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OUR readers will notice with regret the announcement of the decease, at a ripe old age, of Bro. JOHN FAWCETT, of Durham, lately the oldest of our Provincial Grand Masters, and one of the most staunch and devoted members of our Order. His work for and services to Freemasonry go back through nearly two generations, and amid the many worthy brethren who have from time to time adorned our ranks or illustrated our principles none have ever deserved better of our Order than that lamented chief whose loss we regret to-day. He was most emphatically a loyal and devoted Freemason, attached to its principles, proud of its good; and, the very last time he ever appeared in Grand Lodge, he said to the writer of these few and inadequate lines, "The older he grew, the more he was attached to Freemasonry, though he was greatly struck with its rapid increase and marked progress, somewhat different from his earlier experiences of it." Many of us will gratefully remember to-day his unfailing courtesy and his Masonic large-heartedness, his many virtues and his high and honest worth; and will feel that a few feeble lines "in memoriam" are, indeed, most justly due to him who has left us full of years, personal regard, and public respect, a devoted and zealous Freemason to the last.

THE statistics of Freemasonry are very curious "facts," which have been used indiscriminately by injudicious friends and credulous antagonists, often without authority, and still more frequently without reality. Theories have been based upon figures which are fabulous, and arguments have been alleged on numerals which are non-existent; so much so, that on both sides unwise encomiasts and illiberal impugnors have practically fallen into gross delusions on the subject. Still, as Masonic statistics exist, though, in some instances, only imperfectly, let us see what we can make of them; whether the result will turn out to the discomfort of our zealous allies, or the discomfiture of Ultramontane excommunicationists. Some Roman Catholic writers have stated the number of Freemasons to be in the world over 10,000,000; while other exuberant Masonic writers have placed them at 3,000,000 or 4,000,000. We have always said that such calculations were erroneous and absurd, especially in the default of absolute data or reliable statistics. In VAN DALEN'S "Kalendar" we find an attempt made to supply these figures and furnish statistical details; but these, still clearly, are defective, and avowedly more or less only guess work. Indeed, in some jurisdictions figures and facts fail entirely. But, still, the numbers the EDITOR gives us are carefully put together, and tell their own tale, and may be accepted as true, in as far as they go, and, no doubt, are approximately correct. And thus, even though comparatively "numbers into nothing flee," and the ghost of Masonic millions turns out to be the shadowest of the shadowy creations of fear and hyperbole, let us attend to our Masonic statistics. In Great Britain there are, according to the authority we have just mentioned, 227,655 Freemasons; of these England and Wales and the Dependencies muster 140,000, Scotland 69,255, and Ireland 18,400. As regards England and the Colonies, we are aware of no official statistics on the subject whatever, and should be glad to receive from friendly critics any remarks on these same figures. Germany seems to boast of 43,375 members of our Order, Holland 4417, Switzerland 2268, Sweden 2700, Denmark 3175, Italy 12,050, Portugal 2800, Hungary 1770, Brazil, 11,014, America 600,000 in round numbers, Canada, Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, Columbia, and Manitoba 14,000; of Mexico little is known. Chili is credited with 945, but the number of the other jurisdictions in South America is very hazy. France gives no statistics, and those of Belgium are inadmissible, and are evidently grossly exaggerated. We apprehend that the number of actual Freemasons now in both countries does not certainly exceed 35,000, and of these Belgium probably counts about 3000 or 4000. It is impossible amid conflicting jurisdictions

to ascertain the exact number of Spanish Freemasons; there are also many other jurisdictions in which the real numbers are probably small. But if the figures we have just quoted be approximately near correct, there are in Europe about 340,000 Freemasons in all, and in North and South America about 650,000, and in India and China probably about 10,000, making a total of a little over a million. It is possible that we may add to that number another 10,000 for Cuba, and Liberia and Australasia; but we are on the safe side, when avoiding extravagant figures, or the mere vulgarity of bombast, we fix our Masonic family, as we have always put it, therefore, about a million and a-half. There are, of course, a large number of unattached and unaffiliated Masons, and some of our calculations may be under the mark; 1,600,000 must, however, cover our Masonic adherents. A very good family, by the way, and one of which we need not complain, and of which we have no reason to be ashamed.

WE have received a post card in very bad form, the worst imaginable, namely, that of affected but witless wit, complaining of our ungrammatical (?) use of the word "biennial." In the hurry of transcription, owing to pressing work, we had intended to coin a word and use bi-annual, if it be allowable, but the familiar word slipped in by a "lapsus calami." We do not suppose but that every one else, except "J.D.," would clearly see, and as fairly make allowance for, the obvious little mistake. Biennial comes from "Biennalis," or "Biennis," as Dr. JOHNSON, in the large edition of 1827, edited by TODD, tells us. In LATHAM'S newer JOHNSON the word is derived, and truly, from "bis," twice, and "annus" a year. No doubt the accepted meaning of biennial is of two years continuance, and we meant to convey the meaning of twice in a year. We may add that "J.D." gives us a convincing proof of his fitness as a critic, when he spells ridiculous, "rediculous," and we would beg respectfully to ask now whether his initials "J.D." are meant to represent "Juvenile Dunce?"

WE call attention to a review elsewhere of the "Christian Cynosure." We can hardly in England realize the meaninglessness, not to say the absurdity, of such an attack on Freemasonry. But, as all things find their level, like water, in the world, we are glad to note that, notwithstanding such terrific philippics and such formidable (?) arraignments, Freemasonry in America prospers and progresses.

OUR distinguished brother, the LORD MAYOR, who has so nobly fulfilled his post of civic responsibility and honour, has won the good opinion of all who have come in contact with him, alike for his unfailing courtesy and his genial hospitality, as well as by his zealous and untiring discharge of the various duties of his high office, with such energy and such thorough efficiency. His zeal and labours in the cause of charity will not be easily forgotten.

THE banquet given by our Bro. Sir JOHN WHITTAKER ELLIS to the Grand Officers of the year, the members of his own lodge, No. 1, and some distinguished Masonic guests, was alike a most fraternal act on the part of the entertainer, and greatly appreciated by the entertained. By a report elsewhere our readers will peruse the speeches made under such agreeable circumstances, and amid such pleasant hospitality, and will observe without wonder, though with much gratification, the marked tone of hearty kindness and active sympathy prevailing equally the speeches of the LORD MAYOR and the replies of his guests. Some of us may be pleased to remind ourselves how such agreeable "reunions" reflect credit on those who arrange them, and on that great Order of whose membership we ought all to be proud. These are "white days" for Freemasonry and Freemasons, and ought to be noted and preserved with laudatory words and kindest memories.

"WHAT is Freemasonry?" is a question often asked and answered by our neophytes in terms we all remember and all are familiar with. What is Freemasonry in its personal influence and practical outcome? is another, and a very difficult, query to propound or resolve. Freemasonry in itself, as it comes before us, is full of high principles, noble axioms, and goodly promise. It is far above the grovelling, sordid views of mere common-place human theory, the pettiness of earthly aspirations, the debasing tendency of mortal frailties and infirmities. When, however, we seek to gauge the professions and practice of its "alumni" by the unerring "plumb rule" or the symbolic "square," we find, sometimes, alas! a margin of difference, which is alike alarming and depressing. Freemasons, as we know them and consort with them, are *not* always the most consistent, the most forbearing, the most charitable, the most loyal, the most truthful of mortals. Perhaps it may be said we ought to expect this style of thing, as a matter of fact, from the knowledge we all have of the prevailing influences of human weakness,

error, and infirmity. So in truth we do and must; but still the reality is not obviated or affected that in Freemasons we hope to find those who really believe, and act up to, the principles they avow, the tenets they proclaim. Unfortunately, as we know, the contrast is often painful and startling. In the extreme anxiety for position and prestige, Freemasons sometimes are forgetful of those sacred duties towards their brethren which courtesy commends and which responsibility demands. They sometimes fail to remember, as regards each other, especially what their own Masonic formularies enjoin as needful and of obligation, whether in their brothers' presence or absence. And, yet, if what we say and do in lodge be not all a myth, a show, a delusion, or a farce, such things ought not to be. No, indeed; and, therefore, we have thought it right to commend these words to the notice and consideration of our many readers.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTIONS.—V.

We presume that most experienced brethren will agree with us in stating that the laws respecting "Removal of Lodges" are (or rather have been, viewing the revise as generally acceptable to the Craft), most vexatious in character. Unless otherwise expressed in the warrant, any lodge may be removed, according to the new rule (164), if two-thirds of the members voting agree to the proposition, at a special meeting convened for the purpose; the notice of motion having been signed by no fewer than seven subscribing members at any regular lodge. All references to the knowledge (or absence) of the Master as to the removal, as well as to the decision of the majority, if he be one thereof, are omitted; but the clause which empowers the Senior or Junior Warden to issue the summons, should the Master fail or refuse to do so, is retained.

Rule 165 is not only a new regulation, but one that has been much wanted for years past. It enables the Master (on due application) by permission of the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Master, to hold "a temporary meeting or meetings at a specified place, and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, to carry on the general business of the lodge," or to decide as to the permanent removal of the lodge, as explained so fully in the preceding law.

To our mind, this is one of the most advantageous regulations to be found in the revise; for, in our own experience, we well remember circumstances which occurred, that rendered the meeting of the lodge for a time impossible under the old system.

The conclusion to rule 169 is a needful reminder, viz.: "The minutes can only be confirmed at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge."

The rule which has, we believe, caused the most discussion, is No. 172. It has been suggested by Bro. Hughan that the words in *italics* (and in a parenthesis) be added, and then all difficulty, as to its application will, we think, be removed. It would then read as follows: "No lodge shall pay the quarterly contribution for a member who is in arrear (* according to its bye-laws), but his name shall nevertheless be returned with the words 'in arrear' written against it."

By some, the words "quarterly contribution" (which is really an annual payment for all members who have belonged to a lodge for the whole year) are taken to mean that if a member owes a full quarter's subscription to his lodge, and does not then pay, he is "in arrears!" The two preceding rules however indicate that the "return" to be made is the annual one. The regulation is certainly susceptible of being misunderstood; and therefore, to remove all possibility of misapprehension, we submit that the addition proposed will entirely meet the case, and is one that might fairly be adopted.

Those familiar with the Treasurer's duties will be well aware of the disposition evinced by certain members to let their dues accumulate for years, sometimes the gross amount being paid finally, after repeated "duns;" but in too many instances eventually has to be accepted as a "bad debt;" the good money of the lodge in the interim being taken to pay the "annual dues," as per Constitutions. It may be urged that the bye-laws should, and generally do, provide for such cases; but the misfortune is, that, in spite of these laws, members largely in arrear are often kept on the books, and instead of being returned as defaulters are placed on the same footing as the regular paying members. The new rule will simply enforce the bye-laws, if there are any thereon, and if not, supplies the omission; and we believe will result in the subscriptions from the members being paid more regularly and promptly.

An evil custom which prevails, we fear, in some lodges, should be protested against, viz., the electing of certain brethren as honorary life members, and returning their names as subscribing members to Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the fact that such brethren never subscribe one penny to the particular lodge funds! Honorary membership is a compliment, and nothing more. It is what its title indicates—honorary only. The only membership recognised or allowed by Grand Lodge is based upon the payment of an annual subscription, and is forfeited on the ceasing to subscribe.

Treasurers of lodges will be glad, doubtless, to see that the rule which requires a separate account to be kept of the fees or dues received on account of, and payable to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge, is not insisted on in the regulation No. 174. We believe heretofore it was almost "more honoured in the breach than in the observance." We have known such curious disputes to arise as to the Treasurer's books that we are pleased to read in the same law that they "shall be the property of the lodge."

We think that rule 181, which provides for the proposition and ballot for candidates for initiation at a regular lodge, should contain a clause that the summons must be sent to all the members of the lodge at least three clear days before the meeting is to be held. As it is now, even in the revise, unless the bye-laws of the lodge refer to the subject, there is not the slightest intimation as to what should be considered a sufficient period to elapse between the issue of the summons and the holding of the regular meeting. Three clear days would be practically five days, hence we do not favour the adoption of the "seven days" notice as requisite for a lodge of emergency, which is the desire of some brethren. We commend this point to the thoughtful consideration of the brethren, and consider it a subject that should be well discussed, prior to the settlement of the "Book of Constitutions" early in 1883.

* These words are the suggested addition, and not in the revised Constitutions.

Another point which, to our mind, deserves careful consideration is slightly alluded to in the Rule 187, viz., "Bye-laws may also enact that a prescribed period shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be again proposed in that lodge." We strongly advocate that the word *may*, be altered to *must*, and that a clause be added, after the word "lodge," of *not less than three clear months*. It is quite true that sometimes good candidates are rejected by bad members; therefore, it is thought a hardship to be prevented seeking admission after a month or so has elapsed, and should the objectors have repented; but the rule should enforce a minimum period at least, so that candidates may not be vexatiously proposed and rejected from month to month, in the event of there being no law on the subject. Some lodges we know of enact that twelve months shall elapse under the circumstances mentioned. According to the latest edition of Dr. Oliver's "Masonic Jurisprudence" (1874), "If the ballot-box contains the fatal three black balls, it constitutes a final exclusion from that lodge." It is pointed out in the same interesting work that such rejection only refers to that particular lodge, and does not prevent the candidate's admission into any other. We entirely disagree with this view of the matter; for, supposing there is no bye-law on the subject, we contend there is nothing in the "Constitutions" of 1873 to prevent rejected candidates being re-proposed in the same lodge. We shall be glad to be set right on the subject, if we have erroneously interpreted the clause; but we think the work is in error on the point in question.

No. 188 is surely an improvement on Article 13, page 65, as it simply states that every lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein (save a serving brother) unless he express his wish to the contrary, on or before the day of his initiation. This is better than the old clause, which required the W.M. to direct the attention of the candidate to the rule thereon, so as to know his intentions; a duty which has been frequently neglected, and in some lodges wholly ignored.

We are rejoiced to see (190) that the minimum fee for initiation is to be raised* to £6 2s. for country lodges, and £6 12s. 6d. for Metropolitan lodges; also that no lodge shall remit or defer the payment of any part of that sum. This should be carried.

Another excellent rule is embodied in No. 190, respecting the status of serving brethren. Should a serving brother wish to join the lodge in which he was initiated freely, as a member, by the revise he will be able so to do, "if duly proposed and elected, as in the case of a joining member," and provided he pay the same fees as an initiate. We know of a serving brother who has lately become wealthy. He is now anxious to be admitted as a joining member of the lodge in which he has for many years acted faithfully as Tyler. The brethren are quite as anxious to have him as a member, but he cannot be proposed, according to the present Constitutions, though eligible in any other lodge, because he is a serving brother.

Rule 203 applies to improper appearances of brethren clothed as Freemasons in any procession, or at any funeral, ball, theatre, assembly or meeting, or at any place of public resort. To wear Masonic clothing in any form at such places and times must have the authority of the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master. The other enactments respecting the subjects to be found in previous issues, are omitted because not in any way required. The fewer such processions the better.

Regulation 207 gives power to two-thirds of the members present to exclude any of their number from their lodge, always premising that the various notices have been duly served, and the authorities as duly informed thereon. The succeeding rule empowers the Grand Master to reinstate such an one, should the exclusion be premature or illegal; the Provincial or District Grand Masters having somewhat similar authority.

All complaints must be made, if in provinces, to the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, failing whose attention they may be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as with the Metropolitan lodges, or those not under the jurisdiction of Provincial or District Grand Masters. In districts, they must be lodged either with the District Grand Master or the District Grand Lodge.

Rule 216 is to the effect that should the number of members belonging to a lodge be reduced to less than three, the warrant becomes extinct. We quite coincide with the Revision Committee in thus providing for such a contingency, though we must say, the minimum number is not open to the charge of being in excess of that desirable.

It is quite refreshing to notice the table of fees so capitably arranged at the end of the revise. Could not be in a handier form.

We need not dilate upon Bro. Clabon's proposition to increase the "annual dues" some fifty per cent., on behalf of the "Fund of Benevolence," for the scheme is so unpopular in the provinces, that it is almost sure to be negatived whenever it is brought to the vote. It seems to us that the chief aim of the authorities should be to encourage the brethren to continue as subscribing members, as long as possible, and in order so to do, the annual dues should not be selected for increase. The number of unaffiliated members appears to be on the increase, and therefore it behoves us to remedy such a growing evil.

If any increase is to be made, we favour the "registration fee" being selected for the purpose, and thus the payments would be made "according to results." No initiations no fees; plenty of "work" providing the means to pay. As the minimum initiation fee is to be raised from three to five guineas, exclusive of the sums payable for registration and certificate, how would it do, if more money be wanted, to make the fee for registration for lodges in the provinces a guinea, instead of half that sum as at present? According to the present revision, the lodges only are to partake in the benefit of the increased fees for initiation. By the plan we suggest, the candidates might be required generally to pay seven guineas or more, inclusive of all fees, and thus furnish the extra sum required. We say, let it be difficult to enter our society, but fairly easy to remain, so long as real worth is made the first pre-requisite.

The second edition of the revise, adds, "or in Provincial or District Grand Lodges" to the rule 304, which now is fair, as it allows Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens to wear their collars as before stated, or in Grand Lodge; but else the collars of the officers are to be worn in their own lodges only.

The Constitutions are to provide for the wearing of gauntlets at last. Hitherto nothing has been said thereon, though as we know they have generally been worn in Lodge, Provincial, and Grand Lodge.

We have finished our examination of the revised Constitutions, and have done our best to make the chief characteristics of the compilation known to the Craft. If we have succeeded in so doing we are amply repaid for our trouble.

* Five guineas, exclusive of the registration and certificate fees.

BANQUET TO THE GRAND OFFICERS AND No. 1 LODGE AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

For the second time within the last two years, the Lord Mayor for the time being has extended the hospitalities of the Mansion House to the Officers of Grand Lodge and the lodge over which it was his good fortune to preside during his mayoralty. In 1880, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, the Grand Junior Warden, and W. Master of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, issued invitations to a banquet in the Egyptian Hall to the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Grand Officers, and the officers and members of his lodge, and the necessary dispensation having been granted, the banquet was held, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and some 300 brethren honouring it with their presence. The gathering was one of the most brilliant and successful in the annals of the Craft, and proved a fitting close for the mayoralty of Sir Francis Truscott.

On Friday last Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., who, by a singular coincidence is, like his Masonic predecessor, both Grand Junior Warden and W.M. of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, entertained the officers of Grand Lodge and the officers and members of his own Lodge, and with an almost equal amount of success. True, the Grand Master's numerous engagements did not permit of His Royal Highness gracing the festive board on this occasion, but the brethren present were in every respect a body worthy to represent the grand old Craft of England.

Lord Carrington, G.S.W., occupied the place of honour on his lordship's right; while among those seated at the high table were gathered in great force Provincial and District Grand Masters, Present and Past, Grand Officers, &c. And as a few days hence the present occupant of the civic chair will have made way for his successor, we might congratulate Bro. Sir J. Ellis on this last display of Masonry in the City.

The following is a list of those who accepted the invitation:

Bro. The Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington, Senior Grand Warden,	Bro. W. Stevens.
Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. Grand Master Middlesex.	George Martin.
Col. Stevenson, Past Grand Master Canada.	F. W. Spiers.
Hon. Mr. Justice Prinsep, District Grand Master Bengal.	Griffiths Smith.
Lieut. Col. Lyne, Prov. Grand Master Monmouthshire.	J. Holah.
Sir George Elliott, Bt., M.P., Prov. Grand Master South Wales, E.D.	Gerard Ford.
Gen. Hon. Somerset-Calthorpe, C.B. P.G.W.	C. R. Rivington.
H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal.	Willey Wright.
Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, P.G.J. Warden.	Rev. G. W. Weldon.
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G. Dir. of Cer.	C. C. Cheston.
S. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China.	Capt. Ormsby.
Rev. T. Cochrane, G. Chap.	W. Muggersidge.
Rev. T. Robinson, G. Chap.	Grogono.
Lieut.-Col. Creaton, G. Treas.	Cooper Smith.
Æ. J. McIntyre, O.C., M.P., G. Reg.	Ralph Clutton.
Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., Pres. Board Gen. Pur.	Venn.
Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.	J. Whichcord.
Major Penrice, G.S.D.	Beaumont.
G. W. Harrison, O.C., G.S.D.	Alderman Waterlow.
Dr. Wendt, G. Sec., German Correspondence.	Hunt.
Rev. A. W. Hall, P.G. Chap.	Frank Green.
R. C. Else, G.D., D.G.M. Somerset.	Humphrey.
Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.	J. A. Wild.
T. Fenn, P.G.D.	D. Nicols.
F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.D.	W. S. Gover.
P. de L. Long, P.G.D.	J. C. Strong.
F. Richardson, P.G.D.	Edwin Fox.
J. M. Case, P.G.D.	E. H. Wolton.
R. H. Giraud, P.G.D.	Col. Croll, J.P.
C. Hutton-Gregory, P.G.D., C.M.G.	G. R. Steel.
H. Grissell, P.G.D.	Bradshaw Brown.
Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.	Capt. D'Albiac.
Robert Grey, P.G.D.	Dr. Ramsay.
J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.	R. C. Belt.
R. F. Gould, P.G.D.	Stanger.
J. Messent, G.S.B.	Alderman Staples.
J. Nunn, P.G.S.B.	J. R. Jones.
W. G. Cusins, G.O.	Alfred Cooper.
Horace Jones P.R.I.B.A., P.G.S.Wk.	Borroughs.
S. Mullens, P.G.D.	Dr. Meadows.
J. Lewis-Thoma, F.S.A., P.G.A.D.C.	W. A. Colls.
H. S. Allpass, G. Std. Br.	Sandilands Ward.
H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.	Montagu Williams.
L. F. Littell, Asst. G. Purs.	J. Langton.
Dr. R. T. Pigott.	W. H. Wilkin.
W. R. Wood, P.G. Stwd.	J. D. Langton.
F. Bennoch, P.G. Stwd.	Sir John Bennett.
R. B. Lumley, P.G. Stwd.	H. H. Crawford.
Dr. Gooding, P.G. Stwd.	T. P. Griffin.
W. Bristow, P.G. Stwd.	J. C. Dimsdale.
E. Letchworth, P.G. Stwd.	Watson Thomas.
Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 1964, P.G.W. Herts	H. C. Casley.
George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.G.D. Middx.	E. H. Sharp.
A. Brookman, W.M. 1657.	Dep. Edmeston.
Ald. Hadley.	F. Walker.
W. Dawes.	T. D. Bolton.
Col. R. S. Simonds.	J. Scott.
L. C. Lumley.	Massey.
J. H. Fitch.	Minstrell.
C. Atkins.	George Payne.
Hopkinson.	E. Leveson.
Garrard.	A. C. Veley.
Abbott.	Rev. W. Thompson.
Dinwiddy.	T. Tayler Smith.
Rev. Dr. Conder.	T. Gresham.
W. L. Baker.	J. Crawford, J.P.
F. J. Hartridge.	W. C. Watson.
F. Sharp.	F. Gordon Brown.
W. Schlosser.	G. N. Johnson.
R. Creed.	Hemmerde.
R. M. Bishop.	Dr. A. G. Medwin.
H. Bishop.	A. P. Youle.
Tomes.	H. Wilkinson.
	E. M. Morris.
	G. H. Salisbury.
	J. Rock.
	Alderman C. G. Nottage.
	W. Smallpeice.
	T. B. Muggersidge.
	E. W. Stillwell.
	A. B. Friend.
	G. M. Chambers.
	A. Halford.
	T. Flight Smith.
	W. H. Tattershall.
	W. Lake, P.P.G.R. (Freemason.)

