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ALL our brethren will regret to notice the lamented death of Bro. RAVENSHAW, P.G.C. Many of us have had experience of his kindly nature, his Masonic merits, and his genial heart, and will feel that he will truly be a loss to Freemasonry and to Philanthropy.

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THE elections for the Schools, which are now rapidly drawing nigh, suggest many serious reflections to all who take an interest in that great and remarkable "outcome" of our sympathetic English Freemasonry. The Schools are becoming great Institutions, and their future must fill thoughtful minds with grave solicitude. From small beginnings they have reached a very striking position of value and utility, of use and blessing; and though so far, happily, the springs of Masonic charity seem still to flow on freely and unexhausted, it is impossible, we think, not to note and feel that the sum needful for our Schools to be raised annually alike for them and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, constitutes a severe strain and tension of and on Masonic benevolence and Masonic liberality. There is no other institution doing what Masonry is now doing; and can these efforts year by year be kept up? Such is the query which is affecting many minds, and raising many doubts just now. It is averred, and we do not ourselves doubt the truth of the assertion, that after all is said and done there is yet a great margin left for Masonic zeal, Masonic vitality, and Masonic sacrifices. It is the fact, no doubt, that as yet but a portion of our Order has contributed to our great schools, our Metropolitan Charities, and that many well-to-do Freemasons have yet to have their sensibilities aroused and their pockets touched. This is, as we said just now, undoubtedly so; but still in this, as in other respects, Freemasonry at the least but reproduces the weaknesses of society, the tendencies of humanity. It is not perfect, and claims no exemption from all that constitutes the unceasing frailty of man's best wishes and endeavours here, the imperfection of our common inheritance, the burden of our "common clay." We are inclined to think, as we have frequently pointed out, that much more yet may be done by lodges and chapters than has been hitherto done, and that therein the hope of the future for our great Educational and Annuity Institutions really lies. If lodges and chapters cannot afford a large sum annually, let all the members of the lodges and chapters subscribe "pro rata" a given sum, and let that amount be handed over to one of the Institutions annually, so that every lodge and chapter annually would thus do something for these great Charities of ours, which in their beneficent development and sterling progress are such a credit to our fraternity and such a benefit to humanity.

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WE hear that the next elections will be marked by extraordinary efforts to secure the successful result for special candidates. Owing to the general system of combination and compact in the provinces, their cases, which are carefully selected and minutely looked into, come up with every prospect of certain success. We wish we could think that our poor London candidates had the likelihood of any such friendly aid. Our Metropolitan brethren take up certain cases, which are personally worked for and influentially patronized; but it only requires a cursory survey of the list of London candidates to discover the fact that without such adjuncts and assistance the friendless, despite the inherent goodness of their case, stand on no equal footing with more fortunate candidates. At the same time we say this, there are great difficulties in the way of laying down any other system of procedure. One idea has been suggested to us, that when after three efforts a candidate is unsuccessful, the House Committee shall have power, assuming the case to be one of "need and urgency," to elect that case. But the objection will at once be raised, "You are interfering with the privileges of the subscribers." Yet, if such was the law, it would, as they say, apply all round, and with this full knowledge, all would be upon an equal footing, and no injustice could accrue to any one, the more so as such election would only take place if the plea "need and urgency" satisfied the Com-

mittee. As it is, many good cases are not, and never can be, successful; and we very much fear that it often so inevitably happens, that many who have no friends fail entirely, and those whose friends could well keep them off the Charities, and do not positively need eleemosynary aid, succeed.

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IT is, however, very doubtful whether in the temper of our London brethren any organization similar to those which work so successfully in the provinces, is likely to be successful. Our Metropolitan brethren, though a numerous, are a very independent body, and seem to wish to have an unfettered decision as to the use they make of their voting papers. We do not find fault with them; honest independence of thought and action is a great virtue, but, like all virtues, it may be pushed to an extreme. So large is the proportion of London votes given to provincial claims, and so small is the return of the compliment, that with the strength of the voting power in the provinces, conjoined with that of Metropolitan assistance, each election witnesses some most remarkable facts as to the force of combination, and the efficiency of a carefully worked and fully developed system. Some fine day we have no doubt, as each year adds to a strength which is only now being put forth, few, if any, London cases will be successful, except those supported by brethren of great influence, after much anxious work and unceasing efforts. In saying all this, which we honestly believe to be sure and certain truth, we are in no way seeking to support a different system of procedure, such as the election by a committee of all cases; for sure we are of this, that if weaknesses and shortcomings may be predicated fairly of the existing system, still more patent and glaring may safely be asserted of the alternative proposed, and old philosophy still should carry us "through" in this as in other matters—"it's better to bear the ills we have, than fly to others we know not of."

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WE wish that we could think that with our advance in archæology and charity we were making an equal progress æsthetically in English Freemasonry. We certainly have improved in some little matters of detail. Since the times which are past, some decades ago, when we took part in the working of our good Craft, up and down the country, great ameliorations in decency and order have been made manifest, but how much remains to be achieved? How defective we still are as regards the accessories of a careful ceremonial. Is it too much to assert that we hardly know a lodge, even in the Metropolis, which is properly decorated "after the manner of Masons," or fitted up in such a way as to impress members and visitors with the belief that the smallest details and pettiest adjuncts have been carefully attended to? We meet, for the most part, in lodge rooms barely furnished, or in hotels where none of the surroundings suggest an idea of Freemasonry, and where everything Masonic is counterbalanced by incongruous ornaments or un-Masonic adjuncts. In the provinces they manage things better. Many of the halls and lodge rooms are furnished with all those comely accessories of a beautiful ceremonial which impart satisfaction and create admiration, and they are decorated with all those stately properties and that effective symbolism which teach and expound our ancient and honoured ritual by the very power of their presence, and the very reality of their existence. It is much to be desired that a movement should be made to establish somewhere a properly ornamented and decorated lodge room, furnished with all those needful and striking "paraphernalia," by which the beauty of our ceremonial is brought out, and its touching teaching explained, alike to the edification of the members as well as to the gratification of friendly visitors. Freemasonry is something higher, better, more real, more enduring, than a hasty and slovenly performance of mechanical labour on the one hand, and an exuberant outcome of hospitable refreshment on the other. Freemasonry and the Freemasons' lodges are meant to be a school of philosophic wisdom, of moral discipline, of ritualistic perfection, and of æsthetic beauty. Nothing has done so much evil to Freemasonry, whether in its vital power or normal outcome, in the estimation of its own members and the sympathies of the world, as its connection with Taverns.

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WE desiderate for Messrs. SPIERS and POND all success in their new undertaking at Freemasons' Tavern; and as some members of the firm, we believe, belong to our Masonic Order, we offer them our "Hearty good wishes." Just now, as a vehement controversy is being carried on in some of our contemporaries as to public accommodation and the like, we venture to impress on the new lessees, in their own interest, and for the comfort, convenience, and warm support of our Craft, the advisability of moderate charges and first-class "materiel." Nothing is so hard on a patient public as the system, too much in vogue, of the maximum of cost and the minimum of value received. It is absurd that, for the sums usually charged in first-class restaurants, and at stately taverns, the entertained should not receive the best of fare and the greatest of attention. But that is not so, as we all

know; and our good British and Masonic "diners out" find that they can get a better dinner at home very often at one-tenth of the cost. Bro. DAWKINS, who still superintends the "ménage" at Freemasons' Tavern, knows exactly what his brethren wish, what they want, and what they need; and we feel sure that under an enlightened régime Freemasons' Tavern will advance in the good opinion of its customers, alike for their own satisfaction and health in every respect, and for the ultimate benefit of the new lessees.

We entirely agree with a Past Master of No. 302, and think the proposition very reasonable. Curiously enough, as Bro. GOULD could tell us, there were Grand Stewards for the Provinces, but they seem to have themselves given up the duty and the privilege. There is no reason why they should not be resuscitated. As our brother correspondent truly remarks, the appointments are very few, and there can be no possible objections to increasing the number of Grand Stewards—at least we should like to have them.

It appears that the copy of the warrant of No. 37, to which allusion was made recently in our pages, was transcribed by a brother (since deceased) some years ago, and was accepted by the compilers of the excellent history of that lodge as a correct transcript; but on a close examination of the original by Bro. JAMES NEWTON, he informs us that the signature is "MONTAGUE," not "MONTACUTE." Bro. NEWTON was led to carefully scrutinize the document, after the review in the *Freemason*. (We equally commend this fact to Bro. NORTON's attention). It may be possible that, after all, the correct reading in America is "MONTAGUE," not "MONTACUTE." Here is a field for Bro. JACOB NORTON's indefatigable energy. We are pleased to state that Bros. BROCKBANK and NEWTON have consented to the reproduction of their History in the pages of the "Masonic Monthly," for which permission EDITOR and PUBLISHER tender their best thanks.

## THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.—II.

The declaration of the "Unionists" in 1813 respecting the only Degrees recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, as usual, commences the Regulations, and is numbered as 1. As an instance of the preciseness of the revision, the concluding sentence of Rule 2—*re* Grand Lodge and its constitution—may be noticed, which reads "and is hereinafter referred to as the Grand Lodge." The general powers of all substituted authorities are admirably defined in Rule 3, and the clause is most clearly and definitely expressed. Under No. 6 comes the members of the Grand Lodge, according to their rank.

We notice that the list of officers does not include the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, the two Grand Standard Bearers, and the past ditto of each; and the Assistant Grand Secretary is likewise omitted. The first two, however, occur under Rule 18 (so it is possibly, simply omitted inadvertently); but should also be inserted in the first enumeration of the Grand Officers. Past rank is given to the Grand Pursuivants, but not to the Assistant Grand Pursuivants. Surely, it would be as well, if not better, to allow all officers of Grand Lodge, after due service, to be entitled to *past rank*.

The Grand Pursuivant, we believe, was first appointed in 1833, and Assistant Grand Pursuivant in 1859. Two additional Grand Deacons were appointed from 1861, and an Assistant Grand Secretary occasionally from 1854. The present holder of the last-mentioned office has well earned the distinction.

The President of the Board of General Purposes does not appear to have been constituted a Grand Officer prior to 1862; and an Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies dates from 1829. Past rank has been gradually extended in its application to several offices, and we hope soon to see it made general.

Rule 13 recites, "all regular Masons" may attend the Grand Festival. Does that mean Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, or only Master Masons? Some, we know, consider the latter; but as apprentices, as such, become members of lodges, and may so continue for their lifetime, their regularity is decidedly proved. The conclusion to clause 13, page 23 of Constitutions, 1873 (now No. 13), is left out, so that private lodges within the London district will now be allowed to have "Masonic feasts" on the day of the Grand Festival.

Rule 19 states that the Grand Treasurer shall be nominated in December and elected in March, the first condition being a new one. As No. 29 provides that the Grand Treasurer shall sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and as all monies belonging to the Grand Lodge are now deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master (or Pro Grand Master), the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, we are glad to see that clause 2, page 35, respecting "sureties," is omitted.

The Grand Stewards remain eighteen for each year as before. We hear of a desire for the number being increased, and that the provinces should share in the honour, but we do not think that either longing is likely to be gratified for the present.

No. 53 varies, from its counterpart in article 8, page 20 (Const. 1873), the latter being divided into some five distinct rules in the revision, and thus more precision is attained. The succeeding paragraph gives power to the Chairman of the General Committee to reject any notice of motion which, in his judgment, is not within the cognizance of the Grand Lodge, so long as he makes a due report to the Grand Master.

We should suggest that the words *Present and Past* immediately precede the words "Grand Officers" in rule 37, which relates to the issue of the printed reports, &c.

Rule 69 refers to the distribution and collection of balloting papers, under the superintendence of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, which, though appearing for the first time in the Constitutions, is practically not a new regulation; and the same may be said of the next paragraph, which provides that the right of speaking twice is only to be the privilege of the mover of an original resolution, unless in explanation; and mentions that this rule does not apply to the Grand Registrar, as the adviser of the Grand Lodge.

Whilst on the subject of the regulations affecting the Grand Lodge, we may as well state our desire to see the orders of the Grand Master respecting Masonic prefixes and the precedence of Grand Officers, inserted in the revised Book of Constitutions. The Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, issued an order some twenty years since as to Masonic designations, which may thus be summarized: 1. "Right Worshipful" is accorded only to the Deputy Grand Master, the Present and Past Prov. (and District) Grand Masters, and the Present and Past Grand Wardens. 2. "Very Worshipful" is to be used only by the actual and Past Grand Chaplains, Grand

Treasurers, Grand Registrars, Presidents of the Board of General Purposes and Grand Secretaries. 3. "Worshipful" is accorded only to the other officers of the Grand Lodge, and the actual or Past Masters of Lodges. 4. All others are to be designated "Brothers." In other words, the appointments of Prov. and District Grand Masters, as such, are not entitled to any prefix beyond "Brother," though as a matter of fact, even now it is not an unusual thing to find Deputy Prov. Grand Masters and others, designated "Very Worshipful." Whatever custom prevailed before the Union of December 1813, is no law for our guidance now, and all brethren should loyally conform to the usage of the Grand Lodge, as evidenced for many years past in the published proceedings of that Body.

Readers of the *Freemason* will remember the long and warm discussion that was inserted in its pages, quite recently, as to the relative precedence of Grand and Provincial and District Grand Officers. On 9th November, 1881, the Grand Secretary, by command of the M.W. the Grand Master, communicated with the representatives of His Royal Highness in the provinces on the subject, and stated most emphatically that "Grand Officers have a clear right of precedence, as such, over all Provincial Grand Officers, whether in their own province or not." The letter also stated that such has been the established custom of the Craft for the last 150 years, the official records showing "that the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past, have always taken precedence of the local Masonic authorities, of whatever grades (other than that of Provincial Grand Master) they may have been." Of course, the Provincial Grand Master (or District Grand Master) is not a Provincial Grand Officer, but ranks, according to date of patent, immediately after the Deputy Grand Master, *i.e.*, immediately before the Grand Wardens.

The Rule 76, respecting the mode of voting, has since been altered; but, doubtless, will be given in the special issue of the revised Constitutions now being prepared. The new regulation was agreed to on the 1st March, of this year, and is as follows: "That the counting of votes on a division in Grand Lodge be conducted in future on the following system: 1st. That there shall be eight tellers from the body of the hall, namely—the four Grand Deacons acting for Grand Lodge, and the proposer and seconder of the motion, with two brethren nominated by them, for the resolution. 2nd. That there shall be two tellers for the Grand Officers on the Dais, namely—the Assistant Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge and a brother nominated by the proposer for the resolution. 3rd. That on a division being called for, a pair of tellers shall be placed opposite each of the four divisions of Grand Lodge and the Dais, who shall request the brethren of their division to hold up their hand, first for "Ayes" and then for "Noes," the tellers audibly counting the numbers each time, which shall be at once noted on paper, initialled by both tellers, and handed up to the Grand Secretary, who shall announce the result after receiving and adding up all the scores."

Students of the "Revise" will notice that all *fines* for non-attendance are omitted. As a matter of fact we never remember one having been levied, so that the clauses as to such have practically been a dead letter for many years.

Whilst considering the laws relating to our Grand Lodge, it may not be amiss to say, that we have heard it suggested of late years, that Deputy Prov. Grand Masters should have a seat on the Dais, in Grand Lodge. Certainly it is well to raise the status of such important offices as much as possible in the provinces, but the way to achieve that object, is for Provincial Grand Masters to be most careful in their appointments of brethren to such positions of influence and responsibility. We are of opinion, that a frequent change of appointment to that office is far from desirable, and that the more Past Deputy Grand Masters are created in a province, the less value will be set upon the dignity. As far as possible or convenient, it should be as much a life appointment as that of Prov. Grand Master, and when so recognized we fail to see any cause for complaint, or any plea offered for alteration in the present status of such brethren. Of late years, we have noticed several Deputy Prov. Grand Masters appointed to Grand Lodge honours, and we have gladly greeted brethren who have thus been distinguished. It must be remembered, that an undue increase of offices, either in Grand or Provincial and District Grand Lodges, serves only to lessen the value of the dignity thus acquired, and that after all, to the great majority, the honour of serving their lodges faithfully as Worshipful Masters must be their chief distinction.

The third article will be devoted to Provincial and District Grand Lodges.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

The annual meeting of this important province was held under very favourable auspices, at the Masonic Rooms, Teddington, on the 30th ult.

Among the large assemblage of brethren present were Bros. the R.W.P.G.M., Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Charles Bright, D.P.G.M.; Raymond Thrupp, P.G. S.W.; E. S. Baihrie, P.G.J.W.; H. Buss, P.G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec.; C. Arding, P.G.S.D.; Gordon, P.G.I.D.; Nash, P.G.D.C.; Lonsdale, P.G.A.D.C.; Goodall, P.G.S.B.; Dunkley, P.G. Org.; Dixon, P.G.P.; Inglis, C. Russ, J. Bird, Pearson, and Ockenden, Stewards; Davison, P.P.G.W.; Stedwell, P.P.G.W.; E. Bright, P.P.G.W.; Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D.; George Kenning, P.P.G.D.; A. Day, P.P.G.D.; John Mason, P.P.G.D.; Briggs, P.P. G.R.; Massa, P.P.G.S. of W.; Tidcombe, P.P.G.D.C.; Stephens, P.P.G.D.C.; Lingall, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B.; Fehrenbach, P.M. 382; E. Poore, W.M. 1237; Kentish, W.M. 1293; Gloster, W.M. 1326; Woodward, W.M. 1691; Cawksley, W.M. 1702; Piller, W.M. 1793; McDougall, P.M. 788; Hadham, P.M. 865; Argyle, P.M. 946; Vincent, P.M. 1194; Tavener, P.M. 1237; George, P.M. 1309; Smiles, P.M. 1309; Archer, P.M. 1494; Latham, P.M. 1777; Forge, P.M. 1793; Rev. T. D'Orsey, Chap. 1503; Featherstone, J.W. 1656; Goodchild, J.W. 1793; Briggs, I.G. 1503; Gilbert, P.G. Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; James Terry, Secretary R.M.B.I.; H. Potter, P.M. 11; Green, P.M. 27; Alfred Brookman, C.C., W.M. 1657; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and lodges was called. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted. The balance to the credit of the General and Benevolent Fund was nearly £400. This gratifying announcement was greeted with considerable applause.

The R.W.P.G.M. then in a short but effective address moved that the sum of ten guineas should be voted from the funds to each of the three Masonic Charities. This proposition having been seconded, was carried "nem con." W. Bro. H. Buss having been unanimously re-elected Treasurer, the motion proposed by Bro. Clabon, P.G.D., in Grand Lodge, June 10th, 1882, was discussed, viz.: "That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the members of the lodges in the London District (except Military Lodges), shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence each to the Fund, instead of one shilling, as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1814. And that all members of lodges not within the London District (except Military, Colonial and

Foreign Lodges), shall pay quarterly ninepence each to the Fund, instead of sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge."

Several brethren having spoken on the subject, Bro. DAVISON, moved, and Bro. THURPP, seconded, "That the matter be not entertained."

This was carried unanimously.

The R.W.P.G.M. then appointed his officers as follows:—

Bro. Raymond Thrupp, 1691	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" J. Inglis, 708	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" J. F. Huggins, 778	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" the Rev. L. M. D'Orsey, 1503	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" H. Buss, 1293	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. L. Smiles, 1309	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. C. Levander, 1415	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Stephens, 1637	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" F. D. Kennedy, 1503	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" T. S. Archer, 1494	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. Lonsdale, 1238	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. H. Pearson, 1567	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" T. J. Bird, 1897	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. W. George, 1309	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. Somers, 1897	...	...	Prov. G.P.
" C. Russ, 382	...	...	Prov. G.A.P.
" Sir R. Hanson, 778, F. McDougall, 788, W. Vincent, 1194, E. Poore, 1237, W. G. Kentish, 1293, and H. Gloster, 1326	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Gilbert,	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly closed, the majority of the brethren subsequently dined in the same building. Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary Royal and Craft toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

In speaking of the Grand Officers, the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER particularly mentioned the services of the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, who was not only very popular in his own province, but was universally honoured in consequence of his great efforts to promote the prosperity of Freemasonry in every way. The rest of the Grand Officers were equally deserving of praise and support, as they were the mainstay of the Order. The Prov. Grand Lodge were fortunate that evening in having among them three Grand Officers, viz., Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Buss, and Levander. (Hear, hear.) He should couple the toast with the name of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was always ready and willing to do all he could for the good of Freemasonry.

The GRAND SECRETARY, in reply, said that so important a toast required a long speech; but as they (the members of the Province of Middlesex) on former occasions had heard him expatiate on the merits of the officers comprising Grand Lodge, he had nothing new to offer them further than that every year the Grand Lodge of England grew in importance by the admission into its councils of many distinguished noblemen and gentlemen. The Province of Middlesex fortunately possessed the services of two very good and able Grand Officers, namely, Bros. Buss and Levander. In concluding his remarks, he said that for many years past he had had the honour of being invited to attend their meetings, and it had afforded him great satisfaction to witness the progress of the Province of Middlesex under the genial sway of their popular Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Francis Burdett.

"The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master" was heartily proposed by Bro. THURPP, who, in the course of his remarks, said he felt extreme diffidence in giving this toast, as he could not find sufficient language to do justice to all the good qualities that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett possessed; suffice it to say he was a pure Englishman. They all knew him as an able Mason; but he (the speaker) had heard of his popularity in Wiltshire and elsewhere as a kind and generous landlord. (Hear, hear.) There had been a song sung that evening called "The Three Jolly Britons;" and he was of opinion that no term could be more appropriate for the Prov. Grand Master than by styling him as a "jolly Briton," who invariably endeavoured to make all "jolly" under his rule.

