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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last, under the presidency of the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro G.M. A very important meeting it was, and the Great Hall in Freemasons' Tavern was almost filled with the brethren. The main business, with the exception of some normal elections, was the report of General Purposes, relative to the burning of the old Hall, and the proposed restoration and new buildings. After some discussion, it was resolved that a special committee of eight, four to be selected by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board of General Purposes, should be appointed to assist the Board. Bro. HAVERS, P.G.W., spoke on the subject, and as he was the Chairman of the Committee for the restoration and readaptation of Freemasons' Hall in 1863, his remarks were listened to with much deserved attention, and his renewed presence was gladly hailed by Grand Lodge. The Pro G.M. paid a very graceful compliment to him, and congratulated him on his reappearance in Grand Lodge, after much and painful illness, and thanked him for giving to Grand Lodge the benefit of his Masonic knowledge and of his wise counsels. We refer our readers to the full report of the proceedings elsewhere. We shall recur next week to several points arising out of such report.

WE understand there are now 370 Stewards for the Boys' School Festival. We trust that the hopes and prognostications of a most successful gathering, and of most remarkable returns, may be fully realized, and that Bro. BINCKES may be enabled to announce another veritable triumph for that excellent Institution, not only a great necessity for our Order, but one that is yearly progressing in utility, reality, and thorough and seasonable efficiency.

THE election for the House Committee of the Girls' School took place on Thursday week last at Freemasons' Hall, and was most numerously attended, as we have already announced. The practical outcome of the voting was the election of the "House List" by a very large majority. Let us all hope that the result may be entire harmony and unity of action on the part of the House Committee for the ensuing twelve months, and, as in past times, not only a wise and careful "surveillance" over the normal welfare of the School, important and interesting as that School now is as an educational institution, but a seasonable and reasonable progress in hygienic "desiderata," and scholastic proficiency and development.

WE cannot affect to compliment the authorities of the School in respect of their arrangements for the voting on Thursday last. Admitted, if you like, that they were overborne by the overwhelming numbers who came up to vote, yet there were certain "indicia" which ought to have made it evident to them, that the voters would be many, and they ought to have been prepared accordingly. As it was, great was the confusion, serious the jostling, and loud the complaints. Several Life Governors went away without voting. The system, too, as regards the Scrutineers was singularly defective. The same brethren who served out the voting papers were also Scrutineers, so that the scrutiny did not commence until the close of the poll. Some of the Scrutineers were not very experienced hands, and one of them was singularly slow in reading and finding the names, and gave many of the Life Governors a great amount of unnecessary trouble and interrogation. On another occasion we beg to suggest, in order that the scrutiny may proceed

"pari passu" with the voting, that the Scrutineers proper should be entirely distinct from those who give out the voting papers. Bros. STEVENS, TIREMAN, NEWTON, SPAULL, and others did their very best, but they were perfectly overweighted. It was the system in fault, and not the men. We also venture respectfully to suggest that the Scrutineers should be formally proposed, like the House Committee, at the monthly meeting preceding the Election, so that on confirmation of the minutes additions or alterations may be made if desired. In all such elections, and especially when they are closely contested, every effort should be made that such proceeding should be entirely "according to Cocker" and that no possible loop-hole should exist for any disappointment, disorganization, or "mala fides" in the matter. This little "block" was perhaps in this case unavoidable and innocuous, but if our elections are to be so numerously attended better arrangements must be made for the future. The fact that any voters went away without voting constitutes a scandal.

THE time is coming once again for recreation banquets, and we revert, because we think we are bound to do, as duty calls and sympathy prompts, to an "old, old story," as some may deem to a favourite "Fad." It seems to us most astonishing that so much opposition is made, especially by the married brethren, to the proposal of asking ladies to the recreation banquet! We do not profess to understand the objection, or the hesitation! Convinced we are of this, that nothing would do Freemasonry so much good in more ways than one, nothing would so much and so happily tend to lighten up the often dull and dreary routine of Masonic sociality, of Masonic gatherings. As a rule we know each other pretty well in our London lodges especially. We have gauged each other's powers, appraised each other's merits for many a year. We are sure pretty well for the most part what every one will say, can say, is likely under any circumstances to propound or proclaim. Hence too often a gentle dulness, a tedious sameness creep over our recreation assemblies, distinguish our recreation banquets. The dinner is good probably; the wines are excellent; the weather is fine; and the change is agreeable; and we are ourselves not discontented with our lot, ourselves, or the world! But it is as the French say, "Toujours Perdrix," and then at last, as often happens, iteration tires and identity bores. Our recreation banquets are not so successful or pleasant as they might be; and why? The answer is plain; we want a little revolution in our system. If there are any selfish and sybaritic brethren who object to ladies because they may interfere with their "creature comforts," they have not yet learned the meaning of Freemasonry. We feel certain, and we say it boldly, that the invitation of ladies to our recreation banquets would not only both elevate and improve the tone and temper of contemporary Freemasonry, but would give a special zest and an agreeable novelty to our recreation assemblies. Once a year we may surely ask the ladies to join our peregrinations and pilgrimages, and thus institute a "White Freemasonry" amongst us, as our Gallic brethren term it, and give to many a lodge and many a brother, young and old, a veritable "Alba dies." We are not aware of any lodge which has once taken the plunge repenting of its rashness and retracing its steps. We have, indeed, heard numerous objections to the proposal, some sentimental, some childish, some far-fetched, and all very untenable, in our humble opinion; but we have never met anyone, who having invited the ladies to be present, ever proposed to go back incontinently to the former tame proceedings and the stereotyped usages of a normal recreation banquet.

OUR brethren will read with deep interest of the notable testimonial of regard and affection presented to Bro. SCOTT, of Brighton, P.G.D., by his Sussex and Brighton brethren. It must have been a most gratifying presentation to Bro. SCOTT himself, and one that many of us will feel sure no one has deserved better. We congratulate him and all concerned on this most striking evidence of Masonic sympathy and goodwill.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of United Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, in the large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro Grand Master presided, and there were also present among some 700 brethren:

Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, G. Chaplain; Rev. H. S. Morse, G. Chaplain; John Derby Allcroft, G. Treasurer; Æneas J. McIntyre, G. Registrar; Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board General Purposes; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Secretary; Ernest Emil Wendt (D.C.L.), Sec. German Corres.; Ralph Gooding (M.D.), S.G.D.; T. H. Devonshire, J.G.D.; Frank Green, J.G.D.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Works; Sir Albert W. Woods, P.G.W., G.D. of C.; T. Bolling Bolton, Dep. G.D. of C.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Asst. G. D. of C.; Col. James Peters, G. Swd. B.; Edgar Bowyer, G. Std. B.; W. Stephens, Asst. G. Purs.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. Hampshire and I. of W.; John M. Martin, P.G.M. Dumbartonshire; H. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Col. Aubrey Saunders, D.G.M. Madras; John Havers, P.G.W.; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C.; Rev. A. W. Hall, P.G.C.; Rev. J. E. Cox, P.G.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Rev. T. H. Hayes, P.G.C.; Rev. Edward Moore, P.G.C.; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C.; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, P.G.D.; J. M. P. Montagu, P.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville H. Burney, P.G.D.; Gen. H. Clerk, P.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; J. H. Scott, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Raphael Costa, P.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Matthew Clark, P.G.D.; W. E. Gumbleton, P.G.D.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; W. A. F. Powell, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; Capt. Nathaniel G. Philips, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Major Penrice, P.G.D.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.G. A.D. of C.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D. of C.; David Smith, P.G.D.A.D. of C.; J. Mullens, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; C. Greenwood, P.G.S.B.; James Brett, P.G.P.; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; and C. G. Fiscall, P.G.P. Among those brethren in the hall we noticed the following: Bros. Major T. Davies Sewell, Wm. Roebuck, Griffiths Smith, J. E. Wallford, G. P. Festa, W. H. Dean, James Terry, E. Y. Jolliffe, J. L. Mather, F. R. D. Copestick, A. Lucking, Donald M. Dewar, F. R. W. Hedges, C. G. Sparrow, Capt. Nicols, A. H. Tattershall, T. C. Walls, W. H. Halford, E. C. Mather, N. B. Headon, H. Povey, H. W. Hemsworth, F. Binckes, Wm. Lake, H. C. Lambert, H. A. Dubois, George Kenning, E. Letchworth, John Mason, S. B. Wilson, A. A. Pendlebury, H. E. Dehane, H. Dicketts, C. F. Hogard, J. D. Langton, W. B. Dodd, G. Pitt Lewis, W. Stephens, H. R. Cooper Smith, G. Mickley, S. C. Parkhouse, G. Chillingworth, Neville Green, A. A. Pendlebury, Q. Quitmann, Charles Atkins, John G. Stevens, and others.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of March 7th, which were put and confirmed.

GRAND SECRETARY then read the minutes of Grand Festival of 25th April, but on the Pro Grand Master rising to put them for confirmation,

Bro. HUGH D. SANDEMAN, Past Dist. G.M. for Bengal, rose and said: M.W. Pro G.M., before the minutes are put for confirmation I desire to point out what seems to me to be an error of some importance in the printed proceedings of Grand Festival. If what I allude to is accidental, there is nothing to say in the matter; if intentional then I venture to think it involves an encroachment on the powers and privileges of Grand Lodge. I allude to the third page of the proceedings, where the sequence of appointments of Grand Officers for the year does not follow that laid down in the Book of Constitutions; I would ask, therefore, that the record be so arranged as to name the Grand Officers according to the rank assigned to them under Constitutional law, which having been passed by Grand Lodge can be modified or altered by Grand Lodge only.

Bro. Æ. J. MCINTYRE, Q.C., G.R., said: M.W. Grand Master, the only question before Grand Lodge is whether the printed minutes record accurately what took place in Grand Lodge at Grand Festival on the 25th of April, and it is perfectly clear that the minutes do correctly state what took place at the Grand Festival, and the order in which the M.W. Grand Master, by virtue of his prerogative, appointed the Grand officers for the year, and it is without doubt within the province of the M.W. Grand Master to appoint his officers, and to give rank to his officers such as he himself pleases—(cries of No, no)—and that has been acted upon again and again by former Grand Masters who preceded his Royal Highness in the chair of Grand Lodge. It was acted upon before the Union; it had been acted upon since the Union; and the various positions and distinctions of officers have varied from time to time at the will of the Grand Master for the time being; and, therefore, it does seem to me that instead of being an encroachment upon the powers of Grand Lodge, it is an attempt to encroach upon the rights, privileges, and prerogative of the Grand Master, who is the fountain of honour appointed to this high office. (Cries of, No.) Now, M.W. Grand Master, it would appear that on different occasions the Grand Master has varied the rank of his officers as appearing in the Book of Constitutions—because it is not a law—the first law commences after that which is printed in the Book of Constitutions as to what is the precedence that the Grand Master had given to his officers and which he had continued to give to them at the time of that Book. And therefore we find that, I think, in 1813 when the Act of Union had taken place that the M.W.G.M. appointed in order of rank the S.W., the J.W., the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary, and then the Grand Chaplain, and Deputy Grand Chaplain, the Grand Superintendent of Works, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Organist, a Grand Usher, which we do not seem to have now, and the Grand Tyler, and therefore you find that was the order of precedence at that time. Now, we find also that at the time of the Union the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons shall be composed, except on days of festival in the following manner as a lodge and perfect representative of the whole Masonic fraternity of England, that is to say the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Provincial Grand Wardens, Past Grand Wardens, Past Provincial Grand Masters, then Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, then Grand Secretary, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Stewards. Therefore you find what was done on these occasions—that the rank was not always the same, but that it varied on different occasions, and it does not appear that in 1814 when the Duke of Sussex was installed in the chair that the order of rank was then other than Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Deacons, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Organist. Therefore, after the time, and only when the two Grand Lodges were united we find that on that occasion this was the order in which the Grand Master for the time being appointed his officers. In 1816 the Grand Master appointed and invested his officers in this order: the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Grand Treasurer; then the Grand Chaplains are interposed;

the Grand Registrar and Grand Secretary, the Grand Registrar for German Correspondence, the Senior Grand Deacon, the Junior Grand Deacon, the Deputy Grand Chaplain coming after the Deacons; the Grand Superintendent of Works, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Organist. Well, now I have given in my place before the Grand Lodge the way of the precedence which was given upon those occasions by the Grand Master. Before the Union it appears that the officers who were appointed by those Masons who, although seceders from the Grand Lodge of England, called themselves the Ancient Masons—those gave a different order of precedence to those which were given by the Modern or the Prince of Wales' Masons, the principal representatives of Masonry in the South of England, and possessors of the whole of Masonry, and who were ruled over at that time by the Duke of Sussex. Therefore, M.W. Grand Master, I do most respectfully submit, and I shall with very great respect ask you to rule, that inasmuch as the Grand Master, the fountain of honour, who has the bestowal of these offices, and the appointments of the officers, has also the right to put them in that position and in that rank which he thinks proper, *proprio vigore*. Therefore, I do venture to represent to you that inasmuch as the only question that can be raised here in this Grand Lodge is whether the printed report of what took place upon the last occasion correctly represents what was done by the authority and order of the Grand Master, that it cannot be interfered with, and that no rectification—it would be stating that which was not actually done—because what was done was correctly represented by these minutes—what was done was done by an order of the Grand Master—was within his province and within his prerogative with which we have no power whatever to interfere. (Hear, hear.)