After the dinner the Lord Mayor cordially greeted his guests by passing around the time-honoured loving cup.

The LORD MAYOR proposed, amidst great enthusiasm, "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Health of the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, and the other principal Grand Officers," remarking in giving the former that the way in which her Majesty was pleased to receive the address of congratulation voted by the Grand Lodge upon her escape from assassination would never be forgotten by those brethren who were privileged to be present.

In giving the toast "The Provincial and District Grand Officers," Bro. the Lord Mayor remarked upon the very heavy duties those gentlemen performed. Their duties, too, were of a very responsible character, and they were discharged in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to the Craft generally. It was with the greatest possible regret that they heard of the death of Bro. Lord Tenterden, Provincial Grand Master of Essex. All who had had the opportunity of seeing him recognized the fact that he was a true and hearty Mason. They deeply regretted his loss—a loss which was felt by the country at large.

SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, replying, remarked that they had present the Past Grand Master of Canada, who ruled over a district 400 miles in extent, and the District Grand Master of Bengal, whose power extended over 1200 miles of country. Before such brethren the Provincial Grand Masters of England must feel themselves very small indeed, but nevertheless they successfully rallied around the brethren.

The LORD MAYOR next gave "The Sister Grand Lodges," remarking upon the great pleasure he experienced in having present such important officers as the Past Grand Master of Canada and the District Grand Master of Bengal. As they all were well aware, the great principles of Freemasonry were brotherly love and loyalty to the State to which each Mason belonged. And in his opinion very much of their loyalty—which, happily, they found existing in this country and throughout our dependencies—was due to Craft Masonry. It was with extreme pleasure therefore, that they found that at this moment the number of Freemasons was greater than it had ever been at any period in the past. Canada was a country not only large in extent, but it possessed great and free institutions, and it was with extreme pleasure that, notwithstanding evil elements, they found it still loyal to the mother country. As in England, so in Canada, he believed that very much of the loyalty was due to Freemasonry. (Hear, hear). He referred in humorous terms to the fact that Bro. Colonel Stevenson, Past Grand Master of Canada, was an alderman of the City of Montreal, where they had twenty-seven aldermen and no Common Councilmen. Bro. Colonel Stevenson had also the proud honour of firing the salute when their Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, visited Canada.

Colonel STEVENSON, in responding, referred to the universality of the Craft, stating that it was really the most important body, and had more influence on the government of the world than perhaps many of the so-called Governments really had. It was based on good-will towards all men, and he was proud to say that there were no material differences existing between any of the Grand Lodges, and certainly none which should separate the Grand Lodges of Canada. They were striving to build up that territory on the same principles as governed that of Great Britain, and were determined to demonstrate, without question of cavil, that even by the side of one of the greatest republics this world had ever seen, how a people could enjoy as much civil and religious liberty under a limited monarchy as existed in a great Republic itself. At present the Government of Canada cost Great Britain not a single sixpence, but they were pleased to enjoy the great privilege and satisfaction of having at their head a nobleman, the Marquis of Lorne, and the Princess Louise. At the same time Canada enjoyed the protection of the British army, and if Great Britain continued as true to Canada as Canada was true to Great Britain, Great Britain would find on the shores of America a nation which would be a source of strength to the British Empire.

The LORD MAYOR proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers."

LORD CARRINGTON, Grand Senior Warden, responded to the toast, and said he was happy to say that, though a member of the House of Lords, he was a descendant of a member of a banking house not a hundred yards distant, and was proud to be a citizen of the great City of London.

The LORD MAYOR next proposed the toast of "The Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Richard Hervé Graud, the treasurer of that Lodge for more than fifty years.

The Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PRINSEP, District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed "The Health of the Lord Mayor." As an eminent example of the saying that nothing succeeded like success, he adduced the case of the honourable host of the evening. When in private life, in his civic office, as a brother Mason, or as an Englishman, he had been equally successful, and in all these offices he was recognized as a thorough Englishman. The appreciative audience before him were fully acquainted, fully recognized the high qualities which had enabled Bro. the Lord Mayor to fill his various offices to which he had risen by sheer ability, and Her Majesty had been glad to recognize that ability by conferring upon him an hereditary honour. They all hoped that future descendants of his would recollect that the year in which the honour was conferred on Bro. the Lord Mayor was the year in which he held high office in Grand Lodge. Although not Masonic, he coupled with the toast "The Health of the Lady Mayoress."

The LORD MAYOR, in reply, referring to Burns's lines—

"Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as ithers see us,"

said he wished he could see himself in the same colours as those in which he had been depicted by others, and he should be the happiest man alive. But even when a Chief Justice proposed his health in such glowing terms, he was not so foolish as to believe everything he said. His case was a very simple and plain one, in fact nothing could be better than a letter which he received from Lord Derby when he (the Lord Mayor) was made a baronet, in which his lordship said that the baronetcy was the reward of labour. He (the Lord Mayor) believed that was a true statement at last, and that he deserved no decoration for anything he had done in this world, except for labour. He would, as long as health and strength lasted, go on labouring in several interests, among which would be the interest of Freemasonry, and the interests of his country and the City of London. After thanking Bro. Mr. Justice Prinsep for including the Lady Mayoress in the toast, his lordship said that no entertainment given by him in that hall had afforded him greater pleasure than entertaining his Masonic brethren that evening. The company shortly afterwards separated.

During the dinner the Coldstream Guards band, conducted by Mr. C. Thomas, played a charming selection of music, and between the toasts Mr. Winn, Mr. Coates, and Mr. Seymour Smith sang several songs, accompanied by Mr. Fountain Meen.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the agenda of business to be transacted in Supreme Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the 1st November next:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read and confirmed.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th July to the 17th October, 1882, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter...	£464 16 5	By Disbursements during the	
„ „ Unappropriated		Quarter ...	£192 18 8
„ „ Account ...	200 9 11	„ Balance ...	507 8 9
„ „ Subsequent Receipts ...	237 1 0	„ „ in Unappropriated	
		Account ...	201 19 11
	£902 7 4		£902 7 4

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. William Thomas Beanland as Z.; George Hesketh as H.; John Edward Wordsworth as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Wharnclyffe Lodge, No. 1462, Penistone, Yorkshire, to be called the “Wharnclyffe Chapter,” and to meet at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Henry George Thompson, M.D., as Z.; Stampa Walter Lambert as H.; Frederick Thomas Mullet as J.; and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Addiscombe Lodge, No. 1556, Croydon, to be called the “Addiscombe Chapter,” and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Croydon, in the county of Surrey.

3rd. From Comps. William Donkin as J.; George Bailes as H.; Jacob Barker as J.; and nine others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, Durham, to be called “The Norman Chapter,” and to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Durham.

4th. From Comps. Jesse Gustavus Redman as Z.; Charles Burley as H.; John Matthew Goldfinch as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, to be called “The St. Michael's Chapter,” and to meet at the Town Hall, Sittingbourne, in the county of Kent.

5th. From Comps. John Harvey Askham as Z.; William Hayward Allen as H.; George Payne as J.; and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the St. John's Lodge, No. 1564, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, to be called “The Brownrigg Chapter,” and to meet at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, St. John's, Woking, in the county of Surrey.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

6th. The Committee have also received a Petition from the Principals and other members of the “Holy Zion Chapter,” No. 486, Calcutta, in the district of Bengal, East Indies, praying for a Charter of Confirmation, the original Charter having become illegible through damp and other unavoidable causes.

The Committee also recommend that the Charter of Confirmation for this Chapter be granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the “Chapter of Charity,” No. 187, Bristol, praying for a Charter authorising them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the Resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st of February, 1882. This Memorial being in form, and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Grand Superintendent of Devonshire having reported that the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 444, Starcross, has neglected for several years to hold meetings or make returns, and has not replied to a summons calling upon it for explanation of the same—and the Grand Superintendent having thereon recommended to Grand Chapter that the Chapter be erased from the Roll under Article 72, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee now submit the same for consideration of Grand Chapter, and have called on the Chapter in accordance with the said Article of the Regulations to show cause, to next Grand Chapter, why it should not be so erased from the list of Chapters.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P. Pr. G. Soj., Grand Treasurer
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., President.
18th October, 1882.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

A Lodge of Emergency of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, was held on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at Portsmouth, the principal business being the presentation of an illuminated address to Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, I.P.M.

There were present:

Bros. Page, W.M.; Lord Charles Beresford, I.P.M.; J. Johns, P.M., Acting S.W.; J. Martyr, J.W.; A. L. Emanuel, P.M., Secretary; Rev. Good, Chaplain; J. M. McLeod, J.D.; Col. H. M. E. Brunner, P.M., D.C.; H. Long, I.G.; G. Sylvester, Organist; Sam Knight and G. Backler, Stewards; Carter, Tyler; H. W. Townsend, P.M., P.G.D.; R. J. Rastrick, P.M.; Frank Bevis; J. Knowlton; T. H. Woods; G. Backler; Dr. W. Royston Pike; T. F. Wilson, P.P.G.O.; A. J. Wright; W. A. Marshallsay; Lieut. Southwell G. T. Bourke, P.M.; G. A. Lacey; H. Chalcraft; G. M. Nelder; Lieut. Sackville H. Carden; C. J. E. Mumby, J.W. 1069; Lieut. Rogers; Charles Reader; W. C. Primmer; J. Smith; Lieut. W. H. Montessor; J. G. Livesay; J. R. Wilson, P.M.; W. Maybourn, and E. Davis. Visitors: Bros. H. Cawte, P.M. 342, P.P.G.W.; Irvine Harle, P.M. 1780, P.P.G.P.; S. S. Pearce, P.M. 319, P.P.G.D.; K. W. Mitchell, P.M. 903; A. R. Holbrook, P.M. 309; T. H. Williams, P.M. 1776; Francis Powell, W.M. 903; J. Brickwood, W.M. 342; Capt. Wonham; Rev. Dr. Ring; C. Trivess, S.W. 1428; H. Croucher, J.W. 342; R. King; J. Russell; T. W. Holdstock; T. Scaddan; Adams; G. Antrill; J. Green; George Young; Arthur Jolliffe; C. A. Pates; G. Barnden; J. H. Bridle; P. H. Emanuel (Freemason).

Letters and telegrams of apology were read from Bros. Lord Carrington, G.S.W., R.W.P.G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; and Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., who were absent only on account of their Parliamentary duties. Bros. Hickman, D.P.G.M.; Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Col. Hay, Bincks, and Capt. Haldane and A. E. Elms, members of the lodge.

The working of the lodge, two initiations—Bros. Rogers, and Reader—was ably performed by the W.M., the J.W. giving the working tools.

The W.M. said that before closing the lodge he had the most pleasing duty to perform that would fall to his lot during his year of office, namely, that of presenting to Bro. Past Master the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford an address of congratulation on his success and gallant conduct at the bombardment of Alexandria, when in command of Her Majesty's ship Condor. The founders of the lodge were fully aware that when his lordship gave consent to be the first W.M., he informed them that there existed a probability that his services would be required before his year of office had expired. Unfortunately for the lodge those services were required, he having been appointed to take command of H.M.S. Condor. The war in Egypt afforded him the opportunity for displaying that energy, zeal, and true British pluck which was characteristic of the noble family whose name his lordship bore, and that he had shown himself possessed of all those qualities was universally admitted. From the time the signal was made “Well done, Condor,” to the termination of his lordship's services in Egypt, whether afloat or on shore, his career was most anxiously watched, but by none more anxiously than the brothers of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. At the regular meeting held in August a proposition was made, seconded, and carried unanimously, that an address of congratulation should be presented on his lordship's return; and the W.M. felt sure it would be highly prized by his lordship, conveying as it did the brethren's high appreciation of those services so gallantly and cheerfully rendered to their beloved Queen and country. They congratulated his lordship most heartily on his promotion, and prayed that the Great Architect of the Universe might grant him long life, which he (the W.M.) felt sure would be devoted to the service of his country, and last, but not least, to the benefit and welfare of the Craft.

The SECRETARY then read the following address, which was most handsomely illuminated by J. Robertson, Commercial-road, Landport, and framed in a neat oak and gold frame:—

“To Bro. Captain the Right Hon. Lord Charles de la P. Beresford, R.N.

“My Lord and Brother,—We, the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, desire to tender your lordship our warm and hearty congratulations upon your safe return to England, after having, in the discharge of your duty to your Queen and country, been exposed to many perils both by sea and land.

“We have read with pride and gratification the accounts of your gallant deeds before the enemy, and of the valuable services which you have rendered to your country. You have worthily maintained the traditions of the distinguished family of which you are member, and have helped to shed additional lustre upon the noble profession to which you belong.

“It is to us, the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, a source of the greatest pleasure that our first W.M., who was also one of the founders of the lodge, and who has always evinced the warmest interest in its prosperity, has by his special promotion already obtained some recognition of his valour.

“We trust that your valuable life may be spared for many years, to be an ornament to the gallant service of which you are a member, and to render valuable service to Freemasonry in general.

“We have the honour to be,

“My Lord and Brother

“Yours respectfully and fraternally,

“T. PAGE, W.M.

“H. W. TOWNSEND, Acting I.P.M.

“G. BRAY, S.W.

“J. MARTYR, J.W.

“P. H. GOOD, Chaplain.

“H. THREADINGHAM, Treasurer.

“A. L. EMANUEL, Secretary.

“W. LATHAM COX, S.D.

“J. McLEOD, J.D.

“H. M. E. BRUNNER, D.C.

“J. JOHNS, Assistant D.C.

“H. LONG, I.G.

“SAM KNIGHT, } Stewards.”

“G. BACKLER, }

By desire of the W.M., the Secretary read the following letter, received that day:

“Waterloo-place, Waterloo-street, Oldham,

“October 22nd, 1882.

“To the Most Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Royal Saxe-Weimar Lodge assembled.

“Hearty good wishes of Bro. Woollacott, Lodge Union, 268, Lancashire. As you are presenting an address to this brave young nobleman, allow me, through your Master and lodge assembled, to thank him for having saved my life, and the lives of six others, whilst in distress and weather-bound, at Nootka Sound, Vancouver's Island, in 1866. His lordship was a midshipman on board H.M.S. Clio. He, at personal risk, came on shore, and brought us on to the vessel from the Indians, who were very hostile, and were in great danger, treating us with great humanity and care. The gallantry then displayed by his lordship was a further proof of his future greatness. I shall feel a debt of gratitude to Bro. Charles Beresford for the remainder of my life.

“From Bro. J. WOOLLACOTT, Lodge 268, Lancashire, Captain late Victoria Rifle, V.I., and 23rd Lancashire Eng.”

Bro. LORD CHARLES BERESFORD, who was heartily received, said he hardly knew what to say, and could not adequately express his thanks for the presentation. When he first heard that an address was to be presented to him, he at first regretted it, because he had not deserved it. During the year of his office as W.M., circumstances had prevented him doing as he would like to have done. Therefore, he thought it was beyond what he had merited. His next feeling was one of pride, not on account of what he had done himself, but in some sort of measure, he thought it a tribute of satisfaction on their part, and a compliment to the profession to which he belonged. There was an old saying, “You can take a horse to the pond but you cannot make it drink.” It was just the same with a ship. They could take a ship down to these places, but unless your men were careful with their shot, and they were plucky enough not to care for the hail of shot around them, it would be of very little use. Therefore, whatever honour they were going to give him was evidently given to those brave men under his command. He, therefore, decided not to write home for them not to present the address. There was a gallant corps—the Marines—(applause)—who also deserved thanks. One might be able to give orders and draw plans, but the carrying of them out rested with those under his command. Those orders were ably carried out, and

reflected great credit on those noble men over whom he commanded. He returned his best thanks to those officers who had worked for him during his year of office, and more particularly so to Bro. Townsend, P.M., who had done his lordship's duty during his year as W.M. That year was a difficult one, it being the first year of the existence of that lodge, and the brethren could now see the state in which the lodge had arrived. It was second to none in the kingdom. He was not entitled to the reception he had received. He might say that brotherly affection was always shown to him on every occasion. He would like to say more, but—His lordship took his seat quite overcome, and amidst great applause and cheers.

Bro. Lord CHARLES BERESFORD said, although it was not in accordance with the rules, he had been allowed to make a proposition, which would be brought forward at the next meeting. Her Majesty's own son, the Duke of Connaught, was shortly coming home, and he proposed that an address be presented to him. His Royal Highness was an honorary member of the lodge, and did it the honour to be present at its opening. He had gone out to risk his life for his Queen and country. From personal observations, his lordship had noticed, with a great interest, that he took care the men under his command had all the comforts that were possible.

The W.M. seconded the motion.

The lodge was then closed in due form.

Fifty-seven brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, and partook of a *recherché* banquet provided by Bro. W. Maybourn, upon whom great credit reflected.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and, in response to "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master and Officers," Bro. TOWNSEND, P.M., P.G. Deacon, said that nothing short of Parliamentary duties prevented the Prov. Grand Master and his officers attending.

The W.M. said that the next toast he had the pleasure of bringing to the notice of the brethren was one that he felt sure would be drunk with great enthusiasm. When he mentioned the name of their distinguished Bro. the I.P.M., Lord Charles Beresford, it was quite sufficient to ensure a hearty response. (Loud cheers.) No words of his could increase their estimation of his deeds, which had gained world-wide fame and further honoured the illustrious name he bore. (Applause.) He (the W.M.) felt sure the Masonic body had reason to be proud of having such a brother amongst them. It was matter of indifference to his lordship whether it was on sea or land, as long as he could face the enemy; and his conduct before Alexandria not only commended his name to the heart of every Englishman, but made "all the world wonder." They were reminded of a well-known poem, and when they asked, "Was there a man dismayed?" they could say there was not one on board that little Condor. England need not fear for her prestige while she had such gallant leaders as Bro. Lord Charles Beresford. (Applause.) The W.M. concluded by asking the brethren to drink heartily to the toast, and pray that his lordship might be spared for many, many years to be amongst them. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Lord CHARLES BERESFORD thanked the W.M. for the way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their enthusiastic reception. When speaking in lodge he felt a lump in his throat, and was quite overcome, and was unable to speak. Now he felt all right and could speak, which was perhaps on account of having a good dinner. (Laughter.) The navy had very many opportunities of appreciating the good part of war. That was a good hearty English cheer and welcome to them. It was worth fighting for when their fellow countrymen turned out to welcome them on their return, and cheered them as they marched along. The navy did not have any of that; for after the war was over the officers and men were ordered on board their respective ships, except those who were unlucky enough to get promoted and sent home—(laughter)—and go through the usual routines of sentry, scrubbing decks, &c. They were very irksome duties then, but still it had to be done. Jack, and his dear old friends Joe, as they called the Marines—(laughter)—knew all this; but they all knew that the people at home thought of them just as much, although they were not present to participate in their generosity and welcome. The reception of to-night was appreciated by those abroad as it was by him, because it was a compliment to them through him. He would like, if he was not tiring his hearers, to relate a few circumstances connected with the war. (Hear, and applause.) Well, he would—as they say on board ship—"spin them a yarn." (Laughter.) Those present all knew how they in Alexandria went on shore. There was an *emeute* amongst the natives. They were severely beaten, and they got off to ship, with one or two exceptions, who were barbarously murdered. It was Providence how they got off at all. Then there was the bombardment of Alexandria on the 11th August. There was great excitement in the fleet, and he must say the natives fought gallantly for seven hours. So long as their guns were not touched they remained at their post. They really were plucky. Fortunately, he was only hit once; that was because he was not an ironclad and so big a target. Our lads stuck to their guns wonderfully well, and were all so cool and collected. As evidence of the pluck of our men, a poor boy, whose foot was shot off, hopped on one leg to the sick-bay, and, holding up his foot, said, "Look what Arabi's done for me!" (Laughter.) It was the same in the sister service; for the Highlanders at Tel-el-Kebir—so he was told—in their death struggle told the others not to care for them, as they would take care of themselves, but go in and win. They were proud of such men fighting for their Queen and country. His lordship and men were at Ras-el-Tin Palace, guarding the Khedive; it required great tact and judgment. There were 230 Arabs supposed to be loyal to the Khedive. Jack and Joe, however, were suspicious of them, and kept their eyes open. The first man they arrested on suspicion was a judge. (Loud laughter.) That was very creditable on the part of the man who arrested him. (Laughter.) Amongst other duties, the blue jackets were called upon to do heavy work, in slinging horses and mules for landing. He saw one man violently kicked in the stomach. For some time he could not speak, but when he did, he said, "I hope that hanimal will treat Arabee in the same way." (Loud laughter.) At Ismalia they had done some very dirty work, and had worked like really good men in a very hot sun, and never growled a growl. His lordship then described the ironclad train, and said what a capital thing it was. Capt. Fisher, the inventor, was so jealous that the sister service would take the credit, he hoisted a pennant on each truck, and thus made it a man-of-war in commission, fighting on shore. He thought Admiral Hoskins had not received half enough credit for the way in which he had managed the Suez Canal, and the taking of Port Said. His lordship, who passed through a few hours after the taking of the canal, said he was surprised at the regular way in which things were going on. With regard to their dear old Admiral, Sir B. Seymour, he certainly deserved the credit he had received for the way in which he organised the ships and put them into action upon the forts were admirable. He was

proud for the manner in which the blue jackets marched past at Cairo. He was told this by an officer of the sister service, and he was pleased to hear such a report from that service. The men were from six different ships, and it reflected more credit upon them. The next, who were second to none, were our good old friends the Marines. An officer of the Guards had told him how splendidly the Marines had turned out, as though they were on Southsea Common. They fought well in the ironclad train as well. The only thing they all did not like was having to go off to their ships. Mind you, it was quite right; he did not for one moment say otherwise. But they thought it very hard that in two hours they all had to return on board. He would now turn to the Marines, who were also a branch of the Navy. They did not belong to the Army. At Alexandria he had very troublesome duties to perform, and the Marines assisted him. For eight days they never took off their boots, doing constant duty from morn till night. They held through it, and few went sick. His lordship then described a curious case that he would never forget. A sergeant of Marines, who was enormously fat and gallant, had gone too far to the front in one of the reconnaissances from Mekes. He was pursued by about thirty of Arabi's cavalry, and they saw the dear, old fellow "legging it like a hare," and whenever he got a cart-ridge in his rifle, turning round and firing. They got in an ambuscade, and with a little gun saved the "fat, old sergeant." (Laughter.) They were so afraid he would have been lost, as the enemy were only about thirty yards behind him. Nothing was more beautiful than the behaviour of the Marines on the 5th August. They went further than they were told, and under a heavy shower of powder and shot retired, in companies, as regular and composed as though they were marching on Southsea Common. It was really splendid. The General himself spoke to them afterwards about it. His lordship then referred to the sister service, and said nothing could have been better handled. The plan of attack was splendid, and was timed to ten minutes. If they had been fifteen minutes late it would have been no good. The charge at Tel-el-Kebir was grand, and they could not say enough in praise of the brave men who made it. The Household Cavalry—"who are supposed to be Piccadilly fellows, don't you know"—were entitled to great praise for what they did, and not allowing what might have happened. That good old English pluck had not died out. There was some lessons to be learned from the war, and one was that the transport and medical departments required looking into. He would not say what he saw, but he hoped a committee would be appointed to enquire into it. Another lesson was the value of machine guns, and he gave some very interesting instances. His lordship said he would like to propose a toast—that grand old corps, whether on sea or shore, or, as his countrymen would put it, "where the devil ever they are"—(laughter)—always do well—"The Royal Marines." (Applause.) He trusted it would never be thought of again, whether in or out of office, to do away with the corps of Royal Marines. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Colour-Sergeant Holdstock, who was mentioned in despatches of August 5th. (Long and continued applause.)

