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ALL our readers will be sorry to hear of the death of Lord TENTERDEN, Provincial Grand Master for Essex. A distinguished official in the public service, a zealous Freemason, and a kind and courteous member of society, his premature decease is a great loss to the country, to his friends, and to Freemasonry.

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MANY of our readers will learn with extreme regret that our esteemed Bro. JOHN HAYERS is lying on a bed of sickness, and enduring much suffering from a painful illness. Some of us will recall many years of active service for the Craft; some of us will be reminded of those high qualities of heart and head which gave our distinguished friend and brother at one time such great and prevailing influence in the councils of the Craft, before that he had all but retired from active participation in Freemasonry. All of us will offer a word of sympathy to an old friend and so devoted a servant of our great Order now greatly afflicted, and feel much and earnest interest in one who has done so much for, and deserved so well of, English Freemasonry.

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WE understand that the next elections for the Schools will be closely contested; that of the Boys' specially promises to be very severe indeed. On the last occasion there was no voting for the Girls' School, all being elected, and though some have asked the question whether the remaining thirteen could not be also elected this, we apprehend that that is solely a matter for the executive to settle, both in respect of its prudence and possibility; yet we are inclined to doubt whether there is really room for so large an increase, and whether it is not an unwise precedent to create, to establish this constant adding to the expenses of our great Institutions. In the Girls' School, they have first the swimming bath and then the drains to pay for, and any needless increase of annual expenditure is much to be deprecated this year. The Boys' School has as much to do as it can conveniently manage. The scheme for the preparatory school seems for want of support to "hang fire;" and we would earnestly impress upon our readers the advisability of paying their subscriptions to this fund at once, not only to get their own double votes, but to help forward a most needful and important effort for the efficiency and advantage of the Boys' School.

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WE are much pleased to announce to the Craft that H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, as M.W. Grand Master, has graciously consented to have the noble "History of Freemasonry," by Bro. R. F. GOULD, dedicated to His Royal Highness. We sincerely congratulate both author and publisher on the compliment thus paid them, and consider that the merit of the first volume fully justifies the distinction thus conferred, as we believe it will be the Masonic work of this century.

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WE often have complaints of inadequate accommodation at Freemasons' Hall for the growing needs of the Craft, and numerous suggestions are made to us from time to time with respect to erecting a new hall, on other sites, in other localities. We frequently ask ourselves when we read such letters, or hear such remarks, do our good brethren realize what they are asking for? or do they see clearly what they profess to want? We doubt the fact very

much. Freemasons' Hall is a wonderfully convenient site for the majority of our brethren, and affords sufficient accommodation for normal meetings. A much larger hall would, we think, be a mistake; too great a building an encumbrance. It is true we want some adjuncts to Freemasons' Hall. We want a convenient waiting-room for those who come to see the GRAND SECRETARY on business. We want a library and a museum. We want a small Committee-room, which might be obtained by Freemasons, at a small sum, to hold meetings connected with Freemasonry. But these additions are procurable, and not at a ruinous cost. Were we to "make tracks," we should have the land to buy,—no cheap procedure in London just now,—and should find ourselves landed in building expenses, of which it is impossible to guess the total. Then we should have a battle of sites, as on this point, we apprehend, great adversity of opinion would exist in our body. True it is that we could sell our buildings in Great Queen-street for a considerable sum, but not sufficient to recoup us for a large and probably unavoidable expenditure. It is just possible, indeed, that before long, our authorities may have no option in the matter. In the great alterations and scheme for enlarging the thoroughfares even now before the Metropolitan Board of Works, Lincoln's-inn and Little Queen-street will be seriously affected. It may be that for one cause or another Great Queen-street may cease to be a desirable central point or official home of English Freemasonry, and "volentes volentes" our authorities may have to find another site for Freemasons' Hall. When that day comes we have every confidence in our executive that they will alike consider on the one hand the claims of proper economy, and the needs of an increasing and prosperous Brotherhood on the other.

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THE close of the Egyptian campaign is alike a matter of great rejoicing at home in all "our quiet lands," and reflects the greatest credit on all ranks of our gallant army and navy, and their skilful and energetic commanders. The result of the Egyptian mutiny is another proof that when England is thoroughly roused she never strikes in vain, and may serve as a useful warning to some who affect to say or think that her power is waning, her prestige is dimmed. When all has been done so well, and provided for so liberally; when the needs and requirements of warfare have all been carefully foreseen and organized, we are inclined to believe that the report of one of the newspaper correspondents that our brave wounded were not properly attended at Alexandria, and left untended and without food for hours in the burning sun on the quays, is either a gross exaggeration or a foolish "canard." Such a fact, if it were a fact, would make us all very indignant at home, for no one deserves better of his country than does "Tommy Atkins." But remembering certain authentic telegraphic despatches, and the tendency to make mountains out of molehills, and the necessity incumbent on reporters on the field of writing something, we are inclined to put these extraordinary paragraphs down to that exuberance of imagination and that fatal facility of penmanship in which some of those who have filled the columns of our contemporaries have been wont to indulge. Let us all hope that it will turn out to be so.

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WE shall all have been deeply struck with the account of the German Sausage Manufactory, and dead and diseased "Horses." Some of us have a partiality for sausages, and not a few of us for German sausages, but for some time to come we shall feel uneasy when we hear the word "sausage," our functional susceptibilities will be roused, our inner psychology stirred. And yet why should we be astonished at this industrious citizen, who gives a trusting public putrid horse flesh instead of good meat, and pays cheerfully a fine of £20 properly inflicted by the Magistrate, showing us among other things that nothing is so successful as success? After all he is only doing what others do; adulteration is rife amongst us, in the food we eat, in the liquids we drink. Our contemporary, the *Observer*, thus enlarges upon the fact: "Adulteration, or as Mr. BRIGHT has been pleased to call it, trade competition, is a very serious evil. The indignation with which TENNYSON denounces the rogue who 'pestles a poisoned poison

behind his crimson lights,' is far from misplaced. Acknowledged facts speak sufficiently for themselves. No man can afford to buy sound bitter beer from a brewer of established reputation and to retail it at two pence for the half-pint. Jam, if made at home by the most economical and thrifty of housewives, costs more for each pound than jam can be purchased for at West End shops, after the profits of the manufacturer and of the retail dealer are supposed to have been satisfied. Minor revelations can be found in any number by those who will have the diligence to consult the pages of the *Lancet*, or of any other medical journal of established position. Ground coffee is adulterated with chicory, chicory with beans, and beans again with roasted horse liver. Cayenne pepper is mixed with red lead and flour; mustard with turmeric and gamboge; and even the harmless powder which is supposed to soothe the skins of babies and of delicate females has its weight increased by the addition of chalk and gypsum; while the chalk and gypsum are rendered actually poisonous by a further adulteration with arsenic. Gypsum is cheaper than orris-root; arsenic is cheaper than gypsum. 'Caveat emptor.' As for the abominable compounds which are sold as butter, cheese, Congou tea, potted meat, pickles, and tinned soup, it is often impossible to give them in ordinary society the exact measure of condemnation which they deserve. And the worst is that there seems to be little, if any, shame about the matter." The only consolation the poor suffering public and humble customers have, is that every now and then these little tricks of trade are found out, and then come the great sentence of the law and public exposure and indignation. Still, the evil goes on. What can be done to check it, to stop it?

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.—I.

Naturally, the attention of the English Craft has, for sometime, been directed to the proposed revision of the "Book of Constitutions," and already several provinces have considered the various alterations in detail; the only one, however which as yet, has published its report is that of Cornwall. So far as we have been able to discover, the brethren generally have warmly supported the revision, at least in all its important details; and whilst there will doubtless be several other changes or additions proposed, it is likely that in the main, the new Book of Constitutions will be what the indefatigable and zealous Committee have adopted.

It should be remembered, that the present *re-arrangement* of the laws of the Grand Lodge of England is well described by that title, for it is practically much more than a revision, the rules, as the Committee state, being arranged methodically, having regard to their bearing and sequence. In this respect, it is the first of its kind since 1815,* when the laws of the "United Grand Lodge of England," were issued. Since then, including the corrections of 1819, the several editions of 1827, 1841, 1847, 1853, 1855, 1858, 1861, 1863, 1867 and 1873 have all followed the somewhat faulty arrangement of that of 1815, and in reality each successive edition has only served to increase the confusion and peculiarities of the compilation. The issues of 1815 and 1827 were styled "The Second Part;" the *first*, however, was never issued, but as it would have contained the strange "hash" of Masonic history to be found in the editions of last century, altered probably but in few particulars, the omission is rather to be commended.

The great merit of the present compilation consists in its being entirely re-arranged, and, in many respects, re-written, so as to bring the whole of the old rules retained and the proposed new regulations into one compact whole. The order observed throughout cannot be improved upon, and, with or without an index, there is now no difficulty in finding the rules which relate to any particular subject. The marginal notes to the numerous paragraphs, of themselves invaluable to facilitate reference to the laws, form, when collected, a copious index, and are really the best possible evidence of the methodical compilation which it is proposed to substitute for the current edition of the laws. All who have consulted the "Constitutions," say for the last twenty years, must have noticed how the constant alterations and additions made, kept on increasing the difficulties of the Masters of lodges and others who sought to have an intelligent apprehension of their Masonic duties.

Then again, the numbering of the several paragraphs, following the forty-seven different headings, was found to be unnecessarily awkward and misleading; and a most cumbersome mode of description was required to point out any laws referred to. Now, all these difficulties are entirely removed, for whilst thirty-six of these "headings" are retained, and grouped into three principal divisions, viz., 1. Grand Lodge; 2. Provincial and District Grand Lodges; and 3. Private Lodges; the whole of the rules are numbered consecutively throughout the book, so that the number alone is all that is needed as a reference to each law, and no rule occurs more than once.

The Committee propose to omit the ceremonial directions for "Constituting a New Lodge," because obsolete, and also the article on "Masonic Funerals" (vide p. 136, edit. 1873).

* The last century witnessed the following issues, viz.: 1723, 1738 (also, with a new title page 1746), 1756, 1767, (appendix 1776) and 1784. An unauthorised edition was published in 1769 (8vo.) which was virtually as that of 1767.

We presume that the "Charges of a Free-Mason," which have prefaced the "Book of Constitutions" from 1723 to 1873 (the sesqui-centennial of the former publication) will be reproduced in the new edition, according to the arrangement as issued in 1815, which was on the lines of the version by Dr. Anderson, in 1723.

We have thought it well thus to allude to this important subject, by way of being introductory to our examination of the proposed revision, and in subsequent articles we hope to refer in detail to the method observed by the committee in their compilation; the laws which they have retained; the new rules they propose; and the omissions which they suggest. The importance of the undertaking now before the Craft must be our excuse, if any, indeed, be needed, for a lengthy enquiry into the basis, scope, and chief characteristics of the revision, and we shall be pleased to open our columns as the examination continues to a correspondence on the presumed merits or demerits of the proposed changes. We ask simply that brethren write as briefly as possible on the various points raised; and that they seek, with us, to do their utmost to improve, if possible, the excellent compilation now soliciting the careful consideration and support of the English Craft.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were likewise present Bros. Joshua Nunn, John A. Rucker, Frank Richardson, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. H. Finney, Fredk. Adlard, J. H. Matthews, James F. Corben, J. J. Caney, F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, a recommendation of the House Committee was adopted, that the salary of the senior clerk in the office of the Institution should commence at £100 a year, and of the junior clerk at £65 a year.

The CHAIRMAN reported the receipt of £178 18s. for a purchase case; after which one petition was approved, and the child placed on the list for election in April.

The Committee then adjourned.

MASONIC LANDMARKS.

What are the landmarks of Masonry, and where can they be found? We do not mean the list manufactured for encyclopædias, but an authoritative list of "ye olden time."

It may be remarked with absolute truth that of all the unsettled questions running through Masonic discussions this is decidedly the most unsettled. The term itself is ever at the nib of the pen of writers and on the tongue of speakers, but no one has yet succeeded in reducing it to a definite quantity, plainly and unequivocally, beyond dispute, for no two authorities agree on the subject, as may be found by looking through the various treatises on Masonic law. The earliest mention of landmarks of which we have any knowledge is to be found in the Thirty-nine Articles of 1723, in the last of which it is said that, "Every Annual Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make new regulations, or to alter these for the real benefit of this ancient Fraternity; provided always that the *old landmarks* be carefully preserved, and that such alterations and new regulations be proposed and agreed to at the third quarterly communication preceding the annual grand feast."

One would suppose from the foregoing, that not only had the landmarks been in existence from time immemorial, but that they were well-known; or, otherwise, how could the Craft know when one was being removed, or take measures to carefully preserve them? It is a fact, nevertheless, that no attempt at definition of the quality of a landmark, nor of the name or number of any of them, appears in the regulations of 1723; in fact, it is our belief that the late Dr. Mackey was the first to define the quality of a landmark, and to set forth in his work on Masonic Jurisprudence some twenty-five propositions which he undertakes to defend as the landmarks. He was followed by various others, among the rest by the Grand Lodge of New York, which in its Constitution adopted in 1854, sets out thirty-one assertions as landmarks, a landmark being first defined as the unwritten law of Masonry, while nearly all the thirty-one landmarks are simply concise statements of points in the written law. After a year or so of reflection, it was deemed best to strike out this list, and from that time forward our Constitution, though referring to the landmarks, leaves us in the dark as to what they are or where the enquiring mind is to seek for them in case of need.

The difficulty is further complicated by the fact that there is not in existence any acknowledged authority which can assert the landmarks, or having asserted them, enforce their observance beyond its own jurisdiction. The authority becomes still more shadowy when reduced to a matter of individual opinion, which can only be an opinion after all. Still another difficulty is found in the fact that not only are mythical Constitutions cited, but the real one of 1723, has undergone numerous and sometimes important changes in every subsequent edition. Now, if the ancient charges and regulations, first published in 1723, contain the landmarks, and to some extent they undoubtedly do, where was the authority to remove or change that which is held to be, by its very nature, incapable of change? We cannot definitely answer the first part of the query, because we have no authority; but we imagine that two or three principles, at most, involve all the landmarks likely to be respected. The second part, calling for an authoritative list of the olden time, can be distinctly and promptly answered: No such thing exists.—By Bro. John W. Simons, in the "Keystone."

Australia.

[FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT.]

In the city of Melbourne there is a Masonic Hall, owned by a limited liability company, and rented by the different lodges, chapters, and other bodies holding under the three British Constitutions. In addition to its being used for Masonic purposes, one of the two lodge rooms, when not Masonically engaged, is let for meetings, balls, &c. In July last there was a strange incongruity. The Freethinkers of Melbourne, headed by a notorious lecturer on infidelity, were allowed to use this very lodge-room for the purpose of forming a so-called "Freethinkers' and Secularists' Society." We sincerely trust this was an inadvertence on the part of the hall officials. At all events, the proceeding savoured somewhat of the sacrilegious, and as a report of the aforesaid meeting appeared in the Melbourne papers, it looks extremely like a scandal and an insult on the landmarks of our dear old Craft. A letter from "An Old Mason" appeared in the *Melbourne Argus* of July 19th, drawing attention to the unsavoury subject, and as no reply was made to it, we may presume that the brethren concerned are conscience-stricken.

Bro. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, who, for some months past, has been engaged in a highly successful lecturing tour in the Antipodes, was in the city of Melbourne, when the news arrived by cable, announcing the death of his comrade in arms, General Skobelev. The following day Bro. Forbes contributed a long and graphically interesting biography of the great Russian soldier to the *Melbourne Argus*. Writing about the first assault on Plevna, he mentioned, with some reservation, that General Skobelev was actually in the Turkish fortress for the space of ten minutes, adding, however, that a medical gentleman, now in Melbourne, would be able to set him right on the subject. The following day the medical gentleman in question, (Bro. Dr. Charles B. Ryan), addressed a letter to the *Argus*, in which he stated, that, being at the time doing surgical duty with the gallant Osman Pasha's besieged army, in the beleaguered fortress, he, of his own knowledge knew the Russians never succeeded in getting within less than from 400 to 500 yards of Plevna. Bro. Ryan, we may add, is Junior Warden of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, English Constitution, meeting in Melbourne.

CRAFT.

MELBOURNE.—Collingwood Lodge (No. 727).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing English lodge was held on Monday evening, July 31st, in the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, the W.M., Bro. C. H. Bayley, presiding. Over fifty members and visitors from other lodges were present. The agenda was a very heavy one, comprising three initiations, two passings, and two raisings, the whole of the work in connection with which was performed by the W.M. most ably, although it was but two months since his installation. Two joining members were elected, and the lodge was closed shortly after ten o'clock. The brethren then adjourned to supper.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby, in responding for "The Visitors," warmly complimented the W.M. on the excellence of his work, jocularly adding that he must be a glutton, when he was surrounded by so many able Past Masters of the Collingwood Lodge.

MELBOURNE.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1881, E.C.).—An emergency meeting of this young lodge was held on Saturday evening, July 15th, in the Masonic Hall. Bro. F. S. Parker, W.M., was in the chair, and the business was the initiation of Capt. Johnson and Mr. Butler, both of the s.s. Barrabool.

MARK MASONRY

MELBOURNE.—Washington Lodge (No. 368) I.C.—The installation festival of this flourishing Irish Mark Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, July 13th. Bro. Burton, W.M. presided, and there was a good attendance of the members, as also visiting brethren from the Victoria Lodge, No. 47, Melbourne, E.C., and Faithfull Lodge, No. 229, Cockermouth, England. E.C. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Angell Ellis, P.M., in the presence of eight Installed Masters, after which Bro. A. H. Padley, W.M., invested the officers, who, like himself, had been elected on the previous lodge night, according to the Irish regulation. A very satisfactory balance-sheet was read and adopted, and seven members were struck off the roll for non-payment of subscriptions, leaving a total of thirty-six in good standing. A candidate was proposed for advancement, and the lodge was then closed, when the brethren went to refreshment.

MELBOURNE.—Victoria Lodge (No. 47).—An emergency meeting of this old lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on Wednesday evening, July 19th; Bro. J. Drew, W.M., P.G.S.O., in the chair. A ballot was taken for five candidates, and those present were duly admitted, after which the lodge was closed.

The regular meeting of the lodge was held on Friday, July 28th, when the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. F. L. Maillard, S.W., was installed and the officers invested. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 229, P.P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland, was balloted for, and elected a joining member. The banquet was subsequently held.

CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTH MELBOURNE LODGE OF MARK MASONS.

This new lodge of Mark Masters was consecrated on Thursday evening, the 10th ult., in the Academy of Music, Emerald-hill, a thriving suburb of the Victorian metropolis. Previously there were two Craft lodges in full work, one under the English and the other under the Scottish Constitution. A few Mark Masons belonging to those lodges, in deference to the wishes of brethren not belonging to the Order, conceived the time opportune to open a new Mark lodge, under the English Constitution; and receiving every encouragement from the members of the Victoria Lodge, No. 47, in Melbourne, they applied to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. H. W. Lowry, for a dispensation, which was at once granted.