W. Bro. H. H. LOCKE said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair; amidst so many eminent brethren in this large assembly of rulers in our Craft I feel deeply that I speak with but feeble voice, all the feebler, perhaps, in that my work in Masonry has been done many thousand miles away, and that I am a stranger amongst you. But I would say, both for myself and for those far-off brethren with whom I have worked, that we yield to none in affectionate loyalty to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Deep, however, as this feeling is, I cannot but raise my voice, with all the earnestness I can, in most emphatic protest against the astounding doctrine just laid down by the Grand Registrar—doctrine not only, as I conceive, unsound and dangerous in itself, being contrary to our Constitutions, but such as I am convinced will be as distasteful to the Grand Master himself as it will be to the brethren at large when they hear of it.

Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., said he spoke with a great deal of diffidence upon the point which had been raised with respect to the prerogative of the M.W. Grand Master, towards whom they all felt the utmost loyalty that could be felt; but this was not the first time within the last year or two that when any attempt had been made to set before Grand Lodge, in whom lay the inherent power to discuss and determine on all questions of Masonry, they were told they were intruding upon the prerogative of the M.W. Grand Master, He had read the Book of Constitutions—he had read Masonry a very great deal, but he could not find what the prerogatives of the Grand Master really were. If they knew what those prerogatives were he was quite sure none of them would attempt to interfere with his ruling, and his decision on any point. If brethren took up any question of vital importance to Freemasonry they were immediately met with the assertion that they could not be listened to or attended to in any shape or form, because, forsooth, they were infringing upon the prerogatives of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the particulars of whose prerogatives they could not tell what they were. Under those circumstances it was one of two things—either the Grand Master was ruled by his advisers on one side, or the Grand Lodge of England stultified itself altogether by not adhering to that portion of the landmarks which said it had the inherent power of deciding on all questions relating to the Craft. He thought this was an important matter, and he did not think the Grand Registrar had put it in such forcible terms that they could dismiss it with his statement. The Grand Registrar had informed them that the same practice had not been general and the same prerogative not observed. On one occasion one rota of office, and on another, another, year after year, and making altogether the Book of Constitutions which they had for their information null and void. He spoke from the body of the hall, and he did so because he believed he represented the sentiments and feelings of the body of Freemasons who felt that they were ruled in a very peculiar manner, and that the ruling did not emanate from his Royal Highness: but that he was made the mouthpiece of advisers who did not take into consideration the position of those who were not quite so elevated in the ranks of the Craft as they might be. He therefore strongly supported Bro. Sandeman in the remarks he had made and he hoped the Grand Lodge before they allowed this question to fall through would give consideration to and ascertain as soon as they could what were the prerogatives of the Grand Master which were quoted constantly when they were told they were infringing them, to the detriment of their information generally.

The Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., rose to make two observations; one was that he thought the Grand Registrar had one strong point in his speech—that in which he stated that these minutes were a verification of the record on the occasion of the festival. The proceedings might have been right or might have been wrong upon that occasion; but he thought the Grand Registrar was perfectly justified in asking a verification of that—wrong it might be, or right it might be—and he ventured to appeal to Bro. Sandeman to withdraw any objection to those minutes, with a view of raising his question—a very important one—as a substantive motion on a future occasion. He thought that would be the best way to dispose of the question to-night, leaving it to a future occasion, when Grand Lodge could more deliberately look upon the question, and he believed, thinking impartially and loyally to the Grand Master, whom they all honoured and respected—(hear, hear)—but, at the same time, subserving those rights of Grand Lodge which they had a perfect right still to maintain. (Cheers.)

The Earl of CARNARVON: Brethren, I have purposely allowed this discussion upon a point of order to run on being anxious that a question on which Grand Lodge feels strongly should not seem to be in any way curtailed by any act of mine from the chair; and before I, as in duty bound, give my ruling on this subject, I wish to say one word with regard to the remarks that fell from the worthy brother who spoke last but one. I always deprecate—in Grand Lodge especially—the introduction of anything like personal feeling, which diminishes from the fairness and harmony, with which all our questions ought to be discussed, and which imparts a personal and an acrid tone into our debates. And I think it therefore my duty to notice that that worthy brother went far beyond his province when he stated that—

there was any intention to make use of the Grand Master in order to stifle debate or to bring forward the name of the prerogative in order to diminish the just rights and liberties of Grand Lodge. Such a course of proceeding could only proceed from, or at least through the brethren who sit in this chair which I now occupy. It has been my good fortune often during the last two years that that worthy brother mentioned to sit in this chair, and I think there is not one brother in this Grand Lodge can say that I have ever been guilty of wishing to curtail the liberties of Grand Lodge—(hear, hear, and cheers)—or even by word or hint or inuendo to bias unfairly the course of discussion. I think that was a charge lightly and not very discreetly thrown out, and therefore I will say no more on the subject. Now, brethren, the question which I have to consider, or which rather I have had to consider within the last five minutes, has been this—what is the question which has been raised in this way and on which a decision is needed? The worthy brother who raised it did not justify or formulate it in any way. It is rather, as I gather, a general and uneasy feeling in Grand Lodge that something has been done which in some degree militates against their ancient rights. Now, if that be so, I am the last man living who would wish to prevent the full and free discussion of it; but it must not be discussed hastily by a side wind in an indirect manner and without full knowledge on the part of all who attend that discussion of what they have to discuss. And therefore if it rested on that ground alone I should feel it incumbent on me for the sake of Grand Lodge whose interests are as dear to me as they are to any person in this room, yet as much as for the sake of the Grand Master whose chair I have the honour to fill to-night, and whose position and prerogative I am bound to guard as far as they are to be guarded, I should feel it incumbent upon me to prevent discussion arising hastily, indirectly, on an important question; but I say if there be such a feeling in Grand Lodge as that I have indicated and if a fair case can be made out, let it be discussed here fully and fairly at the first convenient opportunity. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) There are two questions, as I gather. First of all the question of precedence itself, whether the precedence adopted upon the last occasion was right or wrong; secondly, who has the right to authorise the precedence and to vary it? Those, as I understand, are the two questions which have been raised, but indirectly raised. It will be for Grand Lodge on a future day, if it thinks well, to consider them. Meanwhile, apart from this, I consider it right to rule that the only question which is before me, is whether the proceedings of the last Grand Lodge have been correctly reported, and as such believing that they are correctly reported, and, in fact, having heard nothing to the contrary from any person on this side Grand Lodge, I must for the present put aside the question that has been raised, leaving it to be discussed probably at some future day. Therefore we shall proceed to the business. The question, therefore, is that the minutes of the Grand Festival of the 25th April be confirmed.

The motion was carried *unanimously*.

The election of the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution was then taken, and scrutineers of votes appointed.

Bro. G. P. BRITTEN asked the G.M. whether papers, which had been put into brethren's hands on entering the hall, directing them how to vote, were issued with the knowledge or authority of the Board of General Purposes.

The EARL OF CARNARVON said the practice was irregular and he should be very glad to see it discontinued, but he had no further power in the matter.

Sir J. B. MONCKTON said the Board of General Purposes had nothing to do with the list. He had himself received one, but had not voted for it in its entirety.

Bro. A. E. GLADWELL said it would be a satisfaction to know who paid for the printing.

The following recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence were then confirmed on the motion of Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., seconded by Bro. G. P. BRITTEN:

	£	s.	d.
The Widow of a brother of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, Chislehurst	50	0	0
A brother of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, Sandhurst, Berkshire	50	0	0
A brother of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, London	100	0	0
The Widow of a brother of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham	50	0	0
A brother of the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, London	150	0	0
The Widow of a brother of the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, London	50	0	0

The report of the Board of General Purposes, which we printed in our last issue, was then taken as read, and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON then rose and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is my pleasing duty now, which I will discharge as briefly as possible, to move in the terms of the notice of motion placed upon this summons, viz.:

That the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggested scheme of reconstruction and enlargement of the premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works.

The circumstance of the fire that has taken place recently in the Temple is of course well-known to the whole of the brethren, and no doubt lamented by them as much as by the Board of General Purposes. It is also probably notorious that various suggestions have been made in one place and another, viz., in the public press with reference to the reconstruction of the Temple, the Board of General Purposes, M.W. Grand Master, of course felt it their duty to lose no time in giving their close and careful attention to the whole position in order that it might be brought preliminarily before Grand Lodge with all possible speed. I need scarcely say that having no sort of power or authority to take any actual step in the direction of reconstruction we thought that at the same time we shall be bad men of business and Grand Lodge would have thought so had we not in some sort made enquiries of an entirely general character as to what should be likely to be for the benefit of the Craft if carried out. Those matters and the result of those enquiries are referred to in the somewhat lengthy report that is now in the hands of the brethren, and it is hardly needful that I go through them again. I would say that in briefly considering the propriety or rather the expediency of removing our time honoured position to another site we had many points before us, but more especially those affecting the personal convenience of brethren, and secondly the interests of the Craft in a pecuniary and financial sense. We recollected that our that our property

is situated where we now stand. We remembered that even if it were thought in every other respect desirable that our Temple, as we call it, should be removed, that we should leave behind us a very important legal part of our property in the shape of Freemasons' Tavern and the premises adjacent to it; and it needed no skilled advice, although we received it, to assure us that we should have very considerably injured and irremediably destroyed that property if such a step were recommended and afterwards taken. The only spot which has anything to recommend it other than our own location is the Thames Embankment. There is no doubt a certain amount of convenience connected with the railways on the Thames Embankment, that probably would to some superficially seem to be an available space, as said in the report; but we found it would be attended by such enormous financial cost, as to be practically impossible. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) I know it was suggested by enthusiastic brethren that the moment a notice went out to the Craft for a whip of £1 a head it would be responded to immediately. Of course, that was hardly likely to be adopted; and I thought, and the Board thought, it would not be a very dignified thing for the Craft to do under the circumstances. We addressed ourselves, therefore, in order that we might be prepared to come to Grand Lodge with something like a suggestion—I cannot call it more—to the local circumstances in which we were placed. We have submitted this much—and there is no harm in my saying so—that both the firm of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, who are lessees of where we now stand, and Mr. Bacon, the lessee next door, are willing to enter upon equitable negotiations. (Hear, hear, and cheers.) That we have ascertained beyond doubt; and as men of capital and men of business, we have a right to consider that, if I am entitled to mention this to Grand Lodge, to go beyond that, as I said just now, was impossible. We then felt ourselves at liberty to avail ourselves of the opinion of the Grand Superintendent of Works, whose professional standing is so high that his opinion is bound to be listened to with as much respect as that of any man in London. (Hear, hear.) The result of the discussion we had with him, and the advice he gave us in very general terms, are set out in the report before you. That report dates necessarily as far back as the 22nd of May, in order to be ready for the Board of Masters, but I am enabled to say here, for myself, and with the full concurrence of the Board of General Purposes, that since that time we have been so little idle that we have narrowed matters so far as to enable me to say this much to Grand Lodge. We firmly believe—we have every reason to believe as men of business, that if Grand Lodge decides to double the size of its present hall—the financial results are what you desire to look at—the financial cost will be to the Craft something under £500 a year. Looking at our present property, and looking at the probable cost, and working out the figures all round, I feel confident, and I stand here to have recorded what I say—that in order to double the size of the Temple and make it convenient for the accommodation of twice the number of persons, viz. 750 it now holds, that is, 1500, the cost to the Craft will be £500 a year more than it now stands at. Therefore, brethren, we come to Grand Lodge with the suggestion—I may call it, alternative—because if the Grand Lodge determines not to rebuild but to reinstate, we have only to bow respectfully—we come with these two alternative schemes. We are, you may be sure fully insured; the insurance companies will reinstate us. Let them, if you please. If you decide to rebuild let us carry it out either by the new Board of General Purposes which you have elected to-day, or by the addition of some brethren who may be appointed on a motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, to give additional confidence to Grand Lodge. I do not know that I can say more. We were able to go into no distinct and absolute detail. I can add very little if anything to what is stated in the report, and I shall perhaps best suit the convenience of the brethren if I now content myself with simply moving:

That the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes with reference to the suggested scheme of reconstruction and enlargement of the premises at Freemasons' Hall be referred back to the Board for execution under the direction of the Grand Superintendent of Works. (Cheers.)