The R.W.P.G.M. having replied, then gave "The D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Thrupp, who modestly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" followed, and was duly responded to by Bros. BUSS and LEVANDER.

The toast of "The Visitors," was coupled with the name of Bro. Alfred Brookman, W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, who thanked the Chairman for the very great honour he had done him (Bro. Brookman) in calling upon him to respond on behalf of so large an assemblage of distinguished visitors as were present that evening. He knew he spoke their feelings when he represented to him that the enjoyment had been great in participating in the work and festivity of the day's proceedings. Alluding to the remark just made by the Prov. Grand Master, that he wished visitors would criticise, and kindly suggest any alteration in the work, or anything they had seen which might be altered for the better, they would all say that the work they had seen, the hospitality they had experienced, left nothing to be desired or improved, and had they been studious to find a fault, none could have been found. He asked to be permitted to say that while he had the pleasure of meeting the Prov. Grand Master at many Masonic gatherings, he had never before that day seen him preside at Provincial Grand Lodge, and on the part of the visitors, and as a member of that province, he begged to express the earnest hope that their Prov. Grand Master would long be spared, and that the Province of Middlesex might continue to have the great advantage of being presided over by so genial and courteous a Grand Master.

"The Masonic Charities" was then given. Bro. JAMES TERRY, at the termination of an able response, took occasion to mention that the next festival of the Benevolent Institution would be held under the presidency of General Brownrigg, the Provincial Grand Master for the neighbouring county of Surrey, when he respectfully hoped that Bro. Sir Francis Burdett might be kindly induced to support his old brother-in-arms by acting as Steward for the Province of Middlesex.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

During the proceedings a choice programme of music was furnished by the Provincial Grand Organist and Assistant, and gave general satisfaction.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual communication of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., in the County Hall, Carlisle, under the banner of Bective Lodge, No. 1532, Bro. Jas. Cook, P.P.G.J.D., W.M. It being the first invitation from this lodge since its consecration, being the junior but one

in the province, to entertain Provincial Grand Lodge, considerable interest was manifested by the brethren. The warrant was one of the first signed by the present M.W. Grand Master, and the lodge was consecrated by the late and much lamented Colonel Whitwell, M.P., R.W.D.P.G.M., in April, 1875. There was a good attendance, and the following members of Provincial Grand Lodge signed their names:

Bros. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.M. 1074, R.W. Prov. Grand Master; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.G.S.W.; J. Barr, P.M. 119, P.G.J.W.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 962, P.G. Chap.; G. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.G. Sec.; E. Atter, P.M. 119, P.G. Reg.; J. Pearson, P.M. 327, P.G. S.D.; L. F. B. Dykes, W.M. 1002, P.G.J.D.; G. Potter, P.M. 1532, P.G.S. of W.; Wm. Bell, P.M. 1390, P.G.D.C.; G. Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Wood, P.M. 962, P.G.S.B.; J. Townson, 872, P.G. Org.; W. Carruthers, P.M. 310, P.G. Purst.; G. B. McMullen, Tyler 962, P.G. Tyler; D. Reece, P.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; C. J. Dalton, P.M. 872, P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Hogg, W.M. 129, P.G. Stwd.; J. Harrison, P.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Montgomery, W.M. 119; W. Bewlay, I.P.M. 119; W. H. Atkinson, P.M. 119; E. Tyson, P.M. 119; J. Frears, 119, P.P.G. Org.; T. Richardson, Tyler 119; J. Atkinson, 119; W. A. Davies, 119; W. Middleton, S.W. 129; W. Court, P.M. 310, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Hewison, P.M. 310; J. Slack, P.M. 310, P.P.G.J.D.; Rev. W. Cockett, Chap. 310, P.P.G. Chap.; R. L. Court, W.M. 310; H. Court, S.W. 310; G. Murchil, Sec. 310; R. Nelson, I.G. 310; W. Blaylock, I.P.M. 310; J. Banning, P.M. 310, P.P.G. Org.; J. Beaty, 310; B. Lee, 310; T. Ormiston, 310; J. Lowtham, 310; J. Bewlay, 310; Geo. Sowerby, 310; J. Harris, W.M. 327; H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.G.S.B.; J. B. Thwaites, W.M. 339; J. R. Simpson, 339; Wm. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Walters, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Thompson, I.P.M. 371; T. Mandall, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Raiton, 371; J. Hodgson, 371; J. Abbott, 371; J. Dickinson, 371; T. Stubbs, W.M. 412; W. Blaylock, S.D. 412; Francis Blackburn, 412; W. Nixon Foster, 412; R. Wharton, W.M. 512; T. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G.D.C.; J. M. Salisbury, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Tyler; H. Burns, J.D. 872; T. B. Williamson, 872, Stwd.; J. Jackson, 872; E. Walker, 872; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 962; J. C. Hunter, P.M. 962, P.P. G. Purs.; Henry Irving, P.M. 962; J. Salkeld, P.M. 962; J. J. Coverdale, P.M. 962; J. Wood, P.M. 962, P.G.S.B.; S. W. Bradbury, S.W. 962; J. Stewart, I.G. 962; W. Topping, 962; J. Johnston, 962; P. Podmore, 962; J. Jenkinson, 962; J. D. Fidler, 962; W. Shilton, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Robinson, I.P.M. 1002; J. Towers, J.D. 1002; J. Hewson, Tyler 1002; T. Bird, P.M. 1002; J. Wales, P.M. 1220; W. Holiday, 1220; W. L. Towerson, W.M. 1267; R. Baxter, P.M. 1267; R. Tyson, J.W. 1267; W. J. Blythe, I.G. 1267; B. Grey, 1267; E. Satterthwaite, Treas. 1267; G. Douglas, Stwd. 1267; S. Braithwaite, Tyler 1267; W. Burnyeat, 1267; W. Atkinson, W.M. 1390; T. Bownes, Sec. 1390; J. J. Caine, Org. 1390; H. F. Fox, 1390; J. Knipe, 1390; J. Hill, 1390; W. Carlyle, P.M. 1400, P.P.G. S.B.; Dr. Jas. Dick, P.M. 1400; T. Cummings, D.C. 1400; N. Belcher, Tyler 1400; W. Ayre, 1400; L. Ward, 1400; J. Ruebery, 1400; W. Mitchell, 1532; R. Mitchell, 1532; J. T. Diddle, 1532; J. Munrow, I.P.M. 1532; C. Gowan, I.G. 1660; E. Diggle, P.M. 120 and 154, P.P.G. Purst. East Lancashire; T. M. Compton, P.M. 127, 310, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; P. Rimington, P.M. 249, P.P.G.S.W.; and others.

A large number of members from the various lodges in the province were present. All were represented except Greta, 1073, Keswick.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened in due form, and the minutes of the half-yearly communication, held at Carlisle last April, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 310, were read and confirmed.

Bro. W. B. GIBSON, in the absence of Bro. Kenworthy, P.G. Treas., read the statement of accounts, which was adopted. It was also intimated by Bro. Gibson that Bro. Kenworthy desired to retire from the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, an office which Bro. Kenworthy had held for a number of years with much credit to himself and the province, and on the motion of Bro. GIBSON, seconded by Bro. Major F. R. SEWELL, Bro. R. Nelson, P.M. 129, was, by an unanimous vote, duly elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

On the motion of Bro. HAYWARD, seconded by Bro. COOK, Bro. W. Graham, Tyler 1532, was elected Provincial Grand Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. GIBSON, seconded by Bro. BARR, a Committee, to consist of the following Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, was appointed, with power to add to their number: the W.D. Prov. G.M., the Prov. G.S.W., the Prov. G.J.W., and the Prov. G. Sec., to co-operate with similar Committees from other provinces to consider the proposed revised edition of the Constitutions. Several of the members expressed an opinion that the chief of the proposed amendments was an improvement, but it was evident if the clause to increase the annual dues to Grand Lodge be adopted, it will not be well received by the members of this province. "Let well be," was the unanimous opinion expressed; in short, if adopted, many of the more "tender plants" will have to return to the place from whence they came.

The next business was the installation of W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, when Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, W.M. 1002, was presented to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, and duly obligated, invested, and installed.

The officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:

Bro. G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Dr. James Dick, P.M. 1400	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. W. Cockett, Chap. 310	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. H. Atkinson, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Geo. Potter, P.M. 1532	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. Wharton, P.M. 812	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. H. Hogg, W.M. 129	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 1660, W.M. 872	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Tyson, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Milligan, P.M. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" David Reece, P.M. 962	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Graham, 1532	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" R. L. Court, 310	...	...	
" J. F. Kirkconel, 1267	...	...	
" J. C. Thompson, 962	...	...	
" J. C. Mason, 310	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Wormall, 129	...	...	
" Christopherson, 1532	...	...	

The Charity Committee's report was presented and adopted.

The usual procession was then formed, and accompanied by the Artillery Band to the Cathedral, where a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. M. Rice, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain, from Isaiah lii, 8, "For they shall see eye to eye." The reverend brother's discourse was most eloquent, and very appropriate to the occasion, and was attentively listened to by a large congregation.

A liberal collection was made at the close of the service on behalf of the Masonic Charities.

After returning to the place of meeting the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where a banquet was served. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair for a short time, and was afterwards succeeded by the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, when a long toast list was gone through, after which the brethren separated.



## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,  
&c., M.W.G.M.

PATRONESS:

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A Quarterly General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution, will be held in the Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 14th of October, 1882, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the General business of the Institution, to consider notices of motion as follow, and to elect Seven Girls into the Schools by ballot from a list of Twenty approved candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over), and close at Three o'clock precisely.

To consider the following Notices of Motion based on Resolutions of the Special Committee appointed at the Quarterly General Court, holden on Saturday, 8th April, 1882.

1. "That the Days of Election in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institution remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks."

2. "That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the Election of Candidates in the Two (Boys' and Girls') Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week."

Notice of Motion by Bro. JOHN A. RUCKER, V. Pat.: upon recommendation of the House Committee.

"That a gratuity of Thirty-five Guineas be granted to Miss A. F. Triggs, the Second Assistant Governess, on her appointment to the position of Head Mistress of the Dublin Female Orphan School."

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## To Correspondents.

J. T. LEITH.—The statement was made on Scottish published authority, and if it is erroneous we are very sorry, but we decline a personal correspondence.

## BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Allen's Indian Mail," "The Broad Arrow," "The Amsterdams Crediet," "The Citizen," "Die Bauhütte," "Exposition Pageant," "The Freemason" (New Zealand), "Homespun Stories," "The Hull Packet," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Keystone," "La Acacia," "Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "Sussex Daily News," "Triumphuil," "West London Advertiser."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1882.

## Original Correspondence.

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

## THE STATUS OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

With the view of defining the relative positions of Past Masters of and in a lodge, I beg to suggest the following provision:

"The Past Masters who have passed the chair of a lodge take precedence over all joining Past Masters, whose seniority in a lodge is governed by the date of their affiliation to that lodge. Past Masters joining a lodge possess the same rights and privileges in the said lodge, and in the Provincial or District Grand Lodge as the Past Masters who have passed the chair; but Past Masters who have ceased to be members of Grand Lodge by non-continuity of membership, cannot take the rank or assume the functions of a Past Master on joining or visiting a lodge, nor can they regain such rank until they have again served the office of Master for one year, although they may be elected to that office without again serving the office of Warden. Past Masters joining a lodge from a foreign jurisdiction must produce satisfactory proof of their title to Past Master's rank in such a jurisdiction, otherwise they cannot rank as Past Masters in a lodge under the English Constitution without first serving the office of Master for one year."

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,  
CESTRIAN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am very glad the discussion about the position of a joining P.M. has appeared in your columns. The matter ought to be settled by a clause in our revised Book of Constitutions, or could be added as a note to 141. Whatever is proposed will doubtless be opposed by many; but, surely, in such a case we can afford to be generous, and to show a Masonic spirit towards a joining brother. If no one else does so, I am prepared to propose that "a Past Master who joins a lodge shall rank next above the Senior Warden at the time he joins." He would then rank as a Past Master immediately after the W.M. who was in the chair at the time he joined. I do not see how any one could be injured by this; it would be better than putting him into the Master's chair for a year, as has been proposed, because that would cause a year's delay to brethren below the chair.

To become a Past Master (except in rare cases) a brother must have done good service to the Craft, and worked hard; and if, through change of residence, or other unavoidable cause, he should find it expedient to leave his mother lodge or join another, I do not see why his superior rank in the Craft should not be fully recognised. If he were a good brother, the lodge would be strengthened by his accession, and all would gladly welcome him; and if he were known to be an idler, who had never done any real work, the lodge could refuse to admit him. If, again, in consequence of such a claim as I suggest, there should arise unwillingness to allow Past Masters to join lodges, it would not be much to be regretted, for I do not think that Masonry is benefited by brethren becoming members of several lodges or by changing their lodge unnecessarily.

At any rate, what I propose would tend to allay much jealousy, which (judging from cases which have been brought before me officially) I know to exist between Past Masters of and in lodges, by settling their relative positions; and I trust that some such clauses may be adopted.

Yours truly and fraternally,  
C. W. ARNOLD,  
October 2nd. P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey.

## THE APPROACHING ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Many of my brethren have so kindly responded to my appeal, that I venture to repeat to my friends that votes will be received by me up to the 14th and 16th insts. for the Girls' and Boys' Schools' elections, and in the Hall, on the day of each election respectively.

I am, yours fraternally and obliged,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park,  
October 2nd.

## THE REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad to see that you have opened your pages to a temperate and thoughtful discussion of this very important subject. It must do good, and seems to be in very safe hands. I shall hope to be permitted to write later more fully on the same subject, and am yours fraternally,  
AN OLD MASON.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS. ALTERATION OF RULES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the next General Court, on the 14th inst., the governing body of the Institution will be asked to confirm or reject a not unimportant alteration in the rules, which was carried, by the barest majority, at the last General Court, when the attendance of Governors was exceptionally small.

These rules, as they at present stand, provide for the admission to the Schools of two classes of scholars:

1. Those elected on petition, whose claims are always most closely scrutinised, and whose election is, as a rule, the subject of the keenest competition.

2. Those placed in the Institution on payment of either 170 guineas for a single presentation, or £500, which carries with it the right to keep one, properly qualified girl there during the life of the donor.

Of the second class of scholars there are comparatively few. They are composed either of (a) those whose claims may not be considered sufficiently strong to secure their election by competition; or (b) those, who possessing strong claims, are precluded from petitioning by reason of having a sister already in the Institution.

The object of the proposed alteration in the rules is to exclude this latter class (b), and to deprive a brother willing to pay 170 guineas, or who has already paid £500, of the right to place in the School the sister of a girl who has made good her claim to the support and suffrages of the Governors.

It certainly appears to me that the operation of the proposed change will be to reject the most deserving of the class placed there by the liberality of donors, and, at the same time, to confiscate a portion of the rights purchased by donors of £500.

I am not prepared to say it might not be for the interests of the Institution to abolish purchase altogether; but, so long as it exists, I fail to discover any valid reason for excluding girls whose sisters have incontestably proved their claims to the benefits of the Institution, and the cost of whose maintenance at the School a generous benefactor may be willing to defray; and inasmuch as, I am informed, the sum of 170 guineas more than pays the cost of a girl's maintenance, I fail to see why a brother, if so generously disposed, should be precluded from placing at the School even more than one daughter of a deceased Mason, "reduced to a position to require the benefit of the Institution," provided, of course, that such girls can be conveniently admitted.

Under any circumstances, it is to be hoped the proposed alterations will not be allowed to pass unchallenged, and that the proposer, and those who support him, will at the General Court, on the 14th inst., favour the Governors with the reasons which, in their opinion, render the proposed change necessary or desirable.

Yours fraternally, A LIFE PATRON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The disposition evinced by some of those connected with the management of our Girls' School to propose changes in the rules is, I think, to be regretted, as hitherto the rules appear to have worked well.

At the Quarterly Court to be held on the 14th inst. the Governors will be asked to sanction a change, by which a brother will be precluded from placing at his own cost a child in the Institution, should there already be a sister there by election.

If purchase cases are to be admitted, I confess I am at a loss to understand why the proposed limit should be placed upon a brother's bounty. The alteration appears to me uncalled

for; and it is to be hoped that those who have the interests of the Institution at heart, and would rather increase than diminish its usefulness, will attend and oppose the confirmation of the alteration, which was only carried by a very small majority at a very small Court.

I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,  
October 3rd. VICE-PATRON.

#### UNDUE SOLICITATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last issue there is a letter purporting to have been written by the Duke of Buccleuch to Lord R. Kerr, in which his Grace says: "Having on a former occasion declined to become a Freemason, when named for a high office in the Craft."

Will you, or some of your readers who approve of this sort of thing, explain how they reconcile the solicitation here implied and openly referred to in other letters (published with his Grace's) with the undertakings of an E.A.?

I am an M.M. under the Irish Constitution, but being at present in England I intend joining a lodge here. Previous to doing so, I would, however, like to assure myself that the declarations of Masonry are held by English Masons as something more than mere idle words. I hold—and so do all good Masons that I have spoken with on the subject—that the brethren are individually and collectively bound by their assurances not to invite or attempt to influence any person to become a Mason. There is, of course, no definite phrase employed; but how could any honest man accept the undertakings of an E.A. if he was about to be initiated, as the Duke of Buccleuch was invited to be, on the understanding that he was to have a high office?

Such a proceeding is defiant of all the principles of our Brotherhood. How much so can only be pointed out when in lodge or under tile, and I must therefore be content with this somewhat bald statement.

I am, Sir, yours very truly, MASTER MASON.  
October 3rd.

#### VOTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I want some votes for the election (Boys); how can I get them? I am told the election is to be "very close" and votes "scarce." Is there any possibility of ascertaining these facts? and how I can secure help?

Yours fraternally, A VOTER.  
[The querist had better apply to some of the influential "coteries" or "committees."—Ed. F.M.]

#### BRO. COL. MACLEOD MOORE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sure all your readers will sympathise with me in the misfortunes sustained by my dear friend and our good brother, Col. W. J. Bury Macleod Moore, of Laprairie, Canada, from whom I have just received the intelligence that, during a terrific thunderstorm, his house was struck by lightning, and within an hour was burned to the ground, the family escaping with difficulty. The whole of our brother's valuable library, papers, pictures, and manuscripts have been lost, with the rest of his belongings. As a collector of all such objects as have been included in the conflagration, I can imagine nothing more heart-breaking than this event; and when we remember that but a few short months ago Col. Moore suffered from a double family bereavement, I think some expression of sympathy with him should be made. He has long been regarded as a rallying point for true Masons in the Dominion, and the very soul of chivalry in the society of that favourite colony.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
York, October 3rd. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

#### ELECTION "CASES" AND "CASES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

A man once asked a literary contributor for pecuniary aid. In answer to the question as to his vocation, the man replied that he had been a seller of literature. The help he sought was given, with the advice "to sell in future for the people's mouths and not for their heads." The man was wise enough to follow the advice, for he sold "bunches" of saveloys at the dock gates of Eastern London, and realised a fair fortune.

The hardships of brain-workers, and their self-sacrificing labours might be told in many a grim anecdote, were it the purpose of this letter to enter upon this phase of life; but its purpose is to call attention to a distinction between cases or charity. One brother, in possession of a business, may die, and his business may be carried on; hence his family, however grievous may be the loss of the head of that family, have not lost the bread-winner. But take the case of the death of the principal of a scholastic college. I have such a case before me, in which a family had embarked their all—the winnings of their lives forming a capital sum, part saved and part borrowed, perhaps—which, with the husband's name as a teacher, promised to win a fair competence in the brain-working task of training young men.

This was the case of our late Bro. the Rev. Hennah, of the Union Lodge, No. 127, who added to his already great burden of a principal of a college, public and ministerial duties, and died last autumn from rheumatic fever,

the seeds of which were caught while poor Hennah was carrying out a self-imposed task of preaching. His well-founded college had to be sacrificed now the master's hand was withdrawn; and the young widow has to face the world with her sorrows, her three children, and her task of brain-work in the heavy duty of a teacher. She seeks for the election of her eldest of three sons, Frederick Wolfe Hennah (41 on the list), and the goodness of the case is vouched for by a noble list of names. The case is exceptional, for the poor father was a good worker for education, for the Craft, and for religion. He was a good patriot, and was a good worker in all and all; but, unhappily, being a brain-worker and not a trader, the foundations he had laid for his family's future have perished with the life of the founder.

My reason for troubling you with this is to solicit the help of the unattached voters. I am a poor hand at begging votes; and at the last election the brethren of poor Hennah's lodge—to which he had belonged all the days of his Masonic life, up to the day of his death—did not regard him as a "local" case, because he lived in London. I hope they have recalled this error, and will add their votes to those I can collect.

I am, Sir, your obedient and faithful servant,  
J. WHILE, P.M. 228, M.E.Z. 228.

#### HOW HISTORY IS WRITTEN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with "A Student of History" as to the desirability of writers in leading public journals, and, indeed, in every kind of publication, being strictly accurate in their statements. I trust, therefore, your correspondent will be kind enough to excuse me for pointing out that it was Alexander I., not Alexander II., who died at Taganrog in 1825. Alexander II., nephew of Alexander I., was foully assassinated in St. Petersburg, in March, 1881, and his son, Alexander III., is the present occupant of the imperial throne of all the Russias.

Believe me, fraternally yours,



THE SOLUTION OF THE PYRAMID PROBLEM; OR PYRAMID DISCOVERIES. By ROBERT BALLARD, C.E. New York: John Wiley and Sons. 1882.

