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WE are very concerned to hear that the list of Stewards for the Girls' School Festival is not as large as it might well be. We beg to express a hope that many good brethren who keep back the announcement of their names until the last moment will now put their "right foot forward" and send in their names to the SECRETARY "sine morâ." We trust that the "returns" of the Stewards will make amends for any deficiency of number, and that the good Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will bestir itself and rally round its distinguished and popular GRAND MASTER. There are few English Freemasons who have done more faithful suit and service to the Craft than Bro. W. W. B. BEACH. An admirable worker, second to none, in fact, the administration of his important province has been marked by great discrimination and effective ability, and we are certain that under his presidency the Festival of the Girls' School will be a most interesting assembly of charitable Freemasons, as well as a financial success.

THE Festival of the Girls' School, now drawing rapidly near, will be over before we greet our readers again, and will we hope, prove to be a great success. It is just possible that, owing to many conflicting causes, there may not be that exuberant zeal which marked the efforts last year of the Stewards, swelled their numbers, and expanded their returns. The very prosperity of the Girls' School has been used by some "kind friends" as a reason for a sort of poco-curante indifferentism; whereas we beg to press on our readers, one and all, that nothing more cruel to the best interests of the Girls' School could be brought about, than to compel the authorities, by a failure in its annual returns, to reduce its capitalized property. The invested funds of the Girls' School have been carefully husbanded by its Committee to meet any possible future exigences, many of which may arise, and no more shortsighted policy ever was suggested, no more childish proposition ever was hazarded, than because the School has done so well in the past, and is prospering in every respect in the present, that it had better fall back upon and utilize its existing means in the future. We feel assured, on the contrary, that the unchanging large-heartedness and liberality of English Craftsmen will still be manifested at the Girls' School Festival as actively and as cheerfully as ever, as well in testimony of their entire confidence in the School authorities, and their warm appreciation of the faithful and laudable efforts of many years to bring it to its present state of efficiency and reality.

A point of Masonic Law comes before us constantly, about which, to say the truth, we are a little "exercized." We are constantly appealed to about it, and asked to write there anent. It is the question whether under any circumstances a brother can be placed in the Master's Chair without having passed the Warden's! As regards the normal Annual Election of W.M.'s such undoubtedly is the law, and the "law too of the Medes and Persians," that no one who has not served a year in a Warden's chair can be elected into the Chair of King Solomon. But modern practice has found and inculcates a "gloss" on this wise and venerable law of English Freemasonry. Where a new lodge is formed, (and by analogy the same principle is applied to a chapter), it is now held that on the recommendation of his brethren and the approval of the G.M., a brother who is only a Master Mason and has filled no lodge office whatever may be elected W.M., notwithstanding the law, as W.M. of a new lodge, and installed accordingly. This is as we said before a modern practice amongst us, and dates from about the last 20 years. Formerly it was required as a "sine quâ non," that all brethren who were to be Masters of new lodges, should have served in the Warden's Chair. We confess we are amongst those who regret that the old custom has been changed. Just now for many reasons, it is most advisable to keep close to our ancient landmarks and well tested laws and to avoid the semblance of prematurely advancing any one, be he who he may, into the Master's Chair, without he has previously complied with the "wise regulations" to which we have given our assent. Many cases are brought to our notice daily, where there is a tendency in us all alike to make "special laws for special cases," and when in our humble

opinion it would be far better for all concerned, far more conducive to the maintainance of Constitutional law, a reasonable interpretation of the Book of Constitutions, and the safe progress and peaceful developement of our time-honoured and commendable Craft, if we adhered firmly and tenaciously to all that experience has tested, and custom has made law.

WE are glad to hear that the subscriptions for the Building Fund of the Boys' School are increasing. We, however, beg to express our hope that such additions are not made to it in lieu of the normal contributions to the General Funds of the School. The "rock ahead," according to our view, has always been, and we believe the fear is shared in by not a few, that the attractions of the "double votes" may reduce the total of the general fund returns. If so, the position of the School in its active and progressive development may be seriously affected, because if the annual income is in any way reduced the deficiency must be made up somehow. If be true, as we have heard, that the provincial returns are to a great extent devoted to the Building Fund, in preference to the General Fund, where, we venture to ask, is the large needful income for the necessary annual expenditure to come from? If such subscriptions to the Building Fund were an addition to the wonted returns of the General Fund, we should be the first to welcome them; but we fear a little, from what we hear, that the subscriptions to the Building Fund are given instead of to the General Fund. If such be the fact, with the best intentions in the world, the progress of the Building Fund, (much to be desiderated in itself), may seriously affect the annual income of the School. We think it well to call attention to this point, as we fear it is a little overlooked by some who are inscribing their donations on the Building Fund.

THERE seems from what we hear whispered about a somewhat growing belief of considerable changes impending over our Masonic constitutions. We trust sincerely that these "dark sayings" are but the "canards" of the curious, or the gossips of the credulous. We state distinctly, without partiality, fear, or favour, and we say it advisedly, that just now for many patent reasons the great body of the Craft desiderate no essential alterations whatever in our well-balanced system. "Leave well alone" is an adage to be carefully kept in mind by all such would be reformers, as we are convinced that Grand Lodge will be most indisposed to countenance any aspirations for hasty innovations, or any unnecessary cry for restless change.

AMONG the appointments announced in Grand Lodge, none will give greater general satisfaction we feel sure, than the recognition of the eminent services of Bro. MCINTYRE, our valued Grand Registrar. For 20 years his name has prominently before the Craft, and few brethren there are who have so earned the good will of his contemporaries and the confidence of the Grand Lodge. As our legal adviser, we look up to him habitually and confidingly in every emergency and never in vain, for wise counsels and constitutional dicta.

THE first meeting of the Stewards for the Boys' School Festival in June, Lord HOLMESDALE being the Chairman, took place on Tuesday last, when Bro. JAMES S. EASTES, D.G.M., for Kent, and Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, G.S.B., were elected Grand Chairmen, and Bro. HORACE B. MARSHALL, Treasurer of Stewards. The locale of the festival is not yet fixed itself though the inclination of the meeting was strongly Brightonwards. In fact it seems desirable to get out of London, and London-on-the-Sea has this great advantage, that it is easily acceptable and get-at-able by all. There is a great deficiency of the needful accomodation in the suburbs of London, and we are inclined to think that the selection of Brighton has many advantages, and will commend itself to many friends of the Boys' School.

WE call attention to a question elsewhere by two brothers, namely, by one who signs himself "H. E. F.," and another "District Grand Master." As we remark Editorially in a foot-note to "H. E. F.'s" letter we do not profess to understand the point he raises, and think that there must be some error. The Table of Precedence is so clear on the subject that unless altered by authority no mistake ought to occur. It may be a question of fine constitutional law as to how far the Table of Precedence is part of the Book of Constitutions. A good deal will turn on what took place in 1815, when our present Book of Constitutions in its main portions was passed by Grand Lodge. If the Table of Precedence was then submitted to Grand Lodge it still practically forms part of the Book of Constitutions.

THE matter to which a Steward calls our special attention, is one to which we have thought it our duty previously to advert more than once. A good deal of harm has been done by the tone of argument alluded to by our correspondent foolishly and hastily, though, let us hope, not maliciously adopted by some.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The three Principals' chairs were occupied by Comps. J. M. Pulteney Montagu, as M.E.Z.; Col. John Creaton, as H.; and the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as J.; Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, S.E.; Comp. Capt. N. G. Philips, as S.N.; Comp. R. Grey, as P.S.; Comp. Frank Richardson, as First A.S.; Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, Second A.S.; and Comps. James Lewis Thomas, as Sword Bearer; James Glaisher, H. Maudslay, J. S. Peirce, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, H. J. P. Dumas, C. Greenwood, D.C.; George Lambert, John Messent, Magnus Ohren, Frank Green, J. M. Case, Peter de L. Long, Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., Wilhelm Ganz, and H. G. Buss were the other Grand and Past Grand Officers present. The other companions were:

Comps. D. P. Cama, J. 255; George Drysdale, H. 7; W. H. Saunders, H. 1503; Edgar Bowyer, P.Z. 176; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.Z. 255 and 1503; S. Pounceby, P.Z. 156; G. Lambert, P.Z. 7 and 21; Lt.-Col. F. Gough, 419, P.P.G.H. Staffordshire; Alfred J. Dottridge, J. 1489; Edw. W. Braine, Z. 145; William Alfred Malony, H. 1839; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.Z. 1194, P.G.J. Middx.; H. E. Frances, Z. 1339; J. W. Brooke, M.E.Z. 1839; John E. Davison, M.E.Z. 404; S. P. Catterson, P.Z. 79; C. J. Smith, M.E.Z. 58; W. Chicken, M.E.Z. 65; R. Brewin, P.Z. 112, 279, P.P.G.S.N. Devon; Charles Daniel, H. 65; E. F. Storr, Z. 192, P.Z. 1044; N. Goodchild, Z. 704; F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., P.Z., Treas. 404, P.P.G.H. Herts; W. H. Lee, P.Z. 1524; C. H. Webb, J. 1549; Alfred A. Pendlebury, P.Z. 1056; Charles K. Killick, H. 228; N. McCarthy, Z. 820; W. H. Perryman, P.Z. 1348; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; Henry P. Isaac, M.E.Z. 188; T. Dolling Bolton, P.Z. 778; Henry G. Thompson, Z. 1556; W. J. Crutch, P.Z. 1385; H. H. Locke, P.Z. 109, 106, 112; C. A. Woods, J. 1572; E. Davies, J. 228; R. S. Pigott, Z. 11; Frank Green, P.Z. 8; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 (*Freemason*).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was declared M.E.Z. by Comp. MONTAGU, who also announced that his Royal Highness had appointed

Comp. The Earl of Carnarvon... Pro G.Z.
 " The Earl of Lathom ... G.H.
 " The Duke of Albany, K.G. ... G.J.
 (Lord de Tabley having requested to be relieved of that office on account of ill-health.)

The other Grand Officers were—
 Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke ... G.S.E.
 " Colonel Stanley, M.P. ... G.S.N.
 " Rev. Herbert G. Morse ... G.P.S.
 " Thomas W. Tew ... G. 1st A.S.
 " Ralph Gooding, M.D. ... G. 2nd A.S.
 " John Derby Allcroft ... G. Treas.
 " E. J. McIntyre, Q.C. ... G. Reg.
 " Frank Green ... G. Swd. Br.
 " Thomas Dolling Bolton ... G. 1st Std. Br.
 " Raymond Henry Thrupp ... G. 2nd Std. Br.
 " Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Foster Gough ... G. 3rd Std. Br.
 " Edgar Bowyer ... G. 4th Std. Br.
 " George Lambert ... G.D.C.
 " Robert Turtle Pigott, D.C.L. ... G. Asst. D.C.
 " Wilhelm Ganz ... G. Org.
 " Henry Gustavus Buss ... G. Asst. S.E.
 " Henry Sadler ... G. Janitor.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report was as follows:

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.
 The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 17th January, to the 17th April, 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£681 0 7	By Disbursements during the Quarter	£223 19 11
" " Unappropriated		" Balance	912 14 5
" " Account...	232 14 5	" " in Unappropriated	
" Subsequent Receipts	432 6 8	" " Account	209 7 4
	£1346 1 8		£1346 1 8

Which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

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

1st. From Comps. John Derby Allcroft, as Z.; the Rev. Philip Honoré Ernest Brette, as H.; Alfred Brookman, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, London, to be called the Aldersgate Chapter, and to meet at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, in the City of London.

2nd. From Comps. Frederick Howell, as Z.; Edwin Farley, as H.; James Gladwell, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable, to be called the Chiltern Chapter, and to meet at the Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Goddard Rogers, as Z.; William Robert Woodman, M.D., as H.; Mark Farrant, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Union, No. 444, Starcross, to be called the Chapter of Union, and to meet at the Courtenay Arms Hotel, Starcross, in the county of Devon.

4th. From Comps. the Rev. Hayman Alfred James Cummings, as Z.; the Rev. Robert Jamblin, as H.; Henry Tuff, as J.; and ten others for a chapter to be attached to the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, Farningham, to be called the Lullingstone Chapter, and to meet at the Lullingstone Masonic Hall, Hawley, in the county of Kent.

5th. From Comps. Arthur Edwin Taylor, as Z.; William Howard Paddle, as H.; George William Saul, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, Kingston, to be called the Ewell Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, in the county of Surrey.

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

The Committee have further to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Cana Chapter, No. 116, Colne, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire, praying for charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February, 1882.

The memorial being in form and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have recently had before them several cases, where through neglect of the law as contained in Article 67, page 22 of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edit. 1879), candidates have been exalted at a less period than 12 calendar months from the date of becoming Master Masons—one case in particular having occurred 20 years ago though having only now come to light. The Committee have in each case admonished the chapters to be more observant of the law in the future, and have ordered the candidates in question to be re-obligated. They now call attention to this serious irregularity with view to greater care being taken in future that the "satisfactory proof" required by the above-quoted regulation be previously obtained in every instance.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON,
 Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. P.P.G. Soj., Grand Treas.
 18th April, 1883. President.

On the motion of Col. CREATON the several recommendations in the above report were carried.

Comp. MONTAGU informed the companions that the Prince of Wales had nominated Comps. Col. Creaton, Robert Grey, and A. J. Duff Filer on the Committee of General Purposes.

The companions then elected Comps. George Lambert, James Lewis Thomas, Edward Letchworth, J. Sampson Peirce, Raymond Henry Thrupp, and J. H. Matthews on the Committee.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

NEXT WEDNESDAY'S FESTIVAL: ITS CHAIRMAN AND HIS PROVINCE.

On Wednesday next the ninety-fifth anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, and we hope, for the sake of the School, the Chairman, and all who take part in the event, that it will be our duty next week to record a highly successful meeting. There are, at all events, many reasons in favour of our hopes being realised. The Institution is a great and deserved favourite with the Craft. The brother who has undertaken to preside is a Mason of thirty-five years' standing; of high rank and acknowledged zeal and ability. He is popular in Grand Lodge, but especially in the province he has ruled so admirably since the summer of 1869; and, moreover, his province is numerically a strong one, and fully reciprocates the kindly feeling entertained towards it by its chief. In these circumstances we look forward with confidence to the results of next Wednesday's gathering, and, in sporting parlance, we trust the festival of 1883 will prove a bumper.

We have spoken in general terms of Bro. Beach's claims to the support of the Craft on Wednesday next; a few particulars as to his Masonic career will make them more apparent and, at the same time, will prove not a little interesting to our readers. Like many others of our foremost Masons, Bro. Beach acquired his earliest knowledge of our mysteries in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, having been initiated in it in the year 1848, when it stood as No. 460 on the roll of Grand Lodge; in the years 1852 and 1854 he occupied the Master's chair. He was Prov. Grand Junior Deacon of Oxfordshire in 1851; Prov. Grand Senior Deacon in 1852; and Prov. Grand Senior Warden in 1853. He appears to have been exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340—in those days No. 425—Oxford, and was elected to fill the several Principals' chairs in consecutive years, namely, that of J. in 1853, H. in 1854, and Z. in 1855. He was W.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in 1863 and has served thrice as M.E.Z. of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to it, namely in the years 1864, 1874, and 1875. On the death in January, 1869, of R.W. Bro. Sir Lucius Curtis, Admiral of the Fleet, and Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire, a successor to him was found in the person of Bro. Beach, M.P., whose patent of appointment is dated 1st June, 1869, and on the 29th of the same month he became Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Masons in the same province. Since then the lodges and chapters in the Isle of Wight have been placed under his control and with those of his original province constitute a Masonic subdivision of England, which is second to none in its support and advocacy of our principles, while there are only a few, such as the two Lancashires, West Yorkshire, Devonshire, Kent and Cheshire, which are its superiors in point of numerical strength. In the Mark Degree, Bro. Beach has won still higher distinction. He was W.M. during the years 1862-3-4 of the University Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 55, Oxford, is a P.M. of the Economy Lodge, No. 52, Winchester, and was Grand Mark Master Mason of England and Wales during the triennial period 1866-9. In the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, he is V.E. Provincial Prior of Hampshire. He is a supporter of all our Institutions, and in 1877 acted as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on which occasion Bro. Binckes had the good fortune to be able to announce a list of over £13,000 in donations and subscriptions. We regard this as a favourable omen for Bro. Hedges.

As regards the province, which, as we have said, is second to none in zeal and surpassed by only a few in point of numbers, it is not surprising that Freemasonry should have found its way into it at an early date. In the earliest list in the appendix to Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges" is an entry of a lodge at the "East India Arms, at Gosport, Mr. Timothy Raggett, 27th Feb., 1728," and it is certainly a curious coincidence that in the next two lists in order this lodge bears the same number—No. 35—as the present oldest lodge in the province, namely, the Medina, No. 35, Cowes, of the year 1732—according to Grand Lodge Calendar 1733—which was originally a London lodge, whence it migrated to its present abode in 1773. In the second of these two lists it is placed at the "Two Posts, Portsmouth," and among lodges of the year 1724. In 1740 the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 35, of 1724, had become No. 31, while the Gosport Lodge, of February, 1720, would seem to have disappeared. However, we have no intention of entering on this occasion upon a description of the ramifications of early Freemasonry in the Isle of Wight and Hampshire. It is enough for us to state that our Society made for itself homes in this part of England under the banners of both "Moderns" and "Ancients," and that several of them are still in existence, and doing good service to the Craft. These are the aforesaid Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, the date of whose creation is variously assigned to the years 1731, 1732, and 1733, and whose first place of meeting appears to have been the "Theatre Tavern, Goodman's-fields;" Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, of the year 1761, and "Ancient" origin; Royal Gloucester, No. 130, Southamp-

ton, 1772, and "Ancient;" Unity, No. 132, Ringwood, 1764, and of "Modern" creation; Albany, No. 151, Newport, Isle of Wight, 1777, and "Ancient;" East Medina, No. 175, Ryde, 1785, and "Ancient;" Hengist, No. 195, Bournemouth, 1770, and "Modern;" Phoenix, No. 257, Portsmouth, 1786, and "Modern;" Harmony, No. 309, Fareham, 1797, and "Modern;" and New Forest, No. 319, Lymington, 1799, and "Modern." All these came into existence before the Union, while centenary warrants have been granted to four, namely, Nos. 35, 130, 132, and 195. The following fourteen lodges were constituted between the years 1814 and 1869, to wit: Royal Sussex, No. 342; Peace and Harmony, 359; Southampton, 394; Portsmouth, 487; Yarborough, 551; Oakley, 694; Ryde, 698; Panmure, 723; Twelve Brothers, 785; Carnarvon, 804; Gosport, 903; Friendship, 928; United Brothers, 1060; Shirley, 1112. Since 1869 14 new lodges have been added to the roll, of which Aldershot Camp Lodge, 1331; St. Hubert, 1373; United Service, 1428; and Clausentum, 1461, were warranted before the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales, while the following 10 have had their warrants granted by his Royal Highness, namely: Prince of Wales, No. 1705, Gosport, in 1877; Landport, No. 1776, Landport, and Albert Edward, No. 1780, Southampton, in 1878; Duke of Connaught, No. 1834, Landport, in 1879; Sandown, No. 1860, Sandown, I. of W.; William of Wykeham, No. 1883, Winchester; and the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin, I. of W.; all in 1880; Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, No. 1903, Portsmouth, 1881; and the Hundred of Bosmere, No. 1958, Havant and the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, Aldershot, in 1882. It should be added that there are 18 Royal Arch Chapters, while a reference to the "Cosmo" shows, there are 10 Mark lodges besides sundry Rose Croix chapters, Templar preceptories, Red Cross conclaves, &c. These statistics and the returns at former festivals—notably that of the Boy's School in 1877, when the province supported their chief to the extent of over £620—shows that Bro. Beach is the chief of a district in which Freemasonry has established itself firmly and which is devoted to the best interests of the Craft. Again we say, this is ominous of nothing but good for the Girls' School and its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Hedges.

CONSECRATION OF THE HENNIKER MARK LODGE, No. 315.

Lord Henniker, Grand Master of Mark Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, on Saturday last consecrated a new Mark Lodge, styled the Henniker Lodge, No. 315, at the Hall of the Degree, Red Lion-square. Previous to the consecration a lodge was held, over which Bro. C. F. Matier presided, and at which Bros. Col. Radcliffe, Joshua Joyce Murray, and Sidney Tower were advanced to the Mark Degree. At the consecration of the Henniker Lodge Lord Henniker took the Master's chair; Capt. N. G. Philips the S.W.; and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the J.W. The other brethren present were Bros. F. Davison, G. Treasurer; F. Binckes, G.S.; Donald M. Dewar, A.G.S.; Robert Berridge, G.D.C.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C.; Frank Richardson, Charles Hammerton, C. F. Matier, Thomas Cubitt, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Hogard, James Terry, Meek, Controller; S. G. Bake, Col. Radcliffe, Joyce Murray, Sidney Tower, F. H. Cozens, H. De Lacy, and H. Massey (*Freemason*). The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Sidney Tower, and were performed by Bros. F. H. Cozens and De Lacy.