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, P.G.D., said he had great respect for the report of the Board, and there were many points in it which he agreed with. But while lamenting the destruction of the Temple he thought they should erect in its place a building worthy of the name of the Craft, worthy of their Grand Master, and capable of meeting the wants of the brethren, not only those who might be with them now, but who might come after them. Because now Grand Lodge was, if he might use the expression, like a bear garden. They wanted a hall which would accommodate 1500 persons, and then they would be able to meet the wants of the brethren. What he wanted was a Committee to act with the Board of General Purposes, because it was a real question of the Craft after all what money should be laid out, what report should be brought up to Grand Lodge recommending a good scheme that would meet with the approbation of Grand Lodge. In doing that he would call attention to what they were doing that night. The Board of General Purposes was not a fixed body. They were to-night electing a new Board. They would know what brethren would be elected on the committee and therefore if they had a committee there would not be the slightest ill-feeling towards the Board of General Purposes. Let them as men and brethren erect a building that would be an honour to the Craft and to the Grand Master. He therefore moved that

Having regard to the recent destruction of the Temple by fire, and the great increase of Masons, that it be referred to a Committee in conjunction with members of the Board of General Purposes to consider the advisability of rebuilding the Temple, or of acquiring a site to erect thereon a hall capable of meeting the wants of the Order.

Bro. HAVERS said that it was only the strongest sense of duty, as well as a strong love for an institution which he had served for so many years, that had brought him there on that occasion. But he felt he should be doing wrong to himself and to the brethren if he did not venture to trespass on their attention with a few remarks. When that hall was built Grand Lodge elected him (Bro. Havers) as the chairman of the building committee, and he might therefore be presumed to have some knowledge of the building and what was done, and what was the best way of doing it. He had been utterly amazed with the proposal now placed before Grand Lodge. Giving credit to the Board of all good intentions, let them ask themselves what was the proposal. It was that Grand Lodge should grant a sum of £30,000 or £35,000, plus the money received on the insurance, plus the money received from Messrs. Spiers and Pond, to erect a building which was not yet even conceived. He asked himself, would you build a labourer's cottage, costing a couple of hundred pounds, without first seeing plans of that which was to be built; certainly not. He would therefore call the attention of the Grand Lodge to what was done on the occasion to which he had referred. The

principle then adopted was to offer the matter to public competition, and they got a number of valuable designs. Having got the designs they placed them in St. Martin's Hall for a month, and invited the brethren to go and see them. Amongst the plans sent in was one with which they were all delighted; there was a grand middle hall, but with entrances all round it quite incompatible with the purposes of such a hall. The building had to be constructed under peculiar circumstances, they were bound to consider the requirements of Grand Lodge for its quarterly communications, and they were bound not to stop the business of the tavern: the hall had, therefore, been constructed at three different periods. As erected, the hall was not built from a single design, but was the combined work of several. Amongst the designs was one which, in some respects, was very admirable, and although not accepted as a whole, it was very desirable that in some respects it should be adopted. They, therefore, purchased the plan, which cost them only about £25. Brother Havers said he would earnestly ask Grand Lodge to refer this matter back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to them to obtain plans, and then to submit them to the brethren for their opinion. The building could not be completed for two years, and for his own part he thought the Board of General Purposes was not the right body to deal with this matter—a committee of six or seven brethren would be more efficient; and for the reason that there was nothing to be gained by hurry, nothing would be lost by waiting a couple of months inviting plans for consideration; and he felt sure that the Grand Master would be pleased to appoint a Special Grand Lodge. It was most desirable that the brethren who came to Grand Lodge should hear and take part in the proceedings. It would be necessary to make a building capable of containing 1500 brethren, with due regard to acoustic properties. In conclusion, he begged Grand Lodge to refer this matter back to a committee with instructions to invite plans, to be deposited with the Grand Secretary, to be decided upon on some future occasion.

Bro. BEACH thought that the brethren present in Grand Lodge must congratulate themselves upon having Bro. Havers amongst them again to advise them on a subject upon which his information and opinion must be worthy of the greatest respect. Bro. Beach thought it desirable that there should be no great difference of opinion in a matter of this kind, and suggested that the Board of General Purposes should endeavour to fall in with the views of the brethren.

Bro. FRANK GREEN said Bro. Havers appeared to have answered Bro. R. Stewart's proposition. He thought it would be a great mistake to bring a large number of brethren to the consideration of this subject, and he considered that the Board of General Purposes was quite competent to decide what plans should be submitted for inspection.

Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER, as an old member of the Board, supported Bro. Havers' motion that the Board of General Purposes should nominate a consultative committee.

Bro. R. STEWART said he did not propose to elect a large committee; he proposed a committee of six to act with the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. HENRY HACKER objected to Sir J. B. Monckton's proposition as extremely crude. Without giving any details as to how the result was arrived at he had only stated generally that the expense of erecting a larger hall would only be £500 a year more than at present. Another brother said the Board had had before it the fullest information and was better able to judge than any outside person as to the removal or not from the present site, and he would impress upon the Board or committee that might be appointed to avail themselves of the opportunity of perfecting the mode of exit from the Temple. It would be in the recollection of the Grand Lodge upon the occasion when the congratulations of Grand Lodge to her Majesty upon her escape from death at the hand of a would be assassin were determined upon, every available space was blocked even up to the chair; and the thought had occurred to him at the time as to the terrible results that would have ensued should the brethren from any cause have been thrown into a state of panic.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON said that perhaps he might be allowed to end the discussion in a manner that might be agreeable to all. First, the Board never had entertained the insane policy of having plans which would be adopted without being first submitted to Grand Lodge. Secondly, in reply to a learned brother who spoke from the middle of Grand Lodge he (Bro. Monckton) had meant to say that the increase of £500 a year in the cost was after making every allowance. He would say one thing more; he would ask Grand Lodge not to ignore the Board altogether; let there be a Committee of seven, ten, or any number Grand Lodge pleased, but let half be elected by Grand Lodge, and half by the Board of General Purposes. The Committee would be a permanent body and everything would be brought before Grand Lodge.

Bro. HOLDEN said this was a matter of great importance, which would be best dealt with by referring it back to the Board of General Purposes. The functions of the Board were the dealing with the working out of Masonry, but if he wanted a building erected he should not think them the most suitable body to be entrusted with the work.

Bro. HAVERS said he would ask the leave of Grand Lodge to address to them one or two additional words. He wished to say that he thought the proposal of the Board of General Purposes a very proper one. He suggested that they should select four of the best business men they knew, and that the Board should also select four; on this basis he recommended them to accept Bro. Monckton's proposal and withdraw his own.

Bro. AENEAS MCINTYRE said that as the Board of General Purposes was a very large as well as a changeable body it would not be a convenient course to constitute them a building committee. A smaller permanent committee would be preferable, and he proposed as an amendment, "That this matter be referred to a committee consisting of eight members, four being nominated and appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board; the chairman to have a casting vote."

This having been seconded Bro. STEWART said he could not allow this matter to stand over for the Grand Master to nominate the four to be appointed by Grand Lodge, he must ask Grand Lodge to nominate.

Bro. PHILBRICK said that the motion of Bro. Stewart was to add so many to the Board of General Purposes. Having been a member of the Board for many years he (Bro. Philbrick) was competent to say that the combined body would be a great deal too large. He thought that this would be apparent to Bro. Stewart himself, and he (Bro. Philbrick) preferred Bro. Havers' proposition.

Bro. BINCKES suggested that Bro. Havers should be asked to assist. He strongly objected to the course adopted by the Board of General Purposes as expressed in motion No. 2, as stated on the agenda paper, which suggested that the scheme of reconstruction should be referred back to the Board "for execution under the direction of the Grand Supt. of

Works," which manifestly meant that Grand Lodge was to leave the matter entirely to the Board. He begged Grand Lodge not to give up their power altogether but adopt Bro. Havers' suggestion for the appointment of a committee to take evidence.

The M.W. PRO G.M. said that the advantage of this discussion had been at least this—that it had sifted the opinion of Grand Lodge on what was a very important matter, and it gave him an opportunity of saying with how much personal gratification he had listened once more to his most excellent Bro. Havers. His voice had been very often heard in their councils; there was no man possessing more of the traditions of the Order or was more conversant with the practice of Grand Lodge, or who could give them better advice at a juncture like the present. He thought they owed Bro. Havers a debt of gratitude for having come among them once more, and having spoken from his vast knowledge on the subject before them. He thought the discussion had brought matters to a harmonious point. There was no question whatever as to the original proposal of the Board of General Purposes, as it was originally misunderstood. Bro. Monckton had explained that it never was the intention to act upon the powers now given without consulting further Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge, it was clear, must be consulted, and in order that this might be done Grand Lodge must pledge its power to some one committee. There was a concurrence of opinion that there should be a committee, and that part of that committee should be named by Grand Lodge. It remained to consider whether the whole or a part should be so named. (Cries of "whole.") They were bound to bear in mind two things—first of all, that the Board of General Purposes was selected by Grand Lodge every year out of the best of their members—(a voice: "No")—out of the best of their members, otherwise Grand Lodge would act very improperly, to consider and carry on many important matters that arise during the year. His lordship said he was quite sure it was not the wish of Grand Lodge to cast a slight on the judgment of those whom they had placed in that important position, therefore, it seemed to him to be a fair compromise between two conflicting opinions, that the Grand Lodge should nominate half and the Board of General Purposes should choose the other half. All such matters were matters of compromise. It was an essential condition that there should be give and take; and he thought himself, though he did not wish to press it upon Grand Lodge for more than it was worth, that it was a fair and reasonable compromise suggested in a conciliatory spirit. And as such he personally would be glad to see it adopted, and, what was more important, he thought Grand Lodge might adopt it with perfect safety and prudence as regarded the result. His lordship said he thought it his duty not to withhold his opinion on that point; he should wish to avoid all questions of detail because these must be considered by the committee to be appointed, and must afterwards come back for confirmation and ratification by this Grand Lodge. But he would venture to urge strongly upon those who consider this matter, that whilst they look to increased accommodation (and he would freely admit from personal experience how very deficient the accommodation had sometimes been) they must on the other hand remember that the place in which they met was for the conducting of business, and that if it be built too large and without reference to acoustic principles the inconvenience they would all suffer at ninety-nine out of every hundred of their meetings would be a most serious and irremediable consideration. It would now be his duty to submit to Grand Lodge the last—that which was really an amendment, but which was also a substantive proposal—to vote upon it. The proposal stood in this form: That this question be referred to a committee of eight, of whom, it went on to say, four were to be appointed by Grand Lodge, and four by the Board of General Purposes. For the sake of convenience his lordship put the vote in a slightly altered form, viz., that this question be referred to a committee of eight, of whom four are to be appointed by the Board of General Purposes. That having been carried, it was proposed that the other four should be appointed by Grand Lodge, which was also carried. The motion was then put as a whole, and carried unanimously.

Bro. HAVERS proposed that the matter to be referred should next be fixed—that they are to obtain evidence.

This having been seconded by Bro. B. Baker, the CHAIRMAN said that the question was that such committee be instructed to obtain and submit to Grand Lodge evidence and estimates for the rebuilding of Freemasons' Hall, and to deposit them in Grand Secretary's office, or in some other place, for the inspection of the Craft in general.

The next question was as to the brethren to be nominated. The following names were proposed:—Bros. Gibson, Robinson, R. Stewart, Peirce, Burt, Greggs, Lovegrove, Smallpiece, and Lewis-Thomas. A show of hands was taken on each name, and the Chairman declared the result to be in favour of the appointment of Bros. Gibson, R. Stewart, Burt, and Lewis-Thomas.

While the names were being proposed, Bro. Smallpiece protested, on the ground that according to the Constitutions the names proposed for committees are to be submitted to the Board of Masters; but the CHAIRMAN explained that the law referred to the large permanent committees, and not to committees such as that now proposed, which was for a special administrative duty.

An appeal from a decision of the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, North Island, New Zealand, was heard and dismissed.

The GRAND MASTER in the chair said: as the Scrutineers of votes had not concluded their labours, he would receive their report in his private room.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The following is the result of the elections for different Boards:

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Votes.		Votes.	
Bro. John Laurence Mather, 1471	294	Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., 4	183
„ Ralph Clutton, 631	231	„ William Bristow, G.S.L.	182
„ Giovanni Paulo Festa, 1900	222	„ Thomas Hastings Miller, 907	177
„ Albert Escott, 1593	219	„ Sharon Grote Turner, 2	154
„ Charles Atkins, 27	217	„ William H. Dean, 417	153
„ William Smallpiece, 969	190	„ George Henry Hopkinson, 14	152
„ George Pitt-Lewis, 46	189	„ Hy. Rd. Cooper Smith, 1731	143

The undermentioned were nominated by the Grand Master: V.W. Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, F.S.A., President; Sir Albert W. Woods (*Garter*); Aeneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.; Ralph Gooding, M.D.; Frank Green; James E. Saunders, Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C.; John A. Rucker; Thomas Fenn, Robert Freke Gould, and Raymond Henry Thrupp.

COLONIAL BOARD.

Bros. James Brett, P.M. 177; William George Lemon, P.M. 1601; Edward Letchworth, P.M. 197; James Henry Matthews, P.M. 143; Thomas Hastings Miller, P.M. 907; Griffiths Smith, P.M. 21; William Stephens, P.M. 1489.