The above somewhat bold title heads a new contribution to the literature on the Pyramids. Many have been the solutions of the "problem" brought forward, astronomical, mathematical, astro-theological, &c., &c., and the number of secrets said to have been concealed in the Great Pyramid is endless. Certainly, 100 pages is but little in which to explain a new "solution," but it is probably owing to the fact that nothing of the "inspiration" theory is included, and the fact, as told by the author, that "a glimpse at the Pyramids three and twenty years ago, and the meagre library of a nomad in the Australian wilderness" have been all he has had to work upon. His "solution" will be found stated in a few words on page 50, as follows: "I must be excused by geometers for going so much in detail into the simple truths connected with right-angled trigonometry. My object has been to make it very clear to that portion of the public not versed in geometry that the Pyramids of Egypt must have been used for land surveying by right-angled triangles with sides having whole numbers." This theory is elaborately worked out and carefully stated; but we notice that to a great extent many of the calculations rest on an entirely new measurement of the *cubit*, which our author appears to have named the R. B. cubit, after himself. Egyptologists tell us that the Pyramids were tombs, and in that of Mencheres, or Mycerinus, the sarcophagus and wooden coffin of the King were found. His was the *third* Pyramid of the celebrated group at Gizeh, and less in proportion than the other two built respectively by Cheops and Cephren. Mr. Ballard allows (p. 42) that the builders "may perhaps have made the entombment of their kings one of their exoteric objects, playing on the morbid vanity of their rulers to induce them to the work." Cheops reigned sixty-three years, and Cephren sixty-six, according to Manetho. Mencheres, following the same author, occupied the throne for sixty-three years. The Pyramids were usually finished during the lifetime of the kings whose bodies were to be concealed in their recesses. The above calculation would, if approximately correct, give a total for the three reigns of about 150 to 200 years, and this period would be still further extended if the supposition be correct that the Pyramid of Mencheres was left unfinished, and only completed by Nitocris, a queen of the sixth dynasty. To satisfy the requirements of these facts, we must allow a continued design of the directors of such buildings in Egypt lasting at least throughout two hundred years, in order to make complete these magnificent "theodolites." Is it probable also, as advanced on page 57, that "the summit of Cheops appears to me to have been left incomplete, the better to get the range with Cephren for lines down the Delta?" the Pyramid of Cephren having been built *after* that of Cheops. That the Pyramids are placed according to the points of the compass there is no doubt; but this was done, Egyptologists inform us, because the sides were dedicated, for mythological reasons, to the four cardinal points. The Pyramids of Gizeh, like most of the others in Egypt, form the centre of a necropolis. It is true that Cheops, Cephren, and Mycerinus appear to have been honoured by special worship, but their Pyramids, like others, formed this centre, the space round and near them being occupied by the smaller tombs (Pyramids) of their relations. Mr. Ballard, on page 81, seems to lean towards a possibility that the passages, chambers, &c., of these vast monuments may have had some use in what he calls "the hanky-panky of the ancient cere-

monial connected with the mysteries or religion of that period." This, no doubt, is possible; and we have long held the opinion of a probability, as suggested by Mr. Ballard, of other passages and chambers below those now known. The British Museum Papyrus, purchased from Mr. Rhind, having been mentioned, it may be of interest to those who wish to follow out the geometry of the Egyptians to know that—first commented on by Dr. S. Birch\*—it was published by Dr. Eisenlohr, in 1877 † in facsimile, with a translation, &c. Unfortunately, however, although it professes to be a copy of a much earlier document, the papyrus, as we possess it, does not date earlier than the XX. Dynasty. It contains much that is curious and valuable, relating to the measuring of fields, pyramids, &c.; but we doubt if anything will be found in it to assist Mr. Ballard's "solution." We commend to the notice of those who interest themselves in what is called Hermetic Masonry, the chapter dealing with the cabalistic figures, the pentangle and the pentalfa, the origin of which has given rise to much speculation. They are thus explained by Mr. Ballard, (p. 101.) "It appears most probable that the star Pentalfa led to the star Cheops (the pentangle), and that the star Cheops was the plan used by the ancient architect," in laying out the Pyramid.

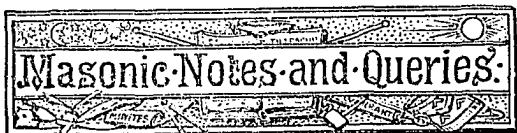
To whatever use the Pyramids were afterwards put by the Egyptians, we cannot but agree with the opinion of M. Pierret, keeper of the Egyptian Antiquities in the Louvre, who speaks very strongly on the subject when he says: "It outrages all which we know of Egypt, and all which archaeology has taught us about the monumental customs of this country, to see anything else in them than tombs."

A REGISTER OF THE SCHOLARS ADMITTED INTO MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL FROM 1562 to 1874. Vol. I. By the Rev. C. J. ROBINSON, M.A. Farncombe and Co., Lewes.

We have glanced, and only glanced, at the first volume of a very elaborate work, "The Register of Merchant Taylors' School," vol. i., which contains the list of pupils from 1562 to 1699. The fact that we have here the records of an English Craft Guild School for 300 years is a fact in itself to command attention and claim respect. Founded in 1560, practically by the liberal initiative of a member of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Richard Hills, supplemented by the kindly aid of the Company or Guild, it soon became a valuable educational establishment, and admitted within its walls not only the sons of non-members of the "Craft," but also the scions of wealthy and noble families. In 1561 the Company purchased one moiety of an old mansion,—the two moieties only coming into its possession in 1859,—and there, until the great fire of London, the school flourished, maintaining, more or less, 250 scholars. In 1671 fresh steps were taken to restore the school, which was completed in 1675. The building had no architectural pretensions, but underwent several alterations from time to time to fit it for the useful work of education carried on within its walls. In 1861 the Company purchased of the Governors of the Charter House the site of their school premises (now located at Godalming), five-and-a-half acres, for £90,000, and at a further cost of £40,000 erected a school to contain 500 scholars, and a proportionately increased staff of masters. It is a most interesting fact that for 300 years, this great City Company has with unselfish large-heartedness maintained this great and important school, and its future seems to promise a very brilliant reflection on a laborious and valuable past. Among its alumni may be mentioned Edmund Spenser, Lancelot Andrewes, Ralph Hutchinson, Giles Tompson, Thomas Dove, Henry Withers, Sir William Paddy, Sir Thomas Caesar, Matthew Gwynne, Edwin Sandys, John Spenser, Sir William Stonehouse, John Buckenridge, Sir James Whitelocke, Henry Campion, and not the least, John Stowe, and many more, not only useful and worthy citizens of "London Town," but men who rose to the highest positions in Church and State. It is impossible to look at such a work as the one before us, being only vol. i., without feeling strongly what a debt of gratitude we owe to those greater and lesser public schools of ours; our grammar schools and our Company foundations for the education of large classes of Englishmen of all ranks and conditions. We sometimes overlook what has been done, and in that inevitable impatience of each passing age often think that it is our duty and mission to find fault with what has been, and by destroying what has done much good, to claim for ourselves the credit of original construction. There is the greatest difference in the world between wise reparations and needless changes, which the lapse of time, altered circumstances, and differing habits of society all but imperatively demand, and that headlong haste with which we seek to discredit what is old, because it is old; to uproot ancient foundations, and to divert long continued grants and bequests. Just now, when so much is so foolishly and unjustly said about the City Companies, it is well to remember that themselves, the growth and outcome of the institution and municipal self-government, like the Merchant Taylors' Company, they have done much both for education and for charity, and that the proposal to save the rates by impounding the gifts of their members, long-existing donations, and large-hearted allowances, is neither a proof of sagacity nor honesty, in that it shakes faith in the very donation and reversion of property, and seriously affects the tenure of all scholastic foundations, and interferes with the free discharge of ancient trusts. Where there are abuses, let them be rectified; where there is malversation or misappropriation let it be punished; where the original intent of the charity has been forgotten, let it be revived; but let us avoid honestly the injustice of appropriating funds granted specifically for one purpose, and for which they are still available, for another and a very different one. For under the moving claims of amendment and the public welfare, the claims of education, &c., we discern the least pleasing theories of plunder and spoliation. The Merchant Taylors' School seems to have kept to its idea for 300 years (and long may it continue to do so); the idea, let us remark, of William of Wykeham, that there should be two great classes taught, those who were the poorer sons of members of the fraternity, and those who could afford to pay something towards their education. The Merchant Taylors' School enjoys a high and increasing reputation.

\* "Zeitschrift f. Aegypt. S." 1868. Page 108.

† "Ein Mathematisches Handbuch den alten Aegypten," Leipzig, 1877. Two vols.



## 61] STONE-MASONS' MARKS.

In the *Keystone* (U.S.A.) of January, 19th, 1878, appears an article, under the above heading, from the pen of Dr. Robert Morris. It begins: "We have received an installment of Dr. Back's collection of 'stone marks,' copied by him from German churches and other edifices. By the courtesy of Bro. E. A. Zeigler, of New Albany, Indiana, an excellent translation has been afforded us of the letter-press." As the work alluded to is not to be found in the libraries of the British Museum, of Grand Lodge, of 33, Golden-square, or even in the well-filled shelves of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, I am desirous of inquiring, through the medium of the *Freemason*, whether any reader of this column possesses a copy of Dr. Back's work?

R. F. GOULD.

## 62] COMPAGNONAGE.

Bro. Gould's most interesting and valuable work has sent me to Roquefort. It seems that of old, in the "Langue Romane," or the intermediate "patois" between Latin and Norman French, and subsequently classic French, the word used for companion was "compaignon," a "confrère" of the same profession, of the same body, (corps), and derived from compaganus, or compaignie, ablative of compago. There was also a word compaignie, or compaignie, a company, an association, a society, called in the Provancal "companha." There were also the words compaign, compaign, compaign, compaign, compaign, compaign, for a comrade, an associate, a confrère, a co-partageant in a society, &c. In the Roman de la Rose we find the word "compains" used as "comrades." There are other words all derived from the same root, all bearing on familiarity, friendship, comradeship. The "Glossaire Occitanien," which gives us the terminology of the Troubadours, we find the words compaign, compaign, compaign, a comrade, a companion, (compaignon); and compaigna, a society; as well as compaigna, which seems to have had the meaning of a crowd.

MASONIC STUDENT.

## 63] GUILBRETTE

This technical word of the compaignonage ceremonial, seems to be a catch or close word peculiar to the confraternity. Roquefort gives the word "bret," a cry; but there is no trace of the compound or fuller word. Nor need we wonder at it; it must be peculiar to the ceremonial and usage of the compaignons. There is no trace in the old French and German lexicons of any such usage. But its meaning is probably to be arrived at, though hardly etymologically. Still it may be so. I may observe that the German word Gild or Gilde seems to be used in the Langue Romane as "Gheude;" and as Hebrews in the Langue Romane were called "Geus," it would serve to show that "Gilde" comes from another "original." Collegium seems to have passed away from the Romane and Occitanien, though collegiat, a student, from collegiatus, still is to be found.

MASONIC STUDENT.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF BERKS AND OXON.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Berks and Oxon, was held at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, on Monday last, the brethren assembling under the banner of the Jersey Lodge, No. 257, in large numbers, representing the following lodges in the province, viz., the Porchester, No. 27, Newbury; the University, No. 55, Oxford; the Abbey, No. 225, Abingdon; the Leopold, No. 235, Reading; the Alfred, No. 247, Oxford; and the Jersey, No. 257, Maidenhead. In addition to these, visiting brethren from other parts of the kingdom were also present. Prior to the opening of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the business of the Jersey Lodge was transacted, Bro. W. Morris, Past Prov. Grand S.B., being installed Worshipful Master by the V.W. Bro. Charles Stephens, Deputy Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, in an able manner, the ceremony being honoured by the presence of the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason.

The following members and visitors were present: Bros. H. Howard Hodges, W.M.; C. Stephens, P.M.; Edwd. Margrett, P.M.; W. B. Farr, P.M.; W. Morris, S.W.; R. Nicholson, J.W.; Edwd. de Ewer, S.O.; F. R. Spender, Treas.; E. J. Shrewsbury, Reg.; H. J. Mount, Sec.; H. Arrowsmith, S.D.; A. E. Hewitt, J.D.; E. Davey, I.G.; C. Nowell, Tyler; Earl Jersey, P.G.M.; T. J. Pulley, 335, P.M., P.G.S.D., Prov. G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, G. Asst. Sec.; G. M. Knight, W.M. 27; Stephen Knight, J.O. 27; J. Reade, 340; S. Bradley, S.W. 238; Chas. G. Baker, J.D. 235; W. C. Moffatt, M.O. 235; J. M. Dormer, P.P.G. Asst. Sec. Berks and Oxon; W. Ravenscroft, P.G. Asst. Sec.; Maurice Wheeler, J.O. 225; Henri Brett; F. H. Cozens, P.M. 104, P.G. Org.; J. Bauer, P.M. 27, P.G.M.O.; Geo. Boyer, P.P.G.P.; Geo. J. Cosburn, J.W. 27, P.P. St. B.; J. W. Lindars, 235; James Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M. 104, 139, &c.; H. Lovegrove, G.O.; G. Norwood, 55; W. Hemmings; W. Thompson, 55; Christopher Park, P.M. 247; A. Wheeler, 247; R. Payne, 247; H. G. Drinkwater, 247; G. W. Dowling; J. H. Thorogood, 247; and W. Lake, P.M. 78, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall (*Freemason*).

At the conclusion of the installation, the business of the lodge was conducted by the Worshipful Master, who appointed his officers for the year as under: Bros. H. H. Hodges, I.P.M.; Nicholson, S.W.; De Ewer, J.W.; C. W. Cox, M.O.; Shrewsbury, S.O.; Beal, J.O.; Spender, Treas.; Vardy, Reg.; Mount, Sec.; Hewitt, S.D.; Davey, J.D.; Llewellyn, I.G.; Deacon, D.C.; J. L. Silver, Org.; and Puttick, Steward.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened, the Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, presiding.

Bro. T. J. PULLEY, P.M., P.G.S.D., the Prov. Grand Secretary, having called the rolls of the members and lodges, the minutes of the last Grand Lodge, held at Abingdon, were approved.

The SECRETARY reported of the position of the various lodges in the province on the 30th of June this year.

In the Porchester Lodge there were 29 members, including three honorary members, showing an increase of four; the University Lodge had 30 members; the Abbey Lodge, 34 members, including eight honorary members; the Leopold, 65 members, including seven honorary members; the Alfred, 59 members, including 10 honorary members; and the Jersey, 30 members, against 22 in last year; or a total of 247 members, against 226 in 1881—an increase of 21. In addition to these, there were 88 life members on the roll of the University Lodge. The sudden decease of Bro. Walter Wilson, of the Porchester Lodge, in July last, was a matter for much regret, as he was highly esteemed. The Secretary further reported that since the last Prov. Grand Lodge H.R.H. the Duke of Albany had been installed as M.W. P.G.M.M., at Freemasons' Tavern, when the lodges of this province were well represented. At the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held at the Crystal Palace in July last, all but one of the lodges in the province were represented by a Steward. (Applause.)

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then read the Permanent Committee's Report, which was adopted, and the Finance Report was also agreed to.

The Mayor of Oxford, Bro. J. JENKINS, Alfred Lodge, in addressing the brethren, said he felt sure he was but expressing the opinion of every Mark Master Mason in the Province, when he said they were all sensible of the great honour and advantage that accrued to the Provincial Grand Lodge in connection with Lord Jersey's rule. Nothing would, they felt, tend so much to promote the honour, influence, and interest of their lodge as the re-election of the Earl of Jersey for another three years, and he, therefore, proposed that Lord Jersey be re-elected for a further period of three years. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The Mayor of Maidenhead, Bro. W. B. FARR, seconded the motion with a great deal of pleasure, feeling sure that the proposition would meet with the hearty support of all the brethren, who well knew the great interest which the noble earl had taken in Mark Masonry during the time he had presided over the Province of Berks and Bucks.

Earl JERSEY, in reply, expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for the cordiality evinced in their proposal to initiate him as P.G.M. for a further term of three years. He further gratefully acknowledged the kindly references which had been made towards him by Bros. Jenkin and Farr, to the slight services he had been able to render. He felt the honour the Prov. Grand Lodge had conferred upon him by placing him at the head of the province to be a great honour, while, at the same time, he was sensible of not being as good a Grand Master as the province deserved. The more frequent change of Grand Masters in a province, would, he had thought, be of advantage, and he asked them to consider the subject. In the meantime he highly appreciated the kindness they had shown him, and said he should accept office again with great pleasure.

Bro. C. STEPHENS, D.P.G.M., next proposed the re-election of Bro. Trendell as Treasurer, eulogising his past services, and expressing the hope that he would return from the long cruise he was now enjoying in renewed vigour and strength. (Cheers.)

The motion was seconded by Bro. TOMKINS of the Abbey Lodge, and adopted.

Bro. WESTALL, P.M., on behalf of the Leopold Lodge invited the Prov. Grand Lodge to assemble at Reading next year to hold their lodge.

The invitation was accepted by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, who thanked Bro. Westall and the brethren of the Leopold Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER the moved, and the DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER seconded a vote of money from the Grand Lodge Fund towards the cost of a wedding present to Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold.

The motion was agreed to with unanimity.

Bro. Chas. Stephens was then appointed by the Prov. Grand Master, as Dep. Prov. Grand Master for the ensuing year, remarking upon the assiduity and zeal with which he had performed his duties during the past three years.

Bro. STEPHENS returned thanks.

The P.G.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. C. Stephens, 235	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" J. Jenkin, 247	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. Morris, 257	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" S. Bradley, 235	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. Clarke, 225	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" R. E. Baynes, 555	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" De Ewer, 257	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. J. Trendell, 225	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. P. Plenty, 27	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" T. J. Pulley, 235	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. Wheeler, 247	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" H. J. Mount, 257	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Ravenscroft, 235	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" S. Knight, 27	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Elliott, 55	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" Maurice Wheeler, 225	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Geo. Boyer, 27	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" Jas. Rutland, 257	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. W. Lindars, 235	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" C. G. Butler, 235	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Cordrey, 235	...	...	...
" H. G. W. Drinkwater, 247	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Tench, 235	...	...	...
" W. Hemmings, 235	...	...	Prov. G. Tylers.
" W. Norwood, 55	...	...	...

Other business was then transacted, letters of apology for non-attendance being read by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY from Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, Past Grand Master, Bro. Biggs, P.M., and others.

The lodge having closed, the brethren took a trip in three steam launches from Boulter's Lock up the Thames to Marlow and back, a most enjoyable time being spent.

On their return to Boulter's Lock an adjournment was made to the Ray Mead Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided, Lord Jersey presiding.

The loyal toasts having been proposed and duly honoured, Bro. W. B. FARR proposed that of "The Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore," who, he said, was a worthy successor to the distinguished Grand Masters who had preceded him. They were always glad to have the presence of officers of Grand Lodge. It seemed only yesterday that Bro. Dewar came there to inaugurate the Jersey Lodge, and they were glad to welcome him again. They had also other members of Grand Lodge present in the persons of Bro. Davison, Grand Treasurer, J. Stevens, P.G.J.O., and H. Lovegrove, G.O.; their present officers they heartily thanked for work they were doing, and the past officers for what they had done.

Bro. DAVISON replied, and proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master," remarking that by their Constitutions the Grand Master could only hold office three years, and he thought the system a very good one. Notwithstanding the illustrious Grand Masters they had had, he considered the Earl of Kintore was to be reckoned among the best. With regard to the Provincial Grand Master, he would advise that, when they had such a good one as the Earl of Jersey, they should keep him.

Bro. the Earl of JERSEY, in replying, thanked them heartily; and, while fully appreciating the kind expressions of Bro. Davison, he still thought whether it would not be good for the province to change, as in Grand Lodge; but having been re-elected, he would cheerfully carry out the duties which, thanks to the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Pulley, and other officers, were made very easy for him. He thanked the Jersey Lodge for the entertainment, which, including the boat trip, had been most enjoyable; and he sincerely trusted their meetings would continue, and that their range would be wider.

The toasts of "The Deputy Grand Master," "The W.M. of the Jersey Lodge," and "The Wardens, Treasurer, and other Officers" then followed, after which

Bro. JAS. STEVENS, P.G.J.O., proposed "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," and Bro. D. M. DEWAR, G. Asst. Sec., returned thanks, affording some interesting particulars respecting the present state and prosperity of the fund; and, in response to his request, the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master consented to take the chair at the next Mark Benevolent Festival in 1883, unless prevented by unforeseen circumstances.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," the "The Officers of the Jersey Lodge," and the Tyler's toast.

The arrangements made for the holding of the lodge were admirably carried out by the brethren of the Jersey Lodge, and Bro. Pulley, the Prov. Grand Secretary, spared no pains in securing the comfort and pleasure of all present.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHANTS, AND DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication of Mark Masters of the above province was held under the auspices of the Fowke Lodge, No. 19, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday, the 28th ult.

The Fowke Mark Lodge was opened at three o'clock by W. Bro. Joseph Young, W.M., assisted by the officers of the lodge. The minutes of the annual festival and installation meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Thomas Spearpoint, J.D. 523, as a candidate for advancement. The ballot proving unanimous in his favour, that brother was regularly advanced by the W.M. to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., &c., and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master having been saluted according to ancient custom the roll of lodges in the province was called over, the following being duly represented: Fowke, 19; Howe, 21; Knight of Malta, 30; Simon de Montfort, 194; Simon de St. Liz, 245; Duke of Connaught, 246; and the recently-consecrated lodge, the Derby, 302.

Amongst other formal business transacted, the following vote of condolence was moved by the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by W. Bro. S. S. PARTRIDGE, P.D.P. G.M., and carried unanimously, that "The members of this Provincial Grand Lodge have received with deep regret the mournful intelligence of the decease of their highly esteemed and respected Bro. James Malcolm McAllister, P.M., who during eight years had most zealously and efficiently filled the important office of Provincial Grand Secretary in this Grand Lodge, and the brethren, whilst recording on their minutes this tribute to departed worth, desire at the same time to offer the widow and children of the departed, heartfelt expressions of sympathy and condolence in the irreparable bereavement with which it has pleased T.G.O.O.T.U. to afflict them."