Accordingly, on the evening named, the petitioners for the new lodge, and a large number of visiting brethren, assembled, the latter being from Victoria Lodge, 47; Key-

stone Lodge, 19 (Scottish Constitution), Richmond; and Washington Lodge, 368 (Irish Constitution), Melbourne. In the absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, through illness, and his deputy, the presiding officer's position was occupied by Bro. J. Drew, P.M. 47, P.G.S.W.; and he was supported by Bros. J. Cahill, P.M. 47, P.G. M.O.; G. F. Martin, P.M. 47, P.G. Sec.; W. Marshall, P.M. 47; W. Davis, W.M. Keystone Lodge (S.C.); A. H. Padley, W.M. Washington Lodge (I.C.); A. Ellis, P.M. Washington Lodge; W. Burton, P.M. Washington Lodge; and W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 47 and 229.

The customary formalities having been gone through, the South Melbourne Lodge was consecrated to Mark Masonry by Bro. Drew, assisted by Bro. Lamonby. Bro. J. Main, W.M. designate, was then presented to Bro. Drew, and regularly installed in the chair of A., after which the officers were invested, the principals being Bros. F. Findlay, S.W.; W. Ferguson, J.W.; W. Marshall, Treas.; and J. Cahill, Sec. On the proclamations being put, no fewer than sixteen candidates were proposed for advancement on the next regular lodge night.

Finally the lodge was closed, and supper was partaken of. The usual toast list followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. Lamonby, in replying to the toast of "Past Masters of Other Lodges," remarked that the opening of this new lodge afforded a capital opportunity for getting up the work as now practised and authorised by the Grand Lodge Officials in England. In the case of the Victoria Lodge, there was a difficulty of moving out of the old groove, and he should be pleased to attend the meetings of the South Melbourne, with the view of affording the officers an opportunity of acquiring the recognised mode of work.

Bro. Martin, P.G. Sec., observed that the R.W. Prov. G. Master was the sole authority in the matter of the ritual, and until he saw fit to authorise any alteration, it would not be correct to introduce any other form. He (Bro. Martin) was unaware of the ritual being any different to that which they had worked for many years past.

[Bro. Binckes and Bro. Dewar will doubtless note the above].

New Zealand.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTH ISLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Wellington, on June 15th. Present: R.W. Bro. C. J. Foxward, D.G.M.; W. Bros. R. Hammerton, P.D.G. Treas., as D.D.G.M.; T. McKenzie, President of Board of General Purposes, as D.G.S.W.; L. Boor, D.G.J.W.; Rev. C. Nicholls, D.G. Chap.; Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bart., D.G. Treas.; A. de B. Brandon, jun., D.G. Reg.; C. Powles, D.G. Sec.; K. Wilson, D.G.S.D.; H. Williams, as D.G.J.D.; H. Lyon, Dir. of Cer.; N. Werry, D.G. Swd. Br.; D. Maunsell, D.G. Purs.; and E. Buck, D.G. Tyler.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the D.G.M., with solemn prayer by the P.D. Chaplain.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from several brethren.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 16th March having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The roll of lodges was called and responded to as follows: N. Z. Pacific, Mount Egmont, Tongariro, Wellington, Victoria, Greytown, Abercorn, St. John's, and Victory.

The following Report of the Board of General Purposes was read:

"To the District Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons for the North Island of New Zealand, Wellington.

"Wellington, June 13th, 1882.

"The Board of General Purposes have to report that the R.W.D.G.M. has appointed Bro. C. P. Powles to the office of D.G. Secretary, the duties of which office have, since the resignation of Bro. E. D. Butts, been temporarily performed by Bro. the Rev. C. H. S. Nicholls, and Bro. Powles' office is to be the office of the District Grand Lodge. In addition to securing the services of an able professional gentleman for this important position, the latter arrangement will be of great advantage to the lodge.

"The Board have resolved to keep on hand a stock of Books of Constitutions for the convenience of the lodges in the district, and an order for a supply was sent home by the last mail.

"Since the last meeting of the District Grand Lodge, the news has reached New Zealand of an attempt on the life of Her Majesty the Queen. The Board submit to District Grand Lodge that this the earliest opportunity should be taken to record their sense of the outrage, and they recommend that the following address be adopted and transmitted to Her Majesty through the M.W. the Grand Master.

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, &c., &c.

"May it please Your Majesty,—

"The District Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the North Island of New Zealand, Wellington, holding under the United Grand Lodge of England, humbly beg to express the profound sorrow with which they have heard of the attempt made upon Your Majesty's life, and to offer their heartfelt congratulations upon Your Majesty's happy preservation from harm. They beg to assure Your Majesty of the deep attachment of the members of the Fraternity in this portion of Your Majesty's dominions to Your Majesty's person and throne, and they pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may long continue to execute His purposes for the welfare of our nation by means of Your Majesty's benign personal influence and beneficent rule."

On the motion of Bro. T. McKENZIE, seconded by Bro. A. de B. BRANDON, the Report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

On the motion of Bro. T. McKENZIE, seconded by Bro. Sir E. OSBORNE GIBBES, it was resolved: "That the Address to Her Majesty the Queen be adopted and forwarded to the Grand Secretary for transmission to Her Majesty."

The dispensations and certificates issued since the last Quarterly Communication were reported.

The D.G. TREASURER read his statement of accounts for the past quarter, which showed a balance in bank of £41 12s. 10d.

On the motion of Bro. the Rev. C. H. S. NICHOLLS, seconded by Bro. R. C. HAMERTON, Bro. Kenneth Wilson was elected Treasurer of District Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

The investiture of the following officers for the year then took place:

W. Bro. T. McKenzie	...	D.G.S.W.
" Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bart.	...	D.G.J.W.
" A. de B. Brandon	...	D.G. Reg.
" Rev. C. Nicholls	...	D.G. Chap.
" K. Wilson	...	D.G. Treas.
" C. Powles	...	D.G. Sec.
" E. Butts	...	{ D.G. Pres. Bd. of
" E. Hardcastle	...	{ Gen. Purposes.
" E. Ancher	...	D.G.S.D.
" C. Igglesden	...	D.G.J.D.
" S. Waters	...	D.G.D. of C.
" H. West	...	D.G. Swd. Br.
" D. Maunsell	...	D.G. Org.
W. Bros. B. Manley, C. Maclean, J. Bee, H. Williams, G. Robinson, and W. Watt	...	{ D.G. Stewards.
W. Bro. E. Buck	...	D.G. Tyler.

In the absence, from illness, of Bro. C. M. Igglesden, the motion of which he had given notice lapsed.

All business being ended, the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

Canada.

THE NEW GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

The following is a complete list of the newly-elected and appointed officers of the above Grand Lodge:—

ELECTED.

M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Barrie, G.M.
R.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, D.G.M.
" J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, G.S.W.
" W. T. Bray, Wingham, G.J.W.
" Rev. Evan Davies, London, G. Chap.
" E. Mitchell, Hamilton, G. Treas.
" J. J. Mason, Hamilton, G. Sec.
" W. C. Wilkinson, Toronto, G. Reg.

APPOINTED.

V.W. Bro. Thomas Beattie, London, G.S.D.
" J. N. Carter, Picton, G.J.D.
" Levi Yale, St. Catharines, G. Supt. of Works.
" W. K. Street, M.D., London, G. Dir. of Cer.
" H. Bickford, Dundas, G. Asst. Sec.
" Alex. Patterson, Toronto, C. Asst. Dir. of Cer.
" James Lockie, Berlin, G. Sword B.
" E. T. Malone, Toronto, G. Org.
" Charles Brown, Yorkville, G. Asst. Org.
" Charles L. Sanders, Barrie, G. Purs.
" R. McKnight, Owen Sound
" Samuel White, Peterboro
" W. H. Sparling, Chatham
" C. Benedict, Zurich
" J. B. Bishop, Hamilton
" T. L. M. Tipton, Dunville
" Edward Plant, Ottawa
" W. Colclough, Mt. Forest
" L. Becker, Waterford
" M. Day, Thamesford
" Jas. Holmes, Chesterville
" John Hull, Lakefield

Grand Stewards.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

ELECTED.

R.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Preston.
" Henry Robertson, Collingwood.
" Thos. Sargent, Toronto.
" Allan Maclean, Kingston.
" J. B. Traves, Port Hope.
" David McLellan, Hamilton.

APPOINTED.

R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, London.
" J. McLaren, Orangeville.
" R. Hendry, jun., Kingston.
" J. E. Harding, St. Mary's.
" W. G. Reid, Hamilton.
" J. B. Nixon, Toronto.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R.W. Bro. John Fisher, Eglington, the Toronto District.
" John Creasor, Owen Sound, the Georgian District.
" E. D. Hall, Peterboro', the Ontario District.
" J. H. Kenning, Prescott, the St. Laurence District.
" W. J. Lindsay, Watford, the St. Clair District.
" L. Jarvis, London, the London District.
" J. M. Dunn, Welland, the Niagara District.
" Thos. Clark, Dundas, the Hamilton District.
" John Scroon, Guelph, the Wellington District.
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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Allen's Indian Mail," "The Broad Arrow," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Citizen," "El Taller," "The Court Circular," "Emporium," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Keystone," "New York Dispatch," "West London Advertiser," "Report of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury" (N.Z.), "The Solution of the Pyramid Problem."



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

MORE GRAND STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly give me space to offer a suggestion as to an opportunity, which may not occur again, whilst the Book of Constitutions is being revised?

It is always a source of regret that the Grand Master has so few offices to dispose of, whilst there are so very many brethren deserving some recognition. I would suggest that the number of Grand Stewards should be increased to thirty, and that twelve of them should be selected from the provinces, leaving, as at present, eighteen to the metropolis.

It seems a slight upon country Masons to think that some, at least, are not as well qualified and eligible for the office of Steward as their brethren in London, and who would, I imagine, welcome such an addition to their ranks.

I offer these few observations, hastily and imperfectly written, but perhaps sufficiently clear to open the question; and I hope others will assist in discussing the subject, as it is certain to be brought forward before the revision of the Book of Constitutions is completed.

Yours faithfully,

W. P. M., 302.

Bradford, 26th September.

QUARTERAGE ON ARREARS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to express approval of the letter signed "P.M., East Lanc."

It is illegal to pay quarterage for brethren "in arrears," it often gives a Mason a position that he is not entitled to. By "arrears," I do not mean careless members, who neglect to pay exactly at the proper time, but such as have neglected to pay for nine or twelve months, and who have had repeated reminders; their names should be returned to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges "in arrears," without

payment; if they pay by the following year's return it is simply entering four shillings instead of two shillings. If they do not pay, the proper thing is to give them notice, according to the bye-law of the lodge, and if they still neglect, strike them off, and return them "struck off in arrears" to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges.

One of your correspondents called attention to the impropriety of non-subscribers, when visiting, answering for lodges they may have formerly belonged to. I quite agree with the writer. A non-subscriber should not be allowed to answer for any lodge; and it should be distinctly laid down in the new Book of Constitutions.

A brother who is fond of statistics thinks this is a proper time for a re-numbering of lodges. I disagree with him, and beg to express a hope that no such action will be taken for years to come; a change of numbers entails great inconvenience, and has few advantages.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY SMITH, P.M. 387.

Wakefield, 26th September.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

You have given me the privilege before, and I avail myself of it again gratefully to-day, to ask any of your readers who have Boys' and Girls' votes to spare, kindly to send them to, yours very fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde-park, W.

MASONIC JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I notice the remarks of "Steward" in your issue of the 9th inst. I have myself been requested in open lodge to take off a Steward's badge, as being contrary to Constitutions; nor could I find any reasoning or remonstrance on my part of any avail. I must either obey or retire. On one occasion I retired, and do not suppose I have heard the end of the matter yet.

I think it a farce and great waste of money issuing Stewards' badges if they are only to be worn while at the festival, and heartily agree with "Steward's" suggestion, to give the Stewards entitled to bars the choice of which they will have; and have no doubt that unless badges are pronounced legal adornments to be worn in open lodge, that it will very soon be discovered that the demand has fallen off considerably.

Perhaps, Sir, you would kindly take the trouble to ascertain what is the opinion of the Grand Secretary or Grand Registrar as to the legality of the decoration; as if they are, or may be worn legitimately, it will be one point settled. It will then only remain to be discovered whether Stewards will have a bar or a badge and illuminated vote of thanks.

Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER STEWARD.

THE STATUS OF P.M.'S.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

This discussion is becoming somewhat tiresome. As a Warden I became a member of Grand Lodge, with the right as such to take part in the deliberations of Grand Lodge; but had I not been elected and installed as W.M., nor re-appointed as a Warden, my rights would have ended; having, however, been so elected and installed, and having served twelve months as Master, I became a P.M. by virtue of such service so soon as my successor was installed in my stead, and no one can deprive me of such rank or privileges so long as I continue a subscribing member in any lodge under the Constitutions of England. (I don't know how it would fare with me if I resigned and removed into any other Constitutional territory.)

As to whether I am P.M. of a lodge or in a lodge does not concern me; I cannot find any such distinctions in the Book of Constitutions; and, so far as I can see, the only question that has to be solved is the one of seniority; and even here I think those who have already written are What is it that, in the first instance, gives the rank and searching all around for that which is under our very eyes. title? Is it not the very fact of having been duly installed and having faithfully served the office of Master in a properly constituted lodge? and the very date of such service gives a P.M. his position as to seniority. Should it so happen that two of such P.M.'s, being subscribing members of same lodge, happen to be installed in different lodges on the same day, at same hour, the one of them who is the joining brother should rank next in seniority to the one who is not.

I have no objection to, take to the views of some brethren who desire that Constitutions should be made to define the point; it is only important that if it is defined it should be correctly defined.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

HOW HISTORY IS WRITTEN.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I took up one of our most leading journals the other day, and I find in an historical essay, in leader type, two of the greatest blunders I almost ever saw committed, even by a modern writer; and there is no excuse for such palpable and deliberate misstatements. There are many

accounts of the epoch in question, more or less trustworthy,—some very kindly, some very hostile, to the person treated upon; but in none of them is there the slightest trace or the remotest hint of the facts the writer so complacently announces as historical facts, as accredited realities.

The writer is dilating upon the coronation of Alexander II., and says that the Emperor Nicholas usurped the throne by taking it from his elder brother; and secondly, that Alexander II. died two days after he reached Taganrog, repeating undoubtedly the old vulgar tale of mystery, which has long been repudiated and exposed.

So far back as 1819 hints were given by the Emperor Alexander to his brother Nicholas that he was destined to succeed him, owing to the repugnance of the Grand Duke Constantine to mount the throne and his morganatic marriage with a Polish Countess.

In 1822 the Grand Duke Constantine wrote his letter of renunciation, which was approved of and accepted by the Emperor, and in 1823, a manifesto was drawn up, and together with this letter placed in a sealed packet in the cathedral at Moscow and in the archives of the Senate. Alexander II. died of the Crimean Fever, at Taganrog, after several days illness, after a long journey, many inspections, and great fatigue. His last hours were agitated by the discovery of the great conspiracy of 1825. We all know the tragical events of the first days of the reign of the Emperor Nicholas. I do not wish to prolong the letter, but simply to point out that the facts of this remarkable writer are pure fictions, and such as ought not to be re-produced as history, in leader type, in a first class journal. At this time of the year, when big gooseberries, the Sea Serpent, the Claimant, and Arabi Pasha have "pars" given to them, and when Masonic news is somewhat sparse, it is just possible that the Editor will very courteously find a corner for the humble lucubrations of

Yours fraternally, A STUDENT OF HISTORY.

IS THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH A FREEMASON?

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I observe the following paragraph in the Masonic and General Tidings of the *Freemason* of the 16th inst., "Bro. the Duke of Buccleuch opened the new works for the water supply of Hawick" &c. I would feel much obliged if your informant could tell me when the Duke of Buccleuch became a Freemason, and in what lodge he was initiated, for it is not generally known here that he is connected with the Craft; and, in support of a doubt that he is so, I cannot do better than give you a quotation from the minute books of the St. David Lodge No. 36, Edinburgh, which would have led one to suppose that he was averse to doing so. I remain yours fraternally,

D. TAYLOR, R.W.M. St. David, 36.

"Committee meeting, 21st July, 1840. Present D.M., Sec., Treas., Chap., &c.

"The Secretary stated that since the last meeting of the lodge, it had been suggested that a communication should be made to the R.W. Master, (Capt. J. D. Boswell, R.N.), to use his influence with Lord Robert Kerr, (Past Master), to prevail on his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch to become a member of this lodge, and he now read the correspondence which had taken place on this subject as follows:

"First letter.—The Secretary, "29th June, 1840.

"R.W. Sir.—As active preparations have now commenced for laying the foundation stone of the Scott Monument on the 15th of August next with Masonic honours, I have been desired by the committee of St. David Lodge to inform you that a circular has been addressed to all the brethren that lodge will open every Tuesday evening at half-past eight for initiation, as well as to make the necessary arrangements for the procession. * * *

"That your fame, you are well aware, is in a great measure derived from the fact that the illustrious Sir Walter Scott, having from among all the sister lodges selected it as the one in which he chose to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and it has always been the peculiar boast of the brethren of St. David, both at home and abroad, that such a preference had been given to their lodge by one whose name will outlive even the splendid monument about to be dedicated to his memory.

"In these circumstances, the present affords a most favourable opportunity of making application to all those who hold the memory of Sir Walter Scott in reverence, and they are certain that no exertions will be spared either by yourself, or by R.W. Past Master, Lord Robert Kerr. In forwarding these views, more especially the committee would take the liberty of suggesting that an application might be made to his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, as one not only eminent in the highest degree, both in regard to rank and character, but as possessing a peculiar connection with St. David Lodge, in so far as in addition to his kinsman, Sir Walter Scott, his Grace's father, the late Duke of Buccleuch was initiated in that lodge.

"It is needless to add with what pleasure the St. David Lodge would hail the accession of his Grace on an occasion which must be truly pleasing to the feeling of every Scotchman, and to none more the committee are assured, than to his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch. I have the honour, R.W. sir, to be yours fraternally,

"J. D. DOUGLAS, Sec."

"Second letter.—His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, to Lord Robert Kerr.

"Drumlanrig Castle, 13th July 1840.

"My Dear Lord Robert.—I have this morning received your letter of the 11th, with the enclosure, which I now return you. Having upon a former occasion declined to become a Freemason, when named for a high office in the Craft, and having seen no reason to change my opinion, I must beg to decline the honour proposed to be conferred upon me, and in doing so, I am sure you will understand

that it is with feelings of most perfect respect to the Craft and to St. David Lodge. Believe me, yours most sincerely,

"BUCCLEUCH."

