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THE speech of H.I.H. the Crown Prince of PRUSSIA has attracted both remarks and comments at home and abroad. We venture, however, to believe that it is purely Germanic both in tone and scope, and does not deal so much with Freemasonry in general, as with German Freemasonry in particular. The position of the Teutonic Masonic system is unique and peculiar in many characteristics and arrangement, and the prevalence of distinct and divergent systems of ritual and teaching may well lead some of our German brethren to long and look for Masonic unity, alike in actual jurisdiction and esoteric outcome.

WE are rejoiced to note elsewhere from a correspondent that great opposition has been manifested by many leading provinces and many brethren in London to the absurd system of "exchanges" of our Masonic votes, which seems to be fostered by, to use a technical term, "a corner." It is quite clear, we think, if we will but allow our reason to rule us, not our fancy or our self-interest, that such a course of action must work very prejudicially to all the weaker cases, and can only help those who are so strong as hardly to need help at all. We hope we have heard the last of it, as it is a very vicious system.

THAT the voting at the Girls' and Boys' School elections will range high, especially for the Boys, is pretty clear, and though there are as always "views and views" on the subject, and a distinct safe medium of certainty as between exaggerated estimates and depreciated difficulties, yet we apprehend the one rule of all intent on electing their candidate is really and truly to *poll their utmost strength*. We would urge upon all who have votes to tender for this or that candidate carefully to scrutinize their voting papers, to see that they are properly signed and marked, for it is a very curious fact, that notwithstanding our repeated elections, so many voting papers are annually rejected by the scrutineers for want of common care and proper precaution.

WE call attention to a letter elsewhere which we think deserves attention. It will be a great pity if by any slackness or mistaken ideas brethren should take it into their heads that they may "lie on their oars" as regards the support of the Girls' School, which in truth, as ever, requires a large annual amount to keep it in activity, efficiency, and happy success. It may be, that overtures indirectly have been made from time to time, and hints have been given that the land at Wandsworth might be wanted by a railway company near. We venture to add that in our opinion it would be the height of "lâches," and even discreditable neglect of their functions, and of needful prevision of the interests of our great School, if the Managing Committee allowed any agitation or opposition to intimidate them in the obvious discharge of their bounden duty, of husbanding as far as possible their funded property, and seeking not unnecessarily to increase yearly obligations and institutional expenses. We have every reason to hope and believe, that by vigorous and persevering efforts the Girls' School Festival in 1883 will be a great success again, reflecting admirably even in these unquiet times on the unchanged liberality and large heartedness of our Craft.

A FEW days now will reveal the secrets of the Grand Lodge appointments for 1883. We can only recommend to all anxious "aspirants" for the

much-coveted purple, patience, good temper, and resignation. It is only the "few" that can be successful, the "many" must be disappointed.

WE hear that the John Carpenter Lodge, of which Bro. the LORD MAYOR is to be the first W.M., will be consecrated at the Albion Tavern early in May, and that the Priory Lodge, of which our esteemed Bro. ROEBUCK is the W.M., designate will be consecrated at Acton on the 3rd May.

It is sometimes a good thing for us all, especially our younger brethren, to note the advance made in Masonic studies, in the progress of Masonic research, some even during the last few years. Many of us who take an interest in Masonic literature and archæology may remember how despairing really was the outlook, say 25 years ago. We were still under the influence of Oliver's paramount authority, which despite good intentions on the part of the learned old Doctor, and we must freely admit his real hard work, was neither sound, nor logically safe, nor historically tenable. If any of us then were tempted to explore the high ways and bye ways of Masonic annalism we soon gave up the attempt, because we were confronted by obstacles we could not surmount in the shape of a defective chronology, unreliable assertions, and dogmatic absurdities. To-day, all is altered for the better. We, perhaps, might be in danger of falling into the other extreme (we are ever in extremes here), inasmuch as just as we accepted credulously any statement formerly, so now we seem disposed to doubt every assertion. But yet as Freemasons we prefer light to darkness, and certainty to uncertainty, and though it was once rashly said that "ignorance was the mother of devotion," whereas truly ignorance can only be the "mother of superstition," we prefer a state of mental activity and intellectual revival to that stagnation of thought and that idle acceptance of previous authorities, of "sheep walking" in fact which marked the entire outcome of English Masonic literature a quarter of a century ago. Whether we agree with FINDEL or not, whether or no we accept his conclusions, or discover his deficiencies, matters little, for he certainly set us thinking, and gave us if perhaps an outline, rather than a perfect representation, of an honest, careful, conscientious history of Freemasonry. To-day cooler research and calmer judgments have not failed to discover certain "lacune" in his valuable work, some defects alike in his plan and performances. But still his work is a great work, and one which all Masonic students must read and study. We recall pleasantly and gratefully the eloquent periods of FORT, and the matter-of-fact, good, sound, realistic, common sense of GOULD, while we must not overlook the painstaking contributions of D. MURRAY LYON, or the invaluable labours of KLOSS. To MACKEY we are indebted for much that is thoughtful and sound, and lasting in his remarkable Encyclopædia, and we cannot fail to be struck with the hopeful appearance Masonic literature now wears in the "abstract" if only we could be equally persuaded of its proper appreciation and acknowledgment in the "concrete." Still let us hope for the best, and in this, "best of all possible worlds," it is "a long lane which has no turning," and that "tide" which is said to govern the "affairs of men" may equally yet affect us as "Masons," and float us on to more prosperous times of Masonic literary patronage and success.

A ONCE very active and energetic brother in West Yorkshire has passed away—Bro. W. Wainman HOLMES—well known for his connection with the Baildon Lodge. Some of our more antique Yorkshire contemporaries will recall many olden hours of good work and hearty Masonic fellowship linked on to the name and presence of WAINMAN HOLMES.

THE horrible attempts of the "dynamite heroes" have naturally alarmed Society, and grieved alike deeply and angered all thoughtful English citizens. Let us hope and believe that such alarm, grief, and indignation are shared in by a civilized world. We are all, as Freemasons, peaceful members of the great "body politic;" but still as lovers of order, loyal subjects, law-abiding men, and opponents on principle of hateful anarchy, cruel revolution, and insensate barbarism, we unite in the trust and the belief, that the law of this country will eventually be found too strong for such atrocious evil doers, and that a befitting punishment will be duly meted to those who thus set at nought every feeling of sympathy and humanity, duty and legality, and seek to signalize themselves by this appalling development of recklessness and savagery, cowardice and cruelty.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, BAGSHOT.

Monday last was a day to be remembered by the inhabitants of the usually quiet little town of Bagshot, in Surrey, when the foundation stone of the new church of St. Anne was laid by the R.W. Bro. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, with full Masonic honours. Bright were the beams of the noonday sun, when the little knot of brethren who had assembled at Waterloo Terminus got clear away from town on that abnormally foggy morning, when London and its surroundings were wrapped in a dense mist that was rendered all the more uncongenial by comparison with the pellucid atmosphere a few miles out. At Clapham Junction, at Wimbledon and Surbiton and Woking, little knots of cheery-visaged passengers were taken up, the neatly-folded little wallets they carried bespeaking the object of their mission, whilst at Brookwood, Frimley, and other intermediate stations en route the company was augmented by parties of holiday-looking folk, whose hilarity told of something most unusual "in the wind." On arriving at Bagshot Station the platform assumed an animated and populous aspect, and an old inhabitant was overheard to declare that "never afore had such a turn out been witnessed." As the visitors wended their way through the quaint, sleepy, little town the amused inhabitants crowded to the doors and windows with complacent interest depicted on their countenances; in fact, the whole country-side seemed on the alert, in anticipation of an unusually festive scene. Carriages of every make threaded the sandy bye-roads, raising a dust which was at times unpleasant; but on every side there were abundant signs that the day was one of universal holiday. The expectation of a Royal visit, albeit the illustrious personages who were to take a prominent part in the day's programme reside close by, appeared to whet the appetite for what was to follow, for the gaily-dressed belles of Bagshot wore their prettiest ribbons and the rosy-faced swains turned out in their "best bibs and tuckers," as though in anticipation of a summer gala day.

The old church of St. Anne, which was of a type possessing little or no architectural beauty—indeed it had long been cruelly dubbed "the ugliest church in Surrey"—had fallen into a sad state of disrepair, and considering all the circumstances it was felt that as large a sum would be needed to render it seemly and decent as a place of worship as it would to effect a complete substitution. Accordingly, the esteemed vicar, the Rev. F. A. P. Lory, appealed to his friends to assist him in the laudable work of erecting a new church, and the response given by all classes must have been to him of a most gratifying nature. Just two years ago a bazaar of useful and ornamental work was organised by the ladies of the neighbourhood, with the substantial result that £1630 was realised as a nucleus of a building fund. To this was added a round £100 by her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and £300 by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught; a hundred guineas by Mr. H. P. Leschallars; £400 (for bells) by Mrs. Michael Waterer; £400 by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests; and other amounts to a total of £1500. With this aid the vicar was enabled to place his scheme in working order, and the designs having been drawn by Mr. Henry A. Cheers, architect, of London and Bagshot, the contract was entrusted to Mr. Joseph Higgs, builder, of Dorset-square, London. The estimated cost of the structure when completed, is about £5000, towards which nearly £3000 has been received or promised, irrespective of the amount collected at the ceremony on Monday last. The new church will be of the early English style of architecture, and will consist of a nave, transepts, north and south aisles, and chancel, with a tower at the west end surmounted by a spire 120 feet in height. The building will be of brick, with Bath stone dressings on the outside, whilst the interior will be plastered, with an open roof of pitched pine. The seats will be open benches of approved design in stained wood, and accommodation will be afforded for 450 adults; and the site is to be enclosed by a boundary wall with neat iron palisading. Situated on an eminence, on what is known locally as the Mill Hill, it commands an extensive view of rich landscape on all sides, including Bagshot Park, the pretty demesne of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and just now when the country side is donning its spring livery the aspect is delightful in the extreme.

The brethren on their arrival soon after two o'clock mustered in the rooms of the Mechanics' Institute, and having clothed proceeded to an upper chamber, where Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey was opened in due form by the R.W. Bro. General Studholme-Brownrigg, C.B., the Provincial Grand Master. There was a very large gathering under the banners of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the Wey Side Lodge, No. 1395, the Brownrigg Lodge, No. 1638, and others, and the display of purple was greater than we have witnessed for many a long day. The hall was a primitive looking affair, inadequate to the accommodation of more than half those who sought admission, and a majority of those who did succeed were packed upon a schoolroom-like gallery of planks; whilst on a stage that had evidently been erected for the convenience of local histrionics, Provincial Grand Officers were content to find rather conspicuous positions. Bro. Charles Greenwood, Prov. Grand Secretary, was called upon to act as Prov. Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. W. C. Beaumont as Prov. Grand Junior Warden. The gathering included amongst others the following:

Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M., supported by Bros. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B., Senior Warden; W. C. Beaumont, P.G.S.W., acting as Junior Warden; the Rev. Richard Milner, Prov. G. Chap.; W. A. Barrett, Prov. G. Reg.; Geo. Price, Prov. G. Treas.; Chas. Greenwood, jun., 410, Prov. G. Sec.; J. B. Boucher, 1872, S.D.; W. Youldon, 1638, J.D.; A. E. Taylor, 1851, Prov. G. Supt. of Works; H. E. Francis, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; J. H. Askham, 1564, Asst. Dir. of Cers.; Compton, 1929, Organist; Geo. Westall, 1714, Sword Bearer; W. J. Kemp, 1362, Pursuivant; F. A. Manning, 1861, Standard Bearer; and C. T. Speight, Tyler. Amongst the Grand Officers and brethren

present were Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Magnus Ohren, P.G.D. of C.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; W. J. Lendrin, P.P.G.P.; N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Rev. H. P. Bent, P.G.C.; H. Botting, 1395, P.P.G.S.; R. Eve, P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. Noel Borr, P.P.G.S.B. and Sec. 570; C. H. Woodward, P.G.J.D.; G. N. Money, P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. Payne, I.P.M. 1564, P.G.S.; G. W. Lister, S.W. 41; H. Summers, W.M. (Royal Albert); G. Godson, P.M. 69; S. Bradley, P.M. 414; F. G. Cook, W.M. 1971; S. J. Pulley, P.M. 1714; J. L. Hickley, S.W. 1046; W. A. Laver, P.M. 1362; J. Mew, I.P.M. 1562; W. W. Ridley, 1101; J. Collins, 1101; W. J. James, 1101; S. G. Dundas, W.M. 370; J. W. Squire, 3; J. G. Horsey, I.P.M. 1892; Geo. Turner, W.M. 1595; J. Hardy, 1595; Arthur W. Callis, 1395; Andrew Rogers, 1564; S. P. Coaker, 1564; A. H. Bowers, 1638; W. Lane, W.M. 1638; David W. Cable, 1638; Edward W. Cox, 463; John Knight, P.M. 1046; G. Mesher, 1564; R. Tozer, 1714; G. W. Parker, P.M. 215; James Edwards, 1892; Francis Carter, 1892; J. M. Norman, 1638; W. Pile, W.M. 1892; T. Adams, W.M.; Byron H. Ridge, 1347; Thos. L. Lock, J.W. 1347; A. F. Asher, S.D. 1395; R. Bunce, Sec. 1714; and others.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened prayer was said by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. M. Milner, and after a few simple formalities a procession was formed, the brethren marching two abreast in the direction of the site, on their arrival there they entered the enclosure.

The clergy and choir in their surplices had robed at the vicarage and included his Grace the Lord Bishop of Winchester (who with Mrs. Harold Browne, the Rev. Robert Browne, his lordship's chaplain, had been guests of their Royal Highness's at Bagshot Park), the Rev. F. M. Middleton, rural dean and Vicar of York Town; the vicar, the Rev. F. A. P. Lory, and his curate, the Rev. E. M. Salmon; the Bishop of Ballarat, the Rev. J. M. Freshfield, Vicar of Windlesham; Rev. R. Flint, Vicar of Sunningdale; Rev. Newton Spencer, Vicar of Emly and rural dean; Rev. W. Basset, Rector of Frimley; Rev. A. Kinch, Rector of Farnborough; Rev. W. Suthey, Curate of Farnborough; Rev. C. B. Fendall, of Windlesham; and others.

The bishop of the diocese took his seat at the table in front of the stone, the clergy and choir occupying the platform in rear, whilst the brethren were ranged round in accordance with rank, the Prov. Grand Officers being in the centre. The Duke and Duchess on their arrival were welcomed with respectful salutations which they graciously acknowledged, and her Royal Highness was escorted to her seat by Bro. General Brownrigg, who sat between her and her Royal husband on the left of the bishop. Accompanying the Royal party were Col. Sir H. Elphinstone and Lady Elphinstone, Gen. Sir D. Lysons and Lady Lysons, the infant Princess Margaret, Mr. Edward Miles, treasurer of the building fund; Col. Lempriere, R.E.; Gen. Smythe, C.B.; and a large gathering of resident gentry of the district. When the assemblage was seated the scene within the half raised walls of the building was exceedingly picturesque, the sun shining brightly over all, and with beams as fervent as on an ordinary July day. The necessary preliminaries having been arranged the opening sentences of the service were said by the bishop, the responses being given by the Rev. E. M. Salmon. Then followed Psalm lxxxiv., "O how amiable," by the choir, ably led by Mr. G. P. More, who presided at the harmonium, the lesson for the day, Ezra iii, 10, 11, being read by the rural dean, the Rev. F. M. Middleton. Prayer was then offered for the work undertaken and the preservation of all those who were engaged in it, after which Psalm cxxvii., "Except the Lord build the house," was sung.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then advanced to the stone, and addressing his Royal Highness said: Knowing the deep interest which you and her Royal Highness take in the laying of the foundation stone and the building of the edifice which we have come here to complete, I beg on my part and on behalf of the Freemasons of Surrey that you will do us the honour of performing the ceremony of laying this stone with the test of the plumb, the level, and the square. We trust that you will find it well and truly laid, for which purpose I have the honour to place this trowel in your hands. He then handed to the Duke a magnificent silver trowel, suitably inscribed in commemoration of the event.

His Royal Highness the Duke of CONNAUGHT, K.G., Past Grand Warden, in reply, said; My lord bishop and brethren, be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and honourable to the laws of our country. Although not ourselves operative Masons, yet we have, from time immemorial, been associated with the erection of buildings, to be raised for the benefit of mankind, the adornment of the world, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. We have amongst us, unseen from the eyes of all men, secrets that may not be unveiled, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of either God or man. They were entrusted to the Masons of ancient days, and they have been faithfully transmitted to us; and it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to our latest posterity. Unless our Order had been honourable, and our calling just, it would not have lasted all these centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brothers in our Order, ready to promote our laws and to further our interests. We are assembled here to-day, in the midst of all you here present, for the erection of a house to the glory and the worship of the Most High, which we pray God may bless and prosper as it seems good to him. (So mote it be.) As it is the duty of all Masons in any undertaking to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe, I will call upon you to unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN having offered prayer,

H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT said: It is my will of pleasure that the foundation-stone of this church be laid, and Bro. the Prov. Grand Secretary will read the inscription on the plate.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY then read "This foundation-stone was laid by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught with Masonic honours, A.D. 1883. Henry A. Cheers, architect."

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER deposited coins of the realm and other articles in the cavity of the stone, after which mortar was spread, and the stone lowered to its resting place.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS having tested it with the 'plumb-rule handed to him by the Junior Grand Warden said—"I find this stone to be plumb, and the Craftsmen have prepared it true and trusty." Applying the level handed by the Prov. Grand Senior Warden he said "I find this stone to be level, and the Craftsmen have laboured skilfully." Trying it with the square handed by the Grand Master he said "I find this stone to be [plumb, level and square, and I declare it to be truly prepared and duly laid, and that the Craftsmen have done their work well." He then gave three knocks with the maul, and declared the stone duly laid. Corn, wine and oil were then placed on the stone, emblematical of plenty and abundance, joy, and peace and unanimity. Might peace, prosperity, happiness and goodwill ever prevail amongst those who should minister in that place, to the glory of the Most High, till time should be no more. (So mote it be).

The BISHOP then prayed that true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love might always abide, and that the place might remain ever consecrated to prayer and the praises of His holy name. As the offertory was being taken the choir and congregation sang the hymn, "Christ is our cornerstone."

A pleasing incident here occurred, her Royal Highness the Duchess receiving at the hands of several children, some of whom were very diminutive, and appeared timid and abashed in the presence of royalty, purses containing sums collected towards the Building Fund. The first to place a purse upon the stone was the rosy-faced little infant, Princess Margaret, only a few months old, and who appeared charmingly oblivious of the prominent part she was taking in the ceremony. Her father, the duke, patted her lovingly on the cheek as she was being taken up to the stone in the arms of her nurse. The anthem "How dreadful is the place" and Psalm lxxxvii., "His foundations are upon the holy hills," were sung, and the concluding prayers were said by the VICAR, the BISHOP pronouncing the Benediction.

Soon afterwards the company dispersed, the Royal party, accompanied by the Bishop of Winchester, Mrs. Harold Browne, and the Bishop's Chaplain, driving home to Bagshot Park. The clergy and other friends were entertained at the Vicarage, and the brethren having reassembled in Prov. Grand Lodge were thanked for their attendance in such numbers and dismissed, returning by the 4.30 train for home.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of Subscribers to this Institution met on Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer in the chair. There were also present:

Bros. Joyce Murray, John L. Mather, L. Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), Donald M. Dewar, Raynham W. Stewart, W. Maple, Alfred Williams, E. Baxter, George Cooper, F. Adlard, John Palmer, Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Festa, C. F. Hogard, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the sum of £10 was voted to educate a boy out of the School for six months on account of ill health.

The sum of £2000 was ordered to be invested in India 4-per cent. Stock.

The Secretary reported that £500 having been left by a testator to "The Freemasons' Boys' School" it had become necessary to apply to the Chancery Division to ascertain whether "The Royal Institution for Boys" was meant. The chief clerk, on the necessary affidavits being before him, had decided that this institution was meant by the testator, in consequence of which the £500 had been received free of legacy duty.

Two petitions to place candidates on the list for the October election were passed, as was also the necessary qualifications of a presentation boy.

Outfits of £5 each were granted to three late pupils of the Institution who are now in situations.

In consequence of withdrawals the number of candidates for next Monday's election was reduced to 62, and a notice of motion for that meeting was given by Bro. W. ROEBUCK. The Committee then adjourned.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, under the presidency of Col. Creaton, when there were also present

Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, C. G. Dille, G. Bolton, C. A. Cottebrune, Louis Stean, John Bulmer, C. J. Perceval, Charles Lacy, J. M. Case, A. A. Richards, W. Hilton, W. H. Goodall, John J. Berry, A. H. Tattershall, Thos. W. Bush, Thos. Cubitt, James Garner, C. H. Webb, James Willing, jun., and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the meeting of 14th March having been read and verified, the secretary, Bro. James Terry, reported the deaths of two male annuitants, and the death of one male and one female candidate for election, and stated that there were now vacancies for 25 male and 15 female annuitants to be filled up at the next election.