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.G.C., P.M. 246 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" Rev. F. H. Richardson, W.M. 194	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Miles J. Walker, W.M. 21	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Henry T. Atkins, W.M. 245	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. C. Moore, W.M. 246	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" N. T. Hewens, I.P.M. 245	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. C. Henton Wood, J.W. 19	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" S. Cleaver, S.O. 194	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. C. Okeover, W.M. 302	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Clement Stretton, I.P.M. 194	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. J. Simpkin, J.W. 30	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" G. Ellard, S.W. 245	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Edmund Jeeves, M.O. 21	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Young, W.M. 19 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.E. of C.
" J. O. Mantou, S.O. 246, Tr. 302	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" W. S. Black, S.W. 21	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" W. L. Ball, W.M. elect 246	...	Prov. G. Srd. B.
" R. Croft, Org. 245 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. A. Marris, Treas. 19, Reg. 194	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. S. Hall, S.D. 30, J.O. 302	...	...
" Fred. Griffith, Reg. 19, J.W. 21; J. D. Harris, Sec. 194	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Dunn, Tyler 19; J. Tanser, Tyler, 194 (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Tylers.

An invitation was accepted to hold the next annual communication at Northampton, under the banner of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge No. 245. After closing the Prov. Grand Lodge in due form, the business of the Fowke Lodge was resumed; during which a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the I.P.M., W. Bro. T. Worthington, P. Prov. G.S.O. At the close of the Fowke Lodge the annual banquet of the province took place, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, to which ample justice having been rendered, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the "veteran" Prov. Grand Master, who has now for nearly a quarter of a century continuously presided over this Mark province to its great advantage and prosperity.





### Craft Masonry.

**PROSPERITY LODGE (No. 65).**—This popular and successful lodge re-assembled, after the summer vacation, on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a very numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, and the proceedings were of a most hearty and harmonious description. Lodge was opened soon after five o'clock, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Roberts, was assisted by Bros. G. Schaeffer, S.W.; Charles J. Rich, J.W.; G. T. Brown, P.M., Sec.; J. Hawkins, S.D.; H. W. Gregory, I.G.; W. Walker, D.C.; Charles Daniels, P.M.; C. E. Ferry, P.M.; L. A. Lewis, P.M.; J. Bellerby, P.M.; C. Jones and R. Dyson, Wine Stewards; C. T. Speight, P.M., Prov. G. Tyler Surrey; and nearly forty other members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. James Terry, P.M., Sec. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; John E. Fells, W.M. 193; B. Lamere, I.P.M. 193; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; J. H. Thompson, 1580; H. J. Smith, S.D. 751; and others.

The customary formalities having been observed, Bros. Wood and East were passed, the ceremony being efficiently performed by the W.M., assisted by his officers. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Retallack, and being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated, the working being exceptionally good, and affording evident satisfaction to all present. A sum of five guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and it was resolved that a petition should be presented for the election into the Boys' School of the son of a late member.

Subsequently a sumptuous banquet was partaken of, at the close of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with the utmost enthusiasm; Bro. J. Bellerby, P.M., responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. C. E. Ferry, next gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in doing which he paid a high tribute to the excellent manner in which Bro. Roberts had discharged the duties of his office during the year. Every member of the lodge appreciated his efforts to promote its best interests, and they could not hesitate to do honour to one who had, by act and deed, done all he could, and successfully, to maintain the honour and prestige of this good old lodge.

Bro. Roberts, in acknowledging the flattering compliments paid him, observed that it was to him a labour of love to do all he possibly could in behalf of the lodge, and he need hardly say he should strive in the future to pursue the same course which he had followed in the past. He expressed his sorrow that Bro. Chicken had been prevented by illness from attending on that occasion, but hoped that worthy brother would soon resume the position he so eminently filled in the lodge. In giving the "Health of the Initiate," he said they had received amongst them that evening, a brother, friend and neighbour, being a countryman of his, a pure, thorough-bred Cornishman, and he believed they were about the best people out. Bro. Retallack had entered upon the good path, and he felt sure he would never regret it.

The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Retallack responded in a very happy vein. He said it was no easy matter, as a novice, to stand before a number of brethren such as he saw around him, and to attempt to address them for the first time in a new capacity. He had always looked upon Masonry in a very solemn light, and had long desired to become a member of the Fraternity, but other engagements had prevented him from earlier embracing the opportunity. However, the ceremony of that evening was the most solemn and impressive he had ever witnessed in the course of his life, and he should leave no effort untried to follow up the beautiful lessons inculcated in Freemasonry. He would support the Charities so far as his pocket would allow, for he did not think any ceremony so went home to his heart and feelings as that which he had just witnessed in the lodge-room. It was binding on his conscience, and, without any presumption, he already felt himself a Mason. Although he had travelled 230 miles in order to be present that evening, he would travel 500 miles to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had received him that evening.

"The Health of the Visitors" was, as usual, heartily received, and acknowledged in suitable terms by Bros. Webb, P.M.; Lemare, P.M.; Maidwell, P.M. (who announced the inauguration of a chapter of improvement in connection with the lodge, in addition to the Prosperity Masonic Charities' Association), and J. E. Fells, all of whom spoke in terms of high eulogium upon the working they had witnessed in lodge.

In reply to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," Bro. James Terry, who was received with enthusiastic cheering, said this was not the first time by many that he had had the pleasure of responding to that toast in the Prosperity Lodge. He knew full well that when the toast of the Masonic Institutions was given in this lodge it was not an idle sentiment, but one which came home most forcibly and practically to the hearts and pockets of many whom he saw around that table. In days gone by, in the history of that lodge, the names of the Masonic Charities were scarcely noticed; but now better times had dawned, and for years the various Institutions had been well supported by members of this lodge. The Prosperity Lodge was never behind its conpeers in making advances to the those Masonic Institutions, but prided itself upon the fact that, when it had enough in hand, it always donated a certain amount to either one or the other Charities. If every lodge were to pursue the same course of conduct, the promoters of those Institutions would not have to make half the number of appeals, or attend so many lodges in the course of a year, as they were called upon to do at present. He took it as an augury of success in the future, that this being the opening night of their winter session, the Prosperity should be the first lodge he had been called upon to visit. He welcomed it as an omen that prosperity would attend their efforts in the coming year; that under the stewardship of their excellent Worshipful Master, the very best list that could

possibly be brought up from this lodge would be forthcoming. He knew that this lodge was progressive, even as Freemasonry was a progressive science, and that with its growth would follow a corresponding increase to the Masonic Charities. He alluded with pleasure to the establishment of a Masonic Charity Association in connection with the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, and said if they looked at this and similar organisations in the country, there had resulted no less than 46 ballots, representing 450 guineas paid into the coffers of the three Institutions. He went on to say that but for the establishment of such movements there would have been but forty-six guineas paid in, and it only showed how easy it was, by the small payment of one shilling per week, to make every member who belonged to them a Life Governor of one of the Institutions. He had no doubt that as (through the exertions of the Secretary, Bro. Brown, and the Treasurer, Bro. Maidwell) the association had succeeded so admirably during the last 2½ years, another would arise, Phoenix-like, from its ashes, and enable new members to participate in the beneficent cause. All must be acquainted with the fact that if advantages were to be extended to annuitants, and to the boys and girls in the Schools, the brethren must also be prepared to contribute the means of supporting them. Spasmodic effort was of no avail, and he urged steady and regular support to all the Charities. He alluded to the large numbers who were sent empty away because of the deficiency of the means at the disposal of the executive to relieve all the cases which demanded their attention, and appealed for steady and constant support to the various Masonic Institutions. In conclusion, he wished for the lodge a long course of future happiness and prosperity, leaving them with the hope that they would do all in their power to help those who could not help themselves.

Bro. Terry resumed his seat amidst loud and prolonged applause.

Several other toasts were honoured, in which the services rendered by the Past Masters, the Officers, the Secretary, and Treasurer were recognised in highly eulogistic terms, and the list concluded with the Tyler's toast.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

**TEMPERANCE-IN-THE-EAST LODGE (No. 898).**—This lodge met on Wednesday last, at the Assembly Rooms, Newby-place, Poplar. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Chapman, W.M., supported by Bros. Graveley, S.W.; F. W. Pulsford, J.W.; J. W. Waller, P.M., Treas.; Dr. C. Wyatt Smith, P.M., Sec.; G. Siders, S.D.; W. J. E. Butcher, J.D.; W. Geves, I.G.; Past Masters S. T. Finch, C. Scrutton, H. Rogers, H. Cooper, W. Shays, J. Newell, J. Williams; and numerous other brethren.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. George Gardiner into the Order. This proving unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was admitted in due form into the mysteries of the Order, in a highly impressive manner, and Bros. H. Newcombe, Church, and Clark were ably passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. next completed his arduous labours by a masterly rendering of the Third Ceremony, which was worked in favour of Bro. McCarthy.

Some important items were discussed, and lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been exchanged. Subsequently creature comforts were hospitably attended to, and on the removal of the cloth, at a rather late hour, Bro. Chapman gave in brief form the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were loyally responded to. Time being short, toasts were given rather informally. A very pleasant half-hour was spent, well enlivened by song and harmony, and the brethren separated, having spent a highly successful evening.

Among the visitors were: Bros. H. P. Wilson, W.M. 861; W. J. Bonner, 1278; B. Stewart, D.C. 1278; M. R. Hammond, 1278; W. Stapleton, J.W. 1382; A. Brookson, P.M. 1604; D. M. William, P.M. 149; J. P. Rising, 781.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Bro. E. Dignam, W.M. presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. C. Lorkin, S.W.; C. W. Smyth, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Payne, S.D.; A. Ferrar, J.D.; R. Polak, I.G.; F. Bonner, D.C.; G. Ferrar, W.S.; W. Simpson, Org.; also Bros. Geer, Winch, Collier, Loeffler, Rhodes, Olley, George, Robinson, Harding, Dallas, Fisher, and Wright. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; T. Cumberland, P.M. 938; and J. Thompson, 948.

The lodge having been opened in due form, Bros. Collier, Geer, and Winch were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Rhodes was passed to the Second. A vote of condolence with the relatives of a deceased brother was agreed to, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. J. Cumberland, in responding for "The Visitors," gave the brethren a very interesting description of various old Masonic relics in possession of the lodges in York, and of the progress of Freemasonry in that ancient city.

The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. Lorkin, Smyth, Cumberland, Payne, Olley, and others; and the Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The anniversary gathering of the above young and flourishing lodge was celebrated in a most successful manner on Thursday last, at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. The W.M. Bro. Wm. Malthouse, C.C., opened a well attended lodge, being supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. McCluer Butt, S.W. (W.M. elect); H. J. Lardner, P.M.; J. W. G. H. Stephens, S.D.; J. J. Howes, J.D.; W. Snow, I.G.; W. Butt, D. of C.; R. B. Greenwood, Steward; Egbert Roberts, Hon. Org.; J. Howes, P.M. Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M. Sec.; and W. Pennefather, I.P.M. Also Bros. J. Wilkinson, J. Gayner, J. F. Rumball, S. Renant, N. Mackay, F. Gaudin, F. Freeman, J. Francom, A. Sutton, Capt. E. Pettett, T. Butt, P.M., J. S. Chambers, and others. Bro. E. Fryer acting Tyler, Bro. W. Smyth, the lodge Tyler, being unfortunately unwell. There was also a numerous attendance of distinguished brethren and visitors, amongst whom were: Bros. J. Mason, P.M. 1567,

P.P.S.G.D. Middx. (collector to the R.M.B.I.); A. E. Coffin, 167; S. C. Greenfield, 45; L. Lardner, 1745; E. Lardner, 101; C. Gooding, 1329; D. Clark, 1632; Henry Forss, 917; H. Potter, P.M. 11; W. Richmond, 1695; F. Walters, P.M. 1326, P.P.G.D. Middx., &c.; F. Richmond, 1695; G. F. Day, 1563; and others.

The only ceremonial business before the lodge was the installation of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. T. McCluer Butt, Bro. Malthouse, the out-going W.M., having previously cleared up all arrears of work. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, the lodge having paid off all the heavy debts which had been incurred in the formation of this lodge, and carrying over a substantial balance in the hands of the newly-elected Treasurer, Bro. W. Malthouse, I.P.M. The accounts were accordingly received and adopted, and the services of the brethren who had officiated as Auditors were acknowledged by a cordial vote of thanks. Bro. T. McCluer Butt was next presented to the Installing Master (our worthy Bro. Pennefather, P.M.) for the benefit of installation by Bro. J. Howes, P.M., who acted as Director of the Ceremonies. The brethren below the Degree of Installed Masters having withdrawn, Bro. Butt was inducted into the chair of King Solomon in ancient form by a strong Board of Masters. On the admission of the brethren, the new ruler was saluted by the members of the lodge according to Degree, Bro. Egbert Roberts supplying some highly appropriate selections as the brethren were marshalled by Bro. Howes, P.M.

The investiture of the officers for the year was then proceeded with, the following brethren being appointed: Bros. H. J. Lardner, S.W.; G. H. Stevens, J.W. (Free-mason); Rev. P. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Wm. Malthouse, I.P.M. and Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M., Secretary; J. J. Howes, S.D.; W. McCluer Butt, J.D.; R. B. Greenwood, I.G.; J. King, D.C.; William Brasher, Steward; R. F. Brickdale, Asst. Steward; and W. Smyth, Tyler. These several appointments were received with acclamation by the brethren of the lodge; after which Bro. Pennefather proceeded to deliver the three charges to the Master, Wardens, and to the brethren, which were listened to with marked attention. Some affairs of purely lodge interest were satisfactorily disposed of.

Bro. Lardner next ably introduced the claims of the Masonic Institutions upon the lodge, and offered to represent the West Smithfield lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Aged Freemasons; making an eloquent appeal for a grant from the lodge funds both worthy of the lodge and the claims of that deserving Institution.

Bro. Stevens, J.W., moved that the offer of Bro. Lardner, S.W., to act as Steward for the lodge be accepted, and that the lodge donate £10 10s. upon Bro. Lardner's list. This was seconded by Bro. Butt, P.M., strongly supported and duly carried.

Bro. Malthouse thanked the brethren for honouring him by his election as Treasurer to the lodge, assuring the brethren of a faithful discharge of the duties appertaining to that important office. He was proud to feel he had given the lodge satisfaction in the past, and would strive to do so in the future.

"Hearty good wishes" were given, and lodge was closed in harmony, a pleasant and truly Masonic feeling marking the whole of the proceedings.

The brethren assembled shortly after at the Holborn Restaurant, where a banquet worthy of the occasion was handsomely served, under the genial supervision of our respected Bro. Hamp. Indeed, the brethren agreed that the catering was the most successful that had been rendered since this lodge opened the Duke's Saloon, at the installation banquet, twelve months' since.

Grace having been said by the Rev. Bro. Holden, Chap., the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, in brief and appropriate language, Bro. Egbert Roberts ably furnishing the music associated with these toasts.

Bro. Malthouse gave "The Health of the W.M.," whom he hoped would go through the duties of his high office as it had been his (Bro. Malthouse's) aim to do. He trusted that Bro. Butt would strive to maintain the high integrity of the Craft, to preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order.

Bro. Butt thanked the brethren most sincerely for their kind and appreciative response to the toast of his health. They might rest assured he would exercise all the ability he possessed as their W.M. to try and do his best for the success of the West Smithfield. In doing this he had no doubt the officers he had selected would render him every assistance and support.

"The I.P.M." was next toasted, the W.M. dwelling upon the able manner in which the affairs of the lodge had been conducted under the rule of Bro. Malthouse, and the honour the lodge had conferred upon that brother by appointing him Treasurer. He had a very pleasant duty to perform, that of presenting Bro. Malthouse with a handsome Past Master's jewel, the gift of the lodge, as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren.

The jewel was a very handsome one, of massive design, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The I.P.M. responded in felicitous terms. "The Visitors" were next honoured, the well-known hospitality of the West Smithfield Lodge being evidently highly appreciated if we may judge from the flattering remarks which fell from the lips of the visiting brethren in response.

The important toast of "The Masonic Institutions" was honoured and well received.

Bro. J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middx., ably championed the needs of the whole three Institutions, and ended with an able and effective appeal to the brethren to support Bro. Lardner's Stewardship for the Aged Freemasons' Institution.

We are gratified to announce that Bro. Lardner's list amounted at the end of the meeting to over £53, including £1 1s. from Bro. Hamp, on account of the proprietors of the Holborn Restaurant. Bro. Lardner, therefore, promises to take up a good list, which will be the second from this lodge, as, two years since, Bro. G. H. Stephens represented the West Smithfield Lodge with a list of which the brethren were justly proud, especially as both these brethren were initiated in the lodge.

"The Past Masters" were next toasted; and Bro. W. Pennefather replied for those brethren in his usually kind and genial manner.

Bro. F. Mallett, P.M., Sec., also responded for "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," pointing out that

brethren who now held office from the W.M. downwards (excepting himself and Bro. Treasurer), were initiated in the lodge, and had supported it from their first introduction, whilst they also had many young and efficient workers to follow on. "The Officers" was most heartily received, and Bros. Lardner, S.W., and G. H. Stephens, J.W., severally returned thanks, promising in the future as in the past that their best efforts would be made to support and advance the West Smithfield Lodge. Several other brethren briefly responded, and a hearty reception was given to the Tyler's toast and the brethren separated.

Among the brethren whose songs enlivened the proceedings, were Bros. Lardner, Stephens, J. King, E. Mallett, Renant, Freeman, Brickdale, and others; Bro. Egbert Roberts also giving several capital songs and excellently accompanying upon the piano. Thus ended a most enjoyable evening, and one promising well for the future of this lodge.

**ROYAL LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1669).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. There were a large number of the members of the lodge present, also visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the congratulatory address presented to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, on his marriage, together with the reply was read. Bro. Newington Bridges, P.M., then proceeded to install Bro. H. P. Jarman into the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Bridges performed this important ceremony in a very able manner, Bro. Edmondston, P.M., giving the addresses to the Wardens Bro. Jarman then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. R. Cranch, S.W.; W. S. R. Payne, J.W.; P. Dakers, P.M. Treas.; T. Preston, Sec.; W. Lucas, S.D.; C. G. Saunders, J.D.; J. H. Hastie, P.M.; D. of C.; H. M. Williams, Org.; J. W. S. Tomkins, W.S.; H. J. Sharpe, Steward; and T. F. Potter, P.M. Tyler.

A ballot was then taken for Mr. John Wentworth Routledge, which being unanimously in his favour he was initiated in a faultless manner by the newly-installed W.M.

The brethren then adjourned to dinner, when the usual toasts were given by the W.M., eliciting some good speeches in response.

**HENRY MUGGERIDGE LODGE (No. 1679).**—This lodge held its first meeting since the installation on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Mason's Hall, Mason's Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C. Lodge was duly opened by Bro. W. F. Darnell, W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. Sack, S.W.; C. Arnold, J.W.; H. Muggeridge, P.M. Sec.; S. Stampfer, S.D.; C. J. Haines, J.D.; A. J. Street, I.G.; J. J. Marsh, Tyler; Henry John, I.P.M., and W.S.; G. A. Storr, P.M., and D.C. Also Bros. J. Julian, Croger, Clark, Embrow, Woodthorpe, Boyce, Edmonds, Catling, Reddall, and others. Visitors: Bros. Baldwin, Sec. 1777; Fred. Carr, S.W. 1607; A. J. Clark, W.S. 1607; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1382 (*Freemason*).

After the usual routine business, Bro. Woodthorpe, a candidate for the Sublime Degree was tested as to his proficiency, and proving satisfactory was entrusted. Bro. H. Muggeridge, P.M., the veteran founder of the lodge, next occupied the chair (by the courtesy of the W.M., Bro. Darnell), and raised Bro. Woodthorpe to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in an impressive and masterly manner. This completed the work upon the agenda paper. Upon the announcement of the sad loss the esteemed Treasurer had sustained by the death of his wife, it was unanimously resolved to send, in the name of the lodge, a message of condolence to that brother in his affliction. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and Bro. Darnell closed the lodge in due form.

The brethren subsequently partook of refreshments, which were satisfactorily served, and, on the removal of the cloth, Bro. Darnell gave "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," whose private and public virtues rendered but few words from him necessary to recommend the toast to an assemblage of Englishmen, and more especially Freemasons, who all honoured Her Majesty with that loyalty so distinctive of the Craft, and which he (Bro. Darnell) would couple with the toast.

The merits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were next descanted upon, as well as the eminent services of those distinguished brethren who assisted the M.W.G.M. in ruling and governing the Craft.

Both these important toasts were cordially received and duly honoured.

Bro. H. John, I.P.M., next gave "The Health of the W.M." in appreciative terms.

Bro. Darnell acknowledged the compliment, thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, and promising the brethren that on subsequent occasions he would fulfil his duties in the chair which that evening had been so impressively done for him by their esteemed Bro. Muggeridge, P.M. and the founder of the lodge.

"The Visitors" were next honoured; the W.M. thanking each of the visiting brethren for their attendance. Several had been present on previous meetings, and to those attending for the first time, in the name of the lodge, he offered them a cordial welcome, and hoped they would again visit the Henry Muggeridge Lodge.

Bro. Baldwin, Sec. Royal Hanover Lodge, was first to reply. He had attended the lodge that evening with very great pleasure. The name of the lodge for working had gone out far and wide, and he had expected to have witnessed something in the lodge working very different from what he was accustomed to. His experience, however, had been a very pleasant one, for he had not found anything differing essentially from the ordinary working; and even where it did so in minor matters was eminently impressive and solemn. He had been greatly struck by the working of their esteemed Bro. Muggeridge, who had made the Third Ceremony that evening so full of meaning.