"Third letter.—Lord Robert Kerr, to the R.W.M., Capt. D. Boswell.

"Moray-place, 15th July, 1840.

"My dear Boswell.—As I told you, so it has come to pass, for I have before now heard the Duke express his determination not to be a Mason; nevertheless at your request and that of the committee of St. David Lodge, I failed not to use my best endeavours to prevail upon his Grace to change his mind. I now enclose his answer, which I received last night, and only regret my want of success. I return also J. D. Douglas's note to you. I may take this opportunity of saying how sincerely I regret that the state of my health, which still confines me to my house, will prevent my taking any part in the duties of my office as a Mason on the approaching ceremony of laying the foundation stone of Sir Walter's monument. Believe me, my dear Boswell, yours always sincerely,

"ROBERT KERR."

"The committee on hearing the correspondence read were of opinion that although the application on the part of our R.W. Past Master, Lord Robert Kerr, and the R.W. Master, Capt. D. Boswell had not been successful, yet for their exertions and the strong interest they had manifested in favour of the welfare of the lodge, a vote of thanks should be inserted in the records of the lodge, and communicated to them by the Secretary."



INTRODUCTION TO DOGMATIC THEOLOGY. By Rev. E. A. LITTON, M.A., Rector of Naunton, Gloucestershire. E. Stock, 62, Paternoster-row.

We can quite understand the gentle shudder which will come over some of our readers when they hear the word "dogmatic." But we are not going to alarm them or worry them with any dissertation in these pages on so abstruse a subject. Indeed, any such work is far out of bounds for us, and must be relegated to denominational journals and sectional magazines. We cannot even touch it. It lands us at once on the debatable grounds of various "isms," and is utterly outside the pale of Freemasonry. Still, the fact that such a work has been produced, which requires thought, study, and abstractedness from passing ideas, seems merely to tell us that it is an unwarranted slander on the present generation that they will not think, much less even read. The book is a stiff, little book of 288 pages. Dogmatic, in its original and true sense, only means, we may add, what is of law or rule; an injunction or ordinance to which obedience is required. The popular use of dogmatic is, of course, most unsound.

BIBLIOTHECA RABBINICA—15th, 16th, and 17th Parts. By Dr. AUG. WUNSCHIE. Otto Schulze, Leipzig.

This interesting collection from the "Midraschim" of the old Rabbis is going on. It is a most valuable contribution to Rabbinical literature, and for the understanding of Judaic ideas and teaching.

THE FREEMASON, New Zealand, No. 8 Vol. 4.

The above volume has been received and read by us with pleasure. It is full of interesting Masonic information for the lodges and members of the three great jurisdictions there.

THE MASONIC REVIEW. Edited by Bro. H. D. MOORE. Wrightson and Co., Cincinnati, U.S.

This, No. 1 of Vol. 58, keeps up the old reputation of the magazine, which it had under our Rev. Bro. T. J. Mellish, and previous editors. It is full of information and effective literature, and seems most carefully edited. May it prosper.

THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

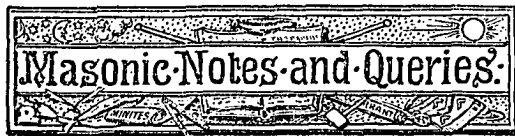
The "Canadian Craftsman" is in high force and feather, and looks and reads equally well.

THE SYDNEY FREEMASON.

The "Sydney Freemason" has reached us but we are obliged to say that until it apologises to Bro. Hughan for the very improper garbling of his words, deliberately made use of for a set and special purpose, we cannot recognise it any further as a Masonic journal. The editor calls the interpolation of certain words, "an insignificant addition," affecting not to see that by so un-masonic a "sleight of hand" he was giving Bro. Hughan's high authority to an illegal body and to clandestine Freemasonry.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY. Chicago.

We sincerely congratulate the Editor on his September number of a very valuable Masonic serial.



57] BRAY.

Can anything be found out about Bray, Freeman of London, who is mentioned in connection with Padgett, "in re" the Antiquity MS.? ANTIQUARY.

58] WM. PRESTON'S BOOKS.

What became of Wm. Preston's books? MASONIC STUDENT.

59] OLD FRENCH MASONIC BOOKS.

Can any one put me in communication with a French bookseller who has old Masonic works? Write to Editor. BOOKWORM.

60] THE STEINMETZEN, OR GERMAN GUILDS.

Your reviewer in No. 56 invites my opinion as to the remarkable assertions contained in the report of the Grand

Lodge of Nebraska for 1882 respecting the "goat or sheep." He surely does not require my poor corroboration of his own view, that the statement in question is utter nonsense. No mention of a goat is made by any of the writers on German Guilds as being necessary to their "initiations." Bro. Gould has further shown that they had no initiations; that their ceremonies were merely those of an *affiliation*; and although these two words are occasionally used as synonymous, I think every thoughtful reader will acknowledge that they represent a distinction *with* a difference. Had I discovered any mention of a "goat" during some researches I have recently prosecuted amongst the records of the German Guilds, my mind would instantly have reverted to Pan, and the Lupercalia, and the possibility of a veritable initiation would have suggested itself. This train of thought did, in fact, arise whilst studying the "Companionage;" but I am convinced that the coincidence was merely fortuitous. I found that amongst the various nicknames derived from the animal kingdom, which were assumed by, or applied to, the "compagnons," the term "goat" was distinctive of (if I remember rightly) the "aspirants," or lower class, of the tylers of *Maître Soubise*, and that the designation was further strengthened by the adjective "stinking" (*bois puant*). Any German lodge that wishes to introduce so ridiculous an element into our ritual as revealed by the Nebraska report is perfectly welcome to all the authority which the *bois puant*, as above, may be capable of affording. G. W. SPETH.

DEATH OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF ESSEX.

We deeply regret to record the unexpected death of Bro. Lord Tenterden, the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, which took place at Neilson Cottage, Lynton, North Devon, where he had been staying with Lady Tenterden and his family just over three weeks.

Bro. Lord Tenterden was admitted to the mysteries of Freemasonry on the 22nd of January, 1856, in the Lodge of Harmony, meeting at Richmond, Surrey. He was twice elected W.M., in the years 1859 and 1864, and in that capacity gave proof of great Masonic ability. In 1872 he was appointed Senior Grand Warden of England by the Marquis of Ripon, then Grand Master, whom he had accompanied to Washington and with whom he was present at the grand banquet given by the Grand Lodge of the district of Columbia, to our late chief. He has since been a frequent attendant at Grand Lodge, filling the chair of Senior Warden on several occasions, as well as taking other positions when called upon. He succeeded to the position of Provincial Grand Master of Essex on the death of R.W. Bro. Robert J. Bagshawe, and was installed at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on the 2nd July, 1879, the ceremony having been performed by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon. He was also Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons for the same province, and represented at our Grand Lodge the three Grand Lodges of Berlin. His decease will create a blank in the Province of Essex not easily filled, and the regret we express at his loss will be shared by every English Mason.

The deceased, Charles Stuart Aubrey Abbott, Baron Tenterden of Hendon, Middlesex, in the peerage of the United Kingdom, was the only son of the Hon. Charles Abbott, second son of Charles, first Lord Tenterden, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench and Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, and was born September 26, 1834. The late Lord Tenterden was appointed to a clerkship in the Foreign Office in April, 1854. His lordship was *précis* writer to Lord Stanley (now Earl of Derby), when Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. He was next appointed as attendant on the Royal Commission on the Neutrality Laws, and was afterwards appointed secretary to the Royal Commission for inquiry into the Laws of Naturalisation and Allegiance. He was secretary to the Joint High Commission to consider the various questions affecting the relations between Great Britain and the United States of America, in February, 1871. The Commission sat at Washington from February, till May, 1871, when, for his services, he was created a companion of the Order of the Bath (Civil Division). He was subsequently engaged assisting the Lord Chancellor in the preparation of the case for decision respecting the Alabama Claims; and afterwards acted as Agent for Great Britain at the Geneva Conference, on the same subject. He was appointed Assistant-Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in 1871, and in October, 1873, was appointed Permanent Under-Secretary on the resignation of the Right Hon. Edmund Hammond, who on his retirement was created Lord Hammond. In 1878, in further recognition of his civil services, he was created a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. The deceased peer is succeeded by his only son, the Hon. Charles Stuart Henry Abbott, born October 30th, 1865.

DEATH OF COLONEL KEMEYS-TYNTE.

Bro. Colonel Charles John Kemeys-Tynté, of Cefn Mably, Glamorganshire, and of Halswell, Somersetshire, died at Torquay on the 16th inst., in his eighty-third year. He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas Swinnerton, Esq., of Butterton Hall, Staffordshire; and, secondly, Vincentia, daughter of Wallop Brazazon, Esq., of Rath House, county Louth. Colonel Kemeys-Tynté represented the Western Division of Somersetshire from 1832 to 1837, and the Borough of Bridgwater from 1848 to 1865; and was Colonel of the Glamorgan Militia from 1848 to 1862. Colonel Kemeys-Tynté was senior coheir of the whole blood to the Barony of Wharton, and a coheir of the Barony of Grey de Wilton. He is succeeded in his estates by his eldest son, Colonel Kemeys-Tynté, late of the Grenadier Guards. Bro. Kemeys-Tynté was for many years Provincial Grand Master of the Craft in Monmouthshire.

A club of instruction is in course of formation, and will shortly commence work at Bro. Hirst's, 1421, Three Crowns, 237, Mile End-road, on Thursday evenings. We are informed that the Committee have secured the consent of Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421, the well-known Preceptor, to act in that capacity at the new club of instruction.



Craft Masonry.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E. Bro. Wm. Millington, P.M., occupied the chair, in the absence of the W.M., Bro. Limn, who is suffering from a severe illness, supported by Bros. Delves, P.M.; Searell, P.M.; Bennett, P.M.; Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; Smith, P.M., Sec.; G. Smith, S.W.; W. Stapleton, J.W.; Doring, S.D.; Raker, I.G.; and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Gabriel Treadwell, 1076, and Russell. Bro. Ramos was passed to the Fellow Craft, and Bro. Bowers to the M.M. Degree.

Bro. Millington, P.M. proposed, and Bro. Delves, P.M., seconded, "That the lodge go in mourning for the late Bro. Evans for three months." Bro. Evans was much respected in the lodge, having been one of the first initiated, also having held offices in the lodge. Bro. Millington informed the brethren that it was with much regret he announced the severe and dangerous illness of their W.M., Bro. Limn, and that at the same time he felt much consolation when members of the lodge called to see him, but on the hint given by Bro. Dr. Crosse they were advised only to leave their cards. After a sumptuous repast, served by the energetic host, Bro. Clark, a happy evening was spent. About fifty brethren sat down.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The usual monthly gathering of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 25th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, when there was a capital attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Smith, assisted by his officers and brethren as follows: Bros. John Wood, I.P.M.; John Mault, S.W.; A. Simpson, as J.W.; D. Sinclair, P.G.A.D.C., M.C.; M. Corbett, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; A. Rhagg, Sec.; W. M. Pybus, S.D.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. F. Brown, S.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; R. L. Armstrong, P.M., P.G. Reg. Northumberland; J. F. Corbett, W. F. Carman, T. Thompson, J. T. Harrison, W. Whitfield, J. Ivison, G. Parker, and T. Shepherd. There were many Prov. Grand Officers present, amongst whom we saw Bros. Jas. McCulloch, P.M. 1643, P.G.J.W.; R. Hudson, P.M. 1380, P.G. Sec.; Thos. Coulson, P.G.J.D.; Geo. Greenwell, P.M. 1360, P.G.D.C.; R. F. Cook, P.M. 48, P.P.G.S.D.; and G. Robertson, P.M. 240, P.P.G.P. The visitors comprised Bros. C. B. Ford, W.M. 481; T. Dinning, J.W. 481; W. Mathieson, 481; A. Munro, S.W. 1342; W. Eckford, I.P.M. 1643; J. Probert, P.M. 424; J. Kirby, W.M. 1341; T. Smith, 424; W. Heaton, 1643; R. Cranston, 1643; and others.

Bro. J. F. Corbett was passed as a F.C. by Bro. R. L. Armstrong, P.M. (by special permission of the W.M.), and the S.V. explained the working implements. Bro. Thos. Shepherd was afterwards raised to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who explained the tracing board and the tools.

The W.M., on behalf of Bro. J. Stokoe, P.M., then presented to the lodge a Master Mason's apron, which was worn by a member prior to the union of the English lodges in 1813. The apron is a large one, and contains the Masonic emblems on a satin ground, and has a border similar to a M.M.'s apron of the present time. Communications from Grand Lodge respecting the increase of quarterage fees, and from Bro. Sir Cunliffe Owen, about the Academy of Music, were referred to the consideration of members of Grand Lodge.

After receiving the good wishes of the visitors, the proceedings terminated, when an adjournment followed to the banqueting room, where refreshments were supplied. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed each other.

"The P.G.O. of Durham" was responded to by Bro. J. McCulloch, P.G.J.W., and by Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Secretary.

"The Visitors" included the names of Bro. G. Greenwell, P.G.D.C., and Bro. C. B. Ford, W.M. 481, both of whom acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. J. Wood proposed "The W.M.," and Bro. Smith replied.

The W.M. gave "The Health of the P.M.'s of the Lodge," and Bros. John Wood and Robert Whitfield, replied, and advocated the benefits of the lodge of instruction attached to No. 48, which the members did not avail themselves of to the extent they ought.

The brethren then separated.

CHINGFORD.—Chigwell Lodge (No. 453).—The lamented death of the Prov. G.M. of Essex, Lord Tenterden, on the previous morning imparted a melancholy interest to the proceedings at the annual festival of this lodge, which took place at the Forest Hotel, on the 23rd inst.; and the deep regret expressed at the sad and sudden event was, no doubt, the more keenly felt by the members of the Chigwell Lodge, as scarcely six weeks had elapsed since his Lordship presided over Provincial Grand Lodge under their banner. On Saturday, lodge was opened at three o'clock, Bro. A. Buck, W.M., presiding over a large assembly of brethren. The visitors, who numbered over thirty, including W. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., the late D.P.G.M.; T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec. Essex; A. Lucking, Prov. G.D.C. Essex; and Bros. H. Moreton, 33; J. M. Ross, 78; J. Taylor, jun., 160; E. Shedd, W.M.; J. Lucking, 276; Walter Rowley, 289; Thomas West, 700; and others.

The brethren were clothed in mourning. At the conclusion of the preliminary formalities, the ceremony of raising a brother was impressively performed by the W.M.; and Bro. J. Child, the W.M. elect, was afterwards installed into the chair of K.S. by W. Bro. Philbrick, the following brethren being invested as officers: W. Bro. Buck, I.P.M.; Bros. J. Glass, S.W.; Bro. John Corble, J.W.; Rev. C. H. Roberts, Chap.; Martin, Treas.; Geo. Corble, Sec.; Sibley, S.D.; B. Pearson, J.D.; F. Jesse, I.G.; Kisker, M.C.; Floyd, S.S.; Winsor, J.S.; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, for the perfect manner in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master.

In replying, W. Bro. Philbrick said he regretted he could not acknowledge the compliment as D.P.G.M., but only as a private member of the province, owing to the melancholy death of the P.G.M., with whose demise his functions as Deputy ceased.

The W.M. then moved, and Bro. J. Glass seconded, that a letter of condolence should be addressed to Lady Tenterden, expressing the heartfelt sorrow of the brethren at the loss her ladyship and her family had sustained by the death of the P.G.M.

This resolution having been unanimously adopted, he pleasing duty of presenting W. Bro. Buck with the jewel of an I.P.M. was performed by the W.M., and lodge was ultimately closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the splendid dining hall, where a *recherché* banquet was excellently served by Messrs. Alexander Gordon and Co.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England; the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been proposed by the W.M. and drunk with Masonic "fire,"

W. Bro. Philbrick, O.C., who spoke with emotion, said, in responding for the Grand Officers, he rose with very mingled feelings—feelings of gratitude to them, feelings of pride in having his name coupled with the toast, but with feelings of regret when he remembered who, not six weeks since, was in that room, but whose voice never more would be heard in that Masonry he loved and practised. When that afternoon their I.P.M. was uttering the glorious words of that grand old ritual which bound them together, he could not but think that they had had a most eloquent lesson on the mutability of human life and human affairs; and he could not but feel that they had met that evening under the shadow of great sorrow. As the inscrutable will of the Great Architect of the Universe had removed from them a life so valuable, a presence so beloved, it would ill become them, knowing what an enthusiastic Mason he was, not to attempt to carry out those principles which to him (Lord Tenterden) were dear, and which they professed to admire and esteem. When he (the speaker) accepted their invitation he held an official position in the province; now he was simply a Grand Officer of England, but whether he should ever serve the province in the same capacity again, or whether he should not, he should always rejoice in the prosperity and well-being of Masonry in Essex. Having congratulated the brethren upon the working of the lodge, he said he had been particularly struck with the thorough manner in which they kept up the Masonic virtue of hospitality, which brought brother to brother, and conduced to their individual and collective happiness. They had a W.M. in whose hands the reputation of the lodge was safe, and they had a jewel of a Secretary in Bro. Corble. In concluding a lengthy speech, the worthy brother informed the brethren that since the Prov. Grand Lodge was held there, he had received a letter from their dear friend and brother, Lord Tenterden, in which his lordship said his reception was most enthusiastic; that the arrangements not only met his approval, but reflected the highest honour on all concerned in them; that the meeting was the most successful meeting the Prov. Grand Lodge had ever held, and that he felt that that was due to the spirited reception given to the brethren by the members of the Chigwell Lodge.

The W.M. then rose to propose "The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past;" but in consequence of the sad circumstances to which W. Bro. Philbrick had so feelingly alluded, he said they must omit the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M., and drink only to the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

The toast having been drunk with "silent fire," W. Bro. Buck, I.P.M., Prov. G.S.W., responded; and the other toasts were then proposed in their usual order, W. Bro. Glass replying for the Past Masters, and Bro. Fletcher, No. 33, for the visitors.

The toast list was interspersed with a varied selection of songs and gless, Bro. Walter Latter kindly officiating as accompanist; whilst the general arrangements were very creditably carried out under the direction of Bro. Corble, the energetic Secretary of the lodge.—*Essex Weekly News*.

STAFFORD.—Staffordshire Knot Lodge (No. 726).—The September meeting of this lodge was held at the Swan Hotel on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., when the W.M., Bro. James Senior, was supported by his officers and brethren as follows: Bros. T. Wood, P.P.G.R., I.P.M.; J. Baker, S.W.; J. Mottram, J.W.; Rev. E. C. Perry, M.A., Chap.; F. Woolley, Sec.; E. J. Mousley, S.D.; J. Wooldridge, J.D.; J. Bervon, Org.; T. Rigby, I.G.; H. Thorn, Steward; R. Tomlinson, Tyler; H. Woodhouse, P.M.; R. Booker, S. Yates, W. T. Moss, S. Moss, J. Nevitt, F. Espley, S. Scott, J. Taylor, A. C. Ward, J. Nutt, S. S. Plant, A. Ward, J. T. Cox, J. B. McCallum, A. F. Whitmore, and W. P. Duncalfe. Visitors: Bro. W. Blackshaw, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Cheshire, and J. C. Bradbury 533.