The secretary submitted the report of the Finance Committee which verified the accounts down to 31st March, and recommended that £1000 should be invested in India Four per Cents. in the names of the trustees of the male and female funds respectively, and that £2000 should be placed on deposit at the bankers; and the committee resolved that the report be adopted and entered on the minutes, and authorised the investments and deposit recommended by the Finance Committee.

Bro. Col. Creaton, F. Farnfield, and Chas. Lacy were appointed as a committee to draw up the annual report to be presented to the meeting in May next.

An application from the widow of Bro. Hyland, an annuitant whose

death was reported at last meeting, for a grant of a moiety of her deceased husband's annuity was acceded to.

There being no further business before the committee the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The preliminary meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 6th inst. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W., occupied the chair, supported by the following Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers:

Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.S.W., as D.P.G.M.; G. W. Kenworthy, P.M. 119, P.G.S.W.; Jas. Dick, P.M. 1400, P.G.J.W.; Rev. W. Cockett, 310, P.G. Chap.; R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, P.G. Treas.; Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 129, P.P.G.S.W., P.G. Sec.; Geo. Potter, P.M. 1532, P.G.S.D.; R. Wharton, P.M. 812, P.G.J.D.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660, P.G.D. of C.; E. Tyson, P.M. 119, P.G.A.D. of C.; D. Reece, P.M. 962, P.G. Purst.; R. L. Court, P.M. 310; J. F. Kirkconel, P.M. 1267; J. C. Mason, P.M. 1532; and C. Christopherson, 1073, P.G. Stewards; W. Graham, 1532, P.G. Tyler; J. Barr, P.N. 119, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M. 119, P.P.G.T.; W. Middleton, W.M. 129; H. Court, W.M. 310; J. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; J. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Bewley, S.W.; R. Nelson, J.W.; Geo. Murchie, P.M.; W. Harrison, P.M.; W. Blaylock, H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Kirkbride, P.M. 339, P.P.G.S.W.; T. B. Arinison, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; J. Gardiner, P.M. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Walters, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. J. Robinson, P.M. 872, W.M. 1089, P.P.G.T.; Rev. E. M. Rice, 962, P.P.G. Chap.; J. C. Hunter, P.M. P.P.G. Purst.; F. R. Sewell, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.S.W.; H. Peacock, W.M. 1002; Thos. Mayson, Sec.; Chas. Gowling, W.M. 1073; J. Hall, J.W.; W. L. Towerson, W.M. 1267; E. Clarke, P.M. P.P.G.J.D.; M. Compton, P.M. 127, P.P.G.D. of C.; C. S. Lane, P.M. 645, 764, P.P.G.S.D. Durham; and others.

After several letters of apology were read for non-attendance, the minutes of the annual Provincial Grand Lodge held at Carlisle last September were confirmed. The dues and fees of honour having been paid, with the exception of one lodge only, it was decided, on the recommendation of Bro. W. L. TOWERSON, W.M. 1267, that it be suggested to the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the desirability of holding the annual meeting at Egremont, under the banner of Kenlis Lodge, No. 1267.

Two sums of £5 were voted to two widows; and on the motion of Bro. McKay, P.G.S., seconded by Bro. GIBSON, acting Prov. G.M., the handsome sum of £150 was voted on behalf of Bro. McKay's Stewardship, when he in an able speech thanked the brethren of the province for the very hearty and generous manner they had in the past supported him, and trusted what had been done was only of a mere fractional character in comparison to what would have to be accomplished. The advantage to the province of double voting power at former prices was not to be lost sight of; now or never was the time to strike the blow.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given from Kent and Durham, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form. The brethren subsequently dined in the County Hotel, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the County Hall, Carlisle, on Friday, the 6th inst., under the banner of the Union Chapter, No. 310, when in the absence of the Earl of Bective, M.P., Prov. Grand Superintendent, the throne was occupied by M.E. Comp. W. B. Gibson, P.Z. 119, P.G.H., supported by the following Comps.:

Comps. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J., as H.; J. Nicholson, P.Z. 371, P.G.J.; George J. MacKay, P.Z. 129, P.G.S.E.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z. 371, P.G.S.N.; J. Wheatley, P.Z. 310, P.G.P.S.; R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, P.G. Treas.; George Dalrymple, Z. 119, P.G. Swd. Br.; J. Cook, 310, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Walters, H. 371, P.G.D.C.; F. R. Sewell, 371, P.G. Stwd.; George Potter, 310, P.G. Stwd.; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; W. Sandwith, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.A.S.; Edward Tyson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.D.C.; Edward Clarke, H. 119; G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119, P.P.G. Treas.; J. F. Kirkconel, 119; J. J. Robinson, 119; J. Slack, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Court, P.Z. 310, P.P.G.S. Br.; R. L. Court, P.Z. 310; M. Compton, 310; J. Gardiner, P.Z. 371, P.P.G. Reg.; T. B. Arinison, 339; H. Peacock, 371; and others.

The minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed.

Comp. R. J. Nelson was by a unanimous vote elected Provincial Grand Treasurer, and Comp. J. M. Salisbury for the second time Provincial Grand Janitor.

The Officers for the ensuing year were then invested as follows:—

Comp. John Holme, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" G. W. Kenworthy, P.Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" George J. MacKay, P.Z. 129	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Sandwith, P.Z. 119	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" T. B. Arinison, P.Z. 339	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" James Cook, P.Z. 310	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A. Soj.
" Andrew Walters, H. 371	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A. Soj.
" F. R. Sewell, 371	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Lazonby,	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. R. Burrow	...	...	Prov. G. Std. B.
" M. Compton, 310	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Smith, Org. 371	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Edward Clarke, H. 119	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Banks, 129	...	...
" R. L. Court, 310	...	...
" James M. Salisbury, Janitor 119	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The Treasurer's statement of accounts was passed, showing a balance of upwards of £50. On the motion of Comp. McKay, supported by Comp. Gibson, the sum of 20 guineas was voted to Comp. McKay's Stewardship.

After other matters of a general character were disposed of Provincial Grand Chapter was closed with solemn prayer.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

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

THE GRAND FESTIVAL

WILL BE HELD
On WEDNESDAY, the 25th of APRIL, 1883,
AT
THE FREEMASONS' HALL,
GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF
CARNARVON, IN THE CHAIR.

Tickets may be obtained of the Grand Stewards; but no
Tickets will be issued after Four o'clock on the day pre-
ceding the Festival.

Dinner at Six o'clock precisely.

The MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS will be under the direc-
tions of Bro. W. G. CUSINS, Grand Organist.

Brethren must appear in full Masonic Craft clothing.
CHAS. ROBERT RIVINGTON,
Hon. Sec. Board of Grand Stewards.
3, Crystal Palace Park Road, Sydenham, Kent.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Office—6, FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN-ST., W.C.

PATRON:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the
LARGE HALL, FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-
street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 16th
day of APRIL, 1883, for the transaction of ordinary business
of the Institution.

To Elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To Elect as Members of the General Committee, repre-
senting the Life and Annual Subscribers, Twelve Brethren
not being Life Governors.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. J. L. MATHER, H.C., V.P.:
That in consequence of a premature vacancy, Thirteen
Boys be Elected, instead of Twelve, as stated on the
Voting Papers.

2. By Bro. WILLIAM ROEBUCK, H.C., V. Patron:
That the following words be added to Law 65: That Two
Householders signing the Bond shall also undertake to
remove the Boy from the School at their own expense
during the Holidays sanctioned by the House Committee,
in the event of the parents or relatives refusing to do so.

5. By Bro. R. W. STEWART, H.C., V.P.:
That in the event of Bro. Roebuck's notice of Motion
being adopted, the Laws and necessary bonds be altered
in accordance with such motion.

To elect Twelve (or Thirteen, should the Court so deter-
mine) Boys from a list of sixty-four candidates, as appears
on the voting papers, reduced to sixty-two by the with-
drawal of No. 32, "Woodward, Thomas," and No. 60,
"Musgrave, Thos. Frank," and the death of No. 27,
"Rostler, Reginald W. A."

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon
precisely.

The Ballot for the election of Boys will open at One
o'clock, or so soon as the general business of the Court
shall have terminated, and will close at Three o'clock
precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
(P.G. Stwd.), Vice-Patron, Secretary.

April 7, 1883.

The Eighty-fifth Anniversary Festival will be held on
Wednesday, 27th June, 1883. The Right Hon. Viscount
HOLMESDALE, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent,
has most kindly consented to preside. The services of
Brethren willing to act as Stewards are earnestly solicited,
and will be gratefully acknowledged.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,
&c., M.W.G.M.

PATRONESS:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT

of the GOVERNORS and SUBSCRIBERS of this Institution will
be held in the HALL of the FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great
Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on SATURDAY,
the 14th day of APRIL, 1883, at 12 o'clock precisely, on the
general business of the Institution, and to elect 22 Girls into
the School from a list of 28 approved Candidates. The
election will commence at one o'clock, or after the usual
business is over.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Offices, 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C., April 7th, 1883.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

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

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&c., M.W.G.M.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

of this Institution will take place
On WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th, 1883,
AT THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN,
under the Presidency of
R.W. BRO. W. WITHER B. BEACH, M.P.,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER HAMPSHIRE
AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

W. Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board
of Stewards.

W. Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL, C.C., Treasurer.
W. Bro. H. A. DUBOIS, P. Prov. G.W. Middx., Chairman
of Ladies' Stewards.

Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very*
greatly needed, and will much oblige by forwarding their
names as *early* as possible to the Secretary, who will gladly
give any information required.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Sec.
Offices, 5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, London, W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

Dear Sir and Brother,—It is my painful duty, in the
names of several esteemed Brethren, again to bring to
your notice the distressing case of

FREDERICK WOLFE HENNAH,
AGED NINE YEARS,

Who is, for the THIRD TIME, a Candidate for Election to
the Royal Masonic School for Boys, and to ask for your
support and valuable assistance by giving your votes and
influence. This boy is the eldest of three sons of a young
widow, whose husband, Bro. the Rev. W. H. HENNAH, of
the Union Lodge, Margate, No. 127, was seized with a
fatal illness in the autumn of 1881, the result of over
work, and exposure in ministerial, combined with scholastic
duties. Our brother had not reached his thirty-second
year when his promising career was brought to a close,
and by his death his family was left totally unprovided for.
The Province of Kent has, hitherto, been unable to assist
the case, having cases, not of greater necessity or more
deserving, but of priority in claim; hence the heavy task
of bringing the claims of this young "Lewis" to the
attention of unpledged subscribers has fallen on a few indi-
viduals, whose efforts hitherto, though nobly supported by
a few friends, have been unavailing against the organised
power of Provinces and others.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,
JOHN WHILE, P.M., and P.Z. 228.
133, Loughborough-road, S.W.

The following brethren join in recommending the case,
and those who have an asterisk affixed will gladly receive
proxies:

The V.W. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General
Purposes (Town Clerk of London), &c.
The V.W. Colonel John Creaton, Grand Treasurer.
The V.W. Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., P.G.C.
The W. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.
The W. H. J. Phillip Dumas, P.G.D.
The W. J. A. Rucker, P.G.R.
The W. Peter De Lande Long, P.G.D.
The W. George Burt (ex-Sheriff London), P.A.G.D.C.
The W. J. E. Saunders, P.G.D. (Deputy of the City of London),
9, Finsbury-circus.
The W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., 1, Bedford-square, W.
The W. James Mason, P.G.S.B., Pembroke House, Brompton-
crescent, W.
Dr. Helsham, F.R.C.S. (Royal Athelstan Lodge), Sussex House,
Brixton-road.
* H. Massey, P.M. Beadon and P.M. Gallery Lodge, 93, Chancery-
lane.
Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., 125, Fleet-street.
S. Price, P.M. and Treasurer 1288.
Arthur Wolton, Anchor Lodge, 1704.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs.
Hennah, 24, Parkhurst-road, Holloway, N.

FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS.

The Committee have the honour to announce that
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF
CONNAUGHT, K.G., &c.
has kindly consented to preside at the
FESTIVAL DINNER
at

THE WESTMINSTER PALACE HOTEL,
On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th, 1883.

Gentlemen willing to act as Stewards, or to attend the
Dinner, are requested to intimate their pleasure to the
Secretary.

Funds being urgently needed, the Committee are com-
pelled to make a very urgent appeal for help.

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Vine-street, Clerkenwell-road, E.C.

FOURTH APPLICATION. ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1883.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited
on behalf of

ARTHUR JAMES TETTENBORN,

Aged 10½ Years. A candidate for above election.
His father, Bro. Ernest de Gleichen Tettenborn, was
initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, Norwich,
October 24th, 1865; was advanced in the Walpole
Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 92, Norwich; exalted into
Royal Arch Masonry in the Cabbell Chapter, No. 807,
Norwich; and installed a Knight Templar in the Cabbell
Encampment, No. 69, Norwich; and on his removal to
London joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and con-
tinued a subscribing member of the same until his death,
which took place in October, 1881, from rheumatic gout.
He leaves a widow and six children totally unprovided for.
The youngest child was born only a few weeks before its
father's death. The necessities of this truly deserving
family are known to but very few. No more urgent case
exists.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs.
Tettenborn, 45, Chesterton-road, Notting-hill, W.; by
Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, 152, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill,
W.; by Bro. W. M. Stiles, 3 North End, West Ken-
sington, W.; by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, 25a,
Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park; by Bro. J. H. Southwood,
91, Houndsditch, E.C.; and by Bro. J. Willings, jun., 353,
Strand, W.C.

N.B.—Votes for the Royal Masonic Institutions for
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are equally available for exchange.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

The votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are
most earnestly solicited for

ERNEST ARTHUR STEED.

Aged 8 years (24/3/83),
Son of the late Bro. A. Orlando Steed, aged 42, Professor
of Music, residing at Penge and formerly at Long Melford,
Suffolk, who died suddenly of typhoid fever, leaving a
Widow and Seven Children, under 13 years of age, without
adequate means of support. Bro. A. O. Steed was a member
(J.W.) of the Stour Valley Lodge, 1224, and continued
a subscribing member until his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Waverley, P.G.M. Suffolk.
" Sir Jas. Douglass, Ionic Lodge, 277.
" J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Life Gov.
" Rev. Dr. Brette, 31st, P.M. 1460, 1657; P.Z. 1194; P.G.C.
Middlesex.
" J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223; P.P.G.O. Kent.
" J. A. Jeffries, W.M. St. John's, 795.
" The Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; P.G. Chaplain
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" A. Legrand, William Preston, 766.
" F. Cambridge, Orpheus, 1706.
" W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; P.M. 1586; P.Z. 742.
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Musicians.
" W. Worrell, P.M. and Sec. William Preston, 766.
" C. W. Holt, Holmesdale, 874, 1556, Addiscombe.
" W. Cook, Great City, 1426; P.M. and Sec. 1814.

Votes will be thankfully received by the following brethren:
—The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk;
W. H. Cummings, Esq., Thurlow-park-road, Dulwich,
S.E.; J. H. Jewell, Esq., Westerham, Kent; William
Cook, Esq., St. John's, Penge, S.E.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION APRIL 16TH, 1883.

Votes are earnestly solicited on behalf of

GEORGE WILLIAM KING HILL,

Aged 10½ years (No 3 on the List of Candidates),
at this, his seventh and final application.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Mother (Mrs.
Hill), 17, St. Philip's-road, Dalston, E. (late of 9, Cole-
brooke-row, Islington); also by
Bro. Thomas Bartlett, 52, Wilson-street, Finsbury, E.C.
" T. S. Holland, 396, Kingsland-road, N.
" James Litzell, Talbot House, Talbot-road, Page Green,
Tottenham, N.

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To Correspondents.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Court Circular," "The Hebrew Leader," "The New York Dispatch," "The Geelong Advertiser," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The New Zealand Herald," "The New Zealand Freemason," "The Keystone," "Sewell and Crowther's Monthly Shipping List," "A History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire," "The Canadian Craftsman," "Annual Report of the German Hospital of Philadelphia," "The Citizen," "The Hull Packet," "The Freemason" (Sydney).



SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1883.

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.]

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—
Many brethren have sent me kindly their votes that I beg to remind them of the fact that I can receive proxies both on the 14th and 16th. Some reached me last year, a fair number on the last occasion by the late post on the Monday. May I ask brethren who send votes to look carefully to the envelopes they put them in, as I have received the "envelopes" but not the "votes" in more cases than one. I may add that I should esteem it a very great favour if any brother could kindly lend me a list of Subscribers to the R.M.B. Institution for 1882-3. Owing to the great demand the issue is now exhausted, and it is impossible at the office to obtain a copy, neither, curiously enough, is it possible either to obtain there a copy of the list of 1881-2.—Fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W., April 7th.

THE CHARITY JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
Having had the honour to represent my Lodge (No. 276), as Steward for each of the Masonic Charities, I applied and in due time received the charity jewel but, I was somewhat astonished to find it had to be paid for, which as far as I was concerned took off all the charm there should be in wearing it. On the other hand as regards bulk there was perhaps too much for the money. I wish to suggest through your paper, with all due deference to those in power, that a small silver jewel freely given without application to all those who may serve the office of Steward to the three charities, would meet the views of many and not cost more than the Stewards' jewel given on the festival days.—Yours fraternally,

EBENEZAR SHEDD,
Writtle, April 9th. I.P.M. 276, P.M. 1543.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
The readers of the *Freemason* are all greatly obliged to its distinguished correspondent, Bro. Neilson, of Dublin, for the interesting communications he has written as to the institution of Provincial Grand Lodges. I regret, however, that I cannot agree with his theories. There is nothing to shew that the Kilwinning Lodge was ever a Provincial Grand Lodge. In 1807 by an agreement with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, its Master became *ex-officio* Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, which province according to Bro. Murray Lyon, was only created in 1792. Indeed, there being no Grand Lodge in Scotland prior to 1736 it necessarily follows that there could not have been a Provincial Grand Lodge in Ayrshire or elsewhere in Scotland before that date.

At the meeting of the Scotch Lodges at which they resolved to form a Grand Lodge for Scotland, Kilwinning appeared along with the other sister lodges in Scotland, convened for the purpose, simply as one of themselves. It claimed no superiority over them; and it was a party to the agreement come to in the following year that lodges should be enrolled according to their seniority, which should be determined from the authentic documents they produced.

Prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland it was customary for lodges to authorise the formation of other lodges. We have evidence of this practice in various quarters.

There is some doubt as to when the Grand Lodge of Scotland first created Provincial Grand Lodges. The elder Lawrie in his history states that it was in 1738, and Bro. Murray Lyon makes a similar statement; but he in another part of his history states that a Provincial Grand District of Edinburgh was created in 1736, two years before. Lawrie again in a subsequent part of his works states that Provincial Grand Districts were first created in 1800. One would like to know which of these statements is correct.

The minutes of the Grand Lodge for a few years about 1800 are unfortunately missing, and so the second point raised in Bro. Neilson's letter cannot be solved by them. The elder Lawrie states that in the year 1796 "a correspondence was opened with the Grand Lodge of Ireland." This statement was written within a few years of the occurrence and was a fact within his own knowledge, and may therefore be taken as correct. It does not appear from it that any request for "recognition" was made. Perhaps Bro. Neilson will kindly favour your readers with an extract of the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on this subject, as the question is important and should be set at rest.

As regards the insertion of the seal of the Kilwinning Lodge in Bro. Murray Lyon's "*Freemasonry in Scotland*," at page 410, having had something to do in assisting Bro. Murray Lyon in the publication of his valuable work, I may state that the seal is placed on that page simply for typographical convenience and is merely an illustration. It has nothing to do with the minute there printed.—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM OFFICER.

Past Grand Senior Deacon of Scotland.

Edinburgh, April 9th.

EXCHANGES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I am happy to be able to state in your columns that many of the leading provinces as well as many London brethren are stoutly resisting this absurd mania of bolstering up a high exchange of votes, as to Girls for Boys, &c., and are positively refusing to exchange Girls for Boys except "at par," the money value. This in my opinion is a sensible and reasonable resolution.—Yours fraternally,

A. VOTER.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
I hope that I may be permitted to say a word in respect of a certain idea which I gather from frequent conversation is floating about in our lodges that the Girls' School does not require earnest efforts or wanted subscriptions. This fiction, foolish and unfounded as it is, seems to rest on two things; firstly, remarks that have been made as to the School itself, and, secondly, its undoubted financial prosperity.