Bro. F. Carr, S.W. 1607, returned thanks for the welcome he had received. He was particularly pleased to hear from their W.M. that in future he would work the ceremonies, for he (Bro. Carr) could assure them Bro. Darnell was fully capable of doing so in a highly satisfactory manner.

Bro. G. H. Stephens also briefly responded.

Bro. Darnell, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said the brethren were aware that Bro. Muggeridge was compelled to be extremely careful since his recent severe illness, and had not been able to stay to the banquet, but they had seen what he did for the lodge that evening. Bro. H. John was too well-known as their recent

W.M., and at the present time as their attentive Steward, to require much recommendation; and Bro. Storr, P.M., D.C., was also well-known for his services to the Craft, and especially in the cause of Masonic Charity, upon which he hoped that brother would have something to say, and the W.M., coupling the toast with the names of Bros. John and Storr, asked the brethren to drink "The Health of the Past Masters of the Henry Muggeridge Lodge."

This was done with great heartiness, and Bro. John humorously explained how he was restricted by the stern commands of a firm W.M. to exercise economy and moderation in the discharge of the duties of Steward.

Bro. Storr, in a long and instructive address, explained the bearings of our Masonic Charities upon every member of the Craft; also explaining the procedure of the Board of Benevolence, and giving practical advice to the brethren.

Bro. Storr's remarks were listened to with great attention. The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was next next given, and the Senior and Junior Wardens replied thereto.

The Tyler's toast ended a pleasant meeting.

Some good singing was heard from Bros. Croger and Edmonds, both of whom accompanied, and from Bros. Arnold, Clark, Haines, Stephens, and others. Bros. A. Sack, S.W., and G. H. Stephens each gave a reading, and so greatly enlivened the post-prandial proceedings.

**FARRINGDON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).**—The members of this lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 25th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Strugnell, W.M.; Goodenough, S.W.; Young, acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.M. and Treas.; W. H. Jackson, jun., P.M. and Sec.; Clark, P.G.P., I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; and Parkinson, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lardner gave a notice of motion that the advisability of removing the lodge be considered at the next meeting. There being no other business before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

**NORWICH.—Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).**—This flourishing lodge held its first meeting of the session of 1882-3 on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Club, St. Giles-street, under the presidency of its W.M., Bro. J. J. Hunt, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. G. Green, I.P.M.; H. A. W. Reeves, S.W.; Henry Rosling, J.W.; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. W. Browne, P.G. Std., S.D. (*Freemason*); T. Winter, J.D.; T. Campling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.C.; R. Madge, Org.; W. N. Cooper, I.G.; J. Holt and A. King, Stewards; and W. Murrell, Tyler. Among those present were Bros. A. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; B. L. Nockall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Holt, W. F. Stratford, George Hammond, J. H. Guyton, E. Wilkin, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Wilson, 1304, and C. W. Bacon, 213, 1500, and 1808, P.G. Steward.

In consequence of the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. E. Edwards, who was a candidate for raising, there was no business to transact beyond confirming the minutes of the previous meeting and nominating the W.M. as a delegate from the lodge to sit on a Committee for the purpose of revising the bye-laws of the lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards adjourned to supper, and, on the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were duly given and responded to.

**MALDON.—Saint Peter's Lodge (No. 1024).**—The sudden death of Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Grand Master of the Province of Essex, occasioned a lodge of emergency, which was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday last. There was a good muster of brethren, including the W.M., W. Bro. Francis Bird; Bros. D. J. Wright, I.P.M., P.G.P. Essex; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; W. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; T. Aldham, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. F. Francis, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; and H. J. Sansom, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.

The W.M. feelingly alluded to the sad occurrence which had called them together, and after paying a tribute to the memory of the deceased Provincial Grand Master, proposed the following resolution:

"That the brethren assembled at this lodge of emergency, summoned in consequence of the deeply regretted death of the Provincial Grand Master of the province, the Right Worshipful Bro. Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., Past Grand Warden of England, do record their heartfelt sympathy and condolence with Lady Tenterden and her family in their sad bereavement; and further, that while at the time of his lordship's installation as Provincial Grand Master, in 1879, they were sensible of the great honour which the appointment of a Mason so much and deservedly distinguished in the Craft, and a nobleman so eminent and valued as a high official of the State, conferred upon the province; their experience (during the period of his connection with it, now so unhappily terminated) of his great ability and zeal in the affairs, not only of the province but of the Craft generally, and of his kind and courteous manner to all with whom he came in contact, has so endeared him to the brethren that they feel his death has occasioned a signal loss both to the Craft and to the nation."

This was seconded in appropriate terms by the senior Past Master, Bro. F. G. Green, and carried unanimously.

The I.P.M. then proposed that a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to Lady Tenterden, and Bro. W. Humphreys, in seconding the proposition, alluded to the fact that he was one of the two Past Masters who were selected by the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, to introduce the deceased nobleman to the Prov. Grand Lodge on the occasion of his installation in 1879, and spoke at considerable length of the great ability he had brought to bear upon the discharge of the difficult duties of his office.

This resolution was also unanimously adopted.

There was a special solemn musical service, arranged by Bro. Edmund Gowers, P.P.G. Org., including the two appropriate hymns "Christ will gather in his own" and "Abide with me," and the following funeral marches, to the effective rendering of which the line American organ of the lodge proved its adaptability: "Grand Trauer Marsch" (Beethoven), minuet from Schubert's Sonata Op. 78 in B minor, Funeral March in D minor (Gounod), March Funèbre in B flat minor (Chopin), Funeral March in C minor (Bastide), "How are the mighty fall'n" (Handel), Funeral

March Op. 26 (Beethoven), Dead March from "Samson" (Handel), and Dead March from "Saul" (Handel).

**LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).**—The name and fame which have very justly been secured by the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge during its six years' existence have on many occasions been recognised by unusually large attendances of brethren, and proved by eminently successful meetings. At no previous gathering, either monthly or annual, however, has there been an attendance so large as that which was witnessed at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the early hour of "high noon." The installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. William Savage, holding a prominent place in local legal circles) was then the chief element of interest in the programme of business; and the fact that there was a total attendance of about 170 brethren—including no fewer than twenty Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and upwards of thirty W.M.'s and P.M.'s—clearly displayed the interest taken in the festival celebration in connection with the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge. The original intention which the founders had in establishing the lodge was to meet the requirements of dramatic, musical, medical, and literary brethren, whose engagements, as a rule, prevent them from attending to their Masonic duties in the evening; and that the establishment of a lodge like the Dramatic, which holds its meetings in the afternoon, has supplied a "felt want" is proved by the large per centage of professional brethren who range under its banner. Prosperity has attended the efforts of those who first watched the consecration of a lodge with whose foundation they were so closely identified, and there is a general expression of opinion that there is no more successful or better worked lodge in the extensive province of West Lancashire.

Punctually at the hour for commencing business (half-past eleven o'clock) the chair was taken by Bro. John Atkinson, the retiring W.M., who was supported by the following compliment of officers: Bros. W. W. Sandbrook, I.P.M.; Joseph Bell, P.P.G.J.D., P.M.; Richard Brown, P.G. Treas., P.M.; B. B. Marson, P.P.G.S.B., P.M.; W. Savage, J.W. (W.M. elect); J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; H. P. Squire, S.D.; J. L. Shrapnell, J.D.; R. Burgess, Org.; J. J. Monk, Asst. Org.; O. W. Sanderson, I.G.; Dr. W. Whittle, S.S.; H. Round, J.S.; J. O. Marples, O.S.; C. Buchanan, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. E. Graham, F. Wilkinson, W. C. Robinson, W. Hemming, W. Hildyard, F. J. Stimson, W. T. Blamphin, S. H. Jones, J. Rawsthorne, jun., R. Watterson, J. Chambers, W. S. Cooke, J. Boardman, F. Duncanson, Dr. Macpherson, J. Fineberg, Tudor Rogers, I. Knott, W. Parker, J. Cantor, E. Carter, J. Skeal, P.G.O.; A. Harrison, E. H. Allen, C. Campion, J. Ballard, L. Neubert, P. Lowndes, W. Addis, H. Williams, H. Beddoes, J. W. R. Brown, G. Redmond, A. Hines, P.M.; J. Bayliss, P. Beck, T. L. Duncan, C. Buzian, J. Cruft, A. G. Rawlings, D. Cumming, G. Martin, J. Martin, G. H. Greenwood, J. Selby Hall, Dr. A. W. Pierce, B. Striem, W. Coates, J. Vandenberg, and others. On the list of visitors were the names of Bros. H. S. Alpass, G. St. B., P.G. Sec.; W. Ashley Clayton, P.G.J.W.; T. Salter, P.G.J.D.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Brackenbury, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; R. Washington, P.S.D.G.; W. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; H. A. Tobias, P.G.S. of W.; Councillor J. Ball, P.M. 673; T. McCracken, 1620; T. S. Atkinson, P.M. 1108; J. Atkinson, 594; J. Curtis, 1035; C. S. Dean, S.W. 1289; M. Aronsberg, W.M. 1502; R. Danmer, 220; J. Stowell, 1350; H. Firth, P.M. 667; H. Burrows, P.M. 673; J. Sharples, 724; H. de Frece, 1502; T. Foulkes, 292; R. Foote, W.M. 1505; M. Gardner, 1505; S. G. Philpott, 1209; T. Roberts, P.M. 673; W. C. Erwin, P.M. 1393; R. Carson, P.M. 995; H. J. Nicholls, 203; J. Birchall, 220; J. Lecomber, P.M. 1473; J. Shield, 1085; Daniel Parry, 1086; A. Samuels, P.M. 1350; T. Hatton, W.M. 203; T. H. Pearce, 1182; J. Winsor, P.M. 241; R. A. Davies, J.W. 1380 and 468; W. Lewis, 203; Joseph Wood, 1094; J. C. McGuire, W.M. 1547; A. Bucknall, S.W. 667; J. A. Muir, S.D. 203; J. Lowndes, W.M. 999; Hargreaves Gill, 1066; John Casey, P.M. 995; E. A. Benson, 1086; Thomas Trevitt, 1356; J. A. Hendry, 1505; James Prescott, 1713; John Wharton, 1570; J. Bushfield 216; T. Hoskins, 1505; J. P. Bryan, 1035; H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823; W. Constable, S.W. 292; J. Messenger, 249; S. J. Henochsberg, I.P.M. 1502; P. Martin, P.M. 1182; Rev. T. H. Harpur, and others.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read by the Secretary, Bro. J. M. Boyd, and confirmed by the brethren, the ballot was taken for proposed initiates, and, as a result, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Ben Hughes were unanimously elected. The ceremony of initiation was most admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. Atkinson, assisted by his chief officers. At the conclusion of this section of the business, the W.M., as the closing act of a highly successful year, most impressively installed Bro. William Savage as his successor in the W.M.'s chair. The presentation of the W.M. elect was made by Bros. J. Bell, P.P.G.J.D., and J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., and the almost faultless manner in which the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Atkinson, elicited universal and hearty applause. The following were the officers invested: Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., M.C.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas. (re-elected for the second time); J. M. Boyd, Sec. (re-appointed for the third time); O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; Dr. W. Whittle, J.D.; J. O. Marples, I.G.; J. J. Monk, Org.; J. Cantor, Asst. Org.; H. Round, J.S.; C. Buchanan, J.S.; W. Addis, O.S.; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

A most impressive part of the ceremony was the execution of Bro. Round's effective vocal and orchestral setting of the anthem "Behold how good." The vocalists were Bros. J. H. Greenwood, and J. P. Bryan (altos), J. Busfield, and W. Lewis (tenors), J. Muir and H. J. Nicholls (basses), and the instrumentalists Bros. F. Duncanson (first violin), Chambers (second violin), Cruft (viola), H. Cooke (violinello), G. Martin (double bass), Buzian (flute), Vandenberg (oboe), Neubert and Cantor (trumpets). Bro. R. Burgess was at the organ, and the performance of the anthem was conducted by Bro. Baylis, of the Prince of Wales Theatre.

At the close of the proceedings, the W.M. (Bro. Savage), on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented the retiring Master with a very valuable and chaste Past Masters' jewel, the cost of which had been unanimously voted out



of the funds of the lodge. The presentation was acknowledged in appropriate language by Bro. Atkinson. The jewel, which was universally admired, was supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of London, Liverpool, &c.

The members and visitors, to the number of about 150, subsequently sat down to a most recherche banquet, supplied by Bro. Capper (Messrs. Galt and Capper), to which, it is almost needless to add, minute attention and hearty justice was paid. Bro. W. Savage, W.M., presided, and he was supported by a brilliant gathering of "our Masonic rulers."

The toast of "The Queen" having been given with musical honours, the W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family;" and "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Grand Officers."

Bro. Alpess, who responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, said that to be appointed to office in the Grand Lodge of England was one of the highest honours to which any Mason could possibly aspire. He fully estimated the value of the dignity which had been conferred upon him. He would feel it his duty to exert himself still more if possible in the advancement of Freemasonry, and in its well-governed. In no place had he learned so much of what was considered the best government of the Craft as in the meetings of Grand Lodge. Those meetings were not reported in the Press, for very good reasons; and, although a report was published under the supervision of the Grand Lodge, it did not give a full idea of what took place there—of the importance of the discussions and the importance of the decisions that were come to in that representative body. They would receive from the G. Secretary's office a copy of the proposed revised Book of Constitutions. The G. Lodge recognising its truly representative character was not satisfied with merely sending a copy of the revised Constitutions to the Grand Secretary of each province for them to be submitted to the consideration of the Provincial Grand Lodges, but they decided that a copy should be sent to every lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, so that all might have an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the subject. He trusted that the Dramatic Lodge would not take the communication which they would receive on the question as a matter of course, but that they would appoint a Committee of Past Masters, go into the subject carefully, and give their opinion after full consideration; for when once the revision was completed, it was very likely that many years would elapse before any change would be again made. There was another subject to which he would call their attention—it would come in an unofficial manner before the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire at its meeting in Southport—and that was the Royal College of Music, which had been so warmly taken up by their Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. An appeal was to be made to them as Freemasons to assist in the establishment of the College; and he (Bro. Alpess) did not think he could bring the matter before a better audience for the first time than the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge. There were many brethren of the musical profession amongst them, and they above all others ought to be able to tell those who knew very little about music whether such an institution was required or not. The College was to answer the purpose of similar institutions in the continental cities of Europe. If such an institution then was required in this country, although the object was not strictly connected with Freemasonry, yet from the respect and affection which they entertained for the M.W.G.M., and as a matter of loyalty to His Royal Highness, the brethren would give him all the assistance in their power. He could not conclude without expressing the great satisfaction which it gave him (Bro. Alpess), and he was sure every brother, to attend any of the meetings of the Dramatic Lodge. He knew there was a large number of subscribing members in the lodge; that it supplied a want to many professions that could not meet in the evening; that it was doing a good work in Freemasonry; that the Charities were not neglected by its members; and that the ritual and the working of the lodge were carried out in a manner that was not excelled by any lodge in that province. He wished the brethren every prosperity. As long as the lodge was conducted on the lines upon which it had been conducted in the past, he was convinced that its prosperity would be great in the future.

Bro. Mackenzie proposed "The V.W.D.G.M., and R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the R.W.D. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Col. Stanley; and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Present and Past." He remarked that it was the heartfelt wish of every Mason that Bro. the Earl of Lathom might be long spared by the Great Architect of the Universe to rule over his province with that honour and success which had hitherto attended him. In Col. Stanley, the Prov. Grand Master had a lieutenant who had ably seconded his best intentions. Speaking of the appointments to the various offices in the Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Mackenzie said that every brother recognised that in the selections which were made the efficiency, the good government, and the well-being of the Craft were kept in view. The Liverpool Dramatic Lodge had not yet received any share of the honours of the Prov. Grand Lodge; but they could afford to be patient, and he hoped the time was not far distant when distinction would thus be conferred upon one of their Body.

Bro. Newell, (ex-Mayor of Bootle) in acknowledging the toast, said the Earl of Lathom was fully deserving of all the honour and respect they could show to him. He was at all times ready and willing to help in every good work, although it might involve a long journey and great personal inconvenience. The brethren were aware of the satisfactory manner in which the imposing ceremony at Preston was carried out, and he must say that the Prov. G. Master was much pleased with the support which he received from the brethren of his province on that occasion. Bro. Newell added that he had attended all the installations of the Dramatic Lodge, and had particular pleasure in doing so this year, the new W.M. being an intimate friend of his own. Individually and collectively the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge wished Bro. Savage health, strength, and happiness during his year of office.

Bro. Clayton, who also replied, said he was sure that there was no lodge in the province where work was better done than in the Dramatic, and he hoped before long some of the honours of the Grand Lodge would fall to it.

The Installing Master, in giving "The Worshipful Master," said all would agree with him that Bro. Savage

was well fitted for the office which he had undertaken; he was a thoroughly good-natured brother, a most efficient officer, and a very enthusiastic Mason. In installing him in the chair, the lodge had, to use a homely phrase, "put the right man in the right place."

The W.M., in responding, observed that to be Master of any lodge was a very high honour, but to be Master of such a lodge as the Dramatic was, he thought, one of the proudest honours that a Mason could have bestowed upon him. He asked the brethren to accept his heartfelt thanks for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He then proposed "The Installing Master," and, in doing so, said the brethren must have been very much touched with the manner in which the I.P.M. had conducted the ceremony. They all knew the untiring zeal which Bro. Atkinson had displayed in advancing the interests of Freemasonry, and that he had been particularly zealous in promoting the prosperity of the Dramatic Lodge. The brethren of the lodge wishing to recognise his services, had subscribed for a slight token of their esteem; and on their behalf he (the W.M.) now presented Bro. Atkinson with a very handsome and valuable diamond ring. The members of the lodge had subscribed to this testimonial with a right willing heart, and they had, too, not forgotten Bro. Atkinson's good lady, to whom they presented a pair of beautiful bracelets, with their kindest wishes for her health and happiness.

Bro. Atkinson, in acknowledging the presentation, said he had already had very substantial marks of their appreciation. As Secretary, he received a handsome testimonial; that afternoon a further acknowledgment of his slight services was made; and he had now to thank them for a third mark of their approbation. He thanked them for their kindness, both to himself and to his wife, who was as enthusiastic as her husband in her wishes for the welfare of the Dramatic Lodge. He would always take a deep interest in the lodge, and his services would be at their disposal in the future as in the past.

The other toasts were "The Newly-Initiated Brethren," responded to by Bros. B. Hughes and A. Gordon.

"Our Visiting Brethren," coupled with the names of Bros. Erwin, P.M., Windsor, P.M., and Molyneux, P.M. "The Masonic Charities," given in eloquent terms by Bro. R. Brown, P.G. Treasurer, and acknowledged in suitable terms by Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

"The Musical Brethren," responded to by Bro. J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035, and Bro. R. Burgess, J.W., to the latter of whom was presented a handsome Organist's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services for six years as organist of the Dramatic Lodge.

"The Past Masters," acknowledged by Bros. MacKenzie, P.M., and Sandbrook, P.M.; and

"The Officers of the Lodge," which was coupled with the names of Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, S.W., R. Burgess, J.W., and J. M. Boyd, Secretary.

The pleasure of the gathering was greatly enhanced by the musical contributions of Bros. F. J. Stimson, W. Lewis, J. Muir, J. P. Bryan, W. Chambers, J. H. Greenwood, J. Busfield, J. Skeaf, J. Cantor, and J. J. Monk. A clever prologue, which had been specially written for the occasion, was spoken by Bro. E. Brammell, who also delighted every one by one of his characteristic sketches.

**NORTH WALSHAM.—Suffield Lodge (No. 1808).**—The installation meeting of this rising young lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Angel Hotel, under very auspicious circumstances. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. A. R. J. Woolbright, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. G. T. Plumbly, I.P.M., P.G.S.B.; G. W. Rogers, W.M. elect, S.W.; John Boyce, P.M., 52, 213, P.P.S.G.D. Treas.; D. G. F. Gaul, J.W.; Horace Randall, S.D.; N. B. Webster, J.D.; Archibald Bullard, P.M. 1500, P.G.A. D.C., M.C.; John Dixon, Org.; E. Wilkin, 988, 807, acting I.G.; C. Barnes, Hon. Sec.; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. Among the brethren present were: Bros. J. C. Firman, P.M. 71; C. W. Bacon, P.G. Steward, 213, 1500; Josiah Cooke, J. J. Harvey, B. Searman, W. H. Hardingham, Edward Poulson, Robt. Bacon, Rev. George Sharley, W. H. Horner, H. Lovelace, A. M. Burrows, John Churchyard, Francis Tann, Edmond Skipper, and C. F. Rump. Among the visitors were: Bros. John Etheredge, P.M. 100, P.G.J.D.; Major Wm. Dods, P.P.G.J.W. Suffolk; J. B. King, Du Poits Pan Lodge, Kimberley, South Africa; P. Soman, P.G. Steward; Henry Pitt, R. J. Silburn, 213; W. F. Stratford, Geo. Hammond, W. A. Bishop, J. P. Batch, 1273; John Atkinson, 1331; G. B. Jay, W.M.; J. Harper, I.P.M.; Quarter Master F. Mills, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; R. H. Gissing, Jesse Weyer, W. W. Warner, G. S. Smith, M. J. Bailey, 1500; and J. W. Browne, P.G. Steward 807 (Freemason).

