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THE very interesting proceedings which took place recently at Bath, at the Centenary meeting of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, deserve notice and remembrance. Before a very brilliant assembly of companions of the Order, Col. ADAIR, the Prov. Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. G.S.E. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Comp. Col. SOMERVILLE-BURNEY, this interesting commemoration took place. We note the fact that M.E. Comp. HOWES, Z., is the first companion honoured with a Centenary medal, the gift of the chapter. Our readers will peruse the account with much pleasure, remembering the great services rendered to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry by our venerable and excellent Comp., Bro. Dr. HOPKINS.

IT is a pleasing sight, amid some dreadful facts and many sorrowful proceedings in Ireland, to turn to the happy anniversary of the golden wedding of our very distinguished brother, the Grand Master Ireland, his Grace the Duke of ABERCORN. There are few persons who have more claim to the respect and regard of his brother Masons, and of the public at large, than that distinguished statesman and ruler of our Order, who has won for himself not only the great blessing of family affection and devotion, but the respect of all classes and the attachment of his Craft. We shall all feel deep interest and sympathy in the account of the family gathering at Barons' Court, which appeared in our last issue, and shall wish our noble brother many years of health and strength, and peaceful and happy domestic life.

WE are appealed to, week after week, by enthusiastic friends of the "Moghreb al Aksa," Tangiers, to allow counter statements and rectifications to appear of what the writers complain of as partial and prejudiced in our columns. Our answer last week must suffice once for all. We cannot go over old ground again and again; we do not wish to re-open old sores; we have spoken frankly, if with no uncertain voice; without partiality, and without prepossessions. It would seem as if the writers of these letters were still in ignorance at Gibraltar and Tangiers of the deliberate determination and action of the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We would invite our good friends to read the official letter of the Grand Secretary of Manitoba, which appeared in an impression a week or two ago, and they will see, we venture to think, the justice of our past remarks, and the Masonic loyalty of our present position in this most untoward controversy.

THE subject matter of the Great Priory of Canada, to which Bro. HOLMES's letter refers, appears to us to be in a very considerable haze. If we understand the last official reports aright, which we print elsewhere, from the *Montreal Herald*, the independence of the Great Priory of Canada is virtually declared. True, it is, that such an announcement is cautiously, and we will believe courteously, veiled by the appointment of a special Committee, but the election of Col. MACLEOD MOORE, "ad vitam," as Great Prior, is, we venture to think, a distinct interference with the prerogative of H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES, the Grand Master of that Order. Strictly speaking such matters are beyond the limits of the *Freemason* and perhaps, too, the least said the soonest mended. Under the circumstances is it needful to print the allocution?

MASONIC studies have made a great advance, since, about twenty years ago, a small band of Masonic Students ventured with almost "bated breath," to suggest enquiry and propose discussion. It was then the fashion to swear by OLIVER, and whatever exceeded his definitions or declarations was looked upon with suspicion, and treated as heterodox. OLIVER no doubt had his merits, and OLIVER deserved recognition for what he did do, so much so, that we can afford to be liberal and complaisant as regards what he did not

do. OLIVER, a learned man himself, and full of recondite information, a scholar and a student, wrote unfortunately for an unlearned Masonic age, addressed his publications to those who had neither inclination nor leisure to collate his authorities, or verify his assertions. The consequence was, that having no careful censor or competent critic to deal with, he often "run riot," so to say, in the assertions he made and the passages he quoted. When to-day you seek to reduce his statements within the clear compression of historical accuracy, you are confronted with hopeless anachronisms, unreliable statements, and unverifiable authorities. There are many passages in OLIVER, known to the actual student to-day, which rest on no authority but his own "ipse dixit," and which apparently it is alike impossible and hopeless to attempt to find or to prove. OLIVER too, as has been often said, passed apparently through several phases of thought and idea. His earlier efforts seemed to have been turned to the mysteries, and the real and spurious Freemasonry. As time went on, he rather leant to the Dionysiacs, and the Building Fraternities of travelling Masons. Being always, as he tells us himself, a "Johannite Mason," and seeing in Freemasonry the incubations of a Christian Mysticism, his latest utterances seemed to point to an Hermetic and High Grade theory. Curiously enough, the lapse of time and the revolutions of criticism seem to be bringing us close again to our old master after all, though not exactly in his lines or on his arguments. Our conclusions do not rest on his assumptions. The general result of many years study, (and we are still only on the threshold), seem to be this,—that the perpetuation of Freemasonry is not explicable on any one single line, whatever the propounders of this or that favourite "fad" may say. It will probably appear that to several synchronous and concomitant causes the existence and preservation of Freemasonry in the world may be attributed; such as the tradition of the Mysteries as through the Gilds and Compagnonage, and a connection with Roman Collegia and ancient speculative Sodalities, the early societies of Oriental Mysticism, and the later assertions of Christian Hermeticism, as developed from time to time in Alchemical associations, Rosicrucian fraternities, and High Grade developments. Even to-day we can write little that is positive or declare little that is certain. Bro. GOULD has sought to reduce the history of Freemasonry to a scientific system; and we must refer all our readers to that work who wish to learn what is possible and what is probable, and, above all, what are, and must be the inherent difficulties of Masonic history.

THE Review by Her Majesty the QUEEN of her soldiers and sailors returned from Egypt was a very sublime spectacle in itself, and one which, we venture to think, must do much good at home and abroad. Amid the troublous state of Ireland, amid the uneasy complications of the Continent, the expedition to Egypt to restore law and order, and suppress a cruel mutiny, was ably planned, and successfully carried out. Another proof was given, if proof were needed, that England, though slow to speak and cautious to strike, when once a question of right and duty and honour lies plain before her, is fearless in asserting even against a world those sacred principles of peaceful civilization and international obligation, without which neither the rights of nations nor of men would long remain, except in name. For the skill which has fulfilled our anxious expectations at home; for the bravery and devotion with which the proper orders were executed abroad; for the endurance and the heroism which have braved difficulties and sickness, and endured all the dangers and privations of real warfare, (though against a most unworthy foe), Her MAJESTY, by her personal presence and avowed sympathy, expresses her approval and records her satisfaction. And that great people of ours, always loyal at heart, ever admiring chivalry, in whatever form it takes, not only exultingly joins in this expression of approval and commendation by the highest authority in the land, but adds its own special meed of admiration, and pours forth its own loving words of greeting to those whom it welcomes safe home again. For them it has that true-hearted admiration and approval which all such deeds of "Derring-Do," deep in their attraction for our whole Anglo-Saxon race, ever command and call forth. But yet, still, some sadder thoughts supervene, and there are some echoes in a minor key, of hushed voices and sobbing mourners which we ought not, and dare not forget. Not all who went out with that gallant host have returned to their native shores. There are voids (though the loss has been comparatively small for the work done) in many households—lonely widows, and orphaned children, and grieving friends. This brings out the two sides of such pageants which London, despite its dreadful fog, witnessed so rejoicingly and admiringly on Saturday last. There is the side of worldly "Los," as the old chroniclers have it, and martial glory, applauding multitudes, Royal rewards; but there is also the side of many regrets, of gaps in

household circles, of dear faces and noble hearts, wanting alike in high and humble homes. While we exult in the return of so many gallant soldiers and sailors, and rejoice to think of the remarkable national ceremony of last Saturday, let us sympathize with those to whom the very shouts of applause and admiration will have but served to intensify for the moment the grief and the loss they have personally to endure, in patient submission to the decrees and the overruling Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U.

THE cheers with which our Gracious Sovereign, and the Royal Family, and various distinguished personages were greeted on Saturday last by all classes, are facts to be remembered and realized. The Queen received an ovation as spontaneous as it was sincere; while the plaudits which greeted H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, the Princess of WALES and her three daughters, were not the least noteworthy, as exhibit of the loyal attachment and affection of all classes. The sailors and soldiers, as they defiled by Her MAJESTY, received most significant proofs of the admiration of all classes in which all classes equally shared, the highest in the land not excepted; while the enthusiasm which greeted the good old "Jollies," who went by in magnificent form, was a significant expression of that national regard and admiration which the deeds of that noble corps of marines, alike as light infantry and gunners, have long, and latterly more markedly than ever, secured for themselves. Our Royal Bro. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, at the head of the brigade of Guards, was the recipient of a warm outburst of approval as well for his soldierly services, as for that noble body of men he led. And the other represented regiments, especially our Indian contingent, obtained enthusiastic expressions of admiration and applause. It was, indeed, an "alba dies" to be long remembered with pleasant associations.

THE verdicts of the successive juries on the Maamtrasna murders, which in their awful intensity of deliberate cruelty and barbarous wickedness, sent a thrill of horror through a whole civilized community, will be entirely approved of by all who regard human life as a sacred thing, and loathe and repudiate the horrible dominion and lawless violence of secret political societies. Let us hope that after this needful example which the majesty of the law has made and still makes of such deliberate malefactors, peace, order, and prosperity may be restored to that beautiful country which has long been given over to the schemes and outrages of the professional agitator and the determined law-breaker. We shall all wish for better days for Ireland, and for all connected with its land, its manufactures, and its general industry.

OUR contemporary, the *Standard*, alludes to an amusing matrimonial advertisement, in which a lady of thirty seeks for a husband, assuring some ardent bachelor or widower that, though without means, she is "a fortune in herself." It is just possible, we think, that many who are "inveigled," as Mr. Weller liked to say, into the happy state of wedlock, find that there are "marriages and marriages," and "wives and wives," that all is "not gold that glitters," and that appearances are sometimes deceitful, and anticipations unfulfilled. If, therefore, the fair advertiser be as good as her words, we congratulate heartily some fortunate man who finds such a real treasure.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., President, Bro. James Brett, P.G.P. Junior Vice President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., occupied the chairs respectively of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-President. There were also present

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Sec.; W. Dodd; W. H. Lee; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; G. P. Britten; W. Mann; J. H. Matthews; Frank Richardson; Charles Dairy; A. Stewart, District Grand Master, Punjab; E. F. Storr; Charles Atkins; Thomas Wright, P.G.P.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Charles F. Hogard; Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., P.G.C.; F. R. Spaul; G. Bolton; William P. Brown; Charles D. Hoblyn; Arthur E. Gladwell; Abel Perrot; Thomas Smith; J. H. Younghusband; George Brown; F. Earnest; W. Collard; William Cripps; Julius Quitmann; William Holloway; William Hancock; H. F. Paget; John E. Ranking; W. Bristow; George Free; Henry J. Tucker; Rev. P. Tate; Edward White; George Smith, junr.; James S. Brown; C. A. Woods; Edgar Bowyer; J. N. Thompson; J. H. Taylor; F. Brown; R. F. Ould; Henry Roberts; Richard Trill; G. P. Festa; Capt. A. Nicols; W. H. Perryman; Thomas A. Harper; John Harper; Joseph House; Rudolph Fandrel; R. J. Leamar; R. W. Percy; W. H. Dean; William Kirkness; J. Mason; J. Lancaster; William Charles Hall; Edward B. Grabham; Simeon Jacobs; F. W. Koch; R. J. Pigott; William F. Smart; E. Kell; A. Posener; F. Wallis; W. Hitchcock; Charles Denton; A. W. Carrington; James Willing, junr.; John Sanders; Thomas Blackland; H. J. Johnson; John W. Freeman; G. Anderson; J. H. Watts; John White; H. Potter; William Perrin; A. Snellgrove; William Robinson; G. Smout, junr.; C. Wellard; L. C. Haslip; C. W. Kent; W. J. Beck; James Kers; T. Hosgood; Joyce Murray; Aug. Darch; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper for Grand Lodge next Wednesday week was settled. At the Lodge of Benevolence, the brethren first confirmed grants recommended at the former meeting to the amount of £160. The new list contained the enormous number of fifty-six cases. Dealing with these cases, occupied the lodge till half-past ten, by which time the brethren had voted £1,340. This was composed of one grant of £100; nine of £50 each; four of £40 each; eight of £30 each; eleven of £20 each; five of £15 each; nine of £10 each; and one of £5. One case was dismissed, and the remainder were deferred.

The Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A NEW MASONIC HALL BY THE DUKE OF ALBANY, P.G.M.

Friday, the 17th inst., was a great day at Banbury. On that day the good town, so deservedly famous for its cakes, was all alive with cheerful faces, flying flags, guards of honour, and brilliant sunshine to enliven a bitterly cold day, and save a Masonic procession and ceremony from being miserable. His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, Prov. Grand Master for Oxfordshire, held a Provincial Grand Lodge at Banbury Town Hall, at which he was supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past Grand Chaplain; Rev. S. R. Wigram, Past Grand Chaplain; F. P. Morrell, Past Grand Deacon; and other officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. R. H. Collins, C.B., was in attendance as Equerry to His Royal Highness, who travelled from London by the 10 a.m. train, stopping only at Oxford, which was reached at 11.45, and arriving at Banbury at 12.17, where he was received by Bro. Reginald Bird, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and a guard of honour, and, accompanied by a military escort, at once proceeded to the Red Lion Hotel.

Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master in the Town Hall, the following brethren being present in addition to those above-mentioned:—

John Potts, Prov. S.G.W.; J. J. Hughes, Prov. J.G.W.; W. H. White, P.G.R.; Alfred Winkfield, P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; H. Houghton, P.P.G.W., Prov. G.A. Sec.; W. Ellis, P.G.S.D.; R. E. Baynes, P.G.D.C.; H. Drinkwater, P.G.S.B.; A. Rowley, P.G. Org.; T. Lucas, P.G. Steward; Archibald Brakspear, P.G. Steward; F. W. Ansell, 340, P.P.G. S.W.; J. N. Palmer, P.P.G. Chap.; R. T. Hodge, P.P.G.S.W.; E. L. Hawkins, W.M. 357, P.P.G.R.; Stuart Angel Smith, P.G. Chap.; S. D. Darbishire, 357, P.G. Steward; E. J. Hartley, P.P.G. Steward; G. Norwood, Prov. G. Tyler; W. Biggs, Prov. G.A. Tyler; G. Osmond, W.M. 1763; J. Seary, P.M. 1763; J. A. Acock; John Griffin, M.D.; J. M. Stone-Wegg; J. M. Dormor, W.M. 340; F. Ryman Hall, P.M. 340; Thos. Eley, S.W. 340; J. Calcutt, W.M. 1399; T. H. Holland, P.M. 1763; John Scroggs, P.M.; C. Park, P.M. 340; A. Raymond, 1515; R. H. Humfrey; W. L. Morgan, 357; Thos. Fowler, 599; W. Chamberlin, 599; J. Wells, 599; J. G. Cowper, 599; G. Strover, 599; D. Snell, 1763; T. H. White, 1763; B. Hunn, 1895; G. W. Rolfe, Chap. 1895; F. T. Robinson, 1036; G. S. Hedges, 1036; G. W. Doming, 340; G. Gillman, 340; A. Hill, 340; A. Badcock, 340; H. E. Beech, 357; W. Edwards, 599; W. E. Wood, 599; F. Marsh, 1895; J. Bray, 340; W. A. Samman, 599; J. Tillyer, 599; C. Claridge, 599; F. Codd, 1515; J. Reade, W.M. 1036; H. Birch, P.M. 1763; R. Bunting; C. Daniel, P.M. 1755; W. Y. Paul, 1036; F. Shayler, 1036; E. Taylor, 1036; W. R. Cooper, 599; W. J. Birkbeck, 357; J. Greenshields, 1036; H. C. Rogers, 357; J. W. Rhodes, 1895; G. Parker, 357; J. Payne, D.C.L., Chap. 1703; J. S. Kimberley, 599; J. Nix, 1515; G. H. Horn, 1703; W. Atkins, 1703; J. Bartlett, 1703; W. Whadcoote, 1703; J. Church, 1703; R. C. Lever (Surgeon-Major Hussars), 478; J. S. Palmer, W.M. 599; T. W. Holland, P.M. 599; W. R. Bowden, 340; Walter Peppercorn, P.M. 478; C. A. Robinson, 1895; F. C. Wakefield, 1703; T. P. Barford, 599; J. J. Hill, 1703; A. D'Oyley Brooks, 1895; E. Elms, 1703; D. Preston, 1515; A. T. Matthews, 1703; T. C. Early, 1703; T. Moss, Tyler 599; G. R. Norwood, Asst. Tyler 357; and G. Field, Asst. Tyler 340.

The following were among the visitors:

Bros. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; Colonel Machen, D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; Edwd. Worrall, P.P.G.W. Warwickshire; H. J. Couchafer, P.P.G. Chap. Warwickshire; J. Moffatt, P.G. Chap. Warwickshire; E. A. Webster, P.J.G.D. Warwickshire; T. W. Bladon, P.G.O. Warwickshire; N. Merridew, P.G.S.W. Warwickshire; S. Srawley, P.G.P. Warwickshire; E. R. Kimpton, A.P.G.P. Warwickshire; G. Cuffe, P.G. Chap. Warwickshire; W. Corder, P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; C. F. Brown, P.G.S. Warwickshire; B. J. Allsop, P.G.S. Warwickshire; C. Edwards, A.D.C. Warwickshire; C. Thompson, P.D.C. Essex; C. H. Lloyd, P.P.G.O. Gloucester; W. A. Ayton, 10; C. Duffell Faulkner, P.M. 390; W. B. Newton, 445; C. Bye, 1893; N. Ruby, 1836; T. Oldham, 345; W. H. Harrison, 1295; C. Harding, 567; S. Hitchcox, 725; E. Stokes, 1585; J. Compton, 1036; J. Wells, 1612; E. Fogg, 350; and C. C. Cole, 450.

A procession of the brethren was formed, and proceeded to the site of the new Masonic Hall, where they took up their places as pointed out by the Directors of Ceremonies. H.R.H. joined the procession as it passed the hotel. All being in order:—

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren as follows: Brethren here assembled to behold this ceremony: You know that we, as Masons, are engaged by solemn obligations to be true and faithful to the laws of our country, to erect handsome lodges to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries; nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day, in the name of Him who is the Wisdom and the Light, to lay the foundation stone of a building in which the rites and ceremonies of our Order may be performed in accordance with the ancient charges and constitutions; and, as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to unite with our Provincial Grand Chaplain in an address to the throne of grace.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAIN having offered up prayer,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said,—I now declare it to be my will and pleasure that the corner stone of this building be laid. Bro. Provincial Grand Treasurer, you will deposit the coins in this cavity.

The upper stone was then raised and the lower one adjusted, and a phial containing specimens of each of the silver and bronze current coins struck

in the present year was placed in the cavity. The phial also contained copies of the *Freemason* and *Banbury Guardian*, and a scroll bearing the following inscription: "The stone of this Masonic Hall was laid by His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, on the 17th of November, 1882. The Hall was built by brethren of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599. The architect was Bro. W. E. Mills; the builder, Mr. A. Kimberley. The officers of the lodge for that year were: Bros. J. S. Palmer, W.M.; W. P. Ellis, I.P.M.; W. A. Samman, S.W.; J. Tillyer, J.W.; J. Potts, P.M., Treas.; E. J. Hartley, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Wells, S.D.; T. P. Barford, J.D.; J. Griffin, M.D., P.M., D.C.; W. Chamberlin and T. Fowler, Stwds.; T. Moss, Tyler."

The W.M. of the Cherwell Lodge then presented to H.R.H. a silver trowel, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., &c., Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, by the brethren of the Cherwell Lodge, 599, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the Masonic Hall at Banbury, November 17th, 1882."

The cement was then spread, and His Royal Highness adjusted the same with the trowel, after which the upper stone was lowered with three distinct stops.

