuser," to which the band of the Coldstream Guards, under Bro. F. Godfrey, lent weight and power, were also included; while the vocal portion comprised Herold's "Jours de mon Enfance," from the "Pré aux Clercs," with violin obligato by Mr. Carrodus, which was sung in substitution for "Rode's Air" with variations, by Miss Elly Warnots, with such exquisite taste and perfect vocalisation that it was re-demanded; Pissuti's "Bugler," by Mr. Thurley Beale; the same composer's "Heaven and Earth," by Madame Enriquez, and Brinley Richards's "Anita," by Mr. Vernon Rigby; the last two being also re-demanded. The second part included, besides other songs by the same artists, Bro. F. Godfrey's popular selection of English melodies by the combined bands, the gavotte from "Mignon," and the grand march from Gounod's "La Reine de Saba." On Monday, of course, the house was again crowded, and the audience again testified their satisfaction with the programme and the manner in which it was carried out, while, on Tuesday, Mr. Redfern Hollins figured among the vocalists; the songs assigned to him being Richards's "Love's Regret" and Brahms's "Old Sea Song."

At Abergavenny, on Monday, Mr. Brinley Richards, after remarking on the great improvement which had been made of late years in choral singing in Wales, adjudged the £100 prize to the choir of Dowlais Harmonic Society, and a gold medal to the conductor, Mr. Dan Davies.

As we anticipated last week, the very attractive programme offered by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, at the Crystal Palace on Bank Holiday, drew a large concourse of people from all parts of the metropolis, the number of those present being not far short of 45,000. In respect of music, the provision left nothing to be desired, there being an *Orchestral Concert*, conducted by Mr. A. Manns, at 12.30 p.m.; performances by the Bands of the Royal Engineers, at 1.30 p.m., and Scots Guards, at 5.30; Organ Recitals, by Mr. A. J. Eyre, at 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.; a grand combined Military Concert (Royal Engineers and Scots Guards), at 8 p.m., together with performances at intervals by the Bands of Her Majesty's Customs' Volunteers, of the Kensington and Chelsea Schools, and the Company's Military Band.

Equally attractive was the programme arranged on the same occasion by Messrs. Jones and Barber at the Alexandra Palace, both the palace and the park surrounding it being thronged all the day through with visitors.

Here, too, music played a prominent part in the day's entertainment, there being no less than three separate Ballad Concerts—English, Scotch, and Irish—two performances of Jullien's British Army Quadrilles, which were received with enthusiasm, and two variety concerts, with Fred Coyne, Geo. Leybourne, and H. Rickards among the artistes, to say nothing of the Al Fresco Concerts in the grove and by the triple lakes. In fact, music was to be heard all day long, and amazingly delighted the public who were present.



In the year 1830 the existence of gold in the basins of the Upper Yenesei, and its tributaries, the Upper and Middle Tanguska, in Siberia, was discovered, and M. Macsvikoff, who holds the concession of the Pasky deposit, is said to have spent £50,000 before he realised an ounce of the precious metal. Since then, however, he has reaped an immense profit on the venture, and the value of the yield in the whole of the district is now set down as £1,200,000 per annum.

It is greatly to be regretted that owing to the impoverished state of the Orphan Fund of the Printers' Pension Corporation, the Committee find themselves compelled to forego this year the usual election of children, the fund being indebted to the bankers to the extent of over £400. On the other hand, the claims upon the resources of the institution go on increasing, while pensions to the extent of £1800 and free residence are provided for twenty-four aged printers and widows. It is to be hoped that benevolent people will come forward and support so deserving an institution.

According to Mr. F. W. North's report, as just issued by the Department of Mines, of the Natal Government, the Natal coal field contains 2,073 million tons of coal.

Acting on medical advice, Professor Blackie, who has held the Greek chair in the University of Edinburgh for thirty years, has resigned the appointment.

The premises of the Finsbury Technical College are expected to be ready for occupation some time in the course of October.