But what I wish, if permitted, to point out to-day is this, that if the School is to be kept up at its present high standard of efficiency, utility, and thoroughness, it can only be effected by large annual support from a ready and willing Fraternity. The Girls' School is undoubtedly one of the very first institutions of its kind in this or in any other country; first I mean in the practical results it embodies and the living reality it displays, and I feel sure that now, as ever, not only the best wishes, but the hearty efforts of English Freemasons will strengthen the hands of the governing body by showing unmistakably the great value set upon its prosperous management and beneficial development, as illustrated daily before our eyes in its present happy and striking exemplification of good management and undoubted efficiency.—I am, sir and brother, fraternally yours,

A MEMBER OF A PROVINCIAL LODGE.

THE INTRODUCTION OF FREEMASONRY INTO SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
In the *Mirror* of Saturday, 8th May, 1830, the following appeared: "*Freemasonry in Scotland first made its appearance at Kilwinning, in Ayrshire, when a party of enthusiasts having landed from the Continent in the twelfth century, spreading the knowledge of their mysteries gradually over the rest of the country by colonies termed lodges.*"

Can you state what foundation the writer had for this assertion? If you have no information on the subject will you kindly insert my letter with a view to obtain knowledge on the subject.—I am, sir, yours truly and fraternally,

Auberge de Castille, Malta, April 4th. 1926.

LODGE RECEIPTS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—
May I ask through your next publication if it is incumbent or not to affix a stamp to a receipt given to a

member of a lodge for any amount that he may pay amounting to two pounds or upwards. Some members of our Craft say it is not, while others say it is, and that the penalty for such omission is not incurred by the lodge, but by the officer who may give the official receipt unstamped? Possibly you together with other members of our Fraternity will give an opinion upon this matter.—Yours fraternally,
CAUTIOUS.

BRO. LORD WOLSELEY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Kindly let me ask you in the next issue of your interesting paper to insert this correction of an error which appears in your article on page 172 of the *Freemason* of the 7th inst., headed "Bro. Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., &c." In the last paragraph but one of that article you say that his lordship was initiated into the Craft in Dublin in Lodge 720 in 1854; the number of the lodge should have been given 728. The title of the lodge is "The Military Lodge, No. 728, Dublin." You will no doubt admit that I am entitled to ask to have this correction made when I inform you that I had the honour of giving our distinguished brother his three Degrees myself on the days undernamed in Lodge 728, of which I was then, and still am, a member, viz., E.A., April 13th, 1854; F.C., April 21st, 1854; and S.D. of M.M., July 21st, 1854.

In the same paragraph you also allude to Earl Ferrers as "undergoing the ordeal at the same time;" that statement is likewise incorrect, as I initiated both Earl Ferrers and the Hon. Mr. Pennington, 90th Light Infantry, on the 18th of August, 1854.—I am, dear sir and brother, fraternally yours,
JOHN H. GODDARD,

P.M. Military Lodge, 728, Dublin; Honorary Member Wolseley Lodge, 1903, Manchester; and Secretary 32°, Dublin.

136, Leinster-road, Rathmines, co. Dublin, April 10th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to correct an accidental error in the *Freemason* of the 7th inst., in which it is stated that Bro. Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., &c., "was initiated into the Craft in Dublin in Lodge No. 720." His lordship when Lieut. Garnet Joseph Wolseley, 90th Light Infantry, was initiated in "The Military Lodge of Ireland," No. 728, by dispensation, he not being of full Masonic age, at an emergency meeting held on the 13th April, 1854.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,
A. VESEY DAVOREN,
P.M. Lodge 728.

4, Seaview-terrace, Donnybrook, Dublin, April 10th.



MORALITY. By MAURICE CHAS. HIME, I.L.D., Head Master of Foyle College, Londonderry. Fifth edition. Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, 11, New Burlington-street, W.

The subject on which Bro. Dr. Hime so ably dilates, is full of the deepest interest for all thinking and serious persons. If it be an "oft told tale," if it be an "old old story," it is yet that which underlies all serious philosophy, all true religious teaching. In Dr. Hime's clear and striking pages we have this grave reality admirably developed. One of the most remarkable features of our Masonic lore is that sacred morality, which it portrays and proclaims, which breathes out of every aphorism, is imprinted on every document, distinguishes every dogma, and lightens up every mystery for its faithful "neophytes," and consistent "Mustai." From the earliest lucubrations of the early mystics, down to the profound speculations of Plato, to every contribution of moralist and sage, the *To Agathon* and the *To Kalon* the *To Prepon* constitute still the "summa bonum" of all true moral teaching. Such writers may regard it under different aspects, and treat it from different and seemingly antagonistic conditions of thought, but to make all things minister here for good, to live in the world though not of it, to "leave this world better than we found it," constitute the great desideratum, aim and end of theosophist, the moralist, and the religious philosopher. Let us observe here in opposition to positivism and "Independent Morality," that all morality as morality must rest upon God's word. Hence it is that the Bible is the "Great light of Masonry," and that we are bidden not only to draw from it every availing motive of trust and consolation and duty, but we are in all things, and in all ways to regulate our lives and thoughts, and words and actions by the Divine teaching it contains. Professors may expound, lecturers may amplify, and preachers may preach for the improvement and edification of all classes, but as nothing affects like "example," it is really and truly only in living veritable, and graceful morality that the "tree is known by its fruits," or that life can truly be lived out here, and humanity can rightly be adorned here. If "Pecksniffs" and "Mawworms," "Jonas Chuzzlewitz" and "Fagins" "Carkers" and "Becky Sharps," still abound in society and the world; if the criminal, the vicious, the degraded, the base, still pander to the weakness or disgrace the name of man, if the outcome of even modern society and polite progress, and boasted progress and a quasi education may be seen in "Dynamite heroes" and "unbridled savagery" in our midst at this very hour, if profession be not practice, and the concrete belies the abstract, these things though customary are still abnormal conditions of life, excrescences to be calmly removed from the suffering body in legal measure or by deliberate reasoning. But yet these things only after all constitute the idiosyncrasies of our human race. The old teaching is still the same, its needful illustration on earth is still unchanged. To bridle our passions, to restrain our animosities, to be forbearing and forgiving, moderate and

self contented, to fear God and honour the man, to be just to all men, humbly to seek to do our duty in that state of life where it has pleased God to place us, to fill our place in society and this world, in business and pleasure, in public and private, ever remembering that we shall one day "give account," this still constitutes for us all alike, be who and where and what we may, our one pathway of hope, our one outlook of safety, our one abiding trust and consolation, though all else fades around us, though life itself grew cold and dim, and we seem at times to be dazed and dozing, to have lost our footing, to wander out of the way. Bro. Dr. Hime in this little volume gives us all good advice in many earthly contingencies, which will be acceptable to all true members of our Order, and offers to many of us all hopes of encouragement and words of sympathy in the often difficult and trying pathway of duty, as well as amidst the vanishing away of earth's shadows, and the passing joys of human happiness. We can quite understand why Bro. Hime's "Thesis" has been so well received by the reading public, in that it is alike so heartily expressed and so forcibly developed. We can conscientiously recommend its perusal.

HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 17, Portland, Maine. By Bro. STEPHEN BERRY. Portland, Stephen Berry.

This is a very useful lodge history from the other side of the water. It was originally a "swarm" from a lodge at Portland, which took its parentage from Boston about the year 1762, but the charter then given to Capt. Alexander Ross does not seem to have been acted upon. Bro. Berry says, and to have lain dormant until 1769, when a new warrant was obtained and a new lodge was formed. Between 1775 and 1795 it seems to have been more or less again dormant but was again revived in 1795. It was then called the Portland Lodge, and was fairly prosperous until 1806, when a fresh "swarm" took place and the Ancient Landmark Lodge was formed and is still in existence. Hence its history. It would seem as if the surmise of the compiler was correct, that a ritual question (by the very name of the new lodge) was the real cause of the "swarm." The writer assumes that the working was Scottish in 1762, and that the alterations of the Moderns introduced and developed in America, and the antagonism with the Antients was the real cause of the separation. He gives two or three words of the old ritual, which however are more English than Scottish. If Bro. Lyon is correct in his theory, that from Desaguliers's visit to Edinburgh, the Scottish working became mainly English, if Capt. Ross and others drew their teaching as ship's captains from Liverpool, it would probably be "Antient working." There is nothing very striking Masonically in the onward history of the lodge. It has the wonted ups and downs of lodge life, its normal and abnormal seasons of prosperity and adversity. Indeed the records of the lodge have more interest for American than English Freemasons, but still with that spirit of Cosmopolitanism which we hope never to see extinguished or undervalued, we hail Bro. Berry's careful work, and thank him for a very effective contribution to Anglo-Saxon lodge life.



164] FREEMASONRY IN DONCASTER.

All the information given in to-day's *Freemason* regarding this (including my own brief reply to Bro. P.M. Todd) is continued in the communication by Anon. I perceive the writer possesses a copy of my History of 387, (1880) and if I am thereby responsible for the conclusion at which he has arrived, that the Duke of York's Lodge prospered neither at Doncaster nor Bingley, I feel called upon to correct the mistake as quickly as possible. No doubt the few minutes of the lodge given in the History of 387 have led to the error; although I am pleased to state that the Duke of York's Lodge did not meet at irregular intervals from 1788 to 1806, and also that it did actually prosper at Doncaster. I doubt whether any lodge was better worked or more prosperous from its foundation in September, 1788, to October, 1793. Then its death-wound was received. The result of a committee being appointed to enquire into the Treasurer's accounts seems to have created, not only an impulsive disgust of Freemasonry in general amongst the juniors, but a serious feud amongst the elders. Through the zealous efforts of the "father" of the lodge, Bro. Joseph Hawley, P.M., who had made many previous attempts, and notably in 1797, which failed after five meetings, the Duke of York's Lodge was re-organised in 1802, all differences appearing to be forgotten. In 1803 the lodge seemed to be at the zenith of prosperity. There were seventeen meetings and six initiations during the year, a large number in that day, taking into account that there was another and older lodge in the same small town. Unfortunately at the end of 1803 the old feud was revived by the return of a former member, and at last the real friends of our Order left the lodge in despair. After this date I admit its almost useless condition as a Masonic lodge, both at Doncaster and Bingley, although it held no fewer than fourteen meetings in 1805, whilst at Bingley up to January 25th, 1815, the monthly meetings were never interrupted. Its members, however, were now chiefly Operative Masons blacksmiths, wood-fellers, and carpenters—good men and true Masons most of them, but for want of system extremely liable to neglect the returns and unable, for the want of education, to fully grasp the objects of Freemasonry. They could just manage to work their lodge, and, except to behave well to each other they troubled themselves about nothing else. Of course I shall be glad to answer any question regarding the Duke of York's Lodge.
April 7th, 1883. J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

165] THE STRASBURG ARCHIVES.

Is there no possibility now of getting at the Strasburg archives? Is there no Freemason in Strasburg itself competent for the work? Can Bro. Breiting not help us?
MASONIC STUDENT.

166] THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Referring to a recent note of mine, can any French brother give me any information as to the present condition, if it exists? or what has become of its archives, &c.?
A MASONIC BOOK COLLECTOR.

CHAS. SACKVILLE.

Has Bro. Gould nothing to say on this question? No one knows the minutes of some of our London lodges better than he does. Can he give us any clue to the fact, if it be a fact, that the Earl of Middlesex, afterwards Duke of Dorset, was a member of our Order?
ANTIQUARIUS.

In chapter II. of Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry, in which are enumerated and described the "Old Charges of British Freemasons" in MS. or reprint, of which there is any record, I find that under No. 50 the "Batty Langley," it is said "In 1736 appeared his 'Ancient Masonry, Both in the Theory and Practice,' dedicated to Francis, Duke of Lorraine, and forty British Noblemen." I have not seen this version, which Bro. Gould says was published in the 'Builder's Compleat Assistant, 3rd edition, 1738,' but it has just occurred to me that in the event of the names of the "forty British noblemen" being given, and that if Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex, were among them, it will go some way towards establishing the proposition that his lordship was a member of our Fraternity. I would point out, however, at the same time that the absence of Lord Middlesex's name must not be taken as conclusive evidence that he was not a Mason. Possibly "Dryasdust" or Bro. Gould, who, I presume, has seen the work in the British Museum, may be able to throw some light on this matter.
G. B. A.

CIVIC HONOURS TO BRO. LORD WOLSELEY AND LORD ALCESTER.

The event which passed off so brilliantly in the Guildhall on Wednesday is almost unique in the annals of the City of London. Distinguished naval and military officers have ere now had civic honours conferred upon them in the manner prescribed by ancient usage, but we must go very far back in our history in order to find an occasion, if, indeed, there is one to be found, when the chiefs of a combined naval and military expedition were received and honoured at one and the same time. Nelson died in the arms of victory, Wellington had no naval commanders associated with him in his campaigns in the Peninsula, the South of France, and Belgium, while the operations in the Crimea were not carried through by the same naval and military chiefs. The campaign in Egypt was a complete success as regards the operations both by sea and land, and as the sister services worked so harmoniously together during the war, it was but right that the Admiral and General, who between them achieved the victory, should be honoured simultaneously. As Bro. Lord Wolseley had already received the freedom of the City, accompanied by a sword of honour, for his services in the Ashantee War, he was made the recipient of a gold casket, with an appropriate inscription and address; while Lord Alcester's services received due recognition in the shape of the freedom and a sword of honour, an address of thanks and congratulation in his case likewise accompanying the presentation. The scene in the hall was brilliant in the extreme. The heroes of the day having been conducted in procession to the library, were there formally received by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, and Bros. the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, by whom they were conducted into the Guildhall; and the principal actors in the event having taken up the positions assigned them on a dais facing the monuments to Nelson and Wellington, and the initial business of the Court of Common Council having been quickly dispatched, the Recorder, Sir Thomas Chambers, read the address to Lord Wolseley, in which the "Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled" congratulate his lordship on his recent services, and the casket having been presented, his lordship returned thanks in terms suitable to the occasion. Lord Alcester then had the freedom of the City conferred upon him, and the quaint oath, which, when it was read out, caused no little amusement, having been administered and taken, the City Chamberlain addressed his lordship in eloquent terms on the services he had rendered as a naval officer, and presented to him the sword which had been voted him by the Corporation. The gift having been appropriately acknowledged, and a motion, as in Lord Wolseley's case, having been passed to the effect that the proceedings should be recorded on the minutes, the ceremonies were brought to a conclusion with a hearty cheer for Lady Wolseley, who had been, in company with the Lady Mayoress and Miss Knight, a spectator of the ceremony from a balcony facing the entrance of the Hall. Among the most prominent of those present in addition to those already mentioned were the Town Clerk, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, Bro. Sir John Bennett, Bros. C. Cotes, M.P., and Richardson Gardner, M.P., Mr. Causton, M.P., and many of the Aldermen, &c. In the evening the victorious General and Admiral were entertained at a grand banquet, which, as it happened, was most appropriately held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided, and among those present were H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, the Duke of Teck, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Secretary of State for War, the Earl of Northbrook, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Childers, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer, Bro. Sir Henry Keppel, Admiral of the Fleet, Bros. Major General Burnaby, M.P., Col. Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., Sir Edward Malet, Alderman Sir R. Hansen, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sheriff Savory, Sartorius, V.C., &c. The twin toasts of the evening met with a most enthusiastic reception, and those of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress having been duly honoured, the company broke up.

A few words as to the presentation casket and sword will not be out of place. The former, which is Egyptian in design, is surmounted by a golden lion guarding a Royal standard attached to a trident, and bearing a victor's wreath in green gold to represent the laurel, and rests on four sphinxes and a plinth of Algerian onyx marble. On the front are the City arms, at the ends those of Lord Wolseley with his motto "Homo Homini Lupus" and monogram; and at the back the following inscription:—"Gold casket presented with an address of thanks and congratulations by the Corporation of the City of London, to General Lord Wolseley, G.C.B., of Cairo, for the able and gallant services rendered by him, together with the officers and men of all arms and ranks, including her

Majesty's Indian subjects, under his command. Guildhall, 11th April, 1883."

The sword was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, who had had the honour of submitting it for inspection to the Queen and Prince of Wales. The hilt is surmounted by a lion's head, the emblem of the British navy. The grip is ornamented with an ivory figure of "History" recording the engagement at Alexandria. On the centre of the guard is the monogram of his lordship as Sir F. B. P. Seymour, whilst its sides are composed of winged figures with trumpets and torches, emblematic of "Fame." The scabbard is enriched with the Imperial crown, above two dolphins entwined, illustrating the service of the sea. After these is a figure of "Victory," pointing to "Alexandria;" then follow a naval crown and a trophy of flags, together with the arms, crest, and motto of the Admiral, richly enamelled. Under these are the Cross of the Bath, and the arms, with crest, motto, and supporters of the City of London, following which is a "Union Jack," the emblem of British naval supremacy. Immediately below, upon an Egyptian obelisk, stands "Peace," holding an olive branch. A sphinx and globe complete the enrichments. The scabbard, guard, and hilt are of 18-carat hall-marked gold. The inscription, chastely embossed upon the blade, is as follows:—"Presented, with the Freedom of the City of London, and an address of thanks and congratulation, by the Corporation of the said City to Admiral Sir Frederick Beauchamp Paget Seymour, G.C.B., for the able and gallant services in Egypt rendered by him, together with the Officers and Men of all arms and ranks under his command."

PRESENTATION TO A PRECEPTOR IN LIVERPOOL.

A most agreeable gathering of the members of the Merchants' Lodge of Instruction, No. 241, was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Harrington Restaurant, Harrington-street, Liverpool (a celebrated centre for brethren who wish to dine well), where there was a capital attendance of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. James Winsor, P.M., who has been the indefatigable and talented Preceptor of the Merchants' Instruction Lodge for about five years, and the opportunity was taken to do him becoming honour on this special occasion. An admirably arranged and satisfactorily served dinner did infinite credit to the proprietor of the restaurant, Bro. C. A. Luker, S.D. of 241, whose recent improvements of and additions to what has for years been known as "Child's Chop and Steak House," have rendered it the most comfortable and attractive luncheon and dining place in the city of Liverpool. Bro. Winsor, the chairman, was favoured with the presence of about 60 brethren, amongst whom were: Bros. G. Peet, P.M. 241; J. Latta, P.M. 241; J. S. Alston, P.M. 203, P.Z. 203; W. McLacklan, 241; R. White, Sec. 241; P. W. Juncker, J.W. 786; C. Teidemann, 504; J. Galloway, S.D. 203; D. Keith, I.G. 203; Owen Parry, W. Gick, W.M. 203; J. P. Bryan, W.M. 1035, P.G.O.; J. O. Ashton, 203; C. Semple, 209; R. Davis, 241; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; J. B. McKenzie, P.M. and Treas., 1609; W. Savage, W.M. 1609, 241; E. H. Allen, 1609; J. McCull, 594; E. Graham, 1609; H. B. Brown, E. Allen, E. Sherwood, T. Salter, P.M. 241, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Redfrann, A. H. Huther, R. M. Jones, J. Procter, S. Jude, G. Duetreuer, J. Brotherton, J.W. 241; R. Johnson, T. G. Grundy, T. D. Jones, E. K. Ellison, R. Carruthers, T. H. Paul, B. Striem, 1609; C. Leighton, J. Pendleton, S.W. 241; T. Evans, T. Soeden, F. Smitton, G. H. Taylor, T. W. Bruce, R. Capper, W. J. Smith, F. Macnab, and H. Rigg.

Prior to dinner the lodge was opened in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Bro. Winsor, Preceptor, presiding, with Bro. E. Allen, 786, and Bro. H. B. Browne, 1350, as S.W. and J.W. respectively. The only business was the re-appointment of Bro. Brotherton as Treas., and the election of Bro. E. Allen, as Sec. After a vote of thanks had been accorded to Bro. H. B. Browne, the retiring Sec. for his three years' valuable service the brethren adjourned to Bro. Luker's establishment.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

Bro. Thomas Salter, P.P.G.S.D., in the name of the lodge of instruction subsequently presented Bro. J. Winsor with an artistically illuminated address in recognition of his valuable services as Preceptor for five years, and conveying kindly expressions of desire for his continued health and prosperity. Along with the address, which was illuminated with remarkable taste by Bro. R. Capper, a member of the lodge, Bro. Salter presented the Preceptor with a handsome suite of diamond jewellery for Mrs. Winsor, supplied by Bros. Tiedemann and Byrne, of Bold-street.