H.R.H. next proved the just position and form of the stone by the plumb rule, level, and square, which were successively handed to him by the Prov. Grand Junior Warden, the Prov. Grand Senior Warden, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and being satisfied with the result said "I find this stone to be plumb, level and square, and I declare it to be duly prepared and duly laid, and that the Craftsmen have worked well." He then struck the stone three times with the mallet. The cornucopia containing the corn, and the ewers with the wine and oil were then handed to H.R.H., who scattered the corn on the stone "as the emblem of plenty and abundance of God's best gifts;" then poured upon it the wine "as the symbol of strength and gladness," and finally sprinkled it with oil "as the emblem of peace and harmony." Prayer was again offered up by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, after which the architect presented the plans of the intended building, which H.R.H. inspected and then returned, saying, "I now place in your hands the plans of this intended building, together with the necessary tools, not doubting your skill and ability as a Craftsman; and I desire that you will proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work, in conformity with the plans and designs now entrusted to you."

The ceremony being now complete, the MAYOR of Banbury came forward and presented an address of welcome in the name of the town and Corporation, which was graciously received by H.R.H. The Mayor said: May it please your Royal Highness,—Your Royal Highness having graciously consented to receive an address from the Corporation upon this, your first visit to the ancient borough of Banbury, I have the honour, as Mayor, to present your Royal Highness with this address, devoutly praying that God in His goodness will bless your Royal Highness with health and strength to fulfil those important duties which belong to, and are in harmony with, your exalted position. (Cheers).

The brethren were then marshalled in the same order as before, and returned to the Town Hall, the Prince being all the way greeted with the most hearty cheers by the thousands of spectators who lined the way, and filled every available window along the line of route.

On their return to the Town Hall the Prov. Grand Lodge was resumed, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master gave in his report on the lodges in the province, showing that with one exception all the lodges in the province were in a prosperous condition.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER presented his report, and the DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER moved that a sum of ten guineas be granted to the local charities, and that a like sum of ten guineas be granted to the Masonic Institution for Boys, both of which grants were voted unanimously.

Bro. Emberlin was then unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then, addressing the Provincial Grand Lodge, said that a private proposition had been made in Grand Lodge for the increase of the quarterages payable to Grand Lodge, and a communication had been received by the Prov. Grand Secretary with the view of ascertaining the opinion of the Provincial brethren on the subject. The matter had already been before several Provincial Grand Lodges, and most of them had declined to consider the subject, and he (the Deputy Prov. Grand Master) distinctly recommended them to follow the same course, and concluded by moving that the proposition of Bro. Clabon be not entertained by this Provincial Grand Lodge. He thought that, although the proposal if carried into effect might benefit London brethren, it would be of no advantage to the provinces.

The proposal that Bro. Clabon's proposition be not entertained having been seconded, was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

It was then proposed by Bro. MORRELL, and seconded by the D.P.G.M., and carried, that a Committee be appointed from the Provincial Grand Lodge to consider the proposed alterations in the Book of Constitutions, and to make, if necessary, suggestions to Grand Lodge in reference thereto; and a Committee of ten, viz., the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and Bros. Morrell, Pickard, Wigram, Ansell, and Hawkins, was appointed.

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER then rose and said: Brethren, I propose that a vote of ten guineas should be made to the Royal College of Music. I think I need not tell you anything about the College of Music, as it has already been very widely made known. It is an object which, as you know, the Grand Master has very much at heart, and—if it has any weight with you—one that I also have very much at heart. I believe that

this is the first Provincial Grand Lodge where this proposal has been made; but I hope it may be followed by all the other Provincial Grand Lodges. I hope you will set a good example. I have consulted the Grand Secretary, and find that we can afford the sum I propose. (Applause.)

The proposal was seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and carried unanimously.

The report of the Charity Committee having been printed and circulated, was taken as read; and, on the motion of the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, seconded by the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN, was adopted.

The Charity jewel was presented by H.R.H. the Prov. Grand Master to Bro. R. E. Baynes, Steward to the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution in 1882, and bars of the jewels were presented to Bro. Rev. H. A. Pickard, 357, Steward to the Girls' School, 1882; Bro. H. O. Wakeman, 478, Steward to the Girls' School, 1882; Bro. J. Potts, 599, Steward to the Girls' School, 1882; Bro. F. W. Ansell, 340, Steward to the Benevolent Institution, 1882; and Bro. H. R. Cooper Smith, 357, Steward to the Benevolent Institution, 1882.

The following Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and order:

Bro. Reginald Bird	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" E. L. Hawkins	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. S. Palmer	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. H. Penny	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Payne	...	...	...
" W. L. Morgan	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" A. Winkfield, P.P.G.W.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Houghton, P.P.G.W.	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" S. Sandbach	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Brakspear	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. Lucas	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C
" F. Codd	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. L. A. Monckton	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. J. Birckbeck	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. A. Samman	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Pursts.
" C. Head	...	...	...
" B. Hunn, A. T. Matthews, D. Snell, J. A. Acok Rev. H. C. Rogers, M. J. Stone, and Wigg	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. Norwood	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" W. Biggs	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Tyler.

His Royal Highness the Prov. Grand Master subsequently presided over the brethren at a banquet, which was laid out in the Corn Exchange, which was elegantly arranged for the occasion, after which a number of loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Chairman; but as the occasion was graced by the presence of ladies, who appeared in considerable numbers as spectators in the galleries, cheering after the toasts was substituted for Masonic firing.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was, as usual, enthusiastically welcomed,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS said: Brethren, the next toast on the list is one which is always received with enthusiasm by the Masons of this country. It ought to be, therefore, a very easy toast for me to propose to you, were it not that the person whose health I am going to ask you to drink is my own brother—(applause)—and it does not do for one brother to praise another—"Yes, yes," and applause). I am sure you all know, brethren, that he is a thorough Mason—(hear, hear)—and that he has the Craft much at heart; and I am sure I am not stating too much when I say that one of the titles which he is proudest of bearing is that of Grand Master of the Freemasons of this country; and as such, brethren, I ask you to drink his health.

BRO. REGINALD BIRD, M.A., D.P.G.M., proposed the next toast. He said, brethren, the next toast I have to propose to you is "The Health of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the officers of Grand Lodge." The Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master you know take an immense interest in Freemasonry, and the President of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary of England, who are here, do more real work than any of the remainder. I give you the toast of the Grand Officers coupled with "the Health of Sir John B. Monckton."

BRO. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON: Your Royal Highness, Bro. Deputy Grand Master, and brethren—To respond to this toast is not only to all good Masons a pleasure, but an exceedingly high honour; because, without doubt, leaving out of the question those standing before you, it comprehends many excellent Masons, and therefore, many most excellent men. Your Royal Highness, I owe very much to this province, although I have not the happiness to belong to it. I had the happiness to initiate my eldest son into Masonry, and I have had the honour to see that son to-day receive at the hands of your Royal Highness the collar of a Provincial Grand Officer. I am sure every brother will agree with me that I have reason to be proud of my position. Brethren, I thank you for the manner in which you have received, as you always do receive, this toast.

BRO. LORD LEIGHTON, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire: I little expected when I had the honour of attending to-day the ceremony—the very interesting ceremony—that we have witnessed in this town, that I should have had the high honour of proposing the toast which may be called the toast of the evening. But I have been called upon to propose that toast, and I do it with very great pleasure; and I feel, moreover, that it is one which will be enthusiastically received by every brother present, that it will not require any words from myself to assure a hearty response. It is some four or five years ago that I had the very great pleasure of attending, for the first

time in the province of Oxford, the great Masonic functions of the province, though I have had the pleasure of being thirty years a Mason, and lived near the borders of Oxfordshire, when four or five years ago you, most fortunately for yourselves in this province, secured a member of the Royal family as Provincial Grand Master, who has carried on the duties to the advantage of this province. I can only say that I most heartily congratulate my neighbours in Oxfordshire upon the selection they then made. In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," the Duke of Albany showed us that we owed a great deal to that illustrious prince; but not only do we owe a great deal to that illustrious prince but we are very proud of his brothers; and I may be perhaps permitted to congratulate H.R.H. upon the safe return of his brother, the Duke of Connaught. Last time I had the honour to meet him he was presiding over the festival of the Girls' School. I forget how many thousands were collected, but a great many more than before. Wherever any good work is to be performed some members of the Royal Family are sure to be there. Fortunately for Freemasonry we have three of Her Majesty's son's members of the Craft. Since the reign of the Prince of Wales the Masonic Charities have increased vastly. I can again say that I hope and trust that this province may long continue to have the Duke of Albany at their head, and that the Duke of Albany may give me an opportunity of paying a visit to this province on a future occasion.

The Duke of ALBANY (who on rising was greeted with a round of applause) said: Brethren, I rise at once to thank you most sincerely for the cordial reception which you have given to the toast of my health, and to Lord Leigh for the flattering terms—much too flattering—"No, no"—in which he has spoken of me. I know you will believe me when I tell you that, after a two years' absence, it gives me great pleasure to meet you once more, and to show you that the interest I have always felt in the province, over which I have the honour to preside, is in no way diminished. I trust that in the future nothing will occur to prevent my being present at these annual meetings, which are so important in preserving that unanimity and goodwill for which, I will venture to say, the Province of Oxford has been specially remarkable, and which are most precious to me, as they afford me an opportunity, though unfortunately for so short a period, of renewing many valued friendships which I formed when I was a resident among you. I am particularly anxious to seize this, the first, opportunity that has occurred to express to you my grateful sense of the kindness which prompted you to be among the very first to congratulate me upon my engagement, and to tell you personally how highly I feel the token which you sent me as a marriage gift, and as an earnest of the good wishes for my happiness in the new life which I then entered. I can assure you, and you will readily believe, that the sympathy and good wishes of my friends upon that occasion were specially valuable to me, and I will ever recall your kindness on that occasion with the liveliest sentiments of gratitude and pleasure. I have happily heard from time to time through Bro. Bird, to whom I am most deeply indebted for the watchful care with which he has attended to the interests of the province—I have been happy to hear, I say, of the thriving condition of the different lodges, and of the active interest which is shown throughout the province to all matters relating to the good of the Craft. I might here specially allude to the satisfactory manner in which the great Masonic Charities had been supported, but that happily has become one of the normal conditions of the province and must be taken as a matter of course. Since I have been with you a new lodge has been formed at Henley-upon-Thames, and I congratulate the brethren on the work and wish them all possible prosperity in the future. I am extremely sorry that it was impossible for me to be present at the consecration, and I beg to assure you that if any need arises in the future upon forming any new lodge nothing shall prevent me being present to consecrate it in person, and testify the great interest I feel in the interests of masonry throughout every corner of the province. Brethren, I cannot close these cursory remarks upon the affairs of the province without alluding to the great loss we have sustained by the death of Bro. Ravenshaw, the Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, whose face was familiar to all the members of the province and who was at the time a member of the Apollo Lodge. I have also to record the deaths of Bro. Ravenshaw, and Bro. F. Fentham Hedges, who devoted much time and labour to the good of the Craft. We miss also the face of Bro. Hobbs, who, for a quarter of a century faithfully discharged the duties of Assistant Secretary of the province, and who must have been acquainted with almost every brother in it. I am glad to find that we shall be able to show our regard by recording our votes for his widow who is a candidate for the Benevolent Institution. Brethren, before sitting down, I have to ask you to drink with the greatest cordiality the toast to our visitors. I must not enlarge upon this toast as there are several who will be compelled to leave to catch the train, to whom I must say, both in your name and my own, that we feel greatly honoured by their presence here to-day, and that we highly appreciate their kindness in coming, some of them very great distances to show their interest in the province. I speak of Warwickshire when I say that. In proposing this toast I couple with it the name of Bro. Lord Leigh. I give you "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Lord Leigh.

Lord LEIGH briefly responded, thanking His Royal Highness and Bro. Bird for permitting the Warwickshire visitors to join in the interesting ceremony they had witnessed; and, on his own behalf and in the name of the Warwickshire brethren, he gave them "Heartly good wishes." The Province of Warwickshire had learned that day from Oxfordshire that it was possible to have their festivities graced by the presence of ladies.

The Duke of ALBANY: Brethren, I have but very few minutes in which to propose the last toast, and I fear I shall not be able to do full justice to it. It is that of my "Deputy Provincial Grand Officer, Bro. Bird; the brethren I have had the pleasure to invest to-day, and other Provincial Grand

Officers." Of Bro. Bird, he does so much for me I can only say I do not know how I could be Grand Master if it were not for having Bro. Bird to help me. Of the other Grand Officers, I am certain that they will fulfil their duties as well as their predecessors did; and I can only regret that I have not the pleasure to be more personally acquainted with them. On account of my long residence I was going to propose the next toast, but I am obliged to leave. I have asked Bro. Bird to propose it in my stead; I shall, therefore, not have the pleasure to propose that toast.

Bro. BIRD: Your Royal Highness and brethren—on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers of this province I beg to return you my very best thanks. I have to thank you, Sir, personally, for the many kind remarks you have made about me, and you know that anything I can do to prepare the work for your hands I shall always be ready to do. The other brethren have always been ready to support the Charities whenever they had been called upon to do so. They are very glad, we know, to see so many visitors here to-day. It is a very great feather in my cap having so many visitors to attend here to-day, and I beg to thank you most heartily.

As His Royal Highness, accompanied by the officers of Grand Lodge, left the hall, the brethren all rose in their places cheering him with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. BIRD, having taken the chair, said: Brethren, in the name of His Royal Highness I ask you to drink to "The Health and Prosperity of the Cherwell Lodge." I do this with very great pleasure, for when I was a very young Mason I was present when it was consecrated in a place where they will be glad to get out of. I was very glad last year when I heard they were going to build a new Masonic Hall. I know that the W.M. is very well up in his work, and will do everything that is best for his lodge, and, therefore, I hope that he will last to perform the ceremonies in this new building, which has been commenced under his auspices. I wish him and the brethren of the Cherwell Lodge every happiness in their new hall, and that they may be prosperous in their new conditions.

Bro. PALMER, W.M. of the Cherwell Lodge, then said: Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master and brethren, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the Cherwell Lodge I wish to say how fully we appreciate the very great honour that has been conferred upon us to-day. We are aware of the interest that His Royal Highness the Provincial Grand Master takes in Freemasonry, especially in that portion of it which refers to this province; indeed, if we required any further proof of this fact, we have it since His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to come here to-day to lay the foundation-stone of our new hall. For some time past we have met in a room which has not been worthy of so noble a cause, but now we hope soon to have a building which will not only give greater comfort and convenience to the brethren, but which will also be more worthy of the Great Architect of the Universe Himself, and of those high moral precepts which are inculcated in all Masonic lodges. During some years Freemasonry had made little or no progress in Banbury; but at the present moment it is advancing with very rapid strides. The report that was read at the Provincial Grand Lodge this morning referred to the proceedings of last year. So far from having done little work, I am proud to be able to say that since my installation in February twenty-two ceremonies have already fallen to my lot, and I have very great reason to believe that during the remaining portion of my year of office I shall have the pleasure of performing at least twenty-two more. Such is the present position of the Cherwell Lodge. I believe that it has a bright future in store, and that in point of prosperity it will be second to none in His Royal Highness's province. This has been a great day for Banbury, it is so seldom that we have the honour of seeing a member of the Royal Family in our old town; it has been a greater day still for the members of the Cherwell Lodge; and I am sure that the remembrance of this auspicious occasion will be indelibly imprinted upon the hearts, not only of the members of the Cherwell Lodge, but of all those brethren also whom I have the honour of seeing around me to-day. I thank you, very worshipful sir, for the kind manner in which you have proposed the toast. I thank you all, brethren, for having come here in such numbers to honour us with your company to-day, and for the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which you have received this toast.

The proceedings then terminated.

GENERAL LAWS OF MASONRY are those which affect the fraternity generally, or as under a jurisdiction or constitution. They are to be found in the ancient charges incorporated in the Constitutions themselves, and in the constitutions of the various Masonic bodies throughout the world, and may be termed the "Lex Scripta" of Masonic statute law. There is also a Masonic common law, a Lex Inscripta, by which much of our Masonic life and work are governed. In the Grand Lodge resides alone the power of enacting laws and regulations generally for the Craft, of altering and repealing old ones, of framing and passing new ones. It may be contended, indeed, that there are some regulations such as those of 1721, and enlarged in 1738, which are general laws, but we think this a doubtful question, as all independent Grand Lodges can undoubtedly modify them according to their good pleasure, and they give way, even amongst ourselves, to the Book of Constitutions. In one sense these may be termed General Laws or Landmarks, and they only prevail and are in force inasmuch and in so far as they harmonize with the Book of Constitutions. From several of their provisions we have long since widely and materially departed.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

Bro. James Lewis-Thomas, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, F.S.A., has been appointed by the Secretary of State for War to be Chief Surveyor, War Department. Bro. Lewis-Thomas has for several years filled the office of Deputy Surveyor.

CENTENARY MEETING OF THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND CHAPTER, AT BATH.

To the Royal Cumberland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 41, Bath, belongs the honour, unique in Masonic annals, of receiving from Grand Chapter a memorial of its existence for one hundred years, and the possession of consecutive and uninterrupted records for that long period. There are, we believe, six other chapters in the kingdom claiming equal seniority, but they have either not applied for a recognition of their position or, if they have, have been unable to prove their title. The Royal Cumberland, more fortunate than others, has made good its tale of a hundred years, and is the first chapter in England to which Grand Chapter has granted a centenary warrant. The chapter not only enjoys this proud distinction, but the lodge is even more honourably distinguished, since it possesses a silver medal given by the Grand Lodge of England in 1780 for money subscribed by the lodge and its members towards the cost of providing a home for Grand Lodge in London; a centenary jewel was moreover granted to the lodge in 1833, and next year the members will celebrate the 150th year of its existence. The granting of the centenary warrant to the chapter was celebrated on Tuesday, the 14th inst., by a large gathering of the members and companions belonging to other chapters. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the popular and beloved Grand Superintendent of the Province (Col. A. W. Adair); the Grand Scribe E. (Col. Shadwell H. Clerke); Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P.G.S.B., D.C. of the Thirty-third Degree; Comp. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, the well-known Masonic historian; and other distinguished companions. The members of the chapter present were Comps. Lawson Howes, P.G.R., Z.; J. Stuckey, H.; F. Wilkinson, J.; T. B. Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; C. W. Radway, E.; E. J. B. Mercer, N.; F. Glover, P.S.; W. Peach, 1st A.S.; J. Knight, 2nd A.S.; W. Williamson, I.P.Z., P.G.A.S.; E. White, P.Z.; E. L. Hill, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; C. Becket, P.Z.; T. P. Ashley, P.Z.; J. Rubie, P.Z.; T. Wilton, P.Z.; Dr. H. Hopkins, P.Z.; E. F. Collings, P.Z.; S. G. Mitchell, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; J. Hearne, P.Z.; G. H. Bartlett, R. Bull, H. Salmon, C. E. Davis, J. Banks, T. E. Wilton, R. B. Carter, C. Wilkinson, G. H. Bernard, J. Hayward, W. E. Sparrow, P. C. Young, W. H. Young, W. H. Reynolds, and S. Bigwood, Janitor.