After the minutes of the previous lodge had been read and confirmed, Bros. W. T. Moss and S. Moss were passed as F.C.'s by the W.M., the working tools being given by Bro. Baker, S.W. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, and spent the remainder of the evening in harmony.

HEATON NORRIS.—Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—The first meeting of this lodge since the vacation took place on Monday, the 18th inst., at the George Hotel, when the following members were present: Bros. J. B. Hamond, W.M.; George L. Vaughan, I.P.M.; Abraham Pemberton, S.W.; Wm. Hope, J.W.; W. H. Vaughan, Sec., and Acting I.G.; Kenneth McLean, S.D.; J. Meadows, Tyler; Jas. Wm. Abbott, P.M.; T. Meadows, P.M.; A. E. Ferns, P.M.; J. S. Staples, P.M.; E. Hardon, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. Wilkinson, William A. Vaughan, George Baker, Alfred Williamson, J. Cookson, and R. Basnett Preston. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Kenyon, 1009; Geo. W. Barton, 323; Edward Smith, 317, and R. K. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened shortly before six o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. R. B. Preston and W. A. Vaughan being present,

and desirous of taking the Third Degree, were interrogated as to their proficiency in the former, and severally raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., by the W.M., with commendable exactitude. The W.M. also delivered the traditional history to the newly-raised brethren collectively, and the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. L. Vaughan, gave the charge to them, whilst the S.W., Bro. A. Pemberton, presented and explained the working tools. The whole of the work was thoroughly well done by each officer who took part in it. There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a supper, which could scarcely have failed to please the most fastidious, and on the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, as was also that of "The Newly-Raised Brethren," who suitably acknowledged the compliment. The brethren separated shortly before eleven o'clock.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The above lodge met on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. C. W. Duke, W.M., P.M., P.P.G.J.D. presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Lamborn, P.M., as S.W.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., as J.W.; C. R. Chandler, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M. Treas. S.D.; J. F. Richardson, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; H. Kimm, as I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; Charles Martin, Charles Armstrong, R. M. Lambert, Walder, Hughes, Jordan. Visitor, Bro. Arthur Wells, P.M. 40. The lodge was opened in the usual manner, and after confirmation of the minutes of the last regular meeting, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. W. E. Skinner and Mr. Bolingbroke, the ceremony being performed in a most able manner. Some business of importance having been disposed of, the lodge was then closed.

The brethren sat down to a well-served supper. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been drunk, the toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Chandler, who paid high tribute to the energy and excellence of Bro. Duke. The W.M. responded in suitable terms, and the evening was brought to a close.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—Hindpool Lodge (1225).—The imposing ceremony of installation of Worshipful Master took place at the Masonic Hall, in the Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, on the 19th inst., Bro. G. B. Nalder, who has previously passed the chair, being re-instated. There was a large gathering of Masons to take part in the ceremony, which was performed by Bro. G. Cornfield, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. West Lanc., and Bro. Smyth. Among the brethren present were: Bros. Worrall, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S.B. Cheshire; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 1225; H. Bagot, P.M. 1021, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Case, P.M. 995; Rev. J. M. Morgan, 1398, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. Settle, P.M. 1225; G. S. Heath, W.M. 1021; C. P. Richards, I.P.M. 1021; G. B. Nalder, P.M. 1225; G. Cornfield, P.M. 1225, P.P.G.S.B. West Lanc.; W. H. Klyne, W.M. 1225; Dr. Booth, S.W. 1021; W. H. Mills, P.M. 1390; M. Haslam, P.M. 1021; D. Smyth, P.M. 1225; Dr. Murray, S.S. 1021; J. Spedding, S.W. 995; J. W. Schofield, J.W. 995; G. Nelson, J.W. 1021; Dr. Thomas, J.W. 1225; G. H. Parke, J.D. 1021; E. H. Barnett, Sec. 1225; Mitchell, 1398; W. Turvey, S.D. 1225; D. Ross, 1225; G. W. Koll, 1225; J. Sibley, 1225; G. James, J.D. 1225; T. L. Phillips, 1225; J. Steen, 1225; J. Timmins, 1225; F. Worrall, 1225; J. H. Wilkinson, 1225; W. Ford, 1225; and C. Roberts, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the business of appointing officers for the ensuing year took place. The following were the appointments made: Bros. H. J. Klyne, I.P.M.; Dr. Thomas, S.W.; E. H. Barnett, J.W.; G. Cornfield, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Roll, Sec.; W. Turvey, S.D.; G. James, J.D.; D. M. Ross, I.G.; J. Timmins, Org.; B. Carruthers, D.C.; J. Steen, S.S.; and A. Naylor, J.S.

The business concluded the brethren adjourned to the Imperial Hotel, where a most *recherché* banquet awaited them. After due justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, Bro. Nalder, W.M., proposed the first toast on the list, "The Queen," which was received right loyally, the brethren singing the National Anthem.

The toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," was also received with musical honours, the song of "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung.

The next toast on the list was that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M., the Earl of Latham, and the rest of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." The toast proceeded from the chair, and was responded to by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Morgan, P.P.G. Chaplain.

At this point there was a slight divergence from the printed toast list in consequence of some of the brethren having to leave by train, and, therefore, the toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Smyth, and responded to by Bro. R. W. Worrall, W. Mills, and J. Case, P.M.

Then followed the toast of the day, "The Newly-Elected Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Dr. Settle, who spoke in most eulogistic terms of Bro. Nalder, enumerating his good qualities, and his assiduous attention and long connection with the lodge which so eminently fitted him for the high and proud position of Worshipful Master. The toast was most heartily received by the whole assembly.

Bro. Nalder, in response to the toast, expressed his appreciation of the high honour which, for the second time, had been done him in the proud position which he now held, and expressed himself pleased at the confidence thus placed in him.

"The Health of Bro. Klyne, Immediate Past Master," was proposed by his successor, Bro. Nalder, in suitable terms, and was responded to by Bro. Klyne.

Bro. C. P. Richards, I.P.M. 1021, next proposed "The Officers of 1225," which was responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Officers," which was responded to by Bros. Cornfield and Smyth, Past Masters.

The next toast on the list was "The Worshipful Master and Officers of Lodge 1021," which was proposed by Bro. Cornfield, and responded to by Bro. G. S. Heath, W.M. 1021.

Bro. J. C. Hunter, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," which was responded to by Bro. Henry Bagot, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

The toast of "The Ladies," set down in the programme for Bro. McIntosh to propose, was placed in the hands of Bro. Wilkinson, and responded to by Bro. Dr. Thomas.

"The Host and Hostess" next followed, Bro. Hunter paying a high compliment to the catering of Bro. Hincks, who responded in suitable terms.

The usual concluding toast being given by the Tyler, was drunk in the usual impressive manner.

The proceedings throughout the evening were enlivened by musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Dr. Murray, Dr. Booth, Schofield, D. M. Ross, C. Richards, G. S. Heath, and Nalder. Bro. Dr. Thomas also gave a recitation. The whole of the proceedings were characterised by a general display of good and harmonious feeling.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—

The continued prosperity of this most successful lodge was again clearly illustrated on Monday evening, the 18th inst., when, at the ordinary monthly gathering at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, there was an attendance of about eighty brethren attached to the "Israel" and visitors hailing from other lodges. The chair of honour was occupied by Bro. M. Aronsberg, W.M., who was supported by Bros. S. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M.; A. Levy, P.M.; H. A. Tobias, P.M.; A. Jones, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; M. Hart, P.M.; Treas.; H. M. Silver, J.D.; M. Baum, I.G.; P. S. Levy, S.; H. Archer, S.; E. Capstick, S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. Henry Gabriel, Dr. Stern, H. Ellis, A. Dear, B. Woolf, J. Frank, P.M.; M. Edwards, A. Kilpatrick, I. Phillips, O. Goldney, G. Robinson, M. Lyons, A. Lyons, F. Hooker, R. Abrahams, L. Jackson, H. Korlow, R. Johnson, H. de Frece, D. Stern, I. de Frece, T. Ehrman, A. Levy, H. Sagar, J. Shoeps, Professor Prag, P. Barnett, J. Dove, B. Levy, S. Jacobs, A. Cohen, J. Lazarus, J. Lipman, S. Simmons, E. Tate, and others. The list of visitors included Bros. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Tyson, Sec. 1182; R. Reader, P.M. 292; W. Ladyman, I.P.M. 1347; D. Meek, 673; J. Brotherton, J.W. 241; John Lecomber, P.M. 594; F. Barnett, P.M. 249; and others.

The Third Degree was most admirably conferred on five candidates by the W.M., who was very ably assisted by his officers. At the close of this section of work, a vote of condolence, moved by the W.M. in feeling terms, and seconded by Bro. Levy, P.M., was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. M. P. Tieski, one of the Wardens of the lodge, who had died since the previous meeting, and in respect to whose memory the brethren appeared in mourning.

The brethren subsequently dined in the large banqueting-room, under the presidency of Bro. Aronsberg, W.M.

BRIGHTON.—Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—

The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Friday, the 22nd inst., in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion. Those present, included Bros. G. S. Godfree, W.M.; W. Newsome, S.W.; S. Peters, J.W.; W. A. Tooth, Chap.; G. Smith, Treas.; B. Burfield, Sec.; J. B. Hannay, S.D.; R. Allison, J.D.; T. Berry, D.C.; H. Anscombe, I.G.; J. Woodhead, Orp.; R. Pearce, Steward; T. Hughes, Tyler; H. H. Hughes, Asst. Tyler; J. Billinghurst, M. Lelu, W. C. Newsom, H. Hart, H. J. Fieldus, A. Loader, H. D. Frape, J. Sayers, P. Chargois, A. R. Baker, J. C. Buckwell, C. Fasola, S. P. Weston, A. M. Metherill, and F. Marks.

The visitors included Bros. John H. Scott, P.J.G.D., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; F. Noakes, P.M. 311, 1303; P.J.G.W.; W. Roe, 1636, P.G.O.; L. R. Styer, 315; W. H. Gibson, W.M. 315; H. Kemball Cook, W.M. 811; G. R. Lockyer, S.W. 315; J. M. Kidd, 732, Prov. G.D. of C.; W. Nell, S.D. 732; J. C. Chalk, P.M. 811; E. Martin, P.M. 732; F. Daniel, W.M. 732; T. Packham, W.M. 1829, and P.M. 315; E. Burfield, 567; E. H. Bramley, S.W. 957; J. Brierly, 390; W. Lanham Thomas, W.M. 1141; L. H. W. R. Burrell, S.D. 1465; J. Eberall, P.M. 1636, P.P.G. Purs.; H. Davey, P.M. 732; J. Curtis, P.M. 315, and 1797; Seymour Burrows, J.D. 811; G. L. Fenner, I.G. 1636; H. Cheal, Sec. 1829; Walter Smith, P.M. 732; J. H. Stephens, 1636; J. Harper, W.M. 22; J. Norman, P.M. 22; E. Broadbridge, W.M. 1636; H. Price, D. of C., 177; C. J. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.W.; and H. C. Davis, 73.

The report of the Audit Committee, which was of a highly satisfactory character, showing the lodge to be in the gratifying position of having discharged every liability, and having no arrears of members' subscriptions, was unanimously adopted. Bro. W. Newsome, W.M. elect, was then installed as W.M. by Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.J.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The following officers were invested by the W.M., viz., Bros. S. Peters, S.W.; B. Burfield, J.W.; W. A. Tooth, Chap.; G. Smith, Treas.; J. B. Hannay, Secretary; R. Allison, S.D.; T. Berry, J.D.; H. Anscombe, I.G.; R. Pearce, D. of C.; H. J. Fieldus, Steward; J. Woodhead, Steward; and W. C. Newsome, Organist. Bro. G. S. Godfree, P.M., was elected a member of the Charities' Committee and of the Masonic Rooms' Committee, and a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to him by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge, in acknowledgment of the services he had rendered.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where they sat down to a banquet supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks with even more than accustomed excellency. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and were agreeably interspersed by vocal selections rendered by Miss Alice Smith, Mr. Balchin, and others. Bro. W. Roe, Prov. G. Org., kindly accompanying with great ability.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Hadrian Lodge (No. 1970).—

On Tuesday night the first meeting of the above lodge, after the consecration, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, and was well attended. The first regular meeting is not due until Tuesday next, but in order to take the ballot for over twenty joining members and candidates for initiation, who were proposed after the consecration of the lodge, on the 15th inst., it was deemed advisable to hold an emergency.

The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Thomas Coulson, W.M., P.J.G.W., &c., assisted by Bros. Thos. Potter, I.P.M.; J. Robertson, P.M., D. of C.; J. J. Abbey, P.M. 240, S.W.; J. S. Thompson, S.W., 240, acting J.W., and other officers. There was a goodly array of brethren, among whom were Bros. T. G. Mabane, P.M. 240, P.P.G.J.D.; J. H. Morton, P.M. 240, Treas.; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; Palliser, P.M. 1337; W. T. Clarke, 315, 1829; and G. T. Leatham, 124.

The circular calling the lodge having been read by the Secretary, Bro. J. Heppell, the ballot was taken for the several brethren and candidates named below, all of whom were declared duly elected: Bros. John Heppell, 240; Walter Ross, 240; Michael Jackson Wheatley, 240; Joseph Robertson, 240; James Renner Walker Hopper, 240; John Brown, 240; Collin Wawn, 240; William Dalziel, 240; Thomas Young Timmouth, 240; J. William Woolner, 240; George Johnson, 240; Thomas Jamieson Henderson, 240; D. Cameron, 1119; John Harper Penney, 481; Lawrence Inkster, 240; John Kirby, 1341; and Adam Marshall, 240; as joining members. The candidates for initiation were: Messrs. Alexander Scott, Thomas Kell, John T. Ross, Edward Taylor, and John Watt Henderson. The W.M. announced it was not intended to do any work that night, as the intention was simply to clear the way for the first regular meeting night.

Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., &c., rose and said he thought it was due to their Worshipful Master that at that, their first meeting after the consecration, the members ought to testify their gratitude for the successful establishment of the Hadrian Lodge. He, therefore, had great pleasure in moving that the best thanks of the brethren be given to Bro. Thos. Coulson, W.M., for his indefatigable exertions and zeal shown in successfully establishing the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, of Free and Accepted Masons. But for the efforts put forth by Bro. Coulson the attempt to form a second lodge in South Shields must have been a failure. He had worked for months in the determination to bring the matter to a successful issue, and they had all seen how complete the success was. He had great pleasure in moving the motion.

Bro. D. H. Thompson, in seconding the motion, said he had seen how their W.M. had worked for the promotion of the Hadrian Lodge, from the inception of the movement until its signally successful completion, and he could heartily endorse all said by the mover of the resolution. It was certainly only due to the services rendered by Bro. Coulson that the gratitude of the brethren should be tendered to him and the fact recorded on the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously, amid applause.

Bro. Coulson, W.M., in returning thanks, said the part he had taken in the formation of the lodge had been a pure labour of love. He had certainly worked hard and had travelled a good deal in the promotion of the movement, but he was from the first determined that the thing should be a success, and it was. He must confess on the day of consecration he felt rather nervous, but, as they all saw, everything passed off smoothly and successfully. He heartily thanked them for their kindly vote of thanks.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned, and a pleasant evening was spent, Bro. G. T. Leatham, 124, of Durham Cathedral choir, contributing to the pleasure by singing a couple of ballads in his finished style. Bros. J. Stokoe, P.M. 48, P.P.G.S.W.; W. Davidson, J.W.; G. Lawson, P.M. 240; J. J. Abbey, P.M. 240, S.W., also contributed acceptable music.

INSTRUCTION.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—A well-attended meeting of the above old lodge was held at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road. Bro. Jones, P.M., presided, supported by Bros. Aarons, S.W.; Horley, J.W.; Stephens, Hon. Sec.; Yetton, P.M., Treas.; J. Taylor, S.D.; Shingfield, J.D.; Dupree, I.G.; also Bros. Job Price, Loane, Moss, Tyer, Barnes, P.M., and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Price being the candidate. Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Moss worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Price was also practised in the questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge was closed down, and the votes at the disposal of the lodge were voted in support of the case of the boy O'Doherty, which being a last application is in great need of support. Bro. Aarons was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting, and the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—

On Friday, the 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., there were present Bros. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., W.M.; Thos. Poore, P.M., P.Z., S.W.; J. W. Watts, P.M., J.W.; J. N. Bate, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; G. W. Knight, I.G.; John S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; E. Francis, J. Willmot, Richard Poore, J. W. Pooler, H. Stokes, and others.

The fourth Friday in each month is, in this lodge of instruction, placed at the disposal of the Preceptor, and on this occasion Bro. Stevens selected the working of the Sections in the First Degree for the business of the evening. The lodge having been duly opened, the first seven Sections were worked in the following order, viz., 1st and 2nd by Bro. G. W. Knight; 3rd by Bro. R. Poore; 4th by Bro. J. W. Watts, P.M.; 5th by Bro. E. Francis; and 6th and 7th by Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., P.Z. The work was eminently satisfactory, and gave much satisfaction to the members present. A vote of thanks to Bro. T. Poore for his attendance and valuable assistance was recorded on the minutes. The W.M. stated his intention to rehearse the ceremony of installation on the following Friday evening (the 29th inst.), placing Bro. Poore in the chair of K.S. He also, as Preceptor, and by the request of several brethren, intimated that on the fourth Friday evening in October (the 27th) the F.C. and M.M. Sections would be worked in full. Thanks were voted to the "section workers" of the evening, and the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—

There was a large attendance of members at the meeting of this lodge at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Wednesday, the 27th inst. About thirty brethren were present amongst whom

were a large number of Past Masters. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., in his customary style of effective working, rehearsed the ceremony of installation of W.M., Bro. George Lilley, W.M. of the Stuart Lodge, being the candidate. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., officiated as M.C.

After the ceremony and the closing of the lodge to the First Degree it was called off, and on the invitation of Bro. Lilley, those present partook of slight refreshment. Lodge was called on, and after routine business was closed. A very agreeable hour was subsequently spent by the brethren in harmony, Bro. G. S. Graham affording valuable assistance to the entertainments of members and friends. At ten o'clock the brethren separated expressing much satisfaction with the proceedings of a very instructive gathering.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—

The brethren of the above lodge met in goodly numbers on Wednesday last at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Bow. Present: Bros. Ellingford, W.M.; Robinson, S.W.; Bull, J.W.; Ould, Treas.; Breden, P.M., Sec.; Kennett, S.D.; Harvey, P.M., I.G.; Scheerboom, P.M.; Smith, Davies, and others.