Bro. HOLDSTOCK, who was heartily received, said he felt more peculiar then than when in Egypt in front of the enemy. (Laughter.) He went out with the first batch of Marines but was too late for the bombardment. There was plenty of work for them on their arrival, amidst which was our noble lord and brother, who was always at work, and often in his shirt sleeves. He would like to say a lot about his lordship, but not whilst he was present. He would say, however, that he would follow him anywhere. Not only himself but the whole corps. To the men his lordship is known as "Charlie." (Laughter.) Well they were all proud to serve under him. After a while they were shipped on a coal barge and taken off to Ismalia. Bro. the Duke of Connaught has been referred to by the last speaker as looking after his men. At Ismalia he looked after the Marines as well; when they only had biscuits and water he sent them meat. The Household Cavalry were also attentive to them and kind, and if anyone should say anything derogative to him about them they would have to answer for it. (Laughter.) Bro. Holdstock then described the final charge and again returned thanks.

The W.M. proposed the health of the newly initiates, and Bros. Rogers and Reader returned thanks.

Bro. Lord CHARLES BERESFORD said that he considered it an honour to be called upon to propose the next toast. It was that of the "W.M., Bro. Page." (Cheers and Applause.) The W.M. was one of the founders, and with Bros. Townsend and A. L. Emanuel, were, what the sailors would say, "the main stay." Those three had brought the lodge to the perfection it was. They all saw how ably Bro. Page had conducted the working.

Bro. PAGE, W.M., said he felt in a fearful fog. He could not find words adequate to thank the brethren. He was, indeed, proud of his work and of the lodge. Bro. Page was quite overcome, and said his tongue would not express what his heart felt.

Bro. S. G. BOURKE, R.W.P.M., proposed the health of Bro. Admiral Sir Harry Keppel.

Bro. Sir H. KEPPEL, who rose amidst great cheers, said, he wished he was vested with the power to call the brethren to order for making such a row. (Laughter.) They had assembled there to honour Charlie Beresford, and not an old fellow like the speaker, who was on the "oakum" list. (Laughter.) He was the first means of his lordship gaining his first step, and was proud it was so. He was the speaker's flag-lieutenant at Plymouth. He could be taught nothing, but he could teach Sir Harry a great deal. (Laughter.) What Lord Charlie did, he did well. He had alluded to a man working his way up. Well, Charlie began very early to work his way up. (Laughter.) As a midshipman he succeeded in cutting out the coat-of-arms from a certain Consulate, and for which clever piece of work he was placed under arrest. He got on, and especially so at Plymouth, where he thought nothing of leaping a stone wall, and even to unhinging a turnpike gate. He gained the love and affection of every one. They heard it said something about a war correspondent being on board the Condor. There were three gents talking in the Marlborough Club last week, one of them being Dr. Russell, the famous editor. They said, "No wonder we hear so much about Charlie Beresford, when he has got Johnny Russell on board." Johnny Russell turned round and said, "No, that is not true, for Johnny's here." Sir Harry again thanked them very cordially.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Brickwood, W.M., 342, and the officers of the lodge, and referred to his two deacons travelling—one from Lincoln and the other from Chatham on purpose to be there.

Bro. JOHNS returned thanks.

During the evening some capital songs were sung by Bros. Sylvester, Pearce, Latham, Cox, Wonham, Brickwood and P. H. Emanuel.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Mrs. SANDERSON begs to tender, through the *Freemason*, her very sincere and cordial thanks to the Governors, Subscribers, and Lodges who so kindly recorded their votes in favour of her son,

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To Correspondents.

The following reports have been received, for which we are unable to find room this week, but hope to do so next: Masonry in New Zealand.

Rosicrucian Society, Lancashire College.
Craft Lodges—Rose and Thistle, 158; Staffordshire Knot, 726; Merchant Navy, 781; Abbey, 1184; Lewis, 1185; Warren, 1276; Corinthian, 1382; Fenwick, 1389; Salem, 1443; Tredegar, 1625; Saye and Sele, 1973.
Instruction.—Israel, 205; Joppa, 188; Friars, 1349; Brixton, 1949.
Affability Chapter, 317; Pattison Chapter, No. 913.
Industry Mark Lodge, 293.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Freemason's Chronicle" (Sydney), "The Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The British Architect," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Court Circular," "The Keystone," "The Citizen," "Boletín Masonico," "El Taller," "The Watchman," "The Masonic Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "The Freemason" (New Zealand), "Boletín Oficial Grand Oriente de Spain," "Weston Super Mare Gazette," "Triunghiul."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

REVISE OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You ask for criticism, and offer space for same, which is, on your part, extremely liberal, and, lest you repent early, I will embrace your offer at once.

No. 1 might have been omitted altogether, with very good taste, as all our eminent Masons show, by themselves participating in all the Degrees that are sanctioned or countenanced by any Grand Lodge in the universe, that they do not hold with that declaration; besides, the declaration itself is most absurd. How can the three Degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M. include the Supreme Order of H.R.A., when the fact remains that thousands of M.M.'s never take

the H.R.A., nor cannot have it conferred, except by an additional payment, and in a separate and distinct conclave or meeting, called a chapter, worked under a separate and distinct warrant, meeting at, it may be, both a different time and place, with altogether different officers and members from different lodges?

And, further, that same Act of Union and solemn declaration contains other clauses that are not set forth in the Constitutions, but which gives powers, or rather continues powers, to all lodges existing prior to the Act of Union to confer other Degrees, which they have been wont to confer prior to the said Act of Union, and whether it was London or York that insisted on this clause at the time of union makes no difference now, as the members of both sections largely subscribe at present to everything that exists under the name of Masonry, of whatever shade or ritual.

If the solemn Act of Union must be quoted at all, why not give it in extenso? and then, why not also add that the Grand Lodge of England does not confer any other Degrees than those of E.A., F.C., and M.M.?

Nos. 3, 4, and 5 very improperly come in between Nos. 2 and 6, and the only object I can see in so separating the present clause as it stands on pages 16, 17, and 18 of the Constitutions of 1813, is to avoid stating definitely who are members of Grand Lodge; for I find A1, page 18, so altered in No. 8, as to leave it open to doubt whether there is any such rank as that of Past Master. No. 2 might have set out who constituted "a general representation of private lodges on record," as referred to in No. 176 revise. The status of Past Masters has been a puzzle heretofore, but it is in no way improved by the alterations and omissions.

In reference to the Grand Officers, it appears that Grand Wardens, whether senior or junior, hold same rank. Would it not be preferable to rank seniors first? and as to Past Grand Wardens, I think they ought also to be ranked separately.

There appears to be two Grand Chaplains appointed, and apparently with equal rank. Would it not be better to have one Assistant or Deputy to the other, and rank accordingly?

There is an Assistant Grand Secretary appointed, but he does not appear to have any other rank whatever, nor to be a member of Grand Lodge, according to No. 6, although he may be appointed to office, according to No. 18.

The Deputy G.D. of C. and the two Grand Standard Bearers are in the same invidious position, and none of them appear to carry past rank.

You have expressed your approval of the re-arrangement of the clauses. It would ill become me to differ on this point; but taking the revision, alteration, and re-arrangement combined, it is quite too much for one dose of study. Had the revisers simply amended, deleted, altered, or added to the text as it stands in our present edition, we could see at a glance what they were trying to do, and they might have afterwards re-arranged the approved matter; but as the revise now stands towards the original it is a hocus-pocus hotch-potch, which no fellow can understand without the waste or expenditure of a large amount of time, which few will be found willing to give or able to spare.

Many apparently trivial alterations are introduced in the text. For instance, according to A 1, p. 18, a Master must have "executed" that office; now, according to No. 9, he must have "filled," &c., &c.; what is the difference? Does either of them mean that the Master must have been present and occupied the chair every lodge meeting, and done all the ceremonies? or do either of them exclude the individual who never, after his installation, puts his foot in the lodge during his entire year of office?

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

STEWARDS' BADGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I should be glad if you, or some of your readers, would kindly inform me whether it is etiquette or not to wear in lodge the badges given to Stewards of the Charities during their year of office? There was some correspondence upon this subject, I think, in the *Freemason* a little while since, but I was abroad at the time, and on my return found that some of my copies of your paper had been mislaid during my absence. Excuse me for troubling you on so simple a matter, and believe me,

Yours fraternally,

Oct. 24th.

A REGULAR SUBSCRIBER.

HONORARY SECRETARIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your article on the "Revised Constitutions," contained in the *Freemason* of the 21st inst., you observe that the prefix "honorary" is most undesirable as applied to any officers of a lodge, and, therefore, objectionable in relation to the Secretary.

In the *Freemason* of 10th June last you were good enough to print "in extenso" a lengthy communication from me in reference to this question, in which I vindicated the right of unpaid Secretaries of lodges, as contradistinguished from those receiving remuneration, to use the prefix referred to. My letter was written as a protest against a complaint sent up to Grand Lodge by the Board of General Purposes, that some Secretaries of lodges assumed the prefix of "honorary," the only reason assigned by the Board in their own justification being that the prefix was not authorised by the "Constitutions." I will not repeat the

arguments urged by me in my communication of the 10th June last in defence of the right of unpaid Secretaries to use the prefix objected to; but I crave the right to assume that those arguments were not only logically sound, but incontrovertible, inasmuch as no member of the Board, nor any other brother, has accepted my challenge to refute them or explain them away. The *Freemason* was also completely reticent on the subject.

However, now that the Constitutions are under revision, the writer of your article above referred to adopts the language of the Board of General Purposes, and lays down a similar dictum that it is "objectionable;" but no reason worthy of the name is given for such an arbitrary opinion. I ask for something more explanatory, more logical, and I will add, more sensible than a mere assertion that "the prefix 'honorary' is most undesirable as applied to any officers of a lodge, and therefore objectionable in relation to the Secretary." I have waited nearly four months for a reply to my arguments, but no one but the writer of your article has ventured to endorse the arbitrary dictum first made by the Board of General Purposes, and now repeated by him; and if no better reason can be assigned for it than the one above quoted I would advise the wisdom of complete silence on the subject.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

EDWARD JAS. ANNING,

Hon. Sec. 1364, P.M. and Treas. 1625.

78, Cheapside.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Earl of Lathom has set a good example by holding his Provincial Grand Chapter on the same day as the Provincial Grand Lodge. Such a course, if carried out in the provinces near London, would much increase the attractions of the lodge meeting, and prevent Provincial Grand Chapter from being such a doleful business as it is, a trifle worse than Grand Chapter itself. And while upon this subject, I cannot help stating that the country management of the banquets after the events is better than in the neighbourhood of London. A certain sum, say six to seven shillings, is charged for the dinner, the wine being left to individual choice, and so a large gathering is secured; while near London very few of the brethren remain to the cold collation at a guinea per head. I merely write these lines from my observations at various provincial meetings.

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Permit me to thank many very kind friends for the effectual help rendered me at these recent elections, and to assure them I am truly grateful for their support and confidence.

I am, very fraternally yours,

A. F. A. W.

25A, Norfolk Crescent, Hyde Park, W.,

October 16th.

BIENNIAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As this word is incorrectly used with the literal meaning attached to it, in a recent leaderette of mine on the Schools' election, I hasten to point out that by a slip of the pen, in a hurry, it was substituted for "bi-annual," or twice in the same year, as I meant to convey. I am not sure that the word can be so properly used. I think all your readers will understand and make allowance for the little lapsus.

Yours fraternally, with apologies,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

AN OUTRAGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

May I beg your insertion of the following outrage, which occurred at my house last week:

Some scoundrel went into my public parlour, and after taking down my "Royal Arch" and "Craft" certificates which were framed, glazed, and mounted, deliberately took the frame and glass broken into the back yard, and after throwing away the "Royal Arch" certificate (of which, perhaps, the purloiner did not know the value) left it in the heavy rain all night, and stole my "Craft" certificate.

Not knowing for what purpose it may have been taken away, will you kindly insert the above statement in your next issue, in order to prevent any fraudulent use being made of the said certificate.

I have placed the matter in the hands of the police, and have offered £10 reward for the apprehension of the offender.

By so doing you will greatly oblige, Sir, yours very truly,

THOMAS JENNINGS.

The "Earl Grey," 44, Mile-end-road, E.,

21st October.

THE PROPER PREFIX FOR PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As invited by you, I have again looked over your article on the proper prefix for Provincial Grand Masters, at page 554, and I find, after the quotation of Lord Zetland's circular, you wrote, "In other words, the appoint-

ment of Prov. and District Grand Masters, as [such, are not entitled to any prefix beyond "brother."

The argument is directly contrary to the above-named circular, which lays down that the prefix of "Right Worshipful" is to be accorded to Present and Past Provincial Grand Masters.

Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.
Prov. G. Sec.

THE LORD MAYOR'S MASONIC BANQUET.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is not surprising, perhaps, that the outside world should occasionally get a little confused as to our Masonic titles. It is a trivial mistake to speak of the Lord Mayor as a "Worshipful Grand Master." No doubt, "Grand Master's" Lodge should have a "Grand Master;" but what in the name of all that is sensible does the writer of the short paragraph in last Saturday's *Daily News* mean when he speaks of the Lord Mayor as being "senior junior?" Perhaps he had dined well, but not too wisely, when he combined the two words! The Lord Mayor a "senior junior." What? If a "senior," how can he likewise be a "junior?" Lord Mayors are capable of doing many things and well, and Lord Mayor Ellis is no exception; but even he will never be able to arrive at the sublime absurdity of being a "senior junior."

Fraternally yours,

A NEWLY-FLEDGED MASON.



THE CHRISTIAN CYNOSURE.

This is a paper published at Chicago, U.S., edited by a Mr. Blanchard, with associate editors, R. F. Kellogg, a Mrs. Eliza Cook, and E. D. Bailey, corresponding editor. The paper seems to be published by Mrs. Eliza Cook. Probably few of our brethren are aware of the existence of this professedly religious (?) paper, which is maintained solely and specially to attack the Masonic body and all other friendly, if secret bodies, as Oddfellows, Foresters, Buffaloes, and Shepherds, Members of the Ark Knights of Pythias, &c. Its motto is a perverted text of Scripture based on ignorant or false exegesis, and its whole tone is so bad, so irreligious, according to us, that we are not the least surprised to hear that in the very town from which its magnificent thunder emanates Freemasonry is looking up, and is flourishing apace. We must all be struck with the bitter intolerance, the absence of a meek and charitable spirit, which we have always, perhaps wrongly, associated with the development and outcome of a "true religion;" and we do not hesitate to say, if the "Cynosure" represents the prevailing belief of any large number really of thinking beings, it is a very bad belief, utterly unworthy the acceptance of any reasonable being; indeed, most inimical to the progress and perpetuation of any religion whatever in the world. We can quite understand any one reading the effusions and outpourings of the "Cynosure" *doubting gravely and seriously about everything*. In England, we can hardly understand or realize such a state of feeling, such an outburst of hopes, ignorant, and reckless fanaticism. In America, where our Fraternity have had to go through the fiery furnace of direct persecution, as in the Morgan affair, brought about mainly, as it appears to us, by a "lying spirit," and the needs of unscrupulous caucasmongers, they have such things to endure, and, we doubt not, they will emerge from the present "vertigo" of semi-crazy fanaticism with honour to themselves and credit to the Craft, just as they did years ago. If they have nothing more to contend with, than the inane writings and childish incriminations of the "Cynosure," if they have no other arguments to meet than the irrational and empty bombast of an anti-Masonic faction, they will survive, we venture to predict, the pious amenities of Blanchard, and the minatory anathemata of Mrs. Eliza Cook. We have, perhaps, paid too much attention and afforded too much space to the "Christian (?) Cynosure," this pretentious representative of intolerance and ignorance combined.

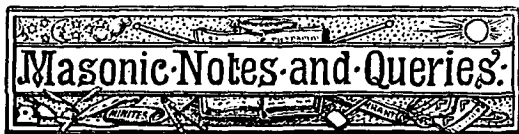
A LECTURE ON FREEMASONRY. By the Rev. C. E. SHIRLEY WOOLMER, Vicar of St. George's, Ramsgate.

The reverend gentleman just mentioned delivered a lecture on Freemasonry, on October 11th, to the members of the Margate Church Institute and which appears in the "Broadstairs Gazette" of October 13th. We do not quite know whether the reverend gentleman is a member of our Order or not, though we rather think he is; but whether he be so or not, he has a good deal to learn, we say it in all respect and friendliness, before he can be accepted as a guide or light in the often thorny and dubious path of Masonic history. It seems to us that he has made one capital mistake, namely, in selecting the English Findel as his sole expositor, and basing all his own theories and arguments on a somewhat brittle and shallow foundation. Findel has his great merits. He is a great pioneer of authentic narrative and historical research. But Findel's too hasty induction has led him into some very serious mistakes, as Bro. Gould clearly and incontrovertibly points out, in the first volume of his recent great work. Findel's theory, that there is no connection as between pre 1717 and post 1717 Freemasonry is now rejected, or that the Speculative revivals of 1717 merely adopted and accommodated certain Operative symbols, has been proved to be untenable, inasmuch as the accumulating evidence of the 17th century Masonry proves that Speculative Masons, non-Operative, were admitted into the only lodges so far traceable, Warrington, Basinghall-street, London, and Chester, just as now. The lecturer quotes Bro. Findel as claiming to have discovered the Sloane MS., or Plot MS., as Findel calls it, in the British Museum. Bro. Findel had received a transcript of the MS. before he went to the Museum, from "Masonic Student," with a letter to one of the attendants—a fact he admits in his original

statement in the "Mittheilungen" of the "Verein." What Findel may properly claim is, that he discovered the name of "Dr. Plot" in that volume of the Sloane MS., on which he based a Plot theory, which is not credited, however, at the Museum. There is no trace of an initiation ceremony, as the lecturer states, in the MS. so discovered. It is simply a Masonic catechism, apparently identical with one seen by Dr. Pest, and probably representing seventeenth century Masonry, about 1650. The lecturer makes one or two other little "beefsteaks," which come from a too cursory perusal, or want of careful comparison, of authorities; in fact, a little agreeable and easy sheep-walking. There is no proof, so far, that the Royal Arch Degree came from France; there is no proof that it ever was practised in France. If Dermott be the "fautor" of it in this country, curiously enough, he got it from Dublin apparently; and if Ramsay took it to Dublin, there might be a connection as between it and Ramsay. But all this is very problematical. We are inclined to think, as we have always said, that it is purely English, overlaid perhaps, and partially forgotten, but still existing, and developed and manipulated by Dermott to give éclat and prestige to his schism. In some form it was reserved in the Modern system, though its terminology and nomenclature were more fully drawn out and proclaimed under the Antients. There is not the slightest evidence of the usage of the Royal Arch in Germany, in its adoption by Frederick the Great; on this point the lecturer has been completely misled by some imperfect authority. We do not know why the lecturer talks of the "spurious 33 Degrees," unless, indeed, he has taken up the language of Findel without thought or consideration as infallible. Since Findel wrote so hastily and harshly about the High Grades, increasing evidence declares and shows that Hermetic Masonry in this country, in some form or other, is not far off the 1717 revival, and is in all probability synchronous with it. We have thought it right to point out these little blemishes in the lecture, as we feel quite certain the lecturer meant well, and has only been misled by the apparent irrefragable authority of Findel. We trust that Bro. Woolmer, as we hope we may call him, will set to work to study the true history of Freemasonry, will consult such works as Bro. Gould's, Bro. Hughan's, Bro. Murray Lyon's works, and Kenning's and similar cyclopædias, and then we shall be delighted to hail him among the band of Masonic students, capable from his talents to do justice to a great subject, and obtain credit for himself and our excellent and useful Order.

THE "HACKNEY HANSARD."