The visitors included, besides those already named, Comps. E. Turner Payne, P.P.G.J., P.G. Treas.; Col. J. R. Ford, P.G.J.; Major Long, P.G.S.E., P.Z. 446; W. Adams, P.G.D.C., P.Z. 261; and the following members of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 53: Comps. G. Holbrow, Z.; S. Edwards, H.; J. A. Timmins, E.; I. Sumsion, W. F. Gould, E. Noke, G. T. Law, A. J. Salter. There were also present Comps. C. E. Davis, Z.; and W. S. Loder, P.Z. Tynte Chapter; W. A. Scott, P.Z.; Louis de Ridder, E.; E. J. Grubb, A.S., 68; H. Pigeon, H. J. Stoute, Pierrepont Harris, 187; J. Chandler, P.Z. 355; P.G.H. Wilts; Rev. G. E. Gardiner, 340, P.G.C. Wilts; W. E. Perrett, H., and G. Yates, J. 1222.

The Grand Superintendent, Grand and Provincial Grand Officers having been received with the honours befitting their rank, the proceedings began with the anthem "Behold how good," which was nicely sung by a choir of companions, Comp. Macfarlane presiding at the organ. The M.E.Z. having briefly explained the occasion of the meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, called upon Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins to offer a prayer which he had specially prepared for the occasion. Comp. RADWAY, the indefatigable S.E. of the chapter, was next asked to give a sketch of its history. This paper, which contained the fruits of long and diligent inquiry, and a vast amount of patient and careful research into the voluminous records of the chapter and other documents, was most carefully compiled; and although the reading of it took up more than half-an-hour, it was listened to with the greatest interest, and with unflinching attention. Some facts culled therefrom, with which we have been supplied, may be of interest to our Masonic as well as to our non-Masonic readers. The first meeting recorded is on the 11th day of January, 1782, and in the following June fees were paid to Grand Chapter for registering sixteen companions. On August 11th, 1784, a chapter of emergency was held by direction of Comp. Thos. Dunckerley, Grand Superintendent. No mention is made of the place of meeting of the chapter until 1778, but in October of that year it was resolved to remove to the Bear Inn (then standing at the bottom of Union-street). In October, 1794, the companions removed to the White Lion, and in August, 1799, to the Bird Cage Tavern, in Westgate-street, (no longer in existence). In December, 1800, the chapter removed to the Christopher. The title of Royal Cumberland Chapter, No. 28, is used for the first time in February, 1802. The chapter removed in 1809 to the White Lion, in 1812 to the Angel Hotel, in 1813 to the Castle, and in November, 1818, to the Freemasons' Hall, in York-street (now known as the Friends' Meeting House). The tenure of this place was short and troubled, for in 1823 Comp. Geary, as mortgagee of the property, closed the hall against the chapter, seized the charter and all its properties. In consequence of this state of things the chapter removed in November, 1823, to the White Lion, and a communication made to Colonel Tynte (who was appointed Grand Superintendent by a patent from Grand Chapter in 1823). The warrant having been taken possession of by Mr. Geary, he forwarded it to Col. Tynte, to be held in trust, the Grand Superintendent giving a dispensation to the Chapter to hold its meetings at the White Lion, and also to carry on the business of the chapter. The warrant, however, was lost while in the possession of Col. Tynte, and this being the case a confirmation charter was applied for and granted by Grand Chapter in 1840, but it was not received by the chapter till 1854. In 1866 the meeting place of the chapter was changed from the corridor to the Masonic Hall, in Orchard-street. Comp. Radway mentions that not only does the chapter possess the minute books for over 100 years, but it has the treasurer's book for the year beginning 1782, and these accounts are also complete. The chapter, it appears, was originally called the Chapter of Virtue, and the names of the first three principals were Comps. Young-class, Davis, and Fox; there was a lodge of that name, but that died out in 1831. The Grand Chapter having confirmed the principle of granting centenary warrants, conferring the privilege upon the members of such chapters of wearing a centenary jewel, a memorial was sent from the

Royal Cumberland Chapter asking for a centenary warrant, and on August 22nd of the present year the request was granted. Up to this moment only one other chapter in England has put forward any conclusive proof of its existence for 100 years, viz., the Chapter of Charity, Bristol, No. 187; the Comps. of that chapter have in their possession their original Charter, numbered 9, and dated Dec. 15, 1769, about two years after the formation of Supreme Grand Chapter. The claim for a centenary warrant was granted by Grand chapter the first of the present month. The chapter at Poole, No. 137, applied for a warrant but the application could not be granted, the records being broken.

E. Comp. HUGHAN gave an interesting address, partly of an esoteric character, on the origin of the Royal Arch Degree. The question, he said, was a very important one, and so far, had not been settled precisely; indeed, he thought they never would be able to know when the Royal Arch Degree originated. Its origin was connected with the Third Degree, and for some years what is now known as the Royal Arch Degree was worked as the second part of the Third Degree, and in some measure irregularly, for we are told that in London about 1738 some brethren were called before the Grand Lodge and found fault with for working irregularly, and on due submission being made, they were reinstated in their privileges; and it is generally supposed that this irregularity had to do with the working of the Third Degree. In considering the antiquity of the Royal Arch Degree as worked separately from the Third Degree, he wished it to be understood that in no sense did he enter into the antiquity of the Third Degree, in which originally the secrets of the Royal Arch Degree were included. It had been frequently stated that Laurence Dermott—who was one of the Athol Masons—was the founder of the Arch Degree; but he (Comp. Hughan) had discovered a work printed in 1744 which alluded to the Degree two years before Dermott was exalted, and furnishing conclusive proof that he had nothing to do with the separate arrangement. It was also claimed that Thomas Dunckerley was the founder of the Royal Arch Degree, but we know that it was in operation thirty years before he took it; we may, therefore, conclude that he had nothing to do with it. It was further stated that Ramsay visited the Grand Lodge of England in 1728, and made a suggestion that the Third Degree should be divided and worked in a manner somewhat similar to the present; but there is no such record in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and nothing to indicate that at that period the Third Degree was worked in two separate divisions, the second being entitled the Royal Arch Degree. We have, therefore, to come back to the original standing point, that as to the precise date of its origin it is impossible to determine. Some important matters were involved in the question of its origin. We know that in this country and abroad the secrets of what is termed the Third Degree were given before 1740, in quite a different manner from what they are now; and the word which was lost in one portion of the Third Degree was subsequently found in the concluding portion. He had in his possession a tracing board, published in 1745, at Amsterdam, which illustrated this point. The Royal Arch Degree is mentioned as having been given at York a few years prior to 1744, and we know also that it was worked in London before that year. During the last century many thousands of members joined the seceders, or Athol Masons, doubtless in order to get the Four Degrees for their money instead of three. In self-defence, many members of the regular Grand Lodge formed a Grand Chapter for themselves, and our present esteemed Grand Scribe E. has discovered the "Charter of Compact" quite recently. This Grand Chapter was formed by the "Charter of Compact" in 1767, and was acknowledged practically, though not actually, by the Grand Lodge, in much the same manner as the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the Mark, and other Degrees are recognised now through the Grand Master and others belonging to them. But, as a matter of fact, Grand Chapter was not absolutely legalised until 1813-7. The arrangement he thought was a very wise one. By the separation of the second part of the Third Degree, worked as it is now, more attention is paid to those Sublime Mysteries that are illustrated and explained in the Royal Arch Degree; and it is well also to remember that our Grand Chapter has always been anxious to tell the companions that though apparently it is a separate Degree, in reality it is nothing but the completion and climax of the Third. It is singular to note that the first Royal Arch Chapters principally assembled in the provinces; there being very few in London during the last century. Grand Chapter granted nine warrants in 1769, and of these, two were for chapters in Lancashire, and one for Bristol. A warrant for a chapter at Poole was granted in 1780. There could not, he said, be the slightest doubt that the Grand Chapter of England originated out of a private chapter, but it was impossible to tell the date. Comps. Woodford and Gould had thought well over the matter, and the latter came to the conclusion that it was in the year 1765; but on looking over the records of Grand Chapter he (Bro. Hughan), found a reference which led him to the conclusion that it was still earlier, how much, it was not in his power to say. In conclusion, Comp. Hughan exhorted the companions to study the Degree, remarking that if they were true to their trust they would hand down to posterity those noble and exalted truths which they had received, Sublime Mysteries which, to properly fully study, required the assistance of the theologian, the antiquary, the philosopher, the linguist and the Freemason.

The GRAND SCRIBE E., addressing the Grand Superintendent, said the Grand Chapter of England having acceded to the petition which was addressed to it by the Royal Cumberland Chapter, to be granted a centenary charter, he attended on behalf of H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, to place in his hands the charter, fully confirming the fact that the chapter had had a continuous existence for at least 100 years, and, therefore, authorising the companions of the chapter to wear the distinctive jewel in commemoration of the event. Personally it gave him very great pleasure to place the charter in the hands of Colonel Adair, and he offered to him, as Grand Superintendent of the province, and the companions of the chapter, his most hearty congratulations on the auspicious event.

Colonel ADAIR, in accepting the warrant, thanked the Grand Scribe E. for his presence that day, and assured him that the companions of the chapter valued his good offices in obtaining the charter, and that there was no face of a visitor more welcome among Royal Arch Masons than that of Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke.

The charter having been read by Major LONG, P.G. S.E., it was placed by the Grand Superintendent in the keeping of the M.E.Z. of the chapter. At the same time Col. Adair pinned to the breast of the First Principal a centenary jewel, the gift of the companions of the chapter—the first decoration of the kind worn by any Royal Arch Mason in England. Comp. Radway also presented a complete list of the First Principals of the chapter, which, with the warrant, is beautifully written and illuminated, mounted, and framed in old English oak, with suitable ornaments.

Comp. WHITE, the oldest member, and forty-one years ago First Principal of the chapter, in a brief, feeling, and telling speech proposed the Grand Superintendent as a joining member of the chapter; this was seconded by another old and esteemed P.Z., Comp. ASHLEY, and having been carried by acclamation, it was resolved, on the suggestion of Dr. HOPKINS, to complete the honour by presenting to Col. Adair a gold centenary medal. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke was proposed as an honorary member of the chapter.

Col. BURNBY, on behalf of the visitors, felicitated the companions of Cumberland Chapter upon the great distinction which had been accorded to them.

Comp. HUGHAN, in acknowledging a special vote of thanks for his attendance and address (proposed by Dr. Hopkins), said there had never been any period in which the progress of Royal Arch Masonry had been equal to the present, and a great deal of this resulted from the management at head-quarters.

Comp. ASHLEY mentioned that the Royal Cumberland Lodge had completed the 150th year of its existence, and that he had all the books and accounts complete for that period.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Radway for the trouble he had taken in preparing a sketch of the history of the chapter. At the suggestion of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, it was ordered to be printed, Comp. Hughan undertaking to write a preface.

After the close of the business the companions adjourned to the Christopher Hotel—one of the old meeting places of the chapter. Comp. Robinson provided a first-class banquet, which elicited the highest encomiums from all present. The M.E.Z. presided, supported by the Grand Supt., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, and other distinguished visitors. After dinner several toasts incidental to the meeting were proposed, and the speeches were pleasantly interspersed with some excellent vocal music, Comp. Macfarlane accompanying with his usual *bonhomie*.

The GRAND SCRIBE E., in responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers," said that although every good brother could not in the nature of things receive that reward he so justly deserved, he trusted that it would be conceded that those who were appointed to Grand office were not altogether unworthy of the distinction they received. He believed that the officers, who were appointed from year to year by H.R.H. the First Grand Principal, had done good suit and service to the Order. The gallant colonel assured the companions that the Prince of Wales takes the deepest personal interest in everything concerning Masonry in every grade and degree, and is jealous of anything being done beyond the routine of the Order without the matter being laid before H.R.H., and an opportunity afforded for expressing his views thereon. He expressed his pleasure with the manner in which all the proceedings of the day had been conducted, and congratulated the companions upon the realisation of all their hopes and wishes. There was one companion to whom, however, they owed a very great debt of gratitude—the Grand Superintendent of Dorset, Comp. Montagu. Last year he brought forward a proposition in Grand Chapter that there should be a centenary charter. He did this for the purpose (very properly so to) of getting a charter for a chapter in his province, the one at Poole. The motion was carried, and application was made by the chapter at Poole for a charter, but they did not get it. The Royal Cumberland quietly stepped in and got the advantage of work done by the Grand Superintendent of Dorset.

Comp. Col. ADAIR then called upon the companions to drink "The Health of the Grand Superintendent and Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Dorset." Comp. Montagu was well-known, and his friendship was deeply valued by all who had the pleasure of it. His name would be especially welcomed in Bath, since his wife was the daughter of one who was a very active and generous Mason a quarter of a century ago—he meant Comp. Vigne.

In responding to the toast of his health (proposed by Comp. WILTON) Colonel ADAIR said he felt it to be a great honour to be the first Grand Superintendent to present a centenary warrant, and place a centenary jewel on the breast of a First Principal of any Royal Arch chapter in England. Although they had heard in the interesting sketch which was read to them by Comp. Radway mention made of a Grand Superintendent of Somerset, yet he had never heard of his being associated with two others in the discharge of his duties; and a Grand Superintendent without a Provincial Grand Chapter was something like a general without an army. He was thankful that Royal Arch Masonry was placed on its present footing in Somerset. The loyal support he received from his officers, and the cordial feelings he received from the companions, made his duties the most pleasant almost that could fall to the lot of man to perform.

Comp. RUBIE proposed "The Second and Third Principals of the Province."

Col. FORD, P.G.J., returned thanks, apologising for the absence of the P.G.H. (Comp. Else).

Major LONG, P.G.S.E., replied on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Col. ADAIR proposed "The Present and Past Principals and Companions of the Royal Cumberland Chapter."

This toast was responded to by Comps. Lawson Howes, Z.; S. G. Mitchell, P.Z.; C. W. Radway, E.; and E. J. B. Mercer, N.

"The Principals and Companions of the Chapters in the Province" was submitted by Comp. WILLIAMSON, P.Z., and acknowledged by Comps. LONG and PERRETT.

Comp. CHANDLER, P.G.H. of Wilts, replied for "The Visiting Companions."

"The Charities," proposed by Comp. ASHLEY, concluded the toast list.

The celebration was in every way completely successful, and it is only right we should say that for much of its success the companions are indebted to the genial and judicious conduct of the M.E.Z., and to the zealous and untiring labours of Comp. Radway.

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To Correspondents.

A notice of the Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book, and of the Cosmopolitan Calendar and Pocket Book will appear next week.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Voice of Masonry," "The Citizen," "Bull's Process Iron and Steel Company," "The Keystone," "Le Monde Maconique," "The Freemasons' Chronicle" (Sydney), "The Freemason" (Sydney), "La Revista Masonica," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Hull Packet," "Masonia," "The Masonic Review," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "The Chamber of Commerce Journal," "El Taller," "Grand Lodge Calendar, 1883," "Amberg's System of Letter Filing."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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.]

OBsolete Words.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The derivation of the word "hele" may be as Bro. Chalmers suggests; but one rather looks for examples of the use of the word in our literature. I venture to send two quotations from early writers, in which the word "hele" is used in precisely the same sense as in our ceremonies.

First, from "Piers the Ploughman," passus v., line 168 (the whole passage is quoted to show the clear meaning of the word):

"Seynt Gregorie was a gode pope, and had a gode forwit,
"That no priouresse were prest, for that he ordeigned,
"Thei had thanne ben *infantis* the firste day, thei can so
yuel* hele conseille."

This is not very complimentary to the ladies; of whom men, in all times since speech was invented, seems to say the same thing.

My second example is from Chaucer; and, singularly enough contains the same reflection on the fair sex, though in this case made by one of themselves, who has good claims to be an authority.

In the "Wyf of Bathes Tale," line 6532, this Mrs. Brown of the fourteenth century, says: "Pardy, we wymmen can right nothing hele." And then relates the classical story of Midas, to clench her assertion.

The word is found in the German "Hehl," secrecy; "Hehlen," to conceal; and their derivatives, "Verhehlen," to hide, conceal, secrete; and "Verhehler," a hider, a concealer, a dissembler. I have not met with it in Spencer nor in Shakespear; and probably the word dropped out of use by writers at the end of the fifteenth century.

Yours fraternally,

G. T. BUDDEN.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF CANADA.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The Great Prior of Canada has sent me a copy of the allocution recently delivered by him to the Great Priory of Knights Templar at Montreal, and I venture to think that there are many of your readers who will be interested to read the loyal address of Col. McLeod Moore. I have, therefore, forwarded it to the office of the *Freemason*, in the hope that you will give it insertion at an early date, either verbatim or in part.

A small number of ambitious agitators are seeking to make the office of Great Prior elective, with a view to securing the entire independence of the National Great Priory. These brethren apparently consider that no honour attaches to the Order from its connection with the Prince of Wales as Grand Master; but I feel sure that all loyal Knights Templar in Canada, as in England, will applaud the venerable, learned, and gallant old officer, who rules the Order in the dominion, in his determination to show unswerving allegiance to His Royal Highness as Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master. The fratres in Canada appear to think Convent General no longer exists, and Col. Moore evidently looks upon it as moribund.

I am assured, however, on the highest authority, that this is not so, and that the Prince may at any time exercise his prerogative by calling it together, "mero motu," and as the jurisdiction of the Grand Master extends over the kingdom of England and Ireland, and all possessions, colonies, and dependencies of the British Crown, including Canada, it would be a great advantage to the Order generally if His Royal Highness would summons a meeting of that body, if only to show the interest he continues to take in the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital.

Trusting you will insert this letter, I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

EMRA HOLMES, K.C.T.

Hon. Prov. Prior of Canada; Representative of
Canada at the Great Priory of England.

P.S.—I still live in hopes that our brethren in Scotland will one day join the Convent General under the banner of our future King.

THE BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Has any decision been arrived at in the competition? Because, if so, I should advise that the premiums be paid and another competition arranged, limited to architects who are supporters of the charity, the conditions being altered so as to leave the competing architects more freedom to provide the necessary accommodation at a cost strictly limited and fixed.

I think that very few architects of position submitted designs; they rarely do in open competitions; and the result appears to be a number of ornate drawings, but wanting in experience and economy.

Do we not want a Building Committee for each of our charities, composed of brethren skilled in matters of construction, and thus prevent muddles in competitions, defective drainage, and some other matters in which our worthy House Committees seem deficient, although deserving all praise for their energy and attention to the work of the institutions?

Yours &c.,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

PROVINCIAL PREFERMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From circumstances personally known to myself, as well as loud expressions of dissatisfaction made use of by members of our lodge and others on the subject of preferment made by Provincial Grand Lodges, it seems to me very desirable that a clause as to the selection of brethren should be incorporated in the new constitutional laws of our order.

I would suggest that when the Provincial Grand Master sees fit to confer a distinction upon any lodge in his

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province, he should order his Secretary to make his wish known to the W.M. of the lodge, who shall be requested to call a meeting of the Past Masters and Officers of his lodge, and decide amongst themselves by ballot, which of their brethren (being eligible) shall be recommended for preferment.

This mode of selection would enable the Provincial Grand Master to feel that it had given entire satisfaction; whereas when left to the Provincial Grand Secretary, or other "wire pullers" the "kissing is likely to go by favour" and not by *personal merit only*, as is directed by the present constitutions.

The more this grievance is investigated the better, and I shall be glad to learn the feeling of others (not being Provincial Grand Secretaries) on the subject.

I enclose my card, and remain,

Yours fraternally, SPECTEMUR AGENDO.

Nov. 15th, 1882.