After the minutes of the previous meeting of the lodge had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Bro. G. W. Rogers was proceeded with, which was efficiently performed by Bros. A. Bullard and J. Harper, the latter rendering the charges in an excellent and pleasing manner. Bro. Rogers having been placed in the chair of K.S., proceeded to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. A. R. J. Woolbright, I.P.M.; D. G. F. Gaul, S.W.; H. Randall, J.W.; Rev. G. Sharley, Chap.; N. B. Webster, S.D.; H. Lovelace, J.D.; A. Bullard, P.M., D.C.; Chas. Barnes, Sec.; J. Boyce, P.M., Treas.; J. Dixon, Org.; E. Skipper, I.G.; W. H. Horner, Stwd; and E. Hollidge, Tyler.

Some further desultory business having been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a most recherche banquet, provided in Bro. Firman's usual style, Bro. Cooke supplying the desert. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to.

In the course of the evening Bro. C. W. Bacon rose and said: Brethren, your W.M. has done me the high honour of intrusting me with the gavel to perform a duty which you will all agree is a most pleasing one; that duty is to present to our late W.M., Bro. A. J. R. Woolbright, a Past Master's jewel on his retiring from the chair. Addressing Bro. Woolbright, Bro. Bacon proceeded: Bro. Woolbright: Ten months ago I had the gratifying pleasure of becoming a joining member of this lodge, and since that time I have witnessed the earnest, faithful, and loving spirit with which you have worked the lodge, administered the charges, and preserved the ancient landmarks of our Order. There is not one of us but will miss your kindly and cheer-

ing word, your charitable feelings and power of consolation. When we look around, on every side we see amongst us mementos of your year's work, and above all the evidence of that which is so dear to you and so valuable to us, the increased prosperity of our lodge, which has been mainly due to your indefatigable, exemplary and self-sacrificing exertions, the success of which, under God's blessing, has contributed in a very marked degree to the spread of Masonry in general, and its progress in particular to this province. Now that you are called upon to vacate that proud and honorable position, the occupation of the chair of K.S. to your successor, believe me, you carry with you the best feelings of us all, and the brethren of this lodge generally regret parting from the presidency of one so esteemed and beloved; yet we are comforted in the hope that we shall still and always have the pleasure of your presence amongst us, and that you will long continue to bestow upon us the same kindly spirit of advice and guidance as you have hitherto done most faithfully; and the hope that your life may be spared for years to come to assist and guide us in our affairs is the earnest wish and prayer of the whole of the brethren of the Suffield Lodge. I now present you with a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of this lodge, and, in doing so, we wish you to accept it as a mark of our esteem and regard; and we feel that in subscribing for and presenting this pleasing testimony to you, it is to us a labour of love. Bro. Woolbright, may the G.A.O.T.U. spare your life as a blessing amongst us for many years to come; and that in the future you and your children may look with pride upon this testimony of the esteem and love which now exists between you and your Masonic brethren, and feel proud of your connections with the Suffield Lodge.

Bro. Woolbright responded in a very effective manner. In the course of his remarks in acknowledging the assistance he had during his year of office received from the Secretary, Bro. C. Barnes, desired to mark the appreciation of the same by presenting to Bro. Barnes a silver egg stand.

Bro. Barnes ably responded and thanked the I.P.M. for his kind present.

The jewel presented to Bro. Woolbright, which was an exceedingly handsome one, bears the following inscription on the back: "Presented to Bro. A. R. J. Woolbright, I.P.M., by the officers and brethren of Lodge Suffield, No. 1808, as a mark of their esteem, September 27th, 1882."

Bro. Boyce then started a subscription among the brethren for a Past Masters jewel for P.M. Bro. Plumbly, an old and very worthy Mason who has done much to increase the prosperity of the Suffield Lodge.

The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, some excellent singing being rendered by the brethren. We congratulate Bro. Rogers on his elevation, and trust that he may have an opportunity of evincing to the brethren his proficiency in the Craft by having plenty of work. We also desire to congratulate the lodge upon its general success.

**NEWPORT, SALOP.—Audley Lodge (No. 1806).**—The first meeting of the season was held on the 26th ult., in the lodge-room, Town Hall. The W.M., Bro. John Bodenham, P.P.S.G.W. North Wales and Shropshire, P.G. Treas. Staffordshire, presided, and was supported by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Masefield, S.W.; C. R. Gordon, D.D., Prov. G. Chap., J.W.; James Smart, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; T. W. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Stwd., and a full muster of the members of the lodge.

The occasion was invested with special interest by the presence of W. Bro. W. Masefield, Grand Std. Br., P.D. P.G.M. Worcestershire, who is a native of Newport and an honorary member of the lodge. During the recess an address of congratulation, signed by all the members of the lodge, was presented to Bro. Masefield. This was now ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Bro. Masefield suitably acknowledged the compliment.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, provided by Bro. Bird, which, by a singular coincidence, was held in the house where the venerable guest of the evening was born, eighty-two years ago. The building has, it is scarcely necessary to add, undergone various changes, both of business and of form, during the period that has elapsed.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers of Grand Lodge," took occasion to remark on the probably unique circumstances under which Bro. Masefield was present, and expressed the gratification of all the members of the lodge at the honour reflected on it, by having on its roll, and present with them, a native of the town whose Masonic career had commanded such deep and general respect, and upon whom Grand Lodge honours had been so well and worthily bestowed.

The other visitors were Bros. James Senior, W.M. 726; Charles Fleet, P.M. 117; and Duncan Guilding (Brecon).

## INSTRUCTION.

**LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).**—This lodge met at Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction on Monday last, when the following brethren, amongst others, were present: Bros. Banks, W.M.; Perkins, J.W.; Westley, J.W.; Littlewood, S.D.; Sherring, J.D.; Cornock, I.G.; Johnson, Preceptor; McKinley, Sec.; Keyse, Miller, Parratt, McDiarmid, Heinrich, Warren, and Philips.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge having been confirmed, the W.M. ably rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Parratt having offered himself as a candidate. The First Sections of the Second and Third Lectures were then worked by the J.W., the brethren very efficiently answering the various questions. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form.

**SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).**—The above successful lodge continued its usual meetings on Monday last, at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., when Bro. J. S. Fraser was W.M., and had the support of Bros. Haslip, S.W.; W. Fraser, J.W.; J. Jones, Deacon; Cohen, I.G.; Job, Roberts, and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Job being the candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren, afterwards working the First and Second Sections in the Second Lecture. Bro. Roberts, 607, was elected a mem-

ber. Bro. Haslip was elected W.M. for next meeting, and lodge was closed in harmony.

**PERCY LODGE (No. 198).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. W. Williams, W.M.; Galer, S.W.; C. Weeden, J.W.; Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; J. A. Powell, S.D.; H. Opperman, J.D.; Wolf, I.G.; Brasted, J. P. Cohen, Archer, Houghton, Giller, Richardson, Hirst, Robinson, Marks, Thompson, C. K. Killick, jun., and others.

Lodge having been opened in regular form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the Fourth and Fifth Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Thompson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. H. Opperman, 1693, was elected a member. Bro. Galer was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. C. K. Killick, jun., will read a lecture by Dr. Oliver, on ancient Masonic rituals, on the second Saturday in October, when the attendance of brethren is respectfully requested.

**WANDSWORTH LODGE (No. 1044).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Higerty, W.M., Sec.; Black, S.W.; Knipler, J.W.; Jones, S.D.; Blackmore, J.D.; Hudson, I.G.; Carter, P.M., Preceptor; Ellis, Mason, James, and others. Visitor: Bro. Walters.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, with Bro. Ellis as candidate, and afterwards delivered the ancient charges. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing practised, Bro. Walters being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising worked, Bro. Mason acting as candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, Bro. Black being elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks accorded to the W.M. and other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed in due form.

**STAR LODGE (No. 1275).**—On Saturday last a large gathering of the members of this lodge was held at the Marquis of Granby, New Cross, Bro. Walter Martin being W.M. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Gibson being a candidate to be passed answered the usual questions. The lodge then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising most impressively rendered by the W.M. Some other work having been done, this being the night for re-election of officers, Bro. G. Andrews was proposed and seconded as Preceptor for the ensuing year; he was also elected as Treasurer, in the room of Bro. Keeble, who has retired to the country. Bro. Walter Martin was unanimously re-elected Secretary. An Audit Committee was appointed. On the first rising of the W.M. two brethren were elected members.

On the motion of Bro. Gibson, the bye-law relating to the working of the Fifteen Sections was altered from the fourth Saturday in October to the third in September. The bye-laws requiring the lodge to have a banquet at the lodge-house in the month of October, Stewards were appointed to make the necessary arrangements with Bro. H. B. Taylor, Sec. 1531, as Hon. Sec. Lodge was then closed.

**CORINTHIAN LODGE (No. 1382).**—This successful lodge met on the 3rd inst., at Bro. Clark's comfortable hostelry, the George Hotel, Cubitt Town. Bro. W. Stapleton occupied the chair, and was well supported by Bros. C. Chapman, W.M. 898, as S.W.; S. G. Bonner, J.W.; Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; Smith, Sec. pro tem.; Millington, P.M., S.D.; Saunders, J.D.; Marsh, I.G.; W. Shaves, P.M.; J. Delves, P.M., Preceptor; Viners, Dyer, Russell, Stephens, Morrison, and others.

Lodge was formally opened and closed down, and the minutes of the previous meeting submitted and confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were worked, Bros. Dyer and Smith officiating as candidates, and the working of Bro. Stapleton giving great satisfaction. Lodge was subsequently closed.

**WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held at the Institute, Ealing, on the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. J. Green, W.M.; J. R. Fernée, S.W.; C. W. Cunningham, J.W.; A. Jones, S.D.; T. A. Smith, J.D.; J. Fryers, I.G.; H. E. Tucker, Preceptor; J. Wells, Sec.; J. Owen, E. T. Brown, Meadows, and G. Taylor.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Wells candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. A. Jones delivered the lecture. Bro. J. Fryers was elected a member. Bro. J. Fernée was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 17th inst. The lodge was closed in due form.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).**—The above lodge held its meeting at the new quarters, on Monday last, at the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. Bro. J. F. Rumball, was W.M., and had the support of the following brethren: Bros. S. H. C. Rumball, S.W.; A. Geddings, J.W.; Lardner, Treas.; J. Laurence, Sec.; W. Pennefather, P.M., Preceptor; W. C. Brasher, S.D.; F. Gaudin, J.D.; H. Duncker, I.G.; T. Butt, and R. B. Greenwood. Visitor: Bro. W. H. Stevens, 1564.

After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was worked, and Bro. Lardner worked the Second and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Stevens was elected a member. Bro. S. H. C. Rumball was elected W.M. for next Monday's meeting, and it was arranged to work the Fifteen Sections on the 30th inst., when the members of St. James' Lodge of Instruction, No. 765, will be invited to attend and work them. Lodge was closed in harmony.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of brethren,

including Bros. R. Poore, W.M.; C. H. Phillips, S.W.; G. W. Knight, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; Hy. M. Williams, Sec.; H. Stokes, S.D.; H. Durham, J.D.; J. E. Tarr, I.G.; also Bros. W. Lucas, Croucher, Albert Pooler, Axford, Bigg, Sergeant, and J. V. Heinrich.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Bigg as candidate. Bro. Albert proved his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was most creditably worked by the W.M., with Bro. Albert as candidate. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Three new members were unanimously elected, viz.: Bros. J. B. Sergeant, 1765; H. S. Bigg, 1329; and J. V. Heinrich, 780. Bro. Phillips was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Other formal business being transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the brethren, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

### Royal Arch.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. J. H. Dodson, M.F.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; H. W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall, J.; Alfred Tisley, S.E.; H. Turner, S.N.; G. Manners, C.C., P.S.; Bristow and Clemow, Assistants; H. Dalwood, I.P.Z.; Col. Radcliffe, P.Z. (Hon. member).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. The installation of Principals was then performed by Ex. Comp. Col. Radcliffe. The officers inducted were Ex. Comps. Walls, as Z.; Lake, as H.; and Turner, as J. The other officers for the year ensuing are Comps. Tisley, S.E.; Manners, S.N.; Dalwood, Treas.; Bristow, P.S.; and Clemow, 1st Asst.

The appointment of the second assistant was postponed. The Installing Officer then gave the addresses to the officers, which were delivered most impressively. The presentation of a jewel to the I.P.Z. afterwards took place, and was acknowledged by Ex.-Comp. Dodson in a few well chosen sentences.

A vote of thanks having been unanimously passed to the Installing Officer, the M.E.Z. gave a notice of motion as to the alteration of the nights of meeting, and the Treasurer also gave a notice of motion as to an increase of the subscriptions.

The chapter having been closed the companions adjourned to the banquet, which in the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., was most genially presided over by Ex.-Comp. Dodson, the I.P.Z. The usual toasts followed.

**LEWES.—South Saxon Chapter (No. 311).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 27th ult., when Comp. G. Stone was installed as M.E.Z. for the ensuing year. The following is a list of the officers: Comps. S. Tanner, H.; C. Briscoe, J.; R. Crosskey, Treas.; J. Stedman, S.N.; A. Holman, S.E.; G. Chapman, P.S.; Carvick and Smith Stone, A.S.; and Hall, Janitor. Comp. S. Tanner was presented by the chapter with a P.Z.'s gold jewel on retiring from the office of First Principal.

The companions dined together at the close of the business, at the Bear Hotel. Bro. Whitcomb supplied a very excellent dinner, and the proceedings were throughout of an enjoyable character, although the attendance was somewhat limited.

### Royal Ark Mariners.

**WORCESTER.—Ark Lodge (No. 59).**—A regular meeting of this lodge, held in connection with the Lechmere Mark Lodge 59, took place at the Masonic Rooms, No. 95 High-street, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., W. Comp. Loch Wm. Barkley, P.G.M.D., presiding. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Charles Redgrave, of Lechmere Lodge 59, and Bro. Capt. Warner Otley, of the Fernoy Lodge were then elevated into the Degree of Ark Mariner by the W.C.N., Bro. Barkley, ably assisted by Bros. Buck and Pidcock as Shem and Japhet, and the other officers.

On the proposition of Bro. Pidcock, P.N., seconded by Bro. Lamb Smith, P.N., Bro. Barkley was re-elected as W.C.N. for the ensuing year; and on the proposition of Bro. Buck, seconded by the W.C.N., Bro. Pidcock, was re-elected Treasurer. The W.C.N. then drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that Ark Lodge 59 was really the only representative of Ark Masonry in the Midlands, and expressed a hope that advantage would be taken by the Mark Masons of the adjoining provinces to obtain from this centre the instructiveness of this beautiful Degree.

The W.C.N. congratulated the lodge on its success, and referred to the fact that though only consecrated some ten months, it already numbered nearly thirty members, that all its debts were paid, with ample funds in hand, and candidates still due for elevation.

Nothing further remaining to be done for the good of Ark Masonry in general, or Ark Lodge 59 in particular, the same was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to partake of a feast of reason and a flow of soul in the banqueting-room of the lodge.

### Knights Templar.

**ST. HELENS.—William de la More Preceptory (No. 49).**—A regular meeting of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The Sir Knights present included Sir Knts. Robert Goldthorpe Brook, E.C.; Sylvester Mattison, Marshal; Reginald Young, Prov. G. Almoner, Registrar; Wm. J. Thomson, P. Prov. G. Marshal, Treas.; Wm. Newsome, Captain of the Guards; Wm. Tyrer, P.E.C. of the Jacques de Molay; John Taylor, Equerry; and Joseph Wood, Past Treas. (Freemason).

The business of the evening consisted of the election of the E.C. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Sir Knight Sylvester Mattison, was unanimously chosen to fill the former post, and Sir Knight Thomson was re-elected

Treasurer with a like unanimity. The announcement by the Registrar, that the Prov. Grand Commander had signified his intention of visiting the preceptory at the next meeting in December, was received by the Sir Knights present with much gratification. Sundry communications having been read, and the alms collected, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Fleece Hotel, where a substantial repast awaited them.

### FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

The following is a full report of the statistics given by Bro. J. C. Parkinson at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge at Cardiff, showing the great prosperity of Freemasonry in South Wales: "It is interesting to note the progress of Freemasonry in the province ruled over by your Provincial Grand Master, and to contrast the rapid strides it has taken of late years with its more moderate progress in the past. At the beginning of this century there were but three Masonic lodges in the Eastern Division of South Wales, which comprises, as we all know, the counties of Glamorgan, Radnor, and Brecon. Those three were the Glamorgan, at Cardiff, the oldest lodge in the province, founded in 1752; the Loyal Cambrian, at Merthyr, founded in 1768; and the Indefatigable, at Swansea, founded in 1777. For a period of forty-four years after 1777 no new lodge was founded in this province, but in 1821 the Cambrian, at Neath, saw the light. After this there was another pause of thirty-four years, and then, in 1855, the Brecknock, at Brecon, was founded. The following year, 1856, saw the birth of the lodge of which I have the honour to be a Past Master, the St. David's, at Aberdare, and then followed the Afan, at Aberavon, in 1860, the Bute, at Cardiff, in 1863, and the Talbot, at Swansea, in 1870. Thus from 1777 to 1870 the Freemasons' lodges founded in the province now ruled over by Sir George Elliott were at Neath, at Brecon, at Aberdare, at Aberavon, at Cardiff, and at Swansea; or six new lodges in all in a period of 93 years. These, added to the three lodges in existence at the end of 1777—namely, at Cardiff, at Merthyr, and at Swansea—gave at the close of 1870 a total of nine lodges in this eastern division of South Wales. In the four years immediately following 1870 no new lodges were created in the province, but in 1875 the Caradoc, at Swansea, and the Merlin, at Pontypridd, were founded, and these were followed by the Ogmore, at Bridgend, and the Windsor, at Penarth, in 1878; also the Loyal Wye, at Builth, and the St. Quentin's, at Cowbridge, in 1879. Sir George Elliott was appointed Provincial Grand Master by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in 1876, and it is a significant fact that in the five years, from 1875 to 1879, both inclusive, there were founded in this province new lodges at Swansea, at Pontypridd, at Bridgend, at Penarth, at Builth, and at Cowbridge, or six new lodges in all in five years, being exactly the same number as were founded in the 93 years previously; so that if we measure the progress of Freemasonry by the increase in the number of its lodges, your Provincial Grand Master is to be congratulated warmly, and the province itself has reason to be proud."—*Western Mail*.

### India.

#### MARK MASONRY.

**POONAH.—Mallet and Chisel Lodge (No. 134).**—On the 21st August last the brethren of this lodge met together in the Masonic Hall, on the occasion of a new Master being installed. Bro. J. W. Smith, P.G.M.M.M., attended by many Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, honoured the lodge with a visit. Bro. E. S. Fox, P.G.S.W., the outgoing W.M., performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. H. Gordon-Forbes, P.G.M.O., being the newly-installed W.M.; Bros. H. R. Disney and J. R. Mackey were the newly-appointed Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.

In the course of the evening Bro. Fox proposed, and Bro. Gordon-Forbes seconded, that the P.G.M.M.M. be an honorary member of the lodge, alluding to the practical interest Bro. Smith took in the working of the Mark Degree, and to his having more than once come so great a distance—Bombay—to visit the lodge.

The P.G.M.M.M. returned thanks in a few appropriate words.

A Past Mark Master's jewel was voted to W. Bro. E. T. Fox unanimously by the lodge. Bro. MacNee presided at the harmonium during the evening.

Amongst those present, in addition to the afore-mentioned, were V.W. Bro. W. H. Hughes, C.E., D.P.G.M. M.M., P.M. 134, who addressed the Wardens; W. Bros. J. B. Clarke, C.E., P.M. 134, who addressed the Overseers; Capt. Gerald Martin, R.A., P.M. 134; C. D. Wise, P.M. 134, P.P.G.J.W.; Bros. R. Livingston, C.E.; Major F. Gordon Cumming, P.J. Lodge Hiram; R. Dickie, R.E. 134; J. W. Seager, P.G. Tyler; J. Seaman, R.E. 134; J. Turner, 90; C. Lacey, 68 (S.C.); R. Allin, St. Andrew's Chapter (S.C.); J. Calvert, 68 (S.C.); W. Powell, 72; W. Hardwicke, St. Andrew's Chapter (S.C.); P. Nusservangee, 134; W. H. Bloss, 134; and W. Speck, 134.

After the business of the lodge was over the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a pleasant evening was spent, interspersed with songs and speeches.

The P.G.M.M.M. gave a most interesting and lengthy speech in connection with this degree in reply to the toast of his health, which had been given in fitting terms by the W.M.

The P.G.M.M.M. having referred, in complimentary terms, to the services of the Past Masters, proposed "The Health the W.M.," alluding to his deserving popularity, and of prophesied a year of harmony and prosperity under Hiram.

The brethren dispersed about midnight, having spent an instructive and enjoyable evening.

**OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.**—The public by noting the prescriptions of the medical profession, and acting on a quarter of a century's experience, have found out that there is but one remedy which can be relied upon so to cleanse and soften the skin, that its healthy action shall be absolutely ensured. The remedy is a luxury known as WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP. See that each tablet and wrapper bears the words, Sapo Carbonis Detergens, without which none is genuine.

## South Africa.

## ROYAL ARCH.

**PORT ELIZABETH.**—Goodwill Chapter (No. 711).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Temple in this town, on Wednesday evening, July 12th. There was a good attendance of companions. After the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, the annual report of the Treasurer was submitted, and considered very favourable. The installation of the Principals and investiture of the officers then took place, the ceremony being very ably performed by Comp. C. T. Wheelwright, P.Z., D.G.S.W., assisted by Comp. Jas. Kemsley, P.Z., P.D.G.S.D., and Comp. Steph. White. The Principals installed were: Comps. J. W. C. Mackay, P.D.G.D. of C., as M.E.Z.; J. C. Blakeway, as H.; and Charles Dickinson, D.G. Steward, as J. After the completion of the ceremony the companions were re-admitted, and saluted the newly-installed Principals according to the usual custom. The M.E.Z., Comp. J. W. C. Mackay, then proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year, viz., Comp. W. H. Miles, S.E.; A. C. Wyld, S.N.; C. T. Wheelwright, Treasurer; A. Walsh, Prin. Sojourner; W. Myhill and G. Leslie, Asst. Prin. Sojourner; A. W. Guthrie and W. L. Hockey, Stewards; and W. Henderson, Janitor.

