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THE elections for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1883 are over; 30 Men and 19 Widows have been placed on the roll of that admirable institution. There were issued for the Widows 35,209 votes, and 21,474 were brought forward, in all 56,683 votes. Of these 34,360 were polled, the highest successful candidate polling 2290 votes, and the lowest 1515 votes. Thus the votes for the successful candidates amounted to 33,690 in round numbers, and for the unsuccessful to 22,220, leaving 849 unaccounted for. These various figures make up the 56,683. As regards the men 38,332 votes were issued, 4129 brought forward, and 34,202 polled, the highest successful candidate securing 1854 votes, and the lowest 658. The successful candidates polled 34,382, and the unsuccessful polled 4011 votes. 4068 votes are thus unaccounted for. These items also make up the 42,461. The scene in the hall was very animated all the day, and great zeal and energy were displayed by the friends of candidates.

It will hardly be credited, and yet so it is, the Scrutineers again announced that over 100 voting papers were lost by not being filled in and signed, or filled in in excess of the voting powers. We confess it seems to us one of the strangest facts amid many many strange things to-day that despite warning, and notwithstanding advice, election after election brethren who have the conduct of the voting should display such utter carelessness, such hurtful "lâches." We can only suppose that some nervous and inexperienced candidates hastily deposit their voting papers without thought or attention in the box. To suppose that any who are experienced in elections could act so foolishly, would be to believe that they are not competent to fulfil the duties they undertake. We, therefore, lean to the idea that candidates who are often unreasonable and suspicious, especially if success does not wait upon their exertions, hastily poll their votes, without reading the instructions, and without counting the cost.

THE fact that the Scrutineers went through the large number of over 99,000 votes in the short time they did, says a good deal both for their method of business and their system of organization. At any rate the best thanks of all interested in the election are due to them for the promptitude and accuracy with which they fulfil their arduous labours.

OUR good brethren have many excellent qualities; but there are two points on which, we venture to think, they might improve,—namely, punctuality and procrastination. As regards the former, we know how often ceremonies and meetings are delayed in want of a sufficient "quorum," and though excuses may be made for "men of business" and the like, yet for a large number of us all nothing can be said, except the custom of habitual unpunctuality. Some really procrastinate so dreadfully that they send their voting papers, for instance, on the day of election, though they have had them a month in their possession, and some come after the election, often when there seasonable and timely arrival would have helped to win, and their absence has lost a case. "Verbum sat."

It will be seen by a "Communique" elsewhere, which we are requested to publish, and to which request we feel bound to accede, that a contest is impending for two seats on the House Committee of the Girls' School. There were other candidates, but we understand that they have withdrawn. Without affecting to predicate or prejudge the question to be decided alone by the General Committee, we think it right to subjoin a few words as to the impending election. Two facts are undoubted—(1) the high efficiency of the School, and (2) the great pains and care evinced by successive Managing Committees. The present Managing Committee may fairly claim, we think, the applause and approval of the subscribers in the faithful discharge of its "Stewardship." In order, then, to perpetuate year by year this effective control and management, and to keep up the School at its present undoubted

high standard of scholastic excellence, it is most advisable in the choice of the House Committee, or Managing Body, to select those brethren who really have time and attention and interest to devote to this valuable and important Institution. It is also most important to ensure harmony and unity of feeling and action; that the House Committee should be composed of brethren thoroughly working together to promote the true welfare and best interests of the School. We must all be struck with the fact, unique, so far, in the annals of similar institutions, that the House Committee—at any rate, the larger portion of those seeking re-election—made up a House List of subscriptions for the Festival, which does them great credit and has been most favourably commented upon in Masonic circles. We feel sure that the General Committee will elect a body which will not degenerate from the zeal and energy of its predecessors, but will on the contrary, availing themselves of all modern improvements in school details, render that admirable Orphanage of ours on Wandsworth-common, not only a continued pride to our whole Order, but of undeniable benefit and blessing to our poor children themselves.

SOMETHING has been said about removing our head-quarters from Great Queen-street. We feel quite sure that the great majority of our Order will oppose strenuously to any such idle chimera or any like wild goose schemes. To move would entail an expense on the Craft, which would embarrass it for years, prostrate all its efforts, and keep it in very "low water" indeed. A wise and prudential extension of our own valuable freehold property would, we feel sure, commend itself to the customary prudence, good sense, and careful views of our kindly and liberal Order. To launch out into unheard of and unreliable building expenses, to purchase land at an exorbitant price, when we have a freehold site of our own, of very great value and in a most central and convenient position, would be, according to our notions, the height of ineptitude and the acme of extravagance. We shall be undoubtedly able to increase our present local accommodation to all our present wants, and with due regard to future exigencies. It may be that now the opportunity occurs it may be desirable to make provision for a library and museum and one or two more committee rooms. But we make bold to say our great Masonic Hall and home are for English Masons and our English system, and cannot be remodelled or adapted to suit foreign types or any excrescences on Freemasonry. All the Craft asks for is a hall large enough comfortably to accommodate an evidently increasing Grand Lodge, good committee rooms, good offices, and, we think we may fairly add—though we admit the main body of Freemasons is very apathetic on the subject,—a good library and a suitable museum. Of this we are quite sure, despite anything that may be advanced to the contrary, that we shall find no site so generally convenient to the great bulk of our Order as Great Queen-street. We add while it is one thing, in face of an unavoidable and moral necessity, to repair and restore, and enlarge, it is quite another thing, whether in a moment of rash excitement, of questionable vain glory, or of inexperienced enthusiasm, to rush into great buying and building operations of which no one can see the end, and no one can count the cost.

By a regrettable mistake, the eminent actor Mr. E. ROYCE has been dubbed a brother, whereas he is not. On the old adage, "omne ignotum pro mag-nifico," it is too often the habit of friendly compositors to give to distinguished characters the epithet "Bro." Many such mistakes are found in all Masonic papers, and it often takes a good deal of trouble to eradicate a bad habit, and put matters in the right groove. We are always amenable ourselves to correction and rectification, and shall esteem it a favour from any of our readers who will point out to us from time to time any similar little errors.

WE regret that through an oversight our report of the last convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter contained no reference to the fact announced at the meeting that E. Comp. W. J. HUGHAN, in consideration of his valuable services to Royal Arch Masonry, had had conferred upon him, by H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, Grand Z., the rank and distinction of a Past Grand Assistant Sojourner of England. Though we confess it is somewhat late in the day, we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of offering to our distinguished companion and brother our hearty congratulations on his having received so rare and, at the same time, so well-deserved a mark of distinction—a distinction which is all the greater in value not only from its having been, as a matter of course, quite unsolicited, but also because the first intimation which Comp. HUGHAN received that it was in contemplation to bestow such an honour upon him was the official announcement by GRAND SCRIBE E. of its having been conferred.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, the 18th inst., in the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. Col. CREATON, Past Grand Treasurer, was called to the chair.

The minutes having been read, the Audit Committee's report was adopted.

The report of the Committee of Management was read by Bro. Terry, Secretary, as follows:—

In submitting to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the position of the Institution, the Committee consider that it will be eminently satisfactory to all interested in its welfare.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., the Patron and President, appointed the Annual Festival to take place upon the 28th February last, and the Committee were fortunate in securing as its President General Brownrigg, C.B., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Surrey; a numerous and influential Board of Stewards was formed—276 in number—who, with united and untiring energy, raised a sum of £13,350, and to them the Committee tender their thanks for their able and zealous services in realising so large an amount.

At the last election there were upon the funds 315 Annuitants, since reduced by the decease of 12 men and 5 widows. The Committee, appreciating the efforts made at the recent Festival, have determined, in view of the large list of candidates (120), not only to fill up the vacancies thus created, but also to place upon the list of Annuitants 8 men and 7 widows in addition to those previously elected, so that the total number of recipients will now be 330, exclusive of the 19 widows in receipt of half their late husband's annuity.

The alteration effected in the Laws, whereby six Annuitants were placed upon a deferred list, to fill vacancies occurring during the year has been of the most beneficial character, and only to be appreciated to its fullest extent by those who have been enabled to derive the benefit accruing from having the annuity paid them so soon as a vacancy occurred, instead of having to wait until this Election, with the attendant anxiety of the ballot.

The amount required annually to meet these demands will be £12,236, without making any allowance for the usual and necessary working expenses.

The liberality of Grand Lodge in having increased its annual grant to £1600, the Committee gratefully acknowledge, as it materially assists them in endeavouring to cope with the daily needs of the Institution. They also tender their thanks for the grant of £70 for providing the residents of the Institution with coals during the winter season.

To the honorary surgeons they again tender their fraternal thanks; to Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., for the more than solicitous interest displayed by him for the comfort of the residents at Croydon, and to R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for his kindness in administering to the wants and ailments of those resident in London.

The Committee are pleased to say that the repairs and alterations of the building at Croydon are nearly completed, and that the various dwellings are in a thorough and sound condition.

Whilst thanking and congratulating those brethren who, by their donations and subscriptions, have so materially assisted the Committee from time to time in the heavy responsibility under which they labour in carrying on the Institution, they would desire to impress upon those who have not yet accorded it their support the great desirability of their so doing, as it is only by combined efforts that the work which has been carried on for over forty years can be gradually extended, so that the fullest advantages may be conferred upon the ever increasing list of applicants of both sexes.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March, 1883, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

| MALE FUND. | | |
|--|-----|--------------|
| Balance 31st March, 1882 | ... | £3077 16 1 |
| RECEIPTS. | | |
| Donation from Grand Lodge | ... | £725 0 0 |
| " " " Chapter | ... | 100 0 0 |
| " " " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals | ... | 4978 11 0 |
| Annual Subscriptions | ... | 1138 8 6 |
| Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds | ... | 1094 19 6 |
| Rent of Field | ... | 9 0 0 |
| Cash withdrawn from call | ... | 1250 0 0 |
| Interest on cash at call | ... | 14 11 3 |
| | | 9310 10 3 |
| | | £12,388 6 4 |
| DISBURSEMENTS. | | |
| Annuitants | ... | £6120 0 0 |
| Salaries—Office | ... | 417 10 0 |
| Collector—Commission | ... | 213 9 0 |
| Messenger | ... | 5 0 0 |
| Provincial, &c., Expenses | ... | 64 14 5 |
| Medicine for Residents at Institution | ... | 12 10 0 |
| Warden | ... | 20 0 0 |
| Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary | ... | 54 12 0 |
| Rates and Taxes | ... | 47 2 4 |
| Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied | ... | 155 13 11 |
| Stationery, Printing, &c. | ... | 181 13 2 |
| Advertisements | ... | 16 2 7 |
| Postages, &c., including Expenses of Election | ... | 181 13 2 |
| Petty Expenses | ... | 16 1 2 |
| Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants | ... | 50 6 5 |
| Hire of Hall on Day of Election | ... | 2 12 6 |
| Rent, &c.—Office | ... | 45 0 0 |
| " " " Field | ... | 16 18 9 |
| Placed at Call | ... | 1500 0 0 |
| Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy | ... | 3 15 0 |
| Bankers' Charges | ... | 1 1 4 |
| Gratuities | ... | 12 10 0 |
| Law Charges | ... | 1 19 0 |
| Architect's Commission | ... | 6 18 6 |
| Assistance in Office | ... | 7 7 0 |
| | | 9141 11 1 |
| Balance on this Fund | ... | £3246 15 3 |
| WIDOWS' FUND. | | |
| Balance 31st March 1882 | ... | £1651 17 8 |
| RECEIPTS. | | |
| Donation from Grand Lodge | ... | £675 0 0 |
| " " " Grand Chapter | ... | 50 0 0 |
| " " " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals | ... | 5036 18 6 |
| Annual Subscriptions | ... | 1134 10 6 |
| Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds | ... | 703 19 11 |
| Rent of Field | ... | 9 0 0 |
| Cash withdrawn from Call | ... | 1250 0 0 |
| Interest on cash at Call | ... | 14 11 2 |
| | | 9474 0 1 |
| | | £11,125 17 4 |
| DISBURSEMENTS. | | |
| Annuitants | ... | 5407 0 0 |
| Salaries—Office | ... | 417 10 0 |
| Collector—Commission | ... | 260 19 6 |
| Messenger | ... | 5 0 0 |
| Provincial Expenses | ... | 64 14 5 |
| Medicine for residents at Institution | ... | 12 10 0 |

| | | |
|---|-----|-----------|
| Matron | ... | 62 0 0 |
| Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary | ... | 28 12 0 |
| Rates and Taxes | ... | 47 2 4 |
| Repairs, Painting, &c., and goods supplied | ... | 155 13 9 |
| Stationery, Printing, &c. | ... | 170 16 5 |
| Advertisements | ... | 16 2 8 |
| Postages, &c., including expenses of election | ... | 180 1 6 |
| Petty Expenses | ... | 14 0 3 |
| Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants | ... | 50 6 4 |
| Hire of Hall on Day of election | ... | 2 12 6 |
| Rent, &c.—Office | ... | 45 0 0 |
| " " " Field | ... | 16 18 8 |
| Placed at Call | ... | 1000 0 0 |
| Premium on Collector's Guarantee Policy | ... | 3 15 0 |
| Bankers' charges | ... | 1 1 1 |
| Gratuities | ... | 37 10 0 |
| Law charges | ... | 1 19 0 |
| Architect's Commission | ... | 6 18 6 |
| Assistance in Office | ... | 7 7 0 |
| | | 8315 11 1 |

Balance on this Fund £3110 6 3

| SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING. | | |
|--|-----|----------|
| Balance 31st March, 1882 | ... | £59 13 7 |
| Dividends on Stock in Government Funds | ... | 29 3 9 |
| | | £88 17 4 |

| DISBURSEMENTS. | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Repairs | ... | £29 1 0 |
| Balance on this Fund | ... | £59 16 4 |
| Total Balance as per Auditors' Report | ... | £6416 17 10 |

The permanent income of the Institution is as follows:

| MALE FUND. | | |
|--|-----|------------|
| Annual Grant from Grand Lodge | ... | £800 0 0 |
| " " " Chapter | ... | 100 0 0 |
| Dividends on £37,450 Stock in Government Funds | ... | 1094 19 6 |
| | | £1994 19 6 |

| WIDOWS' FUND. | | |
|--|-----|-------------|
| Annual Grant from Grand Lodge | ... | £800 0 0 |
| " " " Chapter | ... | 50 0 0 |
| Dividends on £24,075 Stock in Government Funds | ... | 703 19 11 |
| | | £1553 19 11 |

| SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING. | | |
|--|-----|------------|
| Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds | ... | £30 0 0 |
| | | £3578 19 5 |

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. J. CREATON, Past G. Treas., V.P. (Chairman).
May 18th, 1883.

On the motion of Bro. W. CLARKE, P.G.P., seconded by Bro. F. ADLARD, P.M. 7, the report was adopted.

Bro. H. G. WARREN called the attention of the meeting to the necessity of placing some limit on the amount of money to be invested. He was quite aware of the prudence of having a good reserve fund to provide for contingencies, but when he found they had £60,000 in reserve he thought it was time that they should consider whether they were not laying up too much for posterity at the expense of the necessities of the present day. He was fully convinced of the necessity for a fund in reserve, but as there was more than £60,000 of accumulations in 25 years after providing annuities for a large number of brethren and widows during that time, he was sure it was time for the brethren to look about for a limit to the invested capital. He did not attempt to say for one moment what the limit should be, whether £40,000 for the men and £30,000 or £35,000 for the widows, or not, but he threw it out as a suggestion for the Committee first of all to determine that there should be a limit, and next to fix a limit, as possibly he might not have many years to attend these meetings.

The CHAIRMAN said he was quite sure Bro. Warren's remarks would have the best attention of the Committee, he having opened the question.

The report was then ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL, P.M., No. 1607, moved as an addition to rule 25 the words—"Every Vice-Patron, upon completion of a further donation of one hundred guineas to either fund, or partly to each fund, in one sum, or in sums of not less than ten guineas each, shall become a Patron of the Institution, with twelve votes for every ten guineas subscribed." He thought it would form an encouragement to brethren who had contributed to contribute more in the future, and induce others to follow their noble example.

Bro. W. CLARKE, P.G.P., seconded the motion.

Bro. CHARLES LACEY, P.M. 174, said the proposition was a good one, but he thought it should be referred back to the Committee, as it would involve an alteration of the bye-law. He moved that it be referred back.

Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M. and Treas. 22, seconded the amendment. The proposition was a very important alteration of the law.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL in reply said it was not an alteration but an addition. (Laughter.)

The amendment was lost, and the original motion was put and carried.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, asked whether the privileges were to be extended to lodges, chapters, and societies.

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL said no; but only to individuals.

Bro. H. SMITH thought the bodies he had mentioned should have the same privileges.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a subject he wished to bring before the brethren. As the meeting had decided to make Patrons and Patronesses of the Institution of all those brethren and ladies who subscribed a hundred guineas after their first hundred guineas, and as her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales were already Patroness and Patron respectively, he would move that her Majesty and the Prince of Wales have conferred on them the rank of Grand Patroness and Grand Patron. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, 2nd Grand Standard Bearer, seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Bros. A. H. Tattershall, J. J. Berry and John Newton were elected Auditors. Scrutineers of votes for the election of annuitants were then elected, and the following was then declared open for the election of 30 male annuitants from an approved list of 50 candidates, and 19 female annuitants from an approved list of 70 candidates.