A new weekly publication has just made its appearance, which we hail with considerable satisfaction, and this satisfaction arises from the ability shown in the production of the work. There have recently sprung up in London and the suburbs a number of debating societies, which discuss political topics under rules similar to those of the House of Commons, and the value of the societies is that they educate debaters in the fair and temperate discussion of subjects, excluding and forbidding the angry and general attack, which in tavern societies of the same kind disgrace and deform the speakers. The *Hansard*, of which paper we are now speaking, is an imitation of the authorised *Hansard* of the House of Commons, for the Hackney district, and others for other districts are about to make their appearance. They are to report the discussions in local parliaments, and the proprietors, Messrs. Walpole and Bottomley of 90, Chancery Lane, who have gained an excellent reputation as accurate shorthand writers, have in the *Hackney Hansard* in addition to the correctness of their notes, exercised great editorial skill in making their work thoroughly acceptable, not only to the speakers they report but to the general reader. The typography is perfect, and the work produced in a form which, when bound up, will make a good library volume.



PARS OCULI.

I am asked, by a correspondent, "what is Pars Oculi?" "Pars Oculi" is a Latin MS. poem, apparently, at present unverified. Mirc or Myrc tells us in the "Colophon of his Instructions for a Parish Priest," &c., published by the Early English Text Society, edited by Mr. Peacock, at p. 63, that "explicit tractatus qui dicitur Pars Oculi de Latino in Anglicum translatus per fratrem Johannem Myrcus," &c. "Pars Oculi" was left by William of Wykeham to Winchester College, and it is very possible that the old Latin poem is still in that library. I believe, if I remember, it is also mentioned as a bequest in the "Testamenta Vetusta." The interest of "Pars Oculi" to the Masonic student is this, that a portion of the ritual, directions, and hortatory passages under the "Ars Quatuor," in the Masonic poem, are found in Myrc. But if "Pars Oculi" could be found, we should have the same words, nearly 100 years older, and we might find traces of the "Ars Quatuor," as its position in the Masonic poem is very singular. The term "Pars Oculi" may seem strange to some, but there was a somewhat similar treatise by John de Burgo, called "Pupilla Oculi," from which some have thought, as Mr. Peacock tells us, Myrc translated his poem. But that is a mistake, Mr. Peacock assures us.

MASONIC STUDENT.

A QUERY.

Can any collector of Hermetic books put me on the track of a book sold at the great sale at Strawberry Hill, entitled, "Secrets of the Adepts"?

ROSY CROSS.

CHARLES SACKVILLE.

Who was really the Charles Sackville commemorated on Natters' Florentine Medal of 1733? He is simply termed Carolus Sackville Magister, F.L., F.U. 1733. On the reverse is "Ab Origine, F. Natter, F. Florent." It is quite clear, I think, that the curious statement that this Charles Sackville was Duke of Middlesex, or Earl of Middlesex, is erroneous. But who Charles Sackville really was does not appear. So far he is not identified in Collins. Can any brother learned in pedigrees, or family history, throw any light upon the subject?

MASONIC DRYASDUST.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM.

The annual Grand Lodge of the Province of Durham was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 17th inst., in the Central Hall, Darlington, under the banner of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, and the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, the most Noble the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P., M.W. Prov. G.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers and visiting officers of other Provincial Grand Lodges, as well as an excellent gathering of the Masters and brethren of the various lodges in the province.

The hall was adorned with the banners of the lodges, and the appearance of the assemblage was very imposing and impressive.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Prov. G.M., assisted by the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master was assisted by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bro. Sir H. Williamson, D.P.G.M.; J. W. Cameron, P.G.S.W.; J. McCulloch, P.G.J.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A., Prov. G. Chap.; J. Forster, P.G. Reg.; R. Hudson, P.G. Sec.; J. Iley, P.G.S.D.; T. Bradley, Asst. P.G.S., P.G.J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; Geo. Greenwell, P.G.D. of C.; P. G. David Sinclair, P.G.A. D. of C.; A. T. Munro, P.G. Swd. Br.; R. Dickenson, P.G. Org. J. Sinclair, P.G. Pust.; J. Thompson, P.G. Tyler. The Provincial Grand Master was also supported by Bros. E. D. Davis, P.P.G.J.W.; and W. M. Bell, P.A.G. Dir. of Cer. Northumberland.

Among other Provincial Officers present were Bros. W. Iveson, 124; John Robson, 1274; J. W. Couchman, 424; E. D. Brown, 509; C. Cobham, 949, Stewards; Babington Boulton, 111, P.P.G.D.; F. Maddison, 1389, P.P.G.S.D.; C. S. Lane, 764, P.P.G.J.D.; J. M. Shepherd, 1650, P.P.G.C.; R. Ord, 1610; J. Showell, 111, P.P.G.S.D.; W. Lear, 111, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Tovey, 1379, P.P.G.O.; M. Knowles, 940, P.P.G.S.D.; W. M. Brignal, 124; J. Hunton, 940, P.P.G.J.D.; R. B. Lutert, P.P.G.J.D.; W. J. Watson, 1418, P.P.G.J.D.; W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.; A. S. Fowler, 940, P.P.G.J.D.; John Trotter, 940, P.P.G.P.; M. Corbett, 48, P.P.G.S.D.; J. H. Jackson, 940, P.P.G.S.D.; Wm. Coxon, 124, P.P.G.S.B.; W. M. Watson, 509, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Trotter, 509, P.P.G.R.; G. Imeson, 111, P.P.G.J.W.; A. Iley, 509, P.P.G.S.D.; R. Richardson, 1650, P.P.G.R.; H. E. O. Muller, 1379, P.P.G.O.; J. Bailey, 111, P.P.G.W.; R. J. Dent, 1230, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Forster, 1379, P.P.G.R.; H. B. Wright, 661, P.P.G.R.; J. M. Meek, I.P.M. 1379; J. P. Macnary, 1379, P.P.G.J.D.; Captain Appleby; and J. Terry, Sec. of the Benevolent Institution.

Among other brethren present were: Bros. J. G. Smith, W.M.; John Wood, I.P.M.; R. Whitfield, W. B. Elsdon, J.W.; W. Dalrymple, I.G.; E. Shewbrooks, J.D.; and A. Rhagg, Sec. of 48; J. Hawdon, I.P.M.; DeClare Yeld, S.W.; Rev. R. H. Yeld, Chap.; and F. Turnbull, of 80; J. Smart, W.M.; M. Frampton, P.M.; J. Henderson, P.M.; J. Riseborough, P.M.; J. Hudson, S.W.; J. Dixon, J.W.; and John A. Rainbow, S.D. of 94; J. H. Leech, W.M.; C. McNamara, S.W.; J. C. Moor, J.W. (Freemason); E. Clarkson, I.G.; T. Twizell, P.M.; and T. M. Watson, P.M. of 97; Geo. Porteous, W.M.; B. Swain, S.W.; J. G. Kirtley, J.W.; and J. Crisp, of 949; T. Tillman, W.M.; W. Brandt, P.M.; and W. H. Craven, of 1389; G. S. Shotton, W.M.; J. H. Wilson, I.P.M.; J. H. Thompson, S.W.; and T. Burke, J.W. of 240; Thos. Coulson, W.M.; J. G. Athey, P.M., S.W.; and Wm. Davidson, J.W. 1970; H. Golder, W.M.; A. McDougall, P.M.; J. Hickman, S.W.; J. Sedcole, J.W.; G. H. Dexter (Mayor); J. Ponder, P.M.; and J. Armstrong, J.D. of 1119; S. Wilson, W.M.; Bousfield, S.W.; T. Bell, P.M.; W. C. Blackett, P.M.; Fenney, P.M.; and Malcolm, P.M. of 124; Wm. Gray, W.M.; and Barnes, P.M. of 1334; Wm. Bewick, W.M.; George Hardy, P.M.; and S. Chadwick, J.W. of 1643; W. Mayson, W.M.; and J. Stonehouse, S.W. of 746; E. Terry, W.M.; and P. M. Spofforth, of 531; T. Shepherd, W.M.; R. Candlish, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; J. Sinclair, P.M.; S. Cockburn, P.M.; and J. Ayre, P.M. of 661; W. J. Young, W.M.; and R. W. Simpson, J.W. of 1862. The whole of the other lodges in the province were well represented.

Bro. R. HUDSON, Prov. Grand Sec., read the minutes of the lodges held during the year, which were confirmed. The Treasurer's reports were read by Bro. T. Bradley, Assistant Secretary, which showed the funds to be in a highly satisfactory condition. Bro. Hudson, P.G.S., read the report of the Fund Committee, presided over by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in which it was stated that the committee had that day voted £60 to five applicants; and it was further recommended that £52 10s. be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £52 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £26 10s. each to the Aged Masons' Institute and the Aged Widows' Institute. It was likewise proposed that £25 be subscribed to the Provincial Education Fund. Sir Hedworth Williamson moved the adoption of the report, which was carried. The Charities Committee reported the successful working of the Committee, and the new educational scheme in the province. Bro. C. S. Lane moved, and Bro. M. Corbett seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

After some conversation respecting the promotion of the Royal College of Music, in which the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, takes a deep interest, it was decided to invite the lodges to take the matter up. The roll of the lodges was then called by Bro. Geo. Greenwell, D. of C., when the Worshipful Masters of the following reported progress in funds and membership, and continued harmony in working:—Industry, 48, Gateshead; St. John's, 80, Sunderland; Phoenix, 94, Sunderland; Palestine, 97, Sunderland; Restoration, 111, Darlington; Marquis of Granby, 124, Durham; St. Hilda, 240, South Shields; Lambton, 375, Chester-le-Street; Borough, 424, Gateshead; Tees, 509, Stockton; St. Helen's, 531, Hartlepool; Fawcett, 601, Seaham; Harbour of Refuge, 764, West Hartlepool; Philanthropy, 940, Stockton; Williamson, 949, Sunderland; St. Bede's, 1119, Jarrow; Wear Valley, 1121, Bishop Auckland; Barnard, 1230, Barnard Castle; Earl of Durham, 1274, Chester-le-Street; Norman, 1334, Durham; Marquis of Ripon, 1379, Darlington; Fenwick, 1389, Sunderland; Fraternity, 1418, Stockton; Perseverance, 1643, Hebburn; Rose of Raby, 1650, Staindrop; Stranton, 1862, West Hartlepool;

Whitworth, 1032, Spennymoor; Hadrian, 1970, South Shields. After hearing the reports from the respective Masters in the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER (the Marquis of Londonderry), addressing the Grand Lodge, said he could assure them that nothing but a high sense of his duty to the province and an anxious desire to meet the brethren, and to perform the duties appertaining to the office which the Grand Master of England had been kind enough to invest him with, could have induced him to have been present, inasmuch as he had left the dying bed of a near relative of the Marchioness. The noble Marquis then expressed his sorrow at having to perform such a mournful duty as to have to allude to the sudden death, in March last, of a brother who for over a quarter of a century occupied the post of Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Crookes, who in that capacity had so faithfully served them, and whose services to Masonry were so widely known and appreciated. Upon his death, he was glad the Prov. D. of C., Bro. Robt. Hudson, had kindly come to the fore to carry on the duties which had heretofore devolved on Bro. Crookes, and he felt much indebted for the cordial assistance of Bro. Hudson, whom he was glad to know would continue in that office, assisted by Bro. T. Bradley, of Stockton. He then referred to the progress of Freemasonry in the province. From statistics which had been furnished to him by Bro. Hudson, the P.G.S., he found that in 1848 there were 13 lodges and 372 members; in 1871 there were 19 lodges and 1529 members, whilst in 1881 there were 27 lodges and 1976 members. (Applause.) Only two lodges had ceased to meet during the period from 1848 to 1881, but in the same towns as they had ceased new lodges had been consecrated—(applause)—and he had pleasure, in September last, in consecrating the Hadrian Lodge at South Shields, so that at present there were 28 lodges in the province. (Loud applause.) It was with very sincere regret that he found their late Treasurer, Bro. Cundill, desired to retire. In conclusion, he hoped they might be spared to meet another year, and that Masonry, and particularly in this province, might go on increasing in prosperity. (Loud applause.)

Bro. R. HUDSON, P.G. Secretary, said it was interesting to know that Bro. Cundill was present at the Grand Lodge at the installation of Bro. John Fawcett, late P.G.M., and had been P.G. Treasurer since 1858.

Bro. E. D. DAVIS, P.P.G.J.W., &c., moved that Bro. Babbington Boulton be P.G. Treasurer, which, on being seconded, was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sir H. WILLIAMSON, the Secretary was instructed to write to Bro. the Rev. J. Cundill expressing feelings of regret that he had retired from the Grand Lodge.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Sir H. Williamson	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" W. J. Young	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" C. R. Fry	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. Jackson	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. H. Yeld	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Babbington Boulton	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. Luck	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Hudson	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" T. Bradley	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" T. Bell	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" T. Coulson	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Tillman	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Greenwell	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" D. Sinclair	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" R. B. Harpley	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. Porteous	...	Prov. G. Pursts.
" J. Wyld	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" G. D. Leng	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Curry	...	
" P. M. Martin	...	
" C. McNamara	...	
" W. B. Elsdon	...	
" W. Davison	...	
" W. Burn	...	
" W. H. Turner	...	

The investiture of the several officers was greeted with applause.

Bro. Babbington Boulton was appointed Prov. G. Treas., in place of Bro. Rev. C. Cundill.

On the motion of Bro. R. HUDSON, seconded by Bro. MORELL, and supported by Bro. E. O. DAVIS, it was decided to place on record a testimony to the memory of the late Bro. Crookes and his great services to the province.

The lodge was then closed in due and solemn form. The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served at the Mechanics' Institute, by Mr. Poston, landlord of the Trevelyan Hotel. The hall was splendidly adorned with a number of variegated flowering and other plants, kindly supplied by Mr. Theodore Fry, M.P. Grace having been said by the Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Darlington, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and enthusiastically responded to by the brethren present.

Bro. E. D. DAVIS, who supported the Provincial Grand Master, proposed "The Health of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry," and in doing so, said the toast needed no flattery nor eulogy at his hands. The name of Londonderry was sufficiently known throughout the kingdom to be always received as an emblem of nobility and power. (Applause.) The noble marquis was well known throughout the province as a promoter of industry, as a patron of the exertions of all who endeavoured to support themselves by honest labour. (Applause.) As the Prov. Grand Master, the noble marquis had ever shown himself desirous of promoting the prosperity of the Craft. (Applause.) And he was sure they all joined with him in wishing they might long have him as the chief of Freemasonry in Durham. (Loud cheers.)

The toast was given with great enthusiasm.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in reply, said he could assure them he could not adequately express his sense of gratitude for the kind manner in which Bro. Davis had proposed, and they had received, the toast of his health. This was the second year he had had the honour of being their Provincial Grand Master, and he felt it would be impossible for him, under any circumstances, to equal the exertions and the energy of his predecessor. Still, it had been his endeavour ever since his appointment to do his best to promote the welfare of Masonry in that province. (Applause.) During the past two years the Provincial Grand Lodge had been held in the southern part of the province—at Stockton and at Darlington; and he hoped

if they were spared to another year that it was his intention to hold the lodge at Sunderland. (Loud applause.) During the past year he had every reason to be grateful for the kind assistance he had received from the officers of the province, and especially from Bro. Hudson, the Prov. Grand Secretary, who, he was glad to find, continued in office. (Applause.) In conclusion, he proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir H. Williamson." (Applause.)

Several other toasts followed. The arrangements were excellently carried out, and the proceedings were very successful. The music was rendered by Bros. Walker, Whitehead, and Nutton, of Durham Cathedral Choir; and Bro. Roynes, of Yarm.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOMERSET.

The third annual Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Province of Somerset was held on the 18th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, under the banner of the Inkerinn Chapter, No. 1222. The interior of the building has just been painted and decorated (the work being done by Bro. Theophilus Palmer), and the visitors, of whom there were many from different parts of the county, were loud in their expressions of admiration of the hall, its furniture and fittings, indeed we question whether there is a prettier one in the province. The local chapter and the visitors received the popular Prov. Grand Superintendent (Col. A. W. Adair), R. C. Else, H., Grand Standard Bearer of England; and E. Turner Payne, J., and Treasurer, with due honour. The other officers of Prov. Grand Chapter present were: Comps. Major Long, E.; Dr. Woodforde, P.S.; E. L. Hill, Assist. S.; Budge, jun., Swd. Br.; B. Cox, D.C.; and R. Cousins, Janitor. The Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath (one of the oldest in England, having completed its centenary), was represented by Comps. Lawson Howes, Z.; Edmund White, P.Z.; T. P. Ashley, P.Z.; T. B. Moutrie, P.Z.; S. G. Mitchell, P.Z.; P.P.G.R.; John Rubie, P.Z.; W. Williamson, P.Z.; C. W. Radway, E.; E. J. B. Mercer, N.; Robert Bull, James Robinson, and G. H. Bartlett. The other chapters were represented as follows: Comps. E. Turner Payne, P.Z.; Lieut.-Col. J. R. Ford, P.Z.; T. R. Lord, P.Z.; G. Holbrow, Z.; and Alfred J. Salter, Janitor, of 53; W. Adams, P.Z. and J.; and R. Cousins, Janitor, of 261; F. T. Elworthy, P.S.; W. Clarke, P.Z. 285; John Burnett, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; John C. Hunt, H.; and W. M. Rice, of 291; Fred Cox, P.Z.; H. F. Edgar, P.S.; and Wm. Cox, of 329; C. L. Fry Edwards, P.Z.; Major Long, P.Z.; and W. Reece, of 446; Sidney Lewis, Z.; W. M. Forty, P.Z. and H. pro tem.; W. E. Perrett, J.; Ernest E. Baker, E.; E. Western, N. pro tem.; G. Yates, P.S.; W. H. Wooler and E. T. Dew, Assist. Stwds.; B. Cox, P.Z.; Sidney Jones, P.Z.; F. W. S. Wicksteed, E. T. Dew, E. S. Nunn, A. Howell, Felix Thomas, G. E. Alford, Joseph P. James, J. Tytherleigh, G. H. Perrett, and W. Cousins, Janitor, of 1222. The visitors present were: Comps. Major Desmond Adair, 1261; E. J. Grubb, 68; H. B. Farington, 145; and Geo. Glossop, 938.

At the opening of the chapter the companions sang the hymn commencing—

"O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren join in love to Thee."

The roll of chapters having been called, and the minutes read, the Treasurer informed the chapter that Comp. Else had generously presented the official collar jewels for the chapter, and a hearty vote of thanks was presented to him for his gift.

Upon the motion of the TREASURER, seconded by Comp. S. LEWIS, a sum of eight guineas was voted for the purchase of the jewel of Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Chapter of England, to be presented to Comp. Else on appointment to that office, an honour upon which he was also heartily congratulated.

The accounts showed a favourable balance of £34 18s. 2d. Comp. Payne was by acclamation re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, with thanks for his past services.

The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows:

Comp. R. C. Else (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. 2nd P.
" Col. J. R. Ford	...	Prov. G. 3rd P.
" Major Long	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. M. Forty	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" C. L. Fry Edwards	...	Prov. G.P.S.
Comps. W. Williamson and W. Clarke	...	Prov. G.A. Stds.
Comp. E. Turner Payne	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Adams	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Lawson Howes	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Cox	...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" Sidney Jones	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" S. Lewis	...	Prov. G. Org.
Comps. R. Cousins and A. J. Salter	...	Prov. G. Janitors.

The collar of P.G.R. was intended for Comp. White, the oldest S.W. in the province, and P.Z. of the Cumberland Chapter, but the companion having retired from the chapter, on account of the state of his health, the honour was conferred upon the present Z. of the chapter.

The PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT mentioned that a most beautiful standard is being made by the kindly hands of some ladies who have relatives among Royal Arch Masons. The death of General Muncey was feelingly alluded to by Colonel Adair, at whose instance was passed a vote of sympathy and condolence to the Masons and inhabitants of Weston-super-Mare on their loss.

The alms collected, amounting to £2 3s. 3d., were voted to the Weston-super-Mare Hospital.

At the conclusion of the business the companions repaired to the Royal Hotel for the banquet. This was served in first-class style, the fare being choice and varied, and the wines of the high quality for which the Royal is noted. After dinner a short list of toasts was gone through, and the companions spent a very pleasant evening in social fellowship.

The M.E. PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT took occasion to express his satisfaction at the improved method of working the Royal Arch Degree, and his desire that, as far as possible, the chapters should secure the uniformity of ritual.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and R.W. Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, P.G.M. Scotland, were sponsors at the baptism of the infant son and heir of Lord Brooke, at the Chapel Royal, St. James's. Lady Brooke is a daughter of the Countess of Rosslyn, by her first husband, Mr. Maynard.

PROV. GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

This Prov. Grand Mark Lodge held its annual meeting at the Masonic-rooms, India Arms Hotel, Gosport, on Saturday, the 21st inst., when there were present: R.W. Bro. W. Hickman (G.J.W. Eng.), D.P.G.M.M.; W. Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O., P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Hickman, P.M. 63, P.G.S.W.; R. L. Loveland, P.M. 63, P.G. Treas.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 2, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Lamb, P.M. 37, P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. J. Tilling, P.M. 63, Sec.; R. Osborne, P.M. 17, P.G. Org.; H. J. Guy, P.M. 2, P.P. G.S.D.; John Purnell, P.M. 62, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Lear, W.M. 37, P.G.J.O.; R. J. Rastrick, W.M. 62; Geo. Cross, W.M. 63; J. R. Hayman, W.M. 17; Bros. G. A. Mursell, M.O. 140, P.G.D.C.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, S.W. 63, P.G. Reg. Mks; R. W. Mitchell, J.W. 2, P.G.I.G.; W. Horton, J.O. 63, P.G.S.; W. D. Parkhouse, S.W. 62, P.P.G.I. Wks.; D. O. Hobbs, S.O. 63, P.G.S.; W. Green, J.W. 305; Rev. B. Ring, Chap. 305; C. W. Bemister, Sec. 63; W. Marshallsay, S.O. 17; R. F. West, 305; R. Sheldon, S.D. 305; W. G. Robinson, J.D. 305; H. Crisp, 43; A. Greig, 203; W. Sims, 305; W. Rowe, 305; J. Sidney, sen., 305; W. Hooper, 63; A. Knight, 305; G. Darby, 305; W. Fennell, 224; W. C. Webb, 387; J. Howell 2; G. Carter, Tyler, 2; Lewis Cauvin, Tyler 305; and J. Watson, 17, P.G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the D.P. G.M. expressed his regret at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal, but he was pleased to say that the Canon had returned from the South of France much improved in health, though not yet able to take his accustomed place in Provincial Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Southampton, were then read and confirmed, and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the past year, duly audited, were submitted and passed.