Nominated by the Grand Master: Bros. John Anthony Rucker, President; Hugh D. Sandeman, and Brackstone Baker.
 148 votes were recorded for Bro. James Garnar, P.M. 975, but as not more than seven Past Masters could be elected, a brother on the list of Masters was returned with a less number of votes.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Votes.		Votes.	
Bro. Charles A. Cottebrune, P.M. 733	283	Bro. William H. Goodall, P.M. 1567	189
„ Charles Atkins, P.M. 27	258	„ John James Berry, P.M. 554	181
„ Alfred H. Tattershall, P.M. 140	235	„ Thos. W. C. Bush, P.M. 1728	176
„ James Willing, jun., P.M. 1507	226	„ George L. Moore, P.M. 169	166
„ William J. Murris, P.M. 1642	206	„ Robert Perry Tate, P.M. 862	144

Nominated by the Grand Master: Bros. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Capt. N. G. Phillips, R. T. Ryott, D.C.L.; J. S. Peirce, W. F. Nettleship, Jas. Brett, and Jas. Kench.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

The half-yearly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Freemasons' Tavern. Lord Henniker, M.W.G.M.M.M., presided, and there were also present

M.W. Bros. Rev. Canon Portal, M.A., Grand Mark Master Mason; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.M.M., as Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason; R.W. Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Bucks; R. C. Else, J.P., Prov. G.M. Somerset; Capt. Charles Hunter, Prov. G.M. North Wales; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales; Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, Prov. G.M. Dorset; H. Hover Locke, Past Prov. G.M. Bengal; Rev. Canon Tristram, Prov. G.M. Northumberland and Durham, as G.S.W.; Thomas Trollope, M.D., Prov. G.M. Sussex, as G.J.W.; V.W. Bros. Richard Eve, P.G.M.O., as G.M.O.; O. H. Pearson, G.S.O.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G.S.O., as G.J.O.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; William Roebuck, P.G.M.O.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.M.O.; James Stevens, P.G.J.O.; H. R. Cooper-Smith, P.G.J.O.; Rev. William Randall, G. Chap.; Rev. H. G. Morse, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dep. Prov. G.M. East Anglia, P.G. Chap.; Frederic Davison, Dep. Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, G. Treas.; H. C. Levander, G. Reg.; Frederick Binckes, G. Sec.; D. M. Dewar, Asst. G. Sec. W. Bros. Edward Margrett, G.S.D.; A. Williams, P.G.S.D., as G.J.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.S.D.; Robert Berridge, G.D. of C.; T. C. Walls, P.G. Sword Bearer, as G. Sword Bearer; S. J. Turquand, G. Standard Bearer; Wilhelm Ganz, G. Org.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; Chas. Pulman, G.I.G.; Geo. Powell, J. Manwaring, M. Mildred, C. W. Hudson, Henry George, and Geo. L. Woodley, G. Stewards; Henry Massey, P.G. Steward; John Walker, Dep. Prov. G.M. Gloucestershire; A. F. Godson, Dep. Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; J. S. Cumberland, P.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorks; S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight; E. Friend, P.P.G.S.W. Cheshire; J. H. Banks, P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; W. Morris, P.G.J.W. Berks and Oxon; Charles Harding, P.P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; G. B. Brodie, P.G.J.W. Middlesex and Surrey; H. Ward, P.G.M.O. Nottinghamshire; T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.O. East Anglia; Geo. Mickley, P.G.J.O. Bucks; E. Cheshire Patchitt, P.G. Reg. Nottinghamshire; Geo. Dalrymple, P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; H. R. Hatherly, P.G. Sec. Nottinghamshire; J. P. Curtis, Gloucestershire; R. J. Reed, P.G. Sussex; J. P. Lewin, G.S.D. East Anglia; T. Taylor, P.G.D. of C. Bucks; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; H. Fajja, A.P.G.D. of C. Middlesex and Surrey; E. W. J. Hennah, P.G.S. of Works Sussex; F. W. Driver, P.G.S. of Works Middlesex and Surrey; John Tomkins, P.P.G.S. of Works Berks and Oxon; G. J. Dunkley, P.G. Org. Middlesex and Surrey; P. Wallis, P.G. Steward Leicester; Geo. Cooper, P.M. Bon Accord; Jas. Moon, P.M. Old Kent; H. Venn, P.M. Old Kent; H. Dicketts, P.M. Old Kent; R. Harwood, P.M. St. John's; Rev. E. H. Crate, P.M. 145; J. D. Murray, P.M. 158; G. Ker, P.M. 256; W. B. Date, W.M. Old Kent; B. R. Bryant, W.M. 22; J. Sculley, W.M. 44; E. Page, W.M. 256; J. G. Chillingworth, W.M. 309; E. Bowyer, W.M. 315; and Bros. J. L. Mather, S.W. Old Kent; Col. Bignold, S.W. 92; J. Boulton, S.W. 173; W. Vincent, J.W. 139; E. W. Whittaker, M.O. 139; A. Millar, M.O. 236; R. Clowes, J.O. 145; W. March, S.D. 173; A. H. Crossley, Sec. 158; F. J. Tyler, I.G. 239; E. F. Storr, Old Kent; Hon. A. H. Henniker, Old Kent; E. M. Money, Old Kent; A. J. Hone Goldney, Old Kent; A. Loder, 145; G. F. Smith, 236; and G. R. Dann, 256.

After Grand Lodge had been opened in due form,

Lord HENNIKER said: Brethren, before we proceed to the business of Grand Lodge I have an announcement to make to you which I am sure will be welcome to every brother present here to-day, and I think to Mark Master Masons throughout the world. It is this, that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is about to join our Order. (Cheers.) He desires it to be distinctly understood that in doing so his taking this Degree shall in no way be construed into a wish on his part to see the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons amalgamated with the Grand Lodge of the Craft, and he also wishes it to be distinctly understood that his joining this Order should in no way be used as an argument in favour of such an amalgamation. Brethren, I am sure that you will agree with me that we shall all welcome him into our Order and into Grand Lodge with the greatest possible pleasure, and I can assure you it is a great pleasure to me that he has joined the Order, to which I may say I think safely without fear of contradiction, I have my heart particularly attached during my term of office. Brethren, it will be my pleasing duty to propose to you at our next meeting of Grand Lodge that the Degree of a Past Grand Master should be conferred upon H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. I do not think that this will meet with anything but cordial approval from everyone connected with Mark Masonry, and I shall not only move that he be made a Past Grand Master of this Order, but that his name be placed at the head of our list of Past Grand Masters. (Cheers.)

The minutes of the last half-yearly communication of the 5th December, 1882, and of the Moveable Grand Lodge of 26th April, 1883, were then read and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, and was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of certificates issued in the six months ending 31st March, 1883, was 738, the total of registered advancements being 17,471. During the same period 11 warrants for new lodges were granted, viz.:-

No. 309 Saye and Sele, Belvedere, Kent.	No. 314 Henniker, Montreal.
„ 310 South Melbourne, Emerald Hill, Victoria.	„ 315 Henniker, London.
„ 311 Egypt, Cairo.	„ 316 Benevolent, Teignmouth, Devon.
„ 312 Joppa, Delhi, Punjab.	„ 317 Youell, Gorleston, Suffolk.
„ 313 Lawrence, Chorley, Lancashire.	„ 318 St. James's, Handsworth.
	„ 319 Jordan, Torquay.

In the Degree of Royal Ark Mariners 100 certificates were issued, making the total number of elevations 1350, and two warrants for new lodges—Gospport attached to Gospport, No. 305, and Macdonald attached to Macdonald, No. 104.

New provinces have been constituted (1) at Montreal, Canada, under the R.W. Bro. Hon. William Badgley, as Provincial Grand Master; (2) at Tasmania, with R.W. Bro. George Talmage as Provincial Grand Master.

The M.W. Grand Master presided at a meeting of the newly-formed Province of Warwickshire, held at Birmingham, on Wednesday, 14th March, and installed Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

A moveable Grand Lodge, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master, was held at Nottingham on Thursday, April 26. A Provincial Grand Lodge of Notts was formally constituted, and R.W. Bro. Watson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft, was installed as Provincial Grand Master by the M.W. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Lord Henniker, Bro. William Newton, of Newark, receiving the appointment of Deputy. The Grand Master was accompanied from London by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Kintore, and many Grand Officers, the meeting being numerous attended by brethren from various provincial districts, and by members of the Newstead Lodge, T.I., Nottingham, on whom devolved the supervision of the arrangements for the day, which were carried out in a manner affording unqualified satisfaction to all.

The Board recommends Grand Lodge to sanction the appointment of two additional Grand Officers. 1. A Second Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies; 2. A Second Grand Standard Bearer. The Board also recommends Grand Lodge to confer the rank of Past Master on Bros. Raphael Borg, 33°, and Capt. George Charles Peere Williams-Freeman, of the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311.

The following acknowledgment of reception of the service of plate presented to T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Albany on the occasion of their marriage, has been received: "Claremont, 20th December, 1882. Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that the Mark Masters' Presentation Plate has been safely delivered here. The Duke and Duchess of Albany have been inspecting it to-day, and I am desired by T.R.H. to tell you that they admire the pieces exceedingly, and that they form a most valuable addition to their ornamental plate.—Fraternally yours, (signed) R. H. COLLINS.—F. Binckes, Esq."

The following Grants are recommended for confirmation by Grand Lodge:

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

£30 to W. S. W., Cheltenham and Key Stone Lodge, No. 10.
£10 to G. M., widow of J. M., St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262.
£10 to F.B., widow of J.B., Union Lodge, No. 46.
£15 to I. J. H. W., Southwark Lodge, No. 22.
£20 to E. W., widow of W. W., of Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

GENERAL FUND.

£52 10s.—Special donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys' "Preparatory School Building Fund."

£25 to the fund for relief of sufferers by the recent fire at Jamaica.

The fifteenth anniversary festival in aid of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" is appointed for Wednesday, July 25th, and the R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of South Wales, has kindly consented to preside.

The Board requests the approval by Grand Lodge of the amendment of the rules of the "Educational Fund," so as to authorise presentation of silver medals to such boys and girls receiving the advantages of the "Educational Fund" as, in the discretion of the Board, may be found deserving of such reward for proficiency and good conduct.

The Board acknowledges, with thanks, reports of the proceedings of the following Supreme Royal Arch Chapters: Alabama, Canada, South Carolina, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia. (Signed) G. R. PORTAL, President.

SA, Red Lion-square, W.C., 1883.

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March, 1883, show the following results:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1882	£4 14 3	Half-year's Disbursements:	
Half-year's receipts	883 7 9	Ordinary Expenditure	£460 13 5
Interest on Investments	47 17 0	Extraordinary Expenditure:	
		Banquet on the occasion of the consecration of Grand Master's Lodge by the Duke of Albany	71 13 6
	£939 15 0		£532 6 11
Balance at Bankers	£403 12 1		

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1882	£199 10 6	Half-year's Disbursements:	
Half-year's receipts	62 1 6	Grants in relief	£70 0 0
Interest on Investments	38 18 6	Expenses	1 3 6
	£300 10 6		£71 3 6
Balance at Bankers	£229 7 0		

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance from 30th September, 1882	£93 13 2	Half-Year's Disbursements:	
Interest on Investments	17 3 9	Educational fees	£28 6 0
	£110 16 11		£28 6 0
Balance at Bankers	£84 7 7		
Less Outstanding Cheque	1 10 8		
	£82 10 11		

INVESTED FUNDS.

General Fund	£2200 0 0
Benevolent Fund	1700 0 0
Educational Fund	800 0 0
And the Board have ordered the following additional investments, viz.:	
On account of General Fund	£400 0 0
On account of Benevolent Fund	100 0 0
On account of Educational Fund	100 0 0

H. A. DUBOIS, Auditor.

The Rev. Canon PORTAL, P.G.M., moved the first recommendation,

To confer the rank of P.M. on Bros. Borg and Capt. Williams-Freeman, of the Lodge of Egypt, No. 311.

He said the reason why the General Board made this recommendation was that at the present moment there was no W.M. of this degree at all in Egypt. The lodge was opened by Bro. Broadley, G.M. of Tunis and Malta and that part of the Mediterranean, who installed the W.M., but the W.M. was recalled to England, and no one at the Lodge of Egypt was in possession of the secrets of the chair. Bro. Broadley recommended that these two brethren, who were very zealous Masons, should have the rank of P.M., and he had engaged to go back to Egypt and communicate the secrets to them. That he (Canon Portal) thought was a wise thing to do in the interests of the Order.

Bro. F. DAVISON, G.T., seconded the motion.

In reply to Bro. Eve, Canon PORTAL said there were occasions when steps were taken for which there was no precedent, but where it was unwise to let absence of precedent stand in the way of the advancement of the Order. The communication of the secrets in this way was in conformity with the forms of this degree.

The Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, said there was a precedent in the case of Jamaica, of which he was a witness himself.

Bro. EVE said he did not raise an objection; he only desired information how it could be done.

Bro. LOCKE entered his protest against an infringement of the strict and rigid adherence to the rules of the Order. He did not see why two brethren should be admitted to this rank in a very exceptional manner.

The recommendation was agreed to.

Canon PORTAL moved the second recommendation,

To amend the rules of the Educational Branch so as to authorise the presentation of silver medals to such boys and girls as in the discretion of the Board may be found deserving of such reward for proficiency and good order.