In opening the proceedings Lord HENNIKER said: I have come here to-day to entrust to you one of the most important duties Mark Masons can possibly perform—I mean, to entrust to you the care of a new lodge. This is no small matter, for the good management of the lodges under the care of the Grand Lodge of England means the bone and sinew of Mark Masonry. If your lodge is well managed—and let me say if it is strictly managed—you will add power to the Order; but if your lodge is loosely managed it will have the reverse effect upon the high position which I am glad to say Mark Masonry has attained at the present time. I am glad to say that every one of our lodges, speaking as a whole, are well managed, and I think there is such a spirit abroad among Mark Masons, not only in this country but throughout the world, that it would be almost impossible for it to be otherwise. You will allow me to say that my ambition is—and I think you will admit that my ambition is a natural one—that Mark Masonry should flourish under my rule, and that my name should be handed down to those who follow me as that of one who takes a great and a very deep interest in the Order, however great; and I can assure you that it is so—my failings may be—that they may say that I am not one among the Past Grand Masters when I have ceased to rule the Order who has taken the least interest in its welfare. You have asked me to allow you to call this lodge after my name. I am glad to give my name to this lodge because I believe that the founders are such that they will not fail in the work that we all have before us: I mean this—not only to make Mark Masonry a success in the eyes of those outside our Order, but to make it really acceptable to those who are earnest in the work that we have before us—to make it what it is and what it always should continue to be—an Order to which every upright, honorable, and straightforward man should be proud to belong. His lordship then called upon Bro. Binckes to deliver the oration.

Bro. BINCKES said he was taken by surprise and he should be sorry to make an attempt which might prove a failure. His lordship had so well addressed the brethren on the object of the meeting that he (Bro. Binckes) could not hope to excel the address. If he had only had an hour's notice he might have made some sort of preparation. They were met as admirers of Mark Masonry and zealous supporters of it in every phase and way, and he would ask his lordship to let him escape from the duty imposed on him, concluding with the wish that the Henniker Lodge might hand down to posterity for a long time not only the history and traditions of the Order, but its tenets, principles and practices.

The ceremony of consecration was afterwards proceeded with, and at the conclusion of the formula, Bro. Binckes, by request of Lord Henniker, installed Bro. Edgar Bowyer as First Master of the lodge. The officers invested were: Bros. Chas. Fredk. Hogard, S.W.; James Terry, J.W.; Controller S. G. Bake, M.O.; Col. Radcliffe, S.O.; Joyce Murray, J.O.; and Sidney Tower, Secretary.

A vote of thanks for consecrating the lodge was passed to Lord Henniker, together with the honorary membership of the lodge, on the proposition of the S.W., seconded by the J.W.

Lord HENNIKER in acknowledging the compliment said he had already told the brethren that he considered it a great honour to have the lodge named after him, and he was again pleased to be an honorary member of it.

He was delighted to accept the honour, and he hoped to have the pleasure to visit it on some future occasion. Although the term of his office had nearly expired, he hoped he should not cease to take an interest in Mark Masonry, and to show that he fully appreciated its great importance. He wished the lodge every success, and though he heard the lodge would not be a large one, it was better to have a small lodge of excellent men than a numerous lodge of indifferent men. He believed he knew enough of the work of the brethren who were associated with the W.M. to feel sure that in wishing the W.M. every success and prosperity in his year of office he might predict that the lodge would be an honour to the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Bros. Capt. Philips, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, C. F. Matier, F. Binckes, Robert Berridge, and Donald M. Dewar were also elected honorary members of the lodge, for which compliment Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips returned thanks.

The Worshipful Master undertook the Stewardship of the lodge for the next festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, after which the lodge was closed in due form.

An adjournment was then made to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most elegant banquet was provided in the Prince's Room. The W.M. of the lodge presided, and was supported on his right by Lord Henniker, and on his left by Bro. Binckes. The brethren who attended lodge also attended the banquet. Before the toasts were proposed Lord Henniker, however, was called away by a previous engagement, and consequently did not respond to the toast of the M.W.G.M.M.M.

Bro. C. F. MATIER was the first to respond to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and in doing so said he wished the lodge every success. It had been consecrated under most auspicious circumstances, having been honoured by the Grand Master himself in "propria persona." There had been a large attendance of brethren, every one of whom wished the lodge success and prosperity. The W.M.'s reign would be an extraordinarily happy one, and every Grand Officer would wish him God speed.

Bro. Capt. PHILIPS said he had performed only a small part in the ceremony of the day, being only the bearer of the symbol of joy and happiness round the lodge. He hoped that symbol was a prelude of the happiness in store for the lodge. The Grand Master was very sorry to be unable to stay till the evening was ended and respond to the toast proposed in his honour. As an honorary member of the lodge, he (Capt. Philips) hoped to have an opportunity of visiting the lodge at a future time.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE also responded, and expressed the great pleasure he had had in assisting, although only in a small way, at the consecration of the lodge, most of the founders of which he had the pleasure of knowing. From what he knew of Bro. Edgar Bowyer in the Mark and in the other Degrees he knew he would carry out the duties of his office to the utmost of his power and place the Henniker Lodge in the highest rank.

Bro. F. DAVISON, G.T. Middlesex and Surrey, returned thanks for the toast of "The Prov. G.M.M.M. of Middlesex and Surrey."

Bro. C. HAMMERTON also responded.

Bro. F. BINCKES, G.S., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." The task was somewhat difficult, because he might be tempted, from a lengthened knowledge and experience of the many merits and deserts of Bro. Bowyer, to speak in complimentary terms of him, which would be much better done in his absence than in his presence. But he felt he could legitimately speak of him in complimentary terms in his presence, especially when he was encouraged and supported by the personal presence of so many of his most valued and intimate friends. If he might slightly vary the words of one of our greatest poets, he might say that there were some who were born to honours, some who achieved honours, and some on whom honours were thrust. To him it appeared that the first involved perhaps either one of the latter two, as any individual born to honours it was always a foregone conclusion that he would either achieve honours or have honours thrust upon him, and it possibly might be he would be so exceptionally fortunate an individual as to be situated in both positions. That he would not analyse too closely. But to speak of Bro. Bowyer he would say that from a long experience of him he had found him show an earnest desire to devote himself in every way to the promotion of the best interests of Freemasonry. That had been done from a single-mindedness of purpose which should actuate every one who entered Masonry. Bro. Bowyer had signally succeeded. He had rendered himself most agreeable to all by a geniality of manner and kindness of disposition that ought to be the aim of every one to attain. He had shown himself a kind personal friend, which was no small merit of itself. The brethren were all very glad that he had been so successful in achieving honours, and he must be very happy to feel that he had availed himself of every opportunity of dispensing happiness amongst the brethren. It was a great subject of pride that in addition to obtaining Grand Lodge honours he had been first Master of a new Craft Lodge, and first Master of a new Mark Lodge, and it seemed extraordinary that the mastership of a new Mark Lodge should have fallen to him on the eve of his being advanced to high honours in United Grand Lodge of England. He hoped to see him attain similar honours in Grand Mark Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in reply said he did not feel that he was entitled to all the complimentary remarks of Bro. Binckes but he could say he had always tried to deserve the good opinion of those among whom his lot was cast, and if he had succeeded in doing that he was sufficiently gratified.

Bros. F. A. PHILBRICK, O.C., and FRANK RICHARDSON replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. Col. RADCLIFFE for "The Newly-Advanced Brethren."

Bro. F. BINCKES responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and was gratified to find himself once more able to take an active participation in the ceremonies of the degree in which he felt so great an interest and with which he had been so long associated. Although he had been for some time in indifferent health, it had been to him a great pleasure to be again sufficiently well to perform those duties he had never been one to shirk. There was always this consolation that any honest worker in Freemasonry could lay this to his heart, that he would be met with a large amount of indulgent and kind consideration even though his duties were imperfectly performed. His spirit was still as good as ever it had been, and he trusted that the wish of the brethren that his health might be completely restored would be speedily realised. But whether that should be so or not, he had been delighted to be able once more to take an active part in Masonry as he had that day, and he hoped he might be spared a few years to be among the brethren, and not the least among his happy reminiscences would be the pleasure he had had in installing Bro. Edgar Bowyer as Master of the Henniker Mark Lodge.

Bro. HOGARD, S.W., and Bro. JAMES TERRY, J.W., responded for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast having been given the company separated.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the coming festival took place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, and there were present Bros. John Hall, P.M. 1414; J. L. Mather, P.M.; George Cooper, P.M. 198; Dr. Ramsay, P.M. 259; G. P. Festa, W.M. 1900; C. Whadcoat, 1602; F. R. Spaul, 1124; George Drysdale, P.M. 222; George Brown, P.M. 146; G. A. Ames, 2; J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; Richard Barham, P.M. 144; R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922; R. Bird, W.M. 1694; Edgar Bowyer, G.S.B.; Horace B. Marshall, P.M. 1949; Geo. Page, P.M. 1209; C. Bolton, W.M. 777; J. Child, W.M. 453; Chillingworth, W.M. 1973; Hugh M. Gordon, W.M. 1293; A. C. Tanquerary, 33; J. Boyd, 23; J. J. Stohwasser, P.M. 569; R. Gooding, G.D.; Capt. Butterworth, P.M. 1604, W.M. 1833; Richard Clowes, W.M. 650; J. G. Henning, W.M. 127; C. Causens, 4; T. Wallis, 201; P. McCarthy, 1076; J. O. Maple, 657; W. H. Homann, W. W. Newell, 1671; E. G. Lewis, 754; Wm. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; T. A. Logan, 91; S. H. Goldschmidt, 1641; Dr. Pocock, 1891; W. H. Hooper, 435; W. P. Webb, F. Foxley, 173; Cutbush, 1385; E. Good, 871; H. Faig, 1540; R. A. Meyer, 34; J. H. Hawkins, 1693; C. Hawksley, W.M. 1702; T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; and Charles T. Veal, 1365.

The following brethren were unanimously elected officers of the Board of Stewards: President: R.W. Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Vice-President of Institutions, P.G.M. East Lancashire. Hon. President: R.W. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire; R.W. Bro. Col. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M. Jersey; V.W. Bro. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G. Chap.; W. Bro. F. Tew, G.S.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire. Acting Presidents: W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M. Kent; W. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, G.S.B. Hon. Treas.: W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., W.M. 1949; Hon. Sec., Bro. F. Binckes, P.G. Std., Secretary of Institution.

It was resolved that the Festival be held under similar arrangements to those of recent years; ladies and brethren dining at the same table.

That the sum to be deposited by each Steward be £2 2s.

The question of the locality for the Festival was deferred for decision of the Board at its next meeting on 17th May.

It was announced that the number of Stewards up to that day was 308.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

It being understood that Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, one of Freemasonry's "men of light and leading," is about to leave Cornwall on account of his health, a proposal to present him with a suitable testimonial in recognition of his long and valuable services to Freemasonry, emanating from Lodge of Fortitude, Truro, No. 131, is to be laid before all the lodges of the province for their consideration. Bro. Hughan's connection with Freemasonry has been a long and active one, and he has so identified himself with the mystic Order that among the Masons not only in Cornwall, but of England and many other parts of the world, his name has for many years been "familiar in their mouths as household words" as a standard authority upon all points connected with the Craft. The notion of the testimonial was first set on foot, as already stated, in the Lodge of Fortitude, Truro, of which Bro. Hughan is a highly honoured and respected member. At the supper which followed the lodge meeting on April 10th, in proposing "The M.W.G.M. of England, and the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge," the W.M., Bro. Angel, said he thought they were highly privileged, as a lodge, in having the services of such an esteemed and valued brother as Bro. Hughan. He regretted to learn Bro. Hughan was about to leave Truro, but Bro. Angel thought they ought not to allow Bro. Hughan to do so without, in some way, marking their sense and appreciation of his past valuable services. These sentiments of the W.M. were responded to in a most hearty and unanimous manner, and from that time the idea of presenting Bro. Hughan with a testimonial was fairly set on foot. A special meeting of the lodge was called for the 24th ult., at which there was a very large gathering of members to consider the question. Numerous letters of apology were read from brethren who found it impossible to attend, in all of which the warmest sympathy with the movement was expressed. After the matter had been discussed in a most hearty and unanimous spirit, the following resolutions were carried—"That the members of this lodge learn with much regret and sorrow of the proposed removal of their Worshipful Brother, Bro. Hughan, from the city of Truro; and deeply sympathising with him in its cause, express a sincere wish that both himself and Mrs. Hughan may speedily be restored to perfect health;" "That the members of this lodge express their deep thankfulness to Bro. Hughan for the very great interest he has invariably taken in its welfare, and in the happiness of the members both in and out of the lodge, and they hope, although removed from the immediate locality, he will always manifest the same warm interest in the success of the lodge with which he has been so closely allied and attached." "That the members of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, Truro, being desirous of expressing their fraternal affection for their esteemed and learned brother, Worshipful Bro. Hughan, do resolve at this special lodge meeting to use their best endeavours to bring his immense services for Freemasonry before all the members of the province, in order that a general testimonial in recognition of his arduous and self-denying labours, and to mark the sincere regard and esteem of the Masonic body (and such as shall be worthy of his acceptance), may be presented to him; and they invite the hearty co-operation of every lodge in Cornwall for that purpose." A Committee consisting of Bros. Angel, W.M.; W. Symons, S.W.; T. C. Mack, J.W.; Middleton, Treasurer; J. Tonkin, Secretary; and P.M.'s Chirgwin, Johns, and Holloway, was appointed, with Bro. Chirgwin as Treasurer, to carry out the details of the scheme, which is certain, owing to Bro. Hughan's high reputation and popularity among the members of the Craft, to be a great success.

Bro. Hughan's connection with Freemasonry extends over many years. He was initiated into the mysteries of the Brotherhood at Devonport. On going to Truro he joined the Phoenix Lodge, and afterwards, on September 11th, 1866, he became a member of the Fortitude Lodge, in which he has remained ever since. He has passed

through all the chairs in that lodge, having been W.M. in 1868, and again in 1878. He has also proved himself a most useful member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which he is P.P.G.S., and on retiring from office he was presented with a testimonial of £50, which he handed over to the Charities. He is also P.G.S.D. of the Grand Lodge of England, is an honorary member of many lodges in the province and England, is honorary G.S.D. of Egypt, and has numerous other honours conferred upon him in America and elsewhere. He has likewise written several works on Freemasonry, which have now become standard authorities, among them being "A numerical and Numismatical Register of Lodges," "Old charges of the British Freemasons," and "History of Freemasonry in York." The profits from these works he also handed over to the Charities. He is editor and compiler of the "Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge," a useful and exhaustive little handbook. As recently as the 17th of last month Bro. Hughan delivered an admirable lecture on "The rise and progress of Freemasonry; its tenets and principles," to the members of the Fortitude Lodge, of instruction of which he is Preceptor.—*Western Morning News.*

FIELD-LANE RAGGED SCHOOLS.

The festival dinner of the Field-lane Refuges and Ragged Schools was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Westminster Palace Hotel. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught presided, and among those present were Bros. the Earl of Shaftesbury (president of the institution), Gen. Elmhirst, Col. Sir Howard Elphinstone, Sir Maurice Fitzgerald, Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Sheriff Savory, Alderman Sir W. Ellis, Alderman Sir R. W. Carden, M.P., and others.

The loyal toasts having been given, his Royal Highness proposed the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Field-lane Refuges and Ragged Schools." He said the schools were started in 1841 with five children, since which time they had gone on extending their operations. The system under which the schools were carried on worked admirably, and the institution, in common with other ragged schools, had done a vast amount of good among the destitute and neglected children in the metropolis. He made a special appeal for help at the present time. There was a debt of £2700 now on the institution, owing to the erection of new schools, the old ones having been removed to make way for improvements by the Metropolitan Board of Works. In the institution at this time, 60 were maintained in the refuges and servants' home, 200 in the industrial home, 600 were benefited by the ragged schools, 500 by the ragged church, 500 by the mothers' meeting and relief society, and 100 by free dinners for ragged children, total 2120. During the past year 454 men and women had been afforded shelter and accommodation in the night refuges, lodging had been given to a large number, and 216 had been assisted in getting employment or had been otherwise provided for. In the servants' home 50 necessitous and friendless girls had been under training, 31 of whom had been placed in service or in other institutions. The annual expenditure amounted to £7000, and the reliable income only £4000. It was, therefore, necessary at once to raise £3000 by voluntary contributions, and that was the reason why he made a strong and earnest appeal to them on that occasion. In conclusion, his Royal Highness repeated that the work done by the Institution was a great and noble one, and should be generously supported by the public.

The toast having been drunk, The Earl of Shaftesbury briefly responded, and in the course of his remarks also referred to the charitable and reformatory work accomplished by the ragged schools, which had up to the present time taken 300,000 children off the streets of London, and sent them to the colonies or into service, thus rescuing them from misery and placing them in the way of earning a respectable livelihood. The Field-lane Schools deserved all his Royal Highness had said of them, and he hoped they would yet be much further extended.

Other toasts followed. The total amount of the contributions in connection with the festival was stated to be £1388, including the sum of £917, the list of his Royal Highness, who gave £25 to the schools. During the evening the children of the Institution, which numbers 85 girls and 116 boys, assembled at the bottom of the room, and sang several pieces in a creditable manner.

FORMATION OF A PROV. GRAND M.M.M. LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The proceedings which took place at Nottingham on the 21st ult. were in connection with the Order of Mark Master Masons. It is believed to be of greater antiquity than the more popular branch of Freemasonry and has made rapid strides in public favour during recent years. The following is a list of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons: M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M. M.M.; R.W. Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, D.G.M.; Right Hon. Lord Robartes, G.S.W.; and Wm. Hickman, G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. J. Brook Smith, G.M.O.; O. H. Pearson, G.S.G.; Thos. Howkins, G.J.O.; Rev. R. P. Bent, M.A., Grand Chap.; Rev. Wm. Randell, M.A., Grand Chap.; Frederick Davison, Grand Treas.; H. C. Levander, M.A., Grand Reg.; and Fredk. Binckes, P.G.J.W., Grand Sec.; Donald M. Dewar, P.G.M.A., Grand Assist. Sec.; W. Bros. G. Toller, junr., G.S.D.; E. Margaret, G.S.D.; P. de Collin, G.J.D.; H. J. Garnett, G.J.D.; R. W. Edis, G.I. of Wks.; Robert Berridge, P.G.M.O., G.D. of C.; Wm. Watson, G.A.D. of C.; Fredk. Long, Grand Swd. Br.; S. J. Turquand, Grand Std. Br.; Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Org.; Charles Pulman, G.I.G.; and C. T. Speight, G. Tyler.

The origin of the Newstead Mark Lodge, like its namesake, is said to be of "time immemorial," though its minutes date from the year 1802. It meets at the Masonic Hall four times a year, and has for its Worshipful Master, Bro. C. B. Truman, for its Senior Warden, Bro. E. C. Patchitt, and for its Junior Warden, Bro. H. J. Norris. The Fleming Mark Lodge, No. 265, is held at the Savings Bank, Newark, four times a year, and has for its Worshipful Master, Bro. J. M. Davis, for its Senior Warden, Bro. H. Walton, and for its Junior Warden, Bro. J. McLeod. It was thought that there should be a grand Mark Lodge for Nottinghamshire, and the highly interesting proceedings at the Masonic Hall on the above date were instituted for the purpose of establishing such a lodge, and appointing its first

grand officers. There was a large number of Mark Masons present from London, Birmingham, Derby, Leicester, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Hartlepool, and other Midland and Northern towns. The members of the Newstead Mark Lodge, of whom Bro. Joseph Ward is the Secretary, attended at the Masonic Hall at 11 o'clock on Friday forenoon to receive the brethren from a distance, to supply them with information, and to conduct them to the principal places of interest in the town and neighbourhood. The visitors were received at the entrance by Bros. J. Ward (Secretary), Dr. Hatherly, Thornley, J. Wigglesworth, Wills, and Councilor Vickers. The following were amongst the places visited: The Castle Museum, the University Buildings, the lace-dressing works of his worship the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Lindley), the lace manufactory of Bro. Sir Jas. Oldknow, the lace curtain manufactory of Bro. Doughtey, the leather works of Bro. Alderman Turney, the machine-building works of Bros. Blackburn and Attenborough, and the hosiery manufactories of Messrs. I. and R. Morley.

At two o'clock a lodge of emergency of the Newstead Mark Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Charles B. Truman, the choir singing the opening hymn commencing:

"Hail Eternal, by whose aid
All created things were made."

Amongst those present were the following: Grand Officers: Bros. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.; Lord Kintore, R.W.D.G.M.; C. P. Mattier, P.G.W., acting as G.J.W.; F. Davison, D.P.G.M.; G. Foljambe, G.S.D.; F. Binckes, G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, G.A. Sec.; R. Berridge, G.D. of C.; W. Watson, G.A.D. of C.; F. Lang, G.S.B.; G. Carter, G.S.; and G. Powell, G.C. Provincial Grand Masters: Bros. Pryce-Pryce, Province of South Wales; W. Kelly, Province of Leicester, Notts, and Derbyshire; J. W. Woodall, Province of North and East Yorks; and J. Watson, Province of Notts. Past Grand Officers: Bros. C. T. Lane, P.G.D.; W. Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; A. F. Goodson, D.D.G.M.; T. B. Whytehead, P.G.M.O.; T. J. Pulley, P.G.S.D.; C. F. Mattier, P.G.W.; J. Arbitt, P.G.S.D. Bro. the Earl of Limerick was expected to be present, but his duties in the House of Lords prevented him leaving London.

After some preliminary business had been transacted, Bro. Truman appointed a deputation to receive the M.W.G.M. Lord Henniker, and the officers of the Grand Lodge. The brethren stood to order, and the Organist having played a voluntary, Bro. Lord Henniker assumed the throne, and was saluted with grand honours. His Lordship then opened the Grand Lodge, and the choir sang the ode beginning—

"Hail, Masonry divine.