HOW STATISTICS ARE PUBLISHED.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your report of The Great City Lodge you, on page 645, give a speech by Bro. Duchery, who seems to have given the lodge the benefit of an oration on his own account, as I do not find his name coupled with the toast, nor is his name given under the list of visitors. A good speech is always enjoyable, but it must be something near the mark as to accuracy; a little rope is allowable, especially in an after-dinner oration. The topics Bro. Duchery touches upon seem quite foreign to the toast he appears to be replying to—"The Visitors." I presume, as a visitor, he did not so far ignore etiquette as to rise to propose a toast. Be this as it may, with all Masonic good will, I think Bro. Duchery will not object to his statistics being criticised. I hope he will not misinterpret my intentions and class me amongst the Masonic "grumblers" he talks about.

As to rotation system, I presume he means step by step to the chair. He, however, must not overlook the fact, the first office is the test of merit, as a brother is, or at least should not be selected to fill one of the junior offices unless there are strong grounds to believe he will ultimately reflect honour on the choice, and fill the chair with credit to the lodge. All members of the Order cannot hope to be Masters, but it would be strange if a brother anxious for office did not work himself into it within a reasonable time.

I wish, however, particularly to point out the extraordinary statistics he asserts he is able to prove true.

He asserts there are 137,065 lodges in the world. I like the exactness which includes the odd sixty-five. In my comments I shall not presume to deal with a hundred or so, more or less.

These 137,065 lodges have an annual income of 160 millions, which is dispersed as follows:

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Making a grand total of £162,000,000 or two millions above the actual amount subscribed.

Considering the exact way in which the units in the number of Lodges are quoted, this deficit is disappointing, and instead of making us proud of belonging to such a Society will ultimately involve it in such ruin, as it can only be on the high road to destruction if it continues to spend two millions beyond its income.

I am glad, however, to see the Craft expends nothing from its revenues on festivities, jewels, &c., otherwise the two millions deficit will be multiplied considerably.

According to my method of reckoning, this revenue of 160 millions represents an average income of about £1100 (I shall not trouble about the odd seven or eight hundred thousand, this sum will pay the Auditors' fees) per lodge.

Now comes the question, how much this represents per member? To take the worthy brother's preliminary remarks respecting rotation, there being 100 members before them impeding their advancement, and limiting the number to 100 in each lodge, gives £11 subscription for each. To simplify calculations we will suppose the average to be £10 per member per annum; this would represent sixteen millions of Masons as the muster roll. I do not think it would average 2s. per mason, in reality; consequently, if Bro. Duchery's figures are correct, it would represent eighty millions of masons. Unfortunately, Bro. Duchery does not give us the statistics as to numbers, but I think you will agree I have taken a very low average considering the figures before me. Now what are the actual figures?

In your leader, page 595, you say England and Wales and dependencies, 140,000. Say England and Wales, 100,000, at an average subscription of £10—£1,000,000. Our great charities income is under £50,000; leaves the handsome sum of £950,000 for Grand Lodge dues. Surely with these figures there will be no need for Bro. Clabon to urge increase of dues. Now I have always understood England to be the strongest in point of numbers. We must sink into the shade very considerably, as I find there are under 2000 lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England; this leaves, according to Bro. Duchery's figures, 135,065 lodges for the other portions of the globe.

Again referring to your statistics in page 595, which, by the way, are admitted rather over than under the mark, as in France alone you have doubled the actual figures, as you admit on page 639, one and a half millions covers the number of Masons in the entire universe; who must subscribe, according to Bro. Duchery's figures, about £100 per annum to reach the total revenue he quotes. As to the number of lodges, I await with impatience the publication of the Grand Lodge Calendar, as the number of lodges must have made rapid progress to reach 137,065—or about 1500 lodges for every country since last issue. England's vaunted progress must indeed be out-distanced. I fear I have spun out my comments; but I do it with one good object in view, viz.: to warn brethren from making such assertions without duly considering the bosh such statistics are when viewed before dinner. Such haphazard remarks may sound very imposing at the time, and would do no harm if not carried outside the banqueting room. I have no doubt Bro. Duchery means well, and that his speech gave approval is evinced by the applause it received; but as a Mason I am sure Bro. Duchery would prefer to sail under no false colours, and will not bear any ill feeling for the exposé. I fully believe he has been misled, and, in the excitement of the moment, spread the report broadcast without duly considering the probabilities. It is strange, however, such well-known Masons as the members of the Great City Lodge allowed it to go unchallenged. What must the Treasurer's feelings have been when he compared the lodge's income with that of those lodges making up the total 160 millions? No doubt he felt Bro. Duchery's congratulations "as to the noble share they took in such undertaking" rather empty compliments.

With regret at having to awaken Bro. Duchery from his golden dream,

I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,
DICK RADCLYFFE.

DONATIONS TO THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the report in your issue of the 18th inst. of the proceedings at the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1462, Bro. Mason, "who had kindly come as a substitute for Bro. Terry," is stated to have said that "He thought that the three Institutions ought to bless the day that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge was founded, and was constituted of such members. When they had given the fifty guineas, as had been proposed, they would be a beacon to all the land, because it would be the first lodge in the country that had voted fifty guineas a piece to the three Masonic Charities."

If this be true, 'tis pity; and pity 'tis 'tis true."

But what a relief it will be to our feelings if the statement is shown to be of doubtful accuracy. I am Treasurer of a lodge which has subscribed as follows, viz.:—1874, Benevolent Institution, £50; 1876, Girls' School, £52 10s.; 1877, Boys' School, £52 10s.; 1879, Benevolent Institution, £52 10s.; 1880, Girls' School, £26 5s.; 1881, Boys' School, £26 5s.; 1882, Benevolent Institution, £26 5s.

I shall only whisper the name of the lodge, Bro. Editor, for your private ear, having painfully in mind how it has been scoffed at by wanderers, not only for setting up a beacon, but for exhibiting only the glimmering light that was burning under its bushel, and lest it be again reviled with publishing its virtues from the housetops.

All honour, I say, to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge; "may it flourish for ever—root and branch." But I would urge the brethren, in all sincerity and brotherly love, to take warning, and to be careful of kindling the beacon fire to illumine the path of the forlorn and shipwrecked in such a manner that they themselves may be scorched and tormented.

The question naturally forces itself upon one's mind—What are all the other lodges on the grand register doing?

If each one of them were only to send ten guineas a year to the Masonic Institutions—and they could if they would—what a consummation it would be to all our aspirations.

Yours fraternally, P.M. and H.

22nd November.

[Our correspondent is referred to Bro. Mason's letter below.—ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am sorry to take up your valuable space, but the report of the installation meeting of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, 1642, which appeared in your last issue, is so utterly absurd, that had it not been for the fact of an explanation being required from me by members of other lodges, I should not have troubled you with this explanation.

The report says that I stated, that if the lodge gave the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution fifty guineas, as promised, they would have given fifty guineas to each of the Charities, and thus be a beacon to all the land.

Now, Sir, nothing could be much wider of the mark as to what I did say, even if the reporter had been a non-Mason, and had made up the report without any notes. What I did say upon this point was, that the fifty guineas would complete the amount necessary to make themselves Vice-Presidents of our institution, and being already Vice-Presidents of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, together with the fact of the very large lists they had sent up upon each occasion, was the largest amount sent up by any lodge of

the same age—the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge only having been consecrated six years.

But, sir, the very youngest member of our fraternity, who has ever heard of the charities, know that it takes 100 guineas to each to qualify as V.P., and not fifty as stated in your report; and as several members of other very liberal lodges may justly feel aggrieved if the facts are not properly stated, I now append, not only for their information, but also that of your reporter's, a short statement of what the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge has done in the six years. They have given 100 guineas to each Institution in the name of the lodge; and have already brought in the magnificent sum of £684 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys; £600 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £576 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls; thus making a total of £1860.

I therefore trust you will kindly insert this in order that the lodge may have the credit due, and that others may not feel themselves hurt by a report which represents me to have said, that with 150 guineas this lodge had done more than any other lodge.

Yours truly and fraternally,

J. MASON, P.P.G.S.D. Middx.

Collector of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

FRENCH MASONIC TERMINOLOGY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Amongst your Notes and Queries in the *Freemason* of 18th inst., under the above heading, I find a copious note by "Masonic Student." As is usual with all our worthy brother's communications, he supplies us in this case also with much curious information and matter for thought. He, however, adds, "I believe I am the first person who has ever given this explanation," which explanation evidently refers to the foregoing "dicta," that "Lewis," in English, and "Louveteau," in French, are both equally indigenous technical terms; and further, that far from "Louveteau" being derived from "Lewis," the exact converse is probably the true state of the case.

I will gladly grant all this, but I am unable at present to agree with "Masonic Student" that he is the first to offer the explanation. Bro. Gould does more than "allude" to this subject. On page 243 of his "admirable work" (I cordially re-echo "Masonic Student's" description), he goes into it very fully. He first informs us what the instrument is which is technically called a "Lewis;" he next gives us the reason why a Mason's son is termed a "Lewis;" he then explains that this same instrument in French is a "Louve," and certain parts of it are "Louveteaux." He continues by stating that a "Companion" is a "Loup" and his son a "Louveteau," proving the analogy complete, both technically and Masonically; and he concludes by suggesting in a footnote that "Lewis" is derived from "Louve."

Surely Bro. Gould's claim to priority is good, and Bro. "Masonic Student's" is weak; unless, indeed, Bro. "Masonic Student" can point to a former publication on his side.

I am, dear Sir, yours fraternally,

GEO. R. POOLE.

NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 1264—BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the report of the above lodge, I notice in your last issue a letter from Bro. Hart, P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, in which he takes exception to our claim that we, of the Neptune Lodge, are really the originators of the purely voluntary system in connection with Benevolent Funds in the province.

While cordially recognising the authority with which Bro. Hart speaks on this subject, I should like to draw his attention to the rules of the fund of his own lodge. Rule 2 states: "That this Fund shall be supported by deducting five shillings from the annual subscriptions of each member of the Lodge of Israel, six shillings from each initiation, . . . also by occasional grants from the said lodge, and by donations and bequests."

Thus it will be seen that Bro. Hart is in error in claiming that they are the originators of the voluntary system; for so long as money is deducted from the subscriptions and initiations it cannot be called voluntary, and is entirely different to the principle on which our fund is founded.

Thanking you for your kindness in inserting our report, and apologising for again troubling you upon such a small matter, I am, yours fraternally,

SAMUEL FRASER,

Hon. Sec., pro tem., Neptune Benevolent Fund,
39, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool,
22nd November.

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THE PHILOSOPHY OF WAR. By JAMES RAM. E. J. Davey, Boy-court, Ludgate-Hill.

We confess to have been slightly puzzled when we finished reading this little shilling edition. We could not quite make out the drift of the "ready writer." "The Philosophy of War" seems to us, in all deference to Mr. Ram, an entire misnomer, in that war being purely abnormal in itself, always, it seems to us impossible, "a priori," to predicate of it either a calm philosophy or an abstract "rational." We are not "peace at any price" men, and never shall be. But, equally, we have not the slightest sympathy with what is frequently and somewhat vulgarly termed "jingoism," whatever that euphonious expression may really and truly import. We look on war as a sad and stern necessity, never to be undertaken rashly, wantonly, capriciously, or unjustly, and only to be waged in the ever sacred duty of national self-defence, or the vindication of the international claims of justice, right, honour and law. Some wars are, in fact, absolutely necessary. Some wars become requisite from the ill-doing, the baseness, the cruelty, the tyranny of others; but war, however triumphant, however surrounded by the ephemeral honours of glory, or the gay paraphernalia of martial brilliancy, can never be looked on without sorrow and pain, inasmuch as amid the shouts of victory and the paeans of a people we must hear, whether we will or no, the widow's sighs, and note the orphan's tears. War means great personal sorrow, and wide-spread misery often; and we must never allow ourselves to be led away by seductive word-painting, so as to believe that war is a slight thing, or a trifling matter, to be regarded as an outcome of elaborate heroism, (by those who know nothing about it), on the one hand, or to be considered as a means of material greatness and national progress on the other. We do now talk of efforts of actual defence and patriotic deliverance. Mr. Ram's words are very eloquent, and he states many undeniable truths, but we cannot agree with him that all our youth should be trained up as soldiers. Drilling and gymnastics are very good things in season, but there is a medium in all things. There is always a fear of overdoing everything here, and we, therefore, cannot agree with Mr. Ram in advocating that what is called "Militarism" should be added to our "curriculum" of national elementary education. For our gallant army and navy too much can never be said, now or at any future time; and while we agree with Mr. Ram in thinking the education of our recruits might be more closely attended to, we must beg to remark that the army has been a shelter and home for many a "rolling stone," many a "wild offshoot," many a vagrant and reckless youth, which, if it has not given him, as Mr. Ram says, a marshal's bâton in his knapsack, has taught him the invaluable lessons of order, cleanliness, obedience, and discipline, and rendered him a more useful member of society than at one time he seemed likely to become. Education is, however, happily progressing amongst all classes. And in the natural course of events, Mr. Ram's idea will probably be fulfilled, that the army will also be a means of education as well as of discipline, adding to the value of those excellent services of our army and our navy, for which all Englishmen may well be grateful and proud.

DIOCESAN HISTORIES: YORK. By Canon ORNSBY. Christian Knowledge Society.

This is one of that new and interesting class of works which this good, old and useful society has lately put out, and which, not only readable and valuable in themselves, full of information and most carefully compiled, reflect much credit both on their effective writer and the publishing society.

THE NIHILISTS IN THE HAYFIELD. A Latin poem, by J. S. EVANS. Kegan Paul and Co., Paternoster-row.

Agnostics, Nihilists, and Freethinkers generally, are having rather a hard time of it just now. To say nothing of the Laureate's play, and numerous polemical writings, here we have the very learned Professor of Greek at Durham University giving us, in sonorous hexameters, 545 lines of remarkable power and effective latinity, to discomfort and confound the believer in "nothing at all." And very ably, indeed, the Professor has done his work, though it is possible, we think, that beyond a select circle, and some few admiring University friends, his reduction of the Nihilist in belief and everything else to something absolutely less than nothing, will hardly be realized or properly appreciated. We have perused the Professor's modern and classical "Pome" with very great pleasure and admiration, and we hope that many of our readers whose turn lies in such things will do the same. We have thought it well to advert to this recent publication for their information, satisfaction and edification.

THE CATALOGUE OF THE HAMILTON PALACE LIBRARY. Second portion.

The Second portion of this remarkable collection will be sold on December 11th. It begins with the letter G. and ends with M.; 2732 lots. It contains, as even a cursory inspection manifests, as is remarked in the catalogue itself, works equal in rarity and condition to those comprised in the first portion, which sold for £31,500. "Among the books are some remarkable specimens of binding," striking collections of prints, classical writers, voyages and travels, and many very scarce books indeed. We have no doubt that this next sale will attract many buyers and spirited competitors.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or TONIC 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.; 1lb., 10d. Barrels, 25lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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HERMETIC MASONRY.

77] Since I delivered my lecture at Golden-square, I have stumbled upon one or two matters which confirm my statements in my lecture before the Studholme Chapter, Rose Croix. Lacroix gives us a curious drawing of Roger Bacon, by Vriese, who lived towards the end of the sixteenth century, (Bro. Rylands tells me), with the double triangle as his sign. And if, as Lacroix also tells us,—as appeared last week in the *Freemason*,—the followers of Raymond Lully were called "Illuminati," and were the precursors of the Rose Croix, it would confirm, to some extent, the old story, (which many look on as a fable), of Christian Rosenkreutz coming from the East. I am now seeking in *Emblematology*, and other sources, a more complete proof of that curious and common use of certain symbols, alike Masonically and Hermetically, to which I have called attention. These may be, and sometimes are, no doubt, "undesigned coincidences;" there may be, and often is, a casual use of such things; there may be no hidden meaning in the assumption of certain emblems; but still the fact is a curious fact, explain it as you may; and, so far, no attempt has been made to explain it at all. The subject is a very interesting one, and grows on the student of it both in the new sources it opens out, and the strange realities it brings to the surface. A. F. A. W.

78] LES FRERES HOSPITALIERS PONTIFES.

In the "Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia," by Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie, 1877, London, under the article "Brothers of the Bridge," are the following statements: "The peculiar token of the Order was a pickaxe, worn upon the breast." Ramsay, in a discourse published in Paris, 1741, affirms "that this Order united or established communications with the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and afterwards with the Roman builders, and thus would imply a direct connection between them and Freemasonry." I shall be much obliged for a reference to the authority for the statement about the badge of the pickaxe. The "discours" referred to is, I suppose, the one published as having been delivered by the Grand Master of the French Freemasons. The nearest statement to the one quoted above that I can find is, after naming the Crusaders: "Quelque temps après notre Ordre [the Freemasons] s'unit intimement avec les Chevaliers de St. Jean de Jerusalem. Dès lors nos Loges portèrent toutes le nom de Loges de St. Jean." So far as I can discover, the *freres hospitaliers pontifes* are never mentioned in this "discours." I shall be much obliged for any information on this subject, and if there is any real authority for the above statement in this "Royal Cyclopaedia," I shall be glad to have it. R.

79] MARLOW'S MAURER GESELLEN.

Many thanks to Bro. Masonic Student for the offer of a perusal of Dr. J. E. Marlow's "Maurer Gesellen." The book is unknown to me. If Masonic Student supposes it to be a burlesque, he is doubtless correct; none the less I should like to see it, as we cannot afford to overlook any possible clue to the real value of the German journeyman fraternities. Will he kindly forward it through our Editor. G. WM. SPETH.

80] MASONIC BOOKS.

I have lately purchased two books. One, a New York reprint in 1855 of Anderson's 1723 Constitutions. I wish to know whether this is as it professes to be, a facsimile. If so, from the Student's point of view, it is of course as useful to me as a bona fide 1723 Constitutions would be. Further, "Jachin and Boaz," published by E. Newbury, September 1st, 1797. "A new edition, greatly enlarged and improved." Query, what is the date of the first edition? G. WM. SPETH.

81] LEWIS—LOUVETEAU.

My attention having been called in the interim by a friend, to the somewhat peculiar wording of my recent "note" on this subject, I think it well, for fear of my words being misread, to say that what I sought and intended to convey was, that I was, I believed, the first of non-existent writers to point out the strange ignorance of the French Masonic writers on the subject. I alluded to Bro. Gould's admirable work in my mention of Felibien, and, though there is a slight difference between us as to the origin of Lewis, he certainly has a right to claim to have pointed out the identity between Louve and Lewis most clearly of all living writers. But I alluded rather to Felibien's fuller explanation, which, as it appeared in the *Freemason*, showing the difference between Louve and Louveteaux and the various classes of the work then, is the first technical treatment of the subject that I am aware of. I also included in this view the original French Masonic use of "Louton," as from Lewis. I see that my words are a little ambiguous, so I think it well to say this. I am now trying to find out something of our English use of "Lewis," and shall send a note, I hope, on it next week, if possible. MASONIC STUDENT.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual report of the Committee of the above Institution, for the year ending 30th September, 1882, to be submitted for adoption at the General Meeting to be held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Friday, the 15th day of December next, is as follows:

The Committee of the above Association have to report that the two half-yearly drawings have taken place as usual, the first on December 23rd, 1881, and the second on the 21st July last, when twenty-three Life Subscriberships were drawn. The number of Life Subscriberships drawn since the formation of the Association, in 1878, is ninety-three, which represents a considerable permanent accession to the voting strength of the province.

The number of members is now 134.

The Committee desire to draw special attention to the rule which provides that members whose subscriptions for the current year is unpaid are not eligible to participate in the drawing.