The terms of the address, to which the names of 72 past and present pupils were attached, were as follows:

"Dear Sir and Brother,—In tendering for your acceptance this testimonial, accompanied by our modest souvenir for Mrs. Winsor, we are grateful for the opportunity thus afforded us of expressing to you our appreciation of your valuable services as Preceptor of our lodge, services at all times cheerfully rendered in the cause of Freemasonry, to those whose names are appended hereto, as well as many others who have passed before us. You have at all times shown us (your pupils) the proper way in a proper manner, ever exhibiting a kindly disposition, many times under circumstances of a wearying and patience-trying nature; but always winning the respect and thanks of those who sought and followed your directions. May we hope that you will derive from the contemplation of our names pleasing recollections of the hours spent amongst us; that happy memories may at all times be associated therewith, and that reciprocal love and respect may be the consequence of the connection between Preceptor and pupil. If this be so then is our desire accomplished, and with an expression of the most cordial goodwill and wishes for your health and happiness, we subscribe ourselves, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally," &c.

[Here follow the names of the 72 subscribers.]

In acknowledging the testimonials Bro. Winsor spoke of the pleasure which his work in connection with the lodge of instruction had always given him, and the very valuable testimonial to Mrs. Winsor and himself would be an inducement to him to increase his efforts to promote the advancement of his pupils.

"The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Brotherton, hon. Treasurer, and Bro. Browne, hon. Secretary, and

"Prosperity to the Merchants' Lodge" by Bros. Councilor Peet, Latta, and Salter.

Other toasts followed, and musical and other items were given by Bros. Pendleton, Bryan, Keith, Galloway, Jones, Huther, Brotherton, and others.

JOTTINGS FROM THE ANTIPODES.

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

The observant individual whose Masonic experience was acquired in England, cannot but quickly be struck with the grave irregularities that now and again are allowed to be committed in the Australian colonies without let or hindrance from anyone. Certain matters that have lately come under my notice lead me to think that the contents of the Book of Constitutions are practically unknown by many of the Masters and Past Masters of lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England. As I remarked in a former communication however much of this ignorance of the jurisprudence and regulations of Masonry arises from the mistaken economical idea to withhold a copy of the Book of Constitutions from every new brother on his initiation; and I think the Board of General Purposes would accomplish a vast amount of good were they to recommend to Grand Lodge a law by which it would become compulsory for every candidate to be *really* presented with the Constitutions, at the same time as he is the bye-laws of the lodge he is initiated in, the foregoing is, by way of preface, to what many English brethren will consider a distinct breach of the Constitutions. It occurs under the head of "Proposing Members," and I quote the part of the clause bearing on the question I am referring to: "In cases of emergency any two members of a lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the names &c., of any candidate whom they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the Master, if it be proper, shall notify the same to every member of his lodge" &c. Now, in Melbourne, it is quite a common occurrence for candidates to be proposed between the two lodge nights, but, without any word about emergency, and the names accordingly appear on the summonses for the next meeting, along with candidates regularly proposed in open lodge at the previous meeting, I have no doubt I shall have an opportunity ere long, in one or both of the lodges I am a member of, to challenge such irregular propositions, and I mean to do it. The first is, that the leading ambition of a master is to show a large number of initiations at the end of his year of office, and I am afraid that the hasty and indiscriminate election of candidates, as at present existing in Melbourne, will in the time to come, bear evil fruit. The trite aphorism of Oliver will come in here. "Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate for initiation, one false step on this point may be fatal. If you have a good lodge, keep it select, great numbers are not always beneficial." And Hutchinson, in his "Spirit of Masonry," is similarly pronounced.

Charity, I regret to say, is here made far too subservient to sociality. As an instance, take a Melbourne lodge with over £233 last year for subscriptions and £122 for initiation and joining, whose refreshment account reaches £133 odd, whilst benevolence shows the insignificant and disproportionate sum of £33 14s. only. The new Master—who passed the chair in an English lodge, by the bye—is endeavouring to work a change, and he proposes that every member be invited, not obliged, to contribute half-a-crown on each lodge night as an equivalent for supper. The first night after his installation he sent round the charity box in open lodge, and a very respectable amount was raised. This action of the Worshipful Brother though has not been received with universal favour. In case any of your readers may deem the foregoing an interference with the private affairs of a lodge, let me explain the writer is a member.

The Combermere Lodge at their last meeting (Thursday, February 15th) had a novelty in the initiation of two Chinese merchants. There were in all six candidates, four of whom were initiated together, followed by the foreigners, who seemed deeply impressed with the ceremony, for the room was crowded and the music imposing. Their subsequent speeches also gave evidence that they will prove ornaments to the Craft. The names of the two brethren are Chun Yut and Leong Sing. Bro. T. H. Lempriere, the District Grand Secretary, tells me this is the second instance only of Chinese being admitted into Masonry here. Many years ago he initiated a then prominent Chinese merchant in the Collingwood Lodge, No. 727.

The only connection the matter I am now about to refer to has with Masonry, is the circumstance of its being a post-prandial speech in a Melbourne Lodge. The speaker was a reverend brother, a P.M. of a Victorian Lodge, who is shortly leaving for England. The tenour of his remarks illustrated the remarkable and profound ignorance displayed by old country people in general, and the newspaper press especially, in all that relates to the Australian colonies. Here are a few instances, he was shown a letter in a merchant's office, received from a large firm in London, and addressed as follows: "Messrs. So-and-so, Collins-street, West, Melbourne, Victoria, New South Wales." Then he had read an editorial announcement in a Birmingham daily paper, that a railway, on a large scale, was about to be constructed from Melbourne to Tasmania, via Sydney. Our brother might also have quoted the *Times*, which a few months ago, gravely dubbed Victoria the oldest of the Australian colonies! The Anglican Bishop of Ballarat's pilgrimage in England likewise was alluded to. It may be added his lordship's deplorable story of the poverty and barbarism existing in the diocese of Ballarat lately created intense excitement in the "Golden City," one of the most handsome and substantial (peculiarly speaking) towns in the whole length and breadth of Australia.

Enthusiasts in the Mark Degree will be interested to know that the Order is extending in Victoria. The latest addition to the province of that name is the South Melbourne Lodge, opened about seven months ago, as before recorded in the *Freemason*. The meetings are once a month, and as candidates are always on hand the first year will show a good muster roll, indeed, it is now close on 40. The difficulty about the ritual, mentioned in a previous letter, has been pluckily surmounted by the W.M. (Bro. T. Main), who with his officers now work the ceremony in a style that would be hard to beat by some of the crack lodges at home. I had the pleasure to be present at the last meeting, and took occasion to compliment all concerned on the marked progress they had made in so short a space of time. The warrant has arrived from London, and the number (310) is a substantial evi-

dence that the Degree is making remarkable strides. The members of the South Melbourne Lodge, with a go-a-head spirit, worthy of emulation by the oldest lodge in the province, are about printing their bye-laws—a wide contrast to the Victoria, No. 47, the mother lodge of the Mark Degree in Australia, which during a long period has never printed its bye-laws. A very neat bronze token has also been struck for the members of the lodge by Bro. Martin (Stokes and Martin), P.G. Secretary. And to wind-up steps are being taken to open an Ark Mariners Lodge in connection with the South Melbourne, the grade never having yet been worked in Australia. There are also signs of a Mark lodge being shortly formed at the flourishing town of Ballarat, which is 600 miles from the metropolis by rail. At present the Province of Victoria comprises five lodges, viz., Victoria, No. 47, Melbourne; Washington, No. 167, Beechworth; St. Mark's in the South, No. 202, Launceston (Tasmania); Dalhousie, No. 289, Kyneton; and South Melbourne, No. 310, Emerald Hill.

I have an unpleasant matter to wind-up with. It is the scandalous conduct of the Melbourne Masonic Hall Company in continuing to allow the Secularists' Association to assemble week after week (frequently on the Sabbath Day) in a room consecrated to Masonry. The following advertisement appears in the Melbourne morning papers of to-day (February 28th): "Australasian Secular Association, Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street. Messrs. Samuel and Walker, Debate this evening at eight. Subject—'The Existence of a God.' Admission free."

Further comment is needless, and we shall only call attention to a letter below, which lately appeared in one of the Melbourne papers, advocating the promotion of a Masonic Hall, Club, and Library Company, but, as there has been no response, the question of a new hall which was so much talked about seven or eight months since is still in a state of coma.

As a contrast to the above unconstitutional conduct of the Melbourne Masonic Hall directors, it is refreshing to know that the brethren at Sydney act in a totally different manner. A fortnight ago the large hall in which no Masonic meetings are held, by the bye—was let to Mr. J. E. Redmond, for the purpose of lecturing on behalf of the Irish Land League. Bro. Elkington, a Past Master of an English lodge, was deputed to wait upon the Masonic Hall Company and protest against such a use of the hall. The consequence was that the directors countermanded the contract and the meeting was held elsewhere.

To the Editor of "The Argus."

Sir,—An English Freemason, it has frequently struck me as a remarkable fact that Melbourne, the principal British city of the southern Hemisphere, is very indifferently provided with a Masonic Hall. The Craft I am pleased to know is flourishing under the three Constitutions of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and in the city proper, i.e., excluding the suburbs, there are some 40 lodges, chapters, and other bodies holding their periodical meetings under the roof of the primitive and ramshackle-looking building in Lonsdale-street, grandiloquently styled the "Melbourne Masonic Hall." The building is but ill adapted for the purpose for which its title leads the stranger to imagine it was erected, and I cannot but think that if some of the influential members of the Fraternity were to work with a will, they might raise a hall that would at one and the same time add to the already numerous architectural beauties of Melbourne, and prove more of a credit to an institution that is famed all over the world for the elaborateness of its Masonic temples. I would also suggest in the scheme the incorporation of a Masonic club and library. A limited company would be able to achieve all the above and make it a paying concern.—I am, &c., February 5th. CONSTITUTIONAL.

DR. NEALE'S PUNKAH OR CHEMICAL LUNG.

At the present moment when the public mind is somewhat seriously exercised as to the conduct of the Metropolitan District Railway Company in its proposed plan for improving the ventilation of the line by erecting air shafts at intervals along the Thames Embankment and Queen Victoria-street, and so defacing those splendid thoroughfares, it is worth while to draw public attention to an invention which, while it is likely to prove more effectual for the purpose required than the best shafts and blowholes which mechanical ingenuity is capable of contriving, will, at the same time, do away with the necessity for disfiguring one of the grandest promenades in London, or for the matter of that, in any city in the world. This is Dr. Neale's "Punkah," or "Chemical Lung," which has been shown by public experiment, again and again repeated before some of our most famous experts, to be fully equal to the purposes for which its inventor designed it. Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co., of 129, High Holborn, who are the sole licensees and manufacturers of the "Lung," have very kindly been at the pains of explaining to us how, by fitting the "Chemical Lung" to each train on the Underground Railway the nuisance and damage to health caused by the foul air that is generated in the tunnel may be purified, so that even travellers with the most delicate lungs will be able to travel without the slightest discomfort or danger. We were shown, roughly of course, two or three methods by which the Punkah might be utilised for the purpose, the best being that in which the apparatus was fitted to the engine in such a manner that the vitiated air, having been admitted and conducted through one or more shafts, in which was a cloth or canvas revolving over a corresponding number of rollers, into a trough placed at the bottom of the engine, passed out again into the railway tunnel freed of all impurity. This, we were given to understand, could be done at the low cost of a shilling per train. The experiment has been repeatedly made in rooms in which the temperature had been raised to a high degree of heat by means of gas burners, and in which, after the witnesses had been admitted, and the windows and doors all carefully closed, a quantity of sulphur was burnt, so that breathing became a matter of the greatest difficulty. The "Punkah" was then set in motion, and in a few minutes the atmosphere became thoroughly sweet and pure. There appears to be no reason why the experiment, which has been so successful on a limited scale, should not be applied to railway tunnels, mines, &c. If so we shall need no blowholes to disfigure our principal thoroughfares and make obnoxious the air we breathe.



Craft Masonry.

STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masons' Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 7th inst. There was a large attendance of the brethren and visitors. Bro. W. A. S. Humphries, W.M., presided. He was supported by Bros. H. Moss, P.M.; G. H. Dyer, P.M.; G. G. Symons, P.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; H. Follett, P.M. and Treas.; H. W. Hemsworth, P.M.; C. Cordingley, P.M.; W. H. G. Ball, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Smith, J.W.; H. Nell, S.D.; L. S. Fountaine, J.D.; and F. R. Callow, I.G. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Worster Reeves, W.M. 807; G. Allison, W.M. 1298; R. H. Secker, P.M. 435; Tricks, S.W. 1365; Giller, S.W. 1607; C. B. Carter, S.W. 1662; Rawes, P.S.W. 950; G. P. Pash, S.D. 569; Jas. Bond, 813; John Reynell, 869; John Jackson, 1287; Jas. Long, 1445; R. W. Willats, 1540; Thos. Simpson, 1604; John Bell, 1613; A. Berry, 1695; James Swinyard, 1695; and Thomas Charlton, 1702.

Lodge having been opened in due form the minutes of the previous meeting, one of the principal items being the re-appointment of Bro. H. Follett, P.M., as Treasurer, were then read and confirmed. Lodge was then advanced and Bro. Bennett, a candidate for the Second Degree, having been found qualified was passed to the degree of F.C. after which Bro. W. H. G. Ball was presented as W.M. for the ensuing year. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was duly installed into the chair. The ceremony being carried out most ably and impressively by the retiring W.M. The customary salutations having been given, Bro. H. Moss, P.M., an old and revered member of the lodge, by invitation of the I.P.M., delivered the several addresses and in such an excellent manner that they will not soon be forgotten. Bro. W. H. G. Ball then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. Smith, S.W.; H. Nell, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Heale, Sec.; L. S. Fountaine, S.D.; F. R. Callow, J.D.; H. Moss, P.M., M.C.; R. Hunt, I.G.; S. Stanton, S.; W. H. P. Thomas, W.S.; F. C. Herbert, Assist. Wine Stwd.; and J. Marsh, Tyler.

At the conclusion the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. Wood's arrangements left nothing to be desired and under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., who acquitted himself with the best of good nature and affability.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, and Bro. W. A. S. Humphries in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master" expressed the great pleasure and satisfaction he had in doing so; a toast in which he was sure every brother would join heartily with him in drinking. In Bro. Ball he predicted a happy, and he trusted a successful year, and in him as a W.M. he was sure the brethren had elected one, to the high and honourable office of an old, grand old lodge, who would still maintain its dignity and its honour.

The Worshipful Master who was enthusiastically received expressed his appreciation of the high compliments paid to him. It would be his earnest endeavour to promote the prosperity and harmony of the lodge, and to discharge the duties which might fall to his lot to the satisfaction and welfare of the brethren, and to the credit and dignity of so old and venerable a lodge.

The Worshipful Master then proposed in happy terms, "The Health of the Immediate Past Master," referring to the hard and heavy work he had done in the interest and welfare of the lodge, as well as to the courteous and able manner in which he had faithfully discharged the onerous duties of that office. In the name of the brethren and with a pleasure which he could not express, he presented to him a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he trusted he would live long to wear, as a remembrance of the brethren and as a token of their satisfaction and esteem.

The Immediate Past Master suitably acknowledged the gift, the interest and welfare of the lodge would ever be to the front with him.

"The Past Masters" came next, which were responded to by Bros. Cordingley and Symons in very happy style, the latter stating that in the W.M. they had a gentleman, for a better man and a better Mason never filled that chair.

Other toasts followed, including "The Visitors," "The Treasurer," and "Secretary and Officers of the Lodge," all of which were duly honoured and responded to. The evening was kept fully alive with some capital songs and recitations, and accompanied in excellent manner by Bro. H. J. Dean, Organist, when the Tyler's toast brought to an end a really happy, and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday last, when Bro. F. Butterworth, who closed his year of office on that day, performed a very heavy day's work. Setting aside the routine work of reading the minutes, &c., and the balloting for initiates, there was the following work on the agenda paper: At 4.15 to raise Bros. Lawrence G. Drummond and Harry Fenn; at 5 to pass Bro. Cadwallader Thomas, Arthur Hawksford, Henry Beasley, and William C. Keats; at 5.30 to initiate Messrs. William Alex. Woodlock, James McCullagh, Charles Heil, and William C. C. Watson; and thereafter to install the W.M. elect, Bro. James Wade, S.W. The whole of this work was performed by Bro. Butterworth with the utmost precision, and it was observable that in the three ceremonies he took the greatest care that all the candidates should thoroughly understand every word of the obligations which were administered to them. He was very ably seconded by his officers, who did their portion of the work with the same precision and completeness as was observable in the working of the W.M. The ceremony of installing his successor, Bro. Wade, was performed with the like correctness and impressiveness, and it was quite evident that he had spared no pains to become Master of the ceremony in order to perform it with the greatest credit both to himself and to the lodge of which he was the head.

When the new W.M. Bro. Wade, had invested Bro. Butterworth with the collar of I.P.M., he invested the Treasurer and appointed and invested his other officers. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year: Bros.

J. Wade, W.M.; F. Butterworth, I.P.M.; W. Brindley, S.W.; J. Gibson, J.W.; T. H. Meredith, Treas.; J. R. Scott, Sec.; R. C. Halpin, Chap.; H. Folsom, S.D.; W. Coleman, J.D.; W. F. Mimms, I.G.; H. Harvey, M.C.; E. Wilkes, Stwd.; Lockhurst, Assist. Stwd.; G. C. Young, Org.; and J. Lackland, Tyler.

The following brethren were appointed to act as a committee of reference, viz., Bros. Andrews (two), Birchin, White, P.M., Fletcher, and Musson.

The Worshipful Master then said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., to recognise the services of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Butterworth, by presenting him with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him on the previous occasion, when the unanimity of the vote best expressed the high estimation in which they held Bro. Butterworth's services. In attaching the jewel he had only to add the hope that the Grand Architect of the Universe would give him health that he might be enabled to come among them for many years to come to render them such assistance as they might stand in need of. In reply Bro. Butterworth returned the brethren his hearty thanks for the compliment they had paid him, and would always be prepared to render any assistance that it might be in his power to afford. During part of the time the lodge was in labour Bro. the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, the Irish Lord Justice of Appeal, a member of the Trinity College Lodge, Dublin, No. 357 (I.C.), was present, and was much pleased with what he witnessed. He was however unable to remain for the banquet on account of a prior engagement. Among the other visitors were Bros. the Rev. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Purs.; and the following brethren: Bros. H. T. Cooper, 1567; Lewis Ascott, 733; C. R. Taylor, 1967; J. Knott, S.W. 1424; W. Langham, W.M. 1424; H. Rogers, 898; T. E. Morgan, 1424; H. Jay, 174; T. H. Croager, 554; T. J. Belville, 407; J. H. Roach, 1579; J. Jones, 1278; E. Thurkle, 87; A. C. Weston, 1037; A. Woods, 1853; E. Farwig, 180; W. Gayton, M.M. 174 and 1807; G. J. Dawson, 1853; J. C. Dulan, 1431; A. H. Strong, 1585; J. Walker, 27; W. F. Gorman, 27; T. W. Mullens, 1257; J. Welford, 733; G. J. Milward, 1802; J. Hawkford, 1536; J. Benjamin, W.M. 188; W. Palmer, 749; A. H. Gundle, 1599; P. Lestrage, 1728; C. A. Lobbe, W.M. 1789; G. Schieller, 1567; and E. C. Massey, 1297 (*Freemason*).

After the banquet, which followed the closing of the lodge, the customary toasts were proposed from the chair, but as, in consequence of the quantity of work in the lodge, the banquet was somewhat delayed, and time was consequently short, the toasts were proposed very briefly. In response to the toast to the Grand Officers, with which the names of Bros. Simpson and Cottebrune were coupled, Bro. Simpson said he had the honour to return thanks for the compliment that had been paid to the past and present Grand Officers in the toast which had just been drunk. He was sorry that there were not more Grand Officers present; had there been, they would have shared the great pleasure which he and Bro. Cottebrune had experienced, not only in the noble hospitality of the brethren, but in witnessing the very excellent working they had seen in lodge. Although he had been thirty years a Mason he had never seen work better done. He had been present at the birth of the lodge, and had seen the working of various Masters, but he would venture to say that none had done better work. The Wanderers, however far they had been over the world, would find on their return the working very much superior to what they had seen in most places abroad. It was a very great happiness to him to be present at the lodge, and he rejoiced that there had been so much work which commended itself to his mind by its accuracy, and by the admirable zeal and pathos which was thrown into it. It was said that they were to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. It was also said that happiness consisted in the presence of that pleasure and the absence of pain. Well, scarcely anything could be imagined more painful than to observe in working a likelihood that at any moment the worker may break down and that you will probably have to pick him up again. But in the working that night there was not only the absence of that pain, but the presence of great pleasure, and they had united in the design of being happy, and he was sure that there never was an occasion when the dignity as well as the importance of Freemasonry was better illustrated. He said this advisedly, for when he listened to those beautiful words which spoke of our duty to our God, our country, and our laws, and which were so impressively uttered by Bro. Butterworth, he for one felt that the I.P.M. was touching upon a chord which must vibrate in the hearts of every true Englishman and every true servant of God. They had to thank God that there was such an honourable body of men in the land as Freemasons, who felt how extremely necessary it was in all quarters to inculcate the observance of those duties to their God, their country, and their laws, and whose code of morals taught justice and uprightness of life, loyalty to the sovereign of their native land, and that they should look up to the Great God whom they adored; these principles, important at all times, were not the less important in the present day.