Bro. BINCKES, the Grand Secretary, then read the summons convening the meeting, after which the M.W.G.M. Lord Henniker, was informed that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Designate, Bro. John Watson, was without and requested to be installed. Bro. Lord Henniker directed that Bro. Watson should be introduced in proper form. Bro. Robert Berridge, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, together with several other Grand Officers and a number of Provincial Grand Officers, retired, formed into processional order, introduced Bro. Watson, and conducted him to the front of the pedestal in the east. Bro. Binckes, Grand Secretary, then read the patent of appointment, after which the Rev. Bro. Bagshaw, Past Grand Chaplain, offered a prayer, and the choir sang the ode "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power." Bro. Lord Henniker then addressed Bro. Watson on the nature of his duties and qualifications for the office of Provincial Grand Master. At this point, Bro. Berridge, in his capacity of Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed "That the county of Nottinghamshire is now and henceforth constituted a Mark province." Bro. Watson then undertook the necessary obligations pertaining to his appointment, and was conducted to the right of Bro. Lord Henniker, who invested him and inducted him to the chair. Bro. Watson was officially proclaimed as the Prov. Grand Master for Nottinghamshire, and was saluted with grand honours. The choir sang the anthem, "That which has gone out of thy lips," after which the other Provincial Grand Officers were appointed as follows:

Bro. W. Newton...	Prov. D.G.M.
" R. Fitzhugh ...	Prov. G. S.W.
" C. G. Wragg ...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Joseph Ward ...	Prov. G.S.D.
" Thos. Thorpe ...	Prov. G.J.D.
" M. Mann ...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. M. Davis ...	Prov. G.S.O.
" H. Walton ...	Prov. G.J.O.
" C. B. Truman ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. C. Patchitt ...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" H. R. Hatherly ...	Prov. G. Sec.
Bros. H. J. Norris and Rev. A. Wood	Prov. G. Stwds.
Bro. H. George ...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" Rev. F. V. Bussell ...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Wright ...	Prov. G. Org.
" Appleby ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" Glover ...	Prov. G. Tyler.

After votes of thanks had been proposed and other business transacted, Bro. Lord Henniker resumed his position on the throne, and the choir sang the closing ode,

"Now the evening shadows closing,
Warn from toil to peaceful rest."

The Rev. Bro. Bagshaw, Past Grand Chaplain, again offered up prayer, and the Grand Lodge having been duly closed the brethren retired to the banquet-room.

The banquet took place in the lower room of the Masonic Hall, and was presided over by Bro. Lord Henniker, R.W. Grand Mark Master Mason of England, who was supported by most of those present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge. After the repast,

Bro. Lord HENNIKER proposed "The Queen and Mark Masonry." His lordship said that this toast was always received with enthusiasm by all classes, and particularly amongst Masons, and not less amongst any other body of Masons than by the Mark Masons. (Cheers.) Her Majesty was the patron of the Order, the Prince of Wales was the Grand Master of England, and the Duke of Albany was one of the Grand Masters of Mark Masonry. (Applause.) He was sure they would all join with him on that occasion, not only in drinking her Majesty's health with the usual cordiality, but also in the sincere wish that the Queen might be restored to her usual health with the utmost possible speed. (Cheers.)

The toast was received with Masonic honours. Bro. WATSON proposed "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Henniker." He said Mark Masonry was progressing and extending, and he believed a

great deal of its success was due to the popularity of its Grand Master. (Applause.)

Bro. Lord HENNIKER in reply said he thanked them very much for the cordial reception they had given him. He prized their good feeling very highly, and if he was at all popular amongst the brethren it was perhaps because he tried to the best of his ability to do his duty to Mark Masonry. (Applause.) During the two years he had held office he had been very fortunate in having good officers around him to back him up, to help him, and to do their duty as he had endeavoured to do his. (Applause.) He was sorry he was obliged to return to London early in the evening, but he had other duties besides those pertaining to Mark Masonry, and if he got back that night he would have the whole of the following day before him, whereas if he delayed his return until the following morning he would lose the best part of the day. He wished to thank the Provincial Grand Master and the whole of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the magnificent reception they had given him, and for the trouble they had taken to make all the arrangements pleasant and comfortable. It was quite true that Mark Masonry was flourishing everywhere. Even the best of Institutions required a little pushing sometimes; but when he saw the enthusiasm displayed at every meeting of Mark Masonry which he attended, he did not think there was much pushing required. It was not at Nottingham alone where they had met with enthusiastic receptions. They had certainly had a most interesting ceremony in a splendid Masonic Hall, Craft Masonry was most flourishing in the province of Nottinghamshire, and he believed that very soon Mark Masonry would be as flourishing. They met with great enthusiasm wherever they went, and if the Grand Officers, the officers of lodges, and brethren carried on the business of Mark Masonry with the same spirit, having duty as their watchword, and the same desire to promote the welfare of the Order, he was sure they would go on from year to year increasing in strength, in numbers, in influence, and in usefulness. (Applause.) Their meeting that day had been of a most pleasing character, and he would carry away reminiscences of it which he would not easily forget. There was one thing which had cast a cloud over their meeting, and that was the death of Bro. Vowles, who had taken a most active interest in that province both in Mark Masonry and in Craft Masonry. (Hear, hear.) He had heard of Bro. Vowles' death with deep regret. He had to apologise to them for the absence from that banquet of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, who had had great pleasure in attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but had been obliged to return to London as soon as it was over, in consequence of the illness of his children. Before sitting down he wished to propose to them "The Health of Bro. John Watson, the Provincial Grand Master," to whom was entrusted the most important duty of governing that province in Mark Masonry. He was sure that in appointing Bro. Watson as their Provincial Grand Officer they had taken the best possible course for the promotion of Mark Masonry in Nottinghamshire. (Applause.)

Bros. Lord Henniker, Binckes, Dewar, and other Grand Officers here left the room in order to catch the train for London.

Bro. WATSON, in acknowledging the toast, said if the Grand Master felt a responsibility in the establishment of that province, how much greater responsibility did he (Bro. Watson) feel in undertaking the office of Grand Master for Nottinghamshire. Of one thing he was certain, and that was that if any great measure of success attended their efforts it would be due to the assistance which his officers would be able to render him. He could himself do something, doubtless, but his officers could do a great deal more. Many of them had perhaps not had honours showered upon them as he had, but they had had a much greater experience in the working of the Craft, and it was to their help he looked for the effectual working of the arrangements of the province. He did not believe that any Provincial Grand Master was surrounded by a better set of officers, and he would do his best to carry out the principles of the Order in a satisfactory way. When it was first designed to form a province, they put themselves in communication with the authorities in London, and from that day to this they had met with nothing but kindness and assistance. In conclusion he proposed "The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Kintore), and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and with the toast he associated the name of Bro. Kelly, Prov. Grand Master for Leicestershire.

Bro. KELLY responded, and thanked the company on behalf of the Grand Officers. He said he had known Bro. Watson for many years and had always found him kind and courteous. He (Bro. Kelly) was the oldest Prov. Grand Officer in England, and Bro. Watson was now the youngest. He had a pleasant recollection of Mark Masonry in Nottingham many years ago, for he came to join that Order about 25 years since, and he was devotedly attached to it from that time onward.

Bro. the Rev. BAGSHAW also responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, and said he felt highly honoured, first of all in having been appointed a Grand Chaplain in the County Palatine, and also, through Lord Lathom's kindness, in being chosen a Grand Chaplain from the time immemorial Lodge of Newstead Mark Masters when still an independent lodge, and before it recognised the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of Mark Masonry in England. His certificate was allowed by Bro. Binckes to be perfectly regular and correct, and nobody could be more generous in their treatment of him than the Grand Mark Lodge of England had been. He trusted there would be perfect harmony throughout the country, and that Mark Masonry would make rapid progress.

Bro. WATSON afterwards proposed "The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Notts, Bro. W. Newton, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge." He referred particularly to the services of Bros. Newton and George, and said the province had much reason to be grateful for the services they had rendered.

Bro. NEWTON, in acknowledging the compliment, said it was sometimes necessary to sink small differences in order to gain great objects, and he felt that had been done in establishing this Provincial Grand Lodge. He extremely regretted the death of Bro. Vowles, who had rendered such great service to the Order, and whose genial countenance they remembered so well; but he was perfectly certain that their deceased brother was prepared to take office under the Great Overseer in the Lodge above. He also referred to the large family which Bro. Vowles had left behind, and made some practical suggestions with regard to their future career. He referred to the valuable services which Bro.

Bussell had rendered to Craft Masonry and Mark Masonry, and congratulated this newly-formed lodge on the success which had attended its efforts.

Bro. WATSON proposed "The W.M. and Officers and Members of the Newstead Lodge (Time Immemorial)," to which toast Bro. C. B. TRUMAN suitably responded.

The other toasts included "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," "The Visitors," &c.

In the course of the proceedings songs were rendered by Bro. R. De Lacy, M. A. Castings, Mr. Dunkerton, and Mr. Orange.

THE GRAND MASTER AT OXFORD.

With impressive ceremony, and in presence of a distinguished company, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on Wednesday last laid the foundation stone of the Indian Institute in the University of Oxford with Masonic ceremony. The event was of interest not only in academic circles, but to the whole population of Oxford, who did their utmost to give the Prince a loyal and enthusiastic welcome. The streets were gay with flags and banners, streamers and bannerets of every hue, and bands of excursionists poured in from all quarters to swell the vast throng which surged around the embryo building ere long to become the abiding place of the Indian Institute. The structure hereafter to be known by that title occupies a site close to the Convocation House, and will have two handsome façades, one fronting Broad-street, and the other Holywell-street. Designed by Mr. Basil Champness in the style of the English Renaissance, the plan shows a free and bold treatment of the subject. Every use has been made of the advantages offered by the style to assist the purposes of the institute. Professor Monier Williams, by whose energy the work has been carried to its present point, has explained that its first and main object is to give effective and trustworthy teaching in all subjects that relate to India and its inhabitants; to promote and encourage Indian researches; to concentrate and disseminate correct ideas on Indian matter by united effort and combined action. To carry out this object the total sum received up to the end of last year was £20,150, including donations from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and a large number of Indian princes and well-wishers to India of all ranks and classes, in sums ranging from £1 to £9000 (the latter the donation of Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey).

Shortly before noon the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was opened in the Sheldonian Theatre. His Royal Highness, as Grand Master of the Order, and most of the Grand Officers were present, and walked in procession through the Convocation Hall to the new building. After a short religious service, Professor Monier Williams asked His Royal Highness to lay the foundation stone, and a procession was formed from the dais to the turret, where the memorial stone is placed, the proper officers carrying the cornucopia and the flagons with wine and oil.

Before laying the stone the Prince delivered the ancient charge which from time immemorial has been spoken on like occasions. The Divine blessing having been invoked by the Grand Chaplain,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE read the memorial inscription as follows: "This memorial stone was laid by his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, May 2nd, 1883. Trustees, Sir Thomas Brassey, Sir T. F. Colebrooke, Monier Williams, C.I.E." Coins were then deposited in the cavity, and its bed of cement having been prepared, the stone was lowered to its place. Corn, wine, and oil were sprinkled upon it according to ancient form, and his Royal Highness declared the stone well and truly laid. After a further short religious service the ceremony at the building was brought to a close. The Masonic procession returned to the Sheldonian Theatre, where the lodge was closed.

A luncheon was afterwards given in Balliol Hall, under the presidency of Dr. Jovett.

After lunch, Professor JOWETT, in an appropriate speech, briefly reviewed the steps which had led to the formation of the Institute, and referred to the interest which the Royal Family had always taken in Oxford. He proposed "The Health of the Queen," and the toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The Dean of CHRIST CHURCH gave "The Health of the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family," also speaking of the interest his Royal Highness had always taken in Oxford University.

The Prince of WALES: I feel deeply grateful to my old and valued friend, the Dean of Christ Church, for the kind way in which he has proposed this toast. It is, I can assure everybody here, always a sincere pleasure to me to revisit the University of Oxford, with which I have been associated now for nearly a quarter of a century. I only regret that of late years my visits, like those of angels, have been few and far between. But the University may rest assured that the deep interest I feel in everything connected with it has by no means diminished—(cheers)—and whenever an opportunity arises to come here and engage in any useful work of benefit to the University, it will always be a sincere pleasure to me. (Cheers.) There have been during these 25 years many changes. This is not the occasion on which it would be right for me to allude to them; still, when I come here and see the many fine edifices which have been erected, I cannot help being struck with the great progress that has been made. I can only say how gratified I was at the beautiful building we were in last night—the University Schools—and how glad I was to see that it was used for recreation, such as the concert which we had the pleasure of listening to there. (Cheers.) I have come here to-day to lay the foundation stone of the Indian Institute. To lay the foundation stone of a building which I cannot help thinking will be of great use, not only to this country but also to India, is an event of great interest; but it is of peculiar interest to me, having been in India, and having had the opportunity, even though it were only for a brief time, of travelling over a vast expanse of that country, and coming into contact with many distinguished Indians. I feel convinced that this Institute will draw nearer together those bonds of brotherhood and affection which are so desirable between her Majesty's Indian subjects and the mother country. (Cheers.) Such an Institute is a matter of some importance to students, not only in this country, but in other nations—not only to students from India itself, but to outsiders who may wish to come and study the languages of India, its topography, its geography,

and its history, and to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with that country, which, from the immense distance, was naturally very difficult for many to visit. Most cordially do I endorse the wishes which have fallen from the lips of the Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of Christ Church, that this enterprise, so successfully begun by Professor Monier Williams, may be carried to full completion. (Cheers.) He has shown that energy which I think is the boast of every Englishman, that when a work is once begun we work at it until it is finished. (Cheers.) I congratulate him after all the years of trouble he has had, that the day has now come when the foundation-stone has been laid, and I trust that before many months are over the edifice will be erected, and that he will hear of many within its walls deriving all those advantages which it has been brought into existence to supply. (Cheers.) Our time is short, and I will not detain you longer. I thank you sincerely for your kindness to myself, for your mention of the name of the Princess, who regrets that she cannot be present, and also on behalf of my brother the Duke of Albany, whose absence on the Continent prevents him accompanying me on this interesting occasion. (Cheers.)

Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE proposed "The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Scholars of Oxford University," which was responded to by the Marquis of SALISBURY.

The Earl of KIMBERLEY proposed "The Health of Professor Monier Williams."

Professor MONIER WILLIAMS, in reply, spoke of the interest which her Majesty and the Royal Family took in the work, and thanked all the subscribers who had assisted him in founding the Institute. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had kindly encouraged him in the work, and had urged him to persevere in his efforts to make India better known to Englishmen.

The proceedings were then brought to a close, and his Royal Highness returned to London by the special train which left Oxford at half-past four.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, the 30th ult., this Provincial Priory held its annual gathering under the banner of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, in the Masonic Hall, York. At three o'clock p.m. the Ancient Ebor Preceptory was opened by its E. Preceptor, Fra. M. Millington, and shortly afterwards the Prov. Sub-Prior, Fra. J. W. Woodall, was announced, and received with due honours. Fra. Woodall then opened a Provincial Priory, and proceeded to business, explaining the absence of Lord Lonsborough, the Prov. Prior. The members of the Order who were present were (from Ancient Ebor) Fras. M. Millington, Rev. J. E. M. Young, T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, W. Lawton, Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, G. Simpson, J. Marshall, and W. Brown; (from Antient York) Fras. F. A. Hopwood, M. C. Peck, W. Reynolds, G. Wilkinson, H. Logan, and Edwd. Kippes; (from Geoffry de Bouillon) Fras. W. H. Marwood, Ivor Murray, and S. Middleton. Visitors: Fras. T. W. Tew, Prov. Prior West Yorkshire; J. D. Kay, Prov. Sub-Prior West Yorkshire; Rev. W. C. Lukis, J. W. Monckman, J. Quarterman, and J. Deacon.

The Prov. Prior of West Yorkshire was received and saluted with the usual honours. The minutes of the last Provincial Priory, held at Scarborough, were read and confirmed. The report of the Committee on the bye-laws was received and adopted, and Fra. W. Reynolds was unanimously re-elected Prov. Treasurer. The alms were collected for a Masonic charitable object, and amounted to £2 10. The following Provincial appointments were made:

Fra. Rev. J. E. M. Young	...	Prov. Prelate.
" S. Middleton (re-appointed)	...	Prov. Chancellor.
" T. B. Whytehead	...	Prov. Constable.
" F. A. Hopwood (re-appointed)	...	Prov. Marshal.
" J. Murray (re-appointed)	...	Prov. Reg.
" J. S. Cumberland (re-appointed)	...	Prov. Sub-Marsl.
" E. Kippes (re-appointed)	...	Prov. Almoner.
" M. Millington	...	Prov. 1st Std. B.
" H. Logan	...	Prov. 2nd Std. B.
" J. Marshall	...	Prov. Herald.
" W. Brown	...	Prov. Capt. of G.

An invitation was given to the Sub-Prior to hold the next annual meeting in Hull.

The Provincial Priory and Preceptory having been closed the members adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared, at which the Sub-Prior presided.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on the 18th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn occupied the President's chair, Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles Atkins, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs.

There were also present Bros. Thos. Cubitt, W. Mann, H. T. Garrod, J. H. Matthews, G. P. Britten, Charles Dairy, Charles B. Hogard, J. D. Collier, F. R. Spaul, W. P. Brown, Alfred Spaul, Wm. Holloway, G. E. Fairchild, Capt. Nicols, Geo. Cordwell, T. C. Walls, James Dawkins, John Maclean, John Jervis, Thomas Harper, Charles Hawksly, Geo. Andrews, W. A. Tinney, A. J. Burr, J. F. de Gallais, T. W. Ockenden, Courtenay Wynne, A. Tisley, H. P. Tiddeman, W. Groove, H. J. Tucker, J. R. Behenna, J. C. Woodrow, W. O. Lyon, A. Marvin, W. Hopekirk, Edgar Bowyer, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The brethren first confirmed grants recommended at the previous meeting to the amount of £305.

The brethren then proceeded to consider the new list, in which there were 30 petitioners. In the course of a three hours' sitting two of these were dismissed and six were deferred. The remaining 22 were relieved as follows, viz.: one with £100 (£100); two with £50 (£100); three with £40 (£120); six with £30 (£180); two with £25 (£50); two with £20 (£40); one with £15 (£15); three with £10 (£30); and two with £5 (£10); total £645.

The lodge was closed at nine o'clock.

The St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306, has recently dropped "Wapping" from its title, and is now simply the Lodge of St. John.

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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.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

Your votes and interests are most earnestly solicited for
BRO. RALPH MILWARD SMITH, Aged 62,

Who through heavy losses and failure in business, and having no private means of support, and continued bad health, is compelled to seek the benefit of the Institution. He was initiated in the Lodge of Tranquillity, No. 185, in 1856, and subsequently joined the Globe 23, Beadon 619, Prudent Brethren 145, and Grand Stewards' Lodge; was first Worshipful Master of the Crystal Palace Lodge, 742, exalted in the Polish Chapter, joined the Robert Burns, was first M.E.Z. of the Crystal Palace Chapter, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Benevolent Institution, and of the Royal Masonic Institution Girls, and Past Grand Steward.

Bro. R. M. Smith is now in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, having broken a leg in two places.

This case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

Bro. John Bennett, P.M. 23, P.G. Steward, 12, Pall Mall.
" A. Brodie, P.M. 185, 819, "Albion," Peckham Park-road.
" Henry A. Dubois, P.M. 1423, 1326, P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Serjeant's Inn, E.C.
" N. Guckstein, P.M. 51, P.Z. 141, 127, Brixton-road.
" W. Kirby, P.M. 23, 145, P.Z. 25 and 820, P.G. Steward, Brooklands, Thames Ditton.
" Wm. Poole, P.M. 141, P.Z. 742, 29, Peacock-street, Gravesend.
" James J. Pope, 179, P.Z. 742, 49, King's-road, Chelsea.
" George S. States, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 173, 142, P.Z. 742, 534, 3, Whitehall-place.
" John M. Stedwell, V.P., P.G.S., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, P.M. 23, 7, Chepstow Villas, Twickenham.
" Henry A. Stacey, V.P., P.M. 180, 733, 753, 865, 1218, 1695, P.Z. 180, 733, 753, 34, Lincoln's Inn-fields.
" G. F. Saunders, No. 157, Lodge, 342, Caledonian-road.
" Henry G. Warren, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.M. 173, 145, P.Z. 534, 180, 300, 26, Change-alley, E.C.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the above, and
Bro. R. M. Smith, 31, Thornhill-crescent, Barnsbury, N.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THIRD APPLICATION.

CHARLOTTE MURUSS,

Widow of Bro. Edward Muruss, P.M., 26 years a
Subscriber to his Lodge,

AGED EIGHTY-TWO YEARS.

A special and earnest appeal for Votes is now made for this very aged Widow, who, if not elected this time has no means of subsistence until another election. Proxies most thankfully received by Bro. J. Cruttenden, P.M., 193, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W.; Bro. Geo. Read, P.M., 1, Earl's Court-gardens, S.W.; or the Widow, 10, Warner-street, Old Kent-road, S.E.