Several members have during the past year lost their chance of a nomination, owing to their subscriptions being unpaid. It should be remembered that this is not only detrimental to the member himself, but unfair to others, and prejudicial to the Association, as the number of nominations drawn entirely depends on the amount of money in hand. During the year just closed the number of nominations drawn has been less than in either of the preceding two years, the falling off being due to the neglect of the members in thus allowing their subscriptions to get in arrear. All subscriptions are due on 1st October in each year, and should be paid to the Treasurer or Secretary, or to the account of the Association at the Leicestershire Bank or any of its branches.

The recent elections for the two Masonic Educational Charities merit consideration. At the October election for the Boys' School candidates polling a less number than 2404 votes were unsuccessful, and for the Girls' Institution the lowest successful number was 2212. Five or six years ago 1000 votes or less would generally be sufficient to ensure the election of a Boy candidate and a very much less number was required for election into the Girls' School. In the face of these facts the necessity for an Association of this description, and for its being heartily and systematically supported, need hardly be insisted on if local candidates for the future are to stand any chance of election.

The Committee regret to announce that Bro. S. S. Partidge, owing to the increasing pressure of private business, and of his official duties as Provincial Grand Secretary, has tendered his resignation of the Honorary Secretaryship of the Association. The Committee feel that the thanks of the Association are due to him for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

They have appointed to the vacancy Bro. M. J. Walker, W.M. elect, 1265, who has always shown a warm interest in the success of the Association, and they recommend the confirmation of the appointment at the annual meeting next month.

The general meeting and drawing for Life Subscriberships takes place on Friday, 15th December next. Names of new members will be received by the Secretary, from whom any information can be obtained.

G. TOLLER, Junr., P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M.,
Freemasons' Hall, Leicester,
2nd November. Chairman.

BANQUET AND PRESENTATION TO BRO. THE EARL OF LATHOM, R.W.D.G.M.

The most brilliant gathering ever held in Ormskirk took place on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., when there was a grand banquet and presentation of an address and piece of plate to Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire. The inhabitants of Ormskirk and district have desired for some time to show their appreciation of the honour conferred upon his lordship by her Majesty in creating him Earl of Lathom; and at a meeting held in October it was decided to ask his lordship to receive an address and attend a banquet. His lordship having consented, it was further resolved to present him with a casket, or other suitable article, in addition to the address. The banquet took place at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel. Mr. C. P. Symonds, J.P., presided, and he was supported by the Earl of Lathom, Lieut. Lionel Wilbraham, Rev. Canon Sheldon, R. P. Wood, Esq., J.P.; J. Prescott, Esq., J.P.; W. Lax, Esq., C. Hill, Esq., and others.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. LAX proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," which was received with ringing cheers.

Mr. LAX was seconded by the Rev. Canon SHELDON, Vicar of Ormskirk; the Rev. J. A. HICKLEY (Roman Catholic); and the Rev. J. S. DRUMMOND (Congregationalist); and each spoke of his lordship's kind genial manner, which had endeared him to all.

The Rev. Canon SHELDON made the presentation of an address, a silver tankard, and two goblets, and said Lord Lathom was a true friend and neighbour in every sense of the word. He was a neighbour and friend ever ready to build a church or attend a large meeting, or do a good service in any way.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM expressed his gratitude for the kindly words spoken of him, and his heartfelt appreciation of the sentiments of the address. For the handsome and valuable present he most cordially thanked them. His lordship said it was indeed a proud moment for him to receive such a token of the good wishes and kindly sympathy of his neighbours and friends, and the day would be remembered by him with the profoundest feelings of gratitude for the remainder of his life. The elevation in the peerage, on which he had been so kindly congratulated, was granted to him by the Queen on the recommendation of the Earl of Beaconsfield, who, more than any man he ever knew, loved to reward services rendered, however silently or humbly they were offered. He might say as much as this without being supposed, he hoped, to wish to drag in political allusion, merely as a tribute to a great man whom he was proud to call friend, and because he liked to explain that, since Lord Beaconsfield thought he deserved such an honour, he accepted it gratefully and without hesitation. It was some twelve years since he undertook the duties of whip in the House of Lords—a silent but, he might say, not an unimportant post. He felt that, since he was not endowed with that all-powerful gift, eloquence, he could best serve his country by undertaking those duties in which he had striven to give satisfaction, being only too thankful if he could think that he had in some small measure succeeded in this object. Lord Lathom then remarked that, contrary to the idea that prevails amongst some, the office he held was not a paid one. There was only one drawback to it, and that was that it prevented him living in the country as much as he could wish. His lordship concluded by saying that his motto through life had been to do well and thoroughly all that he had undertaken, and he had tried to act up to this; and if he had in the smallest degree succeeded he was amply repaid. Lord Lathom further said that he had always had kindly advisers around him, and he took that opportunity of heartily thanking those who had helped him and kept him in the right path. He had ever received a hearty welcome from the inhabitants of Ormskirk, and as long as he lived he would do the best he could for them, and endeavour to be worthy of their esteem.

Several other toasts were proposed.



Craft Masonry.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—

The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, and was attended by a large assembly of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. G. F. Crane, P. Prov. G.P. Suffolk, P.M. 305 and 1031, opened the lodge at the appointed hour, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. E. Ayling, S.W.; J. Garnar, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M.; Sec.; A. B. Richman, S.D.; M. Graham, J.D.; J. Brown, D.C.; J. Noble, P.M.; H. O. Hinton, P.M.; W. R. Phillips, P.M.; G. H. Wrigglesworth, P.M.; J. H. Tyler, P.M.; E. W. Clarke, P.M.; H. Potter, P.M.; Plowman, Golding, Armson, Bugler, R. H. Smith, Scantlebury, Courtlander, Fogden, Hunt, Campbell, Sharman, Dowsett, Eade, G. Simmons, C. Wilcox, Levy, Grylls, Griffin, Monk, Bingley, Goodden, W. H. Wilcox, Farrants, White, Custance, F. Simmons, Hayes, C. Harrington, Holman, Schön, Judd, Carpenter, and Harrington.

Visitors: Bros. James Terry, P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I.; H. E. Francis, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. P. Webb, W.M. 1381; J. Roberts, W.M. 65; T. Markland, W.M. 144; T. Coxhead, P.M. 1074; W. H. Boswell, P.M. 1339; J. Collings, P.M. 1585; Moss Hart, P.M. 18; G. Cooper, J.D. 1381; R. Smith, 109; W. G. Batchelor, S.W. 548; G. W. Thompson, 169; Hall, 313; J. E. Stevens, 733; A. Lovesy, 733; H. M. Appleton, J.W. 1381; R. Sanders, 861; C. Sims, 861; H. Salter, 861; E. L. Austin, 749; H. Sapworth, 1566; W. Clifford, 1773; J. Tily, 1446; H. Moss, 1339; A. Roberts, 733; F. Leach, 25; A. C. Thorpe, 34; J. Cockburn, S.W. 1381; F. W. Clayton, 1558; E. Day, 1565; J. E. Twining, 1044; F. W. Martin, 1765; J. C. Radford, 1420; W. Shaw, 1470; J. M. Sumpster, 723; F. Harnett, 813; W. D. Beckett, J.W. 780; R. Gifford, J.D. 780; H. W. Schartau, 1549; J. Matz, 1839; R. Lindsay, 179; A. Currie, 1733; E. Dalzell, J.D. 1549.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read, showing that the lodge was in a prosperous condition, with a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The W.M. raised Bro. Armson to the Third Degree, and passed Bro. Grylls to the Second Degree. After which Bro. Edward Ayling, S.W., and W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. by the outgoing W.M., Bro. G. F. Crane; the ceremony being performed in a very able and efficient manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Richman, S.W.; M. Graham, J.W.; J. Garnar, P.M. Treasurer (unanimously re-elected at the last meeting). Before investing the Secretary the W.M. said that he regretted very much to inform the brethren that Bro. Lee, P.M., who had held the office of Secretary for many years, had found it necessary to relinquish the duties which he had performed with great satisfaction to the brethren for a long period. Bro. Noble, P.M., had, however, accepted the vacant collar, and he had no doubt that that brother would perform the duties of the office in an equally creditable manner. The W.M. also appointed Bros. W. Williams, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; G. Bugler, I.G.; R. C. Monk, D.C.; Campbell and Plowman, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The W.M. then commenced his duties by initiating Messrs. Homan, H. Bishop, and W. Bishop into the First Degree of Freemasonry; the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner. Bro. Garnar, P.M., Treasurer, accepted the duties of Steward to represent the lodge at the ensuing festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, at which nearly 100 brethren sat down, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M. Grace having been sung by the musical brethren, the W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft," which met with the usual hearty reception. The W.M. next dilated on the many excellencies of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., whose health was enthusiastically drunk. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was in a like manner cordially given and responded to.

Bro. G. F. Crane, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" who had been connected with the lodge for a long period, and had now arrived at that position which was the summit of ambition of every Mason who aspired to office. From what he knew of Bro. Ayling, and from the admirable manner in which he had commenced his work as W.M. in the lodge that evening, he had no doubt that he would perform his duties in a manner that would be alike creditable to himself and advantageous to the lodge.

This toast was received in a manner that must have been highly gratifying to the W.M.

Bro. Ayling, W.M., said that he felt great difficulty in responding in adequate terms to the flattering remarks which had been made by Bro. Crane in proposing this toast, and it was difficult for him to express the great gratification which he felt at the cordial reception which the brethren had given it; but he assured them that since his entrance into Freemasonry he had had the interests of the lodge at heart, and if he had health and strength would use his utmost endeavours to fulfil to the utmost the important duties he had undertaken.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. Crane, the I.P.M., as the Installing Master," and reminded the brethren that Bro. Crane had performed his duties as W.M. under great difficulties. He lived at a distance of 120 miles from the lodge, and he had attended every meeting, performing this long journey on each occasion. Bro. Crane had carried out his duties in a highly creditable manner, and, as a mark of esteem in which he is held, the lodge had voted the handsome Past Master's jewel, with which he now had great pleasure in investing him; and called upon the brethren to drink cordially the toast of "The Installing Master."

Bro. Crane said, that he heartily thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and drunk; twelve months hence he told the lodge that he would do what he could to support the dignity of the chair, and he felt in his own mind that he had done his best; the

labour of the past year had been a labour of love, and he should always look back with great pleasure to his year of office. He had also to thank the brethren for the handsome jewel which had been voted to him, and hoped that he might be spared for many years to be seated amongst the Past Masters of the Rose of Denmark Lodge. He was glad to find that the finances of the lodge were in a highly satisfactory condition, and he hoped that a portion of the balance in hand would be set aside for the relief of distressed brethren, and to assist the Masonic Charities.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates," who he was very glad to welcome into the lodge, and hoped they would do their best to emulate other initiates who had preceded them, and they would then in course of time attain the highest position in their mother lodge.

This toast was suitably responded to by the Initiates, Bros. Horman, H. Bishop and J. Bishop.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," and said that he felt highly gratified at having such a large number of visitors around him, and gave them a cordial welcome, and hoped they would leave with a favourable impression of their visit.

Bro. H. E. Frances, P.G.D. Surrey, in responding for the visitors, said he felt quite inadequate to respond for the large number of visitors he saw around him; but he had great pleasure in being present and witnessing the installation of his old friend and pupil, Bro. Ayling, whom he certainly thought was the right man in the right place. Many men were acquainted with the ritual of Freemasonry who were quite incapable of carrying out the duties of Master, but it was not so in the present case. He had much enjoyed his second visit to the Rose of Denmark Lodge, and, on behalf of the other visitors and for himself, thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had met with.

Bro. W. P. Webb, W.M. 1381, also responded, and informed the brethren that having been initiated in the Rose of Denmark Lodge about eleven years since, he revisited his mother lodge with a great amount of pleasure, and was pleased to find it in such a flourishing condition.

Bro. Ayling next proposed "The Charities." The first duty of a Mason was charity, and he hoped always to see that duty well attended to in the Rose of Denmark Lodge. He was glad Bro. Garnar had come forward to represent the lodge, and hoped that he would be well supported by the brethren.

Bro. James Terry made an earnest appeal to the brethren on behalf of the Masonic Charities in general, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in particular; and asked that Bro. Garnar might be well supported in the Stewardship he had so kindly undertaken.

Bro. Ayling then proposed "The Past Masters," who were the backbone of the lodge, and rendered great support to the W.M.

This was responded to by Bro. Wrigglesworth, who, in so doing, remarked that the Past Masters always endeavoured to promote the best interests of the lodge.

The W.M. next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," two very prominent officers in the lodge. In Bro. Garnar they had an excellent Treasurer, and he had no doubt that Bro. Noble would ably perform the duties of Secretary, to which office he had appointed him with the greatest confidence.

Bro. Garnar, P.M. and Treasurer, congratulated the lodge upon its prosperous condition and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the trust reposed in him.

Bro. Noble, P.M. and Secretary, regretted that this toast was not responded to by the brother who acknowledged it for so many years. He felt the honour of being chosen as Secretary of the lodge in succession to those distinguished brethren who had hitherto held that office, viz.: Bros. Buss, Little and Lee.

The toast of the "Officers of the Lodge" was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Richman, S.W., and M. Graham, J.W. After which the Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Joseph Matz, who was ably supported by Madame Worrell, Bros. Schartau and Dabzell. Bro. Schartau presided at the pianoforte.

CRIPPLEGATE LODGE (No. 1013).—VISIT

OF THE LORD MAYOR.—The distinguishing feature at the regular meeting, held on the 16th inst., and which will, no doubt, constitute one of the red-letter days in the history of the lodge, was the visit of one of its honorary members, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. The lodge has its usual quarters at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., and there the brethren assembled under the presidency of Bro. Wm. Medwin, W.M. There were also present: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke (Grand Secretary), H. Buss (Asst. Grand Sec.); Bro. Terry (Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute); and Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C. Herts, and the following officers and brethren of the Cripple Gate Lodge: Bros. F. King, S.W.; J. Westbury, J.W.; J. R. Foulger, P.M.; Secretary; J. Gibbs, S.D.; J. W. Button, J.D.; J. Corke, Treas.; G. Harlow, I.G.; H. Stevenson, I.P.M.; B. Groner, P.M.; C. J. Benson, P.M.; S. Bloomfield, T. C. Berg, T. Mayes, H. J. Sturgeon, W. Hyde, C. Spurgeon, W. Payne, J. B. Lemaire, G. J. Freeman, T. Norton, J. F. Bell, S. de Costa Andrade, H. W. Nind, S. Ham, C. Rean, G. T. P. Pointer, S. Flint, F. Robinson, T. Fox, R. Whittington, A. Cotton, Cyril A. Knight, J. Cox, T. McCarthy, J. S. Manley, W. Malyon, J. Kowin, T. Mein, and J. Archer. There were also present the following visitors: Bros. G. Seares, J. H. Thompson, A. S. Harris, G. Russell, T. Coombes, J. Plowman, W. Groom, A. Pearce, N. N. Gluckstein, U. Knell, E. Gottheil, C. Rawlinson, W. T. Rickwood, P.M. 102; E. Gamage, T. Fisher, C. Mussard, T. Kempton, J. P. Killingback, G. H. Calderwood, J. Sadlington, E. Donaldson, T. Pilon, J. Harvey, F. Wilcocks, C. H. Fry, F. G. Barnes, T. Beard, H. Dela Vau, G. A. Kean, A. Westoby, J. B. Tiffin, J. Speller, R. White, H. Wildey Wright, W.M. Alliance Lodge; J. Parry, H. G. Felton, C. Snowden, J. B. Reid, J. Peacock, G. R. Syer, P. Alpetter, H. Warden, P. Frick, J. R. Cocks, G. Abbott, P.M. Lion and Lamb, 192; J. A. Stoddart, W. Rust, and many others.

The usual business was then disposed of, which included one raising and two initiations, the initiates being Mr. John Cox and Mr. Cyril Ambrose Knight.

From an unforeseen circumstance, the large banqueting-room of the hotel was not available on that special evening, it was, therefore, necessary to seek accommodation elsewhere. But, as it was deemed fitting to receive the honoured guest in State, and with proper regalia and personal decorations, a dispensation from the Grand Master

had to be obtained to enable the brethren to display their Craft and other adornments outside their own "valley of Jehosaphat." The work of the lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, where a large reception-room had been prepared. It was a brave sight to see the brethren ranged around the room; the Worshipful Master and Wardens at the upper end, and the Deacons, with their wands of office, at the entrance, to receive the expected visitor, who, with accustomed punctuality (a well-known characteristic of his lordship in the Ward of Cripplegate), made his appearance at the appointed time, and was conducted, amid acclamations, to the left of the W.M. After hearty salutations, the brethren proceeded to partake of a luxurious banquet, after which the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," "The Pro Grand Master," "The Deputy Grand Master," and "The Present and Past Grand Officers," were duly honoured; and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, in acknowledging the latter, expressed the pleasure he felt in being present on the occasion, when they received a distinguished personage, who was not only the Chief Magistrate of the first City in the world, but an old and esteemed Past Master of the Craft.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of Bro. the R.W. the Lord Mayor," remarking that his many good qualities were so well known that it was not necessary for him to eulogise them. He was certain that every member of the Cripple Gate Lodge, every Cripple Gate man, and all the brethren present, united in giving his lordship most cordial congratulations, and in hoping that T.G.A.O.T.U. might give him health and strength to carry out his great and important duties.

The Lord Mayor, in acknowledging the warmth of his reception and the kindly feeling which he had always met with, both in the lodge and in the ward, said he had always looked upon the Cripple Gate Lodge with affection and regard. It had been a continual source of regret to him that he had been unable to accept the very great honour offered to him of being their first Master; but having at that time recently passed through the office of Sheriff, he did not feel equal to it, and he had to forego that which he would have prized. They had paid him the high compliment of electing him as an honorary member, and at all his visits he had been much gratified at the excellent manner in which the work of the lodge was performed. It had always been his maxim that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He never yet knew a man, whether Mason or non-Mason, who experienced any pleasure in slurring over work allotted him to do. He was always haunted by the fear that he might get into some trouble for not having done all that was entrusted to him. That especially applied to Masonry. Masons had not the slightest doubt that Freemasonry was a good thing, and if it was good at all it was for its own inherent goodness, and it was therefore worth carrying out thoroughly well. The Craft stood very high in the estimation of all the brethren in this country, and even now Masons looked upon them with unqualified respect. The example set by their worthy Grand Master showed them that they ought to be animated in all things by the great Masonic principle of doing as they would be done by, and treating every man as a brother. Masonry was sometimes not regarded in the light which it merited. In the course of a life in which he had met with a great deal of public work he had found no truer saying than that if a man were a true mason he must also be a good man. It all hinged on the little word "true." He did not deceive himself by the belief that every Mason was a true Mason. In every assemblage of men there must be some who did not act up to their professions; but if the great principles of Masonry were properly carried out they could lead to but one result, they must produce a good man. He was proud to occupy the position of Lord Mayor, and that he was able to occupy it not only as an ordinary citizen but as a Freemason. For that position he was indebted to the good opinion which those with whom he had been associated during a tolerably long commercial life had been good enough to form of him, an opinion which he felt to be far better than he deserved. (No!) From those who had a good opinion formed of them there was necessarily more expected. Therefore, when his health was so kindly proposed and heartily received, he felt that the utmost he could do, by devoting himself to their service and assisting them in every way, would be far from repaying them for all the kindness they had shown him.

The Lord Mayor then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that he had known him for a quarter of a century as a good neighbour, and as an honest, straightforward man of business, who had conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the esteem and regard of those around him. No man could be elected Master of a lodge except with the favourable regard of the brethren, and tonight their W.M. had shown himself a genial host and dispenser of the hospitality of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms.