Bro. Cottebrune added a few words. He had been present at the consecration of this lodge some seven or eight years ago and he had the honour of being a Past Master and it gave him much pleasure to attend on these occasions, and act as Director of Ceremonies as he had done that evening.

Bro. Butterworth, the I.P.M., said that the brethren would understand by his having taken the gavel that he was about to propose "The Health of the W.M." He was sure that the members of the Wanderers Lodge were proud to have Bro. Wade in the chair. From the first time that Bro. Wade took office in the lodge he had done his duty in a most excellent manner and the speaker thought that in Bro. Wade's year of office the work would be better done than it had ever been done before.

The Worshipful Master in returning thanks said he thanked the brethren most heartily for the manner in which they had drunk his health. He had now been installed in the honourable post of Master of the Wanderers Lodge, and he should endeavour to carry out the duties of the office with satisfaction to himself and the lodge, and he hoped to be able to do them with the same ability as had been displayed by the Masters who had occupied that chair before him.

In proposing "The Health of the Installing Master" the Chairman said that the brethren present had all seen with what zeal and activity Bro. Butterworth had discharged the office of Installing Master that evening. It was what they expected from the manner in which he had during his year

of office carried out the duties of the chair, and the speaker did not doubt that if he required his assistance the I.P.M. would always be ready to give it. He had known Bro. Butterworth for 25 years; 21 years ago they had jogged side by side in the service and now they were jogging side by side in Masonry; and whether as a soldier or a Mason, Bro. Butterworth had always merited the confidence of his comrades.

In replying to this toast Bro. Butterworth thanked the brethren heartily for the honour that they had done him, and said that the Wanderers Lodge was formed in 1876, and that he was the second brother who had reached the chair of the Wanderers Lodge, who had also been initiated in it. That showed that there was no barrier placed in the way of initiates who desired to work up to the chair. He thought the W.M. had given him greater credit than he deserved. It was the duty of a W.M. to install his successor. He was very much obliged to the brethren for the encouragement they had given him, and he should be always ready to render service if it should be required of him in the future.

There were several other toasts proposed, including "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Masonic Press," before the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, but from the lateness of the hour the time at the disposal of the various speakers was short, and the speeches were consequently brief and of no special interest.

During the evening several of the brethren enlivened the proceedings by their musical contributions.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. House, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. L. Kennett, S.W.; H. J. Hancock, J.W.; Rev. J. A. Alloway, Chap.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. J. Rundell, S.D.; E. Witherstone, J.D.; J. Grout, Org.; J. C. Pittam, I.G.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M.; Leonard Potts, P.M.; H. J. Day, J. Smith, E. C. Knowles, R. H. Harland, Thos. Morgan, J. J. Pearson, T. Johnson, W. Pearson; and the following visitors: Bros. R. Logan, J. W. 1804; J. Andrews, P.M. 359; R. F. Ould, W.M. 781; Rev. R. H. Atherton, S.W. 1804; and J. Brown, 1472.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting been read and confirmed, Bro. Morgan, a candidate for raising, being in attendance was examined and entrusted and duly raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; the traditional history and lecture on the tracing board being impressively delivered by the W.M. Bro. House, W.M., then thanked the brethren for the support which had been given him in serving the office of Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and announced that his list on that occasion amounted to £67 4s. On the motion of Bro. Leonard Potts, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Kemp-Coleman, P.M., a sum of £5 5s. was voted to the list of Bro. Wm. Henry Farnfield, P.M. and Treasurer, who was to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' Institution. In connection with the Masonic Charities, Bro. Wilshaw, Sec., stated that by the courtesy of the Secretaries of the three Charities (who had furnished the information at his request) he was able to report that since the formation of the lodge a little over five years ago, the sum of £590 had been raised on behalf of the three Institutions, which he thought was a result to be congratulated upon. The report of a committee appointed at the last regular meeting to consider the propriety of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge was then received, and it was resolved to establish such a fund, but owing to the lateness of the hour the consideration of the details of the scheme was adjourned till next meeting. For the same reason the address on "The Allegorical Teachings of Freemasonry" which was to have been delivered by Bro. J. House, W.M., was also postponed. Considerable regret was expressed at this, as from the very able and interesting address delivered by Bro. House in August last on "Traces of the Principles of Masonry," the brethren had been expecting an intellectual treat. The lodge was then closed in due form.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE (No. 1900).—The regular April meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields, Bro. G. P. Festa, W.M., in the chair. The W.M. was supported by Bros. W. H. Dean, I.P.M.; F. R. W. Hedges, S.W.; Hubert J. Capon, J.W.; Montague Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Dorset, P.M.; J. D. Collier, P.M., Sec.; H. Slyman, S.D.; W. H. Gardener, J.D.; John M. Doble, D.C.; Saml. Brooks, P.M., I.G.; Chas. M. Tate, Steward; E. L. Shelton, John Goring, J. Stacey, E. J. Pitts, W. A. Austen, George de Bassompierre, and H. Nisbet Pratt. Visitors: Bros. Sir F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middx.; T. Walford, 771; W. J. Arnold, 780; P. T. Webster, D.C. 27; J. E. Cussans, 1366, P.G.S.W. Herts; Edward Wharton, 1716; Edward Moss, W.M. 1929; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. S. Cantrell, W.M. 1871; J. Goddard, W.M. 771, P.G. Stwd. Berks and Bucks; Benj. Banks, Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923 (*Freemason*).

Bro. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, was unable to be present in consequence of the entertainment to Lords Wolseley and Alcester at the Guildhall.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes Bro. George de Bassompierre was raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. W. W. Goodman in the earliest mysteries of the Order. The brethren then proceeded to the election of a new Worshipful Master, and Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. W. H. Dean, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Pratt, Shelton, and Stacey were elected the Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. Dean, P.M., seconded by Bro. Hedges, S.W., a 10 guinea Past Master's jewel and a Past Master's collar and jewel of the value of two guineas and a half were voted to Bro. Festa, W.M., in recognition of his services to the lodge during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to one of the choice banquets of the Inns of Court Hotel. After the banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

In reply to the toast of "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Sir F. Burdett said he hoped that those whom they might call permanent Grand Officers, like the Grand Master and the Pro

and Deputy Grand Masters, might hold that position for many years to come. Grand Lodge was rather a changeable Parliament, for every year they had a change of officers, from the Wardens and Deacons to other Grand Officers. They had now been a considerable time before the brethren, and he believed those who had already been before the brethren had done their duty to the satisfaction of the entire Craft. Grand Lodge was now passing on to another change, and he felt confident that those who would be appointed to replace those now in office would do their duty as far as lay in their power as much to the satisfaction of the brethren as those who had gone before. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to the Province of Middlesex, and had said it was the best of all the provinces. He (Bro. Sir Francis Burdett) would be very well satisfied if they were as good as any other province under the Grand Master. They had done what they could to bring the province of Middlesex to a high position, and he believed it stood in a good position in the estimation of the Craft. It had been very well supported, and there were a few brethren like Bro. Buss, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who had supported it in every possible way. As long as he (Sir F. Burdett) had the support he now had in the province it would remain in its present high position.

Bro. W. H. Dean, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." The W.M. had done his work exceedingly well both in lodge and at the banquet table. The lodge was started under most favourable auspices, and it was carried on for the first year to the satisfaction of all. During the last year the W.M. had maintained its prestige in every particular, and the lodge was prospering under his rule as well as it did in the first year. The W.M. had set an example to the members of the lodge both as a W.M. and as a supporter of the charities. He had been most assiduous and diligent in promoting the cause of charity and had worked most enthusiastically; in fact he should not say too much of what he had done for the charities. It was a noble thing to support the charities. The W.M. would carry in his retirement the honour and love of the brethren for the manner in which he had kept up the prestige of the lodge in its entirety, and the brethren would give him their best and heartiest wishes and blessings for what he had done.

The Worshipful Master in reply said he wished those compliments were thoroughly deserved. Still for what Bro. Dean had said he thanked him and admitted he had done the best his skill and ability could effect. He had always held that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He differed rather from Bro. Dean about the last year, for it had not been so successful as Bro. Dean's year. The progress of the lodge had not been so great as in the first year; there had not been the same large accession of members. But then it must be remembered that the brethren who wished to join the lodge must be well recommended. The lodge was not so anxious to have members as to have them of the right sort. When they were fit and proper persons to join the Order this lodge would accept them, but not otherwise. Lately there had not been that swift running into Masonry as there was five or six years ago, the brethren had become more cautious in their acceptance of new members. With regard to the working of the lodge he could only say he hoped the brethren had understood his expression of the English language, but he had done the best in his power as a foreigner. As to the charities that was another matter. On the night of his installation he said he considered that charity was the sole object of Freemasonry, and if a brother was not anxious for the charities of the Order he was not fit to be among them. In their happiest moments they must think of what they were taught at their initiation. He had done all that lay in his power for charity, and he hoped before this year was over he would be able to contribute in proportion to what he had already done to make him worthy of the work and power of Masonry.

The W.M. then proposed "The W.M. Elect." Some five years ago he became acquainted with Bro. Hedges, and he was then struck with his gentlemanly manner, and the nice way in which he conducted the duties of Secretary to the Girls' School. He (the W.M.) was anxious to make his way in Masonry, and Bro. Hedges was also anxious in the same direction. Bro. Hedges tried to do him a good turn, and he tried to do Bro. Hedges a good turn. The greatest pleasure of his Masonic career would be to install Bro. Hedges. The brethren had elected the right man for the office when they elected Bro. Hedges as W.M. He would follow up the true principles of Masonry, and his gentlemanly manners and business habits would surround him with all the members of the lodge. Lodges were not often in such a position, and he envied Bro. Hedges the high character he had won for himself. In wishing Bro. Hedges good health, he hoped he would occupy the position of W.M. next year in the same way as Bro. Dean had spoken of him (Bro. Festa), with credit to himself, and the satisfaction of all the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Hedges, W.M. elect, in reply said he really did not know how to find words sufficient to thank the brethren for the very high honour they had paid him by electing him as their W.M. for the coming year, and he could only say he thanked them most sincerely and heartily, and he appreciated the honour as fully as any one could. He promised that he should exert himself to the very best of his abilities to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him; but he must say when he looked back at the way in which his predecessors had occupied the chair that he looked forward to his year of office with some misgivings, for he did not think he could come up to them. Nevertheless he promised the brethren they would not find him wanting in trying worthily to follow them. Bro. Festa had referred to the fact that it was he who had first introduced him to the promoters of the Montague Guest Lodge. He certainly did, and ever since then he had had every reason to be very, very grateful to Bro. Festa for it, and he was glad to have this opportunity of thanking him for that kindness. Bro. Festa had been a very good friend to him and to the Institution which was very dear to him, and he was glad to have the present opportunity of thanking him for that as well.

In proposing "The Initiate," the Worshipful Master said from what he knew of the proposer and seconder of Bro. Goodman he was sure he was a fit and proper person to join the lodge. If that brother would pay strict attention to the working of the lodge, and if without interfering with his profession or encroaching on his time he would attend lodges of instruction, he would get on in Masonry. A man who took an interest in Masonry and learned its principles must get on.

Bro. Goodman in reply said if he ever felt proud in his life he did at the present time, and he thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had accepted him as a Mason. It was a proud thing for any young man to be initiated, and he should never forget this occasion. As the W.M. had said, what was worth doing at all was worth doing well, and he trusted he should be able to do Masonry well. He should not be satisfied until by paying strict attention and studying the worthy Order he became Master of the lodge at some future time. He had joined the lodge in its infancy and he hoped he should live to see it grow old and many many worthy Masters occupying the chair. It would certainly take time, but the time he would not grudge, if he could be of any value and do any good in the object for which he had joined. He had not joined without thinking of it; he had thought of it a long while, and he had come to the conclusion that Masonry was one of the worthiest and best institutions ever started. He trusted to come on in a quiet way, and he should do all in his power to help the charities. Charity was the basis of what they were taught in the bible, from which the true principles of the Order were taken. Masonry had in times past been charitable, and thousands upon thousands must look back and thank this and other lodges for what they had gained and the help they had obtained. It had cheered many and many a widow and orphan, and no doubt it would cheer many and many more. He trusted none of the brethren now present would ever have to apply to it for help, for he hoped that by their own exertions they would always have sufficient for themselves and more especially sufficient to help others who were in distress. Again, he said he was very proud when he looked round him, and when he regarded many in high life and the highest in the land and in the world that belonged to the Order, and saw that none of them had ever divulged the secrets of it, and never would, he thought that of itself was sufficient to show that Masonry was a worthy and a grand society. He felt he had many friends that night, and he hoped both he and they would live long, and be allowed to meet many times together and have many pleasant evenings.

Bros. Goddard, Cussans and Cantrell responded to the toast of "The Visitors," after which the W.M. proposed "The I.P.M., Treasurer, and Bro. Collier, Secretary," of both of whom he spoke in the highest terms of their efficiency in the performance of their duties with respect to the Montague Guest Lodge.

Bro. Dean, I.P.M., and Treasurer, in reply said it was scarcely worth while to recapitulate the kind expression of the W.M. as to the successful commencement of the lodge. He was delighted to see Bro. F. Richardson present who acted as D.C. at the consecration of the lodge and fully entered into the spirit of the ceremonies of the day. The lodge had gone on harmoniously, and though the W.M. had said it had not been so successful in his year as in the first inasmuch as it had not had so many initiates, the lodge looked for quality rather than quantity. Plenty of brethren would join a lodge in its first year, and in this lodge they had had both quality and quantity. There was no member of it that was not a perfect gentleman in every sense of the word, and was worthy of the name of Mason. They had been careful in selecting the candidates. They did not wish the lodge to be a large lodge, but a leading lodge. They showed discretion. They had not had a large influx of members, and he felt they would go on well, and that everything would turn out well. They would all rally round Bro. Hedges, and he was sure that brother's would be a successful year of office. If they maintained the principles they had at the beginning they were bound to have a good and straightforward lodge, in fact a lodge that would be second to none of the younger lodges in London. The way the lodge had been conducted by the present Master had been such as to meet with the approbation of all the brethren.

Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M. and Sec., also replied.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Charities," and coupling the name of Bro. Frank Richardson with it, said he believed that brother was one of the strongest columns of support of the Secretary of the Girls' School. He did not know how Bro. Richardson found time to attend to the Charities as he did. Last year the Girls had a very successful festival, and it could not be expected that that of the present year would be so successful. He always felt proud when he went to the Girls' School, and he hoped all the brethren would go and see it, and when they returned to their homes if they found any spare cash in their pockets that they would give it to the Girls' School.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., replying said the toast was a very important one indeed for any brother to respond to, and although he gave way to no one in the interest he felt in the charities, still he wished some other brother had been called upon to reply, because of the importance of the toast. The W.M. had taught the Initiate that charity was the first thing in Masonry, and although there were many brethren of rank and opulence among the Order there were others who were in distress; he also taught him that charity blessed him that gave as well him who received. Therefore it ought to be a source of gratification to Masons that they helped to relieve not only those who had borne the heat and burden of the day, but also those of their children who required education, and they turned them out as good and useful members of society capable of earning their own livelihood. Many years ago as a child he was taught the line—"one thing at a time, and that done well." He should like to take an active part in all the charities, but time would not permit. He therefore devoted himself to one well rather than to all three badly. He wished that lodges would follow the example of the Montague Guest Lodge, and subscribed liberally to all the charities. There was really something wanting when they considered the number of Masons there were and the comparatively small collections they made. The majority of the subscriptions came from the old lodges, but why was it that so many of the lodges that had been formed in the past few years had subscribed so little or nothing? It was only one amongst the many which subscribed. He thought it should be in some measure compulsory, like the quarterage to the Fund of Benevolence. There would then be no need of elections for the funds would be large enough to take in all candidates. As a member of the Girls' School he hoped Bro. Hedges, for whom he had the highest respect, would have a good festival. He knew that royalty drew, and last year they did so well that they could not expect to do a great deal this year. He was quite satisfied of one thing, that if all the members of the Craft had the opportunity which he

had as a member of the House Committee of going to the Girls' School and seeing the children there, he was sure there would be more stewards. Nothing gave him so much pleasure as to be at the Institution. From Miss Jarwood, who had been 66 years in the institution, down to the youngest child, they were one happy family; there was a kindly, friendly tone between matron, governesses and children. He had made the acquaintance of them all, and he felt he had got 239 friends there. Whenever he went down he had a lot of the children to talk to him, and he was satisfied if there was anything wrong in the school—any tyranny or any pain—the committee would know it from the children. It would be impossible to get a better staff, and the system had been carried on very well. All the staff had been made up from those educated in the school, and all the children knew they had a chance of being taken on the staff. If any of the brethren would like to go down to see the school he should be most happy to receive them and conduct them over it.

The other toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after having spent a delightful evening.

EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).—

The annual installation meeting of this young but popular suburban lodge was held on Monday evening at the Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, when there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of the first and retiring W.M., Bro. Anthony Runacres. He was well supported by the officers and brethren, and the company included a fair sprinkling of visitors. Lodge was opened soon after two o'clock, when the minutes of the last lodge and the lodges of emergency of the 30th October and the 12th February last were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, which showed the lodge to be in a satisfactory financial position, was then approved and adopted. The ballot was then opened for Bro. John Gabriel Albert, L.D.S., No. 43, who had been proposed by Bro. Chapman, J.W., and seconded by Bro. R. J. Taylor, P.M. and W.M. elect, and Bro. William Blount, No. 177, nominated by Bro. G. W. Evans, S.D., and seconded by the W.M., as joining members. Both were unanimously accepted. Bros. Francis John Dave and Henry Thomas Warne were then raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers, by whom the ceremony was admirably worked, and Bros. Henry Alexander Thomson, Charles N. Robins, and Edward Hayhoe were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. After some other business Bro. Robert John Taylor was presented as the W.M. elect, and having accepted the responsibilities of office for the coming year, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted and he was installed into the chair of K.S., the rite being most impressively performed by the retiring W.M., whose working gave ample evidence of careful study and intelligent interpretation. The newly-installed W.M. was proclaimed and saluted, after which he invested his officers as follows: Bro. A. Runacres, I.P.M. and Treas.; J. W. T. Chapman, S.W.; G. W. Evans, J.W.; Edward Wits, P.M., Sec.; J. Turle Lee, S.D.; Charles Evans, J.D.; J. S. Clarke, I.G.; Connell, W.S.; and O'Donnell, A.W.S.

The Worshipful Master then presented in the name of the brethren of the lodge a handsome Past Masters' jewel to the I.P.M., and in doing so assured him of the universal esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge both for his private worth and for the admirable manner in which he had ruled its affairs as the first Master. These services had been fully recognised and appreciated, and the jewel which he had now the honour of lastening to Bro. Runacres' breast was but a small expression of their esteem and regard, and recognition of efforts which had been put forth to discharge the duties of his responsible position with fervency and zeal.

Bro. Runacres, who was received with great applause, acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him by the brethren in suitable terms. He spoke of the interest he had taken in the welfare of the lodge since its formation, and assured them it should be his endeavour in the future as it had been in the past to do all he could to advance its prosperity in every possible way.

The jewel was a very massive one, of gold, with a brilliant centre, bearing the Lathom coat of arms and the name of the lodge. On it was an inscription: "Presented to Bro. Anthony Runacres by the brethren of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, as a mark of esteem and regard, and in recognition of the ability with which he discharged his duties as Worshipful Master during the year 1882-3." The jewel was supplied by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain and Great Queen-street.

After the transaction of some other business the brethren and visitors adjourned to a well-served banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, who proposed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were enthusiastically received.

The Immediate Past Master in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master" referred to the zeal and ability displayed by Bro. Taylor since the establishment of the lodge, and the admirable way in which he had filled the Senior Warden's chair during the year. From what they had seen of his working they might rest assured that the interests of the lodge would not suffer in his hands. He (the speaker) should be happy to render him what assistance was necessary during his year of office which he trusted would be a happy and prosperous one.

The Worshipful Master in a brief but exceedingly happy response thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him by placing him in the chair of the lodge, in which as the proposer of the toast had reminded them, he had felt so deep and genuine an interest. It should be his aim to further the welfare of the lodge by every means in his power, and he could only hope that when his term of office expired, he should be entitled to the same respect and appreciation as had been bestowed upon his predecessor.