Bro. R. R. Davis, P.M. 256, Hon. Secretary of the "John Hervey Memorial Fund" attended, and handed the amount of dividends received, £26 7s. 6d. in four cheques, as follows: £6 13s. 9d. to each of the highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female), £6 10s. to each of the second

highest unsuccessful candidates (male and female). At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result of the election :

| MALES. | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| SUCCESSFUL. | | VOTES. | |
| Bro. Charles Benjamin Bennett | 1854 | Bro. James L. Langley | 1087 |
| " William F. Tubby | 1814 | " Jonathan Wright | 1087 |
| " Geo. H. T. Dyer | 1727 | " Joseph Lewis | 1082 |
| " Thomas Sanson | 1518 | " Ralph M. Smith | 1055 |
| " John Martin Baab | 1290 | " William Radford | 1037 |
| " William M. Ford | 1286 | " Thomas Ashmore | 1010 |
| " George Cole | 1235 | " Frederick John Knott | 1008 |
| " John Patterson | 1223 | " Richard Churchill | 989 |
| " Thomas Nuttall | 1192 | " William Norman | 972 |
| " James Shepherd | 1185 | " Robert West | 971 |
| " James Hayter | 1179 | " Thomas Collins | 946 |
| " Joseph Robertson | 1166 | " Ben Exley | 875 |
| " Richard Wild | 1151 | " William Stork | 831 |
| " Michael Coffey | 1099 | " Thomas William Sewell | 763 |
| " Francis Joseph Wirtzfeld | 1092 | " Benjamin Banks | 658 |
| UNSUCCESSFUL. | | VOTES. | |
| Bro. John Inwood | 542 | Bro. Alexander Reid | 102 |
| " Christopher Willcox | 495 | " John L. Towning | 77 |
| " Charles Fitzwater | 458 | " William Harrison | 53 |
| " Noah S. Loting | 439 | " Charles Sarl | 33 |
| " Thomas R. Weston | 411 | " John Kingsbury | 28 |
| " Daniel Heigho | 398 | " Andrew Wade | 6 |
| " James Goodchild | 375 | " Frederick Allies | 4 |
| " George Ensell | 368 | " Francis Harper | 3 |
| " Hannibal Gardner | 138 | " John Musham | 3 |
| " John Thomas Jones | 118 | " William Brafield | Dead |
| FEMALES. | | | |
| SUCCESSFUL. | | VOTES. | |
| Mrs. Charlotte Muruss | 2290 | Mrs. Louisa Cathcart | 1772 |
| " Ellen Morrison | 1914 | " Jane Greenwood | 1747 |
| " Eliza Laffitau | 1912 | " Mary Nowlan | 1705 |
| " Jane Penman | 1900 | " Naomi Gambell | 1699 |
| " Ann Roberts | 1847 | " Mary Harbord | 1675 |
| " Amelia Wallis Davis | 1803 | " Sarah Greathead | 1643 |
| " Mary Ann Petty | 1796 | " Elizabeth Pearson | 1593 |
| " Harriett Caswell | 1786 | " Lillias Greig | 1573 |
| " Caroline Golding | 1779 | " Caroline Sarah Louisa Pratt | 1515 |
| " Mary Ann Watson | 1772 | | |
| UNSUCCESSFUL. | | VOTES. | |
| Mrs. Fanny Stubington | 1393 | Mrs. Mary Pelton | 260 |
| " Annetta T. H. Wood | 1317 | " Ellen Potter | 151 |
| " Emma Bowen | 1316 | " Jane Tribe | 141 |
| " Ellen G. Beattie | 1276 | " Jane Mary Townsend | 81 |
| " Mary Russell | 1194 | " May Marianne Rodgers | 76 |
| " Eliza Haynes | 1161 | " Hannah Rebbeck | 71 |
| " Ann Wakefield | 1123 | " Mary Heppel | 66 |
| " Elizabeth Mary Thomas | 1102 | " Louisa Lovelock | 61 |
| " Elizabeth Mary Ann Child | 1095 | " Jane Polkinghorne | 50 |
| " Zolie Emmerson | 955 | " Elizabeth L. Cooley | 50 |
| " Caroline C. H. V. Buckley | 947 | " Jane Leaver | 37 |
| " Magdalene Jager | 904 | " Charlotte Copeland | 16 |
| " Isabella Elliot | 803 | " Harriet Matilda Madeley | 14 |
| " Sarah Anne Mardon | 782 | " Jane Maddick | 13 |
| " Phoebe Ann Rumsey | 737 | " Mary Matthews | 9 |
| " Mary Smith | 713 | " Sarah Rigarsford | 8 |
| " Elizabeth Chapple | 646 | " Mary Crisp | 8 |
| " Rebecca Perridge | 589 | " Elizabeth Ann Barras | 7 |
| " Sarah Ann Allen | 481 | " Sarah Coates | 5 |
| " Elizabeth Hobbs | 475 | " Susan Croad | 4 |
| " Harriet Evans | 459 | " Ellen Greenwood | 4 |
| " Margaret Rowell | 385 | " Annie Parker | 3 |
| " Mary Geary | 355 | " Amelia Hargreaves | — |
| " Elizabeth Hill | 309 | " Elizabeth Ann Cook | — |
| " Frances Isaac | 307 | " Sarah Fenning | Dead |
| " Susan Timms | 271 | | |
| Brought forward | 21,474 | | |
| Votes issued | 35,209 | | |
| | Polled today 34,360 | | |

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and the Chairman of the day concluded the proceedings.

PRESENTATION TO MAJOR-GENERAL LAURIE, GRAND MASTER OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The brief notice we gave last week of the presentation of a testimonial to Major-General Laurie, late Deputy Adjutant-General of Militia in Canada, was hardly worthy of the occasion or of the distinguished officer and brother who was made the recipient of the honour. Major-General Laurie has not only seen much active service in the field, but he has likewise shown that he possesses in a high degree the less showy, but in the long run perhaps, the more valuable qualities of the military organiser. To him during the long period of his service in Canada it is in a great degree attributable that the Militia of the Dominion is in such an admirable state of organisation. To him we owe it that, at the period of the Fenian raids into the Dominion some few years since, Nova Scotia alone was in a position to put into the field some 15,000 men, well trained and well equipped enough to meet any emergency. To him also must be ascribed the credit—and we doubt not the Imperial Government will unhesitatingly admit the obligation—of having rendered it unnecessary for the War Office to maintain a large force of British troops in Canada. The Militia, in promoting the efficiency of which he has had so conspicuous a share, is fully equal to the ordinary requirements of military duty, and consequently our small army is stronger by some 10,000 men for home purposes, and, if the occasion should unhappily arise, for service in other parts of the world. These are claims which deserve to be recognised, and it must considerably enhance the value—in his estimation, at all events—of the testimonial, which a few days since was so ceremoniously presented to our respected brother, that it has emanated from the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the force with which his name is, and ever will be, so intimately associated.

Major-General Laurie is a soldier of some 30 years' standing, having received his first commission in 1853, when the prospect of this country becoming involved in a tremendous struggle with Russia over the Eastern question bid fair to become sooner rather than later a certainty. A few months sufficed to set all doubts at rest, and Major-General Laurie, then a subaltern in the King's Own Regiment, was one of the force despatched to the East under Lord Raglan to check the aggressive designs of our powerful antagonist. He was present with the allied armies during the

whole of the struggle in the Crimea, and for his services received the Crimean medal and clasps, as well as the Turkish medal. He also took part in repressing the Indian Mutiny, and his services were again rewarded with the honour of a medal. When the memorable Trent affair occurred towards the end of 1861, Bro. Laurie was sent to Canada and had entrusted to him the very responsible duty of organising the militia of Nova Scotia, and there, with the exception of a brief period of service in South Africa against the Boers in 1880, he continued to be employed till quite recently. On retiring from the Deputy Adjutant-Generalship of Canada, the militia of Nova Scotia determined to mark their sense of his valuable services by raising a subscription with a view to presenting him with some memento of his career in that colony. Hence the gathering on the 17th inst. in the hall of the Saddlers' Company, of the Court of Assistants of which Bro. Laurie has lately become a member. The Master, Mr. H. M. Reed, presided, and there was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen as well as of representatives from different colonies to witness the interesting ceremony, among the most distinguished being Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Alexander Galt, High Commissioner for Canada, Mr. Archer, Agent-General for Queensland, Mr. M. Smith, Agent-General for Victoria, Mr. Mills, Agent-General for Cape Colony, Sir Charles and Lady Clifford, Generals Ansell, Lowry, Rigby, and Sir H. Lefroy, Major-General Paget, Sir R. Temple, Sir C. Stirling, Sir J. Rose, Sir L. McClintock, Sir E. Inglefield, Surgeon-Major De Chaumont, Col. Grant, Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., and Messrs. A. G. Laurie and P. G. Laurie. After a few opening remarks by the Chairman, Sir Alexander Galt made the presentation, and read the address, which bore the signatures of nearly 4000 officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Nova Scotian Militia and expressed their congratulations on his promotion to be a Major-General in the Imperial army, at the same time that it eulogised his services in Canada for the past twenty years. Bro. Laurie having acknowledged the gift in appropriate terms, votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and to the Master and Wardens of the Company for the use of their hall were passed with acclamation. The testimonial consists of a sword of honour and a massive silver punch bowl, the former, which was most admirably designed and executed, having been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. The blade bears the following brief but expressive inscription: "Presented by the Volunteer Militia of Nova Scotia to Major-General J. W. Laurie, Sept. 13, 1882."

It remains for us to add a brief account of Major-General Laurie's Masonic career, which is almost co-extensive with his career as a soldier. He was initiated in the Albany Lodge, No. 151, Newport, Isle of Wight, in the year 1854, but it was not until after his return from foreign service that he was able to take the M.M. Degree, and to that end he crossed over specially from Dublin in order that he might be raised in his mother lodge. The same year (1857) in which this latter event occurred, the King's Own Regiment, in which at the time he was a Captain, obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland to hold a travelling lodge, and its first meeting was held in the Island of Mauritius, as the King's Own Lodge, No. 91 on the roll of Grand Lodge of Ireland. After holding for a brief time the post of Tyler till a junior brother had qualified for the office, Bro. Laurie was successively appointed to the various offices, and in 1860, and again in 1861, was elected W. Master. On arriving in Halifax, in 1862, he became a joining member of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, in that city, the only lodge in Nova Scotia, which still retains its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. When the necessities of military duty required that he should remove to a distance, he, to use the American term "dimitted," and consequently he took no part on either side in the discussions which ultimately led to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. On the death of the Grand Master, the Hon. A. Keith, Colonel Laurie was elected by a handsome majority over two other candidates Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and was annually re-elected to that high office till 1880, when he declined in favour of his Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Allan Crowe, whom only a few months later he had the melancholy duty of burying with Masonic honours. On his return from the Cape of Good Hope, he was once more chosen by his Nova Scotian brethren to be their Grand Master, and from all we have heard and read he is highly esteemed, not only by the brethren in his own jurisdiction, but also by those of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 398, English Constitution, with whom he is on the best of terms, and whose presence in the colony, though not acknowledging him for their chief, he has openly recognised as beneficial to the Craft. He is the representative of the Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as well as of the Grand Lodge of New York, having been solicited to fill the latter office in consequence of the very favourable impression he made in 1875 when, as representing his own Grand Lodge, he took part in the dedication of the Masonic Temple in New York City. He has officially visited several of the Grand Lodges on the American continent, and his annual addresses and official decisions have invariably been received with the greatest respect. For some months past he has been in England, and readers of the *Freemason* will not require to be reminded of the hearty welcome our distinguished brother has always met with when visiting our Grand Lodge or any of its daughter lodges.

It will no doubt interest brethren to know that our distinguished brother is son of John Laurie, who was Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1846, and that another near relative of his, Sir Peter Laurie, was Lord Mayor of London in 1846, and Master of the Saddlers' Company the same year. Thus the family to which he belongs have attained to civic as well as to military and Masonic eminence.

In conclusion we beg to congratulate Bro. Major-General Laurie on the signal evidence which the event of Thursday week affords of the respect in which his military services are held by the force with which for 20 years he was connected, and in the establishment of which he played so great a part. May he yet be spared to live many years in the esteem and respect of his brother soldiers as well as of his brother Masons!

STONEMASONS OF THE MIDDLE AGES.—The history of the operative Masonic guilds has yet to be written; and it seems inadvisable, in a cyclopædia where space is valuable, to dilate on a subject on which we have yet to learn so much. It is sufficient to observe that the guilds of Masons seem to have attached themselves to monasteries especially, and to have sent distinguished Masons all over the country from time to time, to consult, work, or direct other bodies at work. We can trace the same Master Mason for instance, in the north and in the south. Perhaps that very connexion with the monasteries preserved that peculiar character of legend and tradition which so marks our Masonic Constitutions.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

WEST LANCASHIRE
MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

SUGGESTED IMPORTANT EXTENSION OF
ADVANTAGES.

At a recent meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, held at Liverpool, an influential committee was appointed to consider certain suggestions made by Bro. Richard Brown, P.P.G. Treasurer, formerly one of the hon. Secretaries of the Charity, with the view of greatly extending its scope and sphere of usefulness and beneficial working. The Institution has for many years done an amount of good educational work in the cases of the children of distressed and deceased Freemasons not attempted by any other Masonic province in England. Last year upwards of £1200 were spent in the education, clothing and advancement in life of no fewer than 165 children (boys and girls), and the Institution, notwithstanding this outlay, is happily possessed of an accumulated reserve capital of nearly £17,000. Bro. Brown, who has long taken the deepest and warmest interest in the "West Lancashire," holds the opinion that the governors are warranted in making an extension of its advantages, and the special committee met on Friday evening the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, to consider the matter. There were present at the meeting Bro. R. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg. (in the chair), Bro. R. Brown, P.P.G.T.; R. Martin, P.M. 1182 one of the honorary secretaries of the Institution; J. T. Callow, Hon. Treas.; George Morgan, P.M. 1035; H. H. Smith, F. Bagot, and others.

The scheme of extension which the special committee was organised to consider was mentioned in a letter written by Bro. Brown, addressed to the officers and members of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. In this letter Bro. Brown said:—"Although I am no longer officially connected with the Educational Institution attached to this province, I naturally feel a sincere interest in its future welfare; and I desire to place before you a subject that has long occupied my thoughts, and which, had health been spared me, would probably ere this have been brought before you by myself in my official capacity. I have thought for some time past, and my idea is supported by many of the brethren, that it would be very desirable to extend the benefits of the charity by undertaking the entire maintenance of some of the children. You are aware that at present we educate and, where required, clothe these children. The part of our operations relating to the clothing of the children has only been arranged within the last year or two, but it has been found to act most beneficially.

If anything could inspire a Freemason to action it would be the perusal of a telegram that I recently found on the floor of the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, dated 16th October, 1882, which ran as follows:—

"From Robert Wylie, Freemasons' Hall, London.
To J. T. Callow, Masonic Hall, 22, Hope-street,
Liverpool.

Bowes unsuccessful by sixty votes, including 'your' proxy."

That the son of an active Freemason like the late Bro. Bowes, of Warrington, who, I have reason to know, devoted himself largely to the interests of the West Lancashire Institution, should be shut out of the Boys' School in London, is a circumstance that demands our serious consideration; and I think I shall be able to show that in this province we have the power in our own hands to prevent such a contretemps in the future. In further preface I should like to explain that if what I am about to say seem antagonistic to the London Charities, it will not be because I desire this should be so, but because under the peculiar circumstances referred to I think we should review our position, and, whilst not saying a word against the operations of the London Charities, or their method of conducting the business, put into the operation the adage we have adopted as pioneers in the greatest Masonic Charity connected with a province, which tells us that "Charity begins at home." In urging the adoption of a plan whereby we can maintain as well as clothe and educate our children, the first question that naturally arises is, "Can we afford it?" By the last report (1881) it will be seen that we have, from invested funds, an income of £700, and from subscriptions and donations of the brethren an income of £646, making a total of £1346 for the year. Of this sum we spent in education and clothing £937, so that we had remaining unspent £409, which might have been applied to the maintenance of a certain number of the children had the rules of the Institution provided for such outlay. It is quite true that this balance, like former balances, has been added to the invested funds. But these invested funds, which at the end of the present year will probably amount to nearly £20,000, are large, and it is a question whether the donations and subscriptions of the brethren should not be spent for the purpose they are given for, more especially as I am firmly of opinion that, with the increasing necessity, increasing revenues will come. It is, however, quite certain that we could not attempt at present to maintain all the children on the foundation. My proposition therefore is that the extended benefits I suggest should only be granted in certain and special cases, and with such restrictions as would (until the arrival of the time when such restrictions could be cleared away) limit the extended benefits to such proportions as could be met by the means at our disposal. Thus, we might begin by expending say £500 a year for the maintenance, clothing, and education of say ten or twelve children, at an outlay not exceeding £40 or £50 each. In order to give an idea of the manner in which these special benefits could be restricted to special cases, I would suggest that they might be accorded only to orphans that have lost both parents, or to fatherless children whose fathers have been subscribing members in the province for seven, ten, or 14 years, as might be determined, or only to the children of deceased brethren that have filled one of the chairs, W.M., S.W., and J.W., of a West Lancashire lodge. These, I should like you to understand, are only suggestions. The amount I have mentioned as being applicable might be increased or decreased according to the determination of the committee. But the £500 a year named would not, as a matter of fact, be an additional £500, as we already vote for the education in ten or twelve children at an average of £8 or £10 each per annum. It might also, if considered desirable, be arranged to devote only a certain description of the income of this special purpose, say the income from invested funds alone, or the income from subscriptions and donations alone. Or a fixed

sum might be determined upon, and in the event of there being more applications than the sum would cover, the votes of the brethren and lodges would be available, and an additional incentive to exertion on the part of the brethren and the lodges would at once be formed; and experience has convinced me that as soon as the votes become usable, and their value is appreciated, they will be sought for and purchased more largely than at present.

We are fortunately not without a precedent for the course I am attempting to describe. Some years ago there was placed at a school in Waterloo one of the sons of the late Captain Mott, a former Secretary of the Institution. The Committee, remembering the good deeds done by our deceased brother, exceeded the usual expenditure, and voted £40 per annum for the maintenance and education of that boy. It is exactly the plan adopted in this case that I wish to urge should be extended. The boy in question made great progress, and in a recent Cambridge examination took high honours; and this is the very gratifying result of the first experiment of this kind.

In connection with this subject many ideas may be gathered from a careful perusal of the reports of the Boys' and Girls' Schools in London. I may briefly explain that the Boys' Institution was established in the year 1798, and that the Committee of that Institution at first only did what we are doing now, i.e., provide for the education and clothing of their children. In the report for the present year, in which the history of the Wood-green Institution is set forth at some length, these words occur—"The children admitted to this Charity are clothed and put out to school in the neighbourhood of their residences at the expense of the Institution, the funds not being yet exhaustive enough for the erection of a school-house, which object, however, by the aid of future voluntary contributions, the directors of the establishment hope hereafter to establish." In another page the following words occur: "The Governors, anxious to render the benefits of the Charity as extended as possible, intend, as soon as a fund can be raised for the purpose, to purchase or build a stone-house sufficiently capacious to contain the children, and wholly to maintain as well as clothe and educate them." I have quoted these extracts from the reports of the London Boys' School to show, as I have before said, that there is some precedent for further action.

Whilst we have a good example set before us by the London School in extending the benefits of the Institution, we are fortunate in having also a good example of what to avoid, and nothing could be more remote from my opinion that any idea involving the purchase or erection of a building such as the Institutions in London. I have considered the matter very carefully, and I feel sure that the system of placing the child in a good boarding school, where he will be clothed, maintained, and educated, is much better than the plan of building and maintaining an institution, paying officers, and spending money, as is inevitable in such cases, in various indirect ways not strictly for the benefit of the children. Further perusal of the reports of the London School show that a house and land were purchased at Wood-green in 1826-7, since which time very large amounts of money have been sunk in buildings and land, which, if put out at interest as we treat our saved money, would form a large and important item. When I pointed out that the estate account up to the end of last year is set down at £67,150, the importance of my argument will be seen. Whilst on this subject, and with a view of strengthening my case, I must quote some other figures. The cost of the pupils in the Boys' School is said to be £43 per head. Now, this is not strictly a fact, and is somewhat misleading, as no note is taken of the interest on the large sums I have before mentioned sunk in land and buildings, but the annual expenditure only is calculated upon. If we take into account the interest on the value of the estate, supposing it were put out at 4 per cent. interest, instead of existing, as it does, in the shape of bricks and mortar, the annual cost of each boy will be increased by £12 to £13. I do not want to trouble you with figures more than is necessary, but you will note on page 47 of the report that the ordinary expenditure is put down at £9304 per annum. The calculation of the cost per head is based upon these figures, but a reference to page 43 will show that this expenditure is increased by several thousand pounds, and does not include repairs, salaries, and other items paid in addition to this sum; nor is any note taken of interest on capital sunk or expended. I again wish to say that it is not from any disrespect to these schools in London that I have quoted these facts and figures. It is not because I love London less, but because I love West Lancashire more, that I have referred to them. I feel that this communication is already sufficiently long, and will therefore conclude with a suggestion, which is, that a sub-committee be formed to confer as to the best method of carrying out the suggestions I have pointed out. The change may not be wrought in a year, but the sooner we begin the better. It will give me the greatest pleasure to meet such committee, and to verbally explain my views in such a way as cannot well be done in the scope of a letter. I firmly believe that we have in our own hands the means of doing a great good, and of rendering ourselves independent of the schools in London; and I do not think that any one will blame the brethren in West Lancashire for endeavouring to help themselves in a more extended form, seeing that they have before them a practical experience of the great good they have done for so many years in their own province in a more limited degree. I have no doubt that there are many suggestions that may be possible improvements on my scheme. In this letter I have only done what I could to have the matter opened up so that a start may be made in a matter that has become a desirable necessity."