Bro. Stevenson, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the Initiates, Bros. Knight and Cox," who briefly responded.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Benson, P.M., and acknowledged by Bros. Coombes and Wildey Wright.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," for whom Bro. Foulger responded, remarking that Cripple Gate had produced Lord Mayors before, notably Sir Matthew Wood, who was twice elected to the office, and there was no reason why their present Cripple Gate Alderman should not be Lord Mayor a second time.

The other toasts were "The Charities," proposed by Bro. Groner, P.M., and acknowledged by Bro. Terry; and "The Officers of the Lodge," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and acknowledged by Bro. F. King. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very pleasant and harmonious evening, the enjoyment of which was much enhanced by the excellent singing of Messrs. F. Cozens, Kempton Carter, and Winn.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—

This prosperous lodge held its usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Cleghorne, W.M.; Owen, S.W.; Bathard, J.W.; Samuel Webb, P.M.; Treas.; Staton, P.M.; Sec.; E. Lancaster, P.M.; W.S.; C. Kimpton, S.D.; Cane, J.D.; J. B. Lancaster, I.G.; Reed, P.M.; Forbes, P.M.; Jope, P.M.; Christie, P.M.; West, P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Tribbel, I.P.M.;

and about forty other brethren of the lodge, with a goodly array of distinguished visitors.

The lodge having been opened, the business was at once proceeded with. Bro. Higgs was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and Bro. Perry was passed to the Second Degree, both the ceremonies being performed in the most impressive manner by the W.M. Mr. G. Doughty (and his two sons—Mr. T. G. Doughty and Mr. A. C. Doughty) and Mr. Frank Osborn were then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry in an absolutely perfect manner by the W.M.

The lodge being closed in due form, the brethren retired into the Tavern (Crown Room), where they sat down to a well-served banquet, under the direction of Bro. Dawkins, the manager, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. S. Webb, Morant, Soden, Owen, Smith, Doughty, Paul, and others. With the Tyler's toast, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

METROPOLITAN LODGE (No. 1507).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge took place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 15th inst. The W.M., Bro. H. Stiles, was supported by Bros. G. Clark, P.M., S.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Scales, P.M.; W. Side, P.M.; G. Edwards, S.D.; G. W. Knight, J.D.; J. Edwards, I.G.; and J. Daly, Tyler.

The only business before the lodge was the initiation of Mr. F. Fletcher.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—This flourishing lodge met on the 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. T. McCluer Butt, W.M., and was well and numerously supported by Bros. H. J. Lardner, S.W.; G. H. Stephens, J.W. (Freemason); W. Malthouse, C.C., I.P.M. and Treas.; E. Mallett, P.M. Sec.; J. J. Howes, S.D.; J. King, D.C. as J.D.; R. B. Greenwood, I.G.; Brasher and Brickdale, Stewards; S. Renaut, W. Snow, J. C. Rumball, J. F. Rumball, H. K. Clisby, P. H. Clisby, Worrall, Francon, Sutton, Gayner, and W. J. Walters. Visitors: Bros. Levin, 1605; Sadler, P.M. Grand Tyler; Simpson, J.D. 1745; Hablet, 1745; Gooch, 177 (Canada); Lang, 695; and others.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were submitted and confirmed, and the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. G. Higgins, and proved unanimously in his favour. That gentleman was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M., in a highly creditable manner. Bro. Butt, in this, his first essay of work from the chair, acquitted himself admirably.

Some formal business was next disposed of, and the brethren, lodge being closed, adjourned to their comfortable quarters at the Holborn Restaurant, where, in the handsome Duke's Saloon, a really splendid banquet was served, under Bro. Hamp's genial supervision.

Grace having been said, Bro. Butt, in well-chosen and brief terms, gave "The Health of the Queen," followed by the usual loyal and Craft toasts.

These were duly honoured, Bro. S. Renaut kindly obliging at the piano, on behalf of the lodge Organist, Bro. Egbert Roberts.

Bro. W. Malthouse next gave "The Health of the W.M." Bro. Butt had that evening displayed his ability to conduct the business of the lodge which had elected him as its Master. He was to be congratulated upon his efficiency, of which they were proud, Bro. Butt being one of the first initiates of the lodge.

Bro. Butt modestly replied, thanking the brethren for their kind expressions, and stating it to be his intention to do even better upon future occasions.

"The Initiate" was heartily received, and Bro. Higgins suitably replied, hoping in due time to attain the high position of the W.M.

"The Visitors" came in for a hearty welcome, and Bro. Sadler, P.M., Grand Tyler, replied, praising the lodge working, the banquet, and the evident harmony which prevailed.

"The Past Masters" were also honoured, and Bro. W. Malthouse, I.P.M., replied, assuring the lodge of his intention to do all that lay in his power to promote the welfare of the lodge and the high integrity of our noble order. As their Treasurer, too, he promised that all financial matters should be well looked after that the lodge might not suffer. The "Officers" followed, and was very cordially received, indeed, it would be difficult to find in any lodge a more perfect agreement between the officers and the other members of 1623. The toast elicited replies from both the Wardens. Bro. H. J. Lardner, availed himself of the opportunity of making a further appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons. We were glad to gather that our zealous brother has already secured over £80 upon his list, and is desirous of adding as much more as possible, in support of so worthy an Institution.

Bro. G. H. Stephens, returned thanks for the hearty reception of the toast, and expressed his gratification at the progress the lodge had made, and the manner in which brethren initiated in the lodge were supporting it as officers. "The Tyler's" toast concluded a happy meeting.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE (No. 1839).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when 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. Dewsnap, S.D., Treas.; J. W. Brooke, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Smith, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; H. Cattermole, D.C.; H. S. Trego, Org.; J. Da Silva, Steward; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The members present were Bros. T. C. Corpe, P.M.; T. R. Ayres, J. Miller, A. J. Rossiter, P. W. Stone, W. H. Foot, H. B. Garrett, E. N. Ensforth, E. J. Feilden, T. Williams, W. H. Lowry, A. J. Dixie, W. B. Marcus, J. Bladon, J. H. Owen, T. J. Jackson, E. Bennett, A. C. Baber, H. Morrell, A. T. Baschinski, J. R. Richards, W. Holmes, T. G. Ayres, H. Cruse, F. Quoadt, J. Culver, J. W. Hayton, J. W. Fowler, A. M. Philips, F. A. Darton, C. H. Barstow, W. H. Bacon, C. Boyton, jun., E. J. Laughton, and T. Messenger. Visitors: Bros. Thos. Turner, jun., Southern Crose Lodge; G. W. Bean, S.D. 188; C. Musared, I.G. 1901; C. F. Williams, 1791; Max Mendelssohn, 212; A. Martyn, J.W. 188; J. Round, 101; J. Benjamin, S.W. 188; C. Kempton, S.D. 1287; G. Flint, 1287; A. Baker, I.G. 1708; J. Hodges, W.M. 1706; and B. W. Carter, 382.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Joseph Matz, 219, was elected a joining member. The work comprised the raising of Bros. P. W. Stone, T. J. Williams, H. B. Garrett, S. J. Rossiter, W. H. Foot and E. N. Ensforth, to the Degree of M.M.; the passing of Bros. A. C. Baber, H. Morrell, W. H. Lowry, T. J. Jackson and E. Bennett, to the Second Degree; and the balloting for as initiates Messrs. E. J. Laughton, C. Boyton, jun., W. H. Bacon and T. Messenger; and those gentlemen being in attendance they were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Notice of motion was given by Bro. W. G. Bott, I.P.M., to raise the initiation fee from five to ten guineas, and the joining fee from three to five guineas respectively.

Bro. J. W. Brooke, P.M., gave notice of motion to reduce the number of meetings from eight to seven, by omitting the December meeting.

Bro. E. J. Feilden gave notice of motion that the consent of the lodge be granted to the formation of a lodge of instruction, to be called the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. J. W. Dewsnap proposed, and Bro. A. Stokes seconded, that the sum of £100 be taken from the funds of the lodge and invested in Consols, or some other approved security, which was carried unanimously.

Bro. Thos. Turner, jun., was proposed as a joining member, and Mr. Wm. Mundy, Mr. C. E. Day and Mr. Ernest Day, were proposed as candidates for initiation.

All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Tavern for refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The toast of "The Initiates" was most enthusiastically received.

A very pleasant musical evening was spent, Bros. J. Hodges, W.M. 1706, and B. W. Carter, P.M. 382, contributing in no small degree to the enjoyment. Bros. Marcus Foot, Garrett, Culver, Philips, and Fielder also deserve mention for their excellent rendering of various songs and recitations.

This was one of the most successful meetings which the lodge has held, and the W.M. is entitled to great praise for his excellent working and courteous ruling.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE (No. 1902).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, on Friday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Neville Green, W.M.; A. McDowall, S.W.; G. C. Matthews, J.W.; M. L. Levey, as I.P.M.; W. McDougall, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, Sec.; C. Brown, S.D.; A. Haig Brown, J.D.; A. H. Sandle, I.G.; W. J. Tasman, M.C.; L. V. Walker and L. M. Williams, Stewards; J. Lackland, Tyler; also Bros. Tilt, Bokenham, Fraser, Morris, Swinscow, Geen, Smith, Tayton, Gregory, Thomas, C. G. Brown, Nuding, and Chant. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; R. Gravatt, 101; W. Secrett, 988; and Thos. Cross, P.M. 1194.

The lodge was opened in the customary manner, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bro. Robt. A. Hancock, of 1928, as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bros. Morris, Swinscow and Bokenham were passed to the Second Degree; after which Mr. John Richard Chant was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. This being election night, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Andrew McDowall, S.W.; was unanimously elected to the office. Bro. Walter McDougall was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Lackland Tyler. The lodge then passed a vote of thanks to the outgoing W.M. (Bro. N. Green), to be accompanied with a Past Master's jewel.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren then adjourned to the Pillar-room for dinner, after which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, including that of "The W.M.," "The Initiate," and "W.M. elect," who suitably acknowledged the same. A very enjoyable evening was spent, Bros. Nuding, Bokenham, Williams, Cross, and others, contributing their quota to the harmony of the evening.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—St. Hilda Lodge (No. 240).—On Monday, the 13th inst., the usual meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, when there was a more than usually numerous attendance of brethren, it being the meeting for the election of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, &c., for the ensuing twelve months. The lodge was opened in due form by Bro. G. S. Shotton, W.M., assisted by his officers as under: Bros. J. T. Wilson, I.P.M.; J. H. Thompson, S.W.; W. Davidson, acting J.W.; Jas. Roddam, P.M., P.P.G.P. acting Sec.; John Hinde, P.M. Treas.; Walter Ross, acting S.D.; Geo. Robson, J.D.; A. Cowling, I.G.; John A. Hall, acting Org.; John Hunter, Steward; and John Brown, Tyler. On the dais supporting the W.M. were: Bros. T. Potter, P.M.; Thos. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.D., and W.M. 1970; J. J. Abbey, P.M.; J. S. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; John Stokoe, P.M. 148, and P.P.J. G.W.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Francis Luke Pearson, 89, as a joining member. The ballot was declared favourable. There being no candidate in attendance for the First Degree, Bros. J. Fyal, J. Marshall and R. P. Dowson, were then passed through the ceremony of Fellow Crafts by Bro. Thos. Coulson, P.M., &c., who did the work in an admirable manner. The working tools were explained by Bro. J. Hinde, P.M. &c., with much care and effect.

The acting Secretary read a letter from Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Secretary, drawing attention to the proposed revised Constitutions, and asking the lodge to forward any suggestions to the Provincial Grand Lodge, on or before December 9th. It was thereon resolved to hold a lodge of emergency to consider the new Constitutions.

The W.M., Bro. Shotton, said the time had arrived when it was the duty of the brethren to choose from among their number a W.M. for the ensuing year. His term of office was drawing fast to a close, and he would take that opportunity of thanking the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had supported him. He had received every assistance from the Past Masters and from his efficient staff of officers. The year had been a prosperous one, and had been on the whole eventful. He was glad to say they had not had so many deaths during this year as they had last; there being only two as against twelve last year. Having referred to the death of Bro. W. A. Dunn, a brother whom

most of them knew, the W.M. made reference in feeling terms to the loss sustained in the Province of Durham by the deaths of Bros. John Fawcett, late P.G.M., and Henry Crookes, late P.G. Secretary. St. Hilda's Lodge was represented at the funerals of the distinguished brethren, and both ceremonies were well attended, testifying to the respect in which the deceased brethren were held. During the year fourteen or fifteen new members had been added to the roll of the lodge, and the lodge-room had been thoroughly cleaned and beautifully redecorated. The lodge had likewise given birth to a son, in the form of the new Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970, which, as they all knew, was consecrated by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Marquis of Londonderry, with great éclat. Therefore, he thought, on the whole, the year had been, so far, a very satisfactory one, with, he was afraid, the exception of himself in the discharge of his duties; however, he could assure them he had done his best, and, as they knew, the best could do no more. They would now proceed to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year by ballot.

The ballot having been duly taken, the W.M. announced that Bro. J. H. Thompson, S.W., had been unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the next twelve months ensuing.

Bro. J. H. Thompson briefly thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him by unanimously electing him, and he would endeavour to merit the confidence of the brethren by ever striving to discharge the duties with the same fidelity and ability as the present W.M. had displayed.

The ballot was then taken for Treasurer, when Bro. John Hinde was unanimously re-elected to office.

Bro. Hinde briefly returned thanks, and said he could assure the brethren he would take care of all the monies that came into his keeping.

On the motion of Bro. J. T. Wilson, seconded by Bro. J. H. Thompson, Bro. John Brown was re-chosen Tyler, and on the nomination of Bro. Jas. Roddam, Bros. Adam Hope, J. Kirby, and Thos. Gentles were elected Auditors. It was then resolved to hold the installation on December 11th.

Bro. Jas. Roddam, P.M., &c., referring to the death of Bro. John Fawcett, late P.G.M., said their late brother was one of the oldest Provincial Grand Masters in the kingdom, and was ever held in the highest esteem by the most exalted, as well as by the humblest brother. After eulogising the Masonic and personal character of the late Bro. John Fawcett, Bro. Roddam, moved that a record be made on the minutes of the deep regret felt by the brethren at the death of their worthy late P.G.M.

Bro. J. Aydon Hall seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the refreshment-room, where a harmonious evening was spent. The usual Masonic toasts, including "The Health of the W.M. elect," was duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations by several of the brethren.

BATH.—Lodge of Honour (No. 379).—The first regular meeting of the season was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. Loder, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. H. Gore, S.W.; Ingle, J.W.; Byne, Treas.; H. Culliford Hopkins, Sec.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Hughan, P.G.D. of England; Cuter, W.M.; Ashley, Rubie, Braham, P.M.'s; Mercer, S.W.; L. Baldwin, Org., all of No. 41; J. J. Dutton, P.M. 53; and several members of 906.

The minutes of previous meetings having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dr. H. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, then took the chair, and raised Bro. H. M. Hall to the Degree of M.M., giving the traditional history and the charge. The working tools were explained by Bro. Mercer. The W.M. again took the chair, and all the visitors then retired. The W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler were re-elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year, and arrangements having been made for the annual installation and banquet, the lodge was closed by the W.M.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The first meeting of the above prosperous and flourishing lodge since the installation in July last took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street; Bro. G. Beaver, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, brethren, and visitors: Bros. E. B. Hobson, I.P.M.; E. Bowles, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; J. Wilkins, P.M.; J. H. Roberts, S.W.; T. Ovenden, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; W. Ross, S.D.; C. Sweeting, J.D.; W. Lacey, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; J. Sanderson, D.C.; W. A. Harris, W.M. 871; H. Mason, W.M. 1536; Captain J. McCaffery, 1536; G. Nichols; J. Purnell, I.G. 1536; J. Anderson, 1536; W. G. Lloyd, 913; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

The only business before the lodge was the passing of Bros. Bedo, Medlicott, and Shaw, and that ceremony was admirably rendered by the W.M., while the subordinate officers did their part with all the tact and precision of veterans. Three candidates and one joining member were then proposed and seconded, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of a "petite" supper, admirably served in the hall by Bro. Moulder, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were put from the chair and loyally responded to.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said they must all agree with him that their worthy W.M. had fully carried out the promise he so earnestly made at his installation. The perfect manner in which he had worked the Second Degree that night must have been to them, as it was to him, a most agreeable surprise, for he and they might fairly have looked for some little fault on a first night, but there was none. He was convinced that Bro. Beaver would carry forward and higher the prestige of the lodge, and be an honour to the chair in which he had by their unanimous choice been called to preside.

The toast was drunk heartily, and Bro. Beaver, in reply, said, as they all knew that was the first time he had sat in the chair, and if he had so far carried out the duties to their satisfaction he could assure them that it was only an earnest of what he meant to do should he have health and strength granted him to go through his year of office. While in that chair he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him. His predecessors were good Masons, and he intended to sustain the reputation of the lodge in as good a position as he had

Bro. Bois, in responding, said he was pleased to see such unanimity and prosperity in the lodge, which had again another popular W.M., and a good set of officers. He hoped the lodge would increase its means of diffusing charity. He thanked the brethren for their kind sentiments towards him.

called from labour to refreshment and from refreshment to labour. The First and Third Sections of the Lecture were

clusion of the ceremony, the officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. G. J. Dunkley, P. G. Org., S. W.;

J. Holliday, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, P.M., G.S. of W., Treas.; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. Sec.; C. J. Axford, M.O.; R. R. Johnston, S.O.; S. Catteron, J.O.; E. Storr, S.D.; J. Gibbs, J.D.; J. Shilcock, I.G.; and J. Daly, Tyler.

The lodge was honoured with the presence of the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., also Bros. J. K. Pitt, J. C. Meek, and G. Ward Verry, Past Grand Sword Bearer.

The whole of the ceremonies were very impressively rendered by the outgoing W.M., ably assisted by Bro. T. Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G.

A banquet followed the proceedings, the Prov. G.M.M.M. remaining to the close, and receiving a most enthusiastic reception from the brethren.

CHELTHENHAM.—Keystone Lodge (No. 10).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst., when the retiring Master, the V.W. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O., received the compliment of re-installation. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren, including Bros. J. Walker, D.P.G.M., Gloucester; J. Brook-Smith, G. M.O.; T. J. Pulley, D.P.G.M. Berks and Oxon, P.G.S.D.; W. Barkley, 50, P.G.D.; H. Jeffs, P.P.M.O., Rev. H. F. Bayly, Dr. E. J. Gregory, C. Virgo, F. H. Lingham, S.W. 59; H. T. Dale, 59; W. R. Porcher, W. L. Bain, Prov. G. Treas.; H. J. Parsons, 72; C. S. Atkins, and the following officers of the lodge, as appointed by the W.M.: E. T. Bryant, S.W.; W. R. Felton, J.W.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, Chap.; W. Forth, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Balcomb, Sec.; G. Norman, M.O.; Heane, S.O.; J. C. Carleton, J.O.; M. B. Ricketts, S.D.; Thorn, J.D.; Atkins, I.G.; J. Robertson, P.M., Stwd.; and H. Phillips, O.G. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Forth, assisted by W. Bros. Walker and Brook-Smith.