A monument has recently been placed in St. Paul's Cathedral in memory of the late Sir Edwin Landseer, whose body has quietly reposed in the fine basilica erected by Sir Christopher Wren since 31st October, 1873. It stands close by the tomb of Sir John Rennie, the great engineer, and next to that of Wren, and consists of a mural marble tablet, sculptured by Mr. Thomas Woolner, R.A. On the upper part is a medallion portrait of Sir Edwin, resting on corbels, on which are carved the heads of the four lions modelled by the late artist for Nelson's Monument in Trafalgar-square. Above are a painter's palette and brushes, while below is a bas-relief, representing one of the painter's most pathetic and popular works, "The Shepherd's Chief Mourner." A more appropriate design could not have been selected, and it is needless to say that Mr. Woolner has done his work with his accustomed taste and skill.

At the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Lycées of Paris and Versailles, held on Wednesday last at the Sorbonne, M. Zevort, Director of Secondary Education, President, M. Talbot, Professor of Rhetoric in the Lycée Fontanes, delivered a very eloquent address on "L'Idée dans l'Éducation Moderne," in which he pointed out that modern education did not sacrifice the mind to the body, but assigned to each its proper share of attention.

The British Museum has lately become the fortunate possessor of a very fine collection of Chaldean antiquities, from the same site as those in the Louvre, which had previously been obtained by M. de Sarzac, as the result of his explorations in Mesopotamia. Some interesting remarks on them by "A Member of the Society of Biblical Archaeology" will be found in the last number of *Knowledge*.

On Friday last, the members of the International Meteorological Congress assembled in Copenhagen had the honour of dining with His Majesty the King of Denmark.

The Wiltshire Archaeological Society, a three days' meeting of which was held last week at Malmesbury under the presidency of Lord Edward Fitzmaurice, M.P., has been very fortunate in its explorations. At Avebury have been discovered some large "sarsen" stones buried beneath the turf of a meadow, sixteen belonging to the outer circle and two to the northern temple. At Winterborne nine stones have been routed out from beneath the surface of the ground, in addition to five previously discovered, while in February, at Overton Hill, there was exhumed a fine skeleton and a rude urn, now in the Society's museum.

On Friday last, Dr. John Boyd Baxter died at Dundee, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He took a great interest in educational matters; and last year, in conjunction with Miss Baxter, of Ellangowan, gave £130,000 for founding a College in Dundee.

In the spring of next year, an expedition to explore the snowy mountains in East Central Africa, will be undertaken under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society, and will be conducted by Mr. James Thompson. It is now proposed that that gentleman, who is primarily a geologist, should be accompanied by a botanist and a zoologist, with a view to making adequate investigation in the branches of natural history, with which they are respectively connected. It is further understood that a memorial to raise funds for the purpose, will be submitted at the approaching meeting at Southampton, of the British Association.



The annual installation meeting of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, 1182, was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday last, the 10th inst., when Bro. T. O. Dutton was placed in the chair of honours. A report of the proceedings will appear in due course.

Bro. Alderman Potts, J.P., P.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, 94, Sunderland, was, on the 2nd inst., the recipient of a presentation, taking the form of a portrait of himself, presented by the members of the lodge. The W. Brother, in thanking the brethren, expressed a wish that the picture might be allowed to hang in the lodge-room. Bro. John Riseborough, the respected Treasurer of the lodge, was also, on the 12th ult., presented with a handsome time-piece and a pair of gold spectacles, in acknowledgment of his eighteen years' service in that office.

The usual Wednesday evening meetings of the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, 228, held at Bro. Wardroper's, the Prince Alfred, Crowndale-road, Camden Town, are adjourned till the first Wednesday in September.

Bro. D. Macliver, 30°, sails in the Servia, for New York (to-day) Saturday. He is specially accompanied by the Baldwin Encampment, which claims to be the parent of Knight Templary in America, to represent them at the great ceremonial to be held at Philadelphia in October.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland (the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., Grand Master), will be held on the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, College-street, Whitehaven. The lodge will be held under the banner of the Fletcher Lodge.

Bro. Justice Cave, P.G.J.W., has delivered an important judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in the High Court of Justice respecting the case of Harry Wall, who continually summons innocent persons for singing songs in public without his leave, he having purchased the copy-right. Bro. Justice Cave has upheld Mr. Wall in his legal right of suing. We trust that the measure introduced into Parliament will pass this session abolishing this law.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough has now realised the sum of £36,543 by the sale of the Sunderland Library from Blenheim Palace. There are still two more divisions to be sold, which will probably occupy ten days each, and will not take place until November.