The suggestions made in Bro. Brown's interesting letter were carefully considered by the Special Committee at the meeting on Friday evening, the 18th inst., and after a long sitting it was unanimously resolved to express the opinion that the benefits of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution should be extended on the lines indicated in the communication from Bro. Brown. It was further agreed that eight children should be selected for the purpose of being clothed, educated, and maintained at approved schools at a cost not exceeding £400 annually, and that the qualifications of these selected children be considered at an adjourned meeting to be held at an early date, when the report to the General Committee on the subject will also be discussed and approved.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught witnessed the performance of "Much Ado about Nothing" at the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday evening.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR
GIRLS.

ELECTION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE.

We publish the following by request:—In view of the approaching election of the House Committee we give in our advertising columns a list of the 12 candidates nominated by Bro. Case, P.G.D., detailing the various services rendered by them both to the institution and to the Craft.

This list it will be observed comprises 11 of the brethren who at present form the committee, all of whom have had practical experience in the management of the School for periods varying from one to 13 years.

Although Bro. Edgar Bowyer, the twelfth nominated candidate, has never yet acted on the House Committee of this particular institution, he has already served on that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and also the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

We have no desire to disparage the claims of rival candidates, but we cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction, that twelve brethren possessing in so eminent a degree the special qualifications for the position should be willing to devote their time and experience to promoting the usefulness and prosperity of the institution.

Those who have watched the career of the School during recent years cannot fail to have been impressed with the fact, that its high standard of excellence is due in no small measure to the fostering care of successive committees whose aim has been to enlarge its sphere of usefulness and by maintaining its most cherished traditions to provide not only a happy home for the children of our less fortunate brethren, but a school, wherein an atmosphere of purity and sisterly love, they are trained to fight successfully the battle of life in whatsoever position their lots may be cast.

How well the committee have discharged their trust, and how completely their aims have been attained is fully attested by the unrivalled position our School holds among institutions of a like character—so long as it is managed by brethren of proved ability who have already established their claims to the respect and recognition of the Craft, the supporters of the School have the best possible guarantee that its present high standard of excellence will in every respect be maintained.

No managing body can work smoothly or efficiently where the spirit of discord is present and it is satisfactory to be assured that among the 12 brethren to whom we have referred, the most perfect harmony prevails, and that at the ensuing election each may rely on the loyal and hearty support of those associated with him in the candidature.

We have already mentioned that these brethren took up one eighth of the amount subscribed in London at the last Festival.

The election will take place at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 31st inst., between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m.

CONSECRATION OF A MARK MASTERS'
LODGE AT GORLESTON.

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCE OF EAST
ANGLIA.

Suffolk, fortunate in the number and position of its representatives in the various degrees of Freemasonry is making for herself a position in the Masonic world. During the past few years great strides have been made in the Craft and Royal Arch, both of which have their province, consisting of the county of Suffolk, and both Orders are well represented and constantly increasing in numbers. The degree of Mark, however, until Monday had but two lodges in the county, one at Ipswich and the other at Bury St. Edmund's; on that day, however, that little corner of Suffolk, Gorleston, linked as it were to Yarmouth, aspired to the possession of its lodge, following its earlier aspirations of a Royal Arch Lodge; and a large gathering of Marks, and candidates for advancement, attended at St. Andrew's Hall. The fisher hamlet had a still greater honour thrown upon it by the day being selected for the constitution of a province, to consist of Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire, to be designated the Province of East Anglia, and like Lord Waveney in the Craft and the Rev. C. J. Martyn in the Royal Arch, to be presided over by a Suffolk man, Lord Henniker, who is also Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master of England. The local Mark Lodge, to receive the appellation of the Youell, in compliment to its founder, Bro. E. P. Youell, of Yarmouth and Gorleston, becomes the sixth lodge in the province. They are as follows: Albert Victor, No. 70; Walpole, No. 92; Freeman, No. 105; Isaac Newton, No. 112; Constantine, No. 145; Youell, No. 317. There were present on Monday, at St. Andrew's Hall, Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker, G.M.M.M.; the Rev. C. J. Martyn; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M.; F. Long, P.M., P.G.D.C., G.S.B. England; Wm. Dods, S.W. elect; N. Tracy, P.M.; C. Pulman, G.J.G., P.P.G.J.O. Middx. and Surrey; H. C. Casley, W.M., P.G.J.O.; C. E. Bignold, S.W.; Fredk. Binckes, Grand Secretary, P.G.S.W.; D. M. Dewar, A.G. Secretary; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.D.; George Abbott, Henry H. Smith, S. R. Anness, S.W.; A. Hanlon, Thos. Rix, P.M.; John W. French, Alfred Cubitt, G. B. Mickleburgh, N.S.W.; W. Armstrong, S.W.; J. P. Lewin, W.M.; James M. Harvey, J.W.; A. Laughton, S.O.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec.; Joseph Tomlinson, P.G.S.E.; Edward Armitage, J.D.; John R. Bridgman, J.W.; Jas. Dunsford, J.O.; Charles F. Bond, E. Baldwin, M.O.; George Baxter, Sec.; Hy. George, P.M.; John B. Pearce, Reg.; H. G. Barwell, W.M.; S. Maude, P. Chap. Mid-Surrey; and about 20 other brethren who sought advancement.

Lodge having been opened with Bros. Dewar as W.M., N. Tracey as S.W., and T. Cubitt as J.W., the following candidates were advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masons: Bros. Charles Diver, G. A. Ward, H. W. Youell, H. H. W. Elwes, George Bush, B. M. Bradbeer, J. J. Owles, H. H. George, R. Martins, H. F. Brooks, Joseph Hudspeth, Wm. Sayer, Alex. Mitchell, John Hammond, C. L. Chipperfield, F. W. Rolfe, C. P. W. Laing, and T. R. Elkington.

The M.W. GRAND MASTER was then received in the usual form and took the chair, expressing the great pleasure it gave him to witness the growth of Mark Masonry as evidenced by the increasing duties it put upon him, but

he was especially proud of the duty devolving upon him to consecrate a new lodge in his own county, particularly as in connection with the day's proceedings a province was to be constituted. He complimented the members of the lodge upon the good start it had made, as it was a happy augury of its future.

The Grand Master then proceeded to consecrate and dedicate the lodge, after which Bro. Binckes installed Bro. E. P. Youell as W.M., who afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Dods, S.W.; J. Bond, J.W.; J. W. French, M.O.; J. Hall, S.O.; H. Elwes, J.O.; H. F. Brooks, Reg. and Sec.; C. Buckland, S.D.; C. Bush, J.D.; H. H. Smith, I.G.; F. W. Rolfe, Org.; C. P. Laing, Tyler; and Bro. Col. Bignold was elected Treasurer.

The lodge was afterwards opened as Prov. Grand Lodge by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master, and Bro. Lord Henniker, G.M., was introduced, invested, and installed, and the proclamation made that "East Anglia is now and henceforth constituted a Mark Province."

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn as his Deputy, and nominated and invested his officers as follows:

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| Bro. Frederick Long | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.W. |
| " E. P. Youell | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.W. |
| " H. Barwell | ... | ... | Prov. G.M.O. |
| " T. J. Ralling | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.O. |
| " H. C. Casley | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.O. |
| " Rev. R. N. Sanderson | ... | ... | Prov. G. Chaps. |
| " Rev. Dawson Hall | ... | ... | Prov. G. Treas. |
| " Colonel Bignold | ... | ... | Prov. G. Reg. |
| " S. Maude | ... | ... | Prov. G. Sec. |
| " N. Tracy | ... | ... | Prov. G.S.D. |
| " J. Lewin | ... | ... | Prov. G.J.D. |
| " W. Armstrong | ... | ... | Prov. G.S. of W. |
| " J. B. Pearce | ... | ... | Prov. G.D.C. |
| " J. B. Bridgman | ... | ... | Prov. G.A.D.C. |
| " George Abbott | ... | ... | Prov. G. Swd. B. |
| " Major Dods | ... | ... | Prov. G. Std. B. |
| " J. Rix | ... | ... | Prov. G. Org. |
| " J. Buckland | ... | ... | Prov. G.I.G. |
| " J. Bond | ... | ... | Prov. G. Stwds. |
| " S. R. Anness | ... | ... | |
| " Dunsford | ... | ... | |
| " C. H. Woods | ... | ... | |

The proceedings, which had been greatly delayed, then concluded.

The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Rolfe (Organist), Bro. G. Abbott, and Bro. Buckland, and the odes sung on the occasion were composed by Bro. the Rev. R. N. Sanderson.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Victoria Hotel, Great Yarmouth, at which the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Henniker presided.—*East Anglian Daily Times*.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. RICHARD WHITEHEAD, LIVERPOOL.

On Thursday evening, the 17th instant, several friends of Bro. Richard Whitehead, St. John's Lodge, No. 673, met at Mr. W. Brackenbury's Hotel, Mount-pleasant, Liverpool, when supper was capably served by the host. Bro. R. Jones took the chair, and in the course of the evening presented, on behalf of those present and others, a beautiful album with a suitable inscription, to Bro. R. Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead as a mark of esteem. Bro. Whitehead replying in suitable terms.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn, President, James Brett, Senior Vice-President, and Charles Atkins, Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. The other brethren present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; H. G. Buss, G.A.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C.; G. P. Britten, P.M.; J. H. Matthews, P.M.; J. D. Collier, P.M. 1366; Henry Garrod, P.M. 749; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. Br.; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 22; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205; W. H. Perryman, P.M. 3; C. Dairy, P.M. 141; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; H. Maudslay, P.G.D., 33; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124; T. Harrison, W.M. 1185; H. H. Locke, P.M. 39, and P.D.D.G.M.; Joshua Shipley, W.M. 30; James Jordan, W.M. Grand Steward's Lodge; W. H. Dean, P.M. 417; G. Adamson, P.M. 1728; George Low, P.M. 3; J. Ball, P.M. 418; Arthur E. Gladwell, P.M. 172; James Squire, P.M. 880; George Page, P.M. 1209; Charles A. Grammer, W.M. 27; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; John Hammond, P.M. 1512; A. Marvin, W.M. 1768; Albert Escott, P.M. 1593; Thomas Robinson, P.M. 753; Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; George Cordwell, P.M. 788; Simeon Jacobs, P.M. 1614; Reinhard Blum, W.M. 511; Joseph H. Taylor, W.M. 1767; C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607; John Marshall, P.M. 1283; Edward Jacobs, P.M. 1348; H. T. Thompson, P.M. 742; Stephen Crane, W.M. 937; Thos. C. Fryer, W.M. 181; W. Hopekirk, W.M. 1986; E. Powell, W.M. 1624; W. Smallpeice, W.M. 969; Thomas Harper, P.M. 1215; Samuel H. Parkhouse, P.M. 1642; J. Lax, W.M. 781; Thos. Janeway, W.M. 87; G. P. Festa, W.M. 1900; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; B. Picking, P.Z. 1227; Wm. Bristow, P.M. 14; T. C. Walls, W.M. 141; L. Dettmer, W.M. 179; W. Jerrett Miller, P.M. 766; Henry Stiles, W.M. 1607; J. L. Cross, W.M. 90; W. Drake, P.M. 1586; Wm. Styles, P.M. 1732; Dick Radcliffe, W.M. 209; G. Tidcombe, jun., P.M. 1549; Ludolph Franckel, W.M. 780; H. Sadler, G.T.; and H. Massey, P.M. 1928 and 619 (*Freemason*).

The Board of Masters was first held, to which were read the agenda for next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 6th of June. The Scrutineers for the porch and for the ballot for the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board were appointed, and the Lodge of Benevolence was then opened. The President informed the Board that the lodge had received the letters of thanks from persons relieved at the last meeting; and from one lodge two members of which were relieved at the same meeting. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting to the amount of £350. They then

proceeded with the new list on which there were 38 cases. Five of these were deferred for completion. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £880. This was of one sum of £150 (£150); and one of £100 (£100); two sums of £50 each (£100); three of £40 each (£120); four of £30 each (£120); one sum of £25 (£25); five sums of £20 each (£100); four of £15 each (£60); nine of £10 each (£90); and three of £5 each (£15). The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

TESTIMONIAL TO R.W. BRO. WILLIAM KINGSTON, DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF MALTA.

At a large and brilliant meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Malta, which was held on Saturday, April 21st, an extremely interesting and important ceremony was performed. This was the presentation of an Address, and a testimonial to Mr. W. Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta.

The testimonial is a very handsome and valuable one, consisting of a variety of articles in silver. The several articles evince great artistic skill and excellence which accord well with the Masonic skill and excellence of the distinguished recipient.

We append the inscription on the Salver—an inscription which, though brief, is both comprehensive and eloquent. "Presented with other silver articles to R.W. Bro. Wm. Kingston, 30°, D.G.M., Malta, Provincial Grand Prior of the Mediterranean. Intendant General Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, &c., &c., by the members of the Craft, in the District of Malta, as a mark of their personal esteem and as a testimonial of their high appreciation of the zealous, courteous, and effective manner in which he has discharged the important duties of D.G.M. during the past 13 years, and to commemorate his 26th year of membership in the Craft."

Mr. KINGSTON is, as our readers are aware, a very able and estimable member of the Craft, and that he must possess, and have exhibited, great merit and ability to have had so many important offices conferred upon him, admits of no question, nor is it surprising that merit and ability of such high order should be recognised in a prominent and tangible form.

The following Address was read and presented by the Deputy District Grand Master, who, assisted by the Worshipful Masters of the five lodges, E.C. in Malta, then made the presentation.

"To Right Worshipful Bro. William Kingston, District Grand Master of Malta, &c."

"R.W. Sir and Bro.—The various Masonic bodies working under your rule, as well as many individual members of the Masonic confraternity connected with Malta, are desirous of marking in some manner (however adequate) the high sense they entertain of the invaluable assistance you have rendered to Freemasonry in this district, as well as to the Craft at large, during your term of office as District Grand Master.

It would be difficult to set out, or even to allude to, within the narrow limits of an address, the various important Masonic events which will, in the future, render memorable your long prolonged and successful administration. They cannot however refrain from placing on record the fact, the existence of a Local Benevolent Fund is attributable entirely to your zeal and initiative; that it was under your sway the limits of the district were extended to the continent of North Africa; that the number of lodges in the island itself was successfully increased, and that the Craft has attained a degree of strength, importance, and prosperity, wholly unprecedented in the history of Freemasonry in Malta. With the view of commemorating these distinguished services, they venture to present you with this Address, together with a Salver and other articles of plate, which, they hope will be a lasting memorial of the esteem and affection of your Masonic brethren. At the same time they trust that the G.A.O.T.U. will be pleased to long preserve you to rule over this district, with which the memory of your great Masonic work will be for ever associated."

The address, after being numerously signed, will be illuminated and framed. It was listened to with evident signs of approbation and followed by long and hearty applause.

The R.W. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER responded in a speech replete with good counsel, kind feeling, and pathos. He thanked the members of the district most sincerely and gratefully, for the very complimentary sentiments and good wishes so eloquently expressed in the address, and also for their very handsome and valuable present. He could assure them that, during his prolonged tenure of office as D.G.M., it had always been his study and earnest wish to rule the district with impartiality, justice, and equity, and it had been his constant endeavour to advance, to the utmost of his power, the best interests of the Order, to carry out his important principles, and promote its benevolent purposes. In these efforts, it was highly gratifying to say, he had succeeded in securing the good-will, hearty co-operation and assistance of the members of his District. As a natural sequence, his rule, he ventured to say, had been a pleasant, harmonious, and successful one. In those respects he hoped the future would be equal to the past. He again thanked them with a sincere heart for their kindness, and he could assure them that he and his family would preserve and treasure up most carefully the beautiful artistic and useful objects forming the presentation, and they would ever look on and exhibit them with pleasure and pride. He would estimate and appreciate them, not merely according to their intrinsic value, but as the expression or outcome of the generous sentiments and approval of those over whom he had had the pleasure, privilege, and honour to rule; and as cogent, tangible, and lasting mementos of their kindness, affection and esteem.

A vote of thanks was then proposed and passed unanimously to the D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. W. Watson, for the manner in which he had made the presentation.

District Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren repaired to the refreshment hall where a sumptuous banquet awaited them. Some excellent speeches, songs and recitations, brought to a close a very pleasant and memorable evening.

The Queen has consented to give a prize of 100 guineas to be sailed for by the Royal Harwich Yacht Club.

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 1853, 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."

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The second meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys took place on Thursday afternoon, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the Worshipful Bro. James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M. of Kent. Amongst those present were Bros. Horace B. Marshall, Edgar Bowyer, John P. Hale, F. R. Spaul, Henry Smith, George Page, John L. Mather, Charles Drawbridge, Charles Fitzgerald Matier, A. F. Godson, J. A. Farnfield, F. Harrison, W. F. Smithson, W. H. Hooper, A. P. Catterton, E. G. Lewis, G. P. Festa, James Salmon, Thomas Cubitt, F. Foxley, H. A. Bennett, Joseph Clever, Webster Glynes, F. E. Pocock, M.D., W. P. Webb, A. Le Grand, F. Hughes Hallett, G. A. Ames, George Smith, jun., C. F. Hogard, J. Giesman Chillingworth, E. Good, R. F. Williams, C. Dearing, D. P. Cama, Thomas Schofield, R. Barham, H. Mason, E. Valeriani, and T. E. Tallent. There are now more than 300 Stewards for the festival, which is expected to be a very great success, and to result in a larger amount of subscriptions than has yet been received at any one festival of either of the institutions. After considerable discussion as to where the festival should be held, it was at length arranged for the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the 20th of June, one of the days of the Handel Festival. This will be a week earlier than it was anticipated the festival should take place, but it was found impracticable to provide the requisite accommodation on the latter date.

One of the oldest Freemasons in England at the present time is Bro. Collier, living in Mottram. He was initiated in the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 320, on the 5th of December, 1821; passed 2nd January, 1822; and raised 6th February, 1822; he has consequently been a member of the Craft sixty-one years. He became W.M. of the lodge in 1837, and has been Tyler to it since 1860.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MAS- TER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

The Right Hon. LORD HENNIKER, M.W. Grand Master.

The Right Hon. THE EARL OF KINTORE, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

INSTALLATION OF M.W. GRAND MASTER.

The Summer Half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Tuesday, the 5th day of June next, when and where all Grand Officers (Past and Present), W. Masters, Past Masters, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Master Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master, FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary.

N.B.—A Banquet will be provided at Seven o'clock, at which the Grand Master will preside. The Tickets will be 15s. each, inclusive of wine, if taken before the day of meeting, and 17s. 6d. if taken out on that day, and it is requested that every brother intending to dine will forward his name to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary, not later than Saturday, the 2nd of June.

Grand Lodge Office. Sa, Red Lion-square, Holborn, W.C. 25th May, 1883.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

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Patron and President:

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

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Institution held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, the 18th of May, 1883, R. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. J. CREATON, J.P., P.G. Treasurer, in the Chair. After the general business was disposed of the governors and subscribers proceeded to the election of 30 Male Annuitants from an approved list of 50 candidates, and 19 Female Annuitants from an approved list of 70 candidates, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

Table with columns: MALES, Votes. Lists names of candidates and their respective vote counts.

Table with columns: WIDOWS, Votes. Lists names of candidates and their respective vote counts.

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked (*) are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued. The three lowest on the poll (both male and female) will be placed on the list of annuitants as vacancies may occur.—By order. JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS.—Bro. Ralph Milward Smith, returns his sincere thanks to his brethren for their great kindness in electing him in the above Institution. —31, Thornhill Crescent, Barnsbury, N.