He was happy to say they had 12 children receiving the benefits of the Educational Fund—ten boys and two girls. The number of girls would probably soon be increased. The Board felt that it was impossible to institute competition between these children because they were educated at different schools, yet that it would be a great encouragement to the children themselves if when reports came from the masters or mistresses of the School that the child had earned the highest possible marks, and had not been guilty of any misconduct, and an incentive to further good conduct and exertion, the Board were authorised to present a silver medal as a mark of approval. They now asked for the leave, and to have a medal sunk and struck.

Bro. H. C. LEVANDER, G.R., seconded. The motion was carried.

Canon PORTAL moved the third recommendation,

To sanction the appointment of two additional Grand Officers, viz., a Second Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and a Second Grand Standard Bearer.

In proposing this the Board had followed the course adopted in Craft Grand Lodge, and he supposed for the same reason, viz., that the numbers of Mark Masons were increasing so much that it was impossible for the Grand Master to reward all those who deserved promotion. The Board had selected two offices which, he ventured to think, would very well bear being added to. A great deal of the good order in Grand Lodge and the comfortable arrangement of the brethren depended on the Director of Ceremonies, and as the Director of Ceremonies was a permanent officer, and rightly so, because he became acquainted with his duties (they had now a most excellent Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Berridge, and one assistant, and only one who changed office at all), they would give him two assistants. With regard to the Grand Standard Bearer, it had been thought that it would be a very good thing if the Grand Master for the time being had his own private banner, as was the case in other Orders of Freemasonry, and their Grand Standard Bearer and Assistant Grand Standard Bearer would carry the banner of Grand Lodge, and the Second Grand Standard Bearer would carry the Grand Master's.

Bro. GODSON seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

Canon PORTAL next proposed

That £52 10s. be voted from the General Fund on account of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys' Preparatory School Building Fund.

He said it was always their custom to vote annually to the Boys' or Girls' School such a donation as the funds would allow. They proposed the above-named grant this year, and the Grand Master would have double the number of votes, which would be very valuable, as they had a number of Mark Masons' children applying for the benefits of the Schools.

Bro. GODSON, in seconding the motion, said he was sure the money would be put to a very good purpose. (Cheers.)

The motion was carried.

Canon PORTAL moved

That £25 be voted from the General Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent fire at Jamaica.

He had thought that there was no precedent for such a gift, but he was informed by the Assistant Grand Secretary that a similar gift had been made for the relief of sufferers by an earthquake in the island of Curacao.

Bro. F. DAVISON having seconded the motion,

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND enquired whether it was to be for the relief of the general sufferers by the fire or for the Masonic sufferers?

Bro. F. BINCKES, G.S., said it was mooted at the Board and considered, and it was resolved that it should be devoted mainly to the relief of those sufferers by the fire who were Mark Masons.

The GRAND MASTER said he supposed they must trust to those who had the administration of the fund.

Bro. BINCKES expected that it was to be mainly for the relief of the Mark Masons.

The GRAND MASTER said the Grand Secretary would take care that instructions on the subject were sent out to the administrators of the fund.

Bro. BINCKES said he did not think it would be wise to fetter the Almoner out there, whoever he might be, but there would be a recommendation that it should be given to Mark Masons first; but it would mar the gracefulness of the gift if it was restricted to Mark Masons.

The motion was then carried.

The following grants were made from the Benevolent Fund:—

£30 to a brother of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge, No. 10.

£10 to the widow of a brother of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262.

£10 to the widow of a brother of Union Lodge, No. 46.

£15 to a brother of Southwark Lodge, No. 22.

£20 to the widow of a brother of Fowke Lodge, No. 19.

On the motion of the Rev. J. RANDELL, seconded by Sir PRYSE PRYSE, the report was adopted.

The next business was the installation of Grand Master.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., P.G.M.M.M., said: Brethren, at the last meeting our M.W.G.M., Lord Henniker, was unanimously re-elected to that office for the ensuing year, and it is my pleasing duty on the present occasion to declare him Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the ensuing year, for as he has been already placed in that chair it is unnecessary for me to re-instate him there; but I shall merely declare that he now occupies that chair for the ensuing year. And brethren it is also my pleasure to congratulate you and the Order generally upon the great services he has rendered you, and how fortunate we are in having a Grand Master who presides over the Order with such ability and such zeal. (Cheers.)

The M.W.G.M.M.M. having been saluted said: M.W.P.G.M. and Brethren, I thank you very much for the honour you have done me once more in placing me in this chair. I can assure you that I feel it a very great honour, and I think I need hardly add that my desire is to be of service to the Order over which I have the honour to preside. You have been very kind to me during the time I have held office the last two years, and if the Order has been successful it has been a great deal owing to the work done before I took the position I now occupy. I also have to thank the other officers and Past Grand Masters who have assisted me during my term of office. I assure you I feel the honour you have done me very greatly, and, brethren, if I have derived any popularity among Mark Master Masons, it is from the fact that I have come among you at a time of great prosperity, and because I had one idea before me—an idea I shall try to keep before me during my term of office, that is to do my best simply, and without more ostentation than necessary—to do my duty to the Order over which I have the honour to preside. (Cheers.)

Bro. F. Davison was then re-elected Grand Treasurer.

The following is a list of the officers appointed:

Bro. The Earl of Kintore	...	...	G. Dep. M.
„ Lord Wolsley of Cairo	...	...	G.S.W.
„ Hon. Arthur H. Henniker	...	...	G.J.W.
„ Henry R. Hatherly	...	...	G.M.O.
„ Col. C. E. Bignold	...	...	G.S.O.
„ S. G. Kirchhoffer	...	...	G.J.O.
„ Rev. E. H. Grate	...	...	G. Chap.
„ Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny	...	...	G. Chap.
„ Frederic Davison	...	...	G. Treas.
„ H. C. Levander	...	...	G. Reg.
„ Frederick Binckes	...	...	G. Sec.
„ Donald M. Dewar	...	...	G. Asst. Sec.
„ G. B. Brodie, M.D.	...	...	G.S.D.
„ George Cooper	...	...	G.S.D.
„ Thos. J. Ralling	...	...	G.J.D.
„ Robert Harwood	...	...	G.J.D.
„ R. W. Edis	...	...	G.I. of Works.
„ Robert Berridge	...	...	G. Dir. of Cer.
„ Geo. Dalrymple	...	...	G.A. Dir. of Cer.
„ E. Friend	...	...	G.A. Dir. of Cer.
„ S. G. Baker	...	...	G. Swd. Br.
„ Wm. Watkins	...	...	G. Std. Br.
„ J. D. Murray	...	...	G. Std. Br.
„ Rev. Sir F. A. Gore Ouseley, Bart.	...	...	G. Org.
„ J. H. Banks	...	...	G.I.G.
„ C. T. Speight	...	...	G. Tyler.

Grand Stewards: J. S. Cumberland, R. N. Howard, Thos. Taylor, John Tomkins, Cornelius Davies, John O. Marsh, George Ker, Percy Wallis, Henry Faijar, William March, A. Crocknell, and W. C. Gilles.

GENERAL BOARD.

Appointed by M.W. Grand Master: M.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, President; Bro. C. H. Matier, Robert Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, Alfred Williams, Wm. Roebuck, O. H. Pearson.

Nominated by Bro. Henry Venn and elected by the brethren: Bro. E. C. Mather, James Moon, R. P. Spice, Chas. H. Driver, Herbert Dicketts

Bro. BINCKES announced that he had received apologies for inability to attend from the following brethren:

Bros. the Earl of Kintore, D.G.M.; Lord Egerton and Tatton, Prov. Grand Master Cheshire; Wm. Kelly, Prov. Grand Master Leicestershire; Lieut.-Col. F. Gough, Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire; Rev. C. R. Davy, Prov. Grand Master Gloucestershire; W. A. F. Powell, Prov. Grand Master Bristol; W. J. Hickman, G.J.W.; Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Past Grand Warden; W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Warden; G. P. Brockbank, Past Grand Warden; C. F. Matier, Past Grand Warden; J. Brook Smith, Grand Master Overseer; Magnus Ohren, Past Grand Overseer; Capt. J. C. Hay, Past Grand Overseer; Wm. Roebuck, Past Grand Overseer; Rev. F. C. W. de Crespigny, G. Chap.; Rev. Ambrose Hall, Past Grand Chap.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, Past Grand Chap.; Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., Past Grand Chap.; Rev. R. P. Bent, Past Grand Chap.; Alex. Spears, Past Grand Deacon; E. T. Inskip, Past Grand Deacon; J. Mattison, Past Grand Deacon; Chas. S. Lane, Past Grand Deacon; C. H. Driver, Past G.I. of Wks.; R. W. Edie, G.I. of Wks.; Fred. Long, G. Swd. Br.; G. Ward Verry, P.G. Swd. Br.; Thos. J. Pulley, P.G.D.; Thos. Poore, P.G.I.G.; Geo. Carter, G.S.; W. T. Clarke, Past Grand Steward; John Barker, Past Grand Steward; F. W. Ansell, Past Grand Steward; Edwin Gilbert, Past Grand Steward; J. H. Glendinning, Past Grand Steward; J. F. Tweedale, P.G. Org.; Geo. Toller, jun., G.D.; W. T. Belcher, P.G. Org.; W. Stephens, G.S.; R. J. Mure, P.G. Org.; Major Dunbar, G.S.; G. J. McKay, P.G.D.; Dr. W. Watson, G.A.D. of C.; Thos. Howkins, G. Org.; W. Watkins, G.A.D. of C.; and Rev. W. S. Moses, P.G. Chap.

Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet in Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed.

Lord HENNIKER, in proposing the toast "The Queen and Mark Masonry," said that it was a toast always well received amongst Masons, and especially among Mark Masons, who, even among Masons, were remarkable for their loyalty.

Bro. ELSE, in rising to propose "The Health of the M.W.G.M.M.M.," said that having been honoured with the gavel for the purpose of proposing this toast, he was sure that it would be drunk with a truly Masonic love and enthusiasm which was most justly deserved. He was sure that the brethren would agree with him when he said that the toast he had to propose was "The Health of the M.W.G.M. of Mark Masons, Lord Henniker." The Mark Master Masons' Degree had been fortunate in securing from time to time as Grand Master brethren not only of high rank in this country, but of great zeal and in every Degree of the Craft, but he ventured to think that Lord Henniker had made his mark quite as conspicuously as any Grand Master who had preceded him by his zeal for the Order, by his great accuracy on every occasion, by his anxiety to promote and do all he could for this Degree. He had endeared himself to the heart of every Mark Master Mason through the length and breadth of the land.

Lord HENNIKER, who was received with applause, said it was difficult for him to adequately express his thanks for the very kind manner in which Bro. Else had proposed his health. He fully appreciated, and took greatly to heart all their kindness. It fully repaid him for all he could possibly do. At the same time, he could only repeat what he said in Grand Lodge that day—if he had joined the brethren of this Order it was because he had one motive before him, which was to do his best to perform his duty. He had, of course, to do a great deal but he did not think that anybody could deny that in gaining popularity among the brethren in the Order he had laid down a simple rule, viz., to do his duty. The brethren would, he trusted, forgive him for any shortcomings in addressing them, as he was suffering from a very severe cold, so it was difficult to speak intelligibly; he would, however, do his best. It was his custom on these occasions to give a resumé of what had taken place during the year. He thought he might tell them that Mark Masonry was very flourishing at the present time. He had been looking into the matter most carefully. He had been made to go to many different provinces and counties during the past year of his office, and he had seen a report connected with the way in which Mark Masonry was carried on throughout the country, and as long as there was that spirit it required no impetus of any sort to make it a complete success. During the past year they had not had so many Mark lodges made as formerly, but it was a very large number, namely, nineteen. He was aware there were one or two more likely to be made shortly, and possibly Bro. Dewar knew of some more. They showed that they were keeping up their number, a great number of brethren were advanced. He (the Chairman), was at one lodge where 19 were advanced in the degree. He was told that there was one in which as many as 28 had been advanced. A large number had been advanced in all the counties under his jurisdiction. The number advanced during the two years of his presidency was unexampled in the annals of Mark Masonry. During the two years in which he had been elected nearly 3000 had been advanced in Mark Masonry, and he

believed that in no other year had more than 1100 or 1200 been advanced. That made the average of the two years 1500. He had during the past year had to visit several counties, and had had the pleasure of going himself to the formation of three new provinces. During the year there had been six new provinces formed—one in Westmorland, New Zealand; one in the Mediterranean; one in Montreal; another in Tasmania, and another in Nottingham. Another that he had attended was in East Anglia. He was very anxious, belonging as he did to East Anglia, being at heart an East Anglian, during the time he was Mark Master that Mark Masonry should flourish in East Anglia. There were now two Mark Lodges there, and strong ones too. He had to mention another circumstance. During his year of office he had brought himself under his own jurisdiction by accepting a Provincial Grand Mastership. After hesitating a good deal he had thought that perhaps just for one year they might keep together, and so he had consented. His friends were anxious that a friend of his should be appointed Prov. Grand Master, and he hoped with the assistance of his able friend, Bro. Martyn, the work of the Provincial Grand Master for East Anglia would be duly carried on. When they elected another Worshipful Grand Master in his stead he would have no more loyal subject than the Provincial Grand Master of East Anglia. He wished to say just one word before he sat down as to the way in which the Grand Lodge had been received by the brethren throughout the country. He thanked the brethren of Birmingham for the way in which when they went there they were received; and he also thanked the brethren of Nottingham for the reception met with there; and he was quite sure that the brethren of East Anglia were anxious to entertain the W.M. and his officers as well as they were able. He thought it right for him to say how heartily they had been received in the important cities—it was only right that when brethren undertook to entertain them properly the Grand Master should acknowledge what they had done. He did not think that they would require him to say any more on that point; he would only, therefore, add that the cordiality he had met with had given him every encouragement in the efforts he had made to advance the Order, and he assured them that, as he had tried to the utmost to do his duty, so he would during his remaining year of office; and when he laid down his position of their Grand Master he should be sorry to sever some things. He still might hand over to his successor the Order in as advancing and successful a state as when his predecessor handed them to him (Lord Henniker), and he hoped that it would advance in usefulness. He would like to say one more word, as this was the last time that he would be installed their Grand Master—he hoped that when he became a Past Grand Master the brethren would allow him to take an active part in the management of the Grand Mark Lodge.