After the usual preliminaries lodge was opened up, and, on Bro. Scheerboom being satisfactorily tested, &c., the ceremony of raising was carefully rendered. Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing also worked; Bro. Breden being the candidate. Bro. Robinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday evening, and the lodge was closed.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—

This lodge met as usual on the 26th inst., at Bro. Smyth's hostelry, Sisters Tavern, Dalston. Present: Bros. Smyth, W.M.; A. J. Clark, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; Wardell, P.M., S.D.; T. Clark, J.D.; Chistian, I.G.; W. H. Wallington, P.M. Preceptor. Also Bros. Robinson, Brasted, P.M.; Lorkin, Darnell, and others.

Lodge was duly opened and minutes were submitted and confirmed. The evening was devoted to the working of the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bros. Robinson and Darnell acting as candidates, and the working being characterised by that thoroughness which is to be found under Bro. P.M. Wallington's Preceptorship. Bro. A. J. Clark was unanimously elected to preside on Tuesday next, and lodge was closed in harmony.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076).—

A capitally attended meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, the mother lodge being well and influentially represented. Bro. J. Mitchell, S.W. 1076, was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. Macarthy, P.M., S.W.; Mears, J.W.; F. Brien, P.M., S.D.; Watson, J.D.; Treadwell, I.G.; J. Dorton, P.M., Preceptor; Holliday, P.M., Secretary; Job, W.M. 1076; C. Breden, P.M.; W. Dorton, Spencer, Temple, Tytheridge, Gallon, Crow, Benjamin, Hill, Stephens, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Crow being candidate. Bro. Job next worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Macarthy was elected to preside on Tuesday next. All business being disposed of lodge was closed.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—

This capital lodge, which has successfully continued its meetings during the summer months, was well attended on Friday, the 22nd inst. Bro. Chapman, W.M. 898, presided, and was supported by Bros. L. Etling, as S.W.; Wakefield, J.W.; Atkins, P.M., Preceptor; Buchan, P.M., Sec.; J. West, S.D.; Rolfe, J.D.; Geeves, I.G.; also Bros. Hudson, Gumprecht, G. H. Stephens, and others.

Lodge was opened, and minutes submitted and confirmed, and afterwards opened in the Three Degrees. Bro. Hudson was interrogated as a candidate for the Sublime Degree, which was subsequently rendered in an able manner, affording great satisfaction. Some discussion ensued upon the slight difference in the working; and Bro. Chapman, by request, kindly gave the addresses on the working tools. In fine, a very intellectual and instructive evening was passed, a vote of thanks being accorded to Bro. Chapman for his conduct in the chair, and for coming to the lodge and showing the working practised at the 898 lodge. Bro. Etling was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and lodge was closed in harmony.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—

The Fifteen Sections were very ably worked at this lodge on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at Bro. B. H. Swallow's, the Goat and Star, Swallow-street, Regent-street, W. Bros. W. C. Smith, I.G. 1503, Preceptor, as W.M.; E. Farwig, P.M. 180, S.W.; J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687, J.W.; P. T. Brearey, P.M., P.G. St., 1321, Treas.; and G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321, Sec. The Sections were worked as follows:

First Lecture.—First Section, Bro. R. A. Kirkaldy, I.G. 1321; Second, Bro. W. B. Fendick, J.V. 1321; Third, Bro. H. Esling, 1321; Fourth, Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P., 733; Fifth, Bro. J. B. Docker, P.M. 1687; Sixth and Seventh, Bro. E. Farwig, P.M. 180.

Second Lecture.—First Section, Bro. G. Festa, S.W. 1900; Second, Bro. W. J. Burgess, P.M. 1472; Third, Bro. J. Hemming, 1287; Fourth, Bro. J. W. Elvin, I.G. 538; and Fifth, Bro. C. Dairy, P.M. 141.

Third Lecture.—First Section, Bro. G. Willson, W.M. 1321; Second, Bro. W. H. Richardson, W.M. 1348; and Bro. G. F. Swan, P.M. 1321.

Besides the above-mentioned, the following brethren were also present: Bros. Captain A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; W. Carrington, W.M. 1314; C. A. Woods, W.M. 145; F. C. Compton, P.M. 1615; G. W. Reed, P.M. 13; J. Blundell, P.M. 742; E. J. Scott, P.M. 749; R. Blum, W. Smallpiece, S.W. 909; F. Deering, 188; J. Hemming, 1287; C. F. Compton, 1615; C. Corby, 957; G. F. Meads, J.D. 1321; D. Belinfante, 435; A. B. Richmond, S.D. 975; C. M. Brander, 1503; and G. Small, 1321.

CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).—The members of this lodge assembled, as usual, on Tuesday last, at Bro. Wm. Clark's comfortable quarters, the George Hotel, Cubitt Town. Bro. Finch, P.M., the veteran Preceptor, being present, was invited to preside, and was ably supported as follows: Bros. Stapleton, S.W.; Carnaby, P.M.; J.W.; C. Scarell, P.M.; Hon. Sec.; McLeod, S.D.; Marsh, J.D.; Raiker, I.G.; J. Delves, P.M.; Preceptor; Millington, P.M.; Shays, P.M.; Willson, P.M.; Lowrie, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes having been read, lodge was fully advanced. On its resumption to the Second Degree, Bro. Finch, by desire, worked the whole of the Sections of the Lecture, which were highly appreciated. Subsequently a sum of £5 5s. was unanimously voted, on behalf of Bro. Willson's list as Steward, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Finch for his kindness in coming down and working the Sections, and lodge was closed in harmony.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—This lodge met, in better numbers than of late, on Monday last. Present: Bros. Chitson, in the chair; Hammond, S.W.; I. P. Cohen, P.M.; J.W.; R. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; Clements, S.D.; Hubbert, J.D.; Oxley, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., as Preceptor; Hopkins, Moss, Peterkin, Stephens, Davies, J. Gander, Picking, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and preliminaries being disposed of, the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Hopkins being the candidate. Bro. I. P. Cohen worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Picking, 144; W. Hopkins, 144; and J. Gander, 171, were elected members of the lodge, and returned thanks. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Bro. Chitson, W.M., for the very able manner in which, as W.M., he had carried out his duties for the first time in the lodge, the same to be recorded on the minutes.

On the motion of our esteemed Bro. Barnes, P.M., seconded by Bro. Stewart, Sec., and supported by Bro. Cohen, Bro. D. Moss was appointed Preceptor of the lodge, and lodge was closed, Bro. Hammond having been elected to preside on Monday next.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 26th inst., at Bro. Geo. Monks, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Henry Baldwin, W.M.; R. Poore, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, Treasurer, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; H. M. Williams, Secretary; W. Lucas, S.D.; R. W. Pooler, J.D.; E. A. Albert, I.G.; H. Lovegrove, W.M. 1949, Sec.; W. Millen, L. A. Richardson, R. R. Johnstone, Geo. Millen, G. Monk, F. A. Pullen, J.W. 742; J. S. Lewis, 493; Alex. Laing, 58; J. W. Woodthorpe, 1679; and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lovegrove, W.M. 1949, having kindly offered himself as candidate, proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising most impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree.

The following brethren were unanimously elected members and duly returned thanks: Bro. Wm. Lucas, J.D. 1669; Alex. Laing, 58; and John Wm. Woodthorpe, 1679. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. Richard Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, who returned thanks and appointed his officers in rotation.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, lodge was closed in due form, in perfect harmony and adjourned. The usual social hour after lodge was closed was rendered especially pleasant by the musical talents of Bros. Johnstone, Laing, Monk and Poore, with Bro. Williams, Secretary, as accompanist on the pianoforte. The toasts of "The New Members and Visitors," being as usual received with warm approbation, and responded to by the brethren referred to.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).—This lodge, which was consecrated in January last, has been well supported since its commencement. The first meeting after the summer recess was held on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when there was an average attendance. The W.M., Bro. John Wood, was supported by the following officers: Bros. T. J. Armstrong, P.G. Sec. as I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, S.W.; J. S. Bell, as J.W.; I. G. Smith, M.O.; R. C. Symonds, as S.O.; Adam Wilson, J.O.; W. F. Carmon, Sec.; John Page, R. of M.; A. Simpson, S.D.; J. T. Harrison, J.D.; C. Macnamara, as I.G.; and J. Curry, Tyler.

The ballot was taken for Bros. John Mout, S.W. 48, and Robt. Whitfield, P.M. 48, and both were duly elected. Bro. Whitfield was afterwards advanced by the W.M. and his officers, the ceremony being carefully and creditably performed by all concerned, and augured well for the future working of the ritual. Some formal business was then transacted and the lodge closed.

The building erected for the Sydney International Exhibition of 1879 was on Friday, the 22nd inst., totally destroyed by fire. It has recently been devoted to purposes similar to those of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham.

The Post Office authorities have issued a notice to the effect that on and after the 1st of October next, double or reply inland post-cards, bearing an impressed halfpenny stamp on each portion, will be sold to the public at all post-offices at the following prices: Stout cards—One 1d., two 2d., three 3d., four 5d., five 6d., six 8d., 6s. 8d. for a parcel of 60. Thin cards—One 1d., two 2d., three 3d., four 4d., five 6d., six 7d., 11s. 8d. for a parcel of 120. The reply cards will not be sold in sheets, like the single cards. The cards will only be available for transmission between places in the United Kingdom. The regulations laid down in regard to single post-cards will be equally applicable to reply post-cards.

MASONIC PRESENTATIONS AS REWARDS OF HEROISM.

On the 3rd July last a most imposing and impressive ceremony took place in the lodge room of St. John's Lodge, No. 1137, E.C., Timaru, New Zealand, the occasion being the presentation of medals to all those who were in any way instrumental in saving life on the 14th of May last, when the upsetting of a boat belonging to the ship City of Perth led to a series of fatal boating disasters in the bay. While other organisations attended to the needs of the actual sufferers by the disasters, the members of the St. John's Lodge determined among themselves to bestow upon all who had played the part of brave men upon that eventful day tokens, not only of their own appreciation of their bravery, but of the appreciation of the public at large. They caused a number of silver medals commemorative of the event to be struck, and the ceremony above alluded to was the presentation of these to the men who had taken an active part in endeavouring to lessen the loss of life on that memorable day.

The presentation ceremony proceeded without a single hitch. Being made a Masonic ceremony, it could not be conducted elsewhere than under the roof of the mystic Brotherhood, and consequently the space for the accommodation of spectators was unfortunately more limited than was perhaps desirable.

As it turned out, however, the weather was most unpropitious, and there was plenty of room, a great many who had obtained tickets being prevented from attending. There were about 130 Masons, members of St. John's Lodge, and visiting brethren present, and about sixty ladies. In response to special invitations, also, the Venerable Archdeacon Harper, Rev. Mr. Hallows, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Turnbull, M.H.R. for Timaru, and Mr. E. Wakefield were present and occupied seats on the dais.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the visitors were marshalled to their places, and then the recipients of the medals were conducted to seats near the dais. On a table in front of this was placed the case containing the medals, surrounded by several Masonic symbols and emblems.

The proceedings were opened by a trio, "Peace to the Souls of the Heroes," followed by the song, "Man the Lifeboat."

Bro. A. J. Parsons, W.M., then gave the following address on behalf of the lodge:—Ladies and gentlemen,—We have given ourselves the pleasure of inviting your attendance this evening in order to witness the presentation of these mementos of our respect and esteem for the worthy men now seated before you. You are all too well acquainted with the circumstances of the fearful catastrophe which cast such a gloom over the whole community to render it necessary for me to recapitulate them. Suffice it to say, that the members of this lodge felt deeply the terrible loss we had suffered, especially as among those noble men who had laid down their lives for their fellows there were three brother Masons. Many of us witnessed their departure from shore, leaving friends, home, and safety, and rushing as it were into the very jaws of death to try to rescue the poor fellows who were battling with the turbulent sea, and we determined, with one voice, to present to each one a silver medal to mark our appreciation of the noble manner in which they had illustrated in their own persons the beautiful virtues of heroic courage and self-sacrifice. This, ladies and gentlemen, is the cause of our presence here this evening. So deeply were we impressed with the importance of giving this presentation every possible publicity; so anxious were we that the ceremony we are now performing should impress itself lastingly upon those present, that we have departed from the strict rule of Masonry, and have obtained from the District Grand Lodge a dispensation to enable us to invite you to share with us the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing brave men receive the honour and homage which is their due. It is so very rarely that circumstances permit us to depart from the iron rule of our Order, which strictly forbids the entrance of any but Masons within Masonic halls, that perhaps you will expect to hear from me something about this mysterious Order, that you hear so much about and know so little of. This is, perhaps, the first time you have ever been within a Masonic lodge, and emblems you see around you will naturally have excited your curiosity. I regret that I cannot enter into a full explanation of their meaning, and thereby prove to you that Masonic lodges are not, as many deem them, simply clubs for the diversion of their members, but that they are institutions formed on the purest principles of piety and virtue. I do not, ladies and gentlemen, intend to entrust you with any of our secrets, or to exhibit any of those dreadful instruments of torture which we are generally supposed to have concealed in our lodges, but (pointing to an open Bible) I would point out to you the first great Light that we acknowledge in Masonry, which is the foundation and keystone of the whole Masonic structure, the volume of God's holy law. This we are charged to consider the unerring standard of truth, justice, piety and virtue, and are exhorted to regulate our every action by the Divine precepts that Holy Book contains. Therein we are taught to implore His aid in every undertaking, and to look up to Him in every emergency for help and support. The principles of Masonry are based upon pure morality; its ethics are the ethics of Christianity; its doctrines are the doctrines of patriotism and brotherly love; and its sentiments are sentiments of exalted benevolence. Everything that is good, kind, and charitable Masonry encourages; all that is vicious, cruel, and oppressive, it reprobates. We acknowledge Faith, Hope, and Charity because Masonry is founded upon faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind; but the greatest of these is charity—faith ends in sight, hope terminates in fruition, but charity extends beyond the grave. It is by the practice of these virtues that the worthy Mason hopes to gain access to Him who is the subject of faith, the object of hope, and the fountain of charity. Our ceremonies, which to the outer world are a sealed book, are but a veil which partly conceals the three great fundamental principles of our Order—brotherly love, relief, and truth. These require no further elucidation from me. You will perhaps say that a better result should emanate from the Fraternity who claim to be the exponents of such lofty thoughts. Let me remind you that a Mason is but a man after all, and subject to the common infirmities of human nature. Some people are apt to deride Masonry; that is because they do not understand it, and, forgetting the weakness of their own mind,

they condemn what, if they were better acquainted with it, they would venerate. Referring to the medals, he said: You will observe on the obverse of the medals a lifeboat, surmounted by the All-seeing eye (which sun, moon, and stars obey), under whose watchful care men are enabled to perform the most daring deeds, the emblem of an over-seeing Providence. On the reverse is a double wreath of oak and laurel, emblematic of faith and victory, with an inscription to the effect that they are presented by this Masonic lodge for bravery displayed in saving life on the 14th May, 1882. The W.M. then (all the Masons standing up) addressed the recipients of the medals as follows: May the Almighty Architect, who preserved and protected you from a fearful death by His merciful interposition, again preserve you should you ever be placed in a similar position; and whatever your future may be, rest assured that we shall never hear your names mentioned without having in our hearts most ardent wishes for your welfare. May the kindly feelings that we cherish towards you, and the remembrance of this evening, float across your fading vision when your parting hour arrives; and after having passed safely through the Valley of the Shadow of Death under the protection of the Great Geometer of the Universe, may you ascend to that celestial temple above, there to enjoy the heritage of immortality which awaits you in the mansions of eternal bliss.

To this solemn wish was given the response, "So mote it be."

"The Lifeboat on the Cornish Coast" having been sung, Mrs. A. J. Parsons then proceeded to the dais, and addressing the recipients, said: I have the honour to present to you these tokens from the Freemasons of St. John's Lodge, in commemoration of the heroic courage you displayed in saving life on the 14th May last. Let me assure you that your gallant deeds will ever remain engraven on the hearts of us all. I sincerely trust you may all long be spared, and remember that your preservation was due to the watchful care of the All-seeing One above.

The names of those entitled to receive medals were then called out by Bro. H. W. Hammond, and as each stepped forward, Mrs. Parsons pinned the medal, engraved with his name, on his left breast, expressing to each her pleasure in presenting him with a medal for such brave service.

The following are the names of the recipients: W. Collis, J. McIntosh, A. H. Turnbull, J. Crocknell, J. Thompson, G. Sunnaway, R. Collins, John Reid, J. Houliham, M. Lekoy, J. A. Petterson, G. Findlay, C. Gruhm, J. Hemmeker, W. Hartford, G. Shirlcliffe, W. Walls, R. H. Balsom, T. Hart, G. Davis, W. S. Smith, F. McKenzie, T. Morgan, C. Vogeler, P. Bradley, D. Bradley, S. J. Passmore, J. Crocome, C. Moore, A. Schaob, T. Martin, M. Thompson, W. Oxyby, I. J. Bradley, H. Trouselet, W. H. Walls, J. Isherwood, A. L. Haylock, John Ivey, and W. Budd.

Medals had also been prepared for G. Mentac, C. McDonald, and W. R. McAteer, but these three men having gone home, their medals will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, under whose auspices they will be distributed.

Two of the recipients had not recovered from injuries received on the 14th of May, and a third had crutches, owing to an accident since the 14th May.

The first to receive the decoration was Bro. W. Collis. Addressing the ladies and gentlemen present and his brethren of the lodge, he thanked them for the medals bestowed on him and others for the work of that day, a day that would long be remembered in Timaru, especially by those who had lost husband or brother or warm-hearted comrade, cutting adrift in a few moments friendships that had been growing for years. It was a consolation, however, to know that those who were lost were taken away in performing a most honourable duty, in attempting to save the lives of fellow-men. He hoped a similar occasion would never occur again, but if it should—ever the cry "Man the Lifeboat" should be heard—he felt sure the call would be responded to as it was on the 14th of May. He thanked them heartily for the honour conferred upon them, but he would sooner go out in the lifeboat than make a speech.

All the recipients briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon them, many natively observing that Mr. Wakefield would speak for them.

At the conclusion of the presentation the W.M. called for three cheers for the gallant fellows, and these were heartily given.