LIST OF BRETHREN proposed by Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D., TO SERVE ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

1. Henry A. Dubois.—Vice-President; eight years in House Committee, six times Steward; Life Governor Boys' School, once Steward; Life Governor Benevolent Institution, once Steward; P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.W. Middlesex, P.P.S.E.; late Member of Board of General Purposes. Lodges St. Thomas, 142; Lebanon, 1326; Era, 1423; Farringdon, 1745; Royal Hanover, 1777; Chapters Mount Lebanon, 73; St. Thomas, 142; Lebanon, 1326.

2. Robert Grey.—Vice-Patron; one year Member of House Committee, five times Steward; Vice-Patron Boys' School, twice Steward; Vice-President Benevolent Institution, once Steward; P.M., P.Z., P.G.D., P.G. Asst. Soj.; late Member of Board of General Purposes two years; Vice-President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter; Member of the Committee of Management of the Foundling Hospital. Lodges St. Andrews, 222; Prince of Wales, 259; Sir Thomas White, 1820; Studholme, 1591; Chapters Royal York, 7; Studholme, 1591.

3. Charles Hammerton.—Vice-Patron; three years Member of House Committee, five times Steward; Vice-President Boys' School, twice Steward; P.M., P.Z. Lodge Stockwell, 1330; Chapters Panmure, 720; Stockwell, 1330.

4. Edward Letchworth.—Vice-Patron; five years Member of House Committee, seven times Steward; Life Governor Boys' School, once Steward; Life Governor Benevolent Institution, once Steward; P.M., P.Z., P.G. Steward, P. Prov. G. Reg. Middlesex; Member of Board of General Purposes; two years late Member of Colonial Board two years; Member of General Committee of Grand Chapter five years. Lodges Antiquity, 2; Jerusalem, 197; St. James, 1579; Chapters St. James, 2; Bard of Avon, 778; Enfield, 1237.

5. Peter de Lande Long.—Vice-President; seven years Member of House Committee, four times Steward; Life Governor Boys' School, once Steward; once Steward for the Benevolent Institution, P.M., P.Z., P.G.D., P.G.P. Soj.; Member and late Vice-President of Board of General Purposes. Lodges British Union, 114; Buckingham and Chandos, 1150; Chapter British, 8.

6. Edmund C. Mather.—Vice-President; five years Member of House Committee, eight times Steward; Vice-President Boys' School, three times Steward; Vice-President Benevolent Institution, five times Steward; P.M., P.Z. Lodge Globe, 23; Chapter Sincerity, 174.

7. J. H. Matthews.—Vice-Patron; one year Member of House Committee, five times Steward; Vice-President Boys' School, twice Steward; Vice-President Benevolent Institution, once Steward; P.M., P.Z., P. Dist. G. Deacon, P. Dist. Asst. Soj. Bengal; late Member of Board of General Purposes; Member of Colonial Board three years. Lodges Middlesex, 143; Industry and Perseverance (Calcutta), 109; Methuen, 631; Chapter Moriah, 9.

8. Joshua Nunn.—Vice-President; thirteen years Member of House Committee, five times Steward; Life Governor Boys' School, twice Steward; twice Steward of Benevolent Institution; P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C.; President of Board of Benevolence; late Member of Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and of the General Committee of Grand Chapter. Lodges Caledonian, 134; Lily, 820; and others; Chapters Caledonian, 134; Lily, 820.

9. Lieut.-Col. James Peters.—Vice-Patron; eight years Member of House Committee; nine times Steward; Life-Governor Boys' School; once Steward Benevolent Institution; P.M., Grand Sword Bearer, P. Prov. G.W. Middlesex. Lodges Bank of England, 263; Thames Valley, 1460; Chapters Westminster and Keystone, 10; Burdett, 1293.

10. Frank Richardson.—Vice-Patron; four years Member of House Committee, four times Steward; Vice-President Boys' School, twice Steward; Vice-President Benevolent Institution, twice Steward; P.M., P.Z., P.G. Steward, P.G. Deacon, P.G. Asst. Soj., Past Member of Board of General Purposes, four years. Lodges Grand Stewards', Tuscan, 14; Bayard, 1615; Chapters British, 8; Bard of Avon, 778; Bayard, 1615.

11. John A. Rucker.—Vice-Patron; thirteen years Member of House Committee, six times Steward; Vice-Patron Boys' School, four times Steward; Vice-Patron Benevolent Institution, four times Steward; P.M., P.Z., P.G. Steward, P.G.D., P.G.A.S., President of Colonial Board, Member and late Vice-President of Board of General Purposes. Lodges Grand Stewards', Grenadiers, 66; Prince of Wales, 259; Chapters Prudence, 12; Prince of Wales, 259; Bard of Avon, 778.

12. Edgar Bowyer.—Vice-Patron; five times Steward of Girls' School; Vice-Patron Boys' School, seven times Steward; Vice-Patron Benevolent Institution, ten times Steward; P.M., P.Z., Grand Standard Bearer, P.P.G.W. Herts; Member of Board of General Purposes; Member of Grand Chapter Committee; Member of House Committee of Boys' School; Member of the House Committee of the Benevolent Institution. Lodges Islington, 1471; Cranbourne, 1580; Clerkenwell, 1946; Chapters Walford, 404; Sincerity, 174; Islington, 1471.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Mrs. Muruss begs to return her sincere and grateful thanks to those subscribers and friends who by their votes and exertions on her behalf, have elected her as an annuitant of the above Institution.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—MAY ELECTION.—To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Governors.—Mrs. ANN ROBERTS wishes to express her sincere and heartfelt thanks to those ladies and brethren who have so kindly interested themselves in her behalf, and have secured for her the benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and for which she will be ever grateful. Mrs. Roberts more especially acknowledges her great indebtedness to those brethren of her Committee, who for three years have done so much for her and her daughter, and worked so hard to attain the present successful result.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.—Bro. Joseph Robertson begs most respectfully to convey his heartfelt thanks to the subscribers who, by their 1166 votes, so generously elected him an annuitant on the funds of the above named Institution; and for which he shall ever feel sincerely grateful.—29, Howard Street, North Shields.

MAY ELECTION, 1883. TO THE SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS OF THE BUILDERS' BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED BUILDERS.

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

MR. J. C. CRITTENDEN, Widower, Aged 80, And entirely without income. Your Votes are urgently asked in consideration of his great age.

The case is recommended by: Sir Morton Peto, Bart., Pinner. Messrs. Bussell, Gibbs & Co., George Kenning, Esq., Upper 75, Wells Street, W. Sydenham. J. Dudley, Esq., The Palatine. W. Pasley, Esq., Effra Road, J. K. Rufford, Esq., Queen Insurance Office. Dr. Sandberg, Brixton Hill. ** Proxies will be most thankfully received by Mr. Crittenden, 64, Burton Road, Brixton.

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To operate on the Stock Exchange profitably or, in other words, increase one's capital, limited though it be, may suggest itself as not very easy of accomplishment. Quick perception, however, tempered with experience and a true knowledge of the influences in force, will, in many cases, render the process comparatively simple. To purchase a stock or security of any description might not always prove judicious and safe, even were the position and prospects in the particular case the most sound and promising, because an immediate improvement, or, indeed, the maintenance of the prevalent market value would be improbable, if not impossible, so long as the account remained a weak one, or one showing a heavy preponderance of weak operations for the rise. In like manner a stock might be intrinsically worth little or absolutely nothing, but from the fact of it having been largely oversold the price remains apparently firm.

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To Correspondents. The following have been received but stand over for want of space:— Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. York Lodge, No. 236. Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949. Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198. Percy St. Aubins Lodge, No. 958. New Concord Lodge, No. 813. Sir Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 188.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED. "The Masonic Chronicle," "The Citizen," "La Chaine d'Union," "Proceedings at the Second Convocation of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Egyptian Annual Convocation of the Rite of Memphis, 33-96," "The Masonic Review," "The Independent," "Bulletin Du Grand Orient De France," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "The Court Circular," "The Cheltenham Examiner," "The Jewish Chronicle," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Bridgewater Mercury," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, MAY 26, 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.]

UNEARNED INCREMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I gather from the *Freemason* that the Boys' School have doubled the number of votes usually given for donations. A few years since, I gave 50 guineas, which entitled me to 10 votes; had I kept back my donation until now I should have received 20 votes. If the purchasing power of 50 guineas has doubled, surely the Institution might give me the benefit of it, at least, if there is anything in Mr. Mill's principle of "unearned increment."

But what a question this opens up. Imagine the effect if the other Institutions commenced underselling the Boys' School; in time we may be able to purchase votes at half-a-crown, or even a shilling, each, and then what would become of our vaunted "noble" Charities?—Your fraternally,

VICE-PRESIDENT.

May 21st.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

Dear Bro. Kenning,—

Permit me to thank in your pages many kind friends of mine who gave their votes for the last elections. Mrs. Greig, thanks to her friends, was successful, but poor Inwood's friends did not support him as was expected. I was very nearly successful in securing his election, and he received £6 10s. as the first unsuccessful candidate. Has any brother any votes for the London Orphan or Haverstock Hill Working School? Some friends of mine want these votes.—Fraternally yours,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

25A, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park, W.

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Some of your contemporaries have more than once stated that the architect of the fine block of buildings fronting Great Queen-street, was not a Mason. Now, it is well known that Bro. F. P. Cockerill was a member, and, I think, a Past Master, of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge at the time of his death; and, as he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works in 1863, I think that we may fairly assume that he was initiated some years before. Everything points to Bro. J. Gibson, Past Grand Superintendent of Works, as the best architect for the restoration; he is the most accomplished classic architect of the day.—Yours fraternally,

ARCHITECT.

A MIS-NOMER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Poor Edward Royce is not a Freemason. I often see you dub Lord Rosebery, Lord Derby, and other public characters Freemasons; but they are not.—Fraternally yours,

CORRECT.

[Sorry for the mistake. A little excess of compositorial zeal. We note what the "Correct Card" says.—ED. F.M.]

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Recalling the very pleasant acquaintances we formed when we met in London last summer, I would call attention to a paragraph in the *Freemason* of April 21st, which says, in speaking of the projected visit of the Apollo Commandery to Europe: "Apollo Commandery is the largest Masonic body in the world, numbering between 600 and 700." If this had said "the largest body of Knight Templars in the world" it might have been correct; but it is far from being true as regards other Masonic bodies. For example, Ohio Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Cincinnati has upon its roll at present nearly 1,400 members, nearly double the number of Apolonians.

Warmly remembering the cordial greeting which myself and son received from you, and tendering all fraternal greetings,—I am, truly yours,

THOS. J. MELISH.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 4th, 1883.



181] LEWIS.

I have just referred to the "Masonic Magazine" for August 1881. Page 50 gives us a copy of a miniature in Matthew Paris' "Life of King Offa" showing masons at work. The stone which is being hoisted by means of a windlass, is secured to the rope by a species of sling and a hook. We may therefore infer that the "Lewis" was at that time unknown; and in our researches after the origin of this word need not go back further than the time of

Matthew Paris. The probability therefore increases that the word came to us through the Norman French and is not indigenous. What is the exact date of Paris's writings? I have forgotten, and my books of reference are not at hand.

G. WM. SPETH.

182] MASONIC AND HERMETIC COLLECTIONS.

Would it not be a good thing and helpful to Masonic Students if brethren who have Masonic and Hermetic collections of books would publish their catalogues in Notes and Queries. In this way many of us could contribute "notes," and those who wish to study Freemasonry really and truly would be able to collate, compare, and collect better than they are able to do now. There are some valuable libraries belonging to individual brethren unknown to the majority of students and collectors.

BOOKWORM.



Craft Masonry.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present: Bros. C. St. Barbe Williams, W.M.; Charles T. Scrivener, S.W.; John L. Anderson, J.W.; Samuel Gammon, P.M.; Treasurer; A. R. Rumsey, P.M.; Secretary; H. M. Collier, P.M.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; W. Rumsey, P.M.; E. Squirrell, P.M.; J. Jewitt Stephens, P.M.; and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Henry Gorme, 1293; R. A. Morgan, 1671; B. Richman, S.W. 975; J. W. Benningfield, I.G. 1589; Arch. H. Arber, 1598; Robert C. Sindall, 1293; R. Barclay Brown, 151; and W. M. Robinson, 55.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Arrangements were made for the summer banquet, which will take place the second Thursday in July. Bro. Gammon, P.M., informed the brethren that it was his intention to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was resolved that ten guineas should be added to his list from the lodge funds, and in addition the brethren present made up a further sum of ten guineas.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).

—This prosperous and time honoured lodge which is always to the front in every good cause, held an emergency lodge on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, for the purpose of enabling the Masonic brethren attending the Annual Movable Committee of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows who during the week were meeting in the good old town of Nottingham for the transaction of their annual business, to attend a lodge under their banner. The Mayor and corporation and leading citizens had given them a hearty welcome, and at their annual anniversary banquet the previous evening the Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, honoured them by taking the chair.

In response to the invitation sent out upwards of 30 visiting brethren were in attendance viz.: Bros. Curtis, P.G.S.B. Sussex; Alderman Cox, J.P.; Alderman Schofield, T. Walton, Bennett, D.P.G.M.; Flanagan, Cox, S. G. Johnson, J. Young, P.G.D.C.; Holmes. Grimes, Jordan, Diprose, Vincent, Nichols, Wareing, Walker, Masters, Wollstein, Hind, Carnkin, Hickton, Smith, Church, and others.

The lodge was opened at 5.45 by the W.M. Bro. George Chapman, assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. J. Tople, I.P.M., P.G. Std. B.; E. C. Patchitt, S.W.; H. Vickers, J.W.; J. Black, P.M., D. of C.; G. Baxter, S.D.; H. E. Wilson, J.D.; and E. L. Gowthorpe, I.G.

The business before the lodge was to pass Bros. Newlove, Cox, and White to the Second Degree. This was done by the W.M. in his usual able manner. The Lecture on the tracing board being delivered in such a way as to richly gain the approbation of all present.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room, which was served in a satisfactory manner by the stewardess (Mrs. Simpson.)

After the cloth was drawn the W.M. rose to propose the first toast "The Queen and the Craft;" followed by "The Grand Master and the Officers of Grand Lodge;" "The Prov. Grand Master His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge," all of which were cordially received in the usual Masonic manner.

Bro. T. Robinson, P.P.G.S.W., responding to the latter.

The Worshipful Master rose to propose "The Health of the Visitors," and in doing so said it gave him and all the brethren of the Newstead Lodge much pleasure to have the opportunity of receiving so distinguished a number of guests as he saw around the table that evening. Although the objects which had brought them to the town were not connected or identified with Masonry they were in effect somewhat similar, the grand principles of brotherly love and fraternity being the foundation of both. In welcoming the brethren that night he felt sure that the visit would not only be thoroughly appreciated by the brethren of the Newstead Lodge, but be regarded as a Masonic greeting; coupling the names of Bros. Carter and Johnson with the toast.

Bro. James Curtis, P.M., Brighton, said he was impressed with the kindness of the manner in which they had been received by the Worshipful Master of the Newstead Lodge, and he must say with regard to himself that nothing had given him greater pleasure than the feeling and knowledge that they were presided over by a true and thorough Mason. They were proud indeed of this recognition of one society by another, and of this recognition of the brethren who were visiting this good old town in another capacity; they sincerely trusted that this identification and interest would go on from year to year, and would bind in indissoluble bonds the fraternities which by the favour of the Newstead Lodge had been brought together under the Masonic banner that evening.

Bro. John Diprose, P.M., had great pleasure in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," he also had been impressed with the very effective way in which the ritual had been performed. It had been a highly successful meeting, and he very deeply thanked the W.M. and the Newstead Lodge for the handsome way in which he and his numerous visiting friends had been entertained.

Bro. S. G. Johnson said he thanked the brethren for the invitation extended to him in connection with the other visitors. He had witnessed the interesting ceremonial with much satisfaction and pleasure. It was the first time that he had visited the Newstead Lodge, but he should certainly avail himself of future opportunities to associate with the brethren of that lodge, to which he hoped there would be great and long continued success.

Bro. T. Walton, S.W. 1780, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," expressed the great pleasure it gave him and the other brethren in visiting the Newstead Lodge. They had been greatly impressed with the manner in which the W.M. and his officers had performed the ceremonies, differing as they did somewhat in minor details to that which obtained in his Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, it showed the great value of the interchange of visits between different lodges, tending as it did to draw them closer together and to make them more perfect in the ritual of the Order. The W.M. had performed the ceremony of passing in an admirable manner and he had no doubt the impressive words the candidates had heard would not easily be effaced from their memories. Referring to the charitable work of the Order he said it must be cause of great congratulation to the brethren to know the large amount of good that was being done by the three great charitable institutions in London, and also by local institutions; but although they were proud of what had been done in this direction in the past and what they were now doing, he thought that their good work should be more widely extended. Speaking personally, he said he felt much pride in stating that during the previous week the P.G.M. of his own province, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., had presided at the annual festival for the Girls' School, where he had been handsomely supported by the lodges in his province. Speaking as the principal officer of another society holding their annual meeting in Nottingham, he felt it a great honour to have received the invitation to attend the Newstead Lodge, and to receive so hearty a welcome from the brethren. He sincerely hoped that the future of the Order would be more brilliant, if possible, than the past, and that the principles upon which the Order was founded would be more extensively recognised. He begged to propose "The Health of the W.M. of the Newstead Lodge."

The Worshipful Master in responding said he felt grateful to Bro. Walton for proposing his health and that of his officers, and to the brethren generally for the flattering manner in which it had been received. Each of the speakers had been pleased to refer to the efficiency of the Newstead Lodge in the working, and when such was the case, especially to such an extent as to draw forth the commendation of such brethren, it must be exceedingly gratifying to any Master. But whatever might be said in praise of the Newstead Lodge, it must be remembered that it was not due only to himself and the present officers. For a long time past it had been their good fortune to have not only a W.M. who was thoroughly efficient, but a complement of officers who were able and willing to keep up the prestige and reputation of the lodge. As they found the lodge so they had endeavoured to sustain it, and so they hoped they might be able to hand down their offices to their successors.

During the intervals the brethren were entertained by some excellent instrumental pieces by Bros. Watson and Houseley, and songs by various brethren.

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).

—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. in the Masonic Room, Athenaeum. Bro. B. Gregson, the W.M., occupied the chair of K.S., supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes read and approved, Bro. Greenhough was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., the working tools being given by Bro. Bayley, S.W. Other business having been transacted the usual proclamations were made, and the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).

—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. James Wilson, W.M.; W. H. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; Wm. Nicholl, P.M., Treas.; James Dawson, P.M., Reg.; J. Smith, Sec.; G. C. Fühling, Org.; J. Garside, I.G.; W. B. Akeman and Walter Wood, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; J. R. Lever, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Henry Walmsley, P.M.; E. Smith, Robt. Tomlins, John Church, R. R. Lisenden, S.D. (Freemason); and others. Visitors: Bros. J. R. Blair, 1387; H. Smith, 1357; Oscar Reuss, 1357; J. Heugh, 1514; F. Davidson, J.D. 633; G. C. Williams, P.M. 152; and M. Owen, 163.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Wm. Hugh Kerr, who was declared duly elected. By request of the W.M., Bro. J. R. Lever, P.M., took the chair of K.S. (Bro. R. R. Lisenden acting as J.D.), and initiated Mr. Kerr into Freemasonry. The W.M. having then vacated his position in favour of Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., that worthy brother raised Bro. Pearson to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. with his customary ability. At the conclusion of the ceremony and at the proper time Bro. Wm. Nicoll, P.M.'s, motion that the lodge adjourn its meetings during the months of August and September was seconded and, after some discussion, carried.

The lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren afterwards sat down to supper, which, when concluded, the usual preliminary toasts were honoured, and the healths of the newly-initiated and raised brethren proposed and responded to.

DARWEN.—Harmony and Industry Lodge (No. 381).

—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the beautiful rooms in Bank-buildings, and was well attended, visiting brethren from Blackburn, Liverpool, Manchester, Bacup, &c., being present. Bro. W. G. Thackray, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Lloyd, S.W.; Millward, J.W.; and the other officers. After the lodge had been opened Bro. John McAdam was initiated in

P.M., P.P.G.R. Oxon, P.P.G.J.D. East Lanc. As this event had been notified to the whole of the members, it had the desirable effect of bringing a large muster of the brethren of the lodge, as well as other lodges in the province; and Bro. Thomas was listened to with the utmost attention during the whole of this lengthy and interesting lecture, and afterwards in open lodge the thanks of the brethren were awarded to Bro. Thomas, who suitably responded. The lodge was then closed in form.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. G. Beaver, W.M., was in the chair, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, visitors, and others: Bros. E. B. Hobson, I.P.M.; A. Woodley, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; J. Wilkins, P.M.; J. H. Roberts, S.W.; T. Ovenden, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; W. Bidgood, Org.; C. Sweeting, S.D.; W. Ross, J.D.; H. Mason, W.M. 913; W. Farr, P.M., P.G. S. Br. Essex; T. Holleyman, W.M. 1536; A. R. Lee, 1536; W. Harris, P.M. 871; G. Chambers, 13; F. Wagg, 13; E. Palmer, 913; J. Purnell, 1536; C. J. Carter, 1472; and C. Jolly, S.D. 1472, 913, &c. (*Freemason*).

The usual formalities being over Messrs. Marchant, G. Taylor, H. J. Palmer, and H. Lane were after full approval initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Hickson was then passed, and Bro. J. Marchant and Low were raised. The two first Degrees were admirably worked by the W.M., who then had to retire, and Bro. E. B. Hobson, I.P.M., worked the Third Degree in his usual excellent way. The election for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing 12 months, commencing in August next, then took place, and Bro. Roberts, S.W., was unanimously elected to the office of W.M.; Bro. Butt as Treasurer; and Bro. Lackland as Tyler. It was then finally resolved that the banquet should be held at the New Falcon Hotel, Bro. Hubbard's, at Gravesend, and Bros. C. Bedo, West, and Naylor were elected from the body of the lodge to serve on the Audit and Banquet Committees. It was also unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, should be presented to Bro. G. Beaver, the retiring W.M., as a mark of esteem and as some small recognition of the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. during his term of office. Some appeals for charity having been granted the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an elegantly served supper, and on reassembling round the social board drank the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and passed a few hours in harmony and social conversation.

DERBY.—Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Lodge being opened at seven p.m. by the following officers, Past Masters, and brethren: Bros. C. Webster, S.W.; J. Copstick, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whitaker, P.M., Treas.; W. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; Edgar Horne, S.D.; A. Woodiwiss, jun.; J. D. J. Chadwick, D. of C.; J. Maxey, I.G.; J. Walker, and T. Taylor, Stewards; E. Holden, Tyler; G. T. Wright, P.M.; T. R. Cee, P.M.; J. C. Merry, P.M.; R. Bennett, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; T. E. Yeomans, A. Tyler, T. Jordan, H. Goodall, F. Sale, F. Ball, W. Knight, W. Humber, and T. Day. The following visiting brethren also honoured the lodge with their presence: Bros. B. Cooper, P.M. 787; W. L. Ball, I.P.M. 802; R. Slater, 802; G. T. Smith, 802; W. F. Sanders, J.D. 1852; W. Miller, Mother Kilwinning; W. N. Murrow, Stanhope Lodge; and C. D. Hart, S.W. 1085.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Bro. J. W. Brigg, Org., who was engaged at Glossop, Mr. W. Forman, who was elected at the last regular meeting, was then introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry in ancient and solemn form by the W.M. in a most impressive manner; the charge being ably given by the J.W. The Treasurer's report having been read, and the same being satisfactory was adopted and ordered to be printed. Notice of motion was given by W. Bro. J. Brown, P.M., to raise the joining fee; also by W. Bro. G. T. Wright of a grant from the lodge funds towards the list of Bro. Ball, P.M. 802, Steward for the Boys' School festival in June. Grand Lodge certificates were presented to Bros. J. Walker, and S. Taylor. The W.M. then rose to make the usual enquiries. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and sundry bills passed for payment; and after receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed with prayer in perfect harmony and brotherly love.

The brethren then adjourned to the lower room, where a capital supper was prepared. The W.M. presided but had to leave for Leicester before the toast list was proceeded with, and his place was filled by the oldest Past Master present, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.G.J.W.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Bro. Webster, S.W., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so, stated that he was sure the ceremony that had been performed that evening would convince the brethren present that they had a very efficient Master, and one who was likely to reflect credit upon his lodge.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was then given by the J.W., who coupled the names of Bro. T. R. Gee and the presiding Master with the toast.

In response Bro. Gee expressed his gratification at the manner in which the work had been done, and the pleasure he had in being present on that occasion.

Bro. Wright referred to his long career in Masonry, and informed the brethren that although he had had 30 years' experience of Masonic working he still found a pleasure in attending their meetings, and the most happy moments of his life were those spent in the Arboretum Lodge.

Bro. Whittaker, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Health of the Visitors," and in doing so took occasion to remind the brethren of the sister lodges in the town who were present that the W.M. and brethren of the Arboretum Lodge were always exceedingly pleased to have their attendance, and that visiting amongst the lodges was in all respects to be commended, and in this direction he was quite sure he should be corroborated, when he stated that the brethren of the Arboretum Lodge were most punctual in the discharge of this portion of their duties to the sister lodges. With regard to the brethren from a distance he could assure them that they were likewise welcome, and he hoped that the treatment they had received had not been such as would prevent their coming again, but if unfortunately their

reception had not been what might have been expected he hoped they would give them another chance of convincing them how very heartily they appreciated their presence and support.

Bro. Sanders, J.D. 1852, who first responded, expressed the pleasure he had in being present, and hoped that he should be permitted to visit them on some future occasion, he had been extremely pleased with the ceremony and his reception was such as would induce him to take the earliest opportunity of repeating his visit.

Bro. Murrow, Stanhope Lodge, said that he had been delighted with the reception he had met with, and the able manner in which the work of the evening had been done, and he most certainly should be glad to repeat his visit as early as possible.

Bros. Smith, Slater and Miller also responded. Bro. J. Brown, P.M., then gave "The Health of the new Initiate" and in doing so made a very telling speech on the benefits to be derived by a close observation of the beautiful principles that lay beneath the surface of the ritual in Freemasonry advising the newly initiated brother to make what he had heard that evening the foundation of a new and interesting study, which he trusted would be a great benefit to him, and he hoped that he would never see cause to think that he had done wrong in joining a Masonic body. He advised him to consult the brethren in any case of difficulty and he was quite sure the W.M., P.M.'s and brethren of the lodge would be willing and anxious to afford him any assistance in their power.

Bro. Forman in responding said that he was very much struck with the ceremony in which he had taken part. He recognised fully the beautiful principles that had been enunciated although of course much that he had seen, and heard, could not now be understood by him, but one thing he did say, that the ceremony of the evening would never be forgotten by him, and he hoped in years to come that his Masonic conduct would be such as to merit the approbation of the brethren and that occasion might never arise, to make them think that they had admitted one who was in any way unworthy of the trust they had reposed in him. The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant meeting.

SUNDERLAND.—Williamson Lodge (No. 949).—On Whit-Monday afternoon the regular meeting of the above lodge was held in St. Stephen's School-room, Monkwearmouth, for the purpose of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was duly opened by Bro. George Porteous, W.M., and there was a large muster of Past Masters and brethren, including several provincial officers. Among those present were Bros. R. Hudson, P.M. 949, P.G.S.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Egglestone, jun., P.M.; W. Liddell, P.P.J.D. 949; M. Douglas, P.M.; J. Nelson, S.W.; J. Nicholson, J. Deans, S.D.; Smith, 80; Dr. Potts, P.P.J.D.; J. Hudson, W.M.; M. Frampton, P.M.; G. Wandless, P.M.; Rainbow, J.W. 94; C. McNamara, W.M.; W. Beattie, P.M.; H. Tonkinson, P.M.; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.P.S. of W.; T. Sharp, P.M.; R. Singleton, hon. sec.; J. G. Naisbet, I.G.; J. Barnes, Birch, G. Watson, 97; J. H. Morton, P.M.; T. Binks, S.W.; G. Wilson, I.G. 240; J. Probert, P.M. 424; H. Goldey, W.M.; Witter, P.M.; Hickman, S.W.; J. Sedcole, J.W. 1119; J. Murphy, W.M.; F. Maddison, P.M.; J. Dobson, 1389; J. Coulson, P.M.; F. L. Pearson, W. Rose, 1970.

After the initiation of a candidate, Bro. Chas. Cobham, S.W., was presented to the W.M., Bro. G. Porteous, by whom he was installed in the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner, and after the newly-installed W.M. had been saluted and proclaimed according to ancient custom, he appointed the following officers: Bros. G. Porteous, I.P.M.; J. G. Kirtley, S.W.; J. Hewson, J.W.; H. Horner, S.D.; G. W. Errington, J.D.; T. Simpson, I.G.; B. Swain, S.S.; H. E. Crisp, J.S.; R. Shadforth, P.M., Treas.; A. T. Munro, P.M., D. of C.; J. Barlow, Sec.; and T. L. Welburn, Tyler. The W.M., in investing Bro. Swain, presented him with a silver jewel, as a token of his appreciation of the manner in which he had come out of the S.W.'s chair and re-accepted the office of Senior Steward of the lodge.

The newly-installed W.M. then received the congratulations of the representatives of ten lodges, and prior to closing the lodge Bro. A. T. Munro, P.M., notified to the brethren that Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., and one of the founders of the lodge 20 years ago, had deputed him to ask the lodge to accept a framed photograph of Bro. Hudson, who was W.M. of the lodge in 1870. This announcement was most cordially received by the assembled brethren, and the W.M., Bro. C. Cobham, gratefully received it on behalf of the lodge, and spoke in fitting terms of the great kindness received from Bro. Hudson. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a banquet had been spread, the chair being occupied by Bro. C. Cobham, the W.M., who was supported on the right by Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., and Bro. G. B. Hall, P.M., and on the left by Bro. G. Porteous, I.P.M., P.G.O., and Bro. W. Liddell, P.P.G.D.

Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., responded for the officers of the province, and expressed great satisfaction at the continued prosperity of 949. He referred to the consecration in May, 1863, and although many then present had since joined the great majority, he was glad to see some of the founders still amongst them, more particularly Bro. W. Liddell, P.M., who had been untiring in his devotion to the interests of the lodge. He would have pleasure in reporting to the P.G.M. on the excellent working of the lodge during Bro. Porteous' year of office, and has Bro. Porteous had been honoured with P.G. Office, he was sure the Marquess of Londonderry would be delighted to hear that he had made such a fitting termination of his office by installing his successor in an able and impressive manner. Referring to the present P.G. Officers, Bro. Hudson expressed great satisfaction with the able and energetic manner in which they were supporting him as P.G. Secretary, and it was due to Bro. Porteous to state that in a recent case which threatened to prove a scandal to the Craft, he, by a well-timed suggestion, enabled the contending parties to come to terms, and peace and goodwill once more reigned within the lodge. Bro. Hudson mentioned that at the consecration of No. 949, twenty years ago, he had the honour of receiving the appointment of Senior Steward, and he strongly exhorted his younger brethren to be diligent in the discharge of whatever duties fell to their lot, and with patience and perseverance they could not fail to reap their reward—may pass higher honours than had fallen to his unworthy self.

A very handsome Past Master's gold jewel was presented to Bro. Geo. Porteous, on behalf of the lodge, by Bro. W. Liddell, P.M. The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. Geo. Porteous, P.M. and P.G.O., by the brethren of the Williamson Lodge, No. 949, Monkwearmouth, as a token of their esteem, and in appreciation of his services as W.M. during the last two years. 14th May, 1883."

Some clever songs were contributed by Bros. W. Beattie, Porteous, Hickman, Birch, Henderson, and Thobron, with a good recitation by Bro. Geo. Hudson. The menu card, which was a compilation of the new W.M.'s, was a remarkable production. It was, in fact, quite a little book, and with a very handsome heraldic Masonic frontispiece, the chief of the design being a "cherubim proper," with the Masonic (page 4) motto, "Audi vide tace." The menu consisted chiefly of French puns and illustrations from Shakespeare, many of the well-known quotations being very aptly used to illustrate wines, dishes, and toasts.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The last meeting of the session was held at the Middleton Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th inst. There were present Bros. W. D. Merritt, W.M.; W. G. Brighten, P.M. 72, &c., S.W.; Dr. F. Dorrell Grayson, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M. and P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; G. R. Dawson, S.D.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., J.D.; C. Floyd, W.M. 1817, I.G.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., M.C.; E. E. Phillips, P.M., P.Z., P.P. G.D. Org.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; T. F. Barrett, Prov. G. Reg., I.P.M.; G. F. Jones, P.M. P.P.G.W.; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.; G. Berry, P.M.; J. M. Farr, I.P.M. 1807, Prov. G.S.B.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Withers, J. Girling, H. A. Hotblack, W. Waterhouse, L. Warren, jun., H. Luker, W. B. Kinsey, C. F. Woosnam, and E. F. Wood. Visitors: Bros. W. Girling, P.M. 232, 486, 1160, P.D.G.D. Bengal; Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambert, W.M. 1460; T. King, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P.; W. Bridgeland, J.W. 933; J. Taylor, 276; C. Spalding, J.D. and W. Cox, 1817; W. E. Fullard, 88; and T. W. Eastgate, S.W. 1563.

The ballot having proved unanimous in his favour, Mr. Wm. Lloyd Wise was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order; the charge to the candidate was given by Bro. F. D. Grayson, J.W.; and the explanation of the first tracing board was rendered by Bro. J. C. Johnstone, P.M., D. of C. A joining member having been proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER.—Shakespeare Lodge (No. 1009).—The installation of Bro. George Hunt took place in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, May 7th. Present: Bro. J. L. Hine, W.M., P.P.G.S.W.; George Hunt, S.W.; George Carter, J.W.; Chas. E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; Jos. Radford, S.D.; C. S. Allott, J.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T., D. of C.; G. Enticknap, Org.; J. Rome, S.S.; R. L. Mestayer, P.M.; Frank A. Huet, P.M.; R. Hartley, P.M.; F. Kilbourne, P.M.; Frank Hollins, P.M.; G. W. Wilson, P.M.; W. D. Milnes, E. Fryd, J. Holden, C. Goldsmith, J. McAllister, Wm. Brooks, and Henry Ditchfield. Visitors: C. F. Matier, P.J.G.W. Greece; J. C. Whittington, P.M. 999, P.P.G., Org.; T. H. Brown, J.D. 249, 1763; A. Baynton, Sec. 1213; Daniel Edwards, W.M. 1993; W. Bretnell, 1339; Robt. White, W.M. 1052; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. By desire of the W.M., who was to have installed Bro. Hunt, that duty was imposed upon Bro. Matier, and kindly undertaken by our learned and experienced brother. After Bro. C. L. Mestayer, P.M., had presented the W.M. elect to the installing Master, and the usual preliminaries had been gone through, he was with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., proclaimed and saluted. Bro. C. F. Matier delivered the customary address to the newly-installed Master. The following brethren were appointed officers for the ensuing twelve months, and invested by Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T., viz., Bros. Geo. Carter, S.W.; J. Radford, J.W.; C. E. Austen, P.M., Treas.; J. Godbert, Sec.; C. S. Allott, S.D.; G. Enticknap, J.D.; T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T., D. of C.; J. Rome, I.G.; J. Halden, S.S.; and W. Brooke, J.S. Bro. Hooper gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren, and concluded the ceremony. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper, which when finished the usual loyal toasts were honoured.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and the Past Masters of the Lodge," which was heartily drunk.

Bro. J. L. Hine replied on his own behalf, and Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.M., for the Past Masters.

At this stage, the Worshipful Master said he was sure he should be excused in introducing a new toast, which was "The Health of Bro. R. L. Mestayer, P.M.," who would probably before their next meeting be on his way to Australia. Bro. Hunt informed the brethren that Bro. Mestayer had received an appointment out in that distant part of the globe, and, while deeply regretting his enforced absence from their midst, he thought the present a good opportunity for asking the brethren to cordially drink his health, and wish him a safe voyage, health, wealth, and prosperity in his new abode.

The W.M.'s invitation was very warmly responded to, and when the enthusiasm had subsided,

Bro. Mestayer rose and said that his heart was too full to say much to them in the way of thanks; but he assured them he should take with him a remembrance of this token of their esteem, and also of the many pleasant hours he had passed with his associates of the Shakespeare Lodge, and whenever the first Monday in the month came round he should never fail to think of them.

Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in eulogistic terms, remarking that no member of the lodge more deserved the honourable position of being its Master, and none more qualified to fill that position, than Bro. Hunt.

Bro. Hine's remarks were highly approved of by the brethren, who heartily drank the health of their new W.M.

The Worshipful Master in reply thanked Bro. Hine for his kind remarks, and the brethren for so cordially respond-

a most praiseworthy manner by Bro. J. Wardley, J.D. The lecture on the first tracing board was afterwards given in a most eloquent and impressive manner by Bro. F. Thomas, ing to the toast, and remarked that the Shakespeare Lodge possessed amongst its members men of culture, sobriety, and right living, and so long as such was the case he would, with the assistance of his officers, do his utmost to keep up the prestige the lodge had enjoyed and further the interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. Chas. E. Austin, P.M., Treas. (who had recently been appointed Prov. Grand Deacon), proposed a time-honoured toast in this lodge, viz., "The Memory of the Immortal Shakespeare," which the brethren drank in silence.

Other toasts were proposed, including that of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Frank Hollins, P.M., and, after a pleasant evening's enjoyment, the brethren separated. During the intervals between the toasts some capital songs were sung by Bros. Frank Hollins, Ditchfield, and others, who were most ably accompanied by Bro. J. C. Whittington, P.P.G. Org., and Bro. R. R. Lisenden performed his imitations on the English concertina.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly gathering of this lodge was held on Thursday the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall. The W.M., Bro. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 40, 1184, presiding supported by his officers and brethren: Bros. W. D. Womersley, S.W.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., as J.W.; Robert Hughes, as Sec.; H. G. F. Wells, Treas.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Chap. as S.D.; James Richardson, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; C. William Till, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, I.P.M.; Charles Martin, C. Armstrong, Walder, W. E. Skinner, Jordan, R. Davison, M.D.; H. Foster, Henry Kimm, 40 (*Freemason*).

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The election of W.M. then took place, when Bro. D. Womersley, S.W. was elected, and returned hearty thanks for the honour. Bro. G. H. F. Wells, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Jesson, Tyler. The W.M., Bro. Duke then proceeded to confer the Degree of F.C. upon Bro. Russell Davison, M.D., and Bro. Henry Foster, which was worked in a very careful manner, a candidate was proposed for initiation and after some formal business was next disposed of lodge was closed, and a very pleasant hour was spent over some light refreshment.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—This lodge met at the Masonic Hall on the 9th inst. Bro. Adams, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Robertson, S.W.; Barlow, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as Treas.; Major Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as Sec.; Todd, S.D.; Sexton, J.D.; Adnett, Org.; Norton, D.C.; Campbell, I.G.; Hill, Tyler; Lewis, P.M.; Hall, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Clisham, P.M.; Fletcher, P.M.; Cole, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Russell, Moore, Alkey, and many others.