** See Case No. 29 on the Voting Paper.

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The following have been received, but stand over until next week for want of space:

Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.) and Nos. 124, 192, and 211.
Chapters Nos. 10, 1503, and 1589.



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 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.]

MAY ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me space to thank those brethren and ladies who, by sending me their proxies,

enabled me to succeed in the election of the boy TETTENBORN, a fortnight ago, although he started with the almost hopelessly small brought forward of 650 votes.

I am now desirous of promoting the success of a poor widow (No. 33 case on list) and if brethren and ladies who have a few votes to spare, will kindly entrust them to me, I promise them no effort shall be spared on my part to score a success for this destitute case.—Yours fraternally,

J. H. SOUTHWOOD.

98, Houndsditch, City, May 2nd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the forthcoming election for Aged Masons and Widows of Masons there are no less than 120 candidates, and accordingly the same number of sets of papers to be sorted and counted; in order, therefore, to lighten and expedite the work of the Scrutineers, I would venture to suggest to those brethren who are working the respective cases to place their votes together in packets of fifties, hundreds, or more, and not in single papers; also, if there is time and they could place the papers of the same value together, it would greatly assist the enumeration.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SCRUTINEER.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For some reason that I am unable to explain there seems to be an idea abroad that the Girls' School is in such a position as not to want funds. I am told also that the idea has been started and spread by some from whom quite another line of action might have been expected. To any one who considers the matter for a moment such an idea must appear absurd, as the more funds there are at the disposal of the Governors of the Institution, the more good they have it in their power to do.

With the festival so near it is perhaps late in the day to send you this, but possibly it may offer an explanation for what might have appeared as want of energy in

ONE OF THE STEWARDS.

TYPEICAL VAGARIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Mr. R. Proctor, the learned editor of *Knowledge* complains amusingly of that amiable interference with copy which sometimes distinguishes our typists to-day. He says: 'Compositors are sometime, a little hard on jests, sentiment and science. We have all heard how the touching line, "He kissed her under the silent stars," was altered by a cruel compositor into "He kicked her under the cellar stairs" and I think I have already mentioned in these columns how the words "Lines, bands, and striae near the violet end of spectra," were altered into "Links, bonds, for the violent kinds of spectres." Now I have to lament the destruction of a very mild joke, meant at one to instruct and to amuse "A Little Girl." She had spelled "experience" "experience," and—well, the rest is not worth repeating; but by carefully correcting the spelling, notwithstanding an entreaty in the margin that he would leave it alone, a hard-hearted compositor knocked the point off that little joke anyhow.'

In humble measure, but with like detrimental effect I have to complain of two alterations which nearly spoil a carefully written leaderette. In line 24 of the fourth leaderette, in our last issue, "field" is ingeniously substituted by a rising young compositor for "fold." By the interpolation of an unnecessary "and" in the last line but two of the leaderette the same ingenious youth almost contrives to make rank nonsense of the whole paragraph.—Yours fraternally,

THE WRITER OF THE LEADERETTE.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the Book of Constitutions the order of Masonic rank is very clearly laid down, namely, that the Grand Chaplains are in immediate sequence to the Grand Wardens. In your last list of the Grand Lodge appointments you have "altered all this," giving the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and others the precedence. Why is this? From "time immemorial" the sacerdotal office has ever taken rank next to the regal, and wisely so, as the spiritual is higher than the temporal, so the men whose avocation is a care for "the eternal welfare of man" should be on a higher phase (socially) than the recorder of secular transactions and the bearer of a merely ornamental money bag. Hoping this is but an error of the office daemon, I remain, fraternally yours,

H. E. F., 452.

[We do not profess to understand it. It is no mistake of ours. It is probably an error of the reporter.—Ed. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

At the last Grand Festival there was introduced a new order in the table of precedence, thus: District Grand Masters were placed in rank below Provincial Grand Masters, and Grand Chaplains were placed below the Executive Officers of Grand Lodge. It is not clear to me on what authority these alterations have been made. As the rank of members composing Grand Lodge is fixed by

Grand Lodge itself, I submit that the Grand Lodge is the only body competent to alter it, and I am not aware that the question has been discussed in Grand Lodge.

I submit further that the alterations are open to objection. I will deal with the first case only in my present letter, so as to keep within a reasonable limit of space.

There are three material points of difference between a "District" and a "Provincial" Grand Master; I place the District before the Provincial Grand Master advisedly, as, if any distinction be made (a distinction which I would deprecate), I think that he should rank the first.

One point of difference is that, ordinarily speaking, a Provincial Grand Master is, socially, the superior. He is, say, a brother of noble birth, of old county family, or otherwise of high social position, whereas a District Grand Master, although of the best available social rank, may be unable to boast of the same illustrious antecedents. But I have been always told that Freemasonry teaches the "useful lesson of natural equality;" that "all preferment among us is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only," and that although we are very properly enjoined to give honour where honour is due, yet that as Masons we are "all on the same level." Indeed, it seems to me that any departure from this wholesome rule is an infraction of a first principle of our Order. The two should therefore be equal.

Another point of difference is that a District Grand Lodge and a District Grand Master have more extensive powers than a Provincial Grand Lodge and a Provincial Grand Master. Therefore, if there be a distinction a District Grand Master should rank first.

A third point of difference is that whereas a Provincial Grand Master not unfrequently works his province through his deputy, a District Master invariably does his work himself. Perhaps, therefore, on this score he should rank the first.

But I would only ask for equality—an equality which has hitherto existed. Indeed, it is but 20 years since there was any distinction even in title by the introduction of the word "District," all such Grand Officers, whether at home or abroad, having been previously known as "Provincial," and I fear that the alteration of which I complain is likely to cause grave dissatisfaction in our colonies, where, as at home, our brethren are jealous of anything affecting the prestige or position of their immediate chiefs.—I am, yours fraternally,

May 2nd. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Several brethren who were present at the Grand Festival considered that as there are so few appointments and so many candidates there might very well be a change in one or two of the offices. Thus there should be a Deputy Grand Registrar, to enable a deserving barrister or solicitor to be promoted each year. Then there can be no reason why the office of Grand Superintendent of Works should be held for more than a year by any brother. The duties attached to the office are very slight; any qualified architect and surveyor could design and superintend an alteration to Freemasons' Hall. If any work is required this year it is doubtful whether the present distinguished holder of the office could receive any remuneration for his service, owing to his official position. Bro. J. Gibson held office for two years only, and it would be well to change every year. It has also been suggested that there should be a Deputy Superintendent of Works.

Passing from Grand Lodge to Grand Mark Lodge, can the rumour be correct that a certain noble and gallant peer who was advanced to the Mark Degree last week, and a relative of the Grand Master who was affiliated at the same meeting, are to be the Grand Mark Wardens of the year?—Yours fraternally, OBSERVER.

OLD KENT LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The writer of your report of the proceedings on the occasion of the introduction to the above lodge of Lord Wolsley of Cairo has, however unwittingly, done gross injustice to such poor modicum of common sense as I may claim to possess. In the few earnest words I addressed to the brethren assembled, with the consent and the request of the W.M. in the chair, I said no more than I should have said had the opportunity been afforded me while presiding at the customary banquet (on the occasion in question refreshment did not follow labour) to propose the toast of "The Newly-Advanced Candidate."

I recognised the position and services of our distinguished brother, but with all the respect I feel for men of "light and leading" whose adhesion to our ranks must always be matter for congratulation, I appreciate and value the privileges of our Order far too highly to think of proposing a "vote of thanks" to anyone who may offer himself for participation therein.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, FREDERICK BINCKES.

8A, Red Lion-square, W.C.,

April 30th.

A TEMPERANCE LODGE FOR LONDON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I feel confident that there must be a number of Freemasons in London who are total abstainers and who

would be glad to belong to a Temperance Lodge such as has been formed in Manchester. Three brother Masons, friends of mine (one in an influential position), are willing to join in forming such a lodge, and I should be pleased to hear from any brethren who are abstainers who would be willing to assist.—I remain, yours fraternally,

HARRY TIPPER, 185.

118, the Grove, Hammersmith.

CHARITY VOTING.

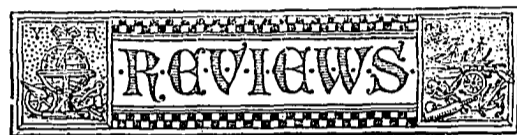
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As the supporter of a London case, which will not apparently prove successful, I wish to call attention to a little matter which is seriously affecting the interests of our London candidates. It is this: The Provincial Committees are, as many of us may know, both well organized and powerful and their votes given to Provincial cases. I do not blame them for thus seeking to help their own particular cases, far from it. But in addition to their own "compacts" and committees, very powerful, as I said before, they are applying for and obtaining in many cases London votes, which of course renders the chances of success still more dubious, and the work of those engaged in such elections still more severe.

I do not write in terms of complaint or fault finding, but simply to suggest that London subscribers, seeing that the provincial cases are so well cared for, send on sympathy and London votes.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

THE SUPPORTER OF A LONDON CASE.



READY MONEY, &c. An Essay. By MAURICE HIME, LL.D., Head Master of Fryle College, Londonderry. W. H. Guest, 20, Warwick-lane, Paternoster-row.

The good advice contained in this well-printed "brochure" cannot be too widely read or too highly valued. It is undoubtedly most realistic and seasonable in the highest sense and meaning. It would be a very good thing for all best concerned if ready-money payments were universally adopted and made a "sine qua non." The realization, however, of such a system in our highly composite and artificial state of society is, perhaps, impossible to expect, and some may contend unreasonable to wish for. Indeed, as all trade and commerce more or less rest on credit, it is not likely that any great change in this respect can permanently be enforced on the monetary dealings of mankind. But for the great mass of our readers who are not concerned either with the calls or exigencies of commerce, its rules and laws, its normal arrangements or its abnormal developments, the advice of Bro. Hime is most valuable in every respect. Many of us all may well look back with regret to the time when they first were initiated into the accommodating mysteries of "tick," of living on credit, of forestalling and mortgaging the future for the pressing requirements, follies, weaknesses, and extravagances of the day. The ever lengthening chain of indebtedness has wound round and round them, until numbed and paralyzed, crushed and overpowered by the load of accumulated liabilities, they have to cede their places to others, and leaving the sunny highway life have to wander lonely and dispirited wanderers amid its tortuous bye-ways, shrouded in mist, drearily and gloom. The advice of the great Duke of Wellington to his sons beginning life ought always to be before the minds and in the recollection of old and young: "Never buy what you do not require. Never purchase what you cannot pay for. If you have not money to get what you want, go without until you have." We commend Bro. Dr. Hime's useful and unpretending little book to all our younger friends. Many even of our older friends may peruse it with pleasure and profit to themselves.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR SOMERSETSHIRE.

Compiled by Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards. This is another of our admirable little local Masonic guides, which are most useful in themselves and throw a valuable light on Masonic work and life amongst us.

THE LOCKE MS.

In one of Horace Walpole's letters to Mr. Cole occurs an allusion to this document in which he mentions "Peter Gower," being really Pythagoras, and laughs at the ignorance of the scribe. Curiously enough this one point is a matter which seem to bring out a certain amount of reality in this generally discredited MS. Peter Gower was no doubt a corruption from "Petagore," "Pitagore," "Pytagore," old French, and rather seems to suggest a transcription by an ignorant scribe. The so-called Locke MS. is probably made up from an Hermetical tractate and a lodge catechism. In its present form it is of course a "pious fraud." DRYASDUST.



THE EMPERORS OF THE EAST AND THE WEST.

By a typographical error clearly the expression "Empires of the East and the West" is substituted in a recent review, for "Emperors of the East and the West," from a French conclave called "Les Empereurs d'Est d'Occident," which assembled in Paris about 1756, and which was the precursor of the "Grand Lodge of St. John and Jerusalem of Perfection, &c.," if it was not the same body, which gave Stephen Morin his credentials in 1761.

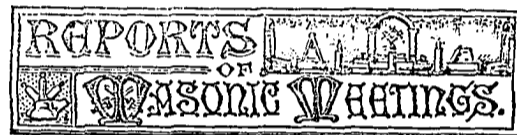
MASONIC STUDENT.

176] FREEMASONS AND ILLUMINES.

In Lord Malmesbury's remarkable dispatches appears a reference to the successor of Frederick the Great on the throne of Prussia, not without its interest for Masonic students. Writing home in 1793 or 1794 Lord Malmesbury says the King of Prussia and also his Queen are "Illumines," governed by the teaching of what he calls "that foolish sect," and for this reason, that they have been taught to believe the doctrines of the Illumines were "more moral" than those of "Freemasonry." Now considering the Illumines were founded by a Roman Catholic Weishaupt, most probably a Jesuit, who found Freemasonry two loyal and religious for him, and who under mystical verbiage and childish paraphernalia put forth the utmost of revolutionary and attentional destructiveness, this statement of Lord Malmesbury gives us a clue to what has always been a "Crux" for the student. What was the meaning and end of Illuminism? It seems clear that it was nothing but an addition of Masonic theory and ideas, to carry out certain pernicious principles, which would find no place or scope in true Freemasonry. The higher alleged mysticism and morality of Illuminism attracted at that "seething epoch" the minds of those, who, were unable to perceive the "mystery of iniquity," veiled by specious phrases and delusive dogmata. BOOKWORM.

177] PROVINCIAL GRAND CALENDARS.

Just "a last word" as to the above subject until I examine the series for 1883. Have just heard of another, viz., *Somersetshire*, which is "in the press," so my dear friend, Dr. Hopkins, tells me. This venerable and venerated brother informs me that he was editor and originator of the "Jersey Masonic Calendar" in 1865, and so claims to be as old an editor as myself. All I have to say about the matter is that *this* is quite correct, but my statement referred to the present editors of these manuals, and of these I believe it falls to my lot to be the senior of the staff. That being so allow me to suggest as the "Father of the corps" the desirability of exchanging copies of these directories with each of the editors. I do so and should much like all to do so, by which plan we shall see what is done elsewhere and mutually benefit by a friendly comparison being instituted. If I am correctly informed the only two awaiting publication for 1883 are for Somersetshire and Durham, but should there be any others shall be very glad to hear accordingly. W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The last meeting for the season of this old lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M.; Clark, S.W.; Fromholtz, S.D., acting J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Dippie, A.W.S., acting I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a number of letters apologising for absence were read. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned until the last Tuesday in September. There was no banquet.

ROSE OF DENMARK LODGE (No. 975).—The first meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond. The W.M., Bro. E. Ayling, presided, assisted by the following officers: Bros. Richman, S.W.; M. Graham, J.W.; Garnar, P.M., Treas.; Noble, P.M., Sec.; Williams, S.D.; Brown J.D.; Bugler, I.G.; Monk D.C.; Campbell, and Plowman, Stwds.; Hinton, P.M.; Wriggleworth, P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; Lee, P.M.; and a large number of brethren.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Grylls was raised to the Third Degree, Bros. H. Bishop, W. Bishop, and Homan passed, and Messrs. Margason, Messum, and Griffin were initiated. Bro. Clifford, 1733, was elected a joining member. The sum of £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, to which about 80 brethren sat down. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to.

During the evening the W.M. was heartily congratulated on the prosperous position of the lodge, the excellent manner in which its proceedings were conducted, and the perfect harmony that prevailed among the members. The visitors included Bros. Featherstone, W.M. 1056; R. Griffin, J.W. 1572; Jennu, 455; Bingley, 1381; A. Moore, 173; Buck, 1549; Bray, P.M. 1155; Clayton, 1558; J. B. Griffin, 354; J. Radford, S.W. 1420; R. Dunn, 1305; W. Cowley, P.M. 1559; W. Schutz, 172; W. T. Peat, P. Harnett, Fred. W. Smith, C. Fry, G. Wallis, Gardner, 177; J. Walker, P.M. 27; A. Currie, W.M. 1733; Hards, 1558; Sapsworth, 1056; T. Richards, 1585; Dare, 1015; Harlock, 1601; Morgan, 1475; E. Roberts, 1623; Probert, 340; and W. Clifford, 1733. An excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, assisted by Bro. John Probert, Miss Amy Beresford, and Miss Coyte Turner, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

ISLE OF MAN.—Lodge of Mona (No. 212, I.C.).

—A meeting of this lodge took place at Castledown, on Monday, the 23rd ult. There were present Bros. L. Genesta, W.M.; Robert Garside, I.P.M.; Mylchrest, S.W.; Trustorim, J.W.; Tom Jefferson, S.D.; Victor Pleignier, J.D.; Dr. Claque, I.G.; Richard Watterson, P.M. Visitors: Bro. Pattison, P.M. of the Medway Lodge, and Bro. Friend, of the Athol Lodge. The principal business before the lodge was the appointment of a Committee to consider the propriety of transferring the lodge from the Irish to the English Constitution and then joining the three lodges—the Athol, Tynwald, and St. Manghold—in getting a Provincial Grand Lodge for the Island. It was generally felt that a Provincial Grand Lodge would be a decided advantage, and that the Masonic Charities in and

about London would be better supported if a Grand Lodge existed in the Island and so knit the four lodges closely together. The Lodge of Mona being an Irish lodge and the others being English, it has not been possible heretofore to have a United Grand Lodge. Hence the present effort.

After the lodge closed the brethren were hospitably entertained by the worthy W.M., Bro. Geneste, at his residence. The only toast proposed was that of "The Visitors" by Bro. R. Watterson, P.M.

BOLTON.—St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th ult., at the Commercial Hotel, when there were present: Bros. John Isherwood, W.M.; Jabez Boothroyd, P.M.; Peter Bradburn, J.W. G. P. Brockbank, Treas., P.G.S.D.; Thomas Mitchell, Sec., P.G. Tyler; James Walker, J.D.; Wm. Siddons, R. Cueden, Stwds.; H. J. Briscoe, Organist; Thomas Higson, Tyler; J. S. Sugden, R. J. Churnside, J. S. Aldred, P.M.; W. F. Chambers, I.G.; J. M. Rutter, P.M.; Thos. Morris, D. of C.; and J. F. Eliston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting had been appointed to be held at Ashton-under-Lyne, on the 10th May next.

It was announced that the W.M. Bro. Isherwood, had consented to act as Steward on the occasion of the Festival of the Boys' School and had contributed £10 10s. to its funds. There being no further business, a portion of the Ancient Charges were read and the lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—At the usual monthly gathering of the members of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday afternoon, the 24th ult., there was a very large gathering of members and visitors, and the business throughout was of a most interesting nature, the chief resolution unanimously arrived at being to send a vote of condolence and message of sympathy to Mrs. Edward Saker, in her recent very heavy bereavement. Bro. E. Saker, late lessee of the Royal Alexandr Theatre, Liverpool, was one of the founders of this lodge, and was deservedly held in high regard as a conscientious exponent of Masonic principles in both his public and private life.

The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Savage, and the attendance of officers at the opening and during the afternoon included Bros. J. Atkinson, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C.; J. L. Shrapnell, S.W.; R. Burgess, J.W.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.M., Treas.; J. M. Boyd, Sec.; O. W. Sanderson, S.D.; W. A. Whittle, J.D.; H. Round, S.S.; C. Buchanan, A.S.; J. J. Monk, Org.; Josef Cantor, Asst. Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members of the lodge whose names appeared on the Tyler's roll were Bros. F. Emery, R. Brough, H. D. Burton, J. Selby Hall, Luigi Lablache, W. Hildyard, A. Harrison, J. E. Jackson, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; F. A. Macpherson, E. H. Allen, E. Carter, P. F. Buck, J. Chambers, H. Williams, I. Jacobs, D. Cumming, B. Striem, Gale St. John, A. Hinds, Tudor Rogers, F. Pilcher, Jos. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; C. Mawson, G. E. Carroll, W. E. Stone, I. Knott, J. H. Light, E. Graham, J. Boardman, H. Cooke, D. Flemming, J. T. Bramley, W. Bramley, C. Courtenay, Ben Hughes, W. J. Campion, John Ballard, and others. On the register of visitors were Bros. T. Squires, 1633; A. Brousil, 571; Professor Grant, 571; H. Jones, W.M. 1675; J. H. Gregory, P.M. 667; W. E. Coxon, S.W. 1675; F. Petersen, 594; J. B. Curtis, D.C. 1391; J. Cave, 1094; C. Fothergill, W.M. 1264; H. Tyrer, 1035; L. Peake, 1035; J. Gregory, 1180; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; and J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675.

At the close of the ordinary business the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the melancholy fact that since the last meeting of the lodge death had removed an esteemed brother, Bro. Edward Saker, one who had been identified with the Dramatic Lodge since its consecration, being one of the founders. Bro. Saker was universally respected and loved by all who knew him, and he (the W.M.) thought the members of the lodge would only be doing a becoming duty if they sent a message of sympathy to his widow in her sad bereavement. There were one or two brethren who knew Bro. Saker more intimately than he (the W.M.) did, and he would therefore call upon Bro. Emery to propose a vote of condolence, and Bro. Mackenzie to second it.

Bro. Emery said he had attended the lodge that day fully imbued with the propriety of passing a vote of sympathy with Mrs. Saker and her family in the recent loss which they had sustained by the death of husband and father. He had a warm recollection of Bro. Saker's kindness in connection with Masonry, because the first time he (Bro. Emery) had the privilege of sitting in the Dramatic Lodge Bro. Edward Saker was the one who gave him the most hearty welcome. Although Bro. Saker had not been a frequent attendant at the meetings of the lodge, owing to the pressure of public business, still his heart beat in thorough unison with the grand principles upon which Freemasonry is founded. The whole of his life was in strict harmony with those excellent principles, and they largely led him to be a thoroughly conscientious and straightforward man of business, faithful friend, a good husband, and a loving father. It was exceedingly sad to find that their esteemed brother had been removed in the prime of manhood, and that his widow should have her main support taken from her and the five young children who had been left to mourn his loss, thereby necessitating their battling through life without his aid. He (Bro. Emery) was sure that the vote of condolence would in a large measure lighten the burden of her sorrow, and show that as Freemasons they sincerely sympathised with the widow in her bereavement.