The M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Portal having completed his third term of three years of Provincial Grand Master, it was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of the Dep. Provincial Grand Master, seconded by W. Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, that he be again elected for recommendation to Grand Master for re-appointment for a fourth triennial term. W. Bro. Loveland, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. The W.M.'s of Lodges Nos. 2 and 305 were elected to audit the Provincial Grand Treasurer's accounts.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. W. TILLING, read a list of the returns from the lodges of the province, and the same were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Officers:

Bro. W. Hickman, 63	...	Prov. D.G.M.M.
" S. G. Kirchhoffer, 54	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" G. F. Lancaster, 305	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" R. J. Rastrick, 62	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. Osborne, 17	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" G. Cross, 63	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. Dr. Ring, 305	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. Ward, 37	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. L. Loveland, 63	...	Prov. G. Reg. of M.
" H. J. Guy, 2	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" George J. Tilling, 63	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" R. W. Mitchell	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Horton, 63	...	Prov. G.I. of Works.
" J. R. Hayman, 17	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" D. O. Hobbs, 63	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" W. Green, 305	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. W. Bemister, 63	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Waters, 305	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" H. Crisp, 305	...	
" G. Darby, 2	...	
" W. Marshallsay	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Howell, 305	...	
" J. Watson, 17	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

At the close of the meeting the brethren sat down to a banquet at the hotel. The D.P.G.M. presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Previous to the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, a new lodge, called the Gosport Lodge, 305, was constituted by the D.P.G.M., assisted by the Grand Officers of the province. The ceremony of installing the W.M., Bro. G. F. Lancaster, was performed by the Prov. Grand Treas., W. Bro. Loveland. Votes of thanks were accorded to the D.P.G.M., for constituting the lodge; also to the Installing Master, and the following brethren were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge: W. Bros. W. Hickman, Le Feuvre, R. Loveland, and G. J. Tilling.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual provincial meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at Accrington, under the auspices of the Starkie Lodge, No. 159. The lodge was opened at 2.30, and at three o'clock the Prov. G.M.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, D.P. G.M.M., with a very large number of Provincial Grand Officers, entered the room, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The meeting was one of the most successful ever held, as it was found when the Grand Secretary called over the roll that only one lodge was unrepresented.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Liverpool, October 18, 1881, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were presented and adopted, and showed a substantial balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge.

Upon the motion of Bro. Colonel STARKIE, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was again nominated for the distinguished position of G.M.M. for the Province of Lancashire during the ensuing three years.

Bro. O. O. WALKER seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

The following were appointed as Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" John Little	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Abraham Clegg	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Eli Knowles	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John F. Roberts	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" John Williams	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" A. B. Bevan	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Richard Rushton	...	Prov. G. Treas.

Bro. John Chadwick ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" M. Cooper ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" John May ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. O. T. Newbold ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. D. Murray ...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Joseph Senior ...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. Wainman Cottam ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Rawdon Ashworth ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. J. Greaves ...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Ballard ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Frank A. Hewett ...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" Walter Vere Statton ...	Prov. G. Reg.

A Committee of four was appointed to represent the provinces on the Fund of Benevolence.

Some minor business was transacted, and the GRAND MASTER informed the lodge that he had received a pressing invitation to hold the next provincial meeting at Southport, and he should comply with the request.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Red Lion Hotel, Earl Latham presiding.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Friday, the 20th inst. There was a large gathering of brethren from all parts of the county, Isle of Wight, and Kent.

The R.W.P.G.M.M., Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., presided, and appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. C. W. Duke, P.G.M. ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" T. J. Pulley, P.G.M. ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" R. Pidcock, P.G.M. ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" R. J. Reed, P.G.M. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Capt. S. B. McWhinnie ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. W. Hudson ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" S. Peters ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Capt. D'Albiac ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" T. Cabel ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" Capt. Hennah ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Rossiter ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" R. Paige ...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" W. G. Baylis ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Marshall ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Roe ...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. J. Dawson ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. H. Russell, Capt. Henty, } and E. Bridges, P.G.M., &c. }	Prov. G. Stwds.

The R.W.P.G.M. then delivered a powerful address, pointing out the value of Mark Masonry, and calling particular attention to the urgency of Masters and Secretaries of lodges being prompt in forwarding their annual returns. After business a most recherche banquet followed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Warwickshire and Staffordshire was held on the 19th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, for the purpose of installing the V.W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Gough as first Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason of Staffordshire. For the past six years the counties of Warwick and Stafford have formed one province, under the rule of the R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. K. Riland Bedford, with the V.W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Gough as his Deputy; but at a recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge it was unanimously resolved that the time had arrived when, in the interests of Mark Masonry, it was desirable that each county should form a distinct province, and the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, was petitioned to appoint Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and the V.W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Gough as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire. These petitions having been granted, the installation of the V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gough was appointed, and took place as above mentioned.

The meeting was very numerous and influentially attended, among those present being the R.W. Bro. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.M.M., the Installing Officer; W. Bros. D. M. Dewar, P.G.O., A.G.M. Sec.; T. Howkins, G.J.O.; E. Worral, P.G.M. Treas.; Dr. Belcher, G. Org.; Lyons Wright, P.G.O.; V.W. Bro. Captain Coffey, R.A.P.D.G.M.M. Tunis and Malta; W. Bro. Barkley, P.G.S. Worcester; V.W. Bro. Major Tudor, P.P.G.M.S.W. North Wales; Bro. the Rev. C. Lee, acting P.G.M. Chaplain; W. Bro. T. H. Smith, P.G.M.S.W.; and many other distinguished brethren from Staffordshire and Warwickshire.

The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the Installing Officer, after which the newly-installed R.W.P.G.M.M. having addressed the brethren at some length, proceeded to the appointment and investment of his P.G.M. officers as follows:

Bro. Major G. S. Tudor ...	Prov. D.G.M.M.
" C. A. Newham ...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. H. Hales ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" J. Bryan ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" R. Dain ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" J. B. Piercy ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. Randall ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Lyons Wright ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. R. Britton ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Capt. E. H. Thorne ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Capt. F. Walton ...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" E. Scrivener ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Lieut. G. W. H. Tudor ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" T. E. Fowke ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" T. Wood ...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" Bentley ...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" T. M. Humphries ...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" Blair ...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Thompson ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Sharp ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" C. F. Schmidt ...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" W. Colenso ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the M.W.G.M.M., who also telegraphed during the ceremony his hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Staffordshire; W. Bro. Rev. W. Randall, G. Chap.; W. Bro. F. Binckes, G.M. Sec.; Bros. Lord Brooke, Jos. Rowlands,

C. Fendelow, A. F. Godson, Warwick; and other brethren of eminence in Mark Masonry.

After the installation a banquet was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The proceedings both at the meeting and the banquet were throughout of such a character as to augur well for the future of Mark Masonry in Staffordshire.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ABERDEENSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 13th inst., in the Masonic Hall, 12, Exchange-street. There was a very large attendance of the principals of the various subordinate chapters.

The chapter was opened, when the Installed Degrees of Z., H., and J. were conferred on the respective Principals, three receiving the Installed Degree of Z., six H., and ten J. The High Priest Degree was then conferred, ten Principals receiving it. All these Degrees were given by Major Crombie, the P.G. Superintendent, in his usual excellent manner.

After the Prov. Grand Chapter had been opened, the minutes of the last two meetings were read and confirmed, and the returns from the subordinate chapters submitted. From the latter a considerable improvement was to be observed, as compared with last year, the number exalted being forty-three, as compared with twenty-nine for the previous year. The finances of the chapters were also in a considerably better position than in the previous year.

The Treasurer's account showed a balance in favour of the Prov. Grand Chapter of £5 5s., several extra furnishings having been procured in the course of the year.

The Superintendent placed the nomination of the commissioned office-bearers in the hands of the members. The following is a list of the officers for the current year:

Comp. Major John Crombie ...	Prov. G. Supt.
" Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres ...	Prov. G. 2nd Prin.
" William Boyd ...	Prov. G. 3rd Prin.
" Dr. R. Beveridge ...	Prov. G.P. Supt.
" Edward Savage ...	Prov. G.D. Supt.
" Robert Crau ...	Prov. G. D. 2nd Prin.
" George Staple ...	Prov. G. D. 3rd Prin.
" A. I. McConochie ...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Lord Douglas Gordon, M.P. ...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Alexander Dakers ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Colonel Lumsden ...	Prov. G. Chan.
" Charles Shepherd ...	Prov. G. Rec.
" Rev. W. Webster ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" J. B. Davidson ...	Prov. G. 1st Soj.
" Donald Blake ...	Prov. G. 2nd Soj.
" Anthony Callaghan ...	Prov. G. 3rd Soj.
" George Geddes ...	Prov. G. Swd. B.
" William Stuart ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" George Farquharson ...	Prov. G. 1st Std. B.
" Andrew Stott ...	Prov. G. 2nd Std. B.
" James Reid ...	Prov. G. Auditor.
" John Laing ...	Prov. G. Auditor.

After the other formal business of the meeting had been transacted, Major Crombie was presented with a very handsome regalia as Superintendent. The regalia was the gift of the various chapters, and was presented in their name by the Deputy First Principal.

Major Crombie, in replying to what he said he must consider the very flattering remarks of Comp. Savage, stated that he looked upon this as a mark of his companions confidence in him, not as some presentations were, a reward for service rendered, seeing that he had little more than entered upon the duties of his office. He should endeavour to discharge the duties to the satisfaction both of Supreme Grand Chapter and the members of the Aberdeenshire Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

KELSO.—Kelso Lodge (No. 58).—The brethren of this ancient lodge held their first meeting after the usual summer recess in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when there was a large muster of the brethren. The lodge having been duly constituted, and the minutes of the previous meetings read and confirmed, the R.W.M., Bro. the Rev. P. McKerron, congratulated the brethren on resuming work again, and hoped they would be able to "clear the decks" before St. John's Day. He had much pleasure in a duty which now devolved upon him, and that was in handing over to the lodge a very valuable present from his friend and brother, Dr. Burton. The worthy doctor, as they all knew, was a very old and very able Mason, and, in fact, it was questionable if there was a more able or more zealous Mason in Scotland. Although he first saw light in Scotland, he had, by long residence in England, so thoroughly identified himself with English Masonry as to be, to all intents and purposes, an English Mason; and they all knew that Masonry in England was carried out in a different manner to what it was in most Scotch lodges. In the district in which Dr. Burton resided he found room for improvement, and by his energy and perseverance he raised the status of Masonry, and by his example encouraged others, so that the Craft was, after a time, flourishing where before it was stagnating. Dr. Burton occupied for some years the distinguished position of Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, besides other high offices in some of the superior grades. He had been balloted for as an affiliating member of this lodge; but, owing to his frail health, had been unable to attend a meeting to go through the form of affiliation; still, he took a great interest in all that concerned the lodge, and regularly enquired of him, the R.W.M., conceiving the welfare of the lodge. The gift which Dr. Burton had put into his hands to present to the brethren was a rare and valuable blackletter copy of the "Volume of the Sacred Law" known to collectors as a "Breeches Bible" from a curious misprint in the 7th verse of the third chapter of Genesis. It had been very handsomely bound in true Masonic colour on purpose to present it to the lodge and he questioned if any other lodge in Scotland possessed such a valuable volume as that he now had the pleasure of handing over to the brethren on behalf of the worthy Bro. Dr. Burton.

Bro. W. Fred. Vernon, P.M., then rose and proposed that the thanks of the meeting be accorded to Bro. Dr. Burton for his handsome gift, and suggested that if any-

thing could enhance the value of it in their eyes, it would be an inscription in the handwriting of the worthy brother, and he begged to propose that he be requested to write such an inscription, so that future generations of Masons who would succeed them in this lodge, would know to whom they were indebted for the valuable gift. He also proposed that the presentation be entered in the minutes and an excerpt therefrom be sent to Bro. Dr. Burton. This was carried by acclamation.

Bro. A. Bulman, jun., I.P.M., then presented on behalf of Bro. Jas. Steel, P.M., a framed copy of Bro. Morris's celebrated poem "The Level and the Square" and also an old play bill of 1806 in which the R.W.M. and brethren of that day had announced their intention of patronising the performance at the then existing Kelso Theatre. After other business had been transacted the lodge was duly closed.

DEATH OF BRO. JOHN FAWCETT, LATE P.G.M. OF DURHAM.

We regret to record the very sudden death of Bro. John Fawcett, J.P., of the North Bailey, Durham, which occurred about half-past eight o'clock on Saturday night last. Although the deceased brother had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years, he retained his faculties in a remarkable degree up to the very last. Indeed, so late as Wednesday, he was one of the magistrates present on the Bench at the Durham Quarter Sessions. He took his usual walk on Friday, but feeling unwell on Saturday he remained in his bed-room. On Saturday evening he had dinner served in his bed-room a little earlier than usual. On the butler going up about half-past eight o'clock he found his master dying. Dr. Barron was sent for, but Bro. Fawcett was dead before the doctor arrived.

The life that has just passed away has been far from an uneventful one, and the name of Fawcett is most honourably associated with the landed interests of Northumberland and Durham. The family of the Fawcetts is of some antiquity in the county of Durham. The property in the parish of Bolden was partly alienated and partly descended in the female line to a daughter of the elder brother of the great grandfather of the representative of the family who has just died. The family possess large estates in Lan-ches-ter, and in Framwellgate townships of the county of Durham, as well as property at Sunderland, chiefly occupied by the sites of Fawcett, John, Frederick, and Foyle-streets in the town, which are named after the family. The Fawcetts also possess the Branton estate, in Northumberland. The deceased brother is styled in Watford's county families of the United Kingdom as John Fawcett, of Branton, and of the county of Durham. He was born on the 6th May, 1799, and was the eldest son of the Rev. John Fawcett, by Mary Anne, daughter of the late Ralph Bates, of Melbourne, Northumberland. The deceased brother was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, and took his B.A. degree in 1821, and that of M.A. in 1824. He was a Justice of the Peace for the counties of Northumberland and Durham, and in 1847 he was High Sheriff of the county of Durham. He also had conferred on him the honorary title of D.L. Christopher Fawcett, the uncle of the deceased, was a barrister-at-law, and was Recorder of Newcastle-on-Tyne; and the uncle after whom Bro. John Fawcett was named was also a barrister, and was Recorder of Durham. The deceased brother has only one brother living, Mr. Ralph Thomas Fawcett, who, in 1864, married Charlotte Amelia, youngest daughter of the Hon. Charles Lawrence and Lady Caroline Dundas. Bro. Fawcett never married, and the heir presumptive to the estates is Mr. Christopher Fawcett, barrister-at-law, of the North-Eastern Circuit.

Bro. Fawcett had the honour of being the oldest Prov. Grand Master in the United Kingdom. For more than half a century he has been prominently identified with Masonry. He was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, at Oxford. On leaving Oxford he joined the Marquis of Granby Lodge, 124, at Durham, and subsequently became Prov. Grand Master of the Province of Durham, a position he held until about two years ago, when failing health compelled him to resign, and he was succeeded by the Marquis of Londonderry. On his resignation the members of the Craft presented Bro. Fawcett, as Prov. Grand Master and as Past Prov. Grand Superintendent, with a beautifully illuminated address, "for the marked manner in which for upwards of thirty-two years his lengthened and able administration had advanced and adorned the Order, and for the calm and wise judgment and gentlemanly courtesy, untiring and able energy, and unvarying impartiality and firmness exhibited by him in the discharge of his high and responsible office, and praying that the Great Architect of the Universe might during his remaining years see fit to grant him all peace and happiness." During the period in which he held the office of Prov. Grand Master of Durham, Bro. Fawcett had the distinguished honour of installing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as the W.M. of a Craft lodge, and he also assisted in the installation of the Prince of Wales as Worshipful Grand Master of England, which took place in the Albert Hall, being one of the largest and most brilliant assemblies of the Craft ever witnessed. He was an ardent, enthusiastic, and conscientious member of the Craft, and a good worker as well as a strict upholder of the rites and customs of the Order, and would not suffer the least deviation from, or infringement of, the ancient landmarks. He was very popular throughout the whole of his long reign, frequently visiting the lodges in his province; and was ever ready to advise, and took great pains to ferret out and reward the real workers of the Craft.

The deceased brother took a warm interest in several of the public institutions in the city of Durham. He was one of the oldest patrons of the Mechanics' Institute, and so recently as last week promised a donation of five guineas for restoration purposes. For many years he was president of the Durham County Hospital, and but seldom missed an annual meeting. He was chairman many years of the Visiting Justices Committee, when the duties were very much more onerous than they have been since the new Prisons' Act came into force, which also marks the period of Bro. Fawcett's resignation. He was also chairman of the Durham Petty Sessional Division, and a most regular attender on court days. His administration of the law was characterised by great impartiality and forensic knowledge.

On Thursday last a special Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Durham, when a large number of provincial officers and brethren attended, and followed the remains of Bro. Fawcett to their last resting place. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.



Craft Masonry.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—The first meeting of the session of the above lodge was held on Tuesday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. There were present Bros. Joseph Da Silva, W.M.; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.M.; P.G.S.W. Essex; Cohen, P.M.; Treas.; Harris, P.M.; Cohen, P.M.; William Littaur, P.M.; S. Samson; George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657; and other brethren.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. passed Bro. S. Samson. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—A most successful meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Henry Stiles as W.M. by his brother, the I.P.M., Bro. William Mason Stiles. A large number of members and visitors were present. Among them we noticed Bros. Henry Stiles, S.W., W.M. elect; George Clark, jun., J.W.; J. J. Michael, P.M., Sec.; Henry Lovegrove, Past G. Supt. of Works Middlesex, S.D.; George Edwards, J.D.; G. W. Knight, D. of C.; F. W. Dimsdale, Org.; T. C. Edmunds, Stwd.; Thos. S. Raney, I.G.; John Daley, Tyler; Lewis Solomon, Jno. S. Steel, R. Fraser, F. Ashton, W. Davey, Chas. Carter, R. J. Dormer, W. Little, J. Barnard, C. T. Jagers, M. J. Rowley, T. Rapson, T. M. Ormiston, C. H. Everett, J. Burton, J. F. Sanders, James Mills; and the following visitors: Bros. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, 259, Past G. Chap.; James Terry, P.M. 228, Past G.S.W. Herts; George A. Reid, P.M. 88 (I.C.), Past G.S.W. Antrim; John Mason, 1567, Past G.D. Middlesex, Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; R. W. Peirce, W.M. 1227; J. N. Thompson, W.M. 1695; R. Bord, I.P.M. 858; James Purvis, 504; C. H. Phillips, 1580; L. Noel, 12; Dickinson, 1681; F. G. W. Gwyer, J.D. 1288; C. B. Putland, J.D. 1732; J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157; B. Kauffman, I.G. 1732; C. W. Cunningham, 1612; Henry Dickey, 1744; J. B. Edwards, 861; W. Cleghorn, W.M. 1287; W. Buckle, 1421; Edwin Storr, S.D. 167; J. B. Clark, 1777; Francis Izant, 704; E. Mayes, 51; Wallace Wells, 1319; A. Symes, 554; Jno. Green, 19; G. J. Vaughan, 193; J. W. Smith, I.G. 1744; Fletcher, D.C. 1732; R. R. Johnstone, 1777; Leon Jacobs, J.W. 1732; F. W. Sillis, D.C. 1744; J. Bryan, 1744; James C. Smith, 1744; Chas. B. Carter, J.W. 1662; J. Irvine, 802; E. Hewlett, S.D. 134; Harry Jones, W.M. designate Wadebridge Lodge; and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (Freemason).

The lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles, when the minutes of the meetings on March 15th and the 17th of May were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee having been read and adopted, ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. George Monk, 78 (S.C.), as joining member, which being unanimous in his favour, that brother was duly admitted. Bro. John Simpson Steel was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. W. M. Stiles. The principal business of the evening was next proceeded with. Bro. Side having presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Henry Stiles, and the customary formalities having been observed, he was conducted, with all due rite and ceremony, into the chair of K.S. in the presence of a Board of twenty Masters. The ceremony was performed, and the addresses given, in a most efficient manner, securing for Bro. W. M. Stiles the commendation of all the brethren present. The newly-installed Master appointed the following brethren to office: Bros. Geo. Clark, jun., S.W.; Henry Lovegrove, J.W.; James Willing, jun., P.M.; Treas.; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M., Sec.; G. Edwards, S.D.; G. W. Knight, J.D.; T. C. Edmunds, I.G.; F. W. Dimsdale, Asst. D. of C. and Org.; W. Davey, Asst. D. of C. and Sec.; F. J. Perks, W.S.; W. F. Bates, Asst. W.S.; and John Daly, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed by the lodge to the installing Master, for the very able manner in which he had installed his successor. Bro. W. M. Stiles, was also the recipient of a very handsome Past Master's jewel, presented to him as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the lodge, and in recognition of the manner in which he had performed his duties during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, exceedingly well served, under the personal supervision of the Bros. Clemow.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, including that of "The Grand Officers," acknowledged by Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Past G. Chap.

"The W.M., Bro. Henry Stiles," was proposed in genial terms by his brother, William Mason Stiles.

"The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. James Terry replied, appealing in eloquent terms for a continuance of the liberal support they had always received from the "Metropolitan."

Bros. Stiles and J. J. Michael replied on behalf of "The Past Masters."

Bros. Reed, Thompson, Peirce, Cleghorn, Briggs, and Edwards replied for "The Visitors."

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

CRIPPLEGATE LODGE (No. 1613).—The installation meeting of the above young and flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including Bros. Stevenson, W.M.; W. Medwin, S.W.; John Corke, Treasurer; J. R. Foulger, P.M.; Secretary; H. Gustavus Buss, A.G.S.; J. L. Mather, P.M. 1471, P.G.D.C. Hertfordshire; Benson, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M. and Secretary 192; W. T. Rickwood, P.M. 192; N. B. Headon, P.M. and Treasurer 1426; James Freeman, P.M. 1426; J. B. Lemaitre, Alptre; J. Bergmann, Cotton, Archer, U. Knell, Hubbard, Sparrow, F. H. Cosens, Spurgeon, Ashton, Dalzell, and George Kenning, P.M. 192 and 1657, P.G.D. Middlesex. The minutes of the last meeting were read

and confirmed. The W.M. passed and raised several brethren in a masterly style. Bro. Stevenson, then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Benson, P.M., for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. W. Medwin, which ceremony was well rendered, ably assisted by Bro. J. L. Mather, as Director of Ceremonies, the Board of Installed Masters numbering over twenty. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year. The names of several gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting of the lodge.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Jennings. The usual loyal toasts were proposed by the W.M., Bro. W. Medwin.