"The Healths of the Immediate Past Master and Installing Officer," "The Past Masters," "The Visitors" followed; and Bro. Mason responding for "The Masonic Charities" in an able and earnest appeal on behalf of the three great Benevolent Institutions of the Craft.

"The Officers of the Lodge" received due honours, and the proceedings of a very agreeable evening closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening there was an abundance of excellent music and singing and the reunion was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

HONOR OAK LODGE (No. 1986).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Moore Park Hotel, Honor Oak, when the W.M., Bro. Walter Hopekirk, was well supported by his officers and brethren, including Bros. John Hammond, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; E. Bye, sen., Treas.; H. Maunders Williams, Sec.; H. Stokes, S.D.; J. W. Hartley, J.D.; H. Hooper, I.G.; G. W. Knight, W.S.; R. R. Johnstone, Org.; Darch, P.M.; P. M. Hakim, A. F. Crofts, James Worstencroft, and the visitors included Bros. James Stevens, P.M., &c.; A. R. Cranch, S.W. and W.M. elect 1669; J. B. Sergeant, 1765; W. Lucas, S.D. 1669; W. E. Stark, 1765; and J. A. Danks, 1669.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the two previous meetings were read by the Secretary and duly confirmed. Bros. Hakim, Worstencroft, and Crofts on being interrogated proved their efficiency and were entrusted. The W.M. then duly passed the above-mentioned brethren in a masterly manner. Mr. Wm. Henry Simons, who had been regularly proposed and approved of at previous meetings, was introduced and duly initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The bye-laws were read by the Secretary and passed unanimously. After two propositions and other routine business and "Hearty good wishes" given to the W.M. the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent repast, the cloth being removed the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in his happiest style, which were received by the brethren most heartily. The musical visitors and members delighted the brethren with several part songs and solos. We congratulate the lodge on the very excellent spirit exhibited by the brethren—the working in lodge was almost perfect and would have done no discredit to a very old lodge. Each officer is a pastmaster at his work and the good fellowship at the social board, the kindly welcome to the visitors, the claims of the charities not being forgotten, and the earnestness of the members combined will enable the lodge to attain very quickly a very enviable Masonic reputation.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (No. 41).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 5th inst., presided over by Bro. E. J. B. Mercer, W.M., assisted by Bros. T. P. Ashley, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treas.; R. B. Cater, I.P.M.; C. W. Radway, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Sec.; T. Wilton, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., D. of C.; Rubie, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., S.W.; Ames, J.W.; W. Peach, S.D.; Bartlett, as J.D.; W. L. Baldwin, I.G.; Foote, Org.; Gregory and J. G. Wilton, Stewards; T. B. Moutrie, P.P.G.S.W., P.M.; F. Wilkinson, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, P.M.; P. Braham, P.P.G. Org., P.M.; Dr. Hopkins, P.P.G.S.W. Warwickshire, P.M.; Bigwood, P.M., Tyler; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting and of the lodge of instruction were read and confirmed. Bro. Moody was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Porting was next raised as a Master Mason by the W.M., assisted in the latter part of the ceremony by Bros. Ashley, Dr. Hopkins, and T. B. Moutrie. Much credit is due to the W.M. for the manner in which he worked the two ceremonies, as it was only the second occasion on which he occupied the chair, and the same remark applies to his officers. Bro. Radway, Sec., read a letter from Bro. C. Marsh, which was accompanied by a present of two frames, each containing a photograph, the one being an enlarged portrait of his late father, who formerly resided in Bath, was a member of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, and occupied the chair of W.M. in 1828; the other is also a photograph from a beautiful and elaborate copperplate of a symbolic character, which was designed and engraved by the late Bro. Marsh, and issued with the lodge summonses at that period. Some time ago he was elected an honorary member of the lodge, but died soon after at the age of 94. Of course a graceful acknowledgment of these presents was carried by acclamation, which the Secretary was directed to transmit to the son who wrote the letter. No other business offering the lodge was closed.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).—This influential lodge held its monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall on the 3rd inst., Bro. George Chapman, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following brethren: Bros. J. Toplis, I.P.M., Treas., P.G.S.B.; E. C. Patchitt, S.W.; F. Vickers, J.W.; J. C. Banwell, Sec.; I. Davis, P.P.G.S.D., D. of C.; W. Lawrence, Org.; A. J. Barber, S.D.; H. E. Wilson, J.D.; R. Bingham, I.G.; H. C. Eden and R. T. Mounteney, Stewards; H. Glover and G. Benham, Tylers; E. G. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; S. Jackson, P.M., P.G.S.D.; W. Sibley, P.M. 1852; W. Clarke, P.M., W.M. 1435; H. J. Norris, P.M. 1179, P.G. D. of C.; and between 50 and 60 brethren of the lodge. Visitors: Bros. Messent, P.M. 231, G.S.B.; Jefferson, 279; Wilbur, 731; Walker, 731; Slater, 802; Smith, 802; Prescott, P.M. 999; H. M. Humphrie, P.M. 506, P.P.G. A.D. of C. Derbyshire; A. Page, P.M. 411, P.P.G.S.P.; R. T. Ingram, P.M. 411, P.P.G.S.B.; W. M. Whitehead, 411; G. T. Alenson, S.W. 1435; C. W. Warriner, 1435; Dexter, 1435; Lawrence, 1909; and H. R. Hatherley, President Board of General Purposes.

The lodge having been opened the W.M. in the most able way initiated Messrs. Beardsley, Topott, and Alden. Bro. Davies then in a most felicitous speech presented the lodge with a most beautiful album, designed to hold the portraits of the brethren who have passed the chair, as a pleasing remembrance for the lodge and a memento of his esteem and attachment to it. This was gratefully received by the W.M. in a most appropriate speech. Sundry matters of Masonic business were transacted and the lodge was closed. The entire working was conducted in the most correct and able way.

After the banquet, at which the W.M. presided, he (the Worshipful Master) proposed the toast of "The Queen," and said the first toast he had the honour to ask the attention of the brethren was that of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. This was a toast which was always received with the greatest enthusiasm by all true Englishmen wherever assembled, and as Masons they yielded to none in their loyalty and patriotism. They drank the health of her Majesty not only as the Chief Magistrate and ruler of this mighty empire, but in their admiration of her as exhibiting those virtues and excellencies which so thoroughly adorn a woman and have endeared her to the hearts of her people. This was so well known that he need not occupy their time with a waste of words, but would ask them to drink "The Queen and the Craft."

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Officers of Grand Lodge." He said this toast was second only in degree to the one they had just drunk. Living as they did in a province so far distant from Grand Lodge they had not the opportunity of seeing the manner in which the business of Grand Lodge was conducted under the presidency of his Royal Highness, but they knew from the reputation in which he was held and the very rapid strides with which Masonry had advanced since he has been at the head that we have not only a wise, careful, and able administrator, but a brother who takes deep interest in all that concerns the Craft. If any proof were wanting of the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren of Grand Lodge it could not be better shown than by the fact that they have just re-elected him for the eighth time to his high and distinguished position. But, brethren, it is not only our Grand Master to whom we are indebted for the progress of Masonry, but to all the other Grand Officers who have also important duties to discharge. His Royal Highness seems to have been peculiarly fortunate in the selection of these brethren, and has managed to group around him year after year those from the chair down to the Pursuivant who have not only discharged their duties with ability and zeal, but have studied the interests of the Craft generally. In these midland towns so far away from the metropolis we have almost invariably to drink this toast without response. That night, however, he was happy to say they had amongst them a visitor who was a present Grand Lodge Officer, and he would therefore have the pleasure of coupling his name with this toast. He meant Bro. Messent, G.S.B. He had a special pleasure in doing this, because of his intimate acquaintance with Bro. Messent. He had had the honour of his friendship now for about 27 years, and could truly say that as the years had gone by and their acquaintance had lengthened so their friendship had strengthened. He then gave "The Health of our Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge," coupling with it the name of Bro. Messent, G.S.B.

Bro. John Messent, G.S.B., said he rose with much pride and pleasure to reply to the toast which had just been so ably proposed and so cordially received, namely, "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He thought it was a subject for the congratulation of every Mason that the Craft possessed at its head not only H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, but also so many noblemen of distinguished position and so many brethren of ability who for the true interests of Freemasonry were content without any reward but the satisfaction of seeing the progress of the Craft to perform the duties attaching to the various positions occupied by the Grand Officers. The nature of his own position allowed him to make these remarks, in which he referred more particularly to those brethren who were the hard working officers of the Craft, such as Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, the distinguished President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. McIntyre, their Grand Registrar, and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the extremely able and accomplished Grand Secretary. It was true, as had been said, that Freemasonry had flourished much during the past few years, and whilst it was a subject on which they might all feel considerably proud it was also one which brought with it much responsibility. The present generation in Freemasonry should take care that the prestige of the Craft did not suffer in their hands, and that every effort should be made to secure the possession of Masonic secrets to worthy men and worthy men alone, so that in adding to their number they would be adding to the strength, intelligence, and influence of their order. Turning to the personal part of the toast he begged to express his sincere regret that he had not been able to accept the invitation of the Newstead Lodge on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Chapman. He and Bro. Chapman had been associated together for over a quarter of a century, and he felt very much gratification to see him in the position he occupied in so distinguished a lodge. Nothing would have kept him (Bro. Messent) from the installation meeting but illness. At any rate he had taken the first opportunity of enjoying the pleasure which had been previously denied him. He could not sit down without paying a high compliment to the way in which the ceremonies of the lodge had been worked, and sincerely expressed the hope that the lodge would continue to prosper and continue to contribute its share to the prosperity and progress of the Craft they all so much honoured.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "the P.G.M., His grace the Duke of St. Albans." The D.P.G.M., Bro. Watson, and the rest of the officers of the P.G.L. He said this toast comes nearer home than the one we have just drunk, inasmuch as the brethren named reside amongst us. For some years previous to the Autumn of 1878, although we were nominally a province we were practically a body without a head. About the time I have named our G.M. was pleased to confer the high and honourable distinction of P.G.M., on his grace the Duke of St. Albans, an appointment which as the course of events has shewn, could not have been more worthily bestowed. His grace assisted so ably by the D.P.G.M., has brought to bear such energy and ability upon all the duties of his office as not only to rouse the brethren from the apathy into which they seemed to have fallen, but to advance Masonry throughout the province to a position it had in all probability never before attained. With regard to the officers they are all brethren with whom we are more or less in almost daily contact, and seeing so much of them as we do, we are bound to come to the conclusion that no province could have a more painstaking set of officers. He therefore had much pleasure in asking you to drink with me the health of his grace the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. of Notts, and the whole of the officers of the P.G.L., coupling with it the name of Bro. P. M. Davis, P.P.G.S.D.

Bro. Davis in responding said he had much pleasure in responding to the toast which had been so ably proposed, so heartily received. As you have truly said Worshipful Sir, we have now a thoroughly hard working and successful P.G.L. in his grace we have a brother who does all he can for the advantage of Masonry in general, and this province in particular. As to the officers they are all good and true men, tried men in their respective lodges, and he was quite sure that as year after year these brethren retire we have a host of others who will well and worthily take their places whenever called upon to do so.

Bro. Toplis, I.P.M. proposed "the Health of the W.M." The W.M. suitably responded and gave "the Health of the Initiates," which was duly acknowledged.

Bro. Davis, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., gave "The Visitors," responded to by Bro. Page, P.M., and Bro. Prescott, P.M. 999.

Bro. Prescott said: Brethren, fortunately for me and still more fortunately for you, there is no time for any lengthened remarks. Of course we all of us know quite well the orthodox method of replying to this particular toast. To say that the speaker has often heard of the excellent working of the lodge of which he is a favourite guest, and has sighed for an opportunity of being present at one of its gatherings, that like the Queen of Sheba he had to acknowledge that the reality had vastly surpassed the report that the half had not been told him and then wound up with a warm invitation to every brother present to visit his, the speaker's lodge at the first convenient opportunity. Brethren, I do not propose to adopt this accustomed reply to-night. Believe me, Worshipful Sir, that this omission is not made to trifle with your feelings, far be from me any such intention, it is made for the following reasons: 1st. That not occupying a prominent position in Masonry, any praise or dispraise of mine would be of little worth, though I have pleasure in saying that so far as I am able to form an opinion, though the ceremonies have varied somewhat in detail to those to which I am accustomed those variations have added to their impressiveness, whilst the working of the lodge generally and our glorious ritual as rendered by the W.M. have been beyond criticism, and, second, because to dwell so exclusively upon the working of a lodge, however perfect, seems to me practically to ignore that which after all constitutes true Masonry. Any brother who rests his claim to be a Mason upon a regular attendance at his lodge and a correct rendering of our beautiful ritual, grasps the shadow and lets go the substance, and his Masonry is very like the religion of but too many people, which seems to consist in going to church on Sunday and confessing with an audible voice that they are "miserable sinners," and then spending the rest of the week in proving the honesty of that confession. Our Bro. Messent, an officer of the Grand Lodge, who by his presence has given so much éclat to this gathering, and whom we all delight to honour, has told us in effect in his well-chosen remarks that it is not numbers but character that give real strength to a lodge; and I am reminded also of an expression which fell from the lips of the present Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, some years ago, when he reminded us that there is a higher and a lower walk in Masonry, and urged us to mount to the high level. That higher walk consists in the acting and in our daily life of the true principles of the Craft, that directed by prudence, restrained by temperance, supported by fortitude, guided by justice, and clothed by charity; that charity which, though always associated with a liberal hand, is yet something infinitely beyond mere alms-giving, I mean the charity which thinketh no evil, which heareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, which never faileth, which is the bond of perfectness; so shall we manifest to the outer world that Freemasonry is not a mere name, but that in fact it is synonymous with whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. To this exalted position I invite you all, and in acknowledging your truly Masonic hospitality allow me to express a hope that to it we may all of us sooner or later attain.

The proceedings were enlivened by exquisite selections of music by Bro. A. R. Watson (Musical Director of the Theatre Royal), and Bro. Lawrence (Professor of Music), and songs by Bros. Alderton, Hukling, Jefferson, Whitehead, and others.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at their rooms in Hope-street. There were present Bros. W. C. Freeman, W.M.; J. Kerfoot, S.W.; R. Starkie, P.M., acting J.W.; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; W. H. Pennington, J.D.; J. Dickinson, I.G.; G. A. Mort, Sec.; Yarwood, acting Org.; T. Coupe, Tyler and Steward.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mort, P.M., delivered the charge after initiation to Bro. Walshaw, who was initiated at the last meeting. The W.M. then passed Bro. Walshaw to the Second Degree, and explained the working tools to him. The traditional history was afterwards recounted to several brethren by Bro. Jackson, P.M., P.G.A.D. of C. A candidate for initiation having been proposed, at the suggestion of the W.M. an annual sum was unanimously voted to the Boys' School. The charity box having received substantial support the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. V. J. Holloway, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Jas. Elder, I.P.M.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M.; E. West, P.M. and P.P.G.P. Herts; B. Brayshaw; C. T. Lewis, S.W.; A. Ives, J.W.; J. Ives, P.M., Secretary; C. Jolly, S.D. (Freemason); C. Guy, J.D.; J. Paul, I.G.; J. Savage, D.C.; Jas. Smith, Org.; A. Jackson, 1571; and others.

The only business before the lodge was the passing of Bros. Gladding and Genery, which was happily effected, the W.M. at this his first regular meeting after installation giving the brethren a rare taste of his quality as a worker. On the proposition of Bro. Jolly, seconded by Bro. Savage, the sum of ten guineas was voted out of the lodge funds to Bro. Holloway's list for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School, he having consented to represent the lodge there. The sum of ten guineas was also, on the proposition of Bro. Lewis, voted to a distressed brother, who as a Past Master of the Henley and other lodges had rendered good service to Masonry in his day, and then the lodge was closed and the brethren partook of one of Bro. West's little suppers, and afterwards passed a few hours in social harmony.

BOOTLE.—Bootle Lodge (No. 1473).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Assembly Rooms, Bootle, being the first under the new officers for the year. Bro. W. R. Brewster, W.M., took the chair, supported by Bros. Dr. J. F.

Young, I.P.M.; R. E. Mitton, W.M. 1756, S.W.; R. Harley, J.W.; S. E. Ibbs, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Harold Wyatt, P.M., Sec.; Robt. Scott, Asst. Sec.; Isaac Platts, S.D.; Job Clarke, J.D.; Dr. Herbert Taylor, I.G.; J. W. Hayes, S.; Wm. Brogden, J.S.; Walter B. Irving, Org.; Wm. Blake, Tyler; W. H. Clemmy, P.M.; J. Le Comber, P.M.; J. P. Boyan, P.G.O.; and a good muster of members and visitors, among the latter being Bro. Wilkinson, S.W. 1086; J. Kellie, Sec. 1756; Pearson, 1756; Hooks, 356; and others.

The minutes having been passed the ballot was taken for Messrs. Hogarth and Lawrence, who were declared duly elected and afterwards initiated by the W.M. A brother was also passed; after which the W.M. took the opportunity of referring to the death of the late Bro. Padley, a much-esteemed brother of 1473, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to his widow expressing the deep sympathy of the members.

The lodge being closed in due form the brethren adjourned to supper, the catering being as usual efficiently performed by Bro. Scott of the Wyndham Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given, after which,

Bro. Ibbs, P.M., rose and said the gavel had been entrusted to him for the purpose of proposing a toast which he felt sure would receive their hearty approbation, viz., "The Health of Bro. J. P. Bryan, P.G.O." They all knew how for more than seven years Bro. Bryan had regularly attended their meetings and assisted them by providing musical accompaniments to the service in the lodge room and at the festive board. It was scarcely possible for him to speak too highly of the way in which the musical portion of their service had been rendered, and he begged to thank their brother on behalf of the brethren most cordially. It would be in the recollection of the members that it was agreed that Bro. Bryan should not be allowed to retire from the lodge without some mark of the esteem in which they held him, and having been entrusted with the contributions of the brethren he (Bro. Ibbs) had laid them out in a manner which would at once commemorate Bro. Bryan's promotion to Prov. Grand rank, and remind him of his connection with the Bootle Lodge. He congratulated the P.G.O. on his having received provincial honours, the more so as he would have the pleasure of serving under one whose name was a household word among Masons not only in this country, but abroad—their R.W.P.G.M., Bro. the Earl of Lathom. In conclusion, Bro. Ibbs in a few hearty words presented to Bro. Bryan on behalf of the brethren present a full suit of P.G. clothing and a valuable and chaste gold albert guard, accompanied by a very handsome illustrated album for Mrs. Bryan, with illuminated inscription as follows:

"This album is presented Bro. J. P. Bryan, Hon. Org. of the Bootle Lodge, No. 1473, for a period of seven years, together with provincial grand clothing, on the occasion of his being appointed Prov. Grand Organist for the Province of West Lancashire, and a gold albert watch-guard, to mark the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition of his past services. (Signed) W. R. Brewster, W.M.; H. Wyatt, Sec.; S. E. Ibbs, Treas. Bootle, April 5th."

The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. Bryan, in responding thanked the brethren for the kindness they had shown to him, not only that evening but on many previous occasions. His connection with the Bootle Lodge would always remain in his mind as one of the bright pictures of his Masonic career. His services, though not he was afraid so valuable as Bro. Ibbs kindly asserted, had been freely given, and the appreciation of the brethren was an ample reward in itself. As regarded their thoughtful presentation to Mrs. Bryan he knew it would give her great pleasure, for she was hearty in seconding him in all his Masonic work. Nothing could have given him greater pleasure than to receive these valuable tokens of their esteem at the hands of Bro. Ibbs, the father of the lodge, and one who had been his friend from the time he had entered 1473. In conclusion he must again thank the brethren for their kindness, and anything he could do to forward the musical interests of the lodge he would promise to perform.

"The Visitors and 'The W.M.'" were enthusiastically drunk and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion.

GREAT STANMORE.—Abercorn Lodge (No. 1549).—The first meeting of this well established summer lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Abercorn Hotel. Bro. Bamford, W.M., well supported by his officers and Past Masters, several brethren, and Bros. Hawksley, W.M. 1702, and Hobbin, 893, visitors, opened the lodge. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed Bro. C. Townsend was passed to the Degree of M.M. A petition was signed in favour of the widow and family of the late Bro. Peach, who was initiated in this lodge, to the Board of Benevolence. The sum of three guineas was voted out of the lodge charity fund for their present assistance. Bro. Tidcombe was unanimously elected Treasurer in place of Bro. Dr. Rogers who had taken the chair of J.W. A vote of condolence was recorded to the family on the death of Bro. J. Felton who was the first initiate of this lodge. The minute of a special meeting, held on 30th October last was also confirmed, on which occasion a vote of heartfelt sympathy was expressed and recorded to the widow and family of the late Rev. Bro. Bernays, Rector of Stanmore. The highly respected and worthy brother had only been initiated into this lodge on October 4th and died suddenly on the 25th; but five weeks later his estimable widow was laid beside him in Stanmore Churchyard, and the grief of all was most conspicuous by the immense attendance at their funerals. Yea, even in death they were not parted.