Bro. J. B. M'Kenzie, P.M., Treas., in seconding the motion, said that during a nineteen years' acquaintance with Bro. Saker, he had always found him a strictly honourable man, a capable artist, and a genial friend. Amongst the objects and privileges of their noble Masonic Order were the preservation and maintenance of a brother's good name, and rendering help to the children of their deceased and distressed brethren, giving comfort to a brother when he needed it, and dropping the tear of regret at his graveside when life with him was past; but Freemasonry went even further than this when it carried to the widow and fatherless children the message of sincere sympathy in their time of sorrow and hour of darkness. Besides conveying this message to Mrs. Saker and her little ones

he (Bro. M'Kenzie) was sure they would also add an expression of sincere hope that in the new and arduous duties which now devolved upon her in connection with the theatre she would have even a larger share of success than that with which her deeply-lamented and much respected husband had been favoured.

Bro. J. Atkinson, I.P.M., supported the adoption of the resolution, and spoke of the invariable kindness and courtesy which Bro. Saker had shown during the period he (Bro. Atkinson) was connected with the Alexandra Theatre. Their deceased brother was a good Freemason, an honourable and considerate employer, and a good family man.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and the lodge was closed in due form.

About 60 brethren subsequently dined in the banqueting-room, where an excellent repast was served by Bro. Woodhouse, the House Steward. The only toasts were "The Queen and the Craft," given by the W.M.; "Our Visiting Brethren," proposed by Bro. M'Kenzie, P.M., and responded to by Bro. Gregory, P.M. 667, and Bro. T. Squire, 1633; and the Tyler's toast, given by the S.W.

The most enjoyable entertainment of the "Dramatic" season of 1882-3 was given on this occasion, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the specially attractive programme. The "talent" comprised Bros. Ferrani, Stone, H. D. Burton, Gale, St. John, A. Brousil (violin solo), R. Brough, T. Squire, and Josef Cantor, who also played the accompaniments.

LIVERPOOL.—Ancient Briton Lodge (No. 1673).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was an attendance of about 120 members and visitors, amongst whom was an unusually brilliant array of Masters, Past Masters, and Provincial Grand Officers. The membership of the Ancient Briton Lodge is largely composed of representatives of the Principality, and as Liverpool is sometimes called and generally recognised as the "capital of Wales" the reason for the success of the lodge during its seven years' existence is not difficult to determine. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hugh Jones, occupied the post of honour, at the commencement of the proceedings, and official support was given to him by Bros. T. Evans, P.G.S.D.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. E. Coxon, S.W.; J. Hughes, J.W.; J. R. Bottomley, P.M., Treas.; T. H. Walker, Sec.; W. C. Cowell, S.D.; W. H. Rolands, J.D.; J. Lewis, I.G.; S. J. Hughes, Stwd.; R. Jones, Stwd.; G. J. Yates, Org.; C. R. Fitton, D. Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. H. Grundy, G. A. Hay, J. Shackleton, W. Lloyd, H. Roberts, T. Sleight, W. McLelland, R. Bullen, B. Davies, T. Beaumont, W. Titley, W. J. Brown, J. Price, G. Neville, L. Evans, D. Roberts, R. Lewis, J. Woods, R. Hitchinough, J. Lees, J. Ireland, D. Griffiths, J. R. Pritchard, J. Williams, W. Williams, F. Gillett, J. Morris, G. Porter, J. Truesdale, W. Thomas, and W. V. Williams. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. H. S. Alpass, P.G. St. B., P.G. Sec.; E. George, S.W. 1356; R. J. L. Kynaston, W.M. 1393; E. R. Hartwright, S.W. 216; Capt. T. Berry, P.M. 155; G. Beeken, P.M. 724; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; W. Stedford, P.M. 241; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; C. Arden, P.M. 1356; R. Foote, P.M. 1505; A. Barclay, I.P.M. 1182; T. O. Dutton, W.M. 1182; W. J. Lunt, P.G. Treas.; T. Delamere, S.W. 1620; C. Wadsworth, S.W. 292; W. Savage, W.M. 1609; J. Alun Jones, P.M. 1157; John Beesley, W.M. 823; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; T. H. Carefull, P.M. 823; J. B. McKenzie, P.M., Treas. 1609; W. Golding, (Bolton); J. M. King, J.W. 823; W. Ireland, 786; B. Holgate, 1356; B. Striem, 1609; C. Costigan, 1356; J. Morgan, 673; R. Foote, P.M. 1505; A. H. Harwood, 1505; T. Ellison, 1356; J. J. Smith, J.W. 1035; W. Braithwaite, 673; J. Hitchin, 86; G. Williams, 220; W. Hill, 1035; J. J. Foulkes, 292; A. McFarlane, 1356; and others.

After the initiation of six candidates by the retiring W.M. (Bro. Hugh Jones), the chair was taken by Bro. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (the first W.M. of the Ancient Briton Lodge), who installed Bro. W. E. Coxon as the Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony being performed in a manner which elicited the hearty commendation of the brethren and proved that Bro. Dr. Smith still remembers and carries out his well known Masonic training and experience. The following were appointed officers for the year: Bros. Hugh Jones, I.P.M.; T. Evans, P.M., P.G.S.D., D.C.; J. Hughes, S.W.; T. H. W. Walker, J.W.; J. R. Bottomley, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); W. C. Cowell, Sec.; W. H. Rolands, S.D.; John Lewis, J.D.; Robert Jones, I.G.; G. Yates, Org.; C. R. Fitton, Dep. Org.; T. Beaumont, S.S.; G. Neville, J.S.; F. Sleight, A.S.; and Bro. M. Williamson was re-elected Tyler.

An excellent banquet was served to upwards of 100 brethren by Bro. Woodhouse, the House Steward. During the evening Bro. Hugh Jones, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in name of the lodge by the W.M.; and Bro. James Williams followed by presenting Bro. Jones with a handsome clock and ornaments by the private members of the lodge as a mark of their esteem and regard. An enjoyable programme was given by Bros. Braithwaite, Lee, George, Pritchard, R. Jones, the Cambrian Quartette, and others.

BOLTON.—St. George's Lodge (No. 1723).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, on Wednesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Court, W.M.; R. Latham, S.W.; J. Barrett, J.W.; J. Priestley, Chap.; G. Ferguson, Treas.; N. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Harwood, S.D.; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G.O., Director of Ceremonies; T. E. Smith, Organist; T. B. Tong, I.G.; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; W. E. Bardsley and B. Derham, Stwds. Past Masters: Bros. Z. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G.D., G. Stwd. Scotland; T. Morris, J. H. Greenhalgh, J. Martin, Rutter, J. Bromley, J. Richardson, J. Heywood; N. Nicholson, J. B. Goulbourn, J. Collins, W. Pendlebury, T. Arden, T. Naylor, J. Fogg, T. Morris, jun., M. Jettie, J. Forbes, J. W. Hawksworth, J. Parkinson, S. Brierley, and W. D. Hughes. Visitors: Bros. H. Greenwood, P. Prov. G.P.; T. Mitchell, Prov. G. Tyler; R. Pennington, P.M. 37; J. Morris, P.M. 37 and 146; J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., Org. 37; C. Brierley, W.M. 42; W. Cooper, P.M. 146; J. Isherwood, W.M. 221; J. Walker, J.D. 221; T. Rimmer, 146; J. F. Skelton, J.W. 146; C. A. Pontefract, 337; G. W. Dyson, 348; W.

Crankshaw, W.M. 348; T. Higson, P.M. 348; J. Lee Wood, S.W. 350; F. H. Cheeswright, 907; J. Marsden, 381; and Peter Lowe, 381.

The lodge having been opened the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed when Bro. Robert Latham, the W.M. elect, was duly obligated as regards the government of the lodge, Bro. G. P. Brockbank being the President of the Board of Installed Masters. Bro. Latham was afterwards installed as W.M. by Bro. Brockbank. Bro. Court was presented with an elegant Past Master's jewel in consequence of the lodge's appreciation of his work during his term of office.

The Auditors presented the balance-sheet of the Treasurer, which they certified as correct, and thereupon Bro. Ferguson was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. J. W. Roiley was re-elected Tyler. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as his officers for the ensuing year, and they along with the Treasurer and Tyler were duly invested with the collar and jewel of their respective offices, the usual explanation of the duties being rendered by Bro. N. Nicholson, P.M. Bros. John Barrett, S.W.; E. E. Harwood, J.W.; N. Nicholson, Secretary; A. Cosgrave, S.D.; T. B. Tong, J.D.; J. W. Taylor, P.M., D. of Cers.; Thos. E. Smith, Org.; W. E. Bardsley, I.G.; and Dernam and Naylor, Stewards. The customary charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. Bro. Brockbank announced that the W.M. had given him the necessary sum to qualify as a Life Governor for the Boys' School and the Girls' School, and also to serve as Steward for those Charities at the forthcoming festivals. The announcement created the liveliest feeling of satisfaction amongst the brethren present. It was also stated that the Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Starkie, intended to lay the foundation stone of a new church adjoining his estates at Tong Moor, near Bolton, in the month of May, and that a Masonic ceremony was contemplated for the occasion. The brethren expressed their desire to give support to the Prov. G.M. at that time, and to make a good muster to greet him. A portion of the ancient rules and charges having been read by the Senior Warden, the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren assembled for banquet shortly after the close of business. Mrs. Priestly of the Commercial Hotel having put forth her best efforts to cater to the wants of the brethren, was rewarded by the thorough appreciation of one of the most successful meetings of the brethren ever held in Bolton, the arrangements being simply perfect, and the viands all that the keenest epicure could desire. The St. George's choir recently established contributed largely to the enjoyment of the brethren, and sang their glees and songs in such a manner as to entrance the audience, and were heartily thanked for their contribution to the harmony and enjoyment of the meeting.

The usual loyal toasts and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master of the Order, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were proposed.

Bro. Col. Starkie, R.W.P.G.M. East Lancashire, was proposed by the W.M. and very heartily responded to by the brethren.

The W.M. hoped the brethren would attend and support the R.W. Prov. G.M. on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a new Church at Tong Moor.

In proposing the health of the Prov. G. Officers the S.W. (Bro. Barrett) spoke highly of those brethren and stated that it should be a matter of pride that Bolton contributed some of the most valued members of that body.

The toast was briefly responded to by Bro. H. Greenwood, P.P.G.P., who said that he was proud of his position as a Past Prov. G. Officer and would always endeavour to sustain the dignity of that office.

The health of "the W.M." (Bro. Latham) was proposed by Bro. Brockbank, the senior Past Master who expressed his great gratification at being asked to install into the office the seventh Master of St George's Lodge, and who had proved himself so worthy of the distinction the brethren had bestowed upon him, his contribution that day shewed clearly that he thoroughly appreciated the axiom that office brought responsibilities as well as honours along with it.

Bro. Dr. Bentley composer of "Here's to his health in a song" favoured the brethren by a vocal display which elicited the warm plaudits of the brethren.

Bro. Pennington, P.M. 37, proposed "The Installing Master, and the P.M.'s. of the lodge." Bro. Brockbank, W.M. 37, and spoke in very flattering terms of the long Masonic services of that brother, intimating that the pleasure he had in visiting the lodge that evening was considerably enhanced by hearing the Master of his own lodge rehearse the ceremony of to-day, and as Master of the oldest lodge in the Town install the Master of the youngest lodge into office.

Bro. Brockbank, in replying alluded to the fact, that this lodge of which he had the honour of being first Master, had become in so short a time, so marvellous a success and showed that brethren of good social position, peaceably and quietly agreed to accept their Masonic rank without any desire to obtain precedence which some brethren might think them entitled, for instance, the Senior Warden was Chairman of the Bolton Poor Law Union, and the Junior Warden held the honourable position of Mayor of Bolton, and other members of the bodies over which these brethren respectively presided occupied various other offices in the lodge, he was proud of its success, and trusted to render it any further service in his power.

Bro. Court, I.P.M., also responding paid a warm tribute of respect to the Past Masters who had zealously assisted in his labours during the past year and eulogized the officers for their diligence and attention during his year of office.

"The Mother Lodge, No. 221," was proposed by the J.W., and responded to by Bro. John Isherwood, W.M. of the lodge.

The Mayor spoke in most kindly way of the "Mater," of the services the old lodge had rendered to Masonry, and of the very excellent Masons who had been trained under its banner, heartily wishing it every success.

Bro. Isherwood, W.M. 221, made a brief, but effective reply.

"The Visitors" were honoured by the S.W., in appropriate terms. Bro. Brierley, W.M. 42, in replying expressed his great gratification in visiting a lodge worked as this is and where so much harmony existed amongst the brethren. He alluded to the circumstance of his now filling the chair of

his lodge and how great an honour he felt that in a lodge where his father and grandfather had done good service, he should have the distinguished patronage of presiding over it on the occasion of holding its sesqui-centennial or 150th anniversary in July next, and said he was pleased again to visit a town where the only older Provincial Lodge than his own was held, viz., that of the Anchor and Hope, No. 37, under the mastership of Bro. Brockbank.

"The Masonic Charities" were duly honoured, and Bro. Brockbank stated that in addition to the qualification of the W.M. as Life Governor of both schools, Bro. Heywood had completed his qualification to wear the Charity medal by subscription of £10 10s., to the Girls' School, and another brother promised a donation of £5 5s., to one or other of the Charities to be hereafter selected, and that five of the seven Past Masters of the lodge were entitled to wear the distinction, and the other two were Life Governors of one of the Institutions—everyone of those brethren having contributed more or less to the funds of charity, in addition to which there were nine other brethren who were Life Governors of one or more of the three Institutions as well the local fund in East Lancashire, and the officers of the lodge were duly honoured and responded to.

"The Sister Lodges in Bolton" were proposed and replied to by various representatives who expressed their great pleasure in witnessing the steady growth and prosperity of the youngest addition to the Bolton fold. The last toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons" was given from the chair and the proceedings terminated.

The following brethren constituted the St. George's choir, Bros. J. W. Taylor, T. E. Smith, Cheesewright, Bentley, and Collins, and the whole arrangements for banquet and lodge musical arrangements were under the able and experienced direction of Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.P.G. Org., and Director of the Ceremonies. The proceedings terminated at an early hour. The following songs and glees were given by members of the choir and other brethren, and the proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious character, and it may be said the whole of the programme was carried out without a single hitch.

"The Queen, the Mother of Masons," followed by the "National Anthem." "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master Mason of England," "God bless the Prince of Wales," "H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the members of the Royal Family," "Ye Shepherds," "Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master of England," "Let us have harmony," "Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "Good company," "Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire," "Red Cross Knight," "Cruise of the Calabar," "Bro. George Mellor, Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Prov. Grand Master East Lancashire, and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," "Polly," "Glorious Apollo," "The poacher," "Friendship, love and truth," "Mother Hubbard," "After the W.M.," "Here's to his health," "Fill to him," "Stranded," "When evening's twilight," "The collier lad," "Should auld acquaintance," and "The powder monkey boy."

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—At a meeting of this lodge, held at Essenden House, on the 16th ult., there were present Bros. J. G. Chillingworth, W.M.; Spurrell, I.P.M.; Treas.; F. Wood, S.W.; A. H. Bateman, J.W.; E. B. Bright, S.D.; J. Elliott, J.D.; W. G. Kentish, acting I.G.; H. de Pinna, Sec.; T. Heather, C. R. Paine, L. J. J. Barnes, H. Kendall, T. Park, W. J. Colman, and W. O. Robinson. Visitors: Col. Noblet and Mearns.

The lodge was opened by the W.M. in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee were presented, and after some discussion referred back to the committee. The ballot was then taken for the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the S.W., Bro. Frederic Wood, was declared duly elected and expressed his intention of endeavouring to perform the duties of his office faithfully. The S.W. in the absence of Bro. Birt, proposed that the sum of £10 10s. be voted to the W.M.'s list for the Boys' School; seconded by Bro. Kentish, and carried unanimously. Bro. Bright, S.D., proposed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W.M. on the expiration of his year of office; seconded by Bro. Barnes and carried unanimously. The Treasurer proposed that the value of the jewel in question be £10 10s. as a special mark of the appreciation on the part of the lodge of the W.M.'s services in founding the lodge and in occupying the chair as first W.M. The lodge was then closed.

INSTRUCTION.

LOUGHBOROUGH LODGE (No. 22).—At the weekly meeting, held at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough, S.E., on Wednesday evening last, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., &c., paid his long promised visit to this flourishing lodge, and gave his lecture on the First Degree. Amongst the members present we noticed Bros. J. R. Johnson, Preceptor; Donald, Baldwin, Phillips, Richardson, Harvey, Westley, Banks, Rush, Wood, Allison, Snelling, Leigh, Perkins, Sherring, Haines, and Poore.

The lodge was opened with Bro. J. R. Johnson in the chair, assisted by Bros. Allison and J. Sadler Wood as Senior and Junior Wardens; Banks, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; and Westley, I.G. After the confirmation of the minutes Bro. James Stevens proceeded with his lecture, which was listened to with marked attention by the brethren, and as time did not permit of it being concluded, Bro. Stevens consented to attend at an early date at the request of the brethren to deliver the second portion of the lecture. Three joining members were elected, and an unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Stevens for that part of his interesting lecture he had delivered, and as a small token of respect he was elected an honorary member of the lodge, which he, in reply to the vote, accepted in the fraternal spirit of the intentions of the brethren. The lodge was then closed in ancient form, and it was the unanimously expressed views of the brethren present that they had received considerable instruction from what Bro. Stevens had so kindly imparted to them in his lecture.

PERCY LODGE (No. 108).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros.

Beeden, W.M.; Ashton, S.W.; Capstick, J.W.; Venning, S.D.; Wolf, J.D.; Snook, I.G.; Fenner, acting Preceptor; Galer, Sec; Houghton, Richardson, Manger and Dixie.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Venning having offered himself a candidate for initiation the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Manger answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, but was not entrusted he being only a Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed in the First Degree and Bro. Manger having offered himself candidate for passing was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree and Bro. Ashton was unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Capstick, 186, was unanimously elected as a joining member. The lodge was then closed in due form.

EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—A meeting was held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden-town, on Monday, the 30th ult. Present: Bros. Salter, W.M.; Chamberlayne, S.W., P.M.; Dean, J.W., P.M.; Recknell, S.D.; Slyman, J.D.; Linfield, I.G.; Collier, Preceptor; and Sheppard, Sec.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sheppard having offered himself a candidate, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. Linfield, of Lodge 211, become a joining member, and Bro. Chamberlayne was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The lodge was then closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening last, the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. E. A. Francis, was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Henry Baldwin, S.W.; J. B. Serjeant, J.W.; R. Poore, Secretary; C. H. Phillips, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; Hakim, P.M., I.G.; H. M. Williams, Org.; G. W. Knight, Dir. of Cers.; S. Richardson, E. Bye, jun., J. N. Bate, M. E. Stokes, A. Albert, J. Banks, A. J. Styles, R. W. Pooler, and others. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and in accordance with previous arrangements, the W.M., Bro. Francis, proceeded to rehearse the installation ceremony (omitting that portion relating to the Board of Installed Masters). Bro. S. Richardson having assumed the chair of K.S., the officers of the evening, as above, were all duly invested, and the remainder of the ceremony was proceeded with and concluded. The lodge being closed to the First Degree a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Francis for the admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremonies that evening, to the great pleasure and profit of the brethren. The resolution was ordered to be inserted on the minutes. Bro. Francis thanked the lodge for their kind vote, which was a sufficient reward for his labours that evening. Bro. G. W. Knight rendered efficient service as Director of Ceremonies, also Bro. H. M. Williams, as Organist, who gave the musical portions with great taste and effect, which added much to the completeness of the ceremonial. Bro. H. Baldwin having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, he briefly returned thanks, and expressed the hope that the brethren would loyally support him at their next meeting by their presence and assistance. Bro. S. Richardson was unanimously elected a member, and returned thanks. The usual routine business being duly completed, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the brethren, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned in perfect harmony.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. There were present Bros. Hunt, W.M.; Le Cren, S.W.; Gray, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; Hildreth, Sec.; Catling, S.D.; Pope, J.D.; Reck, I.G.; Forss, Preceptor; Polac, Hunt, jun., and Crane.