Bro. H. Gustavus Buss responded for "The Grand Officers" in an able speech.

Bros. Mather and Abbott responded for "The Visitors."

The company were delighted with some good singing by those well-known brethren, Bros. Cosens, Hubbard, Dalzell, and Ashton.

STUART LODGE (No. 1632).—The first regular meeting of this lodge (since the installation in March last), was held on the 23rd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, the following brethren being present: Bros. George Lilley, W.M., I.P.M.; Donald R. Clark, P.M. and U.C.; Stuart Barker, Thos. Poore, P.M. and Sec.; Geo. H. Gilham, jun., S.W.; J. Walmsley, P.M., acting J.W.; Bessell, S.D.; George H. Evans, J.D.; H. Baldwin, I.G. Org.; J. Bannister, R. Barham, P.M. Steward; Bowler, Tyler; also Bros. Allen and Land, and several other brethren, including a visitor, Bro. Poer, 1949.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the installation meeting were read and unanimously confirmed, together with several eulogistic remarks from the brethren as to the very explicit and able manner in which the highly esteemed Secretary, Bro. Poore, had recorded the large amount of business transacted at the last meeting.

A ballot was then taken for Mr. Thomas Swash, a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in his favour, after which he was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Craft, according to ancient custom, in a very able and impressive manner by the W.M., his officers rendering very efficient aid to him throughout the interesting ceremony.

After some formal business had been disposed of, the I.P.M. tendered a very handsome gift to the lodge—an album, large quarto size, very handsomely bound in green Russia leather—as a memento of his pleasant year of office as W.M., and as a grateful acknowledgment for the handsome Past Master's jewel which the lodge had presented to him.

It was received by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge in a very gracious manner, when an unanimous resolution was passed, that the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bro. Clark for his timely, handsome, and serviceable gift, and it was suggested that the portrait of our highly-esteemed brother should occupy the position of honour on the front page.

Bro. Bannister, the Organist, very kindly undertook to place a suitable illuminated inscription therein gratuitously, and Bro. Stuart-Barker, notified his intention of procuring a case to preserve it in.

After some formal business had been disposed of, the W.M. closed the lodge, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner, when all the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured in very eloquent terms by the W.M., and were each received by the brethren with acclamation.

The proceedings were interspersed and considerably enlivened by some good songs and recitations by the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—The installation meeting of this rising lodge was held on Tuesday the 17th inst., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. There were present Bros. Davies, W.M.; Thompson, S.W.; Edmunds, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M.; Treas.; Berry, Sec.; Bastable, S.D.; Speller, J.D.; Hollis, P.M., D. of C.; Tibbitts, I.G.; Richmond, Steward; Press, P.M.; Frampton, Twynyard, Earl, Perfect, Chutter, Ayden, Hawkes, E. Cattermole, W. J. Cattermole, Lang, Lewin, Scott and Booth. The visitors were Bros. Rowe, P.M. 167; Fenner, 1227, 1693; Oliver, 1328; Mulford, P.M. 1288; Follett, 45; Butt, 907; Meekham, P.M. 1288; Pigot, P.M. 753; Forge, W.M. 1050; Brown, Allen, Bond, Butt, Pierpoint, Matthews, Baker, Hoare, Wilkinson, Barber, Humphreys, Nunn, Side, and Fowler.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Booth was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Lang and Lewin were raised to the Third Degree. The ceremony of installation was then most ably worked by Bro. Davies, the retiring W.M., and Bro. Thompson, was duly inducted in the chair of K.S. The following officers were then appointed by the W.M.: Bros. Edmunds, S.W.; Bastable, J.W.; Eldridge, P.M., Treas.; Frampton, Sec.; Speller, S.D.; Tibbitts, J.D.; Richmond, jun., I.G.; Earl, Steward.

All business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a recherché banquet provided in the well known style of Messrs. Spier and Pond, and a most enjoyable evening was passed, enlivened by the vocal abilities of several of the brethren present.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).

—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Freemasons' Hall, on the 14th inst. There was a very heavy agenda paper, which tested the capabilities of the new W.M. The officers present were Bros. G. F. Smith, jun., W.M.; W. G. Bott, I.P.M.; A. Stokes, S.W.; J. C. Wilkins, J.W.; J. W. Brooke, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Dewsnap, S.D. and Treas.; G. F. Smith, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; H. S. Trego, Org.; J. Da Silva, W.S.; T. Bowler, Tyler; and Bros. T. C. Corpe, P.M.; T. R. Ayres, J. Miller, A. Groves, E. J. Feilden, W. B. Marcus, C. H. Barstow, J. Bladon, S. J. Rossiter, T. W. Williams, A. T. Baschinski, E. N. Ensworth, F. Gent, T. B. Grinsell, A. M. Philips, C. H. Cox, W. H. Foot, F. A. Darton, H. B. Garrett, T. G. Ayres, W. Holmes, H. Cruse, A. H. Jakins, J. W. Hayton, W. H. Lowry, T. J. Jackson, W. Wilson, J. Morrell, E. R. W. Bennett, and A. T. Dixie. Visitors: Bros. F. C. Dixie, 453; H. M. Appleton, J.W. 1381; R. W. Bilby, 19; J. Da Silva, W.M. 205; H. Derry, 901; and L. Lazarus, P.M. 188.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Bros. J. W. Fowler, 1381, and A. J. Dixie, 453, were unanimously elected joining members. The work comprised the raising of Bros. Barstow and Ayres to the Third Degree, the passing of Bros. Williams, Garrett, Rossiter, Foot, and Ensworth to the Second Degree, and the initiation of five candidates, viz., Messrs. W. Wilson, H. Morrell, W. H. Lowry, T. J. Jackson, and E. R. W. Bennett, the whole of the work being performed by the new W.M. in a most perfect and creditable manner.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Tavern, to partake of well-earned refreshment. A very enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. Marcus, Williams, Ensworth, Foot, Garrett, and Feilden each contributing their quota to the harmony of the evening.

RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1962).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. Neville Green, W.M.; Andrew McDowall, S.W.; George C. Matthams, J.W.; M. L. Levy, acting I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; Walter C. Claridge, P.M. 1685, Sec.; A. Haig-Brown, J.D.; A. H. Sandle, I.G.; L. V. Walker, Steward; J. Lackland, Tyler; J. C. Tilt, J. Geen, H. F. Bing, R. H. Tayton, J. McAlpin, G. Gregory, C. G. Brown, S. W. Fraser, C. Stein, W. G. Lowe, H. L. Thomas, E. Beard, G. J. Staning, and W. Tyrrell. Visitors: Bros. J. Berry, P.M. 554; John Hill, 140 and 1702; A. Paterson, S.W. 1597; Thos. H. Newell, 1538; and E. S. Hopper, 22.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bros. Tilt, Geen, Tayton, and Gregory were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Lowe, Staning, Stein, Beard, and Thomas were passed to the Second Degree, after which the ballot was taken for Messrs. David McNish, Spencer, William Morris, Richard Thomas Swinscow, George Libbis Bokenham, and John Richard Chant, which being pronounced in their favour, and the first four gentlemen being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. A proposal for a joining member was then announced, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

After partaking of supper, the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, including those of "The W.M." and "The Initiates," who suitably acknowledged the same. During the evening some capital songs were sung, and the brethren separated, after having spent an enjoyable evening.

IPSWICH.—St. Luke's Lodge (No. 225).—The regular meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the New Masonic Hall, on the 11th inst. when the W.M., Bro. J. Talbot, assisted by the I.P.M., Bro. Napier, opened the lodge in due form, there being present, among others, Bros. G. Abbott, S.W.; J. Brook, J.W.; A. Barber, Sec., Prov. G. Swd. Br.; W. Fisk, S.D.; A. W. Cook, J.D.; H. Buckingham, I.G.; J. Whitehead, P.M.; P. Whitehead, P.M.; T. Prentice, P.M., P. Prov. G.P.; W. Daking, P.M., Prov. G. Reg. Visitors: Bros. A. Cannon, W.M. 376; J. King, J.D. 376; J. Franks, I.G. 376; F. Palmer, Mus. Bac., 114; Davies, and R. Monck; also Bros. Sheppard, T. Turner, Blomfield, R. Senton, Odium, Harvey, Morley, Holt, Spinks, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. George Vidall, and proving unanimous, the candidate was duly initiated into Freemasonry, Bro. W. Daking performing the ceremony, Bro. J. Whitehead presenting the working tools, after which Bro. J. Napier gave the charge, the W.M., assisted by Bro. P. Whitehead, completing the ceremony. The Secretary gave notice that £3 3s., voted out at a previous meeting, had been paid to the widow of a late brother, who was lost overboard from his vessel at sea, and returned thanks for the widow for the welcome donation. The W.M. then closed the lodge in due form.

The brethren, to the number of twenty-eight, sat down to an excellent supper, supplied by Bro. P. Harrison, of the Saracen's Head, which gave great satisfaction to the brethren present.

At the conclusion of the repast, the cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

"The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," were responded to by Bros. Barber and Daking, for the present, and Bros. Prentice and Abbott, for the Past.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. A. Cannon, J. King, Monck, Davies, and others.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities" in a very exhaustive speech, calling upon the members to continue their support and increase their donations in support of these very excellent institutions, such as no other Order could boast of, and supported in such a way as to do credit to the fraternity.

"The Health of the Initiate" was then given by the W.M. and received as usual among Masons. Bro. Vidall responding.

The Past Masters received the regular thanks of the W.M. and brethren for their attendance and assistance in carrying out the work of the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Napier, proposed "The Master's Health," pointing out the steady progress the lodge was making, and the satisfaction it must be to the lodge to find the officers in such a state of proficiency.

The W.M. replied in the style which is so common to him, and secured the attention of his listeners, pointing out the dignity that is required to carry out the duties of his important office, and trusting his actions had been in conformity with the laws of the Craft and the wishes of the members of the lodge, which the brethren proved had been the case from the hearty reception they had accorded the W.M.

"The Officers of the Lodge" were toasted in a most hearty way, and responded to by Bro. G. Abbott, S.W., who made some very striking remarks on the advancement of this very flourishing and prosperous lodge, which numbered over 100 members on the book, and commanded a good number of votes to the excellent landmarks of true Masonry, the charities.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a close. During the evening Bros. Palmer and Holt presided at the piano, and many good vocalists being present, some excellent songs by Bros. J. L. Brook, G. Abbott, J. Talbot, Franks and Monk, were thoroughly enjoyed.

MANCHESTER.—Blair Lodge (No. 815). The installation of Bro. Ephraim Harris took place on Friday, October 13th, at the Hulme Town Hall. The following brethren were present: W. R. Sowter, W.M.; Henry L. Rocca, I.P.M.; Ephraim Harris, S.W.; John Sheldrick, J.W.; A. Bickley, Secretary; J. F. Anderson, S.D.; Dr. J. St. Patrick Riley, J.D.; J. Sly, Tyler; T. Newton, S.S.; Bryce Blair, J.S.; D. Foulkes, W. F. Towle; R. G. Walker; H. W. Riley; J. Newman; W. Deakin; W. Kelley; N. Rowley; J. L. Dyson; and W. E. Perry. Visitors: J. Barker, P.P.G., I.P.M. 1134; Julius Arensberg, P.M. 1161, 1797, P.P.G. Purs.; John Roberts, P.M. 204, P.G.A.D. of C.; James Heelis, P.G. Registrar; Joseph Wildgoose, P.M. 163, P.J.G.D.; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; A. Hart, P.M. 1798; William Dumville, P.M. 1011; W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 633, P.P.G.D.C.; T. S. Williams, P.M. 1094; Robert Davies, P.M. 1378; R. K. Lisenden, J.D. 316 (*Freemason*).

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Mr. J. E. Moat was successfully balloted for and subsequently initiated by the W.M. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and after the usual preliminaries, Bro. H. L. Rocca, P.M., P.S.G.D., presented the W.M. Elect (Bro. Ephraim Harris) to the Installing Master (Bro. W. R. Sowter), who thereupon, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted him into the chair of K.S.

The W.M. having been saluted, then invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bro. John Sheldrick, S.W.; J. F. Anderson, J.W.; A. Bickley (re appointed), Sec.; Dr. J. St. Patrick Riley, S.D.; W. Fell, J.D.; T. Newton, I.G.; J. L. Dyson, Org.; Bryce Blair, D. Foulkes, and H. W. Riley, Stewards; and J. Sly, Tyler. Bro. S. Renshaw had been previously elected Treasurer, but, owing to indisposition, was not present to be invested. The addresses to the W.M. were delivered by Bro. W. F. Towle, to the Wardens by Bro. H. L. Rocca, and to the brethren by Bro. W. R. Sowter. Bro. W. F. Towle concluded the ceremony with prayer.

The W.M. said the first pleasing duty he had to perform in his new capacity was to propose that Bro. W. R. Sowter, I.P.M., be retained as Charity Representative for the lodge at the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational Institution, as he was quite sure no one more fitted for that office could be found in the lodge.

The proposition was carried, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the lodge, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the festival of St. John at a banquet, which was well served, and on the conclusion of which, they returned to the lodge-room, where dessert had been prepared for them. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, that of "The V.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. George Mellor," and "The Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers," being responded to by Bro. Jas. Heelis, P.G. Registrar.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. W. R. Sowter, I.P.M., said that Bro. Harris most worthily occupied his present position, having filled every office in the lodge except Org., in a manner that the Blair Lodge had never before seen excelled, and he trusted his year of office would be marked with more success than any other. He asked the brethren to cordially drink his health.

The W.M. thanked them all for the habitual kindness they had shown him. He came amongst them almost a stranger, but had found the right hand of fellowship extended to him on all sides, and this proved what good, Masonry could do throughout the world. He assured them he thoroughly appreciated the honour that day bestowed upon him, and would do his best to discharge the important duties connected with the office. Before sitting down the W.M. said it gave him great pleasure to propose "The Health of their I.P.M., Bro. Sowter." He felt sure there was not one who did not know and approve of the valuable services Bro. Sowter had rendered to the lodge during his two years' Mastership, and it was almost impossible to over-estimate such services. It afforded him the liveliest satisfaction to present Bro. Sowter, in the name of the lodge, with a Past Master's gold jewel, as a slight acknowledgment of his services, and he felt certain that no jewel was ever pinned on the breast of a man more deserving of it; and he was sure the brethren wished, with him, that Bro. Sowter might long be spared to wear this, and still higher honours. The W.M. concluded by remarking that he hoped the fact of the cost of this jewel being entirely defrayed by the members of the lodge, and not taken from the lodge funds, would enhance its value in the eyes of their I.P.M.

The jewel, which was made of 15-carat gold, and suspended by three handsome bars, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street.

Bro. Sowter, in a very humorous speech, said he required nothing to remind him he had done his duty, as the applause of the brethren and the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast was quite sufficient for him. He, however, assured them he should always look upon the jewel as a visible token of their esteem.

Bro. A. Bickley proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s," which was responded to by Bro. H. L. Rocca.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The Initiate," "Visitors," "Success to the Blair Lodge," and after spending a most enjoyable evening the brethren separated.

The musical portion of the programme was entrusted to and most ably carried out by those well-known executants, Bros. Dumville, A. Lewtas, and H. C. Miller.

JARROW.—St. Bede Lodge (No. 1119).—On the 16th inst. an emergency meeting of this thriving lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Grange-road, when there was a good attendance of the brethren. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. Hugh Golder, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. A. McDougall, I.P.M.; J. Hickman, S.W.; Jas. Sedcole, J.W.; J. Witter, P.M. Sec.; and others.

Four Fellow Crafts, Bros. A. W. Roberts, N. K. Brown, Alex. Kinghorn, and Jos. Lamb, having satisfactorily answered the questions, were entrusted with the test of merit, and were properly prepared for being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The ceremony of raising the four brethren was ably performed by Bro. J. Ponder, P.M. The W.M. received the congratulations of Bro. Jessiman, from Canada. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and afterwards a pleasant evening was spent.

RIVERHEAD.—Amherst Lodge (No. 1223).—One of the pleasantest of pleasant evenings was passed on the 7th inst. by the brethren of the above lodge, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. Smalman Smith. The work of the lodge consisted of a raising and an initiation, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. in a style which won the encomiums of all present, the charges being delivered with that eloquence and impressiveness which adds much to the beauty of the ceremony.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a very recherche repast awaited them. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to; and the enjoyment of the evening was much enhanced by the excellent singing which was contributed by Bros. Crowest, Clarkson, Shorey, Craig, Edwin Strange, Baker, and the W.M. Bro. Crowest, the lodge organist, presided at the piano. The meeting, the last of the present session, was brought to a close with kindly farewells, trusting to resume friendly greetings in April next.

HARRINGTON.—Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Hodgson, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Jas. Batt, W.M., presided, supported by his officers and a good muster of members and visitors, amongst whom were the following: Bros. James Dick, P.M. 1400, P.G. J.W.; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hartley, P.M.; J. Johnston, P.M.; H. Wynn, Jas. White, J. Rueberry, L. Ward, A. Little, W. Whitehead, Geo. G. Glen, S. Dixon, Richard Harkness, W. Ayre, D. Knowles, Wm. Stoddart, and E. Sutherst. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., and Installing Master; J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, W.M. 872, P.G.D.C.; J. C. Thompson, W.M. 962, P.G. Steward; J. Wood, P.M. 962, P.P.G.S.B.; G. W. Thompson, P.M. 371; J. McMullin, 962, P.P.G. Tyler; J. H. Banks, 371; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.M. 962, P.P.G. Chap.; R. Thomas, 962; J. H. Hartley, 962; I. Evening, 1002; J. S. Hutchinson, 872; W. Martin, P.M. 1660; R. Wilson, P.M. 1660; D. Bell, S.W. 1660; B. Craig, J.W. 1660; F. T. Allatt, S.D. 1660; Chas. Gowan, I.G. 1660; Jas. Peel, 1660; and Jas. Routledge, 1660.

Bro. Gibson then assumed the chair, and in the presence of sixteen Past Masters, Bro. Hodgson was duly installed, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Jas. Batt, I.P.M.; H. Wynn, S.W.; Jas. White, J.W.; L. Ward, S.D.; T. Cummings, J.D.; J. Patterson, Sec.; W. Carlyle, Treas.; J. Rueberry, I.G.; S. Bethwell, Steward; and J. Belcher, Tyler.

With "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to luncheon, the newly-installed W.M. occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Gibson, Dick, Nicholson, and Carlyle, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was proposed by Bro. Dick, who said he had a very pleasant duty to perform, that was to present Bro. James Batt with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, with a suitable inscription, for his valuable services rendered to the lodge during his Mastership. The general work of the lodge had proceeded in the past year as in former years, and they had been in possession of many of the useful for Masonic purposes, but little or nothing of the ornamental; but they could now say they had got a good share of the latter as well as the former, the transformation had come at last, and the credit was almost entirely due to our worthy brother. Bro. Batt briefly replied.

After a long toast list had been gone through, and a few excellent songs from several of the brethren, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

HAMPTON.—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W.M.; J. Hiscox, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Moody, J.W.; Davey, J.D.; Spearing, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M., Treas.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, P.M., Sec.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; Jessett, P.M.; and H. Carvill, P.M. 201. Among the visitors were Bros. Frederick Walters, P.P.G.D., &c.; J. Atkin, 180; W. Groome, P.M. 1662 and 1861; McClelland, S.D. 901; L. Van Bollen, 1275; and Citrean, 1326.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Hollands and Citrean, 1326, were passed to the Second Degree. At this stage of the proceedings, the R.W.D.P.G.M. of Middlesex, Bro. Raymond Thripp, was announced, and was received with the customary honours. W. Bro. W. Hammond then presented Bro. Hiscox to the W.M., who at once proceeded to oblige him as Master elect. The officers officiating at the subsequent Board of Installed Masters were Bros. E. Hopwood, as S.W.; Jessett, J.W.; W. Hammond, D.C.; and Carvill, I.G. The other brethren having been admitted, the remaining portion of the ceremony was proceeded with. The officers invested were Bros. Moody, S.W.; Davey, J.W.; E. Hopwood, Treas.; W. Hammond, Sec.; Jones, S.D. (by deputy); Jackson, J.D.; Ransford, I.G.; F. Honeywell, Org.; Spearing, M.C.; Jessett, P.M., W.S.; and Wheatley, A.W.S.

Several names were then handed in for initiation at the next meeting. Previously to the lodge being closed, the vote of ten guineas placed on Bro. Ockenden's list as Steward at the last Festival of the Boys' School, was confirmed; and the sum of ten guineas voted to one of the three Masonic Charities, in the name of Bro. Walls, in recognition of his services as W.M., was also passed "nem con."

Upon the motion of W. Bros. W. Hammond and E. Hopwood, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the I.P.M., for the manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. The Auditors' report was then read and adopted.

The brethren having adjourned partook of a well served banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour they were but briefly proposed by the W.M. In giving "The Health of the R.W.D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," the W.M. expressed his acknowledgment to Bro. Thripp for having done him the honour of being present at his installation, and he, the W.M., in the name of the lodge, expressed a hope that the

distinction thus conferred, would be continued as often as the Deputy Grand Master's engagements would permit.

Bro. Thripp, in reply, thanked the brethren for the warm reception that had been accorded to him that day, both in and out of lodge. The Hemming was interesting to him from the fact that Dr. Hemming, in whose honour it had been named, and who was a very distinguished and erudite Mason in his day, had been initiated in his, the Deputy Master's, mother Lodge of Harmony, and what was still more curious, the ceremony had been performed in that very hotel. He congratulated the lodge upon its working, and expressed a hope that the new officers, who had been appointed that evening would endeavour to emulate the exertions of their older brethren, and thus preserve the prestige of No. 1512. "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of the I.P.M., and at the conclusion of his speech, the W.M. presented Bro. Walls with the very handsome and distinctive Past Master's jewel of the lodge, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The recipient having duly thanked the brethren, the toast of "The Visitors" was enthusiastically drunk, and responded to by Bros. Groome, Atkin and McClelland, who more or less passed some very flattering remarks upon the working and hospitality of the lodge.

The toast of "Treasurer and Secretary" was next given. W. Bros. Hopwood and Hammond, in response, expressed their thanks for the very kind way in which the W.M. had spoken of their services. As founders, they were qualified to witness the steady progress of the lodge, and as officers they endeavoured by their exertions to enhance in every way, both the financial and working positions of the lodge.