In proposing "The Health of the M.W.P.G.M.Ms.," the W.M. said they had seen that day amongst them Bro. Beach who was a brother who never failed to promote the interests of the Order. They had also seen amongst them a brother whom they all very greatly respected and whom he would venture to congratulate, and that was the M.W. Past Grand Master, Bro. Portal, who had been able to move with his usual force the recommendations of the General Board, and whom he hoped to see amongst them for many years. He knew all the Past Grand Masters pretty well and he talked to them very often about Mark Masonry; he believed they all did their best for the advancement of the Order, and he hoped that they might see them from time to time amongst them. As they got older however it was not easy to secure their presence on these occasions. He thought it had been his fortune during his term of office to see one member of the royal family one of the Past Grand Masters, and as he had already told them in lodge he hoped they would soon see another of the royal family amongst them. He was one of those whose time was so fully taken up that he hardly had a moment to spare, yet he had never neglected to give all the time he could spare in the services of Freemasonry. The Chairman said he was sorry no Past Grand Master was present, Bro. Portal's health would not allow him to remain and Bro. Beach was also unable to stay. That however need not prevent their drinking their health.

The CHAIRMAN said the next toast that he had the pleasure to propose was that of "The Health of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He was sorry that his noble friend the Deputy Grand Master was not present, among other reasons because he always felt stronger when the Deputy Grand Master was at his side. He thought they would have received him as he deserved, and would have shown him as he deserved that he was popular among Mark Masons. In proposing this toast the Chairman said he had first of all to perform a most pleasing task, and to thank the Past Grand Officers for the way in which they had supported their Grand Master during the past year. He hoped that the present Grand Officers would have a harder year's work. Wherever he had been and whenever the interests of the Order had been at stake he had always found the Past Grand Officers at his side to support him. He wished to thank especially Bro. Binckes, the Grand Secretary; Bro. Dewar, the Assistant Grand Secretary; and Bro. Davison. Without going further he would say that all the Grand Officers had ably supported him. He must not omit the name of Bro. Berridge. He hoped the present Grand Officers would have a year of pretty hard work, and he would now propose to drink "The Health of the Present Grand Officers." Unlike the Past Grand Officers he could not thank those who had been that day appointed for what they had done, though he could thank those who had been and still were Grand Officers, but he could tell those who had been just appointed that they were expected to work hard for the benefit of the Order. With this toast he would couple the name of Col. Bignold.

Col. BIGNOLD said it had fallen upon him, through the kindness of the Grand Master, to return thanks for the Grand Officers. With the Grand Master he regretted the absence of Lord Kintore, because of the loss of the admirable speech which they were sure to have had from him. He could not, however, but feel proud that the distinguished duty of replying to this toast had fallen upon him. For himself he loved Masonry, and had always loved it, and he did not less love it since he had become a Mark Mason, and he did not love it less since he had seen the admirable way in which the Grand Master had performed the duties of his high office. When the Grand Master had done him the honour to make him one of his Grand Officers he had been pleased to allude to the Province of East Anglia, to which they both belonged. The Province of East Anglia, which was known to be famous for its wise men, had shown that it had not lost its wisdom when it selected the Grand Master to rule over them. The Grand Master had done them the honour to be present when 28 Mark Masons were advanced; since that they had added 18 last week, and had 58 working members. Before he sat down he desired to say how much he felt that the spirit of true Freemasonry was not dead, that the keystone of the arch was still alive, and under the

Grand Master's most worthy superintendence they felt that love and charity and brotherly kindness was the true keystone of the arch of Masonry.

Bro. RANDALL, P.G. Chaplain, in proposing the next toast said that it was a very important one, "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund." There was no single degree in Freemasonry into which benevolence did not enter, not a lodge in which the principle was not received, not a brother who did not admit it as a duty. In some degrees it was inculcated upon each from the time he is installed to diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence and to distribute alms to the poor, to clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted—these were the duties laid upon Freemasonry, and he was sure the brethren would agree with him that it did great and high honour to the institution of which they were proud to be members. Might he not hope to see these principles carried practically into effect. They had been told that Mark Masonry was flourishing; Masonry in every degree was flourishing, and he thought he might say the benevolent funds in every degree were flourishing. They would be able to hear from the brother who would respond for this toast full details of this benevolent fund. Sometimes they heard sneers from the outside world and sometimes in their ignorance they had some foundation for their accusations. Probably some few of the outside world who had looked on, as some had looked on that evening, had found them engaged at the hospitable board, and might say, These Masons assemble for nothing but eating and drinking. He was not one to encourage such attacks, because he thought that the labourer was worthy of his hire and that they must not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. He was sure that there were no Masons who had sat round these hospitable boards who did not feel that they had spent some of the happiest and most profitable hours of their lives in so doing. Why was this? Because in the midst of their enjoyment they did not forget the wants of others. He had himself often wished perhaps that a bottle of champagne less, or some wonderful dish the less, had been ordered, and that the money should rather have gone into a benevolent fund. He trusted he might be excused for having thrown out that remark. There was no institution in the kingdom according to numbers, not the Church of which he was a minister, nor any association existing, according to its numbers, that did so much in the way of benevolence as the three Masonic Institutions. After some further remarks the speaker proposed the toast "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund," coupling with it the name of the man who had done more perhaps than any other to promote the success of Mark Masonry, and who, he was sure, had done more than any man to promote the success of the Mark Benevolent Fund—Bro. Binckes.

Bro. BINCKES, in replying to the toast, said he was afraid that the extreme approval his excellent friend, Bro. Randall, had bestowed upon him had deprived him of the power of replying to the toast which he had proposed in such eloquent terms. While he believed Bro. Randall perfectly sincere in every word he had said, he was sure that everyone present would believe him (Bro. Binckes) equally sincere when he said that it was enough for him to have achieved that great success which had been alluded to, because he desired the glory to be shared by those with whom he had been associated in the charities of Mark Masonry. It had been his (Bro. Binckes's) duty for a number of years to interest his brethren in Freemasonry in the cause of charity and to devote the best of those poor powers with which he had been gifted to that charity, which he believed to be the greatest ornament of the order, and he thought he might say that he had not got an altogether unsuccessful answer. He believed that next year would bring his silver wedding with regard to Mark Masonry. From what a very small origin had these great results been achieved. There were very few brethren who knew the difficulty Mark Masonry had had to contend with. The announcement made by the Grand Master that evening was he thought the crowning honour that could be conferred upon the degree when he said that he was not permitting himself, even with those who occupied the highest position either in the State or Freemasonry, to indulge in terms of polite adulation, but he thought that one who since his election had won the heart of every Mason to him—that they had a right to congratulate themselves upon the honour conferred upon their Order by the announcement made by their Grand Master that evening. And he said this for the purpose of adding the remark that he did not think anyone better than himself could tell how much they owed to the Grand Master for the success of Mark Masonry. The M.W.G.M. would allow him to say that it was entirely attributable to his good offices that this honour had been brought to them. It gave them additional reason for saying that since the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1855-56 they had never been presided over by one who set up for himself a higher standard of duty for the advancement of the Order. In the cause of charity with which this toast had been associated Lord Henniker had done all in his power. In reference to the Mark Benevolent Fund they had always found Lord Henniker a staunch supporter. It could not fail to bring to their recollection those memorable words used by H.R.H. when he was installed, that the two great watch words of Freemasonry were loyalty and charity. The Grand Master had said that evening that no Englishmen were so loyal as Masons, and among Masons there were none so loyal as Mark Masons. He (Bro. Binckes) did not hesitate to say that they were the "crème de la crème" of Freemasonry. He would claim for Mark Masonry that whether in reference to loyalty or charity they were always in the front. With regard to the Mark Benevolent Fund, he had to announce that the ensuing annual festival would be presided over by Bro. Pryce Pryce, P.G.M. for South Wales. Bro. Randall in proposing this toast had alluded to enjoyments of the table which he found; but he (Bro. Binckes) would ask him whether his experience did not extend to this—that whenever a gathering took place in connection with the Church, to which he had referred, whether to lay a foundation stone or to form a mission for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, something in the way of hospitality was always to be found. He knew that Freemasons spent an enormous amount of money for their own enjoyment, but it was through that means that their hearts were warmed to that extent to unloose the breeches pocket or the purse within that pocket to contribute to the Masonic Institutions. He might mention that the adhesion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was, subject to the condition that it was not to be understood for a moment as justifying any attempt on the part of the Mark Masons to seek or claim recognition in the shape of amalgamation with the Grand Lodge of England. On this subject Bro. Binckes said that Mark Masters no longer thought it desirable, even if it were possible that there should be any such amalgamation.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Baron DE FERRIERS, and was responded to by Bro. DALRYMPLE DUNBAR, who referred in his speech to the position which Mark Masonry held in Scotland in reference to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

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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.]

HONORARY MEMBERS.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly with your usual courtesy instruct me in the following questions?

If a brother is elected an honorary member of a lodge has he to be annually re-elected? and has he the privilege of voting in the lodge? And, if he is a P.M., and not a subscribing member to any other lodge, does he lose his rank of P.M.?—Yours fraternally, P.P.G.S. of W.

[To the first and second questions, No. In the third case the brother loses his rank if not a subscribing member to quoad Grand lodge.—Ed. F.M.]

TITLES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

May I point out to you an error into which you not unfrequently fall in the use of Masonic titles. At the first page of your last issue you twice mention the "District Grand Superintendent of Montreal." There is no such title in Royal Arch Masonry, the head of a district or province in that degree being known as "Grand Superintendent" only, by which title he is styled throughout in the correspondence to which your leaderette refers.—Yours fraternally, D.S.

[We used the word, we admit, incorrectly, but did so to mark the actual status of the local authority.—Ed. F.M.]

THE NEW TEMPLE.—THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I regret to differ from the ruling of the Pro Grand Master at Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, confirmed as it was by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, but the evidence of my own eyes, and in the opinion of many brethren around me, among whom was our respected P.G.W., Bro. John Havers, seemed to indicate that Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, and not Bro. Raynham Stewart, obtained the majority of votes of Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee of four to advise as to the new building of Freemasons' Hall.—Yours fraternally,

PAST GRAND OFFICER.

POLLING AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am glad that you have noticed the discreditable, but unavoidable jostling which took place at the polling for the Girls' School House Committee on Thursday last. Arrangements there were none, and the whole inconvenience might have been easily avoided by the simple precaution of placing two brethren at the entrance door to prevent the admission into the Yarrowborough room of more voters than it could conveniently accommodate at one time.—Yours fraternally, H.D.

A BEGGING MASON.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of the 19th ult. you published a letter from Bro. Francis, of Havant, warning Almoners and others against one James Donovan representing himself to be a member of St. Patrick's Lodge, Johnstown, New York State. Donovan applied to our lodge for assistance on May 3rd, and produced a letter purporting to come from Bro. B. E. White, Secretary of St. Patrick's Lodge. I have since communicated with Bro. White, who has replied, denouncing the letter as a forgery. Donovan appears to have obtained possession of a genuine letter from Bro. White, written on paper bearing the lodge stamp and note heading; but the original letter has been obliterated and a forgery substituted. This document is now in our possession, but as it is possible that a similar fraud may be attempted, I am desired to warn brethren against this impostor.—I am, dear sir and brother, yours faithfully and fraternally, J. H. HAWES, Secretary 38.

P.S.—Bro. Francis in his letter gave a good description of Donovan, which it would be well to repeat: "About 5 ft. 10 in. high; thick brown moustache, no whiskers or beard; looks hearty and strong, and a bit sunburnt; and has a very slight impediment in his speech."

REVIEWS

MEDICAL ECONOMY DURING THE MIDDLE AGES. By Bro. G. F. FORT. J. Boulton, 706, Broadway, New York. B. Quaritch, 15, Piccadilly, London.