The lodge was opened in due form and minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Polac acting as candidate. Bro. Forss then worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. Hunt, jun., was elected a joining member, and returned thanks for the same. Bro. Le Cren was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Forss proposed, seconded by Bro. Gray that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he worked the ceremonies for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 19th ult., at the Bedford Head Hotel, Covent Garden. Present: Bros. N. H. Gulliford, W.M.; L. Nathan, S.W.; G. Coleman, J.W.; W. Smith, S.D.; and G. Reynolds, Sec., I.G. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees. Bro. W. Smith worked the First Section of the Lecture in the Third Degree. Lodge was afterwards called off and resumed. Bro. W. Smith worked the Second Section of the Lecture. Bro. W. Smith proposed that Bro. L. Nathan be W.M. for the ensuing week, which having been seconded by Bro. G. Coleman was carried unanimously, and the W.M. elect appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, the 15 inst., at the Prince Regent (Bro. Monte's), Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The W.M., Bro. A. E. Albert, being supported by the following: Bros. S. Richardson, S.W.; F. M. Hakim, J.W.; E. A. Francis, Preceptor; C. H. Phillips, Treas.; H. M. Williams, Secretary; R. Poore, S.D.; C. G. Banks, J.D.; H. Baldwin, I.G.; J. Harling, P.M.; G. W. Knight, H. Hooper, Letchford, R. W. Pooler, W. Croucher, J. Hudepohl, G. Monte, J. Danks, J. Hill, and W. Millen. Lodge being opened in due form the Secre-

tary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously confirmed. The W.M. then proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation in an able manner, with Bro. G. W. Knight as candidate. Bro. Hill having proved his proficiency he was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing most creditably with Bro. Hill as candidate. Lodge was closed to the First Degree, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his able working of the ceremonies, and the excellent manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair that evening for the first time in his Masonic career. Bro. S. Richardson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and he appointed his officers in rotation, after which lodge was closed in due form.

After the lodge of instruction was closed the monthly meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction Benevolent Association was held, Bro. Francis, the President, being in the chair. The Secretary, Bro. Hooper, read the minutes of the previous meeting of the association, which were confirmed. The Treasurer, Bro. S. Richardson, announcing that he had over £10 10s. in hand, it was resolved that there should be two ballots of £5 5s. each, in accordance with the rules. Bro. Harling, P.M., and Miss Hammond proved to be the fortunate recipients. The Society now numbers 48 members, who pay a subscription of 1s. per week. Twenty-five guineas have already been paid over to the Masonic Charities in less than two months; this augurs well for the success of the Society in the future, and our Masonic Charities will benefit accordingly. Members are admitted any week after the instruction lodge is closed and at the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday in each month. Ballots are taken as funds allow; but there will always be one or two each monthly meeting, and very shortly it is hoped even more. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings at a somewhat late hour. However, the excellent character of the evening's work (Masonry and Masonic work) must be taken as a sufficient excuse; yet if a further reason is required, let us remember "Charity covers a multitude of sins."

Royal Arch.

SUNDERLAND.—De Lambton Chapter (No. 94).—The annual convocation of this chapter took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, for the purpose of exaltation and the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The exaltation ceremony was performed by Comp. M. Fampton, P.G., as follows: Comps. N., Taylor, Z.; W. Brandt, H.; J. Hudson, J.; R. Smart, P.S.; J. Rainbow, S.N.; T. Henderson, P.G., S.E., and J. Brown, Janitor. The annual banquet afterwards took place, Comp. N. Taylor in the chair, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The quarterly convocation of the above chapter took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill. Comp. W. B. Lloyd, M.E.Z., presiding, assisted by the following officers and companions: Comps. Eugene Sweny, H.; H. Mason, J.; T. D. Hayes, I.P.Z., and P.P.G.P.S. Kent, Treas.; C. Coupland, P.Z., and P.P.G.P.S. Kent; W. H. Myers, P.Z. and D.C.; W. Musto, P.Z. and Wine Steward; R. Edmunds, Scribe N.; W. Reece, 1st Assist. Soj.; E. B. Hobson, 2nd Assist. Soj.; C. H. J. Goodwin (Wanderers); Thos. Wills, S29; J. Wilkins, J. 14; G. Mitchell, S29; J. Scott-Mutch, H. 13; Dr. F. Spurrell, M.E.Z. S29; D. C. Capon, W. Hewetson, J. W. Roberts, D. Campbell, C. Ellis, T. R. Richardson, G. Nicholas, C. Jolly (Freemason), and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. G. Lloyd, of No. 913, and proving unanimous, he was, with the full ritual, exalted to the Sublime Degree. The election of principals and other officers then took place with the following results: Comps. Sweny, as M.E.Z.; Mason, as H.; Edmunds, as J.; Reece, Scribe N.; Hobson, P.S.; Penfold, Treas.; and H. Mabbett, Janitor. Comp. Price sent a letter requesting to be relieved from the office of Scribe E. on account of ill-health, but it was unanimously resolved to elect him for the office for another year, as the companions were unwilling to lose hold of his excellent services. The sum of ten guineas was then voted to Bro. Mason's list for the Boys' School, the same sum having been voted to it from the mother lodge (the Pattison) and then the chapter was closed in solemn form.

After partaking of an excellent banquet, served by Bro. Moulder in the hall, the usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were proposed by the M.E.Z.

Comp. Hayes, I.P.Z., then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z." and congratulated him upon introducing two members of his family in the persons of his son-in-law, Comp. Richardson, and his own son into the chapter, both of whom he trusted would live to occupy the position their father did so well. It would be needless for him to say one word about the splendid working of their M.E.Z. They had witnessed it, and were, he felt sure, proud of having such a first principal. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

Comp. Lloyd was exceedingly pleased to hear that they appreciated his working, and he took it by their endorsing the kind remarks of Comp. Hayes that he had given them satisfaction. With reference to his son, he must say that he was pleased to have the opportunity of exalting him into Royal Arch Masonry, as he had initiated him into Craft Masonry, and hoped, and indeed believed, he would be a credit to both institutions. He always believed that Masonry had a tendency to make a good man even better, and, therefore, anxiously wishing to do good for his family, felt that in introducing the eligible members of it into the Order, he was doing that which would make them good and worthy members of society, good Masons, and good men.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Comp. Godwin referred to the unusual kindness extended by the Pattison Chapter to its visitors. It gave him additional pleasure because of the splendid working he always saw in that chapter. Its solemn completeness always affected him, and he felt, and indeed realised, while listening to it in the Pattison Chapter all the seriousness of Masonry in its highest and most beneficent attributes. It was and had always been a matter of surprise to him that so many Master Masons should go on their way through life without taking the Royal Arch. He meant that to refer chiefly to England; it was not so on the continent, or in the colonies.

or dependencies, for if they did not take the Royal Arch they certainly never got beyond the mere outside edge of Masonry. He was pleased to see the son of their esteemed M.E.Z. exalted, and felt sure, as his father had so well and ably said, that it would strengthen his good qualities, and make him if possible a better man than he was even now.

Comps. Wilkins and Mitchell also responded. The next toast was that of "The Exalte," and Comp. Lloyd responded in a short but excellent speech.

The other toasts were "The M.E.Z. Elect and the rest of the Officers," to which Comps. Sweeney and Edmunds responded. "The P.Zs." followed, and then "The Masonic Press" and Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings, which were made most enjoyable by the unremitting attention of Comp. Musto (the prince of Wine Stewards) at the banquet table, and Comp. Penfold at the social board.

Mark Masonry.

CHESTER.—Earl of Chester Lodge (No. 196).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 16th ult. Bro. R. C. Edmunds, P.M., installed Bro. Robert Brown Ferguson, W.M., in his usual efficient manner, and was assisted by the retiring W.M. Bro. Herbert Ellis, P.P.G. Org.; Bros. John Pemberton, P.G.S.W.; and Hugh Williams, P.P.G.J.D. The following brethren were invested: Bros. Herbert Ellis, P.P.G. Org.; I.P.M.; Antony, Stevenson, P.P.G.M.S., S.W.; C. K. Brown, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; J. Williams, P.P.G.S.B., M.O.; J. Edwards, P.P.G.B., S.O.; G. J. Holland, J.O.; J. Salmon, P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; T. E. Nabe, Sec.; J. B. Murless, S.D.; E. Brasse, J.D.; and J. Barnes, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. Bros. Geo. Morgan, P.G.J.G.; J. Pen-ton, P.G.S.W.; and Hugh Williams, P.P.G.J.D.; were re-elected honorary members.

The lodge being closed the brethren partook of a very enjoyable repast, and the usual toasts were enthusiastically given and responded to.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—Albion Chapter (No. 54).—The installation meeting of this progressing chapter was held at the Warrior Square Rooms on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The chapter was opened in due form by Ex. Bro. C. W. Duke, M.W.S., after which Ill. Bro. Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, 33°, Inspector General South-Eastern District, was admitted under the Arch of Steel, and very heartily welcomed by the M.W.S. and brethren, it being the occasion of his first visit to the chapter since his appointment. Letters of regret at inability to attend the meeting of the chapter were read from Ex. Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., M.W.S. Eureka Chapter, Brighton, and several other brethren. A ballot was taken for Bro. Commander Hennah, R.N., I.P.M. 40, and he was declared duly elected. Bro. Alfred G. Cooke, P.M. 222, was then perfected by Ill. Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., 32° P.M.W.S., Ex. Bro. C. W. Duke, M.W.S., acting as Grand Marshal, ably assisted by Ex. Bro. Major Cooper, Raphael. The ceremony was finely rendered, the anthems and music being beautifully played by the Organist, Ex. Bro. F. H. Hallett, L. Mus. T.C.L., and called from Ill. Bro. Burney special words of praise.

Ill. Bro. W. H. Hodgkin, 30°, M.W.S. elect, was then presented to Ill. Bro. Thomas Trollope for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being performed in Bro. Trollope's usual able and impressive manner. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Ex. Bros. C. W. Duke, I.P.M.W.S., and Recorder; the Rev. T. S. Curteis, M.A., High Prelate; Ill. Bro. C. Brisco, 1st General; Ex. Bros. Major Cooper, 2nd General; Richard Pidcock, P.M.W.S., Treas.; T. H. Wadd, Grand Marshal; Major Gant, Raphael; W. H. Cronk, Herald; Fredk. Duke, Capt. of Guard; F. H. Hallett, Org.; and B. Sidney Wilmot, D. of C.

An unanimous vote of thanks to Ill. Bro. Col. Somerville Burney, 33°, Inspector General of South Eastern District, was then passed and acknowledged in most courteous terms. Col. Burney congratulating the members on the very effective appointments and decorations of their chapter and stating that although it was his duty to be present, he had experienced a great deal of pleasure at the admirable manner in which the whole of the ceremonies had been conducted.

After votes of thanks had been proposed by the M.W.S. and carried by the brethren, to the retiring M.W.S., and the Installing P.M.W.S., the chapter was closed in the usual form and the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Royal Victoria Hotel, under the presidency of Ill. Bro. W. H. Hodgkin. The dinner was in Bro. R. J. Reed's usual *recherché* style.

Knights Templar.

GIBRALTAR.—Calpe Preceptory (No. 60).—The regular convocation of the above preceptory was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane. Amongst those present were Sir Knights Moore-Keys, E.P.; Cottrell, P.E.P., Treasurer; Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock, acting Prelate; Thos. Haynes, P.E.P. Constable (acting); Trener, Marshal; Langdon, Sub-Marshal; and Culatto, Captain of the Lines. Sir Knights Gilbard, Prov. Sub-Prior, and Ashton, Registrar, were unable to be present owing to severe indisposition. There were also present Sir Knights Henry, P.E.P.; Dobranich, J. H. Bryant, and several visitors.

The minutes of the last regular convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the eminent Preceptor elect for the ensuing year, Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock, by Sir Knight C. W. Moore-Keys, E.P., the Installing Officer, was proceeded with, the work being extremely well and impressively performed. The E.P. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Sir Knights Moore-Keys, P.E.P., Prelate; Gilbard, P.S.P. Constable; Langdon, Marshal; Culatto, Sub-Marshal; Cottrell, Treasurer; Ashton, P.E.P. Registrar; J. Haynes, P.E.P., Herald; Dobranich, Almoner; Bryant, Captain of the Lines; and Peterkin (serving brother) Equerry without. The preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights retired for a few moments while the rooms were re-arranged and prepared for the Knights of Malta. On resuming business Sir Knight J. H. Bryant received this Degree in due form, and the cere-

mony of installation took place, when our esteemed Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock was duly installed and received the O.B. of E.P. Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested. The priory was then closed in the usual manner with solemn prayer. The entire evening proved to be a real Masonic treat, which augurs well for the future of this old-established and prosperous preceptory.

Red Cross of Constantine.

MILLOM.—Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The quarterly meeting of this conclave was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and was duly opened by Em. Sir Kt. Tom Bird, M.P.S., assisted by his officers. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Bros. Robt. Shaw, Wm. Atkinson, Wm. Bradley, and John Bowness were balloted for and installed as Sir Kts. of the Order. The election of officers was next proceeded with, with the following result, Sir Kts. H. Peacock, M.P.S.; George Dalrymple, Viceroy; and Lewthwaite, Treas. The other Sir Knights present were: Sir Kts. Thos. Mandale, P.S.; D. Bell, I.G.; W. Holloway, H.; J. Mills, Almo; Chas. Gowan, J. C. Hunter, and J. J. Robinson. The sum of two guineas was voted on behalf of Sir Kt. McKay's Stewardship. The conclave was then duly closed.

The Sir Knights at the invitation of Sir Kt. Mills subsequently dined, when after the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the name of Em. Sir Kt. W. F. Lamonty, Past Sovereign, Melbourne, was given with all the "fire" (though absent not forgotten). The Sir Knights then separated after a very pleasant meeting.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. HUGH SPENCER.

The funeral of the late Bro. Hugh Spencer, for a quarter of a century connected with the "Allan" Line of Steamers in a prominent capacity, took place at Anfield cemetery, Liverpool, on Friday, the 20th inst. The respect in which deceased was held was shown by a gathering of about 150 gentlemen who had been identified with the deceased in business and otherwise. As a tribute to his memory, the flags of the company's ships in port were hoisted half-mast. The cortege started from the late residence of the deceased in Langham-street, Kirkdale, and amongst those present were the two sons and three brothers of the deceased, Bro. Arthur Wood (marine superintendent of the Allan Line), Messrs. J. James, M. McNaughten, Irving, Smith, Windus, Hattie, W. Heaton, R. Haskayne, Belli, J. Nolan, Maxwell, Dally, J. Matthews, J. Hough, R. Hough, R. Ferguson, Pease, Thompson (Messrs. A. and B. Brown), Jones (representing the pilots), Cummings, and W. Blain, most of whom are connected with the Allan shipping interests. The deceased was an active member of the Masonic Order, having been prominently concerned in the formation of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1035, and the Walton Lodge, No. 1086, of which he was a member. The fraternity was represented by Bros. Alderman J. P. M'Arthur, P.P.G.J.W.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 220; J. Neill, 1356; J. Horrocks, 1035; J. Leonard, and the following officers and members of No. 1086: Joseph Ellis, P.M.; Wilkinson, S.W.; William Roberts, Sec.; F. Mansley, J.D.; F. Ewart, I.G.; R. E. Roberts, R. Copeland, R. Davidson, Jos. Dickinson, James Casey, and Brown.

FUNERAL OF BRO. W. SCURR.

On Monday last, the remains of Bro. W. Scurr, of the New Cross Lodge, 1559, were laid to rest in Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley. Bro. Scurr, who was a well known musician, had been ailing for some months past, and after lingering for a few weeks after his admission into the Mid-dlesex Hospital, succumbed to that fell disease—consumption—on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Amongst those who followed our deceased brother to his last resting place were Bros. Ernest E. Smith, P.M. 1559; Wild, 1559; West-hall, Org. 1559 (representing Cramer and Co.). Many old friends and fellow labourers in the musical world testified their respect to the deceased by their presence at the grave-side, amongst others Messrs. Rorke (representing Novelli and Co.), Randall (partner of Bro. Scurr), Lipscombe, two sisters and two nephews of the deceased, the widow, and many personal friends and acquaintances. The coffin was adorned with wreaths, one given by Bro. Ernest Smith in the name of the New Cross Lodge. Bro. Scurr was popular amongst all with whom he came in contact, but with none more so than his brethren in Freemasonry.

BRO. JOHN WORDSWORTH.

If it be admitted that the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason is Charity, then it would seem naturally to follow that the brother who largely avails himself of opportunities for the practice of that virtue we all profess to admire, should be regarded as worthy of special distinction. When to this is added a well-grounded conviction that the bestowal of a considerable portion of the means at disposal is the outcome of a simple, sincere desire to benefit one's fellow creatures, unaccompanied by ostentation and without any seeking after self-aggrandizement, our appreciation of good deeds plainly made manifest ought to be considerably enhanced. Fortunately we have several in our midst to whom these remarks are applicable. Unfortunately we have to mourn the loss of one who afforded a prominent illustration of that genuine spirit and principle of philanthropy the desire to testify to the existence of which has prompted these few words prefatory to the record of an event which has occasioned poignant regret throughout a wide circle of friends in the locality in which Bro. John Wordsworth lived and moved, and sympathy with which has extended itself into remote districts, especially to the metropolis, where at least in the Masonic community he for many years was intimately known and highly respected. On Friday, 20th April, Bro. Wordsworth's career of usefulness was terminated at the comparatively early age of 53, after an illness which, though protracted and somewhat severe, was not such as to afford cause of anxiety to his family. Less than four years have elapsed since Bro. Wordsworth received the felicitations of his friends on his marriage. The union has been happily blessed, and the favours of fortune descended upon him and his in ample streams. It is not the object of the writer—who was amongst the most intimate of his Metropolitan friends—to compose an eulogium, but simply to bear

testimony to the many good qualities with which Bro. Wordsworth was endowed—steadfast and sincere as a friend, genial as a companion, plain and outspoken as an adviser, strong in the conviction of the soundness of his own opinions, and tolerant of those of others, he succeeded in winning many friendships, without making a single enemy. Bro. Wordsworth's favourite field of active exertion was undoubtedly the Masonic Charitable Institutions, to all of which he was a liberal donor, taking the most lively interest in their prosperity, which it was his constant endeavour to promote by every means in his power, as will be seen from the following record: Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Steward 13 times, Donations £210, Votes 97, Vice Patron. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Steward 16 times, Donations £514 10, Votes 330, Vice Patron and Trustee. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Steward 12 times, Donations £152, votes 150, Vice Patron. These are independent of the qualifications and votes enjoyed by all the mourning members of his family. The following are some particulars of his Masonic career:—He was initiated in the Integrity Lodge, No. 380, Morley, 11th May, 1859, and served the office of W. Master in 1862 and 1876. He was one of the founders of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, in 1864, and served the office of W.M. in 1870; he was Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works in 1865 and Provincial Grand Warden in 1873. He became a Royal Arch Mason on 31st January, 1861, in chapter No. 208, Dewsbury, and filled the chair in 1867. He was also founder of a chapter at Morley in 1867, and in this degree served the office of Provincial Grand Sword Bearer from 1865 till 1869. He was Prov. G. Mark Master up to the time of his death, also a distinguished member of the Knights Templar. On the 26th October, 1871, he joined lodge No. 60, Peace and Harmony, London, and was installed W. Master 23rd of June, 1881. He was Grand Steward of England in 1877-8. He joined the Dewsbury Rifle Volunteers as a private at the formation of the corps in 1859, and afterwards became a captain. The funeral was attended by a large number of the brethren among whom we noticed: Bros. H. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. S.; W. Gill, P.M., P.P.G.W.; C. Linck, W.M.; J. H. Loveless, W.M.; B. Broughton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Rev. J. Clarke, P.P.G. Chaplain; John Ambler, P.M.; W. Beanland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Jer Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Rev. J. Hollywood, P.P.G. Chaplain; S. O. Bailey, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; C. Crabtree, P.M., Prov. G.D.; William W. Barlow, P.M., Prov. G.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.M., Prov. G.S.; M. S. Rhodes, P.M.; George Horsfall, P.M.; J. C. Taylor, P.M.; R. Williamson, P.M.; W. C. Lupton, P.M.; Chas. Brumm, M.M.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Dep. P.G.M. of M.M.; R. Nelson, P.M.; J. Schott, M.M.; Arthur H. Stamford, M.M.; J. Watson, M.M.; J. Rudduck, P.M., and John Barker, P.M., P.P.G.M.W. The procession was closed by a number of private carriages. There were many wreaths of flowers sent to adorn the coffin and the brethren placed sprigs of acacia thereon.

CONSECRATION OF THE CAMDEN CHAPTER, No. 704.

The above chapter was consecrated at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 6th ult., by E. Comps. J. Terry, P.Z., as Z. Past P.G.W. Herts, &c.; J. D. Collier, P.Z., as H.; and E. C. Daines, as J. Several very able orations were delivered at the several stages of the proceedings, and the installations of the Principals were performed in the most exemplary manner throughout, viz.: Comps. Nathaniel Goodchild, W.M. 704, Z.; Henry Slyman, W.M. 753, H.; George Clark, jun., P.M. 1777, J.; F. Snee, as Scribe E.; H. E. Coffin, P.S.; Edwin Storr, as First A.S.; and Very, as Janitor.

The musical arrangements were most ably carried out under the direction of Comp. F. W. Dimsdale, ably assisted by Comp. G. S. Graham.

A chapter of emergency was held on Thursday, the 19th ult., and during the convocation Bros. John B. Clark, 1777, and A. Evers, Henry F. Shephard, and Edward H. Blunt, 704, were unanimously balloted for and duly exalted into the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry in a most able and impressive manner by the officers as above named, with the exception that the important duties of P.S. were discharged by Comp. E. F. Storr (his superior officer being unavoidably absent) in a most praiseworthy and creditable manner.

A ballot was also taken, which proved unanimous in favour of two joining companions, viz., Comps. A. R. Chamberlayne and Edward Lyon Shelton, both of the High-gate Chapter, No. 1366. They were duly accepted members, and briefly returned thanks.