Bro. the Hon. and Rev. T. E. C. Byng, P.G. Chap., celebrated the marriage, on the 3rd inst., at St. Peter's Church, Cranley-gardens, of Mr. Greyson Ellis, barrister-at-law, with Miss Mildred Agnes Schofield, of Cranley-gardens.

Bro. Lord Robarts has recently given a donation of £500 to the Bishop of London's Fund.

Bro. the Marquis and the Marchioness of Bath have left Berkeley-square for the season for their charmingly situated residence, Longleat, Wiltshire, recently visited by the Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master of Rutlandshire has left Brown's Hotel for Stanaton Royal.

The Duke of Northumberland, K.G., father of Bro. the Earl Percy, M.P., received the new Bishop of Newcastle on Thursday at St. Nicholas's Pro-Cathedral Church, on behalf of the laity of the diocese, he being the Lord Lieutenant of the county.

Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres took part in the debate in the House of Lords last week on the Electric Lighting Bill. Our noble brother is, like his late father, a man of sense and deep learning.

Bro. G. J. Palmer has been elected a delegate of the London Diocesan Conference for the parish of St. Philip, Clerkenwell.

The Archbishop of Canterbury entertained the stewards of the recent festival held at the Merchant Taylor's Hall of the Sons of the Clergy Corporation. The stewards who were his grace's guests included Bros. John Derby Allcroft, one of the Treasurers, and Treasurer of Christ's Hospital and the Aldersgate Lodge; the Lord Mayor; Horace B. Marshall, C.C.; and Sir Reginald Hanson. The banquet was held in the state room of Lambeth Palace.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., Bro. the Lord Mayor, and Bro. Alderman Fowler have been appointed on the Committee of the Drake Memorial.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. Shaw Lefevre, Chief Commissioner of Works, has stated, in reply to Mr. T. P. O'Connor, that "no evil had resulted from the public bands in the parks on Sunday, but on the contrary, they give eminent enjoyment to many thousands of people."

Bro. W. S. Gilbert and Bro. Lord Wolverton were proposed as members of the London Yacht Club, the former by Rear-Admiral H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and seconded by Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, who also seconded Bro. the Earl of Suffield's nomination of Mr. E. Guinness. Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart seconded Mr. E. Collins as a member, but he and the two brethren mentioned were not elected by the members of the club.

Bro. Col. Stanley, M.P., has been informed by the Secretary of State for War, that the Government have no intention at present to embody the Militia.

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Brabourne, a director of the Vitruvian Continental Railway Company has sent a resolution, passed by the director, to the President of the Board of Trade, condemnatory of the Board's having stopped the Channel Tunnel Works.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Wharnccliffe have returned to Wortley Hall, Sheffield, after a recent visit to Rowntown Abbey.

Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal, P.G. Chap., Canon of Winchester, Rector of Burghclere, and Chaplain to Bro. the Pro Grand Master, has written a letter to the *Guardian* in favour of Home Missions of the Church of England.

Bro. the Rev. William Barker, M.A., vicar of St. Mary, West Cowes, and Chaplain in Ordinary to Her Majesty, has been designated by the Prime Minister, with the sanction of the Queen, to the rectory of Marylebone, in succession to the Rev. Charles James Phipps Eyre, M.A., who is resigning.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., has graciously consented to preside at the anniversary dinner in aid of the funds of the National Orphan Home, at Willis's Rooms, on Tuesday, 7th November.

On Wednesday morning last the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, under Bro. Col. Shaw-Hellier, consisting of 31 officers and 574 non-commissioned officers and men and 63 officers' horses, 464 troopers' horses, two water carts, and eight other carts, left Aldershot for the East. The regiment was conveyed from Farnborough Station, South-Western Railway, to Southampton by five special trains.

The fiftieth annual meeting of the British Medical Association commenced on Tuesday last at Worcester, where it was originally founded as a provincial association. The new President, Bro. Dr. Strange, of Worcester, in delivering the inaugural address, entered into the past and the present position of the medical profession generally.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending Aug. 10th, was 977.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.C.M.G., is one of the directors of the Severn Oyster and Salmon Fish Company Limited now being floated.