Bro. Fort, who is known to many of our readers by his taking and picturesque "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry" to which we have often called attention in our columns, and for which there has been in our opinion deservedly a wide demand, now claims our sympathetic attention by another very striking and interesting work, though on a very different subject. The same flow of melodious diction, and the same grouping of special incidents, the same laborious compilation from, for the most part, inaccessible authorities, will also serve to commend this new work to the serious perusal of a fresh circle of professional and we will fain believe grateful readers. For this work of Bro. Fort gives the medical profession a great many interesting facts, and puts before them certain considerations which they perhaps have never seen treated before or realized in so lucid and collected a measure. We have conscientiously read the volume from the first to the last page, and we can only recommend professionals and unprofessionals, Sceptics and Nihilists, if any such exist, in respect of a lay commentary and criticism on medical history and discoveries, to read the book for themselves. We shall be quite satisfied with the verdict of such an intelligent jury and can pretty nearly predicate before hand what the verdict will be. We are aware that the members of our medical schools naturally object to unexpert works and witnesses as regards their most important science. Some may "prima facie" be inclined to doubt whether a lawyer can write anything worth reading on such a purely technical subject. But we think if they turn over carefully the long pages bristling with facts and illustrative statements, replete with information and statistics, with novel details and ancient evidences, they will see cause not to regret their study of a singularly prepossessing work. The 228 chapters contain an enormous amount of professional and historical data, data such as we have never seen collected together before, and we can only wonder at the industry which has accumulated, the patience which has sifted, the accuracy which has developed, the digestion which has assimilated such a mass of minute details and historical memoranda. Bro. Fort shows us how the medical science came through Rome from Greece, with perhaps a derivation from Egypt; as all Greek arts and mysteries emerged from that wondrous land of Mizraim. Taken in hand by the Roman priests it eventually degenerated into empiricism and fantastic formulæ of every kind, until ameliorated if not revived by the undoubted learning of Celsus, and the ability of Galen of Pergamos. He mentions other medical names which it is needless to enumerate here, and touches upon one or two curious and moot points too as regards hospitals. It has been doubted whether the Romans knew of the hospital in our sense, though the word is clearly of Latin origin. There were "hospitia" in the Roman towns for communal and personal guests, and physicians were paid by the municipalities to attend the poor and friendless. The temples of Æsculapius are understood to have been localities and institutions to which all could go for healing and cure; but it has been said that of the latter hospital there is no trace among the Romans and Greeks. This however may be doubted. In the Roman armies there were hospitals for sick soldiers, and for sick horses "veterinaria," hence our word "veterinary," and the "valetudinarium" of the Roman army for sick soldiers may have been the type of later hospitals. The "Tesseræ hospitalitatis" enabled the bearer to receive communal and individual hospitality from town to town, and there is no reason why medical attendance should not have been included. Be this as it may, the hospital as we have it now seems to have developed from the Lazar houses of the Crusades, and the special movement of last century. During the Middle Ages the Convent and religious houses had undoubtedly general and special infirmaries, and medical attendance and advice and help for the sick poor. It is remarkable to note how Gnostic theories of earlier professors of the healing art, and the Cabalistic teaching of the Hebrew physicians, at one time a very important body, affected all the earlier medical teaching and usages in Europe, and how the use of charms and occult means, and a dependence on, if we may so say, the supernatural element, marked the dogmatic teaching and practical outcome of mediæval times. The most ridiculous remedies, the most revolting prescriptions, the most barbarous and torturing operations are gravely suggested and warmly commended. Curiously enough, the revival of learning seems again to have been brought to the fore, the treatises of Celsus and the dicta of Galen. There was in very early days a great school of anatomy at Alexandria, and Celsus had to deal with the even then vexed question of vivisection at Rome. From the fall of the Roman Empire to the full sway of mediævalism, medical science, such as it was, was confined to the remnants of the old medical schools, monastic mediciners, barber-surgeons, the lay, the clerical quack. Medical science seems to have been a compound of effete notions and childish "nostrums," with a mournful jumble of alchemical jargon and quasi-learned dogmata, the diluted recipes and practices of the ignorant and the impostor. And we fear,—yes, we fear very much, as was but the natural result,—that the great outcome of mediæval medical science rested still more upon a basis of quackery and impiety combined, on ridiculous charms, on nauseous remedies, on fantastic notions, on useless operations, on a combined system of gnostic, cabalistic, occultist charlatanism, which must have caused fearful agonies often to the suffering patients, though probably as Bro. Fort points out a very lucrative occupation for noisy quacks, and conscienceless professors of the so-called healing art. Until quite late, though there were schools and universities even for medicine, the "grundwerk," to use a German term, was quackery, and the application barbarism. What the suffering of some of these unfortunate victims of empiricism must have been whom Bro. Fort mentions it is sad to remember and painful to realize. We are indebted to Bro. Fort for much novel information, and many striking facts, and we feel sure that his work, as an effective contribution to a correct

"diagnosis" of the history and economy of medicine and "mediciners," will be received with courteous criticism and friendly greeting, by that really great profession whose members, happily for us all, are always ready to add to ancient formulæ the gathered wisdom of centuries, the ever new, exciting, and invaluable discoveries of modern science, modern originality, and modern manipulation. Medicine seems to come from "medens" or "mederi," and the Greek "medo," to command, just as "medicus," the medical man, comes from the same root, and is identical with "iatros" in the Greek. In early French "Medecin" is used under various forms, though the word is not always to be found as a pure French word. In "Mesnage," the word is said to be synonymous with "Meige" or "Mege," an old provincial word at Bourges and elsewhere, just as in Auvergne the words Megissier, Megisseur, means also medicus, and which seems as with the former word to point to an oriental origin. Surgeon comes from chirurgien, chirurgus, cheirurgos, and Physician from physicien, phisicus, phusikos, one who professes to explain or searches into natural philosophy and the secrets of nature.

Masonic Notes and Queries

185] **RANDOLPH HOLMES.**
Can my investigating friend Bro. Rylands tell me which Randle Holmes is alluded to in "Heraldic Miscellanies," page 19, as being "a paynter in the City of Chester," and prosecuted by Sir W. Dugdale Garter, in 1677, for setting up without authority certain "atchievements" at the funeral of Sir Ralph Ashton, of Middleton, and in the city of Chester in sundry churches and others, to wit, Bredworth, Nether Pever, Hooton, in Cheshire; Biddulph, in Staffordshire; and Chirke, in North Wales?
MASONIC STUDENT.

186] **PAPAL BULLS FOR FREEMASONS.**
Sir W. Dugdale is clearly the "Fautor" of this theory in England. Has any search ever been made amid his MSS. in the Ashmolean Library?
MASONIC STUDENT.

187] **ELIAS ASHMOLE.**
It seems very odd that we cannot find out where the bulk of Elias Ashmole's papers went or are. Dr. Rawlinson and probably Sir Hans Sloane bought some, but others are still extant somewhere. In the earlier and later editions of the "Biographia Britannica" allusion is distinctly made to "collections," and what others and myself want to know is, where are these "collections" now? Ashmole knew Sir Christopher Wren and Dr. Plot, and Dr. Plot gave him his history of Staffordshire, and he had a constant correspondence with Dr. Wilkins and others. I think it would be important, and might elicit some valuable information if Bro. Gould, who is closely attending to the subject, would collate what is said about Ashmole's collections in the "Biographia Britannica," earlier and later, and give us a short or long note here thereon.
BOOK WORM.

188] **GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.**
Has any brother a certificate of an Ancient lodge "under the old Constitutions," dated between 1751 and 1812? If so, will he kindly favour me with a careful copy of the seal? I want also particulars as to date of issue, the name both of the lodge and the brother in whose favour it was issued, as well as the (then) number and place of meeting, which were always inserted on the margin. It is not necessary that the Masonic arms on the seal should be drawn, though better, if possible. I am more particular about the inscription round it.
J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

189] **GLAMORGAN LODGE.**
It seems a great pity that queries like that of Bro. F. Garrett Horder, in No. 743 of the *Freemason*, should remain unanswered in your columns. The Glamorgan Lodge was originally under the "Ancients," and consequently, unless the minutes prior to 1808 can be found in or near the lodge, I fear Bro. Garrett Horder must make up his mind that they have been destroyed. Were all records of the ancient lodges systematically destroyed at the Union? Has any brother met with evidence bearing on this destruction? The Derwent Lodge, Hastings, No. 36, under the Ancients (now 40) would be co-existent with the Glamorgan Lodge, and it would be interesting to know what records it possesses prior to 1813. Cannot some brother do for the Derwent Lodge what Bro. Francis has so well done for No. 56? I observe the warrant of the Derwent Lodge is given by Bro. Francis in his "History of Sussex," p. 126.
J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

190] **RE BROWNE'S "MASTER KEY."**
If Bro. J. Ramsden Riley has not discovered the key to Browne's "Master Key," I shall be pleased to send it to him, if he will transcribe the first page of the ritual and send me. I have the Key to the 1798 edit., having found it out after a little trouble.
W. J. HUGHAN.

191] **OLD WARRANTS.**
I shall esteem it a favour if brethren will send me, or communicate with the Editor of the *Freemason*, as to any old warrants prior to 1730. We want copies of such original documents before that year, but as yet I have not come across one, the old lodges I have traced having later confirmation Charters.
W. J. HUGHAN.

192] **AN OLD LODGE.**
In the minute book of the Royal Lancashire Lodge, Colne, No. 116, there is the following record viz:—"February 25th, 1782. This day being the funeral of James Shackleton, we marched in procession to the Church in good order and decorum in commemoration of his memory, he being a member of our lodge upwards of 50 years, aged 83 years." Although the present charter is dated 1762, the above is pretty strong evidence that the lodge must have been in existence long before that time, especially so as there is another record in 1760, which runs thus: "It is agreed this 27th day of March, 1760, by us whose names are hereto subscribed being Freemasons and members of a lodge held at John Petty's, the sign of the Hole in the Wall in Colne." After setting forth various details this is signed by 31 members.
MANCUNIAM.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF SUSSEX.

This interesting Masonic event took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday afternoon last, at two o'clock. The Prov. Grand Master, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., presided. Over fifty brethren sat down to a cold luncheon. The tables were laid for nearly one hundred, but at the last moment many who had taken tickets were unable to attend owing to the ceremony of turning the first sod of the Dyke Railway, which took place at the same time, and at which many, in their official capacity, were obliged to be present, notably Bros. Alderman Davy, Hallett, Bridgen, and Abbey. A great number of letters were received from all parts of Sussex and from several officers of the Grand Lodge: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, Dr. Pigott, Peter de Lande Long, Horace Jones, John R. Holland, M.P.; W. Batley, H. Evill, Joseph Farncombe, W. H. Hallett, H. Davey, Jas. Stride, Jas. Eberall, A. S. Price, Lord A. Hill, M.P., C. J. Smith, W. L. Harris, Dr. Trollope, J. L. Brigden, E. A. Head, G. De Paris, G. Cole, Fryman, and Pidcock. The Chairman had on his right hand Bro. Scott (his deputy, who was the guest of the day), and Bros. Kuhe, P.G.O., Wood, P.G. Purst., Dixon, Rev. Dr. McCarogher, Rev. Dr. O'Brien, F. W. Gruggin, Dr. Alfred King, C. R. Burrell, and others; and on his left Bros. Crosskey, Wyndham Burrell, Gerard Ford, Lavers, T. Wilkinson, and others. The vice-chairs were occupied by Bro. Kidd, Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund, and Bro. W. H. Gibson, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, who was supported by Bros. V. P. Freeman, Billing, C. W. Hudson, H. R. Wood, jun., T. Francis, H. Dennant, Kemball Cook, J. Morris, Medcalf, and others.

After the luncheon Sir W. W. BURRELL briefly but heartily gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. W. KUHE, P.G.O., responded on behalf of "The Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Personally, he felt great pleasure in being present on such an interesting occasion, and while the officers of Grand Lodge took great interest in all that concerned the general working of Freemasonry, it was gratifying to know that several of them had subscribed to Bro. Scott's testimonial and would have been present that day but for unforeseen circumstances.