There were also present Comps. J. D. Collier, P.Z., and E. L. Shelton, members; also Comps. Albert Fish, 95, and Henry Baldwin, Scribe N. 720, as visitors; and Comp. Very, Janitor.

The regular meetings are fixed for the last Thursday in the months of March, July, and November. There has already been established in connection with this chapter a chapter of improvement, or instruction, which is held at the Boston Hotel, Junction-road, Upper Holloway, every Wednesday evening, at half-past eight o'clock, under the able and efficient direction of Comp. J. D. Collier, P.M., P.Z., Preceptor, and Comp. H. Slyman, Scribe E., to which all companions are most cordially invited to attend who desire to become proficient workers in this magnificent and Supreme Degree of the R.A.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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

BIRTH.

TORR.—On the 28th ult., the wife of the Rev. W. E. Torr, of Carlett Park, Eastham, Cheshire, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

STORY—BROADWOOD.—On the 25th ult., at Rome, Waldo, son of W. W. Story, Esq., to Ada Maud, daughter of T. C. Broadwood, Esq.

DEATH.

HARMSWORTH.—On the 31st March, Julia Harmsworth, the beloved wife of Bro. C. J. Harmsworth, P.M. Prince Alfred Lodge, 956, P.Z., at Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, after a short illness.



Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury on Saturday completed his eighty-second year, having been born on April 28th, 1801.

Bro. Sir John Bennett has not yet recovered possession of his watch and appendages. He has offered a reward of 20 guineas.

Bro. Lord Wolseley has consented to become honorary colonel of the 23rd Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps, in the room of Sir Charles Russell.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley presided at the ninety-fourth anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Wednesday evening. Bro. Sir G. Elliot, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. South Wales, Eastern Division, was one of the guests.

Bro. C. Willing, P.G.O., gave his last concert for the present season at St. James's Hall on Tuesday evening. The chief attraction was Gade's cantata of "Psyche."

Bro. the Earl of Fife, the Duchess of Abercorn, the Countess of Lathom, and Lady Maud Wilbraham were present at the Duke and Duchess of Bedford's dinner party on Wednesday evening.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught witnessed the performance of "The Silver King" at the Princess's Theatre on Wednesday evening.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has publicly called attention to the monetary requirements of the London Hospital, the assured income of which is only £14,000 to meet an annual expenditure of £47,000.

At a public meeting held on Saturday last in the Highbury Athenæum, Lord G. Hamilton, M.P. presiding, it was decided to promote the establishment of a central hospital for North London, with accommodation for 300 beds, and a building fund was opened, the estimated amount to be raised being £40,000. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Mr. McCullagh Torrens, M.P., Mr. O. E. Coope, M.P., and many of the prominent residents in the district were among those present.

A Royal order appears in the *Gazette* creating a decoration designated "The Royal Red Cross," to be conferred for special services in nursing the sick and wounded of the army and navy. The decoration is to consist of a cross, enamelled crimson, edged with gold, having on the arms and words "Faith, Hope, Charity," with the date of the institution of the decoration, the centre bearing the Queen's effigy.

The Parkes Museum of Hygiene will be opened by the President (the Duke of Albany) on Saturday, 20th inst. Sanitary apparatus of every kind will be exhibited, and it is hoped that the new buildings in Margaret-street will do much to aid the advance of the science of health.

The Court is expected to move to Windsor about Tuesday next. It is understood that the opening of the Fisheries Exhibition by her Majesty was abandoned under the injunctions of the Royal physicians.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Lady Morton and Col. Teesdale, witnessed the performance of "Lady Clare" at the Globe Theatre on Wednesday evening.

Bros. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, P.G. Warden, and Sir G. Macpherson Grant, Bart., M.P., were among those present when the foundation-stone of a new Scottish National Church was laid in Pont-street, Belgravia, on Wednesday.

Among those present at the grand banquet held on Wednesday evening at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, to celebrate the establishment of the National Liberal Club were the following, namely: Bros. Earl Granville (in the chair), the Marquis of Tweeddale, Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., Lord Monson, Lord R. Grosvenor, M.P., C. C. Cotes, M.P., Joseph Dodds, M.P., P. S. MacIver, M.P., W. C. Borlase, M.P., and J. R. Holland, M.P. The dinner was provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, and proved a great success from a culinary point of view.

Bro. the Lord Mayor was present in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. G. N. Buxton, Chairman of the London School Board, distributed the prizes and certificates to the successful competitors of the London School Swimming Club.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., has given £9000 towards the Indian Institute at Oxford, the foundation stone of which was laid with Masonic ceremonial on Wednesday by the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M. of England.

We regret to announce the death, at his residence, Bury St. Edmunds, of Bro. W. H. Lucia, P.G. Swd. Br., and very many years Prov. G. Sec. for Suffolk. Bro. Lucia was 63 years of age.

With the view of enabling the Balloon Society of Great Britain to establish fixed direction and velocity of currents in the different strata at certain times of the year, to-day (Saturday) the Society purposes sending up a number of balloons. To each will be fixed a self-registering instrument for ascertaining the velocity, and one for ascertaining the altitude the balloon reached. Persons finding any of the balloons are asked to return them to the Society's London headquarters, stating the time and place where found.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—"Let good digestion attend on appetite."—Holloway's Pills are universally acknowledged to be the safest, speediest, and best corrective for indigestion, loss of appetite, acidity, flatulency, and nausea are a few of the inconveniences which are remedied with ease by these purifying Pills. They strike at the root of all abdominal ailments, they excite in the stomach a proper secretion of gastric juice, and regulate the action of the liver, promoting in that organ a copious supply of pure, wholesome bile, so necessary for digestion. These Pills remove all distention and obstruction, and, from their harmless composition, are peculiarly well adapted for delicate persons and young children; they expel impurities, strengthen the system, and give muscular tone.—[ADVT.]

At the rooms of the Society of Arts on Wednesday evening, Professor George Forbes lectured to a large audience on electricity as a motive power.

The festival dinner of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association will be held on 22nd June, instead of on 30th May, the change having been made in order to meet the convenience of Bro. Lord Wolseley, who has kindly undertaken to preside.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, C.C., and the members of his family have taken part in so many ceremonies connected with the erection of places of worship for various Protestant denominations that the trowels presented to the family on such occasions now number 39.

Bro. F. West, F.R.G.S., P.P.G.R. Surrey, acting Sec. No. 4, &c., has been elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Lin-Plate, Workers alias Wire Workers.

The Priory of Acton Lodge, No. 1996, was consecrated at the Royal Oak Assembly Rooms, Acton, on Thursday, and Bro. W. Roebuck installed as first W.M. A full report will appear next week.

At a meeting of the Grand Chapter Club Mess, held after Grand Chapter on Wednesday last, Comp. Frank Richardson, P.G.A.S., was unanimously elected Treasurer, in the place of Comp. Joshua Nunn, P.G.S.B., resigned.

Bro. W. H. Hubbard, who was recently elected to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, is a candidate for the Provident Clerks' Benevolent Association, the election for which takes place this month.

The anniversary meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction will be held on Tuesday, the 12th prox., when the worthy Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis, will be in the chair, and work the ceremony of installation.

Messrs. S. W. Partridge & Co., of Paternoster-row, will publish next week a Biography of the Right Rev. Dr. Barclay, late Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, which will contain interesting narratives of Missionary Enterprise and Adventure, and some account of abortive efforts for the conversion to Christianity of Jews and Mohammedans in the Turkish dominions.

Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., has, at his own expense, had the grave of the famous novelist, Smollett, author of "Humphrey Clinker," rehabilitated, and the tablet with Armstrong's epitaph, restored to its pristine freshness. Smollett lies in the non-Catholic burying ground at Leghorn; but as this has been closed since 1839, and no care been taken of it, the tombstones are in such a disgraceful state as to be hardly recognisable. Other Englishmen will do well to follow Bro. Parkinson's example.

The will of Bro. William George Harrison, Q.C., one of the benchers of the Inner Temple, late of 88, Gloucester-crescent, Hyde-park, who died on the 5th March, was proved on the 17th ult., by Mrs. Caroline Mary Harrison, the widow, to whom he gives and bequeaths everything of which he shall die possessed or be entitled to at the time of his death absolutely. The personal estate amounts to over £30,000.

A convocation of Principals and Past Principals of the Prov. Grand Chapter of the R.A. for the Province of Essex, at which all Royal Arch Masons are invited to be present, will be held in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, at three o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of the installation of M.E. Comp. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Soj., as Grand Superintendent of Essex. The installation ceremony will be performed by M.E. Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England. The Provincial Grand Chapter will be opened at half-past three o'clock precisely.

The richness of the goldfields of the Transvaal has been so thoroughly demonstrated by the reports of the mining engineers sent out by the South African Syndicate, of which Lord Robert Montagu is the Chairman, that quite a flutter is being created in the commercial world. The share list of the Syndicate was closed some weeks ago, and now a large and powerful company is, we learn, being formed, under distinguished auspices, to take over the Syndicate business and carry out its objects. Some 2,000,000 acres in the Transvaal have been acquired, and speculators will, we doubt not, look forward with interest to the appearance of the prospectus of the new company, which, we believe, will be issued early in May.

We observe that Mr. William Gippes Kent, of 1, Furnivals Inn, eldest son of Bro. Frederick Kent, P.M. 177, of No. 9, Bucklersbury, is a candidate for the office of Assistant Clerks at the Mansion House. Considering that Bro. Frederick Kent represented the Ward of Bread-street for nearly 10 years in the Court of Common Council, and then only retired by reason of ill health, it would seem but natural that some consideration should be shown towards his son, who was educated in the City of London School, and received the greater part of his legal education in his father's office, whom we remember as having conducted several important prosecutions on various occasions. It will be remembered that Bro. Kent as W.M. of the Domestic Lodge entertained the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London at a grand ball at the Cannon-street Hotel during his year of office.

MONEY LENT. Advances on Property. Loans, Negotiated.—£5 to £1000, with and without securities, at moderate interest upon Promissory Notes, repayable at a fixed period, or by instalments; also upon Deeds, Life Policies, Furniture, Jewellery, Shares, Warrants, Stocks, &c. Prompt attention, with secrecy. Trade bills discounted. Deposits received. THE LONDON BANK, 71, Fleet-street, E.C.; 88, High-street, Islington, N.; and 113, Church-street, Edgware-road, W. Open daily Forms gratis. Established 1838. E. J. READ, Secretary.—[ADVT.]

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.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Lord Alcester was passed to the Second Degree at a meeting on Wednesday last of the United Lodge, No. 1629, of which the Earl of Milltown, Grand Senior Warden, in W.M. Several other noblemen were present.

The installation of Bro. E. J. Acworth as Master of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 133, will take place next Monday, at the Ship Hotel, Faversham, when it is expected Lord Holmesdale, Provincial Grand Master for Kent, will be present.

A loan exhibition of amateur works of art was opened on Wednesday at Lewther Lodge, by kind permission of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. William Lowther. The Duchess of Connaught paid a visit to the exhibition, which contains contributions from many distinguished personages. The proceeds will be devoted principally to the Parochial Mission Women Fund.

The National Rifle Association have entered into a contract with the Electric Motor Syndicate to lay down an electric railway at Wimbledon, and to work it during the meeting of the Association in July next. The line will be a mile in length. The train will consist of six carriages, carrying 24 passengers each.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Upton Lodge of Instruction, held at the Swan Tavern, Bethnal, Green-road, by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction on Thursday, the 10th of May, under the presidency of Bro. J. P. Cohen, W.M.; H. G. Gush, S.W.; A. Trewnard, J.W.; and A. W. Fenner, I.P.M. Brethren are cordially invited.

It is intended to place a portrait of the R.W. Bro. Kelly, P.P.G.M., in the Masonic Hall at Leicester. An influential Committee has been formed, with Bro. C. E. Stretton as Secretary and Treasurer. The subscriptions are limited to 10s. 6d.

Bro. Charles Hubbard, who some years back filled the chair of W.M. of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 860, for two years in succession, was at the last meeting again unanimously elected to that office. His installation will take place on Wednesday next, at the Greyhound, Richmond.

Bro. Lord Wolseley presided on Wednesday evening at the dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, and in proposing the toast of the evening touched upon the relationship between the makers and the writers of history, and, in alluding to those who objected to criticism during the progress of a campaign, he remarked that criticism of that character was as old as war itself. Lord Derby proposed the health of Lord Wolseley. Subscriptions to the amount of nearly £900 were announced.

The funeral of the late William Leitch, Vice-President of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, took place at Brompton Cemetery on Wednesday last, and was attended by the President and Council and many members of the Institute. The Princess of Wales sent a large and beautiful wreath of flowers.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday 7th inst., at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, held at the Crown and Cushion, 73, London-wall, at seven o'clock. Bros. Walter Martin, S.D., 879, will be the W.M.; J. C. Smith, A.D.C., 1744, S.W.; G. Emblin, 147, J.W. First Lecture—First section, Bro. J. F. Moran, 749; Second, Bro. W. Hester, P.M. 749; Third, Bro. J. J. Thomas, 753; Fourth, Bro. E. M. Money, J.W. 28; Fifth, Bro. F. W. Sillis, D.C. 1744; Sixth, J. C. Smith, A.D.C. 1744; Seventh, Bro. J. A. Powell, 186. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. G. W. Knight, J.D. 1507; Second, Bro. J. Hemming, D.C. 1287; Third, Bro. J. Paul, I.G. 1472; Fourth, Bro. J. W. Ager, 957; Fifth, Bro. G. Mordey, 1744. Third Lecture—First Section, First, Bro. E. F. Pierdon, 948; Second, Bro. George Emblin, 147; and Third, Bro. C. Weeden, J.D. 813. Bro. Edwin Storr, S.E. 167, Hon. Sec.

The annual meeting of the House of Charity was held yesterday at the institution's building, 1, Greek-street, Soho, Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., presiding. The 37th annual report set forth that generally the work of the charity was to prevent distress and misery, and its mode of doing this work was by affording relief, after investigation, to those who sought help. It was the only home in London gratuitously offered to such distressed persons as were of good character, upon a recommendation from someone who knew them. Among the classes relieved were patients discharged from hospitals, orphan or friendless girls, widows, emigrants, and out-patients of hospitals. A guild had been formed for the better protection of young girls who entered the house, many of them, either by reason of their own incapacity, their treatment by their employers, or from illhealth, being unable to keep their situations for any long period. Receiving but small wages, and accordingly prevented from saving money, they found themselves on their discharge once more face to face with the world, inasmuch as they had only poor homes, and perhaps bad ones. Many also were girls from the country without friends in London or elsewhere. 592 persons were admitted to the benefits of the charity in the past year. The Primat had agreed to succeed his predecessor as patron of the institution. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, urged that the claim of the charity was that it stimulated self-reliance and self-help. It did not undertake to provide for persons for the rest of their lives, but afforded them protection and help when they needed and deserved it, until they were enabled to obtain employment and become respectable members of society. The Rev. F. J. Ponsonby seconded the motion, which was adopted nem. con.

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METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, May 5, 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, MAY 5.

Gen. Com. Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st. Hot.
Lodge 1567, Elliott, Railway Hot., Feltham.
" 1929, Mozart, Harewood Hot., Croydon.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
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, MAY 7.

Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.
" 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
Mark 139, Balham Hot., Balham.

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, MAY 8.

Lodge 15, Kent, F.M.H.
" 46, Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hot.
" 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
" 235, Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
" 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
" 1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hot., Greenwich.
" 1604, Wanderers, F.M.H.
" 1608, Samson, 68, Regent-st., W.
" 1769, Clarendon, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1969, Waldeck, F.M.H.
K.H., 30°, 33, Golden-sq.
S.C., 33°, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.
Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., 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 Bldgs., 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 Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Eleonor, 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, MAY 9.

Festival Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
General Committee Benevolent Institution, at 4.
Lodge 3, Fidelity, F.M.H.
" 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., Woolwich.
" 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
" 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., E.
" 820, Lily of Richmond, Greyhound H., Richmond.
" 1306, Lodge of St. John, City of London Tav., St. Mary Axe.
" 1629, United, F.M.H.
" 1694, Imperial, Pier Hot., Oakley-st., Chelsea.
Chap. 857, St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 946, Strawberry Hill, Grotto Hot., Twickenham.
" 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham H., Portland-pl., W.
" 1549, Stanmore, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Mark 284, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hot., Tottenham.
S.C., 33°, 33, Golden-sq.

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, 79, 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.
Eleonor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 91, Regularity, F.M.H.
" 206, Friendship, Ship & Turtle Tav., Leadenhall-st.
" 238, Pilgrim, F.M.H.
" 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 879, Southwark, Southwark Park Tav.
" 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
" 1216, Macdonald, Head - Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell.
" 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-h.
" 1804, Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow.
Chap. 1383, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-sq.
" 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
K. T. Precept. 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

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, MAY 11.

Lodge 33, Britannic, F.M.H.
" 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
" 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
Chap. 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
Mark 108, Croydon, 105, High-st., Croydon.
K. T. Precept. Great Priory, Cannon-st. Hot.
" 26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-st. Hot.

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, MAY 12.

Lodge 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.
" 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
" 1328, Granite, F.M.H.
" 1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge.
" 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell.
" 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Brixton.
Chap. 1184, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
" 1706, Orpheus, F.M.H.
Mark 234, Brixton, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN-CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, May 12, 1883.

MONDAY, MAY 7.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.
" 428, Sincerity, Angel Hot., Northwich.
" 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.
" 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.
" 1264, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1380, Skelmersdale, Seafeld House, Seaforth.
Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hot., Manchester.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, MAY 8.

Lodge 241, Merchants, M.H., Liverpool.
" 322, Peace, Warren Bulkeley Arms, Stockport.
" 1250, Gilbert Greenall, M.R., Wigan.
" 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
" 1713, Wulfram, Walton Institute, Walton, near Liverpool.
Chap. 537, Zion, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 613, Bridson, M.H., Southport.
Stanley L. of I., 214, Great Homer-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9.

Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
" 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.
" 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
" 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
" 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
" 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
" 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-Sands.
Chap. 178, Harmony, M.H., Wigan.
Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

Lodge 216, Harmonic, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
" 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
" 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
" 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.
" 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
" 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
Chap. 220, Harmony, Garston Hot., Garston.
Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, MAY 11.

Lodge 1289, Rock, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.
Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

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The Freemason.

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1883.

FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL. DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE.

Freemasons throughout the world will learn with the deepest regret, that shortly before midnight on Thursday, the 3rd instant, that portion of Freemasons' Hall, which is known as "The Temple" was totally destroyed by fire. An inspection of the premises the following morning showed how completely the flames had done their work. Of the valuable pictures of Past-Grand Masters of the Society, of the valuable fittings and furniture, nothing but the charred remains are to be seen, except the marble bust by the late Bro. Bailey, R.A., of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand-Master 1813-43, and grand uncle of His Royal Highness of the Prince Wales, the present Most Worshipful Grand Master. This, though it has been seriously affected by the heat and smoke, there is reason to hope may be retained as a valuable relic of the past glories of the Old Hall erected more than a century since by the oldest section of the Masonic Craft in the whole civilised world. Of the interior fittings we shall have occasion to speak at some length later on. Suffice it to say here that this portion of the building, in Great Queen-street, is utterly destroyed. The magnificently-decorated roof is gone, and the wonder is, that, considering the position of the Temple and the difficulty the firemen experienced in their endeavours to cope with the flames, the rest of the premises and the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern escaped the conflagration.