The lodge having been opened in form and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Newton, Howell, and Ridgemen, who were candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous, and being present they were duly initiated by the W.M. in his usual efficient and impressive manner, the working tools being explained by the J.W. and the charge given by the S.W. After other routine business, Bro. Major Douglas intimated that as he was about to leave the station he was obliged to tender for acceptance his resignation of the Secretaryship of the lodge, an announcement which was received with universal regret. Bro. Clisham, P.M., expressed in a few well-chosen words how much one and all regretted to learn Bro. Major Douglas was about to leave the locality. They had been highly privileged as a lodge in having had for so long a period the services of such an esteemed and valued brother, who had always taken an active and lively interest in the Masonic affairs of the various lodges and chapters to which he belonged, and he concluded by proposing that a vote of thanks be accorded to him, and inscribed on the minutes, expressive of their deep gratitude to Bro. Major Douglas for the valuable services he had rendered, and for the strenuous efforts with which he had at all times endeavoured to promote the welfare of the Craft, as well as the individual happiness of the members with whom he had been associated.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., supported the proposition, and expressed a hope that although Bro. Major Douglas was about to remove from the immediate locality he would not cease to continue to manifest the same warm interest in the success of the lodges in Aldershot with which he had been so long and so closely allied and attached. These sentiments were fully reciprocated by the brethren present, and carried in a most hearty and unanimous manner.

It may be mentioned that Bro. Douglas' connection with Freemasonry has been a peculiarly active one, and extends over many years. He has ever been distinguished for the genial way in which he has laboured to enhance the reputation and the usefulness of our time-honoured institution. It is understood that he is about to remove to Shirley, near Southampton, and therefore the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, of which he is a P.P.G.S.B., will not altogether lose the services of our worthy and zealous brother. There being no other business the lodge was closed.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. J. D. Murray, W.M.; J. E. Barlow, I.P.M.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; G. L. Campbell, P.M.; C. E. Beazer, P.M.; H. F. Byrom, S.W.; A. H. Crossby, J.W.; W. Johnson, Sec.; R. B. Seddon, S.D.; William Wall, J.D.; J. Marsden, I.G.; Hy. Bouchier, S.S.; Allan Riddlesworth, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Ashurst, W.M. 178; Wm. Dean, J.W. 178; T. Milner, P.M. 178; R. Leyland, 178; G. Makinson, 178; E. Beilby, W.M. 897; Edwin Jackson, J.W. 897; John Jackson, 897; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 249 (*Freemason*).

The brethren met at 6 p.m., and after partaking of a substantial banquet adjourned to the lodge room. After the lodge had been opened by the W.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Mr. Wm. Rigby, which ceremony he performed in a most impressive and faultless

manner, being ably assisted by the other officers. After Bro. Rowbotham, P.P.G.J.W., had called attention to the very satisfactory report of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the fact of the two lodges in Wigan having subscribed the sum of £25 10s., last year, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to

Bro. Campbell, P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." in a very flattering speech, and referred to the very able manner he had performed the ceremony of initiation for the first time, and announced to the brethren that the W.M. had been appointed Standard Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters.

Bro. Murray responded in suitable terms. After "The Healths of the P.M.'s;" "Visitors;" "Newly-Initiated and Officers" had been proposed, the brethren separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular meeting of this successful and prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street West, when a very large number of the members and visiting brethren (over 50) were present. The W.M., Bro. William Smith, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. George Brown, Mr. J. W. Robson, and Mr. Francis Graham, and they were declared elected. Bro. Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas., asked the W.M. to grant him a favour by allowing him to give the First Degree as two of the candidates were intimate friends of his own. This was granted by the W.M. Bro. Barker also gave the working tools, by special permission from the W.M. Bro. John Taylor Schollar was afterwards passed to the Third Degree in a most solemn and efficient manner. The usual routine business having been completed, the brethren adjourned to the festive board, which was presided over by the W.M., the S.W. being in the vice-chair. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and amongst them were that of "The New Initiates," given by the W.M., and ably responded to by the Apprentices.

The W.M. also proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. J. D. Gillespie, P.M. 431; George Turnbull, W.M. 991; George H. Dexter, 48; W. T. Clarke, 315 and 1829.

The meeting was of a most enjoyable character, as several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, which was brought to a pleasant conclusion by the usual toast given by the Tyler.

Amongst those present were Bros. William Smith, P.M., P.G.S. of W., W.M.; William Cooper, P.M., P.P.G. J.D., I.P.M.; John Donald Annan, P.M., D. of Cers.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P. G.S.W.; John Spearman, P.M. 481, Prov. G.J.W.; Thos. Anderson, Prov. G. Treas.; R. W. Cummins, W.M. 1676; Henry Usher, I.P.M. 541; H. S. Bird, W.M. 1664; Dixon Cowie, S.W.; Arthur Munroe, acting J.W.; Joseph Purvis, Sec.; Henry Spittle, S.D.; T. P. Bennett, J.D.; James Harle, I.G.; Jethro Wm. Mathews, S.S.; Michael James Barkas, J.S.; Joshua Curry, P.P.G. Tyler Northumberland, and P.G. Tyler Durham, Tyler; Skillings, McDonald, Henry Harman, John MacKay, John Taylor Schollar, John Hobson, John Weston, William Varty, Joseph Holland Baker, John Brown, P.S.W.; John W. Robson, Frank Graham, Sims, T. Grieve, 431; J. Patterson, 48; Thos. Graham, 48; Thomas Thompson, J.S. 48; John T. Dore, 541; Wm. Rayner, 406; John S. Clarke, 240; Wm. F. Carman, S.D. 481; Wm. Mathieson, 481; C. H. M. Robson, 24; Jas. Sedcole, J.W. 1119; John W. Ramsey, 1119; J. A. G. Ross, S.S. 481; Thos. Dinning, J.W. 481; and others.

INSTRUCTION.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on the 17th inst. Present: Bros. Ralph, W.M.; R. Head, S.W.; G. Howard, J.W.; J. Jacobs, S.D.; Brand, J.W.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; J. G. Richardson, Preceptor; and W. H. Gulliford, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the First Section of this lecture. Bro. Jacobs offering himself a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was then called off and afterwards resumed. Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the First Section of this lecture. Lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Richardson proposed that Bro. R. Head be W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

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PANMURE CHAPTER (No. 720).—The nineteenth installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Whit Monday. The holiday interfered to some extent with the customary attendance on such occasions, and apologies for enforced absence were numerous. Amongst those present were Ex. Comps. B. R. Bryant, M.E.Z. elect; J. S. Terry, J.; James Stevens, P.Z., S.E.; T. Poore, M. S. Larham; Comps. J. W. Watts, H. Baldwin, J. D. Arnold, Harrison, and others; and the following visitors: Ex. Comps. A. C. Bradley, M.E.Z. 1216; B. Lyon, M.E.Z. 1329; W. Halsey, P.Z. 507; H. Bickerstaff, P.Z. 13; and R. J. Voisey, H. 1329; and Comps. James Duckett and H. Forbes, of 1329.

The chapter having been opened Ex. Comp. Jas. Stevens proceeded to install the Principals elect, viz.: Comps. Bryant, as %; J. S. Terry, as H.; and J. W. Watts, as J. The ceremonies were very impressively rendered throughout. The newly-installed Principals immediately commenced work, and the usual ballot having been found clear, exalted into Royal Arch Masonry Bro. W. H. Beckley, 507. The admirable manner in which the exaltation ceremony was conducted and the Principals' addresses given was the subject of much subsequent laudation from the visitors. On the termination of the business of exaltation a notice of motion by the M.E.Z. was unanimously carried,

to the effect that in recognition of the earnest services to the chapter as founder and Scribe E. for 14 years of Ex. Comp. James Stevens, P.Z., a Past Scribe's jewel be presented to him; and that honorary membership of the chapter should also be conferred on him. The M.E.Z. stated that in full assurance of the unanimity with which the motion would be carried, he had had the jewel prepared by Bro. George Kenning, and would at once make the presentation in open chapter.

A very handsome specimen of Bro. Kenning's manufacture was then placed amongst the numerous tokens of Masonic honours worn by our Ex. Comp. Stevens, who briefly but forcibly expressed his grateful sense of the further honour conferred on him by the members of the chapter. The design of the jewel is such as to denote the occupation of the three Principals' chairs; the Past Principal's emblem is surmounted by cross pens, and the inscription sets forth the nature of the services rendered. Made of solid gold and exquisitely finished, it was much admired by the companions, who warmly congratulated the fortunate recipient. The officers for the ensuing year were then invested; Comp. T. Poore, the newly-elected Scribe E., at once entering upon the duties of the office which Comp. Stevens had vacated, and Comp. Baldwin being invested as N. The report of the Audit Committee with a balance sheet, which was of a favourable character, was received and adopted. Candidates for exaltation and joining were proposed, and after the reception of two resignations with regret, the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to banquet. This was well prepared and served by Bro. Buxton, the new host of the Horns Tavern, and gave great satisfaction.

After the cloth was cleared the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and those of "The M.E.Z.," "The Exalte," "The Visitors," and "The P.Z." met with appropriate responses. The social gathering was enlivened by the vocal efforts of Comps. Voisey, Halsey, Baldwin, Beckley, and Bickerstaff, and recitations by Comps. Stevens and Forbes; and well before the midnight hour the companions separated much pleased with the successful issue of their nineteenth anniversary.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The annual convocation for installing the officers of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. There was a good muster of members and visitors. Comp. W. Armstrong, M.E.Z., P.P.G.D.C., occupied the chair, and was supported by Comps. A. Walters, P.G. 2nd Asst. S., H.; J. H. Banks, P.G. Steward, J.; J. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N.; Thos. Mandle, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; Col. F. R. Sewell, P.G. Reg.; J. Gardiner, P.Z. 327; H. Bewes, P.Z. 327; J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J.; E. Tyson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wilson, J. R. Raven, G. W. Thompson, J. Smith, J. R. Banks, E. G. Mitchell, H. Peacock, J. W. Robinson, W. Bradley, J. Dodd, C. Gowan, E. Sutherland, and others.

After the minutes were read and confirmed the following were exalted: Bros. L. F. B. Dykes, P.M. 1002, D.P.G.M.; James Black, P.M. 1002; James Dickinson, 371; and Joseph Cuthbertson, 371. M.E. Comps. Barr and Tyson with their customary ability discharged the duties of installing the Principals and investing the officers as follows: Comps. A. Walters, Z.; J. R. Banks, H.; F. R. Sewell, J.; E. G. Mitchell, S.E.; L. F. B. Dykes, S.N.; G. W. Thompson, P.S.; P. de E. Collin, Treas.; J. Smith, Org.; and J. Messenger, Janitor. Comp. Col. F. R. Sewell presented a full set of silk banners, painted by Mrs. Sewell, expressly for the Nicholson Chapter, which looked exceedingly well, and received well-merited praise. The chapter banner, as a token of esteem, was personally presented to the veteran of nearly half a century (Comp. J. Nicholson), and afterwards presented by him to the chapter amidst a hearty round of applause. A vote of thanks was accorded to M.E. Comp. Sewell and Mrs. Sewell for their handsome gift. A vote of thanks was also passed to M.E. Comps. Barr and Tyson for their able assistance on the occasion. The sum of five guineas was voted to M.E. Comp. Geo. J. McKay, P.G.S.E., for the Boys' School. The chapter was then closed in form, and the companions adjourned to a banquet provided by mine host and hostess of the Senhouse Arms.

UXBRIDGE.—Royal Union Chapter (No. 382).—On Saturday, the 19th inst., a convocation of the above chapter was held at the Chequers Hotel. M.E. Comp. James Batting, Z., occupied the First Principal's chair. E. Comp. W. A. Dawson, H. the Second Principal's chair; and Comp. A. W. Duret, J., occupied the Third Principal's chair. Amongst the Comps. in attendance were A. A. Richards, P.Z. and Treas.; S. G. Foxall, P.Z.; T. H. Edmunds, P.Z.; and A. C. Spaul, P.S. and F. Croest. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the first business was the election of the three Principals, and E. Comp. Wm. A. Dawson was unanimously elected to the First Principal's chair. E. Comp. A. W. Duret to the Second chair, and Comp. A. C. Spaul to the Third chair; who in suitable terms severally thanked the companions for the honour conferred upon them. P.Z. Comp. John Palmer was unanimously elected S.E. Comps. C. Spaul, S.N.; F. Croest, P.S. of P.Z.; and Comp. A. A. Richards, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The three Principals were then severally installed and invested in a very able manner, the First Principal by P.Z. Comp. A. A. Richards, the Second Principal by the M.E.Z. W. A. Dawson, and the Third Principal by E. Comp. A. W. Duret.

The M.E.Z. then in graceful terms presented to the I.P.Z. Comp. James Batting, a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel which had been unanimously voted to him by the companions at their last convocation as a mark of their esteem and in recognition and appreciation of his conduct in the chair for the past year and which was acknowledged by Comp. Batting in suitable terms.

Subsequently attention was called to the death of P.Z. and S.E. Shervill, one of the oldest companions of the chapter, which was much regretted by all, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The chapter was then closed, after which the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet to which full justice was done, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and received, a very pleasant evening was brought to a termination.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Chapter (No. 1000).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place

on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Middleton Hotel. Those present included Comps. E. Judd, Prov. G. Assist. Soj., M.E.Z.; G. F. Jones, H.; F. Wood, J.; Dr. T. King, Scribe N.; W. D. Merritt, P.S.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Prov. G.D.C., Treas.; W. Pissey, P.Z., Prov. G.S.B.; E. E. Phillips, P.Z., Prov. Grand Assist. Soj.; H. Luker, A. W. Martin, Prov. G. Janitor, J. Visitors: Comps. W. Girling, P.Z., 486, P.D.G. Soj. Bengal, W. G. Brighten, P.Z. 1339; and J. Girling.

Comp. J. Girling was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. W. H. Bingham was exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Masonry. The report of the Auditors showed the chapter to be in a very satisfactory condition. A telegram having been received from the Grand Supt. of the province, M.E. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G. Soj., that he was unable to be present the ceremony of installing the Principals was undertaken by Comp. A. Lucking who installed Comps. G. F. Jones, M.E.Z.; F. Wood, H.; and Dr. T. King, J. The following officers were invested viz.: Comps. E. E. Phillips, P.Z., S.E.; W. D. Merritt, S.N.; A. Lucking, P.Z., Treas.; and A. W. Martin, J.

A vote of thanks having been accorded to Comp. A. Lucking for performing the ceremony of installation and a member proposed, the chapter was duly closed and the companions adjourned to a first class banquet, after which the usual loyal and R. A. toasts were honoured. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. E. Judd, I.P.Z., for his past services, and the Janitor's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

TWICKENHAM.—Era Chapter (No. 1423).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. J. W. Baldwin, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Faulkner, H.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z. acting J.; Dr. Riley, S.E.; Harrison, acting Janitor; and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing then took place with the following result: Comps. Faulkner, M.E.Z.; Haslitt, H.; Dr. Riley, J.; Goodchild, S.E.; Wingate, S.N.; John Mason, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Previous to the chapter being closed a Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Baldwin.

ALDERSHOT.—Military Lodge (No. 54).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 17th inst. Amongst those present were Brs. Capt. Croisdale, W.M. elect; Major Douglas, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Eve, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; Hacker, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Benham, P.M.; Gee, I.G.; Kirchoffer, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Stone, M.O.; Taylor, Adnett, Marrs, Stone, Cole, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Captain Croisdale was presented, and very ably and impressively installed by Bro. Benham, assisted by Bro. Hacker. The officers were then invested by Bro. Captain Croisdale, who in a few appropriate words, brought under the notice of each the respective duties and responsibilities which would fall upon them, and the aims and objects every officer and member of the lodge should steadfastly keep in view during the period they were associated together for Masonic work. Bro. Askham was appointed S.W.; Stone, J.W.; Eve, P.M., Treas.; Hacker, P.M., Sec.; Harrison, M.O.; Gee, S.O.; Taylor, S.D.; Marrs, I.G.; and Burns, Tyler.

The Secretary read letters from several brethren who were unable to be present conveying their congratulations and "heartily good wishes" to the W.M., and expressing regret for their unavoidable absence.

After a hearty vote of thanks had been carried by acclamation to the outgoing W.M. Bro. Kirchoffer, for the correctness and impressiveness which had invariably marked his Masonic work during the past year, and a similar vote of thanks to Bro. Major Douglas who is about to leave the locality, the lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, and a most enjoyable Masonic evening was spent.

In the course of the evening the W.M. Bro. Captain Croisdale, alluded at some length to the past services of Bro. Major Douglas, and said that he could not allow the opportunity to pass without expressing how deeply the members regretted that they were about to lose the services of a brother whose regular attendance at all their meetings and whose Masonic career had been so thoroughly in unison with the grand principles upon which their Order was founded, he considered the absence of Bro. Major Douglas would leave a blank which would be long felt, inasmuch as their worthy brother had been identified with their lodge for many years past, he had never missed attending their meetings, he had always been in office of some sort or other, performing his duties in a genial, straightforward, and conscientious way, which had very deservedly gained their universal respect and esteem, thereby setting an example it would be well for others to follow.

Bro. Major Douglas replied in suitable terms and in the course of his observations said that Bro. Capt. Croisdale had been kind enough to express a wish that he might find many new friends as staunch and as true as those he would leave behind him at Aldershot, he begged to assure them that he could never again expect to meet with friends equal to the old ones with whom he had been so long and so intimately acquainted in the Aldershot district, he should never cease to remember his old friends, and to take a deep interest in their future progress and welfare. He was about to reside at Shirley, near Southampton, and should make a point of joining one of the lodges there, and if permitted, will certainly esteem it a great privilege to be associated with the brethren there for Masonic work.

The proceedings then terminated.

LANCASTER.—Moore Lodge (No. 146).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Amongst the Past Masters present were W. Bros. William Hall, P.P.G.S.W.; Hy. Longman, P.P.G.J.O.; Simpson, P.P.G.R. of M.; Stanley, P.M.; and P. C. Turner, 43. The chair having been taken in the absence of the W.M. by W. Bro. R. Stanton, P.M. and Sec., and the W.M. elect, Bro. B. Gregson, having been presented to a Board of Installed Masters, he was duly and regularly installed Master of the lodge by W. Bro. Stanton, the installing Officer, after which he appointed and invested his

officers as follows: Bros. Aldous, S.W.; Ellershaw, J.W.; A. Stanley, M.O.; Wilde, M.O.; Irvin, J.O.; Hall, Treas.; Stanton, Sec.; Moore, S.D.; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler.

"A hearty vote of thanks" was given to W. Bros. Stanton and Hall for past services, and the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, the Newly-Installed Master presiding, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

HASTINGS.—East Sussex Lodge (No. 166).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. Charles W. Duke, Grand Steward, Prov. G.S.W., P.M., W.M., took the chair, and opened the lodge, supported by Bro. C. M. Norris, P.P.G.M.O., P.M.; Richard Pidcock, P.P.G.R. of M., P.M.; Rev. E. F. Cave-Browne-Cave, M.A., P.P. G. Chap., S.W.; F. Rossiter, Prov. G.D. of C., J.W.; Capt. E. J. Hennah, Prov. G.S. of W., M.O.; W. H. Russell, Prov. G. Steward, S.O.; T. Kingston, acting J.O.; Rev. James Puttick, Chap.; R. J. Reed, Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; T. W. Markwick, S.D.; John Bray, J.D.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; W. Carless, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; George F. Wood, Stanley A. Julius, and Henry Kimm (*Freemason*). Visitors: Bros. W. H. Hodgkin, T. Kingston, J.O. 13; and others.