After the close of the ceremony the companions adjourned to the banquetting room, and sat down to a substantial repast, prepared by Bro. Quilter, of the Criterion.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, "The Healths of the Newly-Installed Principals" was proposed and well received.

"The Installing Principal," the "Newly-Elected," and also "The Retiring Officers," &c., were successively proposed and responded to, interspersed with harmony, the Janitor's toast bringing to an end a very pleasant evening.

## MARK MASONRY

**PORT ELIZABETH.**—Spes Bona Lodge (No. 253).—The regular and installation meeting of this lodge was held on 26th July last. Bro. W. H. Miles, W.M., occupied the chair, a fair attendance of members being present. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, according to notice of motion, proposed that the period for issuing summonses be altered from a fortnight to a week, which was duly seconded and carried "nem con."

The W.M. then said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting, in the name of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. C. T. W. Mouat, P.D.G. S.W., who, as first W.M. of the lodge, had been so active and indefatigable in his exertions to establish the lodge and commence its working; the efficiency to which it had advanced being mainly attributed to him, and expressed the wishes of the brethren that he might long live to wear it.

Bro. Mouat, I.P.M., having suitably acknowledged the gift, the W.M. requested him to proceed with the installation of the W.M. elect.

Bro. C. T. W. Mouat then took the chair, and requested Bro. W. H. Miles to present Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, D.G.S.W., the W.M. elect. The preliminary ceremonies being finished, Bro. C. T. W. Mouat opened a lodge of Past Masters, and duly installed Bro. C. T. Wheelwright in the chair of A. in a very impressive and complete manner, according to ancient custom. The brethren having re-entered the lodge and saluted the newly-installed W.M., the concluding charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Overseers were given by Bro. C. T. W. Mouat with accuracy and precision.

The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Miles, I.P.M.; S. E. White, S.W.; J. Kemsley, J.W.; J. W. C. Mackay, M.O.; C. Dickinson, S.O.; M. Joseph, J.O.; W. L. Hockey, Sec.; G. R. Renwick, Treas.; W. Myhill, Reg.; A. Walsh, S.D.; C. V. Freeman, J.D.; B. Jandrell, Org.; R. W. Wyatt, and J. T. Bounds, Stewards; F. E. Constance, I.G.; and W. Henderson, Tyler.

Two brethren having been proposed as candidates for advancement, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room under the presidency of the W.M., where due justice was given to the excellent repast prepared by Bro. Duncan. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then given and heartily responded to, bringing the proceedings to a satisfactory close with the Tyler's toast.

The Twenty-four Hours' Road Competition promoted by the manufacturers of the "Facile" Safety Bicycle, took place on Saturday last. The event has attracted great interest among bicyclists and others, and the start was made from Anderton's Hotel at 12 midnight on Friday, in the presence of an immense gathering of spectators. There were twenty-six starters, and the result of the race was as follows: 1st prize, value £10 10s., won by Walter Snook; distance ridden in the 24 hours, 214½ miles. 2nd prize, value £6 6s., won by W. F. Sutton; distance ridden, 108 miles. 3rd prize, value £4 4s., won by C. H. Cole; distance ridden, 189 miles. Besides the above, fourteen riders are entitled to the gold medal, value £3 3s., having accomplished 150 miles, and two to the silver medal, value £1 1s. (128 miles). All the competitors rode "Facile" bicycles, varying in size from 36in. to 44in., and taken altogether the performance of the winner may be considered the most remarkable that has yet been accomplished upon the "silent steed." The whole arrangements for checking the race were in the hands of Mr. G. P. Coleman, official timekeeper to the Bicycle Union.

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## South Australia.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the above was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, on Wednesday, 5th July last, the R.W. Bro. Arthur Hardy, M.P., R.W. District Grand Master, in the chair.

The lodge was opened in ample form. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, it was proposed by the President of Board of General Purposes (Bro. J. H. CUNNINGHAM), seconded by D.G. Steward (Bro. D. MORRIS), "That the Report of the General Committee be received and adopted."

## REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1882.

"To the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and the District Grand Lodge:

"Your Committee have to report that Bro. Wicksteed having resigned the office of Secretary, they have resolved that it would be greatly to the advantage of the Craft for the District Grand Secretary to perform and be responsible for the whole of the office-work and business in connection with the District Grand Lodge and General Committee, and that he should receive such remuneration as the District Grand Lodge may determine, and that the business of the District Grand Lodge should be conducted at the Freemasons' Hall, where the District Grand Secretary should attend at stated times for the transaction of such business.

"Your Committee regret to have to report that a number of lodges are neglectful in forwarding returns, and not sufficiently careful in the matter of registering brothers' names and dates of taking Degrees, thereby causing a great deal of unnecessary work to the Secretary. Two lodges have, during the quarter, been fined for neglecting to forward returns; your Committee have, therefore, determined to instruct the various lodges to forward their books to them for inspection. It is also the intention of the Committee to provide a model set of lodge books for the guidance of Secretaries, and to request the W.M. of lodges to see that their records are kept in accordance with these.

"Your Committee have had under their consideration the advisability of the revision of the District Grand Lodge by-laws, and the regulations for the government of the Masonic Benevolent Fund, and have appointed a sub-Committee to carry out the suggestion. The result of their labours will be reported to you in due course for your consideration.

"Your Committee have called a meeting of the members of the various lodges of the three Constitutions, to take into consideration the holding a Masonic ball in aid of the Freemasons' Hall funds.

"Your Committee have much pleasure in congratulating you upon the prosperous state of the Craft in the Province, and in assuring you that they feel confident it is of a permanent character. The acquisition of the Freemasons' Hall has no doubt very much encouraged this increased prosperity.

"Your Committee have much pleasure in recommending to your favourable consideration the W.D.D.G.M. Bro. H. E. Downer's motion for a vote of £300 from the District Grand Lodge Fund towards the Freemasons' Hall Fund, and look confidently forward to the time when the building will be the unencumbered property of the Craft, a consummation which will greatly tend to the honour and credit of the Fraternity, and enable the consideration of the establishment of Substantial Charitable and Educational Masonic Institutions to be entered upon with a good prospect of success.

"JAS. H. CUNNINGHAM, President B.G.P.  
"Adelaide, July 5, 1882."

Pursuant to Notice of Motion:—It was proposed by the W.D.D.G. Master (Bro. H. E. DOWNER), seconded by D.G. Steward (Bro. W. L. WARE):—"That the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be voted towards the funds for the purchase of the Freemasons' Hall."

It was proposed by W.D.G. Superintendent of Works (Bro. H. C. MAIS), seconded by the W.D.D.G. Master (Bro. H. E. DOWNER):—"That whereas the Country Lodges of the English Constitution are becoming more numerous and widely spread through this province, and it being essential that the District Grand Officers should, whenever summoned by the District Grand Master or his Deputy, attend the important ceremonies connected with the Craft, it is hereby resolved by District Grand Lodge that the actual transit expenses by road or rail be defrayed by District Grand Lodge, and that the District Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay such expenses, should the same be demanded by District Grand Officers."

After some slight discussion, the proposition was referred to the General Committee for consideration and report. There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form.

## ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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## THE TREASURER-GENERAL IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33°, 1ST JULY, 1882.

Dr. RECEIPTS.  
Balance in Bank, 1st July, 1881 ... £672 3 9  
Since received ... 1774 11 3

£2446 15 0

EXPENDITURE. Cr.  
By Charity Donations ... £157 10 0

" Purchase of Stock ... 202 5 0

" " Books ... 9 14 8

" " Furniture ... 27 6 6

" Payments for Salaries, Establishment, Rent, Printing, &c. ... 1093 6 5

" Balance in Bank ... 948 10 5

" " with Treasurer ... 8 2 0

£2446 15 0

(Signed) H. CLERK, 33°, Treasurer-General,  
33, Golden-square, London, W.

Audited and found correct.  
(Signed) S. RAWSON, 33°.  
3rd July, 1882. F. RICHARDSON, 32°.

## BALANCE SHEET, 1st July, 1882.

ASSETS.	
To Cash in London and Westminster Bank	£948 10 5
hands of Treasurer	8 2 0
£900 Madras Railway Stock 5 p.c. (cost)	1007 5 0
Madras Railway Debenture Stock 3½ p.c.	800 0 0
£1200 Russian Bonds, 5 p.c., 1871 (cost)	1189 10 0
£1000 3 p.c. Consols (cost)	962 10 0
£700 Queensland 4½ p.c. Bonds	709 2 6
£1600 Cape of Good Hope Stock, 4½ p.c. (cost)	1601 0 0
Furniture and Appointments (valued at)	1908 0 1
Library (estimated)	2325 8 9
Plate (valued at)	393 5 0
Organ (cost)	300 0 0
Leases:—33, Goldensquare	726 0 0
2, Upper John-street	925 0 0
Masonic Hall	1134 0 0
Cellerage	500 0 0
	£15,437 13 9

LIABILITIES.	
By Compounders, 31°, 32°, and 33°—172 Members	£579 12 6
By Compounders, 30°—362 Members	879 2 0
	1458 14 6
Balance, being Capital	13,978 19 3
	£15,437 13 9

Examined with the Books and found correct.

(Signed) ROBT. MACKIE, Public Accountant.  
8th July, 1882.  
117, Brixton-road, S.W.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

## BIRTHS.

BOOME.—On the 3rd inst., at Headingly, Palmerston-road, Palmer's-green, the wife of J. H. Boome, of Lincoln's-inn, barrister-at-law, of a daughter.

BRASSEY.—On the 2nd inst., at Preston Hall, Aylesford, Kent, the wife of Bro. H. A. Brassey, M.P., of a son.

KEITH.—On the 30th ult., at the Priory, Hamilton, N.B., the wife of P. Keith, of a daughter.

LEWIS.—On the 3rd inst., at Shirland-gardens, St. Peter's-park, the wife of L. Lewis of a son.

PETO.—On the 30th ult., at Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, the wife of L. J. Peto, of a son.

THORNTON.—On the 30th ult., the wife of the Rev. G. R. Thornton, vicar of St. Barnabas, Kensington, of a son.

VINT.—On the 1st inst., at Ashgrove, Bradford, the wife C. J. Vint, of a son.

WILLIAMS.—On the 30th ult., at Lower Addiscomb-road, Croydon, the wife of J. Williams, jun., of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BROUGHTON—BOOTH.—On the 30th ult., at George-street Congregational Church, Oxford, by the Rev. Dr. Legge, Thomas P. Broughton, of London, to Sarah Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Alfred S. Booth, of Oxford.

CALLIGAS—RALLI.—On the 30th ult., at the Greek Church, Moscow-road, Bayswater, Peter, son of P. Calligas, of Athens, to Julia, daughter of the late P. A. Ralli, of Westbourne-terrace.

FOX—WARWICK.—On the 2nd inst., at St. Mark's, Tooting-park, Charles Joseph, son of G. J. Fox, Esq., of Queen's-road, N., to Caroline Jessie, daughter of the late J. A. Warwick, Esq.

TWEEDIE—VINCENT.—On the 3rd inst., at St. Barnabas', Kensington, Henry Tweedie, of Crowsville, Montreal, to Mary, daughter of the late W. L. Vincent.

## DEATHS.

BANNERMAN.—On the 2nd inst., at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Frederick Cecil, fourth son of the late Charles Maclean Bannerman, of Glasgow, aged 24.

CARTER.—On the 1st inst., at Fernleigh, Selhurst-road, South Norwood, William Carter, Esq., aged 68.

COLVILLE.—On the 1st inst., at St. Leonard's, Mary, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel T. H. Colville, of Overdale, Shortlands, Kent, aged 31.

DENMAN.—On the 2nd inst., at Mornington-road, Samuel Denman, Esq., aged 47.

DRESSING.—On the 2nd inst., at Crofton, Fareham, Hants, Lieut.-Col. Dressing, aged 64.

EDWARDS.—On the 2nd inst., of 3, Rudall-crescent, Hampstead, Frederick Edwards, sen., of 49, Great Marlborough-street, aged 75.

FAWCETT.—On the 7th ult., at Benares, India, Robert Heath Fawcett, aged 22.

GREEN.—On the 19th ult., near Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A., Augustus, son of the late F. Green, Esq., aged 33.

SQUIRE.—On the 2nd inst., at Hillmarton-road, Holloway, G. Squire, aged 74.

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Miss Kate Vaughan has benefited so much by her rest from the stage that she will again appear at the Gaiety shortly, in "Little Robin Hood." Bro. Edward Terry will join the company about Christmas.

The Javense Gamelan have been transferred from the Royal Aquarium to the Imperial Theatre, in the same building, and are still attracting large audiences. Their performances are described as an æsthetic exemplification of art 3000 years old.

"Fun on the Bristol," at the Olmypic, has now reached its ninth week, and shows no signs of its success abating.

The School of Dramatic Art opened on Monday, at 7, Argyll-st., formerly the Dilettante Club. Ladies or gentlemen desirous of becoming pupils should attend there between eleven and five o'clock. Mr. Cecil Raleigh, the secretary, will give all information as to fees, classes, &c. It has started without State aid, entirely on its own resources, and has the approval and help not only of most of our principal artistes, but also the assistance of many of the chief patrons of the drama. Heretofore it has been haphazard work training for the stage. Now the profession can be entered by a proper system of education under recognised teachers. All other professions have their own colleges and educational establishments; why should not the stage?

Bro. J. L. Toole's company re-appear in London to-night after their provincial tour, in "The Upper Crust." This will be played for a short time only. A new musical sketch, "Mr. Grappin's Elopement," will be produced to-night, and Bro. Toole, will appear in the "Speaker's Eye."

To-night Bro. Bancroft re-opens the Haymarket with "The Overland Route," by the late Tom Taylor, in which Mr. David James will appear. We shall notice it more fully in a future issue. The London theatres are fast re-opening, one after the other, and will shortly all be in full swing. The Haymarket curtain will rise for "Nearly Seven," by Mr. Brookfield.

The Opera Comique, after undergoing various structural alterations to meet the requirements of the Lord Chamberlain, and after redecorating, opens on Monday with "Something New," and "On Condition," by Reece, music by Bro. Lutz, W.M. Asaph Lodge. The peculiar features are that the whole of the characters will be represented by ladies. The orchestra and chorus will be composed entirely of ladies. The lessee of the theatre also is a lady. Many of the gallant sex will support the house on this account. We shall give a resumé also of this.

"The Merry War" is announced by Bro. Holland for the 16th inst. at the Alhambra. Mme. Amadi and Mr. Allen Thomas will make their first appearance at this theatre in the new opera. The last scene of "Babil and Bijou" will still be given, owing to its magnificent success, in which Marion, the Giantess, will appear as the Queen of the Amazons. Bro. Holland assures us "she is still growing," and will yet be several inches taller. Mdlle. Louy Stubel, the premier dancer of Austria, Italy, &c., who played in the original *Elsie*, in Johann Strauss's new opera, has been specially engaged. Although this lady has never been in an English-speaking country, she converses in our language perfectly. She will appear on the first night of the production of the new opera. We are assured by a friend who has heard the rehearsal that Johann Strauss's new opera will be even more popular than "La Fille du Tambour Major," and that the airs are so taking that we may expect to hear them whistled in the streets and played on the organs. All the seats are booked for the first night. We shall notice it fully in our issue of that week.

Bro. Kendall Grimston and Mrs. Kendal Grimston and the St. James's company have been delighting crowded audiences at Liverpool, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, since last we noted their appearance and success at Manchester. "The Squire" continues to interest and move the British public, to which well-merited triumph the admirable personifications of the eminent artistes alluded to above have mainly contributed.



At the Promenade Concert on Wednesday last, Mr. Crowe, presented, as usual, an attractive classical programme, amongst the items of which, were the overture to "Leonora," Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony, and Haydn's Austrian Hymn, with variations for orchestra and military band combined. In addition were a selection from Rossini's "L'Italiana in Algieri," Mr. Crowe's popular waltz "Ladye Myne," and the march from "Tannhäuser." Miss Ella Lemmens, Mme Isabel Fasselt, and Mr. Burgon were the vocalists. The first named was enthusiastically applauded for her very impressive rendering of "The Last Rose of Summer."

Mr. Crowe must have had abundant reason to be gratified with the proceedings of Saturday last, the occasion of his annual benefit. The majority of the principal artistes, both vocal and instrumental, took part in the entertainment. There was an admirable programme, and the house was crammed in every part with an audience

which had come ready and willing to testify unmistakably to the pleasure which Mr. Crowe's concerts had afforded to the public at a season of the year when musical entertainments are few and far between. The list of vocalists was exceptionally strong, and included Mdlle. Elly Warnots, Madame Isabel Fasselt, Miss Clara Leighton, Miss Thorn-dike, Mr. Thurlay Beale, Mr. Burgon, Mr. Arthur Oswald, and Mr. Bernard Lane. Pianoforte solos were contributed by the Misses Maggie Okey and Florence Waud, and Mr. Carrodus, as solo violinist, played his Fantasia on Scotch Melodies. In other respects, too, the programme was immensely popular, among the most attractive items being the overture to "William Tell" (Rossini), Bro. Fred Godfrey's selection from Old English Melodies and the British Army Quadrilles, in which, in addition to the orchestra and band of the Coldstream Guards, the drums and fifes of the same regiment, with the pipers of the Scots Guards and the band of the Middlesex Yeomanry Cavalry, took part.

We must remind our readers that on Thursday next Madame Christine Nilsson will make her last appearance this season previous to her departure to America, the occasion being the joint benefit of herself and Mr. Sims Reeves, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington. A very choice selection has been arranged, and among the artistes who will give their services will be found the names of Madame Trebelli, Miss Clements, Bro. Santley, Mr. Herbert Reeves, and Mr. Barrington Foote, in addition, of course, to the two beneficiaries. The band of the 2nd Life Guards will take part in the entertainment.

Bro. Willing's Choir will resume its rehearsals this evening (Saturday) at Exeter Hall, with a performance of Gade's "Psyche."

The eleventh season of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, of which the Queen and Prince of Wales are Patrons and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh is President, will open on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at St. Andrew's Hall, Newman-street, Oxford-street.

The Grand Concert in aid of the Fund for the Education of Urban Slave Children is fixed for Saturday next, the 14th inst., and will take place at St. James's Hall. Madame Carlotta Patti, Madame Selika, Mr. Percy Blandford, and Signor Vergara are amongst the vocalists, while Sir Julius Benedict and Signor Tito Mattei will conduct. The concert is under the patronage of the Spanish Minister in London.

The same day, and in the same Hall, will take place Mr. Geaussen's pianoforte recital. The programme includes Bennett's Sonata "The Maid of Orleans," Bach's grand Prelude and Fugue in B minor for organ, Chopin's Nocturne in G, valse in A flat, and Deuzieme Scherzo in B flat minor, Beethoven's Sonata Appassionata, Heller's Etude in D flat, &c. Miss Spence Jones will be the vocalist.

Thanks to the well known enterprise of Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., there is in store for Brighton a grand treat, being none other than our worthy brother's Musical Festival, which is fixed for five days, beginning with and including Tuesday, the 7th November. There will be five performances, one for each day of the Festival, Mr. Arthur Sullivan's cantata "The Martyr of Antioch," and Mr. F. Cowen's "Scandinavian" Symphony, which has already won such such favour at Vienna and other cities in Germany, being set down for Tuesday. The programme of Wednesday will include, in addition to one absolutely new work by Mr. F. Corder, late conductor at the Brighton Aquarium, Hiller's Pianoforte Concerto in F sharp minor, the "Pastoral" Symphony, the overtures to "Die Zauberflöte" and "Genoveva," an entr'acte from Schubert's music to "Rosamunde," and the Hungarian march from Berlioz's "Faust." On Thursday evening "Elijah" will be performed; while Friday, which is set apart for the special benefit of Bro. Kuhe, will offer a popular programme, to include a selection from Sullivan's "Patience," the ballet music from Rubinstein's "Feramorz," Weber's "Concertstück," Dvorak's Slavonian Dances, &c. On Saturday morning the Festival will be brought to a close by Gounod's "Redemption," with Mr. Randegger as conductor, the principal vocalists being Madame Albani, Bro. Santley, and Mr. Lloyd, whose efforts will be supplemented by Miss Santley, Madame Trebelli, and Mr. Lucas Williams. There is a strong array of vocal talent in addition to those just named, the most prominent amongst them being Miss Ella Lemmens, Madame Antoinette Sterling, and Bro. Barton McGuckin. Bro. Kuhe and Miss Kuhe will undertake the pianoforte solos, and Mr. Carrodus those for the violin. The orchestra will be some sixty strong, and include some of our best instrumentalists; while for the choruses, Bro. Kuhe relies on his Festival Choir, some 250 in number.



The Social Science Congress was concluded on Wednesday last, the work of the various sections having been completed the day previous, when, among other papers, were read one by Mr. J. Spencer Curwen, President of the Tonic Sol-Fa College, on "Music in our Elementary Schools;" a second by Bro. C. Pfouendes, on the "Choice of a Career;" while Mr. George Smith, of Coalville, in the health department, read one on the "Canal Boats Act, 1877," in which he pointed out at how trifling a cost to barge owners and captains the condition of our canal population could be improved, and in another he offered suggestions for ameliorating the state of the gipsies in our midst.