"The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Ockenden, who, in a short but effective speech, advocated the cause of Masonic Charity on behalf of the three institutions at the forthcoming festival of 1883. "The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the Saracen's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Present: Bros. Dehane, W.M.; Warner, S.W.; Ratray, J.W.; Clapham, P.M., S.D.; Calanan, J.D.; Rhind, I.G.; Snell, P.M., Treas.; W. Rowe, Russell, and E. Dudley, Saffron Walden Lodge.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Warner, who had been elected W.M. in his absence, now informed the brethren that he regretted he could not undertake the duties of W.M., through unforeseen circumstances, over which he had no control.

Bro. W. Rowe was passed to the Second Degree. The accounts having been audited, the W.M. stated that a balance in favour of the lodge was in the hands of the Treasurer.

The W.M. then made a few appropriate and feeling remarks on the death of their Provincial Grand Master, Lord Lenterden, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Lady Lenterden. At the banquet which followed, the W.M. presided with his usual geniality, and gave the loyal and Masonic toasts which were duly responded to, and a pleasant evening was spent.

INSTRUCTION.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE (No. 55).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present: Bros. T. Dodson, P.M. 860, W.M.; Parsons, S.W.; Low, P.M. 1670, J.W.; Linscott, W.M. 55, S.D.; Abell, P.M. 1599, J.D.; Jenkins, 860, I.G.; and five others.

The lodge was opened to the Third Degree. Bro. Abell worked the First Section of the Third Lecture, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gardiner being candidate. On the resumption of the lodge to the First Degree, the subject of the annual banquet was brought before the notice of the brethren.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. W. Giller, W.M.; R. M. Jones, S.W.; E. J. Spencer, J.W.; R. Percy, Preceptor; A. W. Fenner, Sec.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; A. Grebbel, S.D.; R. W. Galer, J.D.; Woolf, I.G.; I. P. Cohen, Brasted, Ferrar, W. Williams, sen, W. Williams, jun., Archer, Houghton, Burtenshaw, and C. Geer.

Lodge was opened with all due formality and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. W. Williams, jun., answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. W. Williams, jun., acting as candidate, the W.M. performing the same in a very able manner. Bro. J. P. Cohen worked the Third Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. C. Geer, of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, 1524, was duly elected a member. Bro. R. M. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The meeting of this lodge of instruction held on the 20th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, was well attended. Bro. James Stevens, P.M., Preceptor, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. R. Poore, opened the lodge, and after the minutes had been read, advanced the lodge to the M.M. Degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. R. Allison being candidate. Bro. J. N. Bate ably rehearsed the charge in the Third Degree. Lodge was then closed down, and the Ceremonial Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the brethren.

Amongst others present, in addition to the above named, were Bros. E. A. Francis, S.W.; C. H. Nevill, J.W.; J. N. Bate, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; J. Letchford, I.G.; F. Thurston, P.M., Treas.; John S. Terry, P.M.; J. S. Eidmans, R. W. Pooler, and others.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 19th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., Bro. Vials being in the chair, supported by Bros. Chubb, S.W.; Hasluck, J.W.; Pocock, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Fletcher, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; and J. D. Langton, Secretary. There were also present Bros. Tanqueray, Hosken, Godwin, Morris, J. G. Langton, Evans, J. S. Fraser, Barnett, Willis, Bishop, and Marshall. Bro. Brown, 1820, was a visitor.

The lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which the lodge opened up to the Third Degree, and resumed up to the Second, when Bro. J. G. Langton, acting as a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and the lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Degree of a M.M. The lodge then resumed in the First Degree. After a "call off" the First Section of the First Lecture was worked by the Preceptor in his usual impressive manner, assisted by Bro. J. G. Langton; the Second Section, assisted by Bro. Willis; and the Third, assisted by Bro. Fletcher. The W.M. then rose for the first time, and Bro. Chubb was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Tanqueray proposed, Bro. Sudlow seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Bro. Wm. Brown, of Sir Thomas White Lodge, No. 1820, be elected a member of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the third and last time, and the lodge closed.

Royal Arch.

MANCHESTER.—Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).—An adjourned meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. John Roberts. The other companions present were Comps. N. Dumville, H.; W. W. Dawson, J.; S. H. Needham, S.E.; W. Byway, S.N.; A. B. Whittaker, P.S.; H. Paulden, 1st Asst. Soj.; S. Naphthali, 2nd Asst. Soj.; E. Nathan, P.Z.; T. J. Hooper, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; J. Rogers, P.Z.; R. Leech, P.Z.; R. Hartley, P.Z.; J. Andrew, B. Howell, H. Whaley, T. Coupe, C. S. Allott, B. Taylor, W. Aldred, F. Lever, A. H. Jeffers, W. B. Russell, G. Plummer, and J. Sly, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. Rev. J. E. Roberts, B.D., J. 300; W. R. Sower, P.P.S. 317, J. 315; James Dawson, Z. 317; H. Walmsley, H. 317; Julius Arensberg, P.Z. 881, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Elderton, 317; Frank A. Huet, 654; J. N. Squirrell, 1387; John Hoyer, 654; and R. R. Lisenden, 317 (*Freemason*).

After the chapter had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bros. Charles Duckworth, Sec. 204, and C. Swinn, 1633, were exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, in a manner as near perfection as possible; indeed, we have no hesitation in saying that superior working could scarcely be seen; and it is only just to award the highest praise to Comp. A. B. Whittaker, P.S., for the excellent manner in which he performed the arduous duties of his office, being word perfect.

There being no further business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the chapter was closed in peace and harmony. The companions afterwards sat down to supper, and the usual toasts were honoured, including that of "The Newly-exalted Companions," who responded.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Chapter (No. 240).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Fowler-street, on Wednesday the 18th inst., when the room presented a really imposing appearance, the chapter having recently had the whole of the furniture repainted and decorated, and the banners and sceptres renewed from the well known establishment of Comp. George Kenning, Little Britain, London. There was an excellent assembly of the companions of the chapter and visitors from neighbouring chapters. The chapter having been solemnly opened by M.E. Comps. J. S. Wilson, Z.; J. T. Wilson, H.; M. H. Dodds, J., the companions entered the chapter, among others present being M.E. Comp. T. Coulson, P.Z., Treas.; E. Comps. J. Hunter, E.; G. S. Shotton, N.; J. A. Hall, P.S.; Comps. J. H. Thompson, acting A.S.; Walter Ross, acting A.S.; G. Wilson, Org.; John Brown, Janitor; W. H. Craven, P.S. 531; W. Hartlepool, E. Comp. Chas. McNamara, P.S. 97; Comps. C. M. Wake, 97; W. S. Davison, 80; J. Horner, 1119; M. Dodds, 1119; E. Comp. J. Witter, E. 1119; Comps. Hugh Golder, 1119; T. Whinham, 94; W. Smith, B. Bigham, Adam Marshall, Geo. Johnson, M. Pearson, and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. John Turnbull, Treasurer of St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240, and proving favourable, Bro. Turnbull was presented properly prepared for the solemn and impressive ceremonious exaltation. E. Comp. John Ayden Hall, P.S., presented the candidate and delivered the addresses to the First Principal in excellent manner. E. Comp. Dodd, J., delivered the Historical Lecture; E. Comp. J. T. Wilson, H., the Symbolical; and M.E. Comp. J. S. Wilson, Z., the Mystical in impressive tones, and were listened to with wrapt attention. The whole ceremony was carefully and completely performed. The First Principal having received the hearty congratulations of the visiting companions, the chapter was closed in solemn form, and the companions adjourned to luncheon and a most agreeable evening was spent.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The three Principals occupied their various chairs as follows: Comps. W. Armstrong, M.E.Z.; Andrew Walter, H.; and Jonathan R. Banks, J. There were also present: Comps. Jos. Nicholson, P.Z., P.G.J.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., P.G.S.N. Treas.; J. Gardiner, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; F. R. Sewell, J. W. Robinson, Jos. Kendall, J. Smith, J. Messenger, G. W. Thompson, and T. Mandle, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.

After the chapter had been opened and other business transacted, the ballot was taken for V.W. Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, D.P.G.M. 1002; Bros. James Black, P.M. 1002; and James Dickenson, Sec. 371; who were each declared to be unanimously elected, and will be exalted at the next convocation.

Comp. F. R. Sewell, moved that a record of the correspondence should be made on the minutes, of the deep regret felt by the chapter at the death of Scribe E., Comp. H. Dodgson.

Comp. Nicholson cordially seconded the motion, asserting that, in his estimation at least, there never had been, or could be a more worthy Comp. than Comp. Dodgson.

The motion was thereupon put and carried.

Ex-Comp. Collin, P.Z., undertaking to discharge the duties of Scribe E. until the end of the year, the chapter was closed in peace and harmony.

ACCRINGTON.—Bank Terrace Chapter (No. 462).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on the 12th inst., at the Hargreaves Arms. There were present Comps. W. H. Dewhurst, Z.; Thos. Shult, H.; Eli Knowles, J.; Jno. Hindle, S.E.; Jas. Ellis, S.N.; Ramsbottom, Wm. Ormerod, and others. The visitors were Comps. Franklin Thomas, P.G.J.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Halliwell, P.P.G. Org.; R. Rushton, H. 283; Furness, J. 283.

After the chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. J. S. Hardacre, Sec. Lodge 462 was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry by Comp. Halliwell, P.Z., Comp. Thomas most ably assisting by taking the office of P.S. At the close of this ceremony Comp. Sillitoe ascended the throne and installed the following companions as Principals viz., Comps. T. Shult, Z.; Eli Knowles, H.; and John Hindle, J. The following officers were also invested by Comp. Sillitoe, viz., Comps. Jno. Ellis, S.E.; W. Ramsbottom, S.N.; W. H. Dewhurst, P.Z., P.S.; Wm. Ormerod, Janitor, the other officers being unavoidably absent. Votes of thanks were proposed and unanimously adopted to Comps. Thomas, Sillitoe, and Halliwell for their services, after which the chapter was closed in solemn form.

NORWICH.—Cabbell Chapter (No. 807).—The quarterly convocation of this now flourishing chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Club, 23, St. Giles's-street, under the presidency of its three Principals, Comps. A. J. Berry, M.E.Z., P.G. Std. Br.; J. B. Bridgman, H., P.G. Std.; and George Green, J., P.G. Std. They were assisted by their officers as follows: Bros. S. N. Berry, P.G. Org., I.P.Z.; Edwin Baldwin, P.Z. 40, 213, P.G.S.E., S.E.; T. J. Mackley, S.N.; T. Campling, acting P.S.; Henry Rosling, 1st A.S.; H. Thouless, 2nd A.S.; G. Baxter, M.E.Z. 213, P.G.S.N., Treas.; J. W. Browne, Org. (*Freemason*); W. Murrell, Janitor; and Comps. J. Stanley, W. F. Stratford, J. H. Guyton, J. J. Hunt, J. Weyer, and E. Pepper. Among the visitors were Comps. Quarter-Master F. Mills, 52; J. Dunsford, P.Z. 52, 213, P.G.D. of C.; C. W. Bacon and R. Thorns, 213.

The success of this chapter is evinced by the fact that through the instrumentality of the Principals and the companions it now possesses some of the finest and most complete set of furniture in the kingdom. Every article, from the robes down to the smallest, used in forming a Royal Arch Chapter, has been purchased by the chapter or given by individual companions, supplied by Comp. George Kenning, and the Principals and companions should be congratulated upon the success of their enterprise. The carrying out of this work has been mainly due to the indefatigable exertions of Comp. E. Baldwin and others, whose liberality has received the warmest thanks of the chapter.

The business of the evening commenced by the exaltation of a brother, and this was done in an excellent manner by all engaged in the ceremony. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected, and were as follows: Comps. J. B. Bridgman, Z.; George Green, H.; T. J. Mackley, J.; Edwin Baldwin, S.E.; J. J. Hunt, N.; Thos. Campling, P.S.; Geo. Baxter, Treas.; and J. W. Browne, Organist. A letter was read by the S.E. from Comp. H. A. W. Reeves, stating that in consequence of his removal to London he regretted being obliged to resign his membership of the chapter. His resignation was accepted, the M.E.Z. regretting the loss of so excellent a companion. This concluded the business of the evening, and the chapter was closed in ancient and solemn form.

The companions then adjourned to supper, and on the removal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch Lodge and Masonic toasts were duly given and acknowledged.

Mark Masonry.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 223).—This very prosperous lodge held its installation meeting at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 20th inst. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.G.S., P.P.C.I.G. Middlesex and Surrey, &c., &c.; W.M.; Butt, S.W., W.M. elect; Van Raalte, J.W.; Gilbert, P.G.S., &c., Treas.; Pennyfather, Secretary; Greenwood, M.O.; Appleton, S.D.; D. M. Dewar, A.G.S. (hon. member), acting I.P.M., and others. The visitors were W. Bros. Charles Driver, P.G.S. of Works; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; and F. Walters, P.G.I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Butt was presented by W. Bro. Dewar, D.C., to the W.M., who, with the assistance of W. Bro. Walls, as S.W.; Driver, as J.W.; and F. Walters, as I.G., duly installed him into the chair of A., according to ancient custom. It was the first time that Bro. Lardner had performed the ceremony, but notwithstanding that, his performance of the work left little or nothing to be desired. Among the officers invested were Bros. Van. Raalte, S.W.; Greenwood, J.W.; Appleton, M.O.; Pennyfather, Secretary; and Gilbert, P.M., Treasurer. Some of the minor officers being absent, were appointed by deputy. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Officer for the very excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of inducting his successor into the chair that day. Previous to the closing of the lodge the W.M., in the name of the lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a massive Past Master's jewel. Bro. Lardner having acknowledged the gift, the brethren shortly afterwards adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a well-served banquet was partaken of.

The usual toasts followed. W. Bros. D. M. Dewar and C. Driver responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers."

W. Bro. Gilbert responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

W. Bro. Walls replied to the toast of "The Visitors." "The Past Masters" was acknowledged by Bro. Lardner, and "The Officers" by all those present. The J.W., in his response, threw out a suggestion which was at once taken up, that a Mark lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge should be immediately formed, and that Bro. Lardner should be requested to act as Preceptor, which onerous office that brother at once accepted. The proceedings then terminated.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D.)

This old and distinguished preceptory met on the 13th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square. Among those present were: Sir Knights Alfred Williams, E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C. Prelate; Saunders, 1st Captain; Berridge, 2nd Captain; F. Driver, Expert; Gravely, Captain of Lines; J. H. Dodson, S.B.; Glenney, H.; H. J. Lardner, D.C.; W. Paas, P.E.C., &c., &c., Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., &c., &c., Registrar; Roebuck, P.E.C.; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; Charles Driver, P.E.C. Sir Knights Raymond Thrupp, G.R., &c., and Spice were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Eminent Commander resulted unanimously in favour of Sir Knt. Saunders. Sir Knt. Paas was again elected Treasurer. A very interesting episode then took place, namely the presentation of a large and handsome banner by Sir Knt. Alfred Williams, to the encampment as a "souvenir" of his occupancy of the chair of E.C. Upon the motion of Sir Knts. Dewar and C. Driver, a vote of thanks was passed to the E.C. and ordered to be entered on the minutes in recognition of his kindness. Previous to the preceptory being closed, a Past Commander's jewel was also unanimously voted to the retiring E.C. Sir Knt. William having acknowledged the votes, the preceptory was closed according to ancient rites, and the Sir Knts. adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to a most elegant repast, after which the long routine of toasts were duly proposed and honoured, Sir Knt. Thrupp acknowledging the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Red Cross of Constantine.

PORTSMOUTH.—Naval and Military Conclave

(No. 35).—The regular meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, on Monday, the 16th inst. The throne was occupied by the M.P.S., Sir Knight E. J. Smith, supported by Sir Knights Dr. Knott, Int. Gen. Hants; E. J. Buck, Viceroy; W. Tuck, as S.G.; R. J. Rastrick, as J.G.; J. Cox, H.P.; A. R. Robinson, G. Asst. Orator, Rec.; Sanders, Prefect; Miles, Org.; T. Baskett, Aide; and G. Copus, Sentinel.

The minutes of last conclave were unanimously adopted. The ballot was taken separately for Bros. J. M. Gieve, 1069, and W. Langford, 1779, and proved unanimously in favour of the candidates. Bro. G. E. Longland, 1776, was proposed as a candidate for installation.

The conclave was then closed, and Mount Olivet Sanctuary, K.H.S., was opened by the P.P. Bro. Knight R. J. Rastrick, and Sir Knights F. Sanders and W. Miles were received into that exalted Order, after which the members partook of a supper, and spent a most enjoyable hour in harmony.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this institution met on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Col. Creaton presided. There were also present: Bros. John A. Rucker, Frank Richardson, Fredk. Adlard, J. H. Matthews, Arthur E. Gladwell, Joshua Nunn, F. J. Caney, Robert Grey, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of 28th ult. were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House and other Committees were read for information.

One petition was considered, and the child named in it was added to the list of candidates for next election.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON gave notice of a motion to be proposed at the next meeting of the General Committee, for the increase of salaries of the governesses and teachers as recommended by the House Committee.

Bro. RICHARDSON then moved that the salary of Miss Gardener commence at £20 a year. He said Miss Gardener had been hitherto a pupil teacher, and they were only following their usual custom, on appointing her on the regular staff, to fix her salary at the sum mentioned.

Bro. RICHARDSON next moved that the sum of £7 10s. each be granted, under law No. 72, in behalf of Miss Goodridge and Miss Hinson, as recommended by the House Committee, to enable them to attend classes on the theory of music, and obtain certificates of proficiency.

Bro. RICHARDSON explained that the two pupils named in his resolution had made very great progress in music, but required the finishing touch which he had indicated to fit them thoroughly to turn their musical education to account. The suggestion was made by Miss Davies; and the certificates they would obtain would be of inestimable value to them.

Bro. RICHARDSON also moved that during the erection of the swimming bath, the Chairman of this Committee be authorised to sign cheques on account of same, upon production of the architect's certificates. That resolution, he said, was also recommended by the House Committee, in order to remove the difficulty of having to keep the builder waiting for his money until the next monthly meeting, the paying of the builders as the work progressed being, as the Committee were aware, the ordinary course of procedure. Lastly, Bro. Richardson moved the adoption of a recommendation of the House Committee, with reference to the grant made on behalf of Lily Maria Searle, under Law No. 72. The recommendation was with respect to the apprenticing of the pupil mentioned, and it was thought preferable to place her with Messrs. Evans and Williams, of Upper Norwood, instead of the firm formerly proposed.

All these resolutions were severally put by the Chairman, and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN proposed the investment of a sum of £1000. They had, he said, a sum of £3000 at present on deposit, and, after providing for all required outgoings, it was found that they could well spare £1000 to be invested in augmentation of the Sustentation Fund. He had also a further proposal to make. They had received a sum of £382 5s. 7d. for interest accrued on the investments of the Sustentation Fund, and he proposed out of that to invest £350 in further augmentation of the capital of that fund.

Both these resolutions were carried unanimously, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.



Bro. Holland's latest success at the Alhambra is Johann Strauss' opera, "The Merry War." We believe the shares in this theatre, which is in the hands of a public company, are just now not to be purchased; this is, no doubt, owing to the excellent management of Bro. Holland, both for the directors and the public. The following is the plot of "The Merry War." In consequence of a dispute as to whose theatre should possess the attraction of a celebrated danseuse, the ruling powers of Carrara and Genoa declare war, and as neither is in affluent circumstances, the military situation is a mere pretence. The ladies on one side, however, become possessed of the ardour for battle so wanted in the forces, and the Countess Lomellini (*Violetta*), escaping from her chateau, which is besieged by *Umberto*, attempts to pass through the enemy's lines to reach Carrara, and obtain supplies. She is engaged to a nobleman, the Duke of Limburg, whom she has never seen, and is followed by her cousin, the Marquis de Malespina. Being captured by *Umberto*, her identity, in spite of her disguise, is revealed by the too-communicative marquis, and *Umberto*, who has fallen in love with her, pretends (official documents having reached his hands) that he is the proxy for the duke to whom she is betrothed, and in real earnest marries her, and gives her her liberty. She returns to her chateau, where she finds her ladies and the *Dowager Artemisia*, a veritable band of Amazons. *Umberto* attacks the castle, only to be defeated and captured by the ladies, but is permitted to regain his liberty as a set-off to his politeness to *Violetta*. The siege ends in a friendly dance. *Umberto*, however, is dissatisfied with his ambiguous position as proxy, and by way of testing *Violetta's* sentiments, compels one *Balthazar*, under threat of being shot, to assume the character of her supposed husband the duke. *Balthazar* is a Dutch tulip grower, of poor connections, and much in dread of his wife. By this, *Umberto* discovers that *Violetta* prefers the proxy to the real spouse, and their love is mutually confessed. *Balthazar*, however, has a great fancy to play the duke to good purpose. Matters are becoming involved, and war is again imminent, when the news arrives that the danseuse has eloped with someone, and left for distant lands. "The Merry War," in the course of which there has been much courtesy, but no bloodshed, terminates, as it should, in friendliness, merriment, and marriage. Miss Constance Loseby, an old favourite here, is *Violetta*, and Mr. Henry Walsham, an excellent tenor, plays *Umberto*. Both work hard to make the opera popular. Mons. Lefevre, as the Marquis de Malespina, succeeds better than might be expected, with his strong French accent, but his words can be understood. Of course, as usual, the ballet is a chief feature here, and the military ballet is not in any way inferior to those we have had of late. The chief danseuses, Mdlles. de la Bruyere and Valdin, meet with sympathetic applause, and have to repeat what must be very tedious to them. The last scene of "Babil and Bijou" is still given, wherein the giantess, who is still growing, makes her appearance.

The Philharmonic is about to be rebuilt, or rather another theatre is to be erected on its site, to be called "The Grand." Mr. George Conquest, late proprietor of the Grecian, and now part proprietor of the Surrey, will become its lessee. Mr. Chas. Head, the owner of the site, has entered into a contract with a firm of builders, and the Grand will be opened about the spring.

Miss Lila Clay has added a wonderful attraction to her company of lady artistes in the person of a little girl of seven years of age, who plays the banjo with great skill and perfect mastery of it. She is known as Little Birdie Brightling. The Prince and Princess of Wales honoured the performance with their company on Friday week.

"Little Miss Muffet" will soon be withdrawn from the Criterion, and a more popular play, "Betsy," which has had a long run at the same house, will be brought out again. Mr. Harry Reeves Smith will play the part of Dick.