The V.W. Immediate Past Grand Master of Scotland and Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart, are staying at Ardgowan near Greenock.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Onslow are residing at Cannes for a short time.

Bros. the Duke of Manchester, the Duke of Athole, and the Marquis of Hamilton, with their ladies and Lady Donoughmore, wife of Bro. Earl Donoughmore were amongst those that wished "God speed" to the Guards who sailed in the Orient with Bro. the Duke of Connaught.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has given many banquets during his year of office, but none more highly appreciated than the dinner recently given, for the first time, to the Incorporated Law Society. The guests included Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes; J. M. Clabon, C. W. Thompson, R. T. Wragg, P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; and Beaumont Morice.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore is trustee of the European, American, Canadian, and Asiatic Cable Company.

The Marquis of Winchester, Mr. C. J. Monk, M.P., Lord Penryn, and Lord Colchester were amongst those at Divine service in the private chapel of St. James's Palace on Sunday. Bros. Winn, Beckett, Hodges, and Birch were the gentlemen of the choir. Purcell's anthem, "O give thanks," was sung. Bro. Jeykyl, P.G.O., presided at the organ.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has become a patron of the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society.

R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. Grand Master, Durham, Vice-Commodore of the Royal Yacht Club, has been in the Roads, at Cowes, on board his new yacht, Cornelia, where a numerous company was assembled for the regatta during the week, including the Prince of Wales, R.W.G.M., and the Princess and Princesses of Wales, who arrived in time to welcome the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, after their two years' voyage on board the Bacchante.

In the unavoidable absence of Commodore, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, Vice-Commodore, presided, in London, at the annual meeting of the Thames Yacht Club.

Bro. Alderman Hadley was amongst the Directors who attended the usual meeting of the South Eastern Railway Company.

Bro. Beaumont Morice, L.L.B. 1827, appeared before the Royal Commission in the Pollution of the Thames, on behalf of the Committee dealing with the Lower Thames sewage.

Bro. Alderman Knight, who will be the next Lord Mayor, presided at the distribution of prizes at Lady Hollis's Middle Class School for Girls, at Hackney, and, in the name of the girls, presented testimonials to the head and two next mistresses.

Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale was knocked down by a cab opposite the Mansion House the other day. Bro. the Duke of Manchester, who was walking with him, whilst attempting to rescue the Marquis, was almost run over by a van. The Marquis was pulled up by an American gentleman, and the noble Duke only escaped by his own activity.

Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn and Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke have been staying at Brighton lately.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury has opened the new wing of the seaside home of the Young Men's Christian Association at Margate.

Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh has been appointed a Commissioner under the Scottish Educational Endowments Bill.

The Very Reverend the Dean of Lichfield is about to lead to the altar Miss Mary Wyde-Browne, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Whitmore Wyde-Browne, of Bridgnorth.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Baynes, G. Chap. Kent, united in marriage, at All Soul's, Langham-place, on the 29th ult., the son of the late Mr. J. Buckstone to a daughter of the late Mr. Charles Measor.

Bro. Edwin Freshfield's firm, Freshfield and Williams, has been appointed solicitors to the Land Corporation of Ireland.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P., will go under canvas with the the Derbyshire Rifle Volunteers, at Wynstay Park, Ruabon, for a week.

Bro. ex-Under-Sheriff Crawford, son-in-law of Bro. Alderman Sir Francis W. Truscott, was the hon. secretary and treasurer of the fund for presenting a testimonial to the Rev. Lloyd Jones, on his relinquishing the chaplaincy of Newgate gaol, which he has held for seventeen years. Under the Prisons Act of 1878, Newgate passed from the Corporation into the hands of the Government, who have dispensed with it as a gaol, and the governor and other officials have been pensioned off or passed to other prisons. Bro. Sir R. Hanson presented the testimonial last Tuesday week to Mr. Lloyd Jones. As a proof of the good the reverend gentleman has done as chaplain, some of those who were prisoners have given him a table in token of the gratitude and kind assistance given by him to them, enabling them to lead reformed lives.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough has arrived at Southampton in his yacht from Norway, with the Duke of Roxburgh. Both the dukes have gone to Blenheim Palace, Woodstock.