ALDERSHOT.—Military Lodge (No. 54).—The regular meeting of this popular lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst. There were present Bros. Kirkhoffer, W.M.; Pomeroy, S.W.; and Capt. Croisdale, J.W.; and there was a very fair muster of the members, and also sundry visitors. The W.M. having been recently appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden for Hants and Isle of Wight, was heartily congratulated and greeted with the usual Masonic honours accordingly. There was no candidate for advancement on this occasion, but the W.M. said he could not allow the present meeting to close without bringing under the notice of the brethren present that they might probably shortly lose the services of an esteemed P.M. of the lodge. He alluded to Bro. P.M. Capt. Douglas, who was about to retire from Her Majesty's service, in which he had served with much distinction both at home and abroad; and as he might leave the station before the next lodge meeting, he desired to embrace the present opportunity of thanking him for his past valuable Masonic services, which had been of the utmost importance, for he had laboured incessantly to keep up the reputation the lodge had earned for its excellent working, and general efficiency. He thought it only due to Bro. Capt. Douglas, P.M., to place on record, their high estimation of the services he had rendered, not only in their own lodge but he ventured to say in all the other local lodges, whether Mark, Craft, or R.A.; in all of which they had ever found him ready to undertake any office that was temporarily vacant, and favour them with the benefit of his past Masonic experience.

Bro. Pomeroy, S.W., supported the W.M.'s remarks in a few well chosen sentences, and expressed a hope that Bro. Capt. Douglas would not leave the district.

Bro. Douglas, P.M., in thanking the brethren for this mark of their kind appreciation of his past services, remarked that since he first saw the Masonic light in his mother lodge eleven years ago, he had never been absent from any of its meetings. He could say the same of the R.A. and Mark lodges to which he belonged, and during the entire period he had been seldom out of office of some kind or other. He trusted it might not be necessary to leave the district, but they might rely upon it that wherever he might settle he should never cease to do all that lay in his power to foster and promote the best interests of Freemasonry.

There being no further business, the lodge, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors, was closed in peace and harmony.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).—This lodge held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, under the presidency of the W.M., W. Bro. W. T. Clarke, P.G. Steward, P. Prov. G. Sec. Sussex, &c., supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Jno. Harrison, P.M., P. Prov. Supt. of Works Hants, as I.P.M.; S. Peters, S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; R. Paige, M.O.; T. Packham, S.O.; T. Holloway, J.O.; G. Smith, P.M., Treas., as Chap.; E. Bridges, Sec.; T. Y. B. Powell, I.G.; S. R. Legge, H. W. Bedford, W. G. Bayliss, Thos. Hughes, Tyler; and others. Visitor: W. Bro. T. W. Adams, P.G. Steward, P.M., &c.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed by the W.M. Apologies were read from W. Bros. Lord A. W. Hill, M.P., P.G.S.W., Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex, P.M., &c.; T. J. Pulley, P.G.S.D., I.P.M., &c.; and the Rev. Rose Johnson, P. Prov. G. Chap. Hants and Sussex, Chap. A ballot was taken for W. Bro. C. W. Hudson, G. Steward, W.M. 164, as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected.

The W.M. then briefly addressed the brethren, and congratulated Bros. Peters, Cable, Paige, and Bridges, who had been recently elevated to Provincial honours.

Bro. Geo. Smith, P.M., &c., proposed, and Bro. Jno. Harrison, P.M., &c., seconded, that this lodge deeply feels and sincerely regrets the loss of our departed Bro. Captain J. Braithwaite, P. Prov. G.S.W., Treas., P.M., &c.; and that a letter of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Braithwaite fully expressing these sentiments.

The W.M., before submitting the proposition, expressed very feelingly his knowledge of our deceased brother, had been his Secretary when he was W.M. of the South-down Lodge, No. 164; and particularly to his high character as a Mason, concluding by being assured his memory will ever live in the minds of those who knew him. The proposition was unanimously carried, and the Secretary instructed to submit the same to Mrs. Braithwaite. Two M.M.'s were proposed for advancement, and ordered to be recorded, and stand over until next meeting.

Business being ended, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and with solemn prayer, by the W.M., and the

brethren adjourned to refreshment, supplied by Bro. R. Paige, Unicorn Hotel, when loyal and Masonic toasts were given, besides numerous fraternal and friendly greetings.

TWICKENHAM.—Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th inst., at the Albany Hotel. Among those present were: Bros. Sanders, P.G.D. Middx. and Surrey, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey; W. Taylor, P.P. G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey, P.M. and Treas., acting J.W.; W. Hammond, P.G.S. Sec.; Handel, M.O.; Piller, S.O.; Briggs, S.D.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. &c., I.P.M.; Raymond Thrupp, P.P.G.W. Alldx. and Surrey; and James Stevens, P.P.J.O. (hon. members).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of W.M., Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year took place, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bros. T. C. Walls, W. Taylor and G. Harrison respectively. Previously to the lodge being closed a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Hopwood. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet.

A few toasts were given. W. Bro. J. Stevens responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers;" and W. Bro. R. Thrupp, for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially proposed by Bro. E. Hopwood, and Bro. Sanders having replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls terminated the proceedings.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The November meeting of this young and thriving lodge was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Industry Masonic Hall, when the W.M. Bro. John Wood, P.G.O., was well supported. Among those present were: Bros. T. Y. Strachan, P.G.D.M.; W. E. Franklin, P.G. Treas.; R. B. Reed, I.P.M.; D. Sinclair, S.W.; John Page, as J.W.; R. G. Salmon, as M.O.; M. H. Dodds, as S.O.; W. F. Carman, Sec. and J.O.; A. Simpson, S.D.; J. T. Harrison, J.D.; Robt. Whitfield, as I.G.; T. Dinning, Joshua Curry, Tyler; and others.

There was a heavy list of proposals before the lodge, and the ballot was taken for five candidates, all of whom were elected. Bros. John Mould, William Smith, Thomas Thompson and W. F. Stafford, were afterwards advanced as M.M.'s, the work of the W.M. and his officers being very efficiently done.

The proceedings terminated, and the brethren retired to the refreshment-room, where the usual toasts were given. The D.P.G.M. (Bro. T. Y. Strachan), replied on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge. The four initiates responded in reply to the toast from the chair, and all expressed themselves anxious to do what they could in the interest of the Degree.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

YORK.—Hilda Chapter (No. 23).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel. The throne was occupied by Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.W.S., and there were also present Bros. S. Middleton, H.P.; M. Millington, 1st G.; A. T. B. Turner, 2nd G.; G. Simpson, G.M.; E. J. de Salis, R.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.W.S., Recorder; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.W.S.; Major McGahan, Portsmouth Chapter, and others.

Successful ballots having been taken for Bro. H. C. Pickersgill, of Lodge 837, and Bro. M. M. Reynard, of Lodge 1040, the latter brother was admitted and perfected by the M.W.S. At the conclusion of the Third Point, the annual elections were proceeded with, and Bro. Samuel Middleton was elected to the chair, and Bro. T. B. Whythead was re-elected Treasurer.

Both brethren returned thanks to the members for the honour.

Bro. Major McGahan, formerly of the Portsmouth Chapter, and Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, of the Talbot Chapter, were proposed as joining members, and Bro. W. Brown, of the Eboracum Lodge, was proposed as a candidate.

The Recorder read the announcement of the appointment of Bro. Capt. Beswicke-Royds, as an Inspector-General, 33°, for the Northern Counties, which concluded the business.

After the close of the chapter the members assembled at supper, where the M.W.S. presided, and a pleasant evening was passed.

Canada.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GREAT PRIORY.

The annual meeting of the Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada took place on October 7th, at the Masonic Chambers, Montreal, before a large assembly of the fraters.

After the opening ceremony, Col. MACLEOD-MOORE, the Great Prior, read his allocution. The address first referred to the deaths of members of the Order, among them being the late T. D. Harrington, Past Great Sub-Prior, who at the time of his death was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, for the Dominion of Canada. The address also referred to the attempt on the life of the Queen, and the message from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and visit from the Chancellor of the Great Priory of England last fall. He deprecated the independent movement, and the desire to throw off all connection with the parent body and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Great Prior.

At the conclusion of the address the Great Priory adjourned and resumed again at four o'clock, when a long discussion ensued on the question of the independence of the Great Priory of Canada, which resulted in the following resolution, moved by Sir Knight J. H. Graham, seconded by Sir Knight D. Spry, and unanimously adopted:

"That the proposed amendments to the statutes of this priory, viz., a, b, c, and f, be not now considered, but that a Committee of five, consisting of M.E. Sir Knight Col. Moore, R. E. Sir Knights Mackay, Spry, Munro and Graham, be appointed to take into consideration all matters pertaining to the present condition and future status of this Great Priory, and also as regards the advisability of declaring and affirming beyond a doubt the complete independence of the Great Priory as a Sovereign Grand Body, having exclusive jurisdiction over all matters per-

taining to the Order of the Temple within and throughout the Dominion of Canada, and that the said Committee do make report thereon at the next annual meeting of this Great Priory."

The election of officers resulted as follows, the Great Prior, Col. Macleod-Moore, of course, being appointed for life:

Sir Knight Dr. J. A. Henderson, Kingston, Great Sub-Prior	
Sir Knights B. Birch, Ontario West;	
J. Ross Robertson, Ontario Centre;	
H. Nuttall, Ontario East; James	
O'Connor, Manitoba; M. F. Dar-	Prov. Priors.
ling, Nova Scotia; D. R. Munro,	
New Brunswick; and I. H. Stearns	
Quebec	
Sir Knight Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ont. ...	Grand Chancellor
Sir Knight Rev. V. Clementi Peter-	
borough ...	Grand Prelate
Sir Knight E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec	Grand Constable
Sir Knight P. Slatter, Toronto ...	Grand Marshal
Sir Knight Dr. James Sutton, London	Grand Registrar
Sir Knight David McLennan, Hamilton	Grand Treasurer
Sir Knights H. A. Mackay, Hamilton;	
Donald Ross, Picton; W. D. Gordon	Executive
Kingston; James Greenfield, King-	Committee
ston; and S. Kennedy, Quebec ...	

After the officers were installed the Great Priory adjourned.

Immediately after the opening of the Great Priory the Great Prior, in the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, presented the following Sir Knights with the insignia of the G.C.T. and K.C.T.: Sir Knight W. B. Simpson, G.C.T., who was at the same time appointed Grand Representative of the Great Priory of England near Canada; Sir Knight I. H. Stearns, K.C.T.; Sir Knight L. H. Henderson, K.C.T.; and Sir Knight Col. Moffatt, K.C.T.—*Montreal Herald*.

France.

THE ROSE ECOSSAISE (No. 149), (Scottish Rites).—This lodge held its usual monthly meeting in the Masonic Temple, Rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, Paris, on the 24th ult. The lodge was duly opened at half-past eight o'clock, there being present Bros. Chevassu, Venerable; Renard, 1st Surveillant; Legrand, 2nd Surveillant; Vaumourin, Orator; Dr. Huin, Sec.; and some thirty or forty other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. C. Dickey, 1744, England; Sauv , from Lille; and a brother from Brest.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Venerable brought under the notice of the lodge the correspondence for the past month, the greater part consisting of invitations from other lodges to festivals and meetings, and excuses from brethren unable to attend the lodge that evening.

The question of the affiliation of Bro. Tonelly, of a lodge in Alexandria, was then considered, and the reports thereanent read, from which it was shown that Bro. Tonelly had greatly devoted himself to the Craft, having taken a very active part in several movements, having for aim the advancement of Masonry and the spread of those grand truths on which the Order is founded. Bro. Tonelly was then admitted, and most cordially affiliated by the Venerable.

The lodge then proceeded to the initiation of Mr. A. Couturier. As the reports had been placed before the lodge at last meeting, the third ballot was at once taken, and declared to be unanimous in favour of the admission of the candidate, who duly presented himself, and was initiated in a very impressive manner, receiving a cordial welcome from the lodge.

The jewel of the lodge was then presented to Bros. Durrieux, Couturier, Tonelly, and Carr re; after which, Bro. Artus, who is Deputy of the lodge to the Supreme Council, proposed that the jewel of the lodge be presented to Bro. G. C. Dickey, to mark the esteem in which that brother is held by the lodge.

The proposal having been received with acclamation, the Venerable, addressing Bro. Dickey in most flattering terms, duly presented the jewel.

Bro. Dickey, in a few words, returned thanks for the unexpected honour conferred on him; and said such a presentation went far to show that that lodge, at least, understood and practised the idea of universal brotherhood.

The Orator then, in a telling speech, welcomed those who had been received into the lodge that evening.

As the hour was well advanced, and the remainder of the business set down for the evening not having particular importance, the Venerable proposed such business as remained to be done should be postponed until the next evening, and the lodge was closed in usual form.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTHS.

CARTWRIGHT.—On the 21st inst., at Pope's Garden, Twickenham, the wife of Mr. John Walter Cartwright, of a son.

GREY.—On the 19th inst., at Hull, the wife of Commander H. R. E. Grey, R.N., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BENTALL—DARE.—On the 16th inst., at the Congregational Chapel, Newbury, by the Rev. B. Smith, Samuel Bentall, of Donnington-square, to Katharine, widow of the late Mr. Wm. Dare.

DEATHS.

BEE.—On the 20th inst., at Vassal-road, Brixton, Mr. Joseph Bee, aged 77.

REDMAN.—On the 15th inst., at Stopford-road, New Brompton, Jesse Gustavus Redman, P.M. 184, and P.P. Grand S. of Works Province of Kent, aged 59 years.

At the important Wine Exhibition recently held at Bordeaux, we notice that Messrs. P rinet et F ils have been awarded a silver Medal for their Champagnes.



The Strand can no longer be called the little theatre, for now it is rebuilt it is an average-sized house. Great improvement has taken place. The stalls are no longer cramped, but easy of access, and there are now two ways of exit from this and all parts of the building. Only three of the walls remain of what was once the Strand. For elegance and comfort it can be placed on a level with any of its neighbours. What was once the stage has been added to the auditorium, and the proscenium is constructed by the purchase of the adjoining property. To Mr. Phipps, F.S.A., architect of the Haymarket, Savoy, Gaiety, and Princess's, can be traced the handiwork, and he has again achieved success in a short space of time. Fire is defied, as well as it is possible. The staircases are all built of stone and brick, and hydrants are fixed in various parts of the building. Italian renaissance is the character of the ornamentation; but it is no use having a fine house without a good company to bring the public. Mrs. Swanborough has taken good care of this, and has provided an attractive and varied programme for her audiences. Colman's comedy, "The Heir at Law," is ever new, though pretty old; Mr. J. S. Clarke playing *Dr. Pangloss, LL.D.* and *A.S.S.*, with his customary success. Bro. Haynes is *Zekiel Homespun*, and Mr. Carton (son of the late Bro. Critchett, the eminent oculist) is *Dick Dowlas*; whilst Mr. Turner plays *Daniel Dowdas*. Mrs. Chippendale, always a favourite wherever she goes, makes an excellent *Deborah Dowlas*. The comedy goes along merrily; and we understand Mr. J. S. Clarke will shortly appear in "The Comedy of Errors," as played by him many times. Bro. Byron, in conjunction with Bro. Farnie, has written a new musical comedy, adapted from the French, entitled "Frolique," which contains many smart sentences and capital melodies. It is very light in character, full of showy dresses and bright groupings of opera comique. Its plot may be briefly described by saying a French duke falls in love with his own wife at a masked ball, and pursues her to a house where she has taken refuge, with a nephew of one of the courtiers of her husband's household. Of course each learns a lesson, and when the mask is torn away vow eternal fidelity; and like two schoolboys are all the better friends for having quarrelled. On M. Gaillard, M. Desmonds, Mdles. Sylvia, and Carew (niece of Mrs. Swanborough), fall the leading songs, and most efficiently they perform their respective duties. We have no doubt that shortly Bros. A. and E. Swanborough will treat us to what the Strand is most famed for—operatic music. The proprietress, Mrs. Swanborough, is still ably assisted in the management by Bro. Harry Hitchins.

Bro. Lord and Lady Charles Beresford witnessed the performance at the Haymarket of the "Overland Route." Bro. Lord Charles, who seemed highly pleased with the representation of the P. and O. boat scene, was looking extremely well, and quite recovered from his recent hard work in Egypt.

Mr. Chas. Wyndham will not give up the Criterion on his return from America, when he opens his theatre in Northumberland Avenue; neither is it likely to be closed. The Metropolitan Board of Works sanctioned its building, and cannot now condemn it because they have changed their minds. An arbitrator will be appointed.

The Marquis of Queensbury, by calling attention to Mr. Tennyson's new drama in the singular way he chose, has defeated his own ends to a certain extent. Having from his stall interrupted and denounced the performance and play, he has given it an advertisement. Some parts have received excision, and it now goes on most smoothly. Whether the Poet Laureate intended to hurl a stone at Freethought or not, it would be out of place to discuss in the columns of the *Freemason*. There are conflicting opinions about it, and we would recommend our readers not to be guided too much by the opinions of others in this matter, but go and see it and judge for themselves. The man who would marry the sister of the woman he has ruined "to make amends," is a character to be avoided, and cannot be too much condemned, but whether *Edgar* is meant to represent a certain class in the community, Mr. Tennyson does not tell us. Mr. Herman Vezin, Mrs. Bernard Beere, and Mr. Barnes are the best hands in which the play could have been placed.

The Court has re-opened with a comediotta by Mr. Julian Sturgis, "Picking up the Pieces." The trifle, slight as it is in dramatic interest, is worthy of attention from a literary point of view. It is a well written dialogue, in the course of which the speakers, a middle aged nobleman and a widow, discover that they were lovers as a boy and girl, finishing by an attempt to fan into a flame a love almost dead. Miss Carlotta Addison and Mr. Arthur Cecil, are the chief characters. Mr. Godfrey's "Parvenu" follows, as it continues to draw good houses. A new comedy will be brought out after the run is over of this pretty comedy.

Mr. David James, of the Haymarket Theatre, will soon be married to Miss McNeill, daughter of the lessee of the Princess's, Edinburgh.

"King Comet" is to be the title of the new piece for the Alhambra at Christmas. Bro. Holland has arranged for three new ballets, put on with extraordinary magnificence. Mr. Beverley has painted the scenery.

Miss Genevieve Ward has taken the Olympic, but does not open until January. She has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. W. H. Vernon, in "Forget me Not." He is always a welcome addition to the London stage.

At the invitation of Bro. John Hollingshead, the Indian Contingent witnessed the performance of "Robin Hood," at the Gaiety, on Monday. The Strand Board of Works has resolved not to prosecute Bro. Hollingshead for erecting an awning over the street in Catherine-street, the entrances to the pit and gallery. It would have been ridiculous to have done so, for every one must be inconvenienced by it.



The first of the series of concerts organised by Messrs. Brinsmead (the eminent pianoforte makers) took place on the evening of the 16th inst., at St. James's Hall. The intention of these performances is the appropriation of whatever profits may result from them in aid of the fund for the foundation and endowment of the proposed Royal College of Music. Various attractions were provided at Thursday's concert, among the chief of which was the co-operation of Mr. Sims Reeves, who contributed three performances (including an encore). In his first song (Mr. Tours's "Stars of the summer night") the great tenor was apparently not in his best voice, but in his delivery of the nautical ballads "Tom Bowling" and "The Bay of Biscay" his command of pathos and fine declamation produced the usual marked impression, and elicited the customary enthusiasm. Mr. Reeves's son—Mr. Herbert Reeves—displayed his cultivated and refined style in the ballad "Kathleen Mavourneen," in a ballad of his own, and in association with Mr. B. Foote in the duet "Invocazione," from M. Gounod's "Cinq Mars;" other effective vocal performances, mostly of a familiar character, having been contributed by Miss A. Williams, Madame Patcy, Signor Foli, and Mr. B. Foote. There was likewise some good part-singing by the well-trained members of the London Vocal Union, directed by Mr. F. Walker. These performances were well contrasted by the very brilliant pianoforte playing of the Chevalier de Kontski in Weber's Second Sonata, and two effective solo pieces of his own composition, and Herr Poznanski's skilful execution of a "Rhapsodie Hongroise" for violin by Hauser. Mr. Sidney Naylor was an efficient conductor.