As a matter of course, the closing meeting of the Congress, at which the chair was occupied by Mr. G. W. Hastings, M.P., the President, was not allowed to pass without votes of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Nottingham, the Local Committees, and the Presidents of

Sections, &c., being unanimously passed. It was also arranged to accept the invitation of the borough of Halifax, to hold the meeting next year in that town.

The annual congress of the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain, which commenced on Tuesday last, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, with a lunch and an inaugural address by Capt. Douglas Galton, R.E., F.R.S., was continued on the following day, when the subject of female dress received a large share of attention, an address being delivered on the subject by Dr. Embleton, of Newcastle, and a paper read on behalf of Dr. Carpenter, who was unable to be present, in which tight lacing, and high-heeled shoes were very strongly condemned. Votes of thanks to the other gentlemen who contributed to the proceedings were passed.

On Thursday, Professor H. Robinson, M.I.C.E., delivered an address on the principles which should govern the question of Home Sanitation, while other papers on "The Separate System of Drainage," on "Sewer Ventilation," and "Industrial Dwellings from a Sanitary Point of View" were contributed by Messrs. James Lemon, M.I.C.E., George Laws, and John Price respectively. In the evening Professor De Chaumont gave a lecture on "The Food and Energy of Man."

The proceedings of the Congress were brought to a conclusion on Friday, among the papers that were read being one by the Hon. F. A. Rollo Russell, of Edinburgh, on "The Improvement of Climate with Slight Elevation," in the course of which he urged that delicate persons should not sleep on a ground floor, or live in low situations; and another on "The Influence of the Purity or Impurity of the External Atmosphere on Public Health, Public Comfort, and on the Domestic Habits of the People." The next meeting of the Institute will be held in Glasgow.

The scheme prepared by Mr. William Leader for connecting Manchester with Liverpool by means of a ship canal has been unanimously adopted by the subscribers to the guarantee fund, and it has been further resolved to apply to Parliament for the necessary powers to carry out the proposal. The canal will be such as to allow of its being navigated by ocean-going vessels of 5000 tons, drawing 22 ft. water, and 420 ft. long by 47 ft. broad.

The steamer Neptune which had been despatched by the American Government with supplies for the Greely Scientific Expedition, in Lady Franklin Bay, 81° N. Lat., has returned to St. John's, Newfoundland, having been unable to penetrate further north than 79°20 deg. However, she landed supplies at different ports.

A donation of £500 has been presented by Mr. Palmer to the New Public Free Library and Museum at Reading.

At the meeting on Thursday last at Cheltenham of the Midland Gas Managers' Association there were present representatives from Birmingham, Leeds, Wolverhampton, Newcastle, and many other counties. Mr. Hunt read a paper on the subject of "Generative Firing and Regeneration." Mr. Woodhall, of Leeds, was elected President for the ensuing year.

Professor Piazzzi Smyth, Astronomer Royal for Scotland, in reference to the comet seen at Bro. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres's Observatory at Dun Echt, and at Nice on the 18th ult., and the information telegraphed respecting it from America, says that if what has been reported is corrected—and Professor Lewis Boss, he remarks, is one of the ablest mathematical astronomers in the world—then nothing more important has happened during the last eighteen centuries, at least in astronomical history. Professor Boss has come to the conclusion that this is the comet of 1880 and 1843. In both these years a comet was recognised as having passed closer to the sun than any previous comet. In 1843 it was reckoned to be moving in an orbit of 170 years, yet it returned in 1880, after only thirty-seven years. In 1880 it was held by all the best astronomers that it would not return till after an interval of another thirty-seven years, yet here it is back again in two; and who can say that it will not return again in a few months, and not merely graze past but actually fall into the sun? In such case we must be near the time for witnessing what will be the effects of such an event as has never been known to have been witnessed by any mortal.

It is announced that the grand staircase in the Hôtel de Ville, in Paris, will have a hundred steps of Carrara marble, each of which will cost £16.

The German Government is said to be directing its attention to the construction of a ship canal between the North Sea and the Baltic. Officers have been engaged in surveying the country, and instructions have been given to the chief of the staff to report on the maritime importance of the proposed work.

The free library and museum, presented by Sir Peter Coats to his native town of Paisley, at a cost of £20,000, has latterly been considerably enlarged at a further charge, borne by the same gentleman, of £12,000, and handed over to the care of the town.

Bro. Pigott, D.C.L., has given several prizes to the Turners' Company for the encouragement of wood and ivory carving. The exhibition has been held in the Mansion House (kindly lent for the purpose by Bro. the Lord Mayor) this week, and was larger than usual. A visit to it was well repaid. We have been to the exhibition each year, and notice the great improvement in art and stimulus given to the artisans by this Company offering prizes. Bro. C. Hutton Gregory, C.M.G. 33<sup>rd</sup>, was one of the judges of the wood exhibits. Bro. Horace Jones, G.S.W., was the judge in stone work. The prizes were distributed on Thursday by the Lord Mayor.



As we have already stated, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire was fixed to take place at Southport, last Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, V.W.D.G.M. England, R.W.P.G.M. West Lancashire. The proceedings, which were of considerable importance, will be reported in next week's issue.

Bro. George William Rogers, of Norwich, was on Wednesday, the 27th ult., duly installed W.M. of Suffolk Lodge, No. 1808, held at North Walsham.

A convocation of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite, will be held at Golden-square, on Tuesday next, at 5.15. The Thirty-third Degree will be conferred on Ill. Bros. Montague J. Guest, M.P., and Captain C. N. Beswicke-Royds. There are also several candidates for the Thirty-second, Thirty-first, and Thirtieth Degrees. The dinner will take place at the Café Royal, Regent-street.

Bro. the Rev. R. P. Bent, P.G.C., presided, on the 27th ult., at the Jubilee Meeting of the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association, held at Slough. Bro. Bent is one of the vice-presidents and the Treasurer of this association.

Bro. Lieut. Davis, Burlington Lodge, is at Aldershot, attached to a line regiment, for his subaltern's certificate.

Bro. the Rev. the Hon. F.E. C. Byng, P.G.C. England, domestic chaplain to the Speaker, and vicar of St. Peter's, Cranley-gardens, will preach the sermon at the noon service, on the 22nd inst., in the chapel of St. James's Palace.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., writing from Bedford-square to the *Times*, calls attention to "A Curious Fact in Evolution." Dr. Hogg states that in some earth in the garden of the vicarage of Durweston he found animal life on bringing water to the soil, and, after being several years in a drawer, he put some of the dry earth in a tank, and the water presently showed signs of countless lives upon it.

Bro. the Lord Mayor elect, Mr. Alderman Knight, is a member of our Order.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, distributed the prizes to the 2nd Cinque Ports Rifles, at Battle. On Saturday Bro. Sir Thomas attended, with four of his children, the performance of "The Parvenu," which was played by the "Court" Company, at the Gaiety Theatre, Hastings. We are glad to learn that Lady Brassey is making fair recovery at Normanhurst from her bad attack of typhoid fever.

Bro. Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest at the Royal Free Hospital, respecting the death of a plate-layer in the Midland Railway Company's service, who was killed by the Leicester express. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Bro. Alderman Herbert J. Waterlow will be entertained by Bro. the Lord Mayor at a banquet at the Mansion House, on the 17th inst. Invitations have been sent out to the Aldermen and other officials of the Corporation, including R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton (Town Clerk), R.W. Bro. Horace Jones, G.S.W. (Architect), and Bro. W. Brand (Comptroller), to meet the new Alderman of the Queenhithe Ward. Bro. the Lord Mayor, as G.J.W., will entertain the present officers of Grand Lodge, and Lodge No. 1, of which he is W.M., and other Masonic guests, on the 20th inst., at the Mansion House.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson will deliver the first of the winter "lectures to the people," at the Hall, Great Portland-road.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derbyshire, has been in attendance as Minister on the Queen, and has dined with the Royal Family each evening at Balmoral.

Bro. the very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Pusey-Cust), preached at the morning service at the opening of the Church Congress at St. Michael, Derby, on Tuesday.

Bro. General Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey, was amongst the Magistrates at the opening of the new session of the Middlesex Sessions, on Clerkenwell-green, on Monday.

Bros. the Prov. G.M., the Earl of Derby, the Earl of Jersey, and the Earl of Zetland have all given their warm assent to principles of the Church of England Funeral and Mourning Reform Association. R.W. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York is one of the Council, as is also Bro. Henry Wright, who together with Bro. Minor Canon Shuttleworth (St. Paul's), acts as Hon. Sec. for London.

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Bro. W. Clark, 1382, host of the Corinthian Lodge, will, on Thursday next, present Mr. L. Kalischer with a handsome testimonial, at the Limehouse Town Hall, when a grand soirée dansante will be held in honour of the occasion, to commence at 8.30 p.m.

Bro. the Earl of Cork, Master of the Hounds, hunted with Her Majesty's staghounds on Tuesday at Ascot.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of St. Alban's apologised in writing for his absence from the Social Science Congress, held last week at Nottingham, near his seat, Bestwood Lodge. The Duke urged important private affairs in Ireland as detaining him.

The *Times* last week had a long article on the new City of London School, and hinted that it will be opened by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in November. The article went on to say that "the new school is perfect in every detail, owing to the untiring energy of Bro. Pearse Morrison, the Chairman of the Committee, and that the works have been carried out under the direction of Bro. George Burt."

Bro. Sir Edmund H. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, has contributed £5, and Lady Brassey, wife of Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., £20 to the Egyptian Refugee Fund.

Bro. Major de Brabant Cooper, W.M. St. Leonard's Lodge, and Bro. Lieut. Henry Wright, J.D. Alliance Lodge, took part in the proceedings of the distribution of prizes, by the Mayor of Hastings, to the 1st Cinque Port Rifles.

R.W. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, M.R.C.S., LL.D., P.G. Deacon, has just published a new edition of his work, "The Microscope; its History, Construction, and Application."

Bro. Major Fletcher, in responding for the toast of "The Army and Navy," at a recent dinner of the Carpenters' Company, referred to the fact of the son of the Master of the Company having just passed his lieutenant's examination with honours.

The members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction will pay a visit to the Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 23, which is held at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 9th inst., for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections, on which occasion Bro. J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, will be the W.M.; Bro. Larchin, P.M. 1541, S.W.; Bro. Tate, P.M. 862, J.W.; and Bro. Fox, J.W. 201, I.G. The Sections will be worked as follows: First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Jones, 1541; Second, Bro. Martin, J.W. 188; Third, Bro. J. Lee, P.M. 1541; Fourth, Bro. Johnson, 1541; Fifth, Bro. Harding, J.W. 859; Sixth, Bro. Squirrell, P.M. 206; and Seventh, Bro. Tate, P.M. 862. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Snelling, 1541; Second, Bro. Abell, P.M. 1509; Third, Bro. Fox, J.W. 201; Fourth, Bro. Larchin, P.M. 1541; and Fifth, Bro. Gush, S.W. 1541. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. Denison, W.M. 1541; Second, Bro. E. Storr, J.D. 167; and Third, Bro. McKinley, 188.

The Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys gratefully acknowledges a donation of fifty guineas from a member of the Court of Common Council towards the Building Fund.

The ceremony of installation will be worked in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, at The Moorgate, 15, Finsbury-pavement, on Monday next, by Bro. W. M. Stiles, W.M. 1507, P.M. 1732, and Sec. 1744, at 7.30 p.m.

The Freemasons' Tavern is about to be fitted up with Messrs. Merryweather and Sons' improved and inexpensive high pressure fire extinguishing apparatus for the new proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. The Novelty Theatre, immediately opposite the tavern, is being similarly protected, and by the same renowned firm.

Bro. R. Challoner was on Thursday installed W.M. of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. We hope to give a full report in our next.

Bro. Colonel Mapleson's daughter, Madame Marie Roze, formed the subject of an excellent photograph in costume in a recent number of the *Whitehall Review*. We hear that for the future, owing to the great success which has attended the publication of the new series of this journal, that the photographs will in future be mounted on a card ready for the album, and that for sixpence one will obtain a portrait, usually charged two shillings for, of some leader of society or other celebrity.

Courses of lectures on the "Principles of Agriculture" will be delivered during the autumn, winter, and spring months by Mr. Bernard Dyer, F.C.S., F.I.C., in connection with the City of London College (Monday evenings, 7 to 8); and also, in connection with the East London Union for Advanced Education, at Stepney (Monday evenings, 9 to 10). Particulars may be obtained from the Secretaries of those institutions, at 66, Leadenhall-street, and at "The Schools," Dempsey-street, Jubilee-street, E., respectively. The classes at Stepney are open to ladies as well as to gentlemen. Professor Wrightson delivered the first of a course of lectures on agriculture on Wednesday afternoon at the Normal School of Science, South Kensington.

Bro. G. P. Festa will be installed W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Wednesday next. This Lodge, which takes its name from the Prov. Grand Master of Dorset, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., was consecrated in July, last year, and has already taken a prominent position among the lodges of London. Many circumstances have contributed to this. The able working of the first W.M., Bro. Dean, the position which many of the officers hold in the Craft, and notably the energetic and valuable aid rendered to the charities by the W.M. elect, Bro. Festa, whose year of office as S.W. was signalled by a list of contributions to the Boys' School amounting to the sum of £182 18s. 11d. This for a lodge in the first year of its existence is almost unprecedented, and we commend the example to all lodges, both young and old, as an evidence of what earnest and hearty effort can effect in the cause of charity. Bro. Festa will enter on his office with the "Hearty good wishes" of all Masons to whom his genial presence, Masonic ability, and energetic work are known.

Bro. J. G. Fisher will be installed W.M. of the Villiers Lodge, at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Saturday next.

The meetings of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction will be resumed for the session this evening, at the Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney. Hours from 7 to 9.

Lord Carrington, G.S. Warden, and Lady Carrington arrived at Wycombe Abbey, on Saturday last, after a round of visits in Scotland.

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, with the Duchess of Abercorn, and Bro. Lord Claud and Lady Claud Hamilton, have arrived at Baron's Court, Newton Stuart, Co. Tyrone.

According to the *Illustrated London News* the will of the late Bro. Leon Emmanuel, of Southampton, was sworn at upwards of £11,000 personally.

The Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., distributed the prizes and certificates gained by the students of the Medical Department of King's College, London, on Monday afternoon.

The good use of odd minutes has often made all the difference between a well-informed and an ignorant person. The question is often asked, What is a good book to read in spare moments—during the dinner hour, or in a tramcar, or at odd times when one can't get through much, but would like to read a little bit that could be remembered and thought over? That question has just been answered in a thoroughly practical manner by a firm which has already gained a world-wide reputation, not only for the extent but for the organisation of its business. Lewis's, the famous house whose stores and warehouses occupy such a big slice of Market-street, Manchester, have published, under the title of "Lewis's Penny Readings," a neat, handsome volume of 130 pages, consisting of delightful selections from the greatest poets, prose writers, orators, wits, and humorists of the last two hundred years and more. The price of this treasury of interest, amusement and instruction is one single penny, or for 2½d. in stamps a copy can be obtained, forwarded to any address; and it is surely the most wonderful pennyworth ever issued, even in these days of cheap literature.

On Monday evening there was a fine display of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, visible both in London and the provinces. It was also seen at Dinard by M. Flammarion, a faint reflection of it being perceptible at the West-end of Paris, about 7 p.m. It is not a little curious that the telegraph wires were affected by the Aurora, especially those running north and south, while those running east and west suffered but little interruption. Hence, during a part of Monday the transmission of telegraphic messages was materially interfered with.

A handsome silver salver, with a suitable inscription, was presented to Bro. George T. Goodinge, joint general manager of the London and South-Western Bank, on the occasion of his silver wedding, on Thursday, the 28th ult., by members of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, and of the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, of which lodges Bro. Goodinge is now W.M. and S.W. respectively.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. England, Incumbent of the Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, will preach in the Chapel Royal Savoy, on the evening of the 15th inst. The chapel is the smallest ecclesiastical edifice (excepting St. James's Chapel Royal, which is a private chapel attached to the Palace, for the use of the household) in London. It is very beautiful, the stained glass reredos being particularly rich. Being a Royal Peculiar, it is not under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London. For orders for the service application should be made in writing, addressed to the Chaplain, early in the week, which, if not replied to by Thursday, it must be understood that the seats are all occupied. By Her Majesty's command, the inhabitants of the Precinct of Savoy are admitted; after that the general public by orders as far as there may be room. It is expected that every one contribute to the offertory.

The number of passengers entering France from England by way of Dover and Calais has increased considerably from month to month during the present year. During the nine months ending on the last day of September the number amounted to 178,078, showing an increase of 16,826 over the same period of 1881. With the new fast steamers which are being put upon this service it is expected that the traffic will continue to increase at no less rapid rate.

Madame Worrell's annual concert at the Brixton Hall, on Wednesday evening last, was an unqualified success, the large assembly-room being filled, and numbers of persons not provided with tickets being unable to obtain admission by payment at the doors. The programme was lengthy, and contained some charming songs, new to the public, and in several cases accompanied by the composers. The popular benefice was warmly welcomed, and was the recipient of many floral offerings, in appreciation of her talent. Amongst the lady artistes were, in addition to Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Emma Buer, Miss Isabel Browning, Miss Pauline Featherby, and Miss Mary Conroy. The charming performances of Mademoiselle Bertha Brousil on the violin are especially deserving of mention. Bros. Turle Lee and John Jefferys assisted at the pianoforte; and the vocal talents of Bros. Seymour Smith, Arthur Thompson, Robert Hilton, Frederick Bevan, T. Nettleship, Henry Baker, J. H. Maunders, and H. Schartau, were also called into requisition. It would be invidious to select any portion of this excellent entertainment for mention beyond the remainder. Indeed, it would be, from the facts that each and all used their best exertions to merit the appreciative support of the audience, very difficult to make a selection. The encores and re-calls were freely made by the delighted listeners, and there can be no doubt that the well-deserved reputation of these annual concerts was considerably enhanced by the merits of the entire performance.

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

# METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, October 14, 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, 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.  
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

## 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 Courts, Lamb Tav., Bethnal Green Railway Stn., S.  
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 9.

Lodge 58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 59, Royal Naval, F.M.H.  
" 193, Confidence, Anderton's Hot.  
" 957, Leigh, F.M.H.  
" 1571, Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey.  
" 1657, Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-st.  
" 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-rd.  
Chap. 22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.  
" 1537, St. Peter Westminster, F.M.H.  
Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav. Stepney.  
Rose Croix Chap. Bayard, 23, Golden-sq.

## 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, S.  
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 10.

Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.  
" 186, St. James Union, F.M.H.  
" 198, Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 211, St. Michael's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 228, United Strength, Guildhall Tav.  
" 548, Wellington, White Swan Tav., Deptford.  
" 753, Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, at 8.  
" 834, Ranelegh, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 933, Doric, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1196, Urban, F.M.H.  
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.  
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.  
" 1614, Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly.  
" 1668, Samson, 68, Regent-st.  
" 1969, Waldeck, F.M.H.  
Chap. 185, Jerusalem, F.M. Tav.  
" 452, Frederick of Unity, 105, High-st., Croydon.  
S.C. 33, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
K.H. 30, 33, Golden-sq., W.

## 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 Edgcombe, 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 11.

Gen. Com. R.M.B.I., at 3.  
Audit Com. R.M.B.I.  
Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.

Lodge 87, Vitruvian, South London M.H., Lambeth.  
" 147, Justice, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.  
" 749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
" 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.  
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms H., St. John's Wd.  
" 1306, St. John of Wapping, Moorgate-st. Hot.  
" 1503, Francis Burdett, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1537, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.  
" 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.  
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Chelsea.  
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.  
" 1900, Montague Guest (Installation), Inns of Court Hot., Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Chap. 857, St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
" 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's H., Fleet-st.  
S.C. 33, 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.  
Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Pannure, 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 12.

Lodge 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 238, Pilgrim (working in German), F.M.H.  
" 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.  
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
" 1216, Macdonald, Head-Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd., Camberwell.  
" 1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-rd. W.  
" 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.  
" 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Mason's Avenue.  
" 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.  
" 1791, Creaton, F.M.H.  
Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., Lon. B.  
" 140, St. George's, Green Man Hot., Blackheath.  
" 619, Beadon, M.H. Tav., Basinghall-st.  
" 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.  
" 1383, Friends in Council, 33, Golden-sq., W.  
Mark 86, Samson and Lion, M.H., Mason's Avenue.

## 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 13.

Lodge 157, Bedford, F.M.H.  
" 177, Domestic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1201, Eclectic, F.M.H.  
Chap. 33, Britannic, F.M. Tav.  
" 569, Fitzroy, Hd.-Qrs. Hon. Artillery Co., City-rd.  
K.T. Precep. D, Mount Calvary, Mas. Ro., Red Lion-sq.  
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 Star and 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 Stanly, 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 14.

Quar. Court and Election Girls' School, at 12.  
Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.  
" 1423, Era, Albany Hot., Twickenham.  
" 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 1637, Unity, Abercorn Arms, Great Stanmore.  
" 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
" 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.  
" 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.  
Mark 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE

For the Week ending Saturday, October 14, 1882.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Lodge 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.  
" 721, Independence, M.R., Chester.  
" 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.  
" 1021, Hartington, M.R., Barrow.  
" 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Manchester.  
" 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.  
Red Cross Conclave of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.  
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.  
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.  
" 1713, W. Abraham, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.  
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Red Cross Conclave 55, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
" 323, Concord, Florist Hall, Concord.  
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.  
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.  
" 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.  
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.  
Chap. 673, St. John's M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.  
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.  
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale, H. Liverp'l.  
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.  
Mark Lodge 268, Latham, M.H., Southport.  
Mariners' L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13.

Lodge 155, Perseverance, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1289, Rock, M.R., Birkenhead.  
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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