"Tom Bowling" having been very effectively rendered. Mr. WAKEFIELD rose and said: Worshipful Master, members of St. John's Lodge, ladies and gentlemen—I have been asked to speak on behalf of the recipients of the medals that have been presented to-night, by way of expressing their feelings on this occasion. From what several of them have said I feel that my task might well have been dispensed with, for each of them has expressed his own feelings in a manner that must have gone straight to the heart and intelligence of every one present. At the same time, as many of the men have expressed a desire that I should say a few words for them, I do not hesitate for a moment to undertake a duty which, if somewhat difficult, is certainly an exceedingly honourable one. I think that the feeling all these men have is, that the service they performed on the 14th May was a duty that every true man must yield without hesitation whenever such a service is called for. What they feel, is that when the life of their fellow men is in danger, it is not a question of whether they will go or will not go, but that it is a solemn duty that rests upon them at once to go, regardless of risks—that it is a duty which God has placed upon every human being. They also feel that, while a duty of this kind must be and is done without the slightest thought of reward, it is a privilege to render a duty that cannot be adequately rewarded by human hands. A man does not risk his life under such circumstances for anything he can get for it, but because he must do it, and because he would feel less a man in his own estimation if he did not do it. This feeling has weighed with these men and led them to hide as far as possible from the public gaze the fact that they had done their duty on the 14th May, and there is no doubt a difficulty in receiving a reward for services of this particular kind. They feel, however, that if from any quarter such a distinction or reward might be received, it is from such a quarter as that from which they received it—from the representatives of a brotherhood which from very ancient times has brought down traditions of virtue and goodness; an Order of whose principles those outside of it know but little, but whose good works are of world-wide fame. They feel that they may

well accept from the hands of such an organisation a medal which will carry with it the imprimatur of those in whose hands the principles of human virtue rest. Every one of these men feels in accepting the medal that he was accepting a record of having done his duty, which he might show in any part of the world with the certainty of its being recognised as an authoritative record of what he had done. This could hardly have been the case with a decoration coming from any other quarter than this; and I hear from these men that they could not have received a medal or decoration which would have gratified them more than one given by this lodge of Freemasons. I feel that any florid expressions of gratitude would be out of place. Their feeling is one of pride in having been able to do a good action, and of gratitude in its being recognised, not for their own sake, but for the sake of the example it sets to others. We have here men who have been accustomed to the sea all their lives; men to whom the terrible dangers of the 14th of May seemed little more than had been their fate to meet at any time in the course of their hard life; and we have amongst us also young men belonging to this place who had had no such experiences, but who bravely did their duty, took their place and faced the danger, as older and more experienced men had done. The medals given to these will not only be a pleasing record of their own deeds, but an inducement to others to do their duty like men under similar circumstances, should they ever unfortunately arise. I beg, on behalf of all the recipients, to tender to you and the brotherhood, and all who have come here to-night, their most hearty and grateful thanks.

The song, "Hear the wild winds blow," and the glee, "Our ship now goes," were then given.

The W.M. thanked the visitors for their presence at the ceremony, expressing his sincere hope that they would never have occasion to witness such a ceremony again.

The National Anthem was then sung by all present, after which W. Collis called for three cheers for St. John's Lodge, which were lustily given by the recipients of the medals, followed by cheers for the W.M., Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Wakefield, and the ladies, after which the ladies and non-Masons left, all appearing gratified at having been present at so impressively-conducted, interesting, and memorable a ceremony. Lodge then closed in due form.

GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

On Tuesday evening the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company dined at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Mr. George Kenning (Master.) There were present: Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., M.P., Mr. J. H. Puleston, M.P., Major Joseph (Warden), Mr. J. K. Abel (Warden), Major Sewell, Mr. B. Piercy, Dr. Robert Barnes, Mr. W. Hays, Mr. G. Forster, Mr. H. W. Johnson, Mr. G. O. Camroux, Mr. D. H. Jacobs, Mr. G. Burney, Mr. C. Kains Jackson, Mr. E. Burke, Mr. R. L. Loveland, Mr. E. F. B. Fuller, Mr. J. S. Chisholm, Mr. F. Pendered, Mr. H. F. Stewart, Mr. D. Welby, Mr. J. R. Brown, Mr. F. G. Whitwam, and Mr. D. Falcke. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. H. W. H. Rance.

The loving cup having been passed round, the usual toasts were given from the chair.

Dr. BARNES then proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," remarking that the navy recognised the force and power of constructive genius, without which their troops were nothing, and how largely that was dependent upon Sir E. J. Reed he need not tell any one present. (Applause.) With the other part of the toast he coupled the name of Major Joseph, who admirably represented the independent civic spirit which kept alive the pluck of the British army.

Sir E. J. REED, in responding for the navy, alluded to the immense advantage which England possessed over other nations in the immense mercantile marine which she possessed. As an instance of this, he mentioned the magnificent strategic movement of the combined naval and mercantile fleet from Alexandria, past Aboukir, to the Suez Canal, in which ships of totally different construction and varied speed were carried with punctuality to the required points. Taking into consideration the fact that our mercantile marine consisted to so great an extent of the very best steamers in the world, they need not fear even the military spirit of France or Germany, for England carried one half of the commerce of the whole globe. He expressed his gratification that Sir Garnet Wolseley had acknowledged the services of the seamen and marines in the recent campaign, illustrating as it did the admirable way in which the army and navy and all branches of the forces of the country now worked together. The military power of the whole of the world in the future he regarded as small in comparison with the military power of England, assisted as it was by her mercantile marine. (Applause.)

Major JOSEPH responded on behalf of the army reserve and auxiliary forces, commenting upon the great value of the reserves and auxiliaries as a support to the regular army. The regiment to which he belonged had, he said, recently given to the Royal Artillery 303 men. With such a force behind them, determined to do their duty, the army might always be depended upon to maintain the honour of their country.

Mr. HAYS next proposed the toast of "The Houses of Parliament" in complimentary terms, remarking that no matter what political party were in power, they were always actuated by a genuine desire to do their duty to the country.

Mr. PULESTON, M.P. for Devonport, responded on behalf of the House of Commons, expressing a hope that, although this was the first time he had had the pleasure of being amongst them, it would not be the last.

Sir E. J. REED proposed "The Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers," coupling with it the name of the master. He remarked that he had sometimes not been able to solve the question why a master of a City company was its master, but on the present occasion they had a master about whose qualifications for the office there could be no doubt. He was one of the most eminent members of the profession or art which this worshipful company existed to promote, to advance, and improve; and behind the chair he saw the arms of the company, very elegantly worked, to illustrate the work which the company furthered. So far as he (Sir E. J. Reed) was concerned, as a Radical member of a House which had seemed disposed to interfere with existing institutions, some of the pleasantest hours of his life had been spent at the tables of the City

Companies; and instead of having to apologise even for their very existence, as some old-fashioned people supposed, these companies were the exemplification of what this age wanted. They were rushing and pressing forward in their avocations of life to the destruction almost of leisure, of friendships, and of association with each other in public enterprises—the individual interest tending continually to override and trample down the social and public interest; and these ancient companies seemed almost as if they had been created for the purpose of showing what were the specific dangers of the age, and what were the means and organisations by which those dangers might be avoided. He was not averse to any kind of improvement. He believed that the energy and enterprise of a country like this necessitated changes of every description and many legislative alterations; but, at the same time, there could not be a change more to be deplored than the destruction of a number of bodies the very existence of which, and the practice of which, tended to show them that there did exist, apart from in some degree and in some degree associated with the avocations of life, which tended to take men away from individual pursuits and to bring them into social connection one with another, and organise themselves into institutions by which they might simultaneously help themselves and their fellow men. He hoped nothing might be done, or even proposed, which would tend in any degree to do away with the influence which these ancient companies exerted. (Applause.) In the master of the company they had a gentleman who had the interests of the company at heart, and who, by inclination as well as by his avocation, was well disposed to advance the interests of the company in every way. (Applause.)

The MASTER, in acknowledging the toast, said he had been engaged in the work of the company for a long time, and he was very pleased to see it in so prosperous a condition, which was greatly owing to their energetic clerk, Mr. Baxter. It would always be his greatest pleasure to do his utmost for the interests of the company.

Mr. BURKE next proposed "The Health of the Wardens," for whom Major Joseph and Mr. Abel responded.

Major SEWELL then proposed "The Health of the Newly-elected Members of the Company, Dr. Barnes and Mr. Piercy." Of the latter he remarked that he was an extremely modest man, and it was with very great diffidence that he had permitted himself to come out in public life. But they would feel quite certain that a gentleman who could, as he did in the last session of Parliament, by his own influence get a railway Bill re-committed was one who, although not a Gold and Silver Wyre Drawer, was sufficiently a wirepuller to be a very good member of this company. He trusted that his having come amongst them would give him a taste for further ambitious motives in municipal life, and that they might look forward to his filling high office in the City in the future. (Cheers.) He was quite sure that a gentleman who could show the ability he had done in the management of his own affairs, not only as a professional man but as a member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and as a very large contractor both here and abroad, would add both strength and ability, not only to the Gold and Silver Wyre Workers' Company, but to the City of London itself, if he was called upon to fill any high and important office. (Applause.)

Mr. PULESTON said he should have great pleasure in drinking "The Health of Mr. Piercy," who was a countryman of his, and although his modesty had led him to withdraw from the candidature for the vacant aldermanship this time, that only meant that he would not withdraw on the next occasion.

Mr. PIERCY, in responding, said that the reason he had withdrawn was that his professional avocations would take him away from the country for many months during the coming winter, and he felt that it would not be fair to his constituents to ask for election in those circumstances. He thanked them for electing him a member of their court, and hoped they would co-operate together for many years to come, and that he should prove a good fellow-worker and a useful citizen. The foundations of the City were laid deep in the civilization of the Christian era, and he trusted that countless ages might intervene before Lord Macaulay's New Zealander might view its ruins from London Bridge. The pulsations of London throbbed throughout the world, and he trusted they might continue to do so for thousands of years.

Mr. BARNES also responded.

Mr. LOVELAND proposed "The New Members of the Livery," Mr. Whitwam and Mr. Fuller, who briefly responded.

Mr. STEWART proposed "The Health of the Clerk, Mr. Baxter, Mayor of Lewes," in whose absence Mr. RANCE returned thanks.

The dinner was admirably served, and there was some capital singing by Madame Worrell, Mr. Lester, Mr. F. Cozens, and Mr. A. Moore. Mr. A. Cooper officiated as toastmaster.—City Press.

BRO. SALA ON DRINK AND TOBACCO.

The advocates of temperance (says Bro. Sala, writing in a recent number of the *Illustrated London News*) will rejoice greatly at the intelligence forwarded from Woolwich that Sir Garnet Wolseley has ordered that the troops under his command shall be allowed daily a triple allowance of tea, and that extra supplies of the article in question have been sent out from the commissariat stores to Ismailia. It is stated that the extra issue of tea is much relished by our brave soldiers, who find it the most refreshing and most invigorating beverage that they can carry with them on a march. Australian stock-drivers and deer-stalkers in the Highlands found out that fact long ago. Cold tea in the desert is the sweetest of boons. A second ration of coffee is also ordered daily for every man; so that when he goes on duty at three or four o'clock in the morning he may have a slight repast preliminary to the seven or eight o'clock breakfast.

In a book called "Illustrious Abstainers" it is inferred that our General commanding the British forces in Egypt is a teetotaler. That, I believe, is not the fact. But Sir Garnet being an eminently judicious man is naturally an equally temperate one, and does his utmost to encourage sobriety among his troops. Napoleon the Great, was one of the most abstinent of mankind. A single glass of Chamberlain sufficed to bring the blood to his cheek. But he was not a total abstainer; and when his travelling

carriage was captured, after Waterloo, there was found in his "necessaire de voyage" a case bottle half full of rum. According to Jean Baptiste de Coster, his guide (cited in Sir Walter Scott's "Pauli's Letters of his Kinsfolk"), Napoleon halted during his flight to Charleroi, alighted from his horse, and went into a meadow named Martenelle. "There a large fire was made for him; and two glasses and two bottles of wine were brought, which he drank with his officers—he took no other refreshment."

Still, while the Good Templars and the Blue Ribbon Army, the United Kingdom Alliance, and the National Temperance League will justifiably exult at Sir Garnet's sensible prescription of tea and coffee for his soldiers in lieu of beer or spirits, I scarcely know what the opponents of smoking will say to the news that the London firm of Rothschild have made a gift to our troops in Egypt, through Mr. Rowsell, the Commissioner of State Domains, of twelve tons of tobacco and five thousand pipes. It is calculated that this will give about a pound of tobacco to each man.

Old travellers (who are generally old smokers as well) will duly appreciate the value of the boon due to the munificence of the Messrs. Rothschild. With the smoker, a pipe of tobacco allays the pangs of hunger, smooths away the asperities of wayfaring, and makes him generally cheerful and contented with his lot. The wounded man who can smoke forgets half his pain. As to smoke stupefying a man's faculties and blunting his energy, that allegation I take to be mainly nonsense. The greatest thinkers and workers of modern times have been inveterate smokers. At the same time, it is idle to deny that smoking to excess weakens the eyesight, impairs the digestion, plays havoc with the nerves, and interferes with the action of the heart. I have been a constant smoker for nearly forty years; but had I my life to live over again I would never touch tobacco in any shape or form.

Our soldiers in Egypt have no time to smoke immoderately, and an occasional pipe may do them no harm. It is to the man who sits all day long at a desk, poring over books and scribbling "copy" that smoking is deleterious.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

GOODMAN.—On the 25th inst., at Gough-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, the wife of E. M. Goodman, of a daughter.

HALL.—On the 13th inst., at Brentwood, the wife of the Rev. E. S. Hall, M.A., of a son.

JUPP.—On the 24th inst., at Whin Brae, Tunbridge Wells, Mrs. J. Jupp, of a son.

LEES.—On the 9th inst., at Reinslee, Ashton-under-Lyne, the wife of J. E. Lees, of a son.

ROWAN.—On the 16th inst., at Chipping-hill, Witham, the wife of H. B. Rowan, H.M. Inspector of Schools, of a son.

SCARLETT.—On the 25th inst., at Bryanston-square, the wife of Lieutenant-Colonel L. J. Y. C. Scarlett, Scots Guards, of a daughter.

TURNER.—On the 14th inst., at Shrewsbury-road, Birkenhead, the wife of Captain F. M. Turner, Royal Artillery, of a son.

VENN.—On the 18th inst., at Wincanton, Somerset, Mrs. Alfred Edward Venn, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CUPPAGE—TODER.—On the 25th inst., at the parish church, Newark, the Rev. R. J. Cuppage, M.A., licensed general preacher in the diocese of Lincoln, to Frances, daughter of the late J. Toder, Esq., of South Muskham, Notts.

JOHNSON—JACKSON.—On the 14th inst., at Grade Church, Cornwall, Arthur Maxwell, son of M. Johnson, Esq., of Stone Castle, in the county of Kent, to Clara, daughter of the Rev. F. C. Jackson, Rector of Grade and Ruan Minor.

SEARLE—HALLPIKE.—On the 16th inst., at St. Mary's, Lewisham, Ernest Alfred, son of H. J. Searle, of Hatcham, Surrey, to Stella, daughter of E. Hallpike, of New Cross.

DEATHS.

BARNARD.—On the 25th inst., at Gipsy-hill, Upper Norwood, Sarah, widow of Jas. Michael Barnard, Esq., late of the Old Bailey, in her 83rd year.

DAWES.—On the 25th inst., at Agri Dagh, Mount Ararat-road, Richmond, R. S. Dawes, aged 50.

DREWETT.—On the 16th inst., at Oving, near Chichester, G. Drewett, aged 77.

FERRIS.—On the 18th inst., at Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, F. Ferris, son of the late S. Ferris, of Bulkington, Wilts, aged 30.

FOSTER.—On the 23rd inst., at Wells, Somerset, the Rev. F. D. Foster, aged 87.

HILLS.—On the 18th inst., at Blackheath-road, R. Hills, son of the late J. Hills, of Deptford, aged 44.

LABRON.—On the 13th inst., at Weetwood Grange, near Leeds, J. Labron.

MORRES.—On the 18th inst., at Streatley Vicarage, Berks, H. R. Morres, Vicar of St. Sebastian's, Wokingham.

PALMER.—On the 24th inst., at Great Yarmouth, C. J. Palmer, Esq., F.S.A.

ST. JOHN.—On the 13th inst., at Bath, Maria St. John, widow of C. St. John, Esq., M.D., Inspector-General of Her Majesty's Hospitals, aged 78.

TRUSSES, ELASTIC BANDAGES, ETC.—SEELEY'S HARD RUBBER TRUSSES.—The world's recognition of unequalled excellence. Receiving the only award of merit granted for trusses at the late International Medical Exhibition, 1881. Made in every desirable and latest improved pattern, fine steel springs, neatly covered with highly-polished hard rubber, light, cool, cleanly; unaffected by time, use, or climate. Free from all sour, rusty, chafing, or scraping unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skillful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a specialty. Under patronage of the world's most distinguished surgeons. Choice assortment of elastic surgical hosiery, Belts, improved suspensory bandages, shoulder braces. Establishments—74, Fleet-street, London, E.C., and 1347, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—[ADVT.]



Mr. Reece's new burlesque, "Little Robin Hood," has been received with the same applause as the three former ones, and is pronounced on all hands to be a success, and likely to remain on the Gaiety stage for some time. We need scarcely say that it is almost impossible to recognise the story of Robin Hood, but Gaiety audiences are not fastidious nor exacting that the tale shall be traced easily throughout. Gaiety people go to be amused, and only hiss if the entertainment does not provide sufficient laughter. Mr. Reece's latest effort is calculated to excite the risible faculties to no slight extent. Like its predecessors, the new burlesque is a combination of puns, grotesque and graceful dances, comic—not vulgar—songs, pretty dresses and scenery, and, we almost apologize for saying, clever artistes, for they are so well-known as such. Miss Farren is the *Earl of Huntingdon*, *Robin Hood*, who is about to be married to *Marian Fitzwalter* (Miss Gilchrist), the daughter of *Lord Fitzwalter* (Mr. Squire). The wedding, however, is interrupted by the advent of *King John* (Mr. Robert Brough). He, too, loves *Marian*; but when she repels him and clings to *Robin Hood*, the King turns round and declares her lover an outlaw. Amongst the guests is *Richard Cœur-de-Leon*, in disguise, of course, who, with the others, declare themselves on the side of the outlaw. Even *Friar Tuck* (Mr. Dallas) is willing to give up his good and easy living to join *Robin Hood*, and fight *King John*. He says he will be the cook, for is he not a "frier?" *Robin Hood* is captured by the king's soldiers and put in the jail of Nottingham, in the market-place, from whose grating he pelts the king unmercifully, while the king again tries love-making with *Marian*. This young lady now encourages him, but only for her own ends, for she steals the prison key out of his pocket and lets her *Robin Hood* out. We do not remember this in the traditional history; but it matters not, the burlesque is not an illustration. Numerous songs of the day are introduced, one of the best being by Mr. Dallas and Mr. Arthur Williams. "Sometimes, generally, always." The police and the Thames Embankment outrages are well hit off, but the verse alluding to Egypt was the one applauded the most. On Miss Farren and Miss Gilchrist fall the major part of the work, and it is by their charming songs and graceful dances that the spirit of it is maintained. Miss Farren sings a song of the newspaper boy in her style so taking to all who hear her. With Miss Connie Gilchrist she sings a duet and dances a minuet, which well deserved the recall they obtained. Miss Gilchrist's prettiest song was, "Is there any harm in that." This young lady is fast coming to the front, and as she is only seventeen years of age, bids fair to be in the highest ranks of our actresses, whether she remains at burlesque or changes to comedy, for which she has shown undoubted talent. Mr. Arthur Williams makes some execrating puns, and so cleverly does he pronounce his punning words, that one cannot miss any of them. His burlesque of Mr. Charles Warner in "Drink" is capital, and productive of great laughter. Mr. Robert Brough ought to be welcome from the name he bears, and so he is. He, too, is rapidly coming to the front in this style of stage work. His imitation of *Gaspard* in "Les Cloches de Corneville" was well applauded. Mr. D'Auban's dance, as a man in armour, like all his dances, was duly encored. "Patience" comes in for burlesque. Mme. Rose and a clever company were three times called upon to go through their performance of the "Æsthetic Quadrille." A company of acrobats were introduced on the first night, but not being well received, have been wisely withdrawn, only an infant bicyclist being permitted. This child does some wonderful things on his or her bicycle—we do not know whether the performer is a boy or girl—yet a theatre can hardly be said to be the place for it. Of course, the German Giantess at the Alhambra was burlesqued. Miss Gilchrist having a long skirt put round her was gradually raised from the stage, whilst Mr. Arthur Williams donned the moustache and imperial of Bro. Holland, and stood underneath her arm, and assured the company "she is still growing." We noticed Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore amongst the audience.