The usual "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed, and after an excellent repast and the usual toast, most harmoniously enlivened by the members present, the brethren dispersed.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday last. Present: Bros. M. Millington, W.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; C. G. Padel, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; W. B. Dyson, S.D.; W. Lackenby, as J.D.; G. Chapman, I.G.; and several other members and visitors. Having raised the lodge to the Third Degree the W.M. proceeded to put Bros. Irving and Nance through the ceremonies, the traditional history and concluding addresses being given by

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., and Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., presiding at the harmonium. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Ware presented to the lodge a bound volume of a Masonic publication, and Bro. Whytehead two old editions of the Constitutions and a bound volume of the *Voice of Masonry*, for which votes of thanks were passed. Bro. Whytehead also announced that Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett had presented to the lodge a copy of Bartolozzi's valuable engraving of Stothart's picture of the Festival of the Girls' School. He was having the engraving cleaned and mounted and should then present it formally for Bro. Orde-Powlett. It was stated that the sum raised amongst the brethren for the purchase of the Mechanics' Institute now amounted to over £1000.

INSTRUCTION.

KENT LODGE (No. 15).—A meeting of this lodge was held recently at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., when there were present: Bros. Millington, W.M.; Serjeant, S.W.; Little, J.W.; Clark, S.D.; Pinder, Preceptor; Black, I.G.; also Rowe, Patrick, Kramm, Gieseke, Turberfield, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Kramm, candidate. Bro. Turberfield answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Turberfield, candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Serjeant elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After the usual preliminaries the lodge was closed.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on the 7th inst. Present: Bros. Dixie, W.M.; Marks, S.W.; Ashton, J.W.; Woolf, S.D.; Heedon, J.D.; Gribbell, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; Lorkin, Treas.; Galer, Sec.; Hatch, Richardson, Manger, Houghton, Lone, Hirst, and Carr.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hatch having offered himself as a candidate the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Percy worked the First Section, assisted by Bro. Ashton, and the Second, assisted by Bro. Woolf. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lorkin worked the Second and Third Sections, assisted by Bros. Gribbell and Heedon. Lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. Marks was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M. for his efficient working. All Masonic business having been ended the lodge was closed.

The above is one of the oldest lodges of instruction in London, and for a number of years has been under the Preceptorship of Bro. R. Percy, P.M. 228. Brethren in search of Masonic knowledge will be amply repaid by favouring this lodge with a visit at eight o'clock any Saturday evening.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).

The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., Bro. J. N. Bate, as W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. C. H. Wiltshire, S.W.; H. H. Wiltshire, I.W.; P. M. Hakim, S.D.; J. Letchford, J.D.; E. G. Percy Stevens, I.G.; Richard Poore, Sec.; Jas. Stevens, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, E. Bye, and others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. The First Section was worked by the brethren, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the charge given by the W.M. Lodge was opened in the F.C. Degree, and Bro. Hakim was instructed for proficiency. Lodge was closed in the E.A. Degree and called off. Entry drill was practised and lodge called off. Bro. C. H. Wiltshire was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. New members were received and the lodge was closed in harmony.

MARQUESS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).

—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Pembury Tavern, Amherst-road, Hackney, when there were present Bros. Evans, W.M.; Polac, S.W.; Hunt, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Forss, S.D.; Beck, I.G.; Forss, Preceptor; and several visitors.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Twining being the candidate. Bro. Forss then worked the First and Second Sections of the lecture. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed by Bro. Forss and seconded by Bro. Hunt that Bro. Polac be W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (1614).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, on the 5th inst. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; Rolfe, S.W.; Richardson, J.W.; Reynolds, J.D. (Secretary); B. Solomons, I.G.; and R. Head.

The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the First Section of the lecture. Bro. Head offering himself as a candidate for passing he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Reynolds proposed that Bro. Head, No. 1614, be a joining member of this lodge of instruction, which was carried unanimously, and the W.M. expressed the pleasure, as S.W. of the mother lodge, he felt in seeing the young members of the lodge joining, and he now looked forward to the fact that the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction was on a permanent footing, and that brethren who sought Masonic instruction would support their worthy Preceptor, who was always so willing to instruct. Bro. Rolfe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and having appointed his officers in rotation the lodge was closed.

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TRINITY COLLEGE LODGE (No. 244).

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at Trinity College, Mandeville-place, Manchester-square. The W.M., Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, B. Mus., L.A., L. Mus., P.P.G. Chap., and Chap., advanced Bro. John Mills, of the Trinity College (Craft) Lodge, No. 1765, and also Bro. Edwin Wilding, of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, as Mark Master Masons. Bro. H. H. Shirley, of the St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, was elected a joining member. Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt afterwards installed Bro. Edward John Hoare, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, I.P.M. and Chap.; Plant Martin, S.W.; J. S. Gabriel, J.W.; J. Bradbury Turner, M.O.; Dr. J. Gordon Saunders, S.O.; R. J. Ward, J.O.; J. Alfred Hammond, Treas.; Charles Sayley, Sec.; A. W. Sebastian Hoare, S.D.; T. E. Biddlecomb, J.D.; Edward Wilding, D. of C.; Humphrey J. Stark, P.M., Org.; H. H. Shirley, I.C.; John Mills, Stwd.; and George Harrison, Tyler.

Music in the Mark Degree undoubtedly enhances largely the ceremony of advancement, and with Bro. Stark presiding at the organ, that result of course was obtained.

A banquet followed, at which the usual toasts were proposed and interspersed with vocal and instrumental music by Bros. Stark, P.M., Plant Martin, Ward, Biddlecomb, and the W.M., with a very pleasing recitation from Bro. Stevens, P.M.

The presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. the Rev. H. G. Bonavia-Hunt, the I.P.M., was greeted with marked approval, and the eulogium from the W.M., Bro. Hoare, elicited a spontaneous response from all the brethren, at once testifying their appreciation of the admirable way in which the lodge, under his immediate guidance, had been carried on, and also to the most impressive and beautiful manner in which the ceremony of installation was performed.

Bros. Dewar, P.M.; Stevens, P.M.; and Poore, P.M., added their unqualified testimony to the perfectness of the installation ceremony, remarking that it was possibly equalled by Bro. Stark, I.P.M., who was the Installing Officer of the previous year.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

LEICESTER.—St. Margaret's Chapter (No. 92).

—The first annual festival and installation meeting of the above chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, on the 27th ult. There were present Ill. Bros. S. S. Partridge, 30°, M.W.S.; Charles Fendelow, 33°, I.G.W.C.D.; J. T. Thorp, 30°, First G.; T. Worthington, 30°, Second G.; Ex. and P. Bros. J. Young, Recorder, as Prelate; W. L. Ball, G.M.; W. A. Fielding, R.; J. H. Thompson, C. of G.; Dr. W. C. Crofts, M.C.; M. J. Walker, Steward; also Bros. W. Kelly, Dr. W. Hammond, W. J. Frear, J. D. Harris, W. A. F. Hall, F. Griffith, R. Taylor, and E. J. Foxwell. Bro. Capt. J. G. F. Richardson, 10, was a visitor.

The chapter was opened and the minutes having been duly read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. W. J. Curtis, of Lodge 523, and Dr. Henry Meadows, which proving unanimous, and both brethren being in attendance were regularly admitted into the mysteries of the Rite and proclaimed in the west according to ancient custom. The Grand Marshall then presented to the M.W.S., Bro. S. S. Partridge, 30°, the Ill. Bro. John Thomas Thorp, 30°, as the M.W.S. elect, for the purpose of installation. The candidate's qualifications having been duly tested, the installation ceremony was most admirably worked by the outgoing M.W.S., and concluded amid general acclamation from the S. Princes present. The following are the names of the officers for the ensuing year: Ill. Bro. S. S. Partridge, 30°, I.P.M.W.S.; Bro. William Kelly, 18°, Prelate; Ill. Bro. T. Worthington, 30°, First G.; Bros. W. L. Ball, 18°, Second G.; F. J. Baines, 18°, (re-elected) Treasurer; Joseph Young, 18°, (re-appointed) Recorder; W. A. Fielding, 18°, G. Marshal; Dr. W. C. Croft, 18°, Raphael; J. H. Thompson, 18°, M.C.; M. J. Walker, 18°, Herald; Dr. W. Hammond, 18°, C. of G.; J. Tauser, 3°, and T. Dunn, 3°, Tylers.

Before the closing of the chapter the Ex. and P. Bro. W. A. Fielding, G.M., offered for the acceptance of the chapter an elegant satin banner suitably inscribed with the names of the chapter and the badges of the Order, which it is almost needless to state was on the motion of the M.W.S. duly accepted with thanks, and will add much to the beauty and elegance of the rich chapter regalia.

Alms having been collected, and a nomination on behalf of a proposed joining member made, the chapter was closed according to ancient usage until the fourth Tuesday in October. After which the installation banquet was promptly served, and subsequently the usual loyal and Masonic toasts peculiar to the Rite were duly observed and honoured.

Scotland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF BERWICKSHIRE AND ROXBURGHSHIRE.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berwickshire and Roxburghshire was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Coldstream, under the banner of the Coldstream Lodge, St. John's, No. 280. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the local lodge, and besides the Provincial Grand office-bearers, there were deputations from the Kelso Lodge, No. 58; St. Luke's Lodge, Lauder, No. 132; Kelso Tweed Lodge, No. 261; and St. David's Lodge, Berwick, No. 393 (E.C.). At four o'clock the R.W.M. of the Coldstream Lodge, Bro. John Smith, opened the Craft Lodge, raising it to the Third Degree, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was admitted in due form. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the R.W., the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Haddington, the chair was taken by the V.W., the D.P.G.M. Bro. Fred. Vernon, of Kelso Lodge, who opened the Provincial Grand Lodge in ample form. Having announced that he had inspected the books of the St. John's Lodge, No. 280, and

found them correctly and satisfactorily kept, he called upon the brethren to nominate office-bearers for Prov. Grand Lodge the election to take place in June. Several brethren of Kelso, 58, Lauder, 132, and Coldstream, 280, were nominated. The R.W.P.G.M. in the chair was ably assisted by Bro. J. Steel, Sub. P.G.M., Bro. Shearer, R.W.M. 58, officiating as P.G.S.W., to which office he was nominated; Bro. T. Hogg, 280, being re-elected P.G.J.W., and Bro. Rogers, who acted as P.G.I.G., was unanimously re-elected P.G. Swd. Br., and Bro. Beloe P.G.D. of C. Bro. Green, Organist of St. David's, Berwick, presided at the harmonium, and ably conducted the music incidental to the opening and closing ceremonies.

No other business having been brought before the P.G. Lodge it was closed in ample form, and the brethren marched from the place of meeting to the banqueting hall in the Newcastle Arms Hotel, where shortly after five o'clock they sat down to dinner, under the presidency of Bro. Vernon, who was supported on the right and left by Bros. J. Steel and J. Smith, the croupiers being Bros. R. M. Donald and J. Shearer. After doing ample justice to the various viands the tables were cleared, and the chairman having craved the attention of the brethren, an extensive toast list was rapidly gone through, the proceedings being somewhat hurried on account of a number of the brethren having to leave by an early train.

A ball under the auspices of the lodge was subsequently held in the hall of the Mechanics' Institution, which was attractively and suitably decorated for the occasion, Masonic emblems being displayed round the walls in a manner that showed much taste in arrangement. At the entrance to the room a porch was formed by the screening off a space on either side of the gallery for the purpose of making a refreshment stall and a card room, and which of itself was a very effective addition to the appearance of the hall. The stall and card room, which were covered with calico pink and white alternately, not only enhanced the appearance of the room, but afforded great convenience to those present. The seats round the hall were also draped with pink calico. Plants were placed in the passage, on the staircase and porch, and flowers and foliage plants were tastefully arranged in different parts of the hall. These blending with the rich and varied dresses of the ladies and the glittering regalia of the brethren of the mystic tie, together with the evening dress of the gentlemen, completed a picture rarely seen in a quiet border town. Dancing was commenced a little after nine o'clock, being preceded by the Masonic March, headed by Bro. John Smith, R.W.M., and the office-bearers of Lodge No. 280. Bro. Smith also led off the triumph with Mrs. Cameron. The dancing was kept up till half-past four, nearly the whole of the company being present till that time, and the party separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne," the unanimous opinion being that this had been the most enjoyable gathering of its kind ever held in Coldstream. The stewards of the ball deserve every praise for the arrangements they made for the comfort of those present. The refreshments were both in abundance and of first-class quality, and the supper gave every satisfaction. Mr. Hogg's Quadrille Band supplied the music in an efficient manner.

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY TARRANT DASHWOOD.

On Thursday week the W.M., P.Ms., Wardens, and brethren of the Albany Lodge, No. 151 (late 176) paid the last tribute of the fraternal respect by following the remains of their old Tyler to the grave. Bro. Henry T. Dashwood was initiated in 1860, and for 20 years was re-elected Tyler of the lodge. He was appointed Outer Warder of the Albany Ancient Mark Lodge, and Tyler to the late Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Wight. Bro. Dashwood was educated at the Newport Grammar School, and afterwards became a herald painter, but failing sight prevented the continuance of that profession, and infirmity incapacitated him for other employment. He was elected an annuitant of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 19th of May, 1876, from which date he received £40 a year, paid in advance by quarterly instalments. He died at his lodgings in Quay-street, on Friday evening, 30th March, in the seventy-second year of his age, leaving two children, the son, a young man in the Royal Navy, and the daughter married.

BRO. LEWIS FINCH, P.M., 429, 1209, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.

With much regret we announce the death of Bro. Finch, of Ramsgate, in the 67th year of his age. Our deceased brother had been suffering from illness for some time, but so sudden and fatal a termination was unexpected. Bro. Finch was well known and beloved by the brethren throughout the county and his memory will be long and affectionately cherished. His heart was in the Craft and he aided materially in the foundation of the Lewises Lodge, Ramsgate, No. 1209, in which lodge he was elected to various offices and now that he has joined the "Silent Lodge" is sincerely mourned by his fellow Craftsmen, 88 of whom cast a sprig of acacia upon his coffin. The respect in which our late lamented brother was held, not only by the Craft but by all classes, was shown in the numerous attendance of his fellow townsmen at the funeral which took place at the Ramsgate cemetery, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Bro. Finch was initiated into Freemasonry in the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, December 17th, 1856; installed in the chair of K.S. 1861; exalted to the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch Thanet Chapter, 429, 7th June, 1860; Z. 1864; joined the Lewises Lodge, 1209, 17th March, 1868; and installed W.M. 12th April, 1871; discharging the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the brethren. The service was read by the chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. E. Shirley Woolmer, M.A., vicar, assisted by Bros. the Rev. E. Gripper Banks, M.A., and the Rev. H. Lawrence Fry, M.A.

TRUSSES, ELASTIC BANDAGES, ETC.—SEELEY'S HARD RUBBER TRUSSES.—The world's recognition of unequalled excellence. Receiving the only award of merit granted for trusses at the late international Medical Exhibition, 1881. Made in every desirable and latest improved pattern, fine steel springs, neatly covered with highly-polished hard rubber, light, cool, cleanly; unaffected by time, use, or climate. Free from all sour, rusty, chafing, or strapping unpleasantness. Used in bathing. Always reliable. The correct and skilful mechanical treatment of hernia or rupture a specialty. Under patronage of the world's most distinguished surgeons. Choice assortment of elastic surgical hosiery. Belts, improved suspensory bandages, shoulder braces. Establishments—74, Fleet-street, London, E.C., and 1347, Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, U.S.A.—[Adv't.]

New Zealand.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE.

A most important event in the history of Masonry in Auckland took place recently at the Freemasons' Hall, Princes-street. This was the consecration of the Auckland Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and the installation of Bro. Henry Greensmith Wade as Prov. Grand Master. There was a large and influential attendance, and Bro. Malcolm Niccol, 33, P.M., officiated as Consecrating and Installing Officer. The Union Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the W.M. Bro. W. P. Moat, after which the Installing Officer entered, assumed the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem*. The chorale "Hail Eternal by whose aid," was sung and Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson engaged in prayer.

Bro. MALCOLM NICCOL then addressed the brethren. He pointed out that the Mark was not less useful in its original institution, nor were its effects less beneficial to mankind than the Degrees which precede it. He pointed out its effects on the original Masonic structure, and then applied the analogy to symbolic Masonry and the lessons inculcated. He concluded by saying—If in all those things you have seen only a series of unmeaning rites; if the spirit of truth has not applied to your hearts the morals of these ceremonies, then indeed have you laboured in vain and spent your strength for naught. But I am persuaded to believe better things of you. I trust that you have entered into the spirit of these solemn ceremonies, and understand the full meaning of these interesting symbols—that all the forms and ceremonies through which you have passed from the moment when you first trod the outer courts of the temple until you finally saw your work accepted and placed in its proper position with shouting and praise, have deeply impressed on your minds the great and fundamental principles of our time-honoured Institution, for then and then only can you justly claim the noble name of Mason—then only can you feel that friendship, that union, that zeal which should actuate every one who would appropriate to himself the proud title of a workman who needeth not to be ashamed.

The pedestal was then uncovered, and Bros. Past Masters Dawson, McCullough, Moat, and Climo carried the cornucopia, with vessels of wine, oil, and salt round the lodge, each being strewed or poured with grand honours, musical services being performed and appropriate Masonic verses being sung during the ceremonies.

After the consecration prayer the Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Burns, P.M., announced the P.G.M., and presented his warrant of appointment, which was read. Bro. Wade was then introduced by Bros. Dr. Dawson, P.M., and W. McCullough, P.M., and was addressed by the Installing Officer as to his powers and the duties of his high office. He said in conclusion: "It now but remains for me to clothe you with the external insignia of your rank and authority. I also present you with this gavel—the potent emblem of Masonic power, which I trust in your hands will never be sounded in vain. I now surrender to you this seat of authority, and render to you this the first act of homage due to you as P.G.M."

During the latter part of the address the P.G.M. was invested and installed, after which he was duly proclaimed.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed the brethren in appropriate terms, and then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows:

Bro. M. Niccol	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
Dr. Dawson	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
Rev. C. M. Nelson	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
			and Chaplain.
W. P. Moat	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
			and Secretary.
C. La Roche	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
T. W. Kitt	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
T. F. Roberts	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
F. Stephens	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
J. W. Burns	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
H. Hitchens	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
Bros. Waddell, Newson, and Austen	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. E. Tonge	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, after which the W.M. of the Union Lodge resumed the chair and closed the lodge, and during the ceremony the brethren sang the anthem, "Mark Masters all appear."



Bro. Toole has produced Mr. Burnand's farcical comedy "Artful Cards." A new comedy is in rehearsal.

Bro. R. G. Martin (the Hon. Roger Molyneux) is engaged for the reopening of the Royalty.

Mr. Edgar Bruce has taken the ill-fated Imperial and will re-open it with "Camille," when Miss Lingard will appear in her own character.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, brother of Mrs. Cornwallis West, made his debut on the stage to-day (Friday) at a Gaiety matinée in "That Rascal Pat."

Bro. Henry Irving has granted permission to Messrs. Terriss and Fernandez to play their original characters, Leicester and Varney, in "Amy Robsart" at Miss Kate Vaughan's benefit on 3rd prox.

Miss Fanny Leslie made her appearance last Saturday in "The Voyage to the Moon," at Her Majesty's, and was well received, she adds much brightness to this already bright and charming opera.

Miss Ada Swanborough will take a benefit at the Strand, on the 26th inst., when an original drama will be produced, Miss Swanborough appearing as the heroine. The piece is entitled "Vera."

The following brethren have been elected to serve on the Committee of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, Bros. H. Ashley, Lionel Brough, H. Loveday, Edward Terry, Charles Warner, Harry Jackson, and Henry Neville.

Bro. Augustus Harris has arranged to re-produce "Youth" on the termination of the Carl Rosa Opera season at Drury Lane. There will be some minor alterations made. For instance the battle scene will be changed to the Egyptian War, from the Afghan.

For a short time "All for Her" will be substituted at the Court for "The Rector," which was withdrawn on Thursday. Bro. Clayton resumes his old character of Hugh Trevor. Miss Marion Terry, Mr. Mackintosh, and Mr. Gilbert Farquhar are amongst the players.

Last night was the last of "Caste" at the Haymarket, when Mr. Hare for the one evening resumed the part of Gerridge. "School" will be played for a few nights, after which Bro. Bancroft brings out "Fédora," by M. Sardou.