The Court Theatre is undergoing structural alterations, and will be re-opened about the middle of November. Mr. Coghlan has joined the company.

Mrs. Langtry will visit Queensland and other parts of Australia before returning to England.

On Wednesday week, Mr. Thomas Thorne, the lessee of the Vaudeville, was presented with a piece of plate and an illuminated address by the company now playing "Money." Mr. William Farren and Mr. Henry Neville, made the presentation, and wished Mr. Thorne every success in his management. The Vaudeville has now been over a year in the hands of the present lessee, and "Money" has been played for more than 100 nights.

"Much Ado about Nothing," at the Lyceum, is likely to form the subject of a burlesque, and is said to be of the old sort of burlesque, as distinguished from any trace of comic opera. The stage on which it is to be brought out is not yet announced.

Mr. J. H. Barnes will make his appearance at a martinee at Drury Lane as *Macbeth*.

OBSERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.—The public in 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.



Continuing our narrative of the Bristol Musical Festival which was concluded very satisfactorily on Friday last, we note that Gounod's "Redemption" was given on Wednesday last under the direction of Mr. Charles Hallé, and in the presence of a crowded audience. The principal solo vocalists were the same as at Birmingham, and the triumphs there achieved by Mesdames Albani and Patey, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley were repeated; nor could the most exacting find the slightest fault with the manner in which Miss Williams, Mr. Worlock, and Mr. Hilton severally acquitted themselves. The chorus, too, did the work full justice, but the orchestra were not equal to the demands upon them, in some measure, no doubt, owing to the absence of M. Gounod, but in greater reason to their lack of sufficient rehearsal. The evening concert, though it contained nothing new, passed off most successfully. The instrumental numbers included Haydn's "Spring," Schumann's "Rhenish" Symphony, and Beethoven's pianoforte Concerto in G, in which last Mr. Hallé well deserved the applause that followed at its close. Miss Williams, Madame Trebelli, Mr. Maas, and Bro. Santley figured conspicuously in the vocal portion of the programme.

On Thursday Colston Hall was honoured with the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the former of whom is President of the Festival, and who were on their way to take part in the ceremony of laying the first stone of Smeaton's Eddystone Lighthouse at Plymouth. In spite of the weather, the streets traversed by the Royal party were lined with spectators, by whom, as well as by the audience, the Duke and Duchess were very cordially received. The performance of Rossini's "Moses in Egypt" was prefaced by the performance of "God Save the Queen" and the Russian National Anthem, the solo in the former being taken by Madame Albani; while the latter was arranged for chorus and orchestra. As to the oratorio, though, as in the case of "Redemption," there was an evident insufficiency of rehearsal, and consequently some blemishes in the rendering of the concerted music, full amends for these shortcomings were made by the solo vocalists, most noticeable among whom were Madame Albani, Anais; Madame Trebelli, Zillah; Mr. Lloyd, *Amenophis*; and Bro. Santley, *Pharaoh*. The other parts were efficiently filled by Miss Anna Williams, as the *Egyptian Queen*; Mr. Kearton, as *Aaron*; Mr. Worley, as *Moses*; and Mr. Hilton, as *Osiris*. The feature of the concert in the evening was a new work, "Jason," by Mr. Mackenzie, which was heartily applauded throughout, the author being honoured with a call at the close of the performance. The solo parts were taken by Miss Williams, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley. The rest of the programme passed off well.

Friday witnessed the close of the festival, with Handel's "Messiah," of which let it be sufficient for us to say that the performance was only a little less successful than that of "Moses in Egypt" the day previous. Financially, the festival has proved satisfactory. The receipts amounted to £6263, or a hundred guineas in excess of 1879, the collections for the charities being £214. It was stated at the conversazione that followed the festival that the Duke of Edinburgh had expressed himself so pleased with his visit that he had undertaken to continue his presidency.

Bro. Kuhe, P.G.O., gave a classical morning concert in the Dome, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when Miss Kuhe, Madame Norman-Neruda, Signor Piatti, and our talented brother received a hearty reception from a numerous audience.

There was a strong gathering from all parts of the county of Dorset at the meeting held at Wimborne, on Thursday, the 19th inst., in support of the scheme for the establishment of a Royal College of Music. Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., presided, and in the course of his remarks observed that the Prince of Wales had told him he would rather see the requisite sum raised by small contributions from sympathisers amid the middle and poorer classes than by large donations from the rich alone. Of the £300,000 needed, over one-third has already been promised, and there ought to be no difficulty in obtaining the rest.

On Friday last, the twelfth anniversary of the death of William Michael Balfe, composer of "The Bohemian Girl" and other popular works, the memorial tablet which, by permission of Dean Bradley, has been placed in his memory in Westminster Abbey, was unveiled, among those present at the ceremony being the widow of the composer, Sir Julius Benedict, Dr. Macfarren, Mr. John Hullah, Messrs. Barnby, Weist-Hill, and others. The work, which is in white Carrara marble, has been executed by M. Dalempré, a Belgian artist, and is surmounted by a bust in low relief of Mr. Balfe, the likeness being a very successful one. The usual afternoon choral service preceded the ceremony, after which the veil was withdrawn by Canon Duckworth, who delivered a brief address.

Twenty new songs and ballads were introduced into the Mohawk Minstrels' programme, on Wednesday last, on the occasion of the benefit of Mr. Harry Hunter, who is interlocutor of the troupe, and joint proprietor with Bros. James and William Francis. The Hall (St. Mary's, Agricultural Hall, Islington), was crowded in every part, and the audience unmistakably testified to their appreciation of the performances both on that particular evening and generally. The troupe was strengthened for the benefit, while the usual artistes acquitted themselves with their accustomed success.

Mr. Brinley Richards delivered a lecture on "National Music" on Thursday week, at Swansea. The chair was taken by Sir Hussay Vivian, Bart., and Mr. Richards, in his observations, retracted a former statement of his to the effect that in the eleventh century the Welsh already had a musical notation.



The Prince of Wales visited the Exhibition of Decorative Art at the Palais de l'Industrie, Paris, on the afternoon of Wednesday last.

The death is announced of M. Charles Bonnegrace, an historical and portrait painter of considerable celebrity.

On Thursday last Bro. the Lord Mayor distributed the prizes won by the pupils of the Technical and Commercial School, Peckham. The report showed that in the classes established in connection with South Kensington very satisfactory progress had been made, 482 passes having been granted as against 376 last year. As many as 111 Queen's prizes, or thirty more than last year, had been carried off; and three pupils had been awarded Science and Art Scholarships. A musical entertainment brought the proceedings to a close.

Mr. E. Goddard, a former President of the British Association of Gas Engineers, died at Ipswich on Thursday week, at the age of sixty-six. Mr. Goddard was among the first to direct attention to the possible uses of residual products, and the employing of gas for cooking purposes.

A large and influential meeting of gentlemen connected with our two principal Universities, was held at Cambridge, on Saturday last, the object being to raise funds for a memorial to the late Professor Balfour. It was agreed that the memorial should take the form of a fund, to be called the Balfour Fund towards promoting biological research.

Some members of the Academy of Meteorological Observation, Paris, a few days since, made a balloon ascent from the Carrefour de l'Observatoire for the purpose of experimenting in aerial photography. They had with them an apparatus for taking instantaneous photographs, which had six lenses pointing in as many different directions, so as to embrace the whole horizon and produce a panoramic photograph. Subsequently a telephone was fitted up in the car, so that the occupants might communicate with their friends below.

The prizes in connection with the Horner's Exhibition at the Mansion House, which, by the kind permission of Bro. the Lord Mayor, was allowed to remain open till Saturday inclusive, were distributed in the course of that afternoon by the Lady Mayoress. The Master of the Company stated that the attendance the three preceding days had been very satisfactory, having increased from about 800 on Wednesday to between 3000 and 4000 on Friday. The principal prizes were taken by Messrs. J. F. Rain and Son, of Fleur-de-Lys-street, Norton Folgate; Messrs. Mordan and Co., City-road; Herr Christian Franck, of Qürth, Bavaria; and Mr. J. Parker, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire. Thanks to the contributors to the exhibition, as well as to the Lady Mayoress for distributing the prizes, were passed with acclamation; the Lord Mayor, in responding for the latter, expressing the pleasure it had given him to place the Mansion House at the disposal of the Company.

A Quarterly Court of the Governors of the Marine Society was held at the offices in Bishopsgate-street, on Saturday last, when the Committee, in their report, referred with satisfaction to the great success which had attended its progress since the first training ship was anchored in the Thames in 1786. This progress was especially noticeable during the past three years, during which ninety-eight out of a hundred destitute boys had been trained and joined the Royal or Merchant Navy. Funds are urgently needed.

The great comet now presents a magnificent appearance, being visible in London between 4 a.m. and sunrise, and also in different parts of the country.

A public meeting was held on Monday, at the Mansion House, to support the International Exhibition, to be held in Amsterdam, from May to October of next year. The Lord Mayor, who presided, said that he had taken advantage of his recent journey to the Netherlands to visit Amsterdam, and there he had ascertained the extensive scale on which the exhibition was to be held. He had also been requested by the committee to use his influence in obtaining the support of this country. It was resolved, on the motion of Sir James Lawrence, M.P., that the Lord Mayor should place himself in communication with the Society of Arts to obtain its co-operation; and, further, on the motion of Sir Saul Samuel, that money assistance should be sought from the Imperial Government.

In a speech at Lutterworth, on Monday, Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough expressed his belief that, with the exercise of proper caution, and provided that it was not allowed to interfere with church services, the opening of reading rooms on a Sunday would be productive of good. He could read in his own library on a Sunday, and he saw no reason why a man should not do in a public reading room what could be done in private places.

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H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Past Grand Warden of England, was, on Wednesday last at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, appointed Senior Grand Warden. His Royal Highness was received with great enthusiasm.

Bro. A. M. Broadley, who has undertaken the defence of Arabi Pacha, is reported to be in possession of documents compromising the highest Egyptian dignitaries.

Bro. Thomas Harrison was installed W.M. of Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, at Wood Green, on Saturday last. A report is in type and will appear next week.

Bro. Edward Powell was installed W.M. of the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1024, at the Criterion, on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

The annual banquet of the Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275, was held at the lodge house, Five Bells, New Cross-road, on Friday, the 20th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Walter Martin, S.D. 879.

On Friday evening, the 20th inst., Bro. E. Ayling was unanimously elected W.M. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, Richmond, for the ensuing year, and from his well-known ability a very successful term of office is anticipated.

Bro. Grantham R. Dodd read a paper on "Simony," at the recent annual provincial meeting of the Incorporated Law Society at Hull.

Bros. Sir Watkin Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, and Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, have accepted Bro. the Lord Mayor's invitation to the banquet at the Mansion House, to the representatives of the Railway and Dock Interest, on the 1st proximo.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, elect, and Mrs. and Master Knight, and Bro. G. M. Felton, C.C., attended the harvest festival service at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sunday week.

Bro. Sir George Elliott, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales, has joined the council of the newly-formed "Liberty and Property Defence League," started by Lord Elcho, M.P. Amongst the members are several of the Masonic Fraternity, including Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Bro. Earl Shaftesbury, Bro. Lord Brabourne, Bro. John Hollingshead, Bro. Admiral Sir John Hay, Bro. Myles Fenton, and Bro. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.

Bro. Lord Carrington, G.S.W., was amongst those who, with the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, received the Royal Horse Guards (Blue), at the Albany Barracks, on Friday last week, on their return from Egypt.

Our late Bro. T. C. Cobbold is the subject of a portrait in this week's number of the *Graphic*.

Bro. Wm. Hardman presided over the annual meeting of the Surrey Justices for music and dancing licences.

The members of the Derby Lodge, No. 1055, Manchester, gave the first of a series of "petits bals" and concerts, on the 10th inst, at their rooms, Bedford-street, Bury New-road. A very entertaining programme was gone through, under the able direction of Bro. T. E. Rigby, and great praise is due to all the artistes taking part. After the concert the company partook of refreshment, and subsequently, for some hours, indulged in the pleasures of the dance.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, Bro. the Grand Registrar, and Bro. the Earl of Galloway, are on a Committee formed to raise funds for the support of the widow of the late Bro. Macrae Moir, Secretary of the Scottish Corporation. Up to the present nearly £600 has been subscribed.

Bro. the Rev. G. W. Welden, M.A., has been appointed chairman of the London Anti-Vivisection Society.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon will speak at a meeting to be held at 20, Arlington-street, Piccadilly, the Marquis of Salisbury's town house, for the purpose of deciding the form the memorial to the late Dr. Pusey shall take.

Our attention has been called to an error in our report of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, held recently at Reading. We stated that Bro. the Earl of Kintore was Grand Master, it should have been Lord Henniker. Bro. Lovegrove was also described as G.O., it should have been Prov. Grand Supt. of Works.

At a meeting of the executive Committee of the new Cathedral at Truro, held recently at Penzance, it was reported that the subscriptions promised and paid up to the present time amounted to £54,000. The sum spent on the work accomplished and on that ordered is £57,000. The architect advised that the building of the north transept should be at once proceeded with. This will entail an additional outlay of over £5000 to complete the first portion of the cathedral, including the north transept and the south porch.

Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, Head Master Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, subscribed five guineas to the City of London College Building Fund; Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., a hundred guineas; Bros. Sir John Bennett and Sir Reginald Hanson, each ten guineas; Bro. the Lord Mayor, G.J.W., twenty guineas; and Mr. H. C. Richards, candidate for the School Board, City division, five guineas. It is worthy to note that the latter gentleman and Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., are both old students of the college. Both have always taken, and still take, a lively interest in its welfare; and are on the Council, showing their gratefulness for what the college has done for them.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or CONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; 3lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

The M.W. Grand Master and Bro. the Earl of Derby are subscribers to Mr. Barnett Smith's portrait of Carlyle. The statue of this distinguished man was unveiled by Professor Tyndall, on Thursday week. The statue has been placed on the Thames Embankment, close to Cheyne-row, where Thomas Carlyle lived.

Bro. Edwin Freshfield has declined to be nominated for the aldermanic vacancy in the Ward of Cheap.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1023, held at the Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, by the brethren of the St. James's Lodge of Instruction, on Monday evening, the 20th inst., with Bros. J. Davison, P.M. 299, as W.M.; W. Martin, S.D. 879, S.W.; and W. Beavis, S.W. 879, J.W.

We are informed that a new lodge of instruction has been formed under the sanction of the Kent Lodge, No. 15, at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-street, E.C. The lodge meets on Thursday evenings, at eight o'clock, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. J. Pinder, P.M. 1365, Bros. A. Clark, P.M. 1227, and G. W. Rowe, respectively filling the posts of Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. Bro. W. Serjeant, S.W. 1227, has spared no pains to render the lodge room comfortable and suitable for lodge purposes, and the lodge opens with many indications of success, which we heartily wish it.

On Sunday last there was a solemn thanksgiving service at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, which is the garrison church, for the safe return of the 2nd Life Guards. Before the sermon "The Soldiers' Hymn, composed by the organist, Mr. H. R. Coudrey, the words by Bro. the Rev. Arthur Robins, was sung. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Arthur Robins, Chaplain to the garrison, who selected his text from Chronicles, chapter xxiv. v. 11, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty." After the sermon the band played "See the Conquering Hero Comes," and the service closed with a triumphal march entitled "Egypt," composed by Mr. Coudrey, and played by the organist with instrumental accompaniment.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall will be held at St. Austell, on Tuesday next, under the presidency of the R.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, Mark Master Masons.

We are asked to announce that the Crescent Lodge of Instruction, 788, meets every Thursday evening during the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April, at the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham. Bro. Stedwell, P.M., Grand Steward is the Treasurer; Forge, P.M., Sec.; and Cousins, P.M., Preceptor.

The installation meeting of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, will be held at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, the 4th prox., when Bro. T. Duerdin Dutton will be installed into the chair of K.S.

We have great pleasure in calling the attention, of the brethren to the anniversary banquet of the Yarrow Lodge of Instruction. This happy re-union will take place on Tuesday evening, the 31st inst., at 7 o'clock precisely, at the comfortable quarters of the lodge, the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney. Bro. J. W. Tait, W.M. 554, has kindly consented to preside.

The fifteen Sections will be worked by the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, by special invite, on this (Saturday) evening, at seven o'clock precisely. Bros. T. Cull, P.M. 1440, W.M.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, S.W.; G. H. Hunter, P.M. 1298, J.W.; and R. Percy, P.M. 228, Preceptor.

A requisition is in course of signature asking Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson to become a candidate for the London School Board.

The London Stereoscopic Company (Bro. Alderman Nottage), have received an order for 200,000 photographs of Mrs. Langtry and Madame Patti, from the proprietors of Pears Soap, for distribution in the United States. Four tons will be the weight.

A successful meeting of the Brixton Lodge was held early in this month at the Brixton Hall. Bro. H. Lovegrove, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, presided, supported by Bros. H. B. Marshall, S.W.; W. E. Farrington, J.W.; Firth Groves, S.D.; H. Baldwin, J.D.; and others. Two brethren were raised, and two initiated. Bro. T. Poore, P.M., acted as I.P.M., and, with others, rendered valuable assistance after refreshment in musical and histrionic entertainment.

A new Mark Lodge, the Gosport, No. 305, was constituted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Hickman (G.J.W.), on the 21st inst., at Gosport. Bro. G. F. Lancaster was installed as the first W.M. The ceremony took place prior to the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting.

The W.M. and brethren of St. Hilda Lodge, No. 1887, Wallingford, gave a grand evening concert on the 18th inst., at the Corn Exchange of the above town, the proceeds being devoted to the Wallingford Cottage Hospital. The building was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the various Craft emblems being displayed with imposing effect on the platform, which was also adorned with a choice selection of pot flowers and foliage plants. The vocalists were Miss Jeannie Rosee, her pupil, Miss Grace Miller, and the following brethren from the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, and the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399, Woodstock: Bros. A. Rowley, P.P.G.O.; John F. Probert, J. H. Robson, and W. Knowles. The brethren of the St. Hilda Lodge are to be congratulated on the success of their concert, and we trust the financial result will prove as satisfactory as such an undertaking so richly deserves.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diets. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsam, un-mixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, and will preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapacity of doing harm.—[ADVT.]

Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., will preside at the festival to be held on Tuesday, the 7th prox., at Willis's Rooms, on behalf of the National Orphan Home, Ham Common. Amongst the Stewards are Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey and Bro. the Grand Junior Warden. This will be the last public dinner the Lord Mayor will take part in, as he goes out of office two days later.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, G. M. Felton, C.C., and Capt. Bedford Pim, visited the Aylesbury Sewage Works last week. At the luncheon Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis expressed his belief that in the end we should be compelled to adopt the system of precipitation, thereby permitting water which had once being contaminated flowing pure and clean again into the river. Fish were shown swimming in the water filtered from the Sewage Works.

Bro. Lord Waveney took part in the presentation of a sword of honour given to Lieut.-Col. White, V.C., C.B., Gordon (92nd) Highlanders, now quartered in Edinburgh. The sword was subscribed for by residents in Col. White's native county, Antrim, and presented in recognition of his gallant services, especially during the late Afghan campaign. The Rev. Lord O'Neill and General Viscount Templeton also were present on the occasion.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon has been entertaining Viscount Lyons, the British Ambassador in France, at Highclere Castle, Newbury.

Bro. the Imperial Crown Prince of Germany, who attained his 51st birthday on the 23rd inst., has been entertaining Admiral the Prince of Leiningen, at Potsdam.

The Bangor Lodge have given ten guineas towards the distress fund caused by typhoid fever in that town.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., lectured before the Balloon Society of Great Britain, on the 20th inst., on "Germs and Protoplasmic Evolution," at the Royal Aquarium.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, has accepted Bro. the Lord Mayor's elect invitation to the banquet on the 9th November.

Bro. the Duke of Manchester and Lady Alice Montagu are staying in town.

Bro. the Duke of Marlborough's fifth daughter, Lady Georgina Spencer Churchill, is engaged to be married to Lord Curzon, eldest son of the Earl and Countess Howe.

THE RAHRE ALMONERS.—The annual festival of the Rahere Almoners, to which we have from time to time called attention, took place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Monday last, and was a most successful affair. The quaint literature of the "Fraternite" had prepared the visitors for an equally quaint and unique entertainment, and they were not disappointed. Time was when the bringing in of "Ye Boar's Head," with a procession of choristers, was quite a common occurrence at civic banquets, but Lord Mayor Ellis is probably the first Chief Magistrate who has witnessed such a ceremony for many generations. We have not space to give a full report of the proceeding, as we should like to do, suffice it to say that the entertainment passed off most successfully, and reflected great credit on all concerned. Bro. Thomas Sangster, the Recorder, has been untiring in his efforts to establish the Fraternite on a sound basis, and he has been ably aided by Bro. James Stevens.

On Saturday afternoon, the 21st inst., Mr. Clarke, the proprietor of the Southampton Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, celebrated the opening of the new building by a luncheon, to which about sixty gentlemen sat down. The old building, which was rich in historic associations, succumbed to the improving hand of the modern caterer some short time ago, and in its place has been erected a handsome, commodious, and comfortable structure. Although the building stands only on the same space of ground as the former building, the accommodation is much greater, and the bar being of horse shoe shape in the middle of the ground floor, locomotion is rendered easy. The fittings are elegant and of the best description, and there is a better arrangement for the access of light than in the old hotel. On the three other floors there is also excellent accommodation, and the spirited proprietor seems to have omitted nothing to secure the patronage of the large legal population which is located in the district.

Our readers are aware that by a recent resolution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter it has been determined, as in the Craft, to grant permission to wear centenary jewels to the members of any chapter which can satisfactorily prove existence and unbroken continuous working for 100 years. There can be but few chapters in regard to which this is possible. We understand that one or two have made application, of which only the Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 41, Bath, has been successful. Not only has ample proof been afforded as to the justness of the claim, but, as is the case with the Craft lodge to which it is attached, it may be considered most creditable that the whole of the minutes are complete from its commencement. No. 41, therefore, has the satisfaction of being the first chapter to obtain this honour. We hear that the warrant is in the possession of the M.E.Z., duly signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Z.; Lord Lathom, Grand H.; and Lord de Tabley, Grand J.; as are also the jewels themselves ready for distribution at a meeting to be held on the 14th prox., when the event will be suitably celebrated, with the assistance of some most distinguished officers of the Order, such as Col. Adair, Prov. Grand Z.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E.; E. Comps. W. J. Hughtan, Gould, and others.

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