The Second Richter Concert at St. James's Hall, for a notice of which we had no space last week, passed off with a success which equalled, if it did not surpass, the success that attended its predecessor. The programme consisted of five works, with four of which our readers are certain to be familiar—the overture to "Euryanthe," Beethoven's Symphony in C minor, the introduction to the third act of "Der Meistersinger," and the introduction and finale to "Tristan und Isolde." These were played in a manner worthy of the magnificent orchestra which Herr Richter has succeeded in bringing together. The novelty of the evening was Brahms's pianoforte concerto in B flat, which, a few weeks since, was heard for the first time in this country at the Crystal Palace. The great feature of the concerto is that it is in four movements instead of the accustomed three; while, as to the work generally, it is of very unequal merit, there being several passages of great beauty interspersed with others which are far from being worthy of such a description. Its performance was admirable, and Mr. Dannreuther, the pianist, played the solo part with skill and correctness, thereby obtaining for himself an amount of applause that was fully merited.

His Highness the Maharajah of Cooch Behar has joined the Calcutta Committee of the National Anthem for India Fund, and contributed a donation of 200 rupees.

Mr. Gwyllym Crowe took advantage of the review by the Queen on Saturday of the late expeditionary force to Egypt, and had at Covent Garden what he appropriately named a "Review" Concert, the chief features of which were Jullien's British Army Quadrilles, and the same composer's "Drum" Polka, in which thirty drummers of the Guards' brigade, lately returned from Egypt took part. There was also a march appropriate to the occasion. From a musical point of view, the event of the evening was the appearance of the well-known cornet player, Mr. Levy, who, on presenting himself before the audience, was greeted with applause mingled with some hissing. His skilful playing, however, won over the malcontents, and the applause he afterwards received was unmistakably general.

Thursday next, the 30th inst., being St. Andrew's Day, there will be a grand Scotch Festival at the Royal Albert Hall, in which Mr. William Carter's choir, and the band and pipers of the Scots Guards, will take part. Mr. Edward Bending will preside at the organ, and amongst the principal artistes will be Madame Marie Roze, Madame Trebelli, Madame Fassett, Miss Patti Winter, Mr. Redfern Hollins, Mr. Sinclair Dunn, Mr. F. King, and Mr. Ghilberti.

At St. James's Hall, in honour of the same occasion, there will be on the same day the Annual Scotch Ballad Concert; among the artistes announced, being Miss Agnes Ross, Madame Bertini, Miss Helen Meason, the Misses Alliston, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. E. Lloyd, Mr. Walter Clifford, and Bro. Santley. The services of the Glasgow Select Choir under Mr. James Allan, and of Signor Piatti, violoncellist, have also been secured.

As usual, at this time of the year, the Mohawk Minstrels are compelled, by reason of the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, to leave their quarters at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, and seek temporary accommodation elsewhere. Hence their appearance at the Imperial Theatre, Westminster Aquarium, on Monday next.



Further particulars have been received of the late Professor Palmer, who, with Capt. Gill and Lieut. Charrington, was recently murdered by the Arabs in the Syrian desert. The party of exploration, under Capt. Stevenson, of H.M.S. Carysfort, have recovered the professor's despatch-book, containing, among other things, £165 in gold and £45 in notes, and a black bag, open, in which was gold to the amount of £1000.

Dr. Bain, Lord Rector of Aberdeen University, was to have delivered an address on Wednesday last, in the Music Hall in that city, but the behaviour of the students was so riotous that, after vainly endeavouring for some time to make himself heard, he announced his address as read, and retired.

At the opening meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday last, Mr. C. W. Siemens, F.R.S., gave his inaugural address, the subject being "The Prospects of Electric Lighting." Dr. Siemens gave a long array of statistics as to the comparative cost of gas and electric lighting, from which he deduced the opinion that electricity would win the day as the light of luxury, but that gas would find an ever increasing application for the humbler purposes of diffusing light.

The Sheffield Town Council have resolved on applying to the Board of Works for a provisional order to supply the electric light for public and private purposes within the borough.

The Hornsey School of Art, in connection with the Government Schools of Art, was formally opened on Wednesday evening last by His Serene Highness the Duke of Teck, G.C.B.

On Friday last there was a magnificent display of the aurora borealis, which was visible in several parts of the country, at Coventry, Yarmouth, St. Albans, Edinburgh, Kirkwall, and other places, and also at Vienna. The experience noted on 2nd October, when a similar display was visible in London, was confirmed on Friday, and concurrently with the appearance of these lights there was serious interruption to the various systems of telegraphic communication.

The Marquis of Bute has lent to the Science and Art Department for exhibition at Bethnal Green Museum the whole of his valuable collection of pictures, some years since removed from Laton Hoe to a house in Eaton-square. The exhibition will be opened at Christmas.

The Winter Exhibition of the Society of British Artists will open on Monday next, the 27th inst., the private view being fixed for to-day, (Saturday).

M. de Neuville, the painter of the famous picture, the "Defence of Rorke's Drift," and other battle pieces, is now in England collecting information for a picture he intends painting of the Egyptian War. In a short time M. de Neuville will visit Egypt, under commission from the Fine Art Society, when he will be accompanied by Mr. Woodville.

Mr. Maxwell Lyte's report on the manuscripts of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, on which he has been for some time engaged, under the authority of the Historical Manuscripts' Commission, is now completed.

A Committee has been appointed by the Middlesex Magistrates with a view to considering whether better accommodation cannot be obtained for the ancient archives of the county, many of which, it is said, are perishing from damp. Inquiry will also be made as to whether their use cannot be facilitated by the preparation of a calendar.

A volume of selections from the Wentworth papers in the British Museum, chiefly illustrative of the political and social life of Queen Anne's reign, will very shortly be published by Messrs. Wyman and Sons.

Mr. W. M. Conway has undertaken to deliver a course of lectures at Bedford Park on the subject of "Medieval Art," and this in addition to his lectures at Hampton Court on "Early Florentine Painters."

A grand banquet was given on Tuesday evening, at Willis's Rooms, to the Army and Navy Medical Officers engaged in the late campaign in Egypt. The chair was occupied by Sir William Jenner, Bart., President of the Royal College of Physicians, and among those present were Sir James Paget, Sir W. Gull, Bart., Sir H. Thompson, Dr. Quain, Dr. Acland, Mr. P. Hewett, Earl of Morley, Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, M.P., Secretary to the Admiralty, Major-General Sir H. P. Macpherson, K.C.B., V.C., &c. The Duke of Cambridge, Mr. Childers, Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, Sir John Acland, and Sir Evelyn Wood were unable to be present owing to other engagements.

The Marquis of Ripon, the Clothworkers' Company, London, and Mr. J. Kitson, of Leeds, have contributed each the sum of £500 towards the endowment of a Cavendish Professorship at the Yorkshire College, of which the late Lord Frederick Cavendish was President.



The Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, the 5th December next, when a large assembly of brethren may be expected. As an evidence of the rapid progress and consolidation of this interesting Degree, we note with pleasure the proposed establishment of a Grand Masters' Lodge, the membership of which will be restricted to Present and Past Grand Officers. The consecration will take place immediately after the Grand Lodge, and the ceremony will be performed by the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.M.

Notwithstanding his other important duties in Egypt, R.W. Bro. Broadley neglects not his deep interest in Freemasonry, and has forwarded a petition for a warrant for a new Mark Masters' Lodge at Cairo, which the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to sanction. The officers are as follows: Bros. Sir Norman Pringle, W.M.; Lieut. G. C. Williams-Freeman, S.W.; and A. M. Broadley, J.W.

On Monday evening, Bro. Lord Wolseley of Cairo was entertained at a banquet given in his honour by the members of the United Service Club. H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Field Marshal, Commanding-in-Chief, presided, and among those present were the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, Admiral of the Fleet, Bro. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B., Col. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk, &c.

Bro. Humphry was, on Saturday last, installed W.M. of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, by Bro. Cockett. A jewel was voted to Bro. E. J. Anning, P.M., in recognition of his great services to the lodge.

Bro. the Marquis of Bath is entertaining company at Longleat, Wilts.

A National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, &c., will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Friday, the 4th proximo.

At the last regular meeting of the St. Matthew's Lodge, No. 539, Walsall, on the proposition of Bro. Humphries, P.M., seconded by the W.M., the sum of five guineas was unanimously voted to the fund being raised for the establishment of the Royal College of Music.

The Ubique Lodge of Instruction has changed its night of meeting from Monday, at 7.30, to Friday in each week, at the same hour. The house of meeting is the Guardsman Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., 1426, &c., has been invited to deliver his address explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 315, to be held in the Masonic Rooms, at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday, the 4th of December. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., has been pleased to grant permission for the brethren to wear Craft clothing on the occasion, and a large gathering of local Freemasons is expected.

A Secretary's jewel was voted by the Earl of Zetland Lodge, 1364, to Bro. E. J. Anning, P.M. 1625, and Hon. Sec. 1364, in recognition of his valuable services for some years past, the gift being most appropriately well timed, as the labours of that brother in revising the lodge bye-laws have just satisfactorily ended.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Thursday next by the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, 1623, at the Kent Lodge of Instruction, 15, held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745, will preside.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., gave, on Wednesday evening last, a dinner to the London staff of the Alliance British and Foreign Life and Fire Assurance Company, sixty gentlemen sitting down. The dinner was given at the Hotel Continental, in Regent-street. The table was laid with a profusion of flowers and fruit. Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore pronounced a few words in acknowledgment of the toast drank in his honour.

Bro. Col. Mapleson, in connection with Madame Patti's American engagement, has already so much financial support that he has been able to return to the subscribers the sum of 44,000 dollars, which was raised towards a guarantee fund, now no longer needed. In addition, Col. Mapleson has paid Madame Patti for each performance 4400 dollars (£880).

Princess Christian opened a sale of work in Windsor Guildhall, on Tuesday morning, the ceremony being attended by Bro. Devereux, Mayor, and the Corporation of the town.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Marlborough House, on Tuesday, on a visit of some days to Lord and Lady Walsingham, at Merton Hall, Telford, after which they will continue their journey to Sandringham.

Bro. Earl and the Countess of Granville returned to Carlton House-terrace, on Monday, from a visit to Bro. the Hon. E. F. Leveson-Gower, at Holmwood, Surrey.

Will be read next week, the new Egyptian War Medal, in miniature. To be had at George Kenning's Manufactory, 1, 2, 3, 4, Little Britain, and 197, Aldersgate-street.—[ADVT.]

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The Duke of Connaught has arranged to return to his seat, Bagshot Park, this day, Saturday, and the inhabitants of the village, in which His Royal Highness takes a great interest, are making preparations to give him a hearty public reception. The village and route from the station are being decorated, and a triumphal arch is to be erected. A detachment of the Berks Volunteers will act as a guard of honour.

Bro. George Kenning has received instructions from the City of London School Committee to prepare the gold locket to be worn at the opening ceremony of the Schools next month by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The lockets are of 18-carat gold, and on the centre of the front are represented the City arms, in rich enamel, with the cap of learning above, the whole surmounted by the Prince of Wales's feathers.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., when Bro. W. Musto, P.M. 1349, will preside, and be assisted by members of the Doric Lodge by special invite. Brethren are invited to attend.

The banquet to commemorate the return of the Guards from Egypt took place in the Royal Aquarium on the 20th inst., the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., in the chair. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught attended, and there were present about 1850 of the Guards, 80 officers and 200 visitors. The committee thanked Messrs. Moet and Chandon for a quantity of magnums of Brut Imperial, and Messrs. Deutz and Geldermann for a large supply of Gold Lack Champagne, both of which were appreciated.

The first annual general meeting of the People's Property Company (Limited) was held at the offices of the company, Moorgate House, 61, Moorgate-street, on the 16th inst., at which the accounts and directors' report for the year ending September 30th were presented and unanimously adopted. It was stated by the chairman that since the date of the accounts the company had submitted their first plot of land at Mill-hill to auction, with the result that out of 33 lots 21 had been sold at a price which, with the value of the remaining lots, would realize a profit of nearly 500l. The retiring directors and auditors were re-elected, and votes of thanks passed to the chairman, directors, and auditors.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.—A meeting of the Provincial Grand Priory of Cheshire was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, on Thursday the 23rd inst., when the Prov. Grand Officers were appointed and invested, and other business transacted.

The annual assembly of the General Grand Conclave of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 4th Dec. next.

Lodge of Progress, 1768, Bro. Albert Marvin, will be installed by the retiring Master (Bro. Duret) on Wednesday next, 29th instant, at Freemasons' Hall.

Bro. W. Drake, was on Thursday last installed W.M. of the William Preston Lodge, 766, at Cannon-street Hotel. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

A meeting of the members of the Grand Masters' Council, No. 1, of the degree of Royal and Select Masters, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 5a, Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 30th, inst., at 5 o'clock.

The Master and Wardens of the Shipwright's Company entertained a large company to dinner, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday evening last, when the chair was taken by the Master, Lord John Manners. Lord Ashley replied to the toast for the navy, Col. Dundas for the army, and Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., for the House of Commons.

Among the noblemen and gentlemen who have accepted the invitation of the committee of the Scottish Corporation to be present at the 218th anniversary festival, on St. Andrew's Day (when the Right Hon. the Home Secretary will preside), are: The American Minister, Lord Rosebery, the Lord Mayor, Lieut.-General G. H. S. Willis, K.C.B., and Major-General Sir H. T. Macpherson, V.C., K.C.B. Several of the native officers of the Indian Contingent are also expected to be present on the occasion.

Major Archibald G. A. Constable, son of the late Bro. Sir Walter Scott's publisher, has recently died at Brooklyn, U.S.A.

At the usual meeting of the Palatine Lodge, No. 98, held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland, on Thursday night last, the W.M., Bro. J. H. Leech in the chair, Bro. C. McNamara, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, P.M. Twizell was re-elected treasurer, and Bro. J. Thompson, T.

The United Strength Lodge of Instruction has removed to the Hope Tavern, 179, Stanhope-street, Regent's Park, where it meets every Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

The Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary of Ireland, and Prov. Grand Master of Munster, presided on Saturday last at a meeting held at the Shelburne Hotel, Dublin, for the purpose of organising subscriptions towards a testimonial to Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley. About a hundred noblemen and gentlemen took part in the proceedings, which concluded with the usual compliment to the Chairman for presiding.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the *Pictorial World*, and find that the number of copies printed of the issue bearing date September 2nd, 1882, amounted to 49,095. I also certify that the number of copies printed of the issue bearing date October 21st, 1882, amounted to 101,493. (Signed) H. Newson Smith, Chartered Accountant, 37, Walbrook, London, E.C., November 1st, 1882.

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.

The ceremony of consecration and installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Jas. Terry, on Tuesday, the 5th prox., at the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, held at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury-park, commencing at eight o'clock, p.m. precisely.

On Wednesday last Bro. J. Devereux, Mayor of Windsor, headed a deputation of the Town Council of the Royal borough, which proceeded to the Castle, and there presented to the Duke of Connaught an address of congratulation on His Royal Highness's safe return from Egypt.

The festivities at Marston House, near Frome, in connection with the coming of age of Viscount Dungarvan, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, were inaugurated on Wednesday, when the Queen's Buckhounds, of which the noble Earl is master, arrived from the Royal kennels.

Bro. Lord Wolseley, and the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Indian contingent, were present at the Opera Comique on Friday evening last.

Bro. Lord Brabourne has sent a letter to the Press, denying a charge made against him in a well-known evening paper, to the effect that in 1880 he asked Mr. Gladstone for a place in his Cabinet, and on being refused requested to be raised to the peerage. Lord Brabourne fortifies his denial by an authoritative statement of Mr. Gladstone.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has consented to act as chairman of the committee formed for the purpose of raising funds towards the erection of a memorial to the late Very Rev. the Hon. Gerald Wellesley, Dean of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and Registrar of the Order of the Garter.

Bro. R. de Clare Yeld was unanimously elected the W.M., for the ensuing year of the St. John's Lodge, No. 80, at Sunderland, on the 14th inst.

The officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Indian Contingent were inspected by Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Saturday afternoon. Lieut.-General Sir H. Daly, K.C.B., presenting each in turn to Her Majesty, and acting as interpreter. Later in the day, they had the honour of being received by the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House.

Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Her Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, has been elected a bencher of the Inner Temple.

It has been definitively arranged that the Queen will open the Royal Courts of Justice on Monday, 4th December, instead of on Saturday next, the 2nd proximo.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Bro. the Lord Mayor of London, were present at the banquet given on Monday evening at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, to the brigade of Guards just returned from Egypt.

On Thursday last H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited Norwich for the purpose of opening the Agricultural Hall, the first stone of which was laid early in the year by the Earl of Leicester, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. His Royal Highness subsequently took part in the inauguration of a Prisoners' Aid Society for Norfolk.

At the Court of Common Council, on Thursday last, the Lord Mayor Knight spoke at some length on the subject of City Reforms. On the same occasion a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Ex-Lord Mayor, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., G.J. Warden; after which the City of London School Committee was authorised to make the necessary arrangements, at a cost not to exceed £600, for the reception of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales at the opening of the new school on the 12th December next.

At the annual meeting at Pontefract, on Thursday last, of the Yorkshire Geological and Polytechnic Society, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., was elected president for the new year.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House on Friday week for a day's shooting in Windsor Great Park. At the Windsor Station he was joined by the Duke of Connaught, and later by Prince Christian, the Ranger. The Royal party had a capital day's sport, bagging a considerable number of pheasants and rabbits. After lunch at Cumberland House, with the Prince and Princess Christian, the Prince and his brother left for London, in company with the Crown Princess of Germany and the Duchess of Connaught.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of the King Harold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1327, at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, on the 30th inst. at 6.30 p.m. Bros. J. Noyes, W.M. 1327, W.M.; J. Robinson, S.W. 1327, S.W. and Preceptor; Reilly, P.M. 1327, J.W.; assisted by the following brethren:—First Lecture—First Section, Bro. Gaskell, P.M., 1327; Second, Bro. Bilby, S.W.S. 1327; Third, Bro. Holt, 754; Fourth, Bro. Reilly, P.M., Sec. 1327; Fifth, Bro. Davis, 1327; Sixth, Bro. Lewis, S.J., 1327; and Seventh, Bro. Shepherd, 122. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. Anderson, 1536; Second, Bro. Noyes, W.M., 1327; Third, Gilbert, P.M.D.C. 1327; Fourth, Robinson, S.W. 1327; and Fifth, Bro. Fisher, I.M.P.M. 1327. Third Lecture, First Section, Bro. Wyatt, 1327; Second, Bro. Drummond, P.M. 1327; Third, Bro. Hanchett, 1327.

The Queen had a dinner party at Windsor Castle, on Tuesday, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, and other distinguished officers, and Lady Wolseley, being among the guests.

Lord Otho Fitzgerald, third son of the late Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of Ireland, 1813-74, and brother of the present Duke, died at his residence, Oakley-park, near Windsor, on Saturday last, of blood poisoning, after only a few days' illness.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friend to persons afflicted with ulcers, sores, abscesses, fistulas, and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity, and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments; bad legs, old age's great grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient to bed, or withdrawing from him or her the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded when weakening diseases attack advanced years or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.—[ADVT.]