"Patience," at the Savoy, is not likely to be withdrawn for several weeks yet, but those who have not seen it, or those who have and would go again, had better take time by the forelock. Its last weeks will shortly be announced, and a new opera by the same author and composer, Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan, will be brought out. "Patience" must have brought in to all concerned in it, whether as composer, writer, theatrical proprietor or players, a good fortune. As an opera its run is unprecedented. On our last visit it showed no signs of flagging. Mr. George Grossmith, as *Bunthorne*; Mr. Rutland Barrington, as *Archibald Grosvenor*, the "all right because I am infallible," were as loudly encored as ever. We cannot but think the æsthetic craze must have received a check by this opera, though, of course, it burlesques the sham by showing it in its most "intense" form, and making it ridiculous. Messrs. Elliott and Fry have issued a set of portraits of the principal players in character, all faithful likenesses. Miss Leonard Braham, *Patience*, in her dairymaid's dress; Mr. Grossmith in his "bilious" costume, which he owns is a sham; Mr. Barrington in his black velvet and silk stockings, which make him the adored of women against his own will; and Messrs. Browne, Thornton and Lely, as the *Colonel*, *Major* and *Duke* respectively. These three are represented as in their famous song, trying to imitate the love-sick maidens in their delusion.

The Court shortly re-opens with "The Parvenu," the Royalty with a new opera by M. Planquette, who, it is said, expects to rival his famous opera "Les Cloches de Corneville." We believe this will be the first opera written expressly for the English stage not produced beforehand in France.



The Promenade Concerts are in full swing still, and it is satisfactory to be in a position to record that, owing to the success which has attended these entertainments in the present season, they will be continued during the month of October. Mr. Gwyllyn Crowe deserves the success he has so strenuously endeavoured to secure, and we congratulate him accordingly.

This evening (Saturday) he will take his annual benefit concert, when, we doubt not, his patrons and well-wishers will muster in overwhelming numbers, in order to show their sense of the taste and enterprise he has displayed in ministering to their entertainment.

Professor Macfarren, as Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, delivered his inaugural address to the students on Saturday last, there being also present a strong muster of the professors. After exhorting the students to persevere in their studies, the learned Principal carefully traced the history of music from the earliest times, pointing out that it advanced earlier in England than in other countries, and that at the commencement of the thirteenth century elaborate contrapuntal compositions were discovered. From 1500 musical erudition was directed to secular subjects, which were produced on the same principles as ecclesiastical music. Towards the close of his address, he set himself strenuously to the task of combating the very common assertion that this country was incapable of attaining to a high degree of musical excellence. On the contrary, there was nothing in our soil, climate, or physical construction to warrant this idea, and hence he suggested they might all take courage to work to the best of their ability.

The programme of Tuesday next, at the Crystal Palace, when those popular caterers, Bros. Bertram and Roberts will hold their annual day and night fête, will include a grand evening naval and military promenade concert, in which the bands of the Grenadiers, Scots Guards, and Royal Marines, and three other military bands will take part. The chief attraction of the concert will be the "British Army Quadrilles." The vocalists will be Mr. Edward Lloyd and Signor Foli.

The Moore and Burgess Minstrels entered on their eighteenth consecutive year, at St. James's Hall, on Monday, when two performances were given in honour of the occasion. Owing to the rebuilding of the Piccadilly entrance and the erection of a new gallery staircase, the performances of this popular troupe will cease with the present week, and re-commence on Boxing Night.

Bro. Lord Harlech, Prov. G. Master of North Connaught, presided on Friday last at the Oswestry Triennial Musical Festival, held in the Powis Hall, Oswestry. The first and second parts of Haydn's "Creation" were given under the guidance of Mr. Henry Leslie. There was a large and fashionable attendance.

The first of Mr. George Watts's series of Philharmonic concerts will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday next, the 4th prox. On this occasion Madame Christine Nilsson will make her only appearance in Brighton during the present season, while at the same time, it will be her farewell visit previous to her departure for America.

Thursday evening was fixed for the opening smoking concert of the Victoria Glee Club, which has lately moved its quarters to the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington-park. The Principals are Messrs. Edwin Bryant, S. Kessell, and R. W. Heney, and Bro. Egbert Roberts.



A very interesting ceremony was that in which, on Saturday last, the leading part was taken by Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, G. J. Warden. A working men's industrial and fine art exhibition had been organised by the London and South-Western Railway Institute and Club at its quarters in Brunswick House, Vauxhall, the proceeds to be devoted to the improvement of that useful institution. All the exhibits were the bonâ fide handiwork of working men in their hours of leisure. They were ranked in eight classes, of which four were set apart for adults, and classified under the several heads of mechanical, artistic, general, fabrics, and fancy work. The fifth was confined to persons under eighteen, and the other three to that of work done by children belonging to Church, Board, and Nonconformist Schools respectively. The promoters had been much assisted by the Railway Company's officials, and a fund had been raised, among the contributors to which were the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, Past Grand Wardens; Bro. the Earl of Derby, Bro. Sir Thos. Brassey, M.P., Bro. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Sir Reginald Hanson, Sheriff Sir W. A. Ogg, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Duke of Westminster. It was this exhibition which our Right Honourable Brother had kindly undertaken to inaugurate, and in accordance with that undertaking, his lordship, accompanied by the

Sheriffs, attended, and fulfilled his agreeable task, his brief address on the occasion being listened to with great interest and heartily applauded. The proceedings concluded in the usual manner. It may be remarked that the exhibits in the first four divisions numbered 742, and in the other four together to 213. Among them are several excellent models of steam engines, many skilfully executed carvings in stone and chalk, &c. There is also a loan exhibition, consisting of examples of art manufacture, drawings, engravings, &c., which it will be well worth the reader's while to visit and inspect.

The fund that is being raised towards endowing a Professorship of Experimental Physics in Yorkshire, as a memorial to its first President, the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, already amounts to £3000, and the Marquis of Ripon, Viceroy of India, has written to the Council of the College congratulating them on the movement, and announcing his intention of contributing towards it the sum of £500.

The ninth annual exhibition of oil paintings was opened at the Town Picture Gallery, Brighton, on Thursday week. The number of exhibits is no less than four hundred and sixty-eight.

On the 22nd inst. the members of the Iron and Steel Institute arrived at Pesth, where a most cordial welcome was extended to them by Herr Rath, the chief Burgo-master, on the part of the city, and Government Councillor Kerpoly, on that of the Hungarian Ministry. In the evening they were entertained at a grand banquet given in their honour by the City Council.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the National Association for the promotion of Social Science was opened at Nottingham, on Wednesday last. In the evening there was a very strong muster at the Mechanics' Institute. The chair was taken by the president, Mr. George W. Hastings, M.P., who, in the course of his inaugural address, referred, among other things, at considerable length, to the Land Question and the Married Women's Property Act, and concluded by laying stress on the vast importance of having a sound system of elementary education. The retiring president, Lord O'Hagan, was unable to be present.

The real business of the Congress commenced on Thursday, when the different sections met for the discussion of important public questions. In the jurisprudence department its president, Mr. H. Fox Bristowe, Q.C., Vice-Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, delivered an address on "Jurisprudence and the Amendment of the Law." In the economic section the report of the select committee on railways (rates and fares) 1882, was considered, and ultimately a resolution was passed recommending that the subject of railway administration and the practicability of effecting more complete management should be referred for discussion at the winter meeting of the association. In the education department, Mr. Hamilton read a paper by Professor Sylvanus S. Thompson, as to "How Technical Training can be best associated with Primary Schools and Local Colleges." The employment of women in mills as bearing on infant mortality was considered in the health department, while in the art department the question, "In what way can the influence of Art be best brought to bear on the masses of population in large towns?" was submitted, and papers were read by Messrs. T. C. Horsfield and Hodgson Pratt, who both recommended the opening of museums and art galleries on the Sunday. In the evening the members were entertained at a conversation in the Castle.

On Friday, Mr. Woodall, M.P., President of the Education Department, delivered an address, dwelling at length on the new Education Code and the question of the compulsory attendance of children at school, and directing attention to the subject of Technical Education. In the Health and Art Departments the ladies mustered in strong force. In the former Mrs. King read an interesting paper on "Rational Dress and its Effects," while in the latter Mr. C. H. Lloyd, organist of Christ Church, Oxford, submitted one dealing with the results that might be anticipated from the establishment of the Royal College of Music, which, in his opinion, was admirably calculated to ensure to the public early elementary teaching by affording increased facilities for hearing good music.

The proceedings of Saturday were very fairly adjusted between business and pleasure, the latter taking the form of excursions, &c.; while, as regards the business proceedings, Sir Rutherford Alcock, as president of the health department, delivered an address. In the education department papers were read by Miss Beale and Bro. C. Pfoundes, the subject of the latter being the education of those who go abroad and the choice of a career.

We learn the following from "Cassell's Household Guide" for October.—To wash silk.—Lay the silk smoothly on a clean board, rub soap upon it, and brush it with a rather hard brush. The amount of brushing requisite will depend on the quantity of grease upon the silk. When it has been sufficiently brushed with the soap to cleanse it from grease and dirt, it should be well brushed on both sides with clean cold water. A little alum infused in the last water with which the silk is brushed will prevent the colours from spreading. Should there be any patches of grease upon the silk, they should be removed as previously described or by the application of a little camphine and alcohol. Folding or wringing silk when wet must be scrupulously avoided, as creases made in silk, when wet will never disappear; and, in like manner, *hot stids* must not be used for washing silks, as it will in most instances remove the colours.



Bro. C. Basil Cooke, Secretary of the Gallery Lodge, 1928, has been appointed official reporter to the Church Congress, to be held next week at Derby. Among the reporters who are going from London to report the Church Congress are several other members of the Gallery Lodge.

The will (dated February 12th, 1881), of Lieut.-Col. Marmaduke Littlejohn Monckton, R.A., late of Sheffield, who died on July 14th last, was proved on the 2nd inst. by Edward Philip Monckton and Arthur Monckton, the executors, the value of personal estate exceeding £13,000. The testator leaves the cash in the house and at his bankers' or agents', and his furniture, plate, personal effects, horses and carriages, to his wife, Mrs. Amelia Mary Monckton; and the residue of his property, upon trust, for his wife for life, and then for his children.

The City Corporation propose to make a direct thoroughfare from Fleet-street to the Thames Embankment by carrying Bouverie-street right through to that roadway, and by widening it at the Fleet-street end.

The will and codicil of Bro. Ellis Jones, of 12, Fore-street, warehouseman, and of Mill Platt Hall, Isleworth, who died on July 30th last, were proved on the 16th inst., by Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, the widow, Mr. Stephen Evans, and Mr. Ellis James Jones, the son, the executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over £29,000. The testator bequeaths to his wife £300 and his furniture, plate, effects, horses, carriages, and cattle; to his executor, Mr. Evans, £50; and to his said son his watch, chain, and rings. The residue of his real and personal estate is to be held upon trust for his wife until his children attain twenty-one, then one-half is to be divided among his children, and the income of the other half paid to his wife for life. At her death the capital of this half is also to be divided among his children.

A granite memorial to Elihu Burritt, with only the simple inscription "Friend of Peace and Philanthropist," has been erected in the cemetery at New Britain, Connecticut.

A singular and somewhat touching bequest has just been made to the poor of London by a Neapolitan gentleman, Pasquale Farale, "in memory of his wife, who was born in London, and with whom he lived there many happy years." The bequest consists of an unpublished opera, in three acts, to be presented to the Queen, and performed for the benefit of the London poor, and of the sum of 18,000 fr., for the purpose of granting yearly three marriage dowries of 300 fr. each to three poor girls of London, chosen by lot, between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five. At a meeting of the Common Council the announcement was received with cheers, and referred to the City Courts Committee for consideration and report.

Bro. S. C. Hall, having munificently bequeathed his library to the Free Public Library at Plymouth, was naturally desirous of seeing the institution in which his books would be placed, and of meeting some of those who were connected with its management. Bro. Hall (at the request of the Library Committee) accordingly delivered an address on the 24th ult., under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. C. F. Burnard), entitled a "Gossip about People I have Known." One of the most remarkable features of this address was that the veteran author (born in 1800) should have, with eloquence and telling effect, discoursed for two and half hours, entirely from memory, without a minute's cessation, standing all the while, and with no sign of physical exhaustion. Bro. Hall's long life, his retentive memory, and the unusual opportunity he has had for becoming acquainted with the greatest men and women of the century, contributed in no small degree to render this address a high intellectual treat. Bro. Hall is a Fellow of the Societies of Antiquaries, and moreover is deeply attached to Devonshire, his native county.

The official reporter of the Iron and Steel Institute, which has recently concluded its successful annual meeting at Vienna, was Bro. John Moore, of the Gallery Lodge, 1928.

We may supplement our report of the Masonic procession at the Preston Guild by the following additional particulars: Four sons of Past Masters, viz., Henry Cotnam, John Johnston, Harry Robinson, and Edward Barber, carried the Bible of Lodge Unanimity, No. 113. Bro. W. Harrison, W.M. 333, carried the wine; Bro. Bevan, W.M. 314, the cornucopia; Bro. Hatton, 2013, the oil; a P.M. of 113, the trowel; Bro. Fabert, 216, the mallet; Bro. Milner, W.M. 178, the Corinthian light; Bro. Fairclough, 155, the column of the Prov. Grand Junior Warden; Bro. H. G. Bell, P.M. 113, the Doric light; Bro. McTear, W.M. 86, the column of the Prov. Grand Senior Warden; and Bro. Ferguson, 132, the Ionic light.

The winter session of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Art, Science and Literature, Ladies' Division, opens on October 2nd.

Comp. Edward Coathupe Mais, the retiring M.E.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter, attached to the United Tradesman's Lodge, No. 583, Adelaide, South Australia, was, on his retirement recently from the chair, the recipient of a most gratifying gift from the members of the chapter in recognition of his services, extending over nearly four years, which have done so much to keep alive Arch Masonry in South Australia. The souvenir of his long and arduous occupation of office, consisted of a silver épergne representing a palm tree with glass dishes for flowers surmounting the foliage. The base is about six inches high, with two silver doors opening into the interior, which are made to represent the Vaulted Chamber. The interior is beautifully wrought in silver and enamel; and the base of the tree is surmounted with Royal Arch emblems. The gift is a well deserved one, as M.E. Comp. Mais has been one of the main stays of Royal Arch Masons in South Australia for many years.

The regular meetings of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, are now resumed at Bro. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, on Friday evenings, under the able preceptorship of Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Lodge is opened at 8 o'clock p.m., and brethren are cordially invited.

Bro. Bertram, the well known refreshment contractor at the Crystal Palace has suffered a sad bereavement recently. His little boy, five years of age had been on a visit to an uncle, who kept in his house a fox terrier which was a great favourite. The dog and the child were playing, when the beast suddenly attacked him and bit him on the leg. Although the wounds were cauterised, symptoms of hydrophobia set in, and the poor little sufferer expired a few days after in dreadful agony.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week ending September 23rd, was 975.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, at the Union Tavern, Air-street Regent-street, W., on Thursday, the 5th October, by Bro. W.H. Dean, W.M. 1900, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset.

The competition of young girls to obtain appointments in the Post Office telegraphs is rather increasing than abating. An examination was held on Wednesday, at which there were no less than 800 candidates for thirty appointments. The salary is very small, commencing at 10s. per week only.

Sir J. Bennett Lawes, an eminent scientific agriculturist, has issued a statement on the wheat crop of 1882. He says that the present cannot be considered an average crop, but although the yield of wheat may not be equal to expectation, all the other crops of the country generally are very good, and the prospects of agriculture are more favourable than they have been for several years past.

The annual installation meeting of the members of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, was held at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday last, when Bro. William Savage was placed in the chair for the ensuing year. A report of the proceedings will be given next week.

The London daily papers, according to the *London Figaro*, find war very expensive, and during the Egyptian campaign have been each spending £1000 weekly, at the lowest average, in telegrams alone.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., has consented to lay the memorial-stone of Sunday school and vestries in connexion with St. James's Presbyterian Church, Wood Green, to-day (Saturday).

Lady Monckton has returned to town, having kindly taken a prominent part in entertainments for charitable purposes, in Scarborough, Whitby, &c., to delighted audiences, and with successful financial results.

At an early meeting of the London Court of Common Council it will be proposed to present to Sir Garnet Wolseley on his return from Egypt an address of congratulation in a gold box, and to present to Sir Beauchamp Seymour a sword and the freedom of the City, and also to entertain the two commanders at an expense of £2000. Sir Garnet Wolseley has received the freedom on a previous occasion.

Preparations are being made at Windsor Castle for illuminating a portion of the interior of the Palace with the electric light.

The approaching marriage is announced of Princess Maria Isabella, cousin of the King of Bavaria, and sister of the Empress of Austria, with the Duke of Genoa, cousin of the King and brother of the Queen of Italy.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., attended at the annual distribution of prizes of B Company 1st Cinque Ports (Battle) Volunteers, at the Drill Hall, on Wednesday. After the distribution Captain Thorpe entertained the company to a dinner in the Masonic Hall.

No successor has as yet been appointed to the vacancy in the Foreign Office caused by the death of Bro. Lord Tenterden, late Prov. G.M. of Essex.