Considerably over half a century elapsed before the Freemasons of England bethought themselves of erecting a special building of their own in which Grand Lodge might meet and discuss questions affecting the government of the Craft. Anterior to the year 1776 our great Masonic Diet was wont to hold its stated and emergent communications, now in the Hall of one of the great City Companies, now in some well-chosen and commodious tavern. Thus, as Preston relates in his "Illustrations of Masonry," it was at the Queen's Arms Tavern, St. Paul's Churchyard, the then headquarters of the old time-immemorial lodge of St. Paul's, now Antiquity No. 2 on the roll of Grand Lodge, that on the 24th June, 1721, Grand-Master Payne and his Grand Wardens with the former Grand Officers and the Masters and Wardens of twelve lodges, met the Grand-Master elect, His Grace the Duke of Montagu, and Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. When the proceedings of the previous communication had been duly confirmed, and several gentlemen, including Philip, Lord Stanhope, afterwards Earl of Chesterfield, initiated, Grand Lodge marched in procession in their clothing to Stationers' Hall, where the duke was formally inducted into office as Grand Master, the learned Dr. Desaguliers, a Past Grand Master, delivering an elegant oration in praise of Masonry. Other city halls and other taverns were similarly honoured, but about the year 1770 measures were taken to erect a home of its own for Grand Lodge. A subscription was raised for the purpose, a committee was appointed to superintend the management of the business, and so indefatigably was the scheme worked that on the 27th of April, 1774, the said committee were in a position to report to Grand Lodge that it had entered into a contract for the purchase of a plot of ground and premises, consisting of two large and commodious dwelling houses, with large garden attached, in Great Queen-street, the sum agreed to be paid being £3180, while the expense estimated for the erection of the Hall, it was said, would not exceed £3000. The report having met with general approbation, Lord Petre, Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters, the Dukes of Beaufort and Chandos, Earl Ferrers, and Viscount Dudley and Ward, were appointed trustees for the Society, and the conveyance of the premises aforesaid was made out in their names. In February of the year following it was agreed to raise £5000 by a tontine in order to carry out as completely as possible the designs of the brethren, and in three months the whole sum was forthcoming. On the 1st May, 1775, the foundation-stone of the Hall was laid by Lord Petre, Grand Master, in the presence of a large and influential gathering of the brethren, and on the 23rd of May, 1776, the same Noble Grand Master had the good fortune to complete the work, which had been so happily carried out under his directing influence and zeal, by opening and personally dedicating the Hall to "MASONRY, VIRTUE, and UNIVERSAL CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE," in the presence of one of the most brilliant assemblages of the Craft that had ever been witnessed. The building thus solemnly consecrated to the use of Freemasonry is described by Preston as being of elegant proportions and design. In length it was 92 feet, in breadth 45 feet, and in height over 60 feet. The roof is said to have been, in all probability, the most highly-finished piece of workmanship in Europe, and conferred lasting honour on the architect Bro. Richard Cox. In the centre a splendid sun was represented, and around this were the twelve signs of the Zodiac with their respective characters. The pilasters on each side of the hall were fluted and otherwise beautifully decorated, the places between them being occupied with full length portraits of the following Grand Masters, namely, Lord Petre, Grand Master, 1772-76; Duke of Manchester, G.M., 1777-81; H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, G.M., 1782-90; his nephew, H.R.H. George Prince of Wales, G.M., 1790-1813, and Grand Patron till his death

in 1830; Earl of Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings, K.G., Acting or Pro Grand Master, 1791-1813; H.R.H. Duke of Sussex, G.M. 1813-1843; and Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, present Grand Master. In addition to these portraits of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge "Moderns," and the present United Grand Lodge there were those of His Grace the Duke of Atholl, G.M. of the "Ancients" from 1775 to 1781, and for a second time from 1791 to 1813, and H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the same Grand Lodge in succession to the Duke of Atholl, through whose hearty and harmonious co-operation with his brother the Duke of Sussex, ably supported, as it was, by the Earl of Moira, the schism in English Freemasonry, which had endured for some three-quarters of a century, was brought to a conclusion and our present Grand Lodge established. Besides these pictured memorials of our most distinguished brethren there was a magnificent bust of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, by the late Bro. Bailey, R.A., which, as a work of art, must be set down as the most valuable of all. This, as we have said, has escaped destruction; but the heat and smoke have very seriously marred its beauty, and though it will be cherished as a relic, we fear it will cease to be the accurate counterfeit presentment it was of the illustrious Prince and Mason, whose virtues it was designed to commemorate.

Of the many splendid scenes that have been witnessed within its walls we have no time or space to give more than a few brief particulars. It was here that at the Grand Festival, held on the 2nd May, 1792, His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales was installed Grand Master in the presence of his brother, the Duke of York, the Earl of Moira, whom he appointed acting Grand Master, and over 500 of the leading members of the Craft. Here—on the 13th of May, 1795—His Royal Highness again presided as Grand Master, and was accompanied by the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., and Grand Patron, 1830-37. Here, at a meeting of Grand Lodge, on the 3rd of June, 1800, the Earl of Moira Acting Grand Master, delivered an admirable speech in which he warmly vindicated the Society from attacks which had then recently been made upon it by the Abbé Barruel and Professor Robison, and here it was at the same meeting that an address was unanimously voted to George III., whose life had been attempted the preceding 15th May, at Drury Lane Theatre, congratulating his Majesty on his happy escape under Providence from the bullet of the assassin. But the most memorable events associated with the late Hall belong to the year 1813. On the 27th January a most magnificent dinner was given in honour of the Earl of Moira, then under orders to proceed to India as Governor-General of that portion of the British Empire. The Duke of Sussex, D.G. Master, presided, and was supported by the Dukes of York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, and Gloucester and fully 500 other brethren. In the course of the evening the illustrious Chairman invested his lordship with a magnificent jewel which had been purchased by the voluntary contributions of the Fraternity to mark their sense of the splendid services the noble Earl had rendered to Freemasonry during his long tenure of the office of Acting Grand Master. And as this year was thus brilliantly inaugurated, so was it brought to a still more brilliant conclusion by the ever-memorable Act of Union of the 27th December, an event which has been so often described, that the mere allusion to it now will be sufficient. The last scene of all which deserves mention was the Special Communication held on the 15th March of last year, when Grand Lodge voted an address to the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the providential escape from the attempt made on her life at Windsor a short time previously. On this occasion His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, presided, and his Brothers, the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, Past Grand Wardens, took part in the proceedings.

It should be added that the regalia of Grand Lodge have escaped destruction as well as the throne used on the special occasions when the Prince of Wales presides. As to the origin of the fire, there appears to be little reason to doubt that it was owing to a huge beam which ran athwart a flue communicating with the kitchen of the Tavern, becoming ignited. It is due to Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, who resides on the premises, to say that but for his early discovery of the fire the whole of the buildings would in all probability have been destroyed.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL AND THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

Bro. HEDGES, Secretary of the School, has promptly issued the following circular:

"Dear Sir and Brother,—
"We are pleased to be able to inform you that notwithstanding the lamentable fire at Freemasons' Hall, the Festival of this Institution will not be postponed, but as the accommodation will necessarily be somewhat contracted, we feel confident that we may rely upon the co-operation of all those who are taking part in its celebration to make the best of any little inconvenience which may unavoidably arise.—We are, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

ROBERT GREY,
President Board of Stewards.
F. R. W. HEDGES,
Hon. Secretary Board of Stewards.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We are happy to state that the fire at Freemasons' Hall will not prevent the Anniversary Festival of the Institution being held on Wednesday next, 9th inst.

ROBERT GREY,
Pres. Board of Stewards.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Hon. Sec. Board of Stewards.

5, Freemasons' Hall,
4th May, 1883.

Royal Arch.

INVICTA CHAPTER (No. 10).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at 33, Golden-square. The M.W.S. was too ill to attend so the chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. W.M. Bywater, 30°, who performed the ceremony in a most able and impressive manner. There were present: Bros. G. Lambert, 32°; James Glaisher, 32°; Magnus Ohren, 32°; J. Hughes, 30°; P. Laird, G. F. Legg, W. G. Lemon, G. Mickley, G. Powell, Recorder; John Read, Org.; C. W. Thompson, Major Dunbar, H. Lovegrove, W. Reeves, and others. The only visitor was Bro. the Rev. Stanton Moses. Bros. R. J. Mills, A. L. Bowen and J. Greenfield were perfected. It was announced that the chapter would celebrate its 25th anniversary in December next.

After the conclusion of the business the companions adjourned to a banquet at the Royal Hotel, Rupert-street.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).

This chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult., when there were present among others Comp. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., the M.E.Z.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; H. Tinney, P.Z., acting J.; Alfred Tisley, S.E.; G. Manners, C.C., S.N.; H. Dalwood, P.Z., Treas.; W. Farrington, Org.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; Col. Radcliffe, P.Z. (hon. member); Harrison, acting Janitor; Low, Clemow, C. Brown, W. E. Farrington, F. Farrington, S. Skelton, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. F. J. Elliot, 1589, and W. Phelps, 1708, and it proving to be unanimous, those brethren were duly exalted to the degree of R.A., by the M.E.Z. The election of officers then took place with the following result: Comp. W. Lake, M.E.Z.; Turner, H.; G. Manners, J.; A. Tisley, S.; E. Bristowe, S.N.; F. Clemow, P.S.; H. Dalwood, Treas.; and H. Gilbert, Janitor. A notice of motion by the M.E.Z., "That the present night of meeting be altered to the fourth Tuesday in April, May, and June" was discussed and it having been seconded, was put and carried nem. con. The Audit Committee having been appointed, and a Past Principal's jewel awarded to the M.E.Z. the consecration was duly closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Before the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by the I.P.Z. in flattering terms.

The M.E.Z. having responded, then gave "The Exaltees," which drew from Comps. Elliot and Phelps able replies.

The toast of "The M.E.Z. elect," followed.

In response Comp. Lake after thanking the companions for the honour they had done him by unanimously voting him to the chair of First Principal, said that although he had enjoyed some years ago the distinction of being elected in another chapter as M.E.Z., yet circumstances had prevented him subsequently from accepting the office. In the present instance he hoped that nothing untoward would occur to preclude him from filling the chair of 1589, the duties of which he would endeavour to discharge to the best of his poor ability.

"The Past Principals" was acknowledged by Comp. Dodson.

"The Treasurer and S.E." by Comps. Dalwood and Tisley; and "The Officers" by Comp. F. Clemow.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

Mark Masonry.

SUNDERLAND.—Union Lodge (No. 124).

The annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on the 26th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. T. M. Watson, W.M. for the ensuing year and the investiture of officers. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. T. V. Strachan, D.P.G.M.M. (Installing Master); T. J. Armstrong, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. G. Youll, P.P.G.S.; J. Wood, P.M. 48; W. Brandt, I.P.M.; P.P.I.G.J.; T. Twizell, P.M., P.P.J.D.; M. Frampton, P.M., P.P.S.O.; J. S. Pierson, P.M., P.P.S.O.; F. Maddison, P.M., P.P.M.O.; and W. Liddell, P.M., P.P.M.O.

The W.M. elect was then installed by Bro. Strachan, the ceremony being very ably and impressively performed. The following officers were then invested: Bro. Coxon, P.P.J.G., S.W.; R. Kinmond, J.W.; M. H. Dodd, M.O.; C. McNamara, S.O.; T. Pinkney, Pinkney, J.O.; J. R. Pattison, R. of M.; M. Frampton, P.M., Treas.; W. Pinkney, Hon. Sec.; H. S. Halvorsen, S.D.; H. Pinkney, J.D.; H. Wrightson, I.G.; and W. Brown, Tyler.

A letter was read from the P.G.M., Bro. Canon Tristram, LL.D., regretting his inability to attend owing to illness.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Palatine Hotel for dinner, which was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. T. M. Watson.

TWICKENHAM.—Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).

The installation meeting of this properous chapter was held under the most favourable auspices at the Albany Hotel, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; C. Rushworth, P.P.G.R. Middx., H., M.E.Z. elect, and Treas.; W. H. Saunders, J.; Raymond Thrupp, P.G.H. of Middx., &c., I.P.Z.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., S.E.; R. H. Saunders, S.N.; S. Saunders, acting P.S.; Smiles, 2nd Assist. S.; Cane, P.P.G.S.N. Middx., I.P.Z.; and Lane, acting Janitor. The visitors were Comps. Clark and Proffitt.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. the Rev. R. F. Hosken, M.A., S.W. 1820, G. W. Speth, P.M. 129, and W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P. 1610, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. At this stage of the proceedings the R.W.P.G.S. of Middx., Comp. Col. Sir Francis Burdett was announced and was received with the customary honours. The ceremony of exalting Bros. Hosken, Speth and Tomlinson was then most ably performed by the M.E.Z. The installation by Comp. Thrupp of the Three Principals, viz. Comps. Rushworth, W. H. Saunders and Walls followed, and was carried out in a manner that left but little to be desired. The officers invested and appointed for the year ensuing were: Comps. Walls, S.E.;

R. H. Saunders, S.N.; W. Taylor, Treas.; S. Saunders, P.S.; Smiles and Hosken, Assist. P.S.'s; and Harrison, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted.

A vote of thanks having been passed to the Installing Officer and a Past Principal's jewel presented to Comp. W. Taylor, the convocation was closed and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The customary toasts followed, Comp. Sir F. Burdett acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," and Comp. R. Thrupp that of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. R. Thrupp, Comp. Rushworth having replied, "The Exaltees" followed.

Comps. Hosken, Speth and Tomlinson responded.

"The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and in reply Comps. Clark and Proffitt passed some very flattering encomiums upon the working of the chapter. "The Officers," coupled with the name of Comp. S. Saunders terminated the proceedings.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Lodge (T.I.).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the business being an advancement, the installation of the W.M., and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. Radway, W.M., assisted by Bros. Dr. Hopkins, Chap., as I.P.M.; C. Wilkinson, P.M., Sec.; John Dutton, P.M., Treas.; Jas. J. Dutton, P.M., D. of C.; F. Wilkinson, S.W.; Dingle, J.W.; L. Howes, M.O.; Mercer, S.O.; J. Dutton, as J.O.; W. Peach, S.D.; Rice, as J.D.; W. H. Young, as I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; Bigwood, Tyler; Rubie, P.M.; Cater, P.M.; P. Braham, P.M.; and others not in office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The presence in the ante-rooms of Bros. R. C. Else, Prov. G.M., and Colonel Ford, D.P.G.M., having been announced, a deputation was formed to escort them, and on entering they were received with the usual honours. The Treasurer presented his accounts, which being very satisfactory were passed, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the Chaplain. A ballot was taken for Bro. T. H. Bethell, and this being unanimously favourable he was advanced to the rank of M.M.M. by the W.M. The ceremony was choral, and admirably performed by all the officers without exception; it was brought to a conclusion by Bro. W. Peach, who gave the Lecture on the Degree with the correctness and impressiveness which mark all his Masonic work. The Secretary read letters from many members apologising for their absence. The chair was then taken by R.W. Bro. Dr. Hopkins, Past G.W., this being the eighth year of his compliance with the request to perform the duty of installing the W.M. After Bro. Radway had been presented to him, he stated that though it was unnecessary to go through the whole of the ceremony, this being a re-election, he should do so by request of the W.M. elect. After the usual preliminaries in a Board of Installed Masters Bro. Radway was again placed in the chair of A., and afterwards appointed the following as his officers: Bros. F. Wilkinson, S.W.; L. Howes, J.W.; John Dutton, Treas.; J. J. Dutton, Dir. of Cers.; Dingle, Sec.; Dr. Hopkins, Chap.; Mercer, M.O.; Penley, S.O.; W. Peach, J.O.; Williamson, Reg.; Knight, S.D.; W. H. Young, J.D.; Rice, I.G.; Sparrow, Org.; and Bigwood, Tyler. The Installing Master concluded the ceremony by giving the usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers and brethren. A vote of thanks for their attendance was carried by acclamation to the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M. The former expressed the pleasure with which he had witnessed the perfect manner in which the ceremonies had been worked, certainly superior to that of any other lodge in the province, and the zest which had been given to the whole by the very appropriate musical ritual published for general use in Mark lodges by Bro. Mercer. He also most favourably commented on the skill of the W.M. in performing the ceremony of advancement, and of the veteran Installing Master in the discharge of his duty, to whom a vote of thanks was carried by acclamation. No other business offering excepting the proposition of another candidate, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the annual supper.

BERWICK-ON-TWEED.—St. Cuthberts Lodge (No. 192).

On Wednesday the annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Parade. Bro. R. Thompson, W.M., occupied the chair, and opened the lodge in due form. Thereafter Bro. the Rev. Edward Marrett, P.P.G.C., P.P.G.J.W., P.M. 135 (Vicar of Lesbury), installed Bro. G. F. Steven as W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. Thompson, I.P.M.; John Carr, S.W.; B. Craik, J.W.; A. L. Miller, M.O.; T. M. Morrison, S.O.; G. S. Riddle, J.O.; J. D. Gilchrist, Sec.; A. Winter, P.M., Reg. of Mks.; George Moor, Treas.; J. J. Oliver, S.D.; W. Green, J.D.; R. Weddell, Org.; H. T. Heron, I.G.; Sergt.-Major Grahame, Steward; and F. Turnbull, Tyler. After the ceremony of installation, which was impressively rendered by Bro. Marrett, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a most recherche dinner was partaken of. Bro. G. F. Steven, W.M., presided, and Bro. J. Carr, S.W., occupied the vice-chair. A very pleasant evening was spent.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).

This lodge met at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Goodall, W.M.; Lawson, S.W.; Skinner, acting J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Swd. Br., P.M., Sec.; J. Baldwin, P.P.G.S. Middlesex and Surrey, P.M., Treas.; Taylor, J.O.; Rickwood, J.D.; Sims, I.G.; Potter, Janitor; and Bro. F. Walters, P.G.I.G., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, several letters of apology were read from absent members. Previously to the lodge being closed two names for advancement at the next meeting were handed in to the Secretary. The members then adjourned to refreshment. The only toasts proposed were "The Queen and Mark Masonry" and "The W.M." The proceedings then terminated.

Bros. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, P.G. Warden, and Sir G. Macpherson Grant, Bart., M.P., were among those present when the foundation-stone of a new Scottish National Church was laid in Pont-street, Belgravia, on Wednesday.

Australia.

DEATH OF THE R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF VICTORIA.

Bro. Captain Frederick Charles Standish, R.W. District Grand Master of Victoria, under the English Constitution, died in Melbourne on the 19th of March last. For some months the condition of his health had been such as to leave little hope of other than a fatal ending. About two years ago he had a slight attack of apoplexy, and since that time he has been gradually failing. He was suffering from disease of the heart and of the liver, and there were also indications of softening of the brain. The immediate cause of death was disease of the heart, aided by a general break-up of the system.

Our deceased brother was initiated in a Dublin lodge, and joined the Golden and Corinthian Lodge of Bendigo, No. 641, E.C., at Sandhurst, in 1858, and subsequently the chapter working under the same lodge. He was also a member of the Meridian Lodge of St. John, No. 729, E.C., Melbourne, for many years. In the year 1861 the late Earl of Zetland appointed Capt. Standish R.W. District Grand Master of Victoria, and the following year he received his patent as M.E. District Grand Superintendent. He was a regular attendant at the Quarterly Communications of the district, and his last Masonic act (within three days of his death) was to sign the certificate of his new officers for the meeting summoned for the day of his death. The Quarterly communication was held as announced, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. H. St. John Clarke, W. Deputy District Grand Master; but no business, as a matter of course, was transacted. A life-size portrait of the deceased brother was two years ago placed in the Masonic Hall, by subscription. The funeral took place the following Wednesday. Originally it was intended to have accompanied the interment with Masonic honours; but as the deceased gentleman belonged to the Roman Catholic Church no steps were taken in the matter. He was 58 years of age and unmarried. The following notice appeared in the *Melbourne Argus* of March 21st: "The deceased gentleman was the son of Mr. Charles Standish, of Standish-hall, Wigan, Lancashire, England, one of the companions of George IV. when he was Prince Regent. He was born in the year 1824, and was educated at Prior-park College, and was subsequently transferred to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. He obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery, and served as a lieutenant in the artillery for nine years, during a portion of which time he was on the staff of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and retired with the rank of captain. Shortly after his arrival in this colony, in the year 1852, he made his way to the goldfields, and during the greater portion of two years worked on the M'lvor (now Heathcote), Fryers-town, Castlemaine, and Beechworth diggings. In 1854 he was appointed assistant commissioner of goldfields at Sandhurst, and subsequently Chinese protector. The latter position he held until 1858, when he was nominated by Mr. R. D. Ireland, then Solicitor-General in the O'Shanassy Administration, for the office of chief commissioner of police. On the 1st of September of that year he succeeded Captain (now Sir Charles) MacMahon, who resigned in consequence of a disagreement with Sir John O'Shanassy respecting the transfer of an officer of police from Kilmore to the Richmond depot. Captain Standish remained at the head of the Victorian police force until the 11th September, 1880, when he retired on a pension of £468 per annum. The force was thus under his control for a period of 22 years. When in the full vigour of health Captain Standish was credited with the possession of considerable ability as an administrator, but during his closing years he evinced a lack of firmness which resulted in the police force falling into a state of disorganisation. This became painfully manifest during the Kelly outbreak, when the conduct of the pursuit was carried out in a manner which led to severe reflections being cast on the higher officers of the force. It is evident now that at that time Capt. Standish was suffering from the disease which subsequently developed itself unmistakably. Personally he was popular with the members of the force, and on his retirement was presented with a handsome testimonial and address, in recognition of their appreciation of his services."

THE MYSTIC TIE.

A writer in the *Sydney Mail* says:—"Amongst the various designations under which Freemasons delight in being known to one another is that of 'the brethren of the Mystic Tie.' To the uninitiated the import of the phrase does not appear obvious; but judging from the publicity which the brethren nowadays appear to court there would seem to be rather less of the 'mystic' than the 'tie' in their proceedings. Scarcely a day passes that there does not occur somewhere in the columns of the daily press a paragraph (and occasionally, indeed, more than one) describing in flourishing terms the ceremonial at some lodge meeting. The report usually furnishes a sketch of the evening's business, with the names of as many of the members as can conveniently be brought in, garnished with divers initial letters, supposed to be of solemn import, but which are to the uninitiated rather provocative of amusement. Whether this sort of craving for notoriety be in accordance with the ancient traditions of the Craft (which is said 'to do good by stealth and blush to find it fame') we do not assume to decide; but certainly there can be very little worth concealment beyond what usually appears in print. One significant circumstance never fails to be announced, namely, that 'the brethren adjourned to the social board,' implying, we suppose, that they proceeded to enjoy a hearty good supper. Judging from the details of the toasts given, and so forth, this portion of the evening's solemnities appears to be conducted con amore, and must be very social and festive; and altogether the accounts of these ceremonies are calculated in a great measure to remind one of a vulgar old song, entitled, 'The Churchwarden's Dinner,' the refrain to each verse of which is, 'So they gobbled and drank for the good of the poor.'"

In consequence of the alterations, including a hall room, which are to be immediately commenced at Sandringham, the intended visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales at Whitsuntide, has been deferred, and it is improbable that their Royal Highnesses will be at Sandringham again until about November.