The minutes of last quarterly meeting having been read and confirmed, the R.W. Prov. G.M.M.M. of Sussex, Bro. Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.M. 166, was announced, and he was received with the customary honours. Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., 1184, was unanimously accepted as a candidate for advancement, and being in attendance was advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master in a very able manner by the W.M., his officers rendering very efficient aid to him throughout the interesting ceremony, which was greatly heightened by the fine rendering of the music by Bro. F. H. Hallett, Org.

The next business on the summons was the installation of a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the chair was taken by the R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. Thomas Trollope. Bro. the Rev. E. F. Cave-Browne-Cave, M.A., P.P.G. Mark Chap., W.M. elect, was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. C. W. Duke, Prov. G.S.W., and after the necessary preliminaries had been gone through, and all brethren below the chair had retired, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Cave-Browne-Cave was duly installed into the chair of A., according to ancient custom. The W.M. having been saluted in the customary manner, the following brethren were invested with the collar and jewel appertaining to their respective offices by the W.M., who suitably addressed each brother on the nature and duties of the office to which he had been appointed: Bros. Fred. Rossiter, S.W.; Captain E. J. Hennah, J.W.; W. H. Russell, M.O.; T. W. Markwick, S.O.; Rev. James Puttick, J.O.; The Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Chap.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; Stanley A. Julius (proxy), Reg. of M.; R. J. Reed (proxy), Sec.; John Bray, S.D.; W. Carless, J.D.; F. H. Hallett (re-invested), Org.; Henry Kimm (proxy), I.G.; and Wm. Leslie (re-invested), Tyler.

The newly-elected Worshipful Master in presenting a valuable Masonic jewel to his predecessor said that he hoped Past Master Duke would wear it for many years to come, and that he would look upon it as a token of their friendship, and as an evidence of their sincere and great esteem. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Duke.

The R.W. Prov. G.M.M., Bro. T. Trollope, in his usual eloquent and impressive manner delivered the oration to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and the ceremony, the whole of which had been worked most perfectly, was brought to a termination. It was proposed that the sum of £2 2s. be voted toward the subscription for the memorial stone to the late lamented Bro. George Weller. After a proposition for advancement, and "Heartily good wishes" had been exchanged the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most recherché banquet, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The cloth being drawn the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the performance of an excellent musical programme, in which Bros. Russell, Duke, Rossiter, and Markwick took part, the duties of accompanist being carried out by Bro. F. H. Hallett.

Cryptic Masonry.

GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL (No. 1).—A numerously attended meeting of this prosperous council was held at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Bros. I. C. Walls, T.I.M.; T. Poore, D.M.; H. C. Levander, P.C. of W.; A. Williams, C. of G.; F. Davison, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; Rev. A. Hall, Chaplain; Thomas Cubitt, C. of C.; R. Loveland and J. E. Anderson, Marshals; Major Dunbar, Warder; H. J. Lardner, Sentinel; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Captain Lambert, Rev. W. S. Moses, Raymond Thrupp, W. Roebuck, H. George, D. P. Cama, N. D. Francis, R. P. Spice, J. O. Harding, E. Storr, W. Glynes, Fountaine, J. Livingstone, J. Brittan, A. F. Meaden, and J. L. Mather. Bro. Capt. Charles Hunter, T. I. Grand Master of Scotland was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the following brethren, who had been previously balloted for, were duly admitted and received into the degrees of M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M. Bros. Williamson, Whythead, Cumberland, Parsons, McDowall, Shirley, Haynes, and Simmer. The election of T.I.M. for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. T. C. Walls, who subsequently appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. C. Levander, D.M.; A. Williams, P.C. of W.; F. Davison, Treasurer; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; Cubitt, C. of G.; the Revs. A. Hall and W. S. Moses, Chaplains; Anderson, C. of C.; Graveley, Loveland, and Berridge, Marshals; Major Dunbar and Lardner, Stewards; Captain Lambert, Warder; and R. P. Spice, Sentinel. Several apologies for non-attendance having been read the Grand Masters' Council was closed in the Degree of Select Masters.

Previously to the brethren adjourning Bro. Capt. Hunter, T.I.G.M. of Scotland, expressed the gratification he had experienced in being present that day. He said he was particularly struck with the excellent way in which the whole proceedings had been carried out, and which reflected

the highest possible credit upon those wielding the executive power. In conclusion, he congratulated the council upon its prosperity.

The T.I.M. in the name of the council having acknowledged the compliment passed upon it by its distinguished visitor, the proceedings terminated, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was served in the Duke's Room at the Holborn Restaurant. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

Bro. the Rev. A. Hall having acknowledged the toast of "The Grand Officers," in the course of which he feelingly touched upon the absence through illness of Bro. the Rev. R. Portal, G.M., then proposed in very flattering terms "The Health of the T.I.M. of No. 1 Council."

Bro. Walls having replied, then gave "The Newly-Admitted Brethren."

This toast having been cordially received, Bro. Shirley and others responded at length.

In giving the pledge of "The Treasurer and Recorder," the T.I.M. dwelt upon the long service and zeal of those worthy officers. He said that much of the success of the Order was due to the exertions of Bro. Dewar, supplemented by the attention brought to bear upon the financial working of the Degree by Bro. Davison.

This toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bros. Davison and Dewar acknowledged the compliment in well-expressed terms.

"The Health of the Officers" was responded to by Bros. T. Poore, H. C. Levander, and others. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., also said a few words in connection with the latter toast.

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most enjoyable character, then terminated.

South Africa.

INAUGURATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.

It is not often that one of her Majesty's colonies has such an important ceremony in the history of Freemasonry as we had on the 28th March, when Bro. R. J. Finmore was installed District Grand Master of a newly-formed District Grand Lodge of Natal. Bro. Finmore is beloved by all here, and this elevation is the crown of many honours gained in the Order. It may be of interest to here give the advancement of that worthy brother from his initiation. He was initiated into Freemasonry on the 11th August, 1875, in the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, Pietermaritzburg; on the 15th of the following month he was advanced to the Degree of a Fellow Craft, and on the 29th *idem* was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. From 1878 to 1879, by unanimous vote of the brethren, he served as Worshipful Master of the Natalia Lodge. On the 28th December, 1878, he took the Degrees of Mark Master and Excellent Master, and on the 30th *idem* was exalted as a Royal Arch Companion. He served through the three chairs of a Royal Arch Chapter, and was installed as First Principal on the 17th March, 1880. On the 25th June, 1879, he was elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, and was made Commander on the 12th June, 1880. On the 9th August, 1876, he was made a Sovereign Prince, Rose Croix; and became M.W. Sovereign on the 10th November, 1879. On the 12th April, 1880, he was installed Worshipful Master of the Mark Degree. On the 3rd September, 1880, he was made a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta, and in these Degrees he was subsequently made Preceptor and Prior respectively. On the 22nd October, 1879, he was made a Knight of the Black and White Eagle (30th Degree). He also took the Degree of Red Cross Knight on the 12th June, 1880.

To witness the ceremony of installation there was a very large attendance of brethren from all parts, including the W.M.'s of nine lodges.

Bro. Finmore, after opening lodge, addressed the brethren upon the purpose for which they had met, and said that in assuming the important position of D.G.M. of this colony, he desired, in the first place, to cordially express the high sense he entertained of the distinguished honour conferred upon him. During his Masonic career he had, at different times, received many honorary distinctions and marks of confidence and esteem from his brethren in the Craft. He had prized them all very highly but none so highly as the present. He desired also to express his sincere and grateful thanks for the attendance that day from all parts of the colony. As the success of District Grand Lodge must depend in a great measure upon the assistance and support accorded him by the brethren it was a source of great gratification to him to see so large an assemblage, showing the deep interest taken in the welfare of the Craft, and in the inauguration of their D.G.M. In entering upon the important office of District Grand Master he assured them that he did so with a full sense of its duties and responsibilities, and a determination at all times to uphold and maintain to the best of his ability, the purity and prestige of their great Order; and he hoped with the kind assistance, co-operation, and support of the brethren around him to be enabled so to conduct the affairs of his District Grand Lodge as to give satisfaction to the members of the Craft and to justify in some measure the selection they had made. In inaugurating their District Grand Lodge it was gratifying to know that Masonry had never been in a more satisfactory or prosperous condition or one of greater vitality than it is at present. We had now nine lodges in healthy active working order, and there was a prospect of an early increase in their number; and if they went on working steadily and harmoniously together, as he trusted they would do, they had every reason to anticipate a most successful and prosperous career for the District Grand Lodge which was that day constituted. That it would conduce to the advancement of the best interests of Masonry if properly worked there could be no doubt. It would facilitate the transaction of Masonic business in the colony. It would give to the Grand Lodge in England more effective control. It would afford the means of honourably and suitably rewarding the zeal and exertions of those who had been or might prove themselves to be most earnest and efficient in the service of the Order, by conferring upon them the distinctions of Masonic rank in District Grand Lodge. He had with the aid of several experienced brethren framed a draft code of bye-laws; and as the final settlement of these necessarily involved time and careful consideration, the brethren to whom the draft had been submitted had

resolved to have them printed and circulated. With this District Grand Lodge once fairly started, they could have no doubt but that so long as the brethren continue to hold fast to the traditions of old, and to act in conformity with the noble lessons they were taught in Masonry—upholding the principles of justice, sympathy, charity, harmony, and brotherly love—so long must Freemasonry continue to flourish and to be influential for good throughout the colony long after the names of all worthy Masons of this generation are enshrined amongst those who,

“Are gathered to the glorious band
Of those who lived to benefit their race.”

(Applause.)

Bro. E. H. WILTSHER, P.M. 1720 and 1867, then read the patent of the District Grand Lodge of Natal given under the hands, and by command of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master, of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Latham, and Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Bro. the Rev. J. REYNOLDS, 738, offered up a prayer invoking the Divine blessings on the labours of the newly-appointed D.G.M., and prayed that the works of the District Grand Lodge might be so effected that they would bring glory on the Divine Master and do good to His people.

Bro. FINNEMORE then took the oath as Right Worshipful District Grand Master.

The brethren passed before the D.G.M. and saluted him.

Bro. W. Francis, P.M. 1665, was appointed D.D.G.M., and thanked the D.G.M. for the trust reposed in him by appointing him as his deputy, and assured him that it would afford him very great pleasure to help him in any way in his power. He also congratulated the D.G.M. on the distinguished honour conferred on him, and was sure that the appointment would meet with the approval of the brethren, as they all felt that he was equal to the task imposed upon him. (Applause.)

The election of D.G. Treasurer then took place, and Bro. S. Marriott, P.M. 738, was unanimously elected.

The R.W.D.G.M. then appointed and invested with their badges of office the following brethren as D.G. Officers for the ensuing year:

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| Bro. W. Francis | ... | ... | Dist. D.G.M. |
| „ G. Russell | ... | ... | Dist. G.S.W. |
| „ J. Roseveare | ... | ... | Dist. G.J.W. |
| „ Rev. J. Reynolds | ... | ... | Dist. G. Chap. |
| „ S. Marriott | ... | ... | Dist. G. Treas. |
| „ A. C. Dulcken | ... | ... | Dist. G. Reg. |
| „ E. H. Wiltsher | ... | ... | Dist. G. Sec. |
| „ A. J. Keeler | ... | ... | Dist. G.A. Sec. |
| „ T. J. Hill | ... | ... | Dist. G.S.D. |
| „ J. Crowe | ... | ... | Dist. G.J.D. |
| „ J. Smith | ... | ... | Dist. G.S. of W. |
| „ G. O. Matterson | ... | ... | Dist. G.D.C. |
| „ W. A. Voysey | ... | ... | Dist. G.A.D.C. |
| „ W. Sink | ... | ... | Dist. G.S.B. |
| „ Rev. A. Ikin, LL.D., Mus. Doc. | ... | ... | Dist. G. Org. |
| „ S. Stranack | ... | ... | Dist. G. Purst. |
| „ F. H. Field | ... | ... | Dist. G.A. Purst. |

The R.W.D.G.M. said that in the appointment of officers he had endeavoured to have regard to seniority and merit of the brethren selected, and he thought all the lodges in the colony were represented. He hoped the appointments would give satisfaction, if not, he could only say that he had endeavoured to act fairly and impartially, and he was sorry that he had no more offices to give away.

It was resolved that the Tyler of the lodge visited by the District Grand Lodge should act for the time being as Dist. Grand Tyler.

The R.W.D.G.M. said he had left the appointment of D.G. Stewards for another occasion, in order to give the various lodges the opportunity of naming a representative from each, though, of course, six would have to be selected by lot from nine nominated.

It was resolved that the D.G.M., D.D.G.M., D.G. Wardens and Masters of each lodge should constitute a committee to revise the bye-laws and bring up the report at the next meeting; this committee were also to exercise “ad interim” the powers of the Board of General Purposes.

After a few unimportant resolutions the D.G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of a cold collation. After a sumptuous repast

The R.W.D.G.M. proposed the first toast that of “The Queen and Royal Family.” He said that nowhere was more loyalty shown to the Queen than amongst Freemasons. (Applause.) As regarded the Royal Family they were equally attached to them, and they had good reason for being so, as there had been almost continuous association of the Royal Family with the Craft since 1737. (Hear, hear.) He learnt from a Masonic journal a few particulars of this connection, and he would read them. They found that they had had representatives in Masonry since 1737 Frederick, Prince of Wales, his sons, the Dukes of York, Cumberland, and Gloucester; their nephews, George, Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York, Clarence (afterwards William IV.), Kent, Cumberland, and Sussex, and Prince William of Gloucester, son of the above Duke of Gloucester; George V. of Hanover, son of Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, afterwards King of Hanover; the present Prince of Wales and the Dukes of Connaught and Albany, grandsons of the Duke of Kent; and their cousin, the present Duke of Cumberland. It is only during the 15 years that elapsed between 1751, when Frederick, Prince of Wales died, and 1766, when his sons the Dukes of York and Gloucester, were initiated that Freemasonry since 1737 has been unable to boast a Royal Craftsman. With these facts before them they could not fail to feel attached to the Queen and Royal Family, and he asked them now to drink to their health. (Applause.)

“The Health of the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales and Officers of the Grand Lodge” was also given from the chair, and drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. JESSIE SMITH, 13, I.P.M. 1665, proposed the toast of “Success to the District Grand Lodge of Natal,” and said he thought they had taken a very important step in Masonry, and knew that every Mason looked forward to it as a great advancement in their pleasure and profit.

The R.W.D.G.M. in response said that when he looked back to the pleasant meeting that they had had that afternoon, and to the kindly faces round him that night, to the well-filled board there, and to the officers he had appointed to assist him—brethren who were well experienced in

Masonry, and for whom they all had regard—he felt sure the success of the District Grand Lodge was a matter of certainty. (Applause.) They might look forward with confidence to the future, and he thanked them for the way in which they had proposed and seconded that toast. (Applause.)

The D.D.G.M., Bro. FRANCIS, in proposing the next toast, said he knew it was one that would commend itself to them in a very few words. That was one of the very important epochs of Masonry in Natal which they had met to celebrate, and which he hoped they would be spared many years of prosperity and success to the Craft to look back to. (Hear, hear.) The toast was that of “The R.W. District Grand Master.” (Loud applause.) When he looked back to times past and compared them with times present, he found that the contrast was very striking. He was present at the laying of the foundation stone of that building; the day was looked upon as a very important one, which it was, and it reflected very great credit on the very few Masons then living in the place. They carried through the work very successfully. It was not to be supposed that unless this collection of lodges were in good odour at home they would have received that privilege. (Hear, hear.) This was not supposition, but he was sure he had heard it remarked at home that from nowhere did the Grand Lodge get better returns, nor even such good ones as from Natal. (Applause.) He had visited several old lodges at home—one especially with which his fathers had been connected for generations, namely, at West Cowes, Isle of Wight—and he was sure that nowhere did he see better working than he did in Natal—(hear, hear), and that that was a matter of fact was shown in such a small community as their having the privilege of being raised to a District Grand Lodge. To come to the toast—their District Grand Master was comparatively a young Mason, and it spoke well for him that he had attained to what he was sure he considered, and rightly so, a very distinguished honour, but one of which he was fully worthy, and one which he would adorn. (Applause.) It was not simply that by steady perseverance and knowledge of the Craft, but by hard work that he had attained to the position that he had that night. He had the ability and qualification to hold the post, and they might rest assured that he would throw the same energy into that as he had into all the other branches of Masonry with which he had been connected. (Applause.) There was a lot of hard work before a man who attained to so high a position. The time was when they would have had to look round to find officers to carry on the work, but that was not the case now, there was competition, and it was only by sheer hard work that a man could get up to a position and hold his own. He was sure it was the unanimous opinion of all brethren in Natal that the right man had now got into the right position. (Hear, hear.) As years go by and other District Grand Masters would in time succeed him, they will have none of the work to do that the first D.G.M. will have to accomplish. (Hear, hear.) There are many men who could step into a going concern and carry it on, but it was a different thing when that concern had to be started. That work would fall to a man who had the most gigantic appetite for work of any man he knew and he was sure that what application and memory and ability for the work could Bro. Finnemore would accomplish. (Applause.) He said this also for the brothers up-country, as they all felt that he was thoroughly well fitted for the post of D.G.M. (Applause.) The distribution of officers made by him was as fair as it could possibly be, and the judgment shown now in the selection of officers was the best possible augury for the good working of the D.G.L. (Applause.) Before asking them to drink the health of the D.G.M. he had a pleasing duty to perform in asking Bro. Stantial to present to R.W. Bro. Finnemore a jewel, which the brethren of Maritzburg wished to present to him as a mark of their appreciation of his services in the lodge in that city. (Hear, hear.) First, however, let them drink to “The Newly-Installed District Grand Master.”

Bro. C. S. T. STANTIAL, P.M. 956, with a few well-chosen remarks presented to the R.W.D.G.M. a handsome jewel from the Mark Lodge of Maritzburg. The inscription on the jewel was “Presented to Bro. R. J. Finnemore by the brethren of the Natal Lodge, No. 252, in recognition of the services as foundation W.M.M., and W.C.M. 1880 and 1881.” (Loud applause and cheers.)

The R.W.D.G.M. in responding said he would first of all thank the Maritzburg brethren for their handsome present of the jewel, and then said that it was very gratifying to see so large an assemblage of Masons present both that afternoon and evening. Bro. Francis had rightly said that he regarded the honour of being D.G.M. as a very great honour indeed, and he trusted that brethren would never regret the day when they elected him to that office. (Hear, hear.) It would be his earnest endeavour at all times to render service to the Craft. It was little more than seven years since he was initiated into the Craft, and he was not ashamed to say that because it showed that he had worked hard. (Applause.) During that time he had not only attained the highest honours in Craft Masonry, but the highest honours in every other Degree in the colony. He said that in no boastful spirit, but as showing the number of jewels which the brethren had presented to him at one time or another. He had tried on this occasion to choose officers whom he thought were entitled to them by reason of meritorious services and ability to fill the offices. (Hear, hear.) He had every confidence in the officers, and looked forward to a very successful year of office with their assistance. (Applause.) Again thanking them for the honour done him and the complimentary speeches made, the R.W. D.G.M. sat down amidst applause.

Bro. P. SANDFORD, S.W. 738, proposed “The D.D. G.M. and Officers of D.G. Lodge,” which was responded to by Bro. FRANCIS, RUSSELL, and ROSEVARE.

Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon GARDE proposed the toast of “The Officers,” which was responded to by Bro. F. H. FIELD, 956, P.M. 558, 1436, and 1886, D.G.A. Purst., but between the toast and response Bro. Bour gave one of his clever imitation cornet solos with his lips.

Bro. E. H. BINGHAM, P.D.G.S.B. of Malta, 515, proposed “The Health of the Past Masters,” and this was responded to by Bro. STANTIAL, P.M.

Bro. WILTSHIRE, P.M. D.G. Sec., proposed “The Stewards, Bros. Keeler, Sandford, Pardy, and Leask,” to whom much of the success of the evening was due.

Bro. SANDFORD replied.

The Tyler’s toast and the singing of “Auld Lang Syne,” and “God Save the Queen” concluded a pleasant evening and day that will be ever remembered in Natal.



“The Danischeffs” has been revived at the Court. This play is of such sterling merit that its advent should be welcomed. It was originally produced at the St. James’s six years ago, and made its mark. The cast is now even stronger than then. The story is a Russian one, and on the evening of our visit the Duchess of Edinburgh was there, and seemed highly interested in it throughout. We cannot help thinking that a little too much is made of the virtues of the poor, and too much of the bad habits of the nobility. But possibly no harm is done by it. The latter can smile and the occupants of the gallery can cheer, so that no one really is offended; but we do not care to see one class made virtuous at the expense of another held up to ridicule. The Countess Danischeffs has a son, Vladimir, whom she wishes to marry to a rich princess, of noble blood like themselves. The young count has just told his mother that he loves a girl, a serf, whom his mother has taken into her employ as her maid, and wishes her to sanction his marriage. She refuses. Her son entreats her, and swears if she will not agree he will, at all costs, marry this girl. Her family pride will not allow her, and she suggests that the girl shall become his mistress, but not his wife. Here Mr. Conway (the Count Vladimir) comes out in one of the finest characters we have ever seen him play. His indignation and abhorrence of doing such a base thing to the young and virtuous girl, whom he truly loves, is marvellously portrayed. Every muscle, every nerve in him is brought into play. He becomes passionate, and his to his own mother, which makes it all the finer. We have never seen him more in earnest. He shows the true noble far more than does the countess, though she is of noble birth. Into the rôle of Vladimir Mr. Conway throws his whole heart and soul. The countess seeing he is resolute outwardly consents to his marriage, provided he will go at once for a twelvemonth on travel, when she hopes he will forget his fancy, and see some one more suitable to his station in life. He assents to any condition so that he may marry Anna. He starts that night; but directly he has gone the countess calls in a serf, Osip (Mr. Clayton), and on condition he marries Anna, gives him his freedom. He has long loved the damsel, and accepts. The girl is brought in, and the priest called to celebrate the marriage. Miss Marion Terry, as Anna, now displays her talents, as does Miss Moodie, the countess. Anna begs, entreats, prays not to be linked to a man she does not and cannot love. She throws herself at her mistress’s feet and asks her to say what she has done to deserve this treatment at her ladyship’s hands. She implores her by everything not to bind her in marriage to Osip. Her screaming and struggling, when two women are called to force her to undergo the ceremony of marriage are perfection of acting. The Priest intervenes and reminds the Countess what a marriage is without the divine blessing. But the Countess threatens the Priest and bids him do his duty. It must be remembered by the audience that they are beholding Russian society and that some years ago and not English. In Russia where there are only two classes, to speak of, the aristocracy and the serfs, the rich autocrats had the power of the dependents entirely in their hands and served them as if they were beings without souls or hearts. Miss Moodie as the Countess is stern, cold, soulless, utterly devoid of human feeling and looks upon her serfs as things she may do as she likes with. The first act ends here. In the second act we see the young hero Vladimir, in the house of the Princess Lydia, who has made up her mind to marry him. Her conversation with a French diplomatist, M. D. Taldé (Mr. Arthur Cecil) is very amusing. Here comes the Countess, and is delighted to find her son with the Princess, thinking he has abandoned the girl Anna. But she is quite wrong. He greets his mother affectionately, and of course asks after Anna. He receives information that the girl has been married since he has left. He asks his mother if this is so. She acknowledges it. He then demands whether she is the cause. The Countess is silent. In his impetuous and indignant “Speak, mother, speak,” Mr. Conway again comes to the front. In spite of what a contemporary says about his being not at home here and too nervous, we repeat this young actor surpasses himself, never has he been seen to a greater advantage. Even the unusually cool audience of the Court are infused with the indignation and applaud him loudly when he denounces his own mother in the Princess Lydia’s drawing room. She asks him where he is going to, “To kill them both and then himself” is his reply. He goes with that intention to the cottage and sees Osip and reminds him how he (the Count) had as a boy pleaded with his father and spared the Serf the knout, and is this all the gratitude he shows, by marrying the girl he knew he (Vladimir) loved? Osip falls on his knees and exclaims “strike, master, strike” but the horsehip falls from his hands. Osip explains all, how that he being a serf could not refuse his mistress’s commands to marry the girl, and if he had, she would have forced Anna to marry some one who did not love her. He does love her, but as it is not returned, he treats her as a sister knowing that the young master and she are lovers. He brings her forth and gives her to the Count and then in noble self sacrifice tells them of his intention to retire into a monastery. Of course the young Count now thanks him, covers him with blessings, his mother sees it is no further use holding out. A divorce is obtained from the Czar and they are married. “The Danischeffs” is a play to be seen a second time for its acting. We have spoken of Miss Marion Terry, Mr. Conway, Miss Louise Moodie, and Mr. Clayton, it only remains to say that Miss Carlotta Addison as the Princess Lydia is extremely pleasant.

Miss Ellen Terry will take her benefit at the last performance, the 212th, of “Much Ado About Nothing,” on June 1st. It will be late in 1884 before we have the pleasure of seeing this unique and talented company again in England. But what is our loss is America’s gain. Not only will Bro. Irving and Miss Terry be welcomed in a hearty American way but they will reap a big harvest. During their visit to the States Bro. Edwin Booth will play with Bro. Irving somewhere, so our brethren across the pond will have an opportunity as we have had of seeing these two great Shakesperian representatives together.



The Prince and the Princess of Wales with the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales and the Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen attended the Royal Italian Opera on Tuesday evening, and witnessed the performance of "Carmen."

The Earl and the Countess Granville will distribute the prizes at the Civil Service Athletic Sports, which will be held on Saturday next, the 2nd June, at the Lillie Bridge Grounds.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, before returning to London from his visit to Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, at Portsmouth, officially inspected the magazine at Priddy's Hard, where the recent fatal explosion occurred.

The annual regimental dinner of the Grenadier Guards was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on Monday evening, the chair being taken by Field-Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, who is Colonel of the Regiment. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, who was the guest, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar were present.

Princess Christian has fixed Tuesday, the 3rd July, for opening the new wing of the North-West London Hospital, Kentish Town-road.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Bro. Gen. Lord Wolseley, and Vice-Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam arrived at Moscow on Monday morning, and were received at the railway station by the British Ambassador. Their Royal Highnesses and suite represent the Queen at the Coronation of Czar Alexander III. of Russia.

On Monday the Princess of Wales on behalf of Her Majesty held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace. The Royal circle included the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were received by the Great Officers of State, and the Royal Household, the Princess Beatrice, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Henry of the Netherlands, the Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Christian. The Hon. Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty in the State Saloons, under the command of Captain Lord Carrington, P.G.W.

The death of Dr. William Chambers, on whom the Queen had recently expressed her intention of conferring a baronetcy, is a great loss to Scotland, though in the course of nature he could not have been expected to survive much longer, as he was born in the year 1800. The time of his death is the more to be regretted, as the reopening of St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh, which has been restored entirely through his munificence, was on the eve of taking place, and all hoped that he would have been present and taken at least a passive part in the ceremony. The funeral was fixed for to-day (Friday) at Peebles, the birthplace of the Brothers Chambers. The deceased and his brother will live in the history of British literature, as having been among the first to issue good serial publications at slight cost, among them being in particular that popular journal which still appears weekly and bears their name. "The Cyclopædia of English Literature," the "Book of Days" were among the best known of their other publications.

The Duchess of Connaught and Princess Henry of the Netherlands visited the Princess's Theatre on Monday evening and witnessed the performance of "The Silver King."

Monday being the first Monday in Trinity, a special general court of the Trinity House was held, when H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh was re-elected Master, and Admiral Sir Richard Collinson, K.C.B., Deputy Master.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen and the Duke and Duchess of Albany, were present at the ball given by Viscountess Clifden, at Dover House, on Monday evening.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Henry of the Netherlands arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday on a visit to Her Majesty, and left for Bagshot on Monday.

The brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge, 1360, having withdrawn their sanction from the lodge of instruction working under their warrant at the Cock Tavern, York-road Station, Battersea, have arranged to open a new lodge under the same warrant, and under the Preceptorship of Bro. G. King, P.M., P.Z., at the Temperance Hotel, Wimbledon Hill-road, close to Wimbledon Station, on the 31st inst., at 7.30 p.m., and where they will in future meet every week, and will be pleased to see any brethren who can make it convenient to attend.

Earl Cairns has consented to open the exhibition of Cutlery, which will be held next month under the auspices of the Cutlers' Company in Salters' Hall.

Fairdean, Riddlesdown, Kenley, and Coulsdon Commons, situated in the Caterham Valley, and together comprising 347 acres, were formally dedicated and set apart as a permanent open space for the health and recreation of the public on Saturday. Bro. the Lord Mayor having called upon Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., H.M. First Commissioner of Works to declare them open, and this having been done and memorial trees planted by the Lady Mayoress and others, those present attended at a banquet given in honour of the event at the Crystal Palace. The usual toasts followed, the principal speeches being made by Bros. Lord Sherbrooke, the Lord Mayor, and Shaw-Lefevre, M.P.

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Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting held in the Egyptian Hall, Mansion House, on Monday last on behalf of the Church in the Transvaal. Letters of apology for their inability to attend being read from among others, Bros. the Earl of Carnarvon, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., and the Bishop of Peterborough.

The installation meeting of the Temperance in the East Lodge, No. 898, will be held on Wednesday next, the 30th inst., Bro. G. Graveley, W.M. elect.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., and Baron Henry de Worms addressed a large gathering of their constituents at Greenwich on Wednesday night.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has promised to take the chair at the annual dinner of the past and present officers of the 10th Hussars, which is to take place on Thursday next, at Limmer's Hotel.

At the usual monthly meeting of the Combermere Lodge, 605, held at the Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, on the 17th inst., Bro. Alfred Judd, S.S., proposed, and Bro. A. Wood, S.D., seconded, "That the annual subscription of the Combermere Lodge to the Boys' Educational Institution and the Girls' Educational Institution be two guineas per annum respectively." After considerable discussion, Bros. J. Sillitoe, P.M., Treas., and A. Coveney, P.M., opposing the motion, it was put to the meeting by the W.M. (Bro. Simm), and lost by one vote.

The Province of Suffolk was successful last week in electing its three candidates to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. N. Tracy, of Ipswich, who has been an indefatigable worker in Masonry for several years, has been appointed by Lord Waveney, Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, to the office of Prov. Grand Secretary.

An interesting monument, sculptured in statuary marble, from the studio of Mr. Jas Forsyth, has just been uncovered in one of the bays of the north aisle, St. Paul's Cathedral. It is in memory of deceased officers and men of the 7th Royal Fusiliers who lost their lives in the Afghan campaign of 1879-1880. This work like all others of the kind now admissible in the Cathedral is of a sacred character. The subject chosen for the present work was suggested by the text, "Is not this the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives," 2nd Samuel, xxiii, 17. The base of the monument contains the badge and insignia of the regiment. The dedication and names of those commemorated appear on a brass underneath. The memorial is erected by their surviving comrades and friends.

The funeral of Bro. James Robins, auctioneer, of Chancery-lane, who died suddenly while travelling by train between Ludgate-hill and Loughborough-junction, took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Wednesday, and was attended by a number of brother Masons, with which Order the deceased had long been connected. Bro. Robins, in addition to his estate business, held the position of secretary to the Renters' Committee of Drury-lane Theatre.

A portrait and biographical sketch of Bro. S. C. Hall, F.S.A., are given in this week's *Christian Age*.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., on Saturday, June 2nd, at seven o'clock. Bros. Fox, W. W. Larchin, S.W., and Gush, J.W. Brethren who will kindly favour us with a visit will be cordially received.

The Earl and Countess Granville have returned to their residence in Carlton House Terrace from Holmby, where they had been spending the Whitsun recess with Bro. the Hon. F. Leveson-Gower, M.P.

The Duchess of Connaught and Princess Henry of the Netherlands witnessed the performance of "Iolanthe," at the Savoy Theatre on Wednesday evening.

The Prince of Wales gave his customary dinner at Marlborough House on the evening of Wednesday, the Derby day. Among others, there were present the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Pristin, Prince Soltkyoff, and Bros. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. Derbyshire, the Earl of March, P.G. Warden, the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridge-shire, the Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G.M. Scotland, the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire, Lord Alington, and Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, went to the Epsom Races on Wednesday, and witnessed the contest for the Derby—"the Blue Riband" of the turf.

When the number of the horse—St. Blaise—that won the Derby was hoisted, Bros. Sir F. Johnstone and Lord Alington were overwhelmed with congratulations at a success which a great majority of the prophets, at all events, do not seem to have anticipated.

The borough of Fordwick, of which Mr. Stuart Sankey, of the Inner Temple, barrister-at-law, has recently been appointed Recorder, was incorporated by a charter granted by King Edward the Confessor, subsequently confirmed under the seals of Henry II., Edward III., and Charles II., the consideration being that the town, as a member of Sandwich, one of the Cinque Ports, should furnish one ship of war and men when required.

The opening of the new premises of the Parkes' Museum of Hygiene, in Margaret-street, at which the Duke of Albany will preside, is fixed to take place this day (Saturday).

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—In cases of chronic indigestion, disordered liver, and general debility these Pills are wonderfully effective. They are already an established fact, and indeed have so general and powerful an effect on the whole system that thousands of the sick and afflicted in every clime have found them a comfort in the hour of need. They purify the blood, correct the bile, excite a healthy appetite, produce sound sleep, and impart increased energy to both mind and body. The admirable properties of these far-famed Pills are too highly appreciated to require any encomium here, as they are resorted to by rich and poor of every nation. The cures they effect are not merely temporary, but they bring about a wondrous and beneficial change throughout the entire body, and enable it with renovated powers to resist the approach of all future attacks.—[ADVT.]

BANQUETS AT FREEMASONS' TAVERN.—The following is a list of Masonic and other banquets held at Spiers and Pond's, Freemasons' Tavern, for the week ending May 26th: Monday, the 21st, Grenadier Guards; The Queens; Grand Masters Lodge; British Lodge. Tuesday, the 22nd, 30th Regiment (Lieut.-Genl. Sir E. A. Whitmore, K.C.B., in the chair); 34th Regiment; 73rd Regiment; Licensed Victuallers Defence League; Tuscan Lodge; St. James's Union Chapter; Evening Star Lodge. Wednesday, the 23rd, Lodge of Antiquity. Thursday, the 24th, 11th Regiment; Cymmoodorian Society; 9th Regiment; 15th Regiment; 62nd Regiment; 4th King's Own; St. George's Chapter; Mount Moriah Lodge; Bedford Chapter. Friday, the 25th, 1st West India Regiment; 54th Regiment; 12th Regiment; Jerusalem Lodge; The London Agricultural Seed Trades Association. Saturday, the 26th, Army Pay Department; Orpheus Lodge; and Queens' Tradesmen.

The fifteenth anniversary festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund is appointed for Wednesday, July 25, at the Crystal Palace, when Sir Pryse Pryse, Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, will preside. The festival is always the most enjoyable of all the Masonic festivals of the year. The party is small, and ladies dine with the brethren.

Grand Mark Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 5th of June, at 5 p.m., when Lord Henniker will be again installed as Grand Master. The great progress of the Mark Degree is observed from the report of the General Board, which states that in the six months ending 31st of March last 738 certificates had been issued, the total number of registered Mark Master Masons being now 17,471. During the same period eleven warrants for new Mark lodges were granted seven for England and four for the colonies. In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners 100 certificates were issued, and two warrants for new lodges, both for England. New provinces were constituted at Montreal and Tasmania. The appointment of two additional grand officers is recommended, a Second Director of Ceremonies and a Second Standard-Bearer; and donations of 50 guineas to the "Preparatory School Building Fund" of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and £25 to the sufferers by the recent fire in Jamaica, are also recommended.

The crown which the Czar wears at the coronation is the *chef-d'œuvre* of the celebrated jeweller Jérémie Panzié, a Genevese, whose skill was so great as to obtain for him the appointment of Court jeweller under Catharine II. He made the crown in question for her coronation. The sceptre has also a history. It, too, was made by a Genevese, one Duval, and is ornamented with the famous diamond called Orloff, which weighs about 195 carats. This, with the Koh-i-nur, formed the eyes of the massive golden lion crouched near the throne of the Great Mogul at Delhi. The price paid for this superb stone before it was cut, by Prince Orloff, was 450,000 roubles, but its value, as estimated by a committee of jewellers in 1864, is over two million roubles. This sceptre was made by order of Paul I. of Russia.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT SOUTHAMPTON.—The brethren of the Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461, Woolston, are in a fair way of realising a long formed resolution, the foundation stone of a new hall to be erected for their accommodation having been laid on Thursday evening by the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. Methuen, with the assistance of the sub-committee for carrying out the erection of the building, viz., Bros. Walter Bowyer, P.M.; George J. Tilling, P.M.; R. R. L. Rosoman, P.M.; Capt. R. W. Evans, P.M.; and W. Danells. The building is being rapidly constructed by Bro. W. H. Chapman, P.M. of the Clausentum Lodge, under the supervision of the architect, Bro. W. H. Mitchell, and, it is expected, will be ready to receive the brethren by November next. The funds for the new hall are being entirely raised by the exertions of the brethren of the Clausentum, and, when completed, it will doubtless be the means of largely increasing the prosperity of this young and flourishing lodge, and the popularity of the Craft in the district generally. The Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., was prevented by previous engagements from performing the ceremony of stone-laying.

CONTINENTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC.—On Monday, the 21st inst., the steamer, Ipswich, was launched from Charles' shipbuilding yard at Hull, the christening ceremony being performed by the Mayoress of Ipswich. The Ipswich is a sister ship to the Norwich recently launched from the same yard. Both boats are intended for the Great Eastern Company's service between Harwich and Antwerp. They are about 1000 tons register, 260 feet in length, 31 feet beam, and are fitted with twin screws to secure a speed of 14½ knots an hour and to prevent the rolling found with single screws. The saloon accommodation is forward of the engine room, as in the latest Atlantic liners, to avoid the heat and smell from the boilers. The fittings are of the newest and most approved designs and include state rooms, dining, smoking and ladies' saloons. The first-class accommodation is lighted throughout by Swan's incandescent lamps. Both vessels will be placed on the Antwerp route this summer, and the Company's Hotel at Parkeston quay, Harwich, will be ready for the reception of passengers next month. In connection with their daily service from Parkeston to Antwerp and Rotterdam the Great Eastern Railway Company are running an express boat train to and from the north with through carriages between Doncaster and Parkeston and the boats await the arrival of the trains. By this new route, the inconvenience and expense of passing through London are avoided.

THE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.—Bro. Bedford Lemere & Co., have taken some excellent photos of the Temple after the fire—from cabinet size upwards. Supplied only by G. Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, at 1s., 2s., 4s. each, post free on receipt of stamps or P.O.O.—[ADVT.]

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