The last nights of "Bondage" are announced as we anticipated by our notice last week. Miss Hilda Hilton thinks of bringing out "Frou Frou" again for a time. The part is more suitable to this talented lady than that in "Bondage."

To-night at the Olympic a new play by Mr. Grundy, called "Rachel," will take the place of "A Great Catch." Mr. Herman Vezin, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. W. H. Vernon, Mrs. Leigh Murray, and Miss Genevieve Ward will be in the cast.

Bro. Hollingshead has advertised a list of no less than 25 matinées at the Gaiety. We believe that this must mean that the theatre is occupied every morning as well as evening throughout the next few weeks. "Blue Beard" has brought in more money than any of its predecessors, £1680 being the takings for the first week.

May 15th has been fixed for a benefit at the Gaiety for Mr. Royce, the popular comedian, who has been laid low for 12 months. It is to be hoped that sufficient money will result to give the invalid relief from all pecuniary cares for some time to come. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the patron of the benefit. Bro. Byron, Messrs. Burnand, Gilbert and Reece will write an address to be delivered by Bro. Terry.

"Ethel's Test" is the name of the new comedietta which precedes "Cymbia" at the Strand. Mr. Mervin, Miss Blanche Thomas (from America), and Miss Vere Carew are the principal characters, the latter young lady throwing much life into the piece as is her wont. Madame Sylvia has now taken the part of Princess Menoa. This makes a vast improvement to Mr. Paulton's opera. Mrs. Swanborough need not make a change for awhile. Bro. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress honoured the performance of "Cymbia" with their company on Friday week.

The "Theatre" (David Boyne, St. Martin's-lane) for April contains two excellent portraits of Mrs. Kendal, wife of Bro. Kendal, of the St. James's Theatre, and Mr. W. S. Gilbert, the popular burlesque and comedy writer. Mr. Gilbert writes his own biography, which is full of interest. From it we learn that Mr. Gilbert was intended to take his degree at Oxford; but abandoned the idea on the opening of the Crimean War to take a commission in the Royal Artillery; but as he was about starting for the seat of war the Emperor Nicholas died and the war terminated. He then became a clerk in the Educational Department at Whitehall, which he soon abandoned in disgust, and took to making his living with his pen, a profession he has adorned, and caused much more delight to thousands of persons than if he had adopted the army, and which he also confesses has brought him in much more spoil. There are many other matters of the greatest interest in the current number.

"Storm Beaten," by Mr. Buchanan, at the Adelphi, ought to be seen by those who like melodrama. The author has several times tried his hand at plays but has never succeeded. We believe he puts that down to the press. However the tide has turned, and we can now say a good word for him. The villain is Richard Orchardson (Mr. Barnes), and the hero Christian Christianson (Bro. Chas. Warner). The two families are at deadly enmity, and before the death of Christian's mother she makes her son swear a fearful oath never to have intercourse with the Orchardsons. We cannot in our space fully enter into the plot, but we may say that Orchardson betrays Christian's sister and then takes to loving Priscilla Sefton (Miss Ewretta Laurence), who is in love with Christian. He follows her on a voyage, but in his turn is followed by Christianson disguised as a sailor, who gives vent to his envy and is put in irons in the hold of the ship, where the villain Orchardson goes at nightfall to kill him by firing the room he is in, but he is detected. The ship is wrecked in the polar regions and the two become reconciled in their loneliness. Here is displayed some lovely scenery, and thrilling events happen. They both, after months on the ice, are picked up by a passing ship, Orchardson, now a penitent, is received by Kate Christianson (Miss Amy Roselle) and marries her, while of course Christian takes Priscilla. Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Redwood, and Miss Clara Jecks are some of the other characters. Mr. Tree and Miss Jecks are unsuited, because they are suited to better parts than they have in "Storm Beaten." It goes without saying that Bro. Warner, Mr. Barnes, and Miss Amy Roselle do their very best to win great applause. Miss Laurence, the new actress, is likely to develop into something much better when she learns to accentuate her words more correctly. She is pleasing and easy in her manner on the stage. The church scene of the last act is amongst the prettiest of the many other pretty scenes. The Prince of Wales went to the Adelphi on Saturday last. The old days of the Adelphi are brought back to one's memory by the length of the new drama and its sensational acts.



We understand that E. Comp. Fred A. Philbrick, O.C., D.P.G.M. for Essex, and Recorder of Colchester, has been appointed by H.R.H. the Grand Z. to the post of Grand Superintendent of the province of Essex; and that Comp. Philbrick will be installed at Chelmsford on Wednesday, the 16th May, by E. Comp. Lord Lathom, G.H. of England.

Bro. T. M. Janes has been elected Churchwarden for St. Botolph, Aldersgate.

Bro. Howard Vyse has been chosen for Overseer for the parish of St. Olave, Silver-street.

Bro. Lord and Lady Wolseley and Lord Alcester were among the guests present at the marriage on Wednesday of Lieut. Spencer Childers, R.E., son of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with Miss Florence Leslie, third daughter of the late Mr. W. Leslie, M.P.

In our obituary of last Saturday we recorded the death of Bro. R. H. Marsh (Henry Marston); he was initiated in the Albany Lodge, No. 151 (late 176) in August 1834. Passed September 8th, and raised December 15th—hence a member of the Craft for near half a century.

At the regular monthly meeting on Monday of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, the brethren voted the sum of ten guineas to constitute their worthy Secretary, Bro. Charles Thomas Allée, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a mark of respect by the lodge.

Bro. Capt. J. Sculley, R.H.A., P.P.G.I.G. Kent, was installed W.M. of the Florence Nightingale Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Woolwich, on Monday last. A full report will appear next week.

The Duke of Cornwall Chapter, 1839, was consecrated on Friday, the 6th inst., by M.E. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E. A full report of the ceremony will appear in our next.

Bro. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M., will consecrate the Henniker (Mark) Lodge, No. 315, at Red Lion-square, on Saturday, the 21st inst. The officers designated in the warrant are Bros. Edgar Bowyer, as W.M.; C. F. Hogard, S.W.; James Terry (R.M.B.I.), J.W.

The installation ceremony will be worked on Tuesday next, at eight o'clock p.m., by Bro. Whitley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.M., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, held at the Rock Tavern, Battersea Park-road, nearly opposite York-road Station (L.B. and S.C. Railway), and five minutes' walk from Queen's-road Station (L. and S.W. Railway).

Bro. C. Spurgeon, C.C., temporarily occupied the chair at a meeting of the Court of Judges on Monday evening, at the Grapes, Jewin-street, when it was resolved on the motion of Mr. V. Smith seconded by Mr. Weedon, that Mr. J. Harvey, C.C., should be re-elected president for the season. Bro. U. Knell, who has been hon. sec. for 14 years, was re-elected.

Bro. Sir Frederick Perkins, of Old Jewry, and other members of his family have erected in the west front of St. Michael's Church, Southampton, a handsome window and tablet in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hopkins Perkins, late of Northumberland House. The design was so much admired by the Princess Louise whilst the window was in manufacture that a similar work is to be forwarded to her.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, in distributing the prizes to the Liverpool Brigade of the Royal Naval Volunteers, announced his intention of subscribing £100 to the funds, the Admiralty having refused the capitation grant on the ground that in the wealthy seaports of London, Liverpool, and Bristol the cost of providing uniforms for the limited number of naval volunteers who were unable to bear that expense should be met by local subscriptions.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his interesting lecture "Explanatory of the Ritual and Ceremonies of the First Degree," in the St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1452, at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Thursday, the 26th inst. Bro. W. Woolner Garnham, P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk, Secretary to the lodge, has, at the request of W. Bro. H. J. Eastaugh, the W.M., issued a special circular convening the lodge meeting for 6.45 p.m. punctually. A large attendance of brethren from the surrounding district is anticipated.

A movable Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree will be held at Nottingham, on Thursday, the 26th inst., under the auspices of the Old Time Immemorial Mark Lodge, the Newstead Lodge. The lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, and will be opened at three o'clock in the afternoon. The Grand Master, Lord Henniker, will preside. Nottinghamshire will be constituted a Mark Province on this occasion, and Bro. John Watson will be appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Master. The programme for the day is as follows: At 11 a.m. the members of the Newstead Lodge will be in attendance at the Hall to receive brethren from a distance and conduct them to the principal objects of interest in the town, the Castle Museum, the University buildings, the Mayor's lace-dressing works, Sir James Oldknow's lace manufactory, Mr. Doughty's lace curtain manufactory, Alderman Turney's leather works, Blackburn and Attenborough's machine building works, and I. and R. Morley's hosiery manufactory. After the business of the lodge there will be a banquet at five o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Old Wounds, Sores, and Ulcers.—Daily experience confirms the fact which has triumphed over all opposition for forty years, viz., that no means are known equal to Holloway's remedies for curing bad legs, sores, wounds, diseases of the skin, erysipelas, abscesses, burns, scalds, and, in truth, all maladies where the skin is broken. To cure these infirmities quickly is of primary importance, as compulsory confinement indoors weakens the general health. The ready means of cure are found in Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which heal the sores and expel their cause. In the very worst cases the Ointment has succeeded in effecting a perfect cure after every other means had failed in giving any relief. Desperate diseases best display its virtues.—[ADVT.]

In the event of her Majesty having sufficiently recovered from her recent accident, the Court will leave Windsor for Osborne early next week.

A meeting of the Metropolitan College of the Rosicrucian Society took place at Red Lion-square, on Thursday evening, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed, and many brethren elected and admitted to the Grade of Zelator.

The Camden Royal Arch Chapter, No. 704, was consecrated at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 4th inst. The ceremony was very ably performed by Bro. James Terry.

On Wednesday evening H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught presided at the anniversary festival of the Metropolitan Free Hospital, the scene of the gathering being the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Secretary of State for War, visited Shorncliffe Camp on Wednesday for the purpose of distributing among the officers and men of the 7th Dragoon Guards recently returned from Egypt the silver medal presented by the Queen for the Egyptian Campaign and the bronze star awarded by the Khedive.

We are very pleased to announce that Bro. E. M. Lott, P.M. 205, 1765, and 1929, has been appointed organist of St. Sepulchres, London. This appointment is second only to that of St. Paul's in the City, and the many friends of Bro. Lott will hear with pleasure of his success.

On Wednesday afternoon, Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., President of the Local Government board, opened some new schools at Isleworth, which have been erected at a cost of £20,000 in connection with the Brentford Union, and will accommodate 300 children.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury presided on Wednesday evening at Exeter Hall over a conference on the Ragged Schools, in which the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Rev. Canon Fleming, Mr. S. Morley, M.P., and others took part.

The picture by Desanges of Bro. General Sir Frederick Roberts and his gallant little army on the march from Cabul to Candahar, is now on view at Messrs. Jennings's gallery, Cheapside. The portrait of the general is a very successful one.

Bro. the King and the Queen of the Netherlands and suite arrived at the Grosvenor Hotel on Wednesday and passed the greater part of the day in paying visits. Bro. the Duke of Albany called at an early hour and in the evening their Majesties attended the performance of Berlioz's "Faust" at the Royal Albert Hall.

Bros. Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Sir John Ramsden, P.G.W., Sir M. Arthur Bass, Henry Brassey, Montague Guest, P.G.M. Dorsetshire, G. W. Repton, and Col. King Harman, were amongst the members present at the Speaker's Fourth Parliamentary Full Dress Dinner on Wednesday.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart, M.P., presided at the thirty-first anniversary Festival of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening. Several warm supporters of this useful and well-conducted institution were present, and in the course of the evening subscriptions were announced by the Secretary to the amount of about £1600.

The second ball of the season of the Finsbury Cricket Club was celebrated at Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow, on Friday last with great success. Bro. John Lee Dale acted most efficiently as M.C., assisted by Mr. Lovell. Bro. Speaight furnished an excellent band whilst Bro. Hay, of Stratford, supplied the refreshments. This club, which was established in 1851, and of which Bro. R. J. Tucker, P.M., is Treasurer, has recently been granted the use of a piece of ground in Wanstead Park by the Corporation of the City of London.

A number of influential brethren in Clapham and the vicinity are anxious of starting a Lodge of Instruction at the Gauden Hotel, opposite Clapham-road Station, where there is every facility and comfort for the purpose. The brethren would be very pleased to receive the permission of a mother lodge, not having a Lodge of Instruction attached to it, to work under its warrant. Communications on the subject may be addressed to Bro. H. R. Willats, Gauden Hotel, Clapham. It may be mentioned that a very handsome suite of rooms specially arranged for meetings of lodges, chapters, &c., is in course of construction adjoining the hotel and will be completed very shortly.

Bro. Sir Michael Costa has sent to the Naples Conservatorium, in which institution he completed his musical education, an autograph copy of his opera "Malek-Adel," accompanied by the following letter:—"This opera of 'Malek-Adel,' composed and copied by me, was represented for the first time in the Italian Opera at Paris, in the Salle Favart, in 1837. After the fire that destroyed that theatre my score was almost miraculously found under the smoking ruins, partly consumed by fire. Having been asked to make a gift of another manuscript to the Royal College of Music in Naples I have rewritten that score, and offer it with pleasure to the celebrated archives of the college. London, 20th March, 1883.—M. COSTA." "Malek-Adel" was performed by the following singers:—Matilda, Julia Grisi; Giossellino, Emma Albertazzi; Malek-Adel, G. B. Rubini; Riccardo, Nicholas Ivanoff; Lusignano, Antonio Tamburini; Guglielmo, Louis Lablache.

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Princess Beatrice drove over to Claremont on Saturday to visit the Duke and Duchess of Albany, on the occasion of her brother's birthday.

Bro. George Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., has been elected Upper Warden of the Paaten makers' Company.

A highly successful meeting of the Lullingstone Lodge was held on Wednesday last when the new Masonic Hall was dedicated by the M.W.G.M. Lord Holmesdale, and the Rev. Hayman Cummings was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The proceedings were of the most interesting character. We hope to give a report in our next.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon presided on Wednesday evening at the twelfth annual festival of the Railway Officers and Servants' Association at the Cannon-street Hotel. His lordship made an eloquent appeal on behalf of railway employés, in response to which subscriptions were announced amounting to upwards of £2700.

Bro. Earl Granville, who was suffering from a slight indisposition last week, was sufficiently recovered to be able to attend the Cabinet Council of Saturday.

Bro. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P., was one of a number of guests who arrived on Saturday last at Sandringham on a visit to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Duke of Connaught presided on Wednesday evening at the anniversary festival of the Metropolitan Free Hospital, held at the Freemasons' Tavern. In proposing the toast of the evening, His Royal Highness urged with considerable tact and ability the claims of the hospital upon public support. Subscriptions amounting to about £2000 were announced.

Bro. Viscount and the Viscountess Holmesdale gave a dinner party at their residence in Hereford-gardens on Saturday evening last, at which the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh were present. Several distinguished guests, including the Spanish Minister, being invited to meet their Royal Highnesses.

Saturday last was the thirtieth anniversary of Bro. the Duke of Albany's birthday, and was celebrated at Windsor with the usual honours, royal salutes being fired in the Long Walk and at Virginia Water.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers took place at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Saturday evening last. Covers were laid for 200, and among the guests were Bros. the Earl of Kimberley, the Earl of Derby, Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P.; the Lord Mayor, Sir George Elliot, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. South Wales, Eastern Division; and Horace Jones P.G.S. of W.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will preside at the sixty-ninth anniversary Festival of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, to be held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on the 1st June next.

The City Companies' Commission sat on Wednesday, amongst the members present being Bros. Lord Sherbrooke and Alderman Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P.

Bros. the Earl of Bective, M.P., P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, and Colonel Stanley, M.P., D.P.G.M. Lancashire (West), have been elected Vice-Presidents of a new Conservative Club at Lancaster.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, has been elected a Steward of the Jockey Club, in place of Mr. James Lowther, M.P., who retires by rotation.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany has arranged to visit Marlborough College on the 24th July next, when his Royal Highness will distribute the Midsummer prizes.

The Prince of Wales has signified his willingness to open the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne, early in the month of June.

On Thursday evening, the 5th inst., the thirteenth annual ball in aid of the funds of the City and Metropolitan Police Orphanage was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The visitors commenced to arrive soon after eight o'clock, and the number was steadily augmented till midnight, when there was quite a thousand persons present, amongst whom were Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Bro. Sheriff and Mrs. De Keyser, Bro. Sheriff Savory, the Under-Sheriffs (Messrs. Sheppard and Pontifex), Lieut.-Col. Bowman, the Chief Superintendent, and most of the superintendents and inspectors of the City Police. Dancing was carried on in the great hall and another smaller apartment, the band of the A Division (Mr. Dickinson conducting) performing in the former, and the string band of Mr. A. Cohen in the latter. Mr. Thomas Butler, conductor of the Licensed Victuallers' School and Asylum balls, was the honorary Master of the Ceremonies, assisted by Mr. T. Meekham and Mr. Lloyd. At the supper the Lord Mayor presided. After the toasts of "The Queen" and "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" had been enthusiastically drunk, his lordship proposed "Success to the Orphanage," mentioning various interesting particulars respecting its rise and progress. Of the 12,000 constables in the metropolis all, he said, were subscribers excepting 68, and this was a fact which reflected great credit on the force. Major Joseph proposed "The Lord Mayor and Corporation," which was acknowledged by the Chief Magistrate and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, the latter before sitting down giving "The Health of the Ladies," for whom Mr. Brisley replied. Nothing seemed wanting to make the ball a complete success.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, April 21, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 14.

Quarterly General Court and Election for the Girls' School, at 12.

- Lodge 108, London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot.
 " 1607, Loyalty, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 " 1612, West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.
 " 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, F.M.H.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.
 Chap. 1297, West Kent, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 Mark 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., W. Hammersmith.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, APRIL 16.

Quarterly General Court and Election for Boys' School at 12.

- Lodge 1, Grand Masters, F.M.H.
 " 8, British, F.M.H.
 " 21, Emulation, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 720, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.
 " 907, Royal Albert, F.M.H.
 " 1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1910, Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hot., Notting-hl.
 Chap. 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
 Mark 173, Temple, Green Dragon Tav., Stepney.
 K.T. Precept. 131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square, W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 Sincerity, Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, at 7.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Loughborough Junc., at 7.30.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
 West Smithfield, Farringdon Hot., Farringdon-st., at 8.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.
 St. Mark's, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
 Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, 7.30.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.
 Lodge 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tav.
 " 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 162, Cadogan, F.M.H.
 " 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 435, Salisbury, F.M.H.
 " 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.
 " 1695, New Finsbury Park.
 Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
 Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

Lodge of Benevolence.
 General Committee Grand Chapter.
 Lodge Grand Stewards, F.M.H.
 " 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tav.
 " 190, Oak, F.M.H.

Lodge 969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 1044, Wandsworth, Lecture Hall, New Wandsworth.
 " 1150, Buckingham and Chandos, F.M.H.
 " 1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
 " 1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 1681, Lonsborough, S. Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1803, Cornhill, London Tav., Fenchurch-st.
 Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Rose Croix Chap. 44, Bard of Avon, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Dukes Head, 29, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19.
 House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 Lodge 23, Globe, F.M.H.
 " 49, Gihon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 55, Constitutional, Inns of Court Hot.
 " 63, St. Mary's, F.H.H.
 " 109, Temperance, White Swan, High-st., Deptford.
 " 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 181, Universal, F.M.H.
 " 222, St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
 " 733, Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's-wood.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav.
 " 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex.
 " 1287, Great Northern, F.M.H.
 " 1475, Peckham, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 " 1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
 " 1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich.
 Chap. 79, Pythagorean, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Mark Bon Accord, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 7, Carnarvon, 68, Regent-sq., W.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 20.
 House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
 Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's, S.W.
 " 201, Jordan, F.M.H.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond.
 " 1704, Anchor, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hot.
 Chap. 92, Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 K. I. Precept. 45, Temple Cressing, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
 Rose Croix 10, Invicta, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.
 Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st., W., at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H., at 7.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 United Pilgrims, S.M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill, at 7.30.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith, at 8.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
 St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 Ubique, Guardsman Coffee Tav., Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30.
 Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21.
 Lodge 715, Panmure, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1364, Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Hackney.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
 Chap. 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Inn, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, April 21, 1883.

MONDAY, APRIL 16.
 Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
 " 613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
 " 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
 " 1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
 Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17.
 Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 897, Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helen's.
 " 979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Rcyal Hot., Crewe.
 " 980, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
 " 1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
 " 1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
 " 1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.
 Red Cross Conclave 77, Skelmersdale M.H., Liverpool.
 Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.
 Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescot.
 " 178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
 " 484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
 " 533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
 " 537, Zetland, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
 " 823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 950, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
 " 1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
 " 1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19.
 Lodge 203, Antient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.
 " 425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 " 605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
 " 1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-Woods.
 " 1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
 " 1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
 Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20.
 Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.
 Mark Lodge 65, West Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.
 Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.

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