Bro. Pearce Morrison, Chairman of the Committee, presided at the dinner of the City of London School Committee after the distribution of prizes by the Lord Mayor. Among Bro. Morrison's guests were Bro. Sir Charles Whetham, Bro. Deputy Crispe, Bro. Deputy Brass, Bro. Rev. J. Harris, Bro. Sir John Bennett, Bro. Altman, C.C.; Bro. Capt. Youle, and Bro. W. H. Pannell. The speeches were to the point, and a most enjoyable evening passed away under Bro. Morrison's presidency. Bro. Morrison's year of office will be specially marked by the opening of the new school on the Thames Embankment in October, when Royalty will probably be present. Bro. Barrow Emanuel is the architect.

Bro. Henry Wright, amongst others sympathising with his cause, was one of the first callers upon the ex-king Cetywayo.

Bro. Sir Henry Edwards asked the Secretary of State for War if he was satisfied as to the results of calling out the Army Reserve. Mr. Childers expressed himself on being well satisfied with the results.

Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain, will read a paper on the Church Congress at Derby in October, on "The Church in Relation to Domestic and Social Life." Our Very Rev. Brother will take "the Upper Classes." Canon Erskine Clarke will take in hand under the same heading "The Dwellings of the Poor," and the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave "The Recreations of the People."

Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., will read a paper at the Derby Church Congress on "The Central Council of Diocesan Conferences."

The Lodge of Utah has refused to admit Mormons into Masonry.

Bro. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., has joined the directorate of the Albert Exhibition Palace Company, Limited, which is formed to buy up the Dublin Exhibition and remove it to Battersea Park for entertainments and exhibitions.

Bro. Lord Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland, will be amongst those taking part in September, at Preston, on the occasion of the visit of Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Albany, to witness the procession of the Guilds. Their Royal Highnesses will stay with Bro. Lord Lathom at Ormskirk. The Duke of Albany will lay, with full Masonic honours, the foundation-stone of the new library, for which £100,000 has been left by the late Mr. E. Harris.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Breadalbane have left Harcourt House, Cavendish-square, for Auchmore, Perthshire, their Scotch seat.

Colonel Yolland, R.E., has just completed his third inspection of the Channel Tunnel works, on behalf of the Board of Trade. He has found that since the second inspection, a fortnight ago, the heading has been advanced seventy yards. This brings up the total length of heading below low water mark to 800 yards. The direction is seawards.—*Globe*.

In connection with the agitation amongst the Irish police, an official letter was received on Thursday morning by the county inspector at Limerick, directing him to parade the men and inform them that their requests would be granted, and that Government would at once appoint a Special Commission to enquire into their grievances. The grant of £180,000 is to be forthwith distributed. The men are entirely satisfied, and at a subsequent meeting votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Henry for his kindly feeling to the force.

On Thursday morning at the Mansion House the Lord Mayor, at the request of the local committee of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, publicly presented to the crew of the Freemasons' lifeboat, Albert Edward, stationed at Clacton-on-Sea, the gold and silver medals, each with a certificate, forwarded by the French Government, through the Board of Trade, in recognition of their gallantry in saving the whole crew, sixteen in number, of the French steam fishing vessel Madeline, of Boulogne, which was wrecked on the Gunfleet-sand, near Clacton, in October last. Mr. Harman, of Clacton, narrated the circumstances of the rescue, and stated that, since the lifeboat had been stationed there, four years ago, it had saved seventy-six lives. The Lord Mayor addressed to the crew some appropriate remarks, and handed them the French medals and certificates.

The Prince of Wales will open the new concert pavilion on Southsea Pier on Monday afternoon next. The opening will take the form of a vocal and instrumental concert, which has been organised by the Mayor on behalf of the Royal College of Music.

Extensive alterations are in progress at Drumlanrig Castle, the Nithsdale residence of the Duke of Buccleuch, in anticipation of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen. No date has yet been definitely fixed for the event, however.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived at Alexandra on Thursday last.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Prov. G.M. for Cornwall, was present at the annual distribution of prizes on board the Mount Edgumbe training ship, at Plymouth, on Wednesday last, held under the presidency of Admiral Sir Houston Stewart.