Mr. Christie, the Astronomer Royal, has received the following message from the Vienna Academy: "Great comet seen September 24th; right ascension eleven hours; south declination three degrees." From the Royal Observatory Paris, a telegram has been received, stating that a superb comet was observed at four o'clock yesterday morning at ten degrees altitude, bearing north, sixty degrees east.

The new session of the Normal School of Science and Royal School of Mines, Jermyn-street and South Kensington will commence on Monday next.

The well-known premises at 309, Regent-street, where the Polytechnic Institution used to be located, were on Sunday last formally opened for the Young Men's Christian Institute.

Attention is called in the *Times*, to "A case of railway nomenclature which is unique in its stupidity." There are four stations called "King's-cross," and these four are all within 500 yards of each other, namely, King's-cross, York-road, King's-cross Terminus, King's-cross Suburban, and King's-cross Metropolitan. Daily mistakes of literally scores of passengers occur in consequence, and are well known to the companies.

Bro. George Vickery has removed his offices from 35, King-street, to 18, Adde-street, Aldermanbury, E.C.

DOCTORS' PRESCRIPTIONS.—The advance of medical science has necessitated great variations in most modern prescriptions. Some remedies, notably those for the various phases of skin disease, are prescribed as they were a quarter of a century ago, the favourite remedy being still SAPO CARBONIS DETERGENS, WRIGHT'S. These words should appear on every tablet and wrapper of Wright's Coal Tar Soap purchased or prescribed.

Thursday, the 21st inst., was the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the great novelist, known as the "Wizard of the North," Bro. Sir Walter Scott, who was initiated into Freemasonry in St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh.

Bro. J. d'A de Franca-Netto, 33°, Vice-President of the Grand Orient and Supreme Council of Portugal, D.G.M. of the A. F. and A. Masons' Symbolic Rite, has lately visited London, and was present at the meeting of Grand Lodge on the 6th inst. Our distinguished brother is an ardent Mason, and is such an admirer of the English system that, although the jurisdiction of which he is the moving spirit cannot possibly be attached to the Grand Lodge of England, he has introduced the English working and organisation into all the lodges under the Grand Orient of Portugal. Bro. Franca-Netto has now left for Paris, and will visit most of the Grand Lodges on the continent before returning to Portugal.

Admiralty instructions were received at Chatham Dockyard and Gun Wharf last evening to provide immediately the guns and equipment required for the eight vessels of the mercantile marine, which are ordered to be immediately armed as mercantile auxiliaries. Each vessel will carry six guns.

We understand that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to open the new City of London School on the Thames Embankment. The date is not yet definitely fixed, but it will be some time early in December. As this will be one of the leading events of the new civic year, the Corporation will no doubt receive His Royal Highness in a manner befitting the occasion and the importance of the institution which is to be inaugurated. —City Press.

ERRATA.—The word *convened* appears instead of *condensed*, in the eighth line of a letter entitled "A Masonic Benefit Society" in our last issue.

The annual court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, will be held at the Cambridge Hall, Southport, on Wednesday, the 4th October next, immediately after the closing of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement will commence its next session on Tuesday next, the 3rd October, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill.

Buckingham Palace occupies the site of what, in the reigns of Charles I. and Charles II., was known as the Mulberry Garden, then a place of fashionable resort. It was so called from the fact that the ground had been planted with mulberry-trees by order of James I., one of whose whims was the encouragement of the growth of silk in England, as a source of revenue. With this object in view, he imported many ship-loads of young mulberry-trees, most of which were planted round the metropolis. Indeed, he gave by patent to Walter, Lord Aston, the superintendence of "the Mulberry Garden, near St. James's;" but all Lord Aston's efforts were unable to secure success; the speculation entered into by King James proved a failure, and the Mulberry Garden was afterwards devoted to a public recreation-ground.—From "Cassell's Old and New London" for October.

Bro. Captain Lord Charles Beresford, P.M., who reached Dover from Egypt on Saturday, was received by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House on Sunday afternoon.

The customary presentation of fruit to the Lord Mayor by the Fruiterers' Company will take place at the Mansion House on Wednesday next, the 4th October.

The Marquis of Hamilton, Past G.S. Warden, and the Earl of Kinmore had the honour of being included in Her Majesty's dinner party on Wednesday last.

The Khedive, in recognition of the essential services rendered him by Bro. General Sir Garnet Wolseley, has conferred upon that distinguished officer the Grand Cordon of the Order of Osmanieh.

The action for libel by Bro. Bandmann, the well known actor, against Mr. Frazer Smith, proprietor of the *Hong Kong Telegraph*, has resulted in the latter being sentenced to two months imprisonment.

At the invitation of the Mayor of Liverpool, the Lord Mayor of London, Grand Junior Warden, will visit that city in the course of next week. His lordship will be entertained at a grand banquet at Newsham House, the Mayor of Liverpool's residence, on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

Lord Leigh, Prov. Grand Master of Warwickshire, and Lord Lieutenant of the county, presided at the banquet given at Leamington, on Wednesday last, in honour of Mr. Walton, Southampton, Grand Master of the Manchester Union of Oddfellows. Among those present were the Earl of Yarmouth, Sir J. G. Wilmot, Bart., M.P., Bro. the Hon. Rev. Canon Leigh, Past Prov. Grand Chap., the Hon. G. H. C. Leigh, M.P., Bro. Col. Machen, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who returned thanks for the Reserve Forces, &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held at Darlington, on Tuesday, the 17th prox.

Bro. William Ramsey, of the Farringdon Glass Works, announces the removal of his business to 29, Farringdon-street.

In another portion of our impression will be found an account of the presentation by the St. John's Lodge, No. 1137, Timaru, New Zealand, of silver medals to several persons in recognition of their gallant rescue of many lives at a wreck which lately took place.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—For the cure of debility, bile, liver, and stomach complaints this inappreciable medicine is so well-known in every part of the world, and the cures performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particular for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. In these diseases the beneficial effects of the Pills are so permanent that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and a free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretory organs and the circulation the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay, thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the virulence of the most painful and devastating diseases.—[ADVT.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, October 7, 1882.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Lodge 1793, Sir Charles Bright, M.H., Teddington.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., 8.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Masonic Club, Loughborough, at 7.30.
King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Lodge 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.
" 60, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1625, Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., E.
" 1660, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.
Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, F.M. Tav.
" 1056, Victoria, M.H., Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-st., E.C.
Mark 224, Menatschin, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd., at 8.
West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 7.
Old Kent Mark, Crown & Cushion, London Wall, 2nd and 4th.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Colonial Board, at 4.
Lodge 7, Royal York Lodge of Persverance, F.M.H.
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 765, St. James's, Bridge House Hot.
" 1257, Grosvenor, F.M.H.
" 1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape G. Hope Tav., E.
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Wellington-st. North, Strand.
" 1310, Harrow, King's Head Hot., Harrow.
" 1381, Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington.
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
" 1662, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
" 1693, Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd.
Chap. 169, Temperance, White Swan Hot., Deptford.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grande, Guildhall Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 7.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Royal Arthur, Duke of Cambridge, 216, Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
West Middlesex, Feathers Hot., Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey, at 8.
Mount Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleanor, Angel Hot., Edmonton.
Chaucer, The Grapes, St. Thomas's-st., Borough, at 8.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
Metropolitan Chap, Jamaica Coffee Ho., St. Michael's Alley
Earl of Carnarvon Chap., Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 1549, Abercorn, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
" 1585, Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hot., Putney.
" 1687, Rotheras, Inns of Court Hot.
Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Ro., Leytonstone.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1580, St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
K.T. Precept. 129, Holy Palest, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury-pavement, at 7.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Zetland, King's Arms Hot., High-st., Kensington, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 45, Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tav.
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.
" 554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
" 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
" 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hot.
" 1351, St. Clement's Danes, Carr's Restaurant, 265, Strand.
" 1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, S.M.H., Camberwell.
" 1705, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-pl., W.
" 1772, Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tav., Millbank.
Chap. 174, Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught 77½, Bishopsgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich
Kent, Duke of York, Borough-rd., Southwark, 7.30.
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
Covent Garden, Constitution Hot., Bedford-st., Covent Garden, at 7.45.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 706, Florence Nightingale, M.H. Woolwich.
" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.
" 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Balls Pond-rd.
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.
" 1715, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
Mark 8, Thistle, F.M. Tav.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st. Manchester-sq.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8.
Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1194, Villiers, Albany Hot., Twickenham.
" 1559, New Cross, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 2.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Lodge 293, King's Friends, Lamb Inn, Nantwich.
" 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
" 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Boote L. of I., 146, Berry-street, Bootle.
Mark Lodge 11, Joppa, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 161, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.
" 1403, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
Chap. 86, Lebanon, Crown Hot., Prescot.
" 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1070, Starkie, M.H., Southport.
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
" 1473, Bootle, Assembly Rooms, Bootle.
" 1565, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 1375, Architect, Town H., Withington.
" 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
" 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.

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NOTES.

(a) Vermont. — According to the latest returns we have seen, this Grand Lodge has about 100 lodges, with a total membership of about 5000 subscribing brethren.

(b) Abbe Barruel, b. 1741, is known principally by the very violent attack he made on Freemasonry, in his "Mémoires pour servir à l'Histoire du Jacobinisme," published in 1797. It passed through several editions, has been translated into more than one language, but it is little read now. The Abbé sought to make out that Freemasonry had been the cause of all the irreligion and revolution in France; though he must have known that many who held the same religious views as himself were members of the society, and that the Revolution had practically compelled the lodges into a state of silence and inactivity. His attack, as well as that of Professor Robison, was most ably answered by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Moira.

(c) W. H. Lambton, ancestor of the Earls of Durham, whose family name is Lambton, while their second title is Viscount Lambton. This family has always taken a deep interest in Freemasonry; the first earl, in particular, who died in 1840, having held high office both in Grand Lodge and his native province.

(d) Virginia enjoys the honour of having numbered amongst its members General George Washington, who, more than any other man, contributed to the establishment as an independent state, and was the first President of the United States. Washington was initiated in a lodge at Fredericksburg, in 1752.

(e) Tennessee. — In this jurisdiction there are full 400 lodges, with over 16,000 subscribing members. From the financial returns we have seen, we gather that this Grand Lodge is in a prosperous condition, having a balance to its credit of between 7000 and 8000 dollars (£1400 and £1600.)

(f) Louis Claude de St. Martin, an able writer on mysticism and a zealous Mason, was born in 1743. He was a soldier and a great traveller, as well as a disciple of Martinez Paschales, whose rule he reformed and extended.

(g) Mother Kilwinning. — According to Bro. Murray Lyon, this lodge, on the re-organisation of the Scotch lodges, in 1598-9, was confirmed in its position as one of the ancient "head" lodges, but was placed second, or next, on the roll after the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). In 1677 it issued a warrant to certain Craftsmen in the Canongate of Edinburgh to enter and pass Masons in its name and on its behalf. In 1729 it began to issue charters. In 1736, on the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was again placed second on the roll, and after Mary's Chapel; but being dissatisfied with its position, it withdrew a few years later, and continued to issue warrants on its own authority. In 1807 the schism was healed, and Mother Kilwinning was placed at the head of the roll, without a number. Its R.W. Master is also Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, the present occupant of that position being R.W. Bro. R. W. Cochran Patrick, LL.D., M.P.

(h) Scotland, the youngest of the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom, has on its roll several hundred lodges,

OCT. + HISTORICAL CALENDAR. + 1882.

1	Sun.	The Grand Orient of France resolves on re-organising its Charitable Institution, 1853.
2	Mon.	Banquet in Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, in honour of the Marquis de Lafayette, 1824.
3	Tu.	Edict of the Municipality of Dantzick against Freemasonry, 1763.
4	Wed.	Grand Lodge of Vermont (a) constituted, 1794. General Infirmary, Sheffield, opened and dedicated in solemn form, in presence of Yorkshire brethren, 1798.
5	Thur.	The Abbé Barruel (b) anti-Masonic writer, died, 1820.
6	Fri.	Bro. W. H. Lambton (c) appointed Prov. G. Master of Durham, 1787.
7	Sat.	Marquis of Carnarvon, G.M., appoints a Prov. G.M. for Durham, 1755.
8	Sun.	Cagliostro founds a lodge at Strasbourg, according to the Egyptian Rite, 1779.
9	Mon.	Presentation to Earl Howe, Dep. G.M. of England, and Prov. G.M. of Leicestershire, of his portrait, to be hung in Masonic Hall, Leicester, 1860.
10	Tu.	Fête by the Supreme Council of France in honour of Gen. de Lafayette, S.G.I.G., 1830.
11	Wed.	Masonic Conference at Stuttgart, to which lodges under the Grand Lodge of Bayreuth invited in order to consider questions of ritual and Constitution, 1868.
12	Thur.	H.R.H. the Prince of Wales installed as Grand Patron of the Order in Scotland, and affiliated to Lodge of Edinburgh, No. 1, 1870.
13	Fri.	Bro. Thos. Smith Webb, author of the "Freemason's Monitor," born at Boston, U.S.A., 1771. Grand Lodge of Virginia (d) constituted, with Bro. John Blair as first Grand Master, 1778. Foundation stone of new Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, laid by Grand Patron the Prince of Wales, 1870.
14	Sat.	Grand Lodge of Tennessee (e) constituted, 1794. Louis Claude de St. Martin (f), author of the doctrine of Martinism, died at Aunay, near Paris, 1804. First meeting in Mannheim of a lodge, afterwards known as "Karl zur Eintracht," 1805. Lodge Mother Kilwinning (g) placed at head of roll of Scotch lodges, without number, 1807.
15	Sun.	Charter of incorporation granted to the Masons and Wrights of Edinburgh, 1475. Meeting of Delegates from Lodges St. Mary's Chapel, Canongate, Kilwinning and other lodges, with a view to erecting a Grand Lodge of Scotland (h) 1736. Bro. Fried. Mossdorf (i) German Masonic author, initiated into Freemasonry in Lodge "Minerva of the Three Palms," Leipzig, 1777.
16	Mon.	Elias Ashmole and Col. Henry Mainwaring made Masons at Warrington, 1646. Baron Von Knigge (k) a prominent member of the Illuminati, born 1752. Grand Lodge of Kentucky (l) constituted, 1800.
17	Tues.	Foundation stone of the new Post Office, Glasgow, laid by Prince of Wales, 1876.
18	Wed.	Grand Orient of France orders publication of "l'Etat du Grand Orient de France," 1776.
19	Thur.	Lodge of Virtue at Leyden celebrates its fifty years' jubilee, 1807.
20	Fri.	Edict of Fred. William III. of Prussia against secret societies, Freemasonry excepted, 1798.
21	Sat.	Frederick I. of Sweden forbids meetings of Freemasons under penalty of death, 1738. Foundation stone of North Bridge, Edinburgh, laid by George Drummond, G.M., 1763.
22	Sun.	Close of the Masonic convention at Leipzig, 1777. Organisation of Scottish General Grand Lodge, A. and A. Rite, proclaimed at Paris, 1804.
23	Mon.	Bro. Thomas Dunckerly, born 1724.
24	Tues.	Convention of R.A. Chapters of Northern States of America at Boston, U.S.A., 1797. Grand Lodge of England forbids admission into its lodges of members of Rite of Memphis, 1859.
25	Wed.	Prince Cambacérès elected Grand Master of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Heredom Kilwinning, 1806.
26	Thur.	Project of a new Constitution, providing a Council to assist Grand Master for Grand Orient of France, 1854.
27	Fri.	Foundation of the Freemasons' Institute at Dresden, 1773.
28	Sat.	Committee of Charity recommend incorporation of the Society of Freemasons approved of by Grand Lodge, 1768. Installation of Duke de Chartres as Grand Master of France, 1773.
29	Sun.	J. A. Von Starck (m), of the Strict Observance, born at Schwerin, 1741. All Masons made henceforth to be registered, 1768.
30	Mon.	Patent to Bro. Lüttmann to found Prov. G. Lodge at Hamburg (n), 1740.
31	Tues.	Letter of Bro. Alex. Deuchar, Treas. of St. Mary's Chapel, to Bro. Sir J. Stuart on union of Mother Kilwinning with Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1807.

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many of which are held in the Colonies and abroad, and, where numerous enough, there are regularly organised Provincial Grand Lodges, which work concurrently and in perfect harmony with the District Grand Lodges under the English Constitution and the Provincial Grand Lodges holding under Ireland.

(i) F. Mossdorf, a distinguished German official and Freemason, born at Eckartsberge in 1757, and died at Dresden in 1843. Subsequent to his initiation, as stated in the Calendar, he joined the Lodge Zu den drei Schwertern, at Dresden, and took a very active part in its proceedings. He was a friend of Fessler and Krause, and corresponded with Schröder. In 1805-6 he edited the "Maurerisches Taschenbuche," and also contributed to the "Neuen Freimaurischen Taschenbuche," 1806-7. He also edited and wrote largely for Lenning's "Encyclopädie der Freimaurerei." Having, with the consent of his lodge, circulated the intelligence of the publication of Krause's documents, he was, on 17th December, 1819, ordered by the Grand Lodge to absent himself from the lodge for an indefinite period, on which he quitted the Fraternity.

(k) Baron Von Knigge, d. 1796. — He is said to have been initiated at Cassel, in 1772, and to have received the High Grades at Hanau five years later. In 1780 he joined Weishaupt's Illuminati, and was known by the name of "Philo." At the Wilhelmsbad Convention, in 1782, he sought in vain to obtain a recognition of that order, and two years later, having quarrelled with Weishaupt, resigned his connection with it. According to Kloss, he was the author of several Masonic works.

(l) Kentucky. — The earliest lodge established in this jurisdiction met at Lexington and received its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Its first Grand Master was Bro. W. Murray. It has on its roll not far short of 600 lodges, the subscribing members to which muster fully 21,000.

(m) J. A. Von Starck, d. 1816. — He studied at Göttingen, and is said to have been made a Freemason in a French Military Lodge. In 1763 he became a Professor in St. Petersburg, where the Rite of Melesino flourished. While in the Russian capital he became acquainted with the interior economy of the Strict Observance, which he reformed or relaxed, as some prefer to call the changes he introduced into the system, which, under his arrangement had the three regular Masonic and four superior grades.

(n) Hamburg. — It was in this city that the first German Lodge was established under the Grand Lodge of England. It worked for some time without a name, but in 1741 assumed that of "Absalom." It became an independent Grand Lodge in 1811, with Bro. Beckmann as Grand Master and Bro. Schröder as Deputy Grand Master. It has under it three lodges and over 2600 members. There is also a Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony in this city, with six Johannite Lodges, and an Andrew Lodge, with a few hundred members; and the "Eclectic System," or Schröder's "Engbund," which is worked in two lodges having between them about 300 members. The system in the Grand Lodge is Schröder's; in the Prov. Grand Lodge that of Zinnendorf.

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