Bro. GERARD FORD, Prov. G. Reg. and P. Prov. G. S.D. Lincolnshire, rose and said the gavel had been entrusted to him for the purpose of submitting to the brethren the next toast, being that of "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Sir Walter Wyndham Burrell, Bart., M.P.," and considering the very interesting object for which they were assembled, he felt they were exceptionally fortunate in being presided over that day by their much-esteemed Prov. Grand Master. Indeed, without his genial presence their proceedings would have lacked that which gave completeness to the gathering, and he was sure that their W.D.P.G.M., whom they were met together to honour, would feel most gratified that the coming presentation was to be made under the direct presidency of Sir Walter Burrell. Bro. G. Ford continued that although by a sort of fiction it was supposed that excellent persons shrank from hearing their excellencies alluded to, still he believed there could be no indiscretion in referring even in his presence to the acknowledged worth of their chief, for that was a matter of simple truth known to them all. Not that he (Bro. Ford) had any intention of recapitulating the many public and private virtues of their Prov. Grand Master. It was enough to call upon those around that table to remember the present advantageous position of Freemasonry in the province brought about under his ægis. Bro. Ford concluded by assuring the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master that he possessed at the hands of the brethren generally their complete respect as Masons, their entire affections as men, and their earnest hope and desire that he might long live to preside over them, and thus to prolong the welfare of their Craft in the Province of Sussex. The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Sir W. W. BURRELL, who heartily thanked the brethren present for their kindness, said he was not going to make a long speech about himself, because he was anxious to get on to the order of the day, which was, as they all knew, to present to their excellent friend and brother the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Scott, the testimonial which the brethren of the province now offered for his acceptance. It was very pleasing to himself to be present, and to have the honour and delight of handing to Bro. Scott a testimonial worthy of his acceptance as he was worthy to receive it. It would be needless for him to recapitulate Bro. Scott's services to Freemasonry in the province. They were well known to them all, and extended over the lengthened period of 30 years. Whenever and wherever his presence was necessary he was always to be found, not only willing but able to perform, in a manner few could emulate and none surpass, the duties required of him. Bro. Scott came of a Masonic family, his father, his grandfather, and uncle were eminent brothers, so that his name and his career were historic in this province. Bro. Scott knew how great was the regard which he himself bore towards him. They differed in other matters which often estranged people; but Bro. Scott and he were entirely agreed about Masonry, and he hoped as long as he held the responsible position of Prov. Grand Master he might always have the valuable co-operation of his highly esteemed Deputy. Sir Walter Burrell then presented the testimonial, accompanying each object with appropriate, hearty, and humorous remarks.

The testimonial consisted of a cheque, an illuminated record, bound in purple levant morocco, executed by Mr. F. Curtis, and which Bro. Scott spoke of as in itself an admirable work of art, containing a list of the subscribers, and a silver goblet, bearing the following inscription: "This cup was presented, together with a purse of 700 guineas, by the Freemasons of Sussex to W. Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D. England, Dep. Prov. G. Master Sussex, P.M. 271, of which lodge he was W.M. in the years 1850, 1866, and 1877, P.G. Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, Prov. G.H. of Sussex, and P.Z. of Nos. 38, 271, and 732, as a grateful testimony of the zeal with which he has long illustrated the duties of Masonry by his precepts, and enforced them by his example. Anno Domini, 1883."

Bro. JOHN HENDERSON SCOTT on rising to respond was most warmly received. He said he must claim their indulgence if he did but feebly return them his thanks. He had not been well for many weeks past, and he did not

feel quite equal to the occasion. Under any circumstances, however, it would be impossible for him to thank them sufficiently for all their goodness towards him. He thanked Sir Walter for his kindness in being present. It had been very gratifying to him to hear how much interest he had taken from the first in the movement on his behalf, and he could assure him that the pleasure he experienced in accepting the very handsome testimonial was considerably enhanced by the fact that he received it at his hands. He could not pretend to any surprise at what had just taken place, having known for some time past of their generous intentions towards him. But that knowledge did not lessen his gratitude to them nor diminish his astonishment at the magnitude of their liberality. He had often been present when testimonials had been presented to other people, and he had read in the newspapers of many more, and when the individual to whom the testimonial had been given had said (and they always did say so) that he felt unworthy of the compliment paid to him, the honour conferred upon him or the generosity shown him, he had always thought it was a kind of *façon de parler*, a sort of something to say, and he never quite believed until that moment that the recipient really thought himself so undeserving as he described himself. He did not however believe that it was possible to use those expressions with sincerity, for never until then had he been in a position to realise what a man feels when he receives some great benefit which he never expected or even wished for. Had their gift been less substantial he should have been equally grateful to them, but he might, nay, probably he would have thought it was, in some way, a return for the services he had been enabled to render to Freemasonry during the last thirty years; but their munificence deprived him of all self-laudation, and in very truth made him feel that they had greatly over-estimated his services, which were miserably inadequate to so splendid a recognition. At the same time he believed that they did not wish him to look upon that noble gift as a recompense for work done, but rather as a token of their goodwill towards him. (Applause.) If it were in any sense a recompense, then he could have received it only with humiliation, for the reward would have far exceeded his deserts; but if it were a token of regard, then he accepted it with pride and satisfaction, and should always consider it a measure of their fraternal affection towards him—most bountiful! (Applause.) He had intended to have addressed them at greater length, but found he could not do so then. There were times when their feelings overmastered them; when a stronger will than their own took possession of them, compelling them to do those things they would not, and preventing them doing what they would. For instance, there were touching passages in books so full of pathos, that as they read them their tears fell upon the page ere they had power to control them; there were strains of music so sad, sweet, and solemn that when they heard them in moments either of great sorrow or great happiness, they awakened responsive echoes in their own breasts, and whether they would or no, caused their hearts to throb with emotions they could scarce restrain; there were stirring and striking incidents in life which, when they occurred, in an instant kindled them with enthusiasm, roused their whole being into an ecstasy of unspeakable joy, or lashed their souls into a paroxysm of passionate rage and resentment; and there were unexpected acts of great kindness, so spontaneous in their origin and so generous and beneficent in their operation, that when they happened to themselves they were completely overwhelmed, and could only falter their thanks with hesitating words and quivering lips. It was so with him then; their great generosity unmanned him, and he felt that, were he to say more about it, he should break down and play the woman. He would, therefore, in the simplest words, but with the utmost sincerity, thank them for their presents. The cup was a facsimile in size, shape, and substance of one given to his grandfather by the Masons of Sussex 77 years ago. It also bore the same inscription. It was a fancy of his that it should be so. It was his earliest desire when he entered Freemasonry—and he said so when he was installed for the first time W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge in 1859—to follow in the same footsteps as those of his own family who had preceded him in the Craft; to reach the same eminence they attained, and to keep alive the name and reputation of Scott in the Province of Sussex. The cup assured him that his desire had been accomplished, and as it stood as a companion to that other cup on his sideboard, it would tell all those who saw it that the Freemasons of 1883 held him in the same regard as the Freemasons of 1806 held his grandfather. That might be all sentiment—be it so; he nevertheless thanked them for giving him the opportunity of indulging in it, for it made him glad. The beautifully illustrated record of the event he should always cherish. It was, in itself, an admirable work of art, and as he looked down the long list of names he should be reminded how many good brethren he could call his friends. There were many names of brethren absent which he would gladly have seen there, but he had the satisfaction of knowing, although the recollection was a sad one, that their names did not appear, not because of any pique or resentment against him, but because they were no longer living to record them. He could mention more than 20 dear and intimate brethren who would have rejoiced in that day's proceedings, and whose names he believed would have been written in that book, who during the past very few years, have been summoned from their abode on earth to the Grand Lodge above. Then with regard to the money—the dress, the filthy lucre—well, he would not affect to despise it. He would not turn away his face from it in disgust while gladly transferring the goodly cheque to his pocket, but would frankly admit that it was very acceptable to him, more particularly as he had not inherited that comfortable fortune which rumour had lately credited him with. He would not indulge in lavish promises of what he would henceforth do in return for all their kindness. It was said "Give a man a testimonial and you spoil him; you will never get any more good work out of him." He trusted that would not be the case with him; on the contrary, he hoped to come amongst them as long as he lived, and when they really required his advice or assistance both would be at their service. Once more, for the cup, the record, and the cheque, but, above all, for the kindly and fraternal feeling which had induced them to confer those benefits upon him, he thanked them with all his heart. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Bro. LAVERS proposed "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge."

Bro. J. M. KIDD, Prov. G.S.W., heartily thanked the brethren for the cordial reception they had given to the

toast. He was, however, compelled to allude to the event of the afternoon, and shared with Bro. Scott the regret that among other departed brethren their late Bro. G. Smith was not present to participate in the happy gathering. As a Prov. Grand Officer he had experienced great pleasure in working for his dear old friend, Bro. Scott.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, in a humorous speech, also acknowledged the toast.

Bro. J. DIXON proposed "The Committee," to which Bros. F. W. GRUGGEN, W.M. 38, and A. KING, W.M. 371, responded.

Bro. Sir W. W. BURRELL, in proposing "The Health of the Secretary, Bro. S. H. Gibson," said that the sincere thanks of the Freemasons of Sussex were due to him for the very able and truly Masonic manner in which he had carried out the duties which had devolved upon him. He had kept the expenses connected with the testimonial very low, whilst the amount realised was unprecedented, and they all owed him a debt of deep gratitude.

Bro. GIBSON, P.M. 311, W.M. 1636, responding to the toast in a neat and well-appointed speech said that he most sincerely thanked the Prov. Grand Master for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and also the brethren for the very enthusiastic way in which they had responded to it. His feelings were mingled with regret as well as joy, for at the outset he had hoped to raise a sum which would be represented by four figures; but taking into consideration the numerous calls which were made upon the brethren, the sum raised was sufficient to produce a feeling of joy. He did not think that he was entitled to their thanks, for he had only done his duty as became a Freemason. He felt amply repaid for his exertions; in the first place, by serving a brother who was entitled to their greatest admiration and esteem; secondly, by his efforts being crowned with success; and, thirdly, by having given satisfaction to all connected therewith. Every lodge in the province subscribed to the testimonial, with the exception of the Stanford, but as that lodge had only recently been started, their assistance was not solicited. It would, however, be gratifying to the brethren to hear that the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. V. F. Bennett-Stanford, had subscribed liberally to the lodge.

The business of the afternoon was almost strictly confined to the toast list, the only musical selections given being the solos to the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung by Bro. S. H. Soper, and a pianoforte solo by Bro. Kuhé. The proceedings of the meeting were of a thoroughly hearty and interesting character.

PRESENTATION TO A NORTHAMPTON BROTHER.

On Thursday evening, the 31st ult., a banquet was held at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton, the occasion being the presentation to Bro. M. A. Boémé, Esq., P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., and P.P.G. Treas. Norths. and Hunts., &c., of a testimonial, on his leaving Northampton to reside at Worthing. There was an unusually large muster of brethren from the local lodges, and lodges from the more distant parts of the province were also represented. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins, Esq., presided. Bros. J. Kellert, P.Z., P.M., and Geo. Cotton, P.M., P.Z.; occupied the vice-chairs. Bro. Geo. Ellard, P.M., P.G.D.C., officiated as Director of Ceremonies.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and the other Officers of Grand Lodge," having been duly honoured, Bro. T. WETHERELL in an appropriate speech gave "The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Duke of Manchester; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins; and the Provincial Grand Officers present and past," to which Bro. J. U. STANTON, P.G. Treas., suitably responded, remarking that the brethren would be pleased to hear that the Duke of Manchester had arranged to be present at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Peterborough.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proceeded to the special business of the evening, the presentation of the testimonial to Bro. Boémé. In graceful and felicitous terms, he referred to the valuable work Bro. Boémé had done for Masonry in Northampton for many years, and said there were few men who had separated from the scene of their labours after so many years of toil, who had left behind them so many friends or fewer enemies than their distinguished friend and brother whom they had that night met to honour. (Applause.) The precepts of Masonry had been practised by him in his life, and had won for him not only the affectionate goodwill of all with whom he had been brought in contact, but the honour and respect of those who had worked with him in Masonry, and although in the last few years he had not taken the active part he had formerly done, his example had great influence in the working and harmony of the lodge, being rather felt than seen. (Applause.) The testimonial took a two-fold form—duplicate portraits in oils. The one was to remind their brother of very many happy meetings in Norths. and Hunts., also to remind him and his family of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren in Masonry. The other, suspended in their own hall, would remind them that, though he was absent in the body, his example was before them to inspire them in the cause of Masonry, and to influence them in years to come in all their work. On behalf of the brethren, he asked Bro. Boémé to accept the portrait with the fervent prayer that he might enjoy many years of health and happiness in his retirement from business life. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.

The portrait, which has been painted in duplicate, is an excellent likeness. Bro. Everest, of Worthing, is the artist. Each picture has a rich massive gold frame, and have suitable inscriptions.

Bro. BOÉMÉ in responding said it was a moment of great gratification to him. He did not know that he deserved their kindness. It was 24 years last December that he received from his brethren a presentation of plate in acknowledgment of the services they were good enough to consider he had rendered Masonry. That presentation was made by the late Bro. Wm. Roberts, the Mayor of the town. He should greatly appreciate the portrait they had so kindly presented to him, and he thanked them on behalf of his family as well as for himself. Having given a brief retrospect of the past history of Masonry in Northampton, he expressed his pride and pleasure that the local lodges had arrived at a position inferior to none in the kingdom. (Applause.)

Bro. J. T. GREEN, in a practical speech, gave "The Masonic Charitable Institutions," to which Bro. W.

KINGSTON eloquently responded, giving a most interesting description of his visits to and experience of the various establishments and strongly urging the brethren present to assist these Institutions as far as their means allowed.

Bro. the Rev. S. J. W. SANDERS, with his usual humour, proposed "The Visiting Brethren."

Bro. JOHN STRINGER, 1418, replied.

The concluding toast was humorously given by Bro. J. HAVILAND, "The M.E.Z. and P.Zs. of the Chapter, and the W.Ms. and P.Ms. of the various Lodges."

Comp. H. J. ATKINS, 360; Bros. F. J. AIRS, 360; and the Rev. S. W. WIGG, 1911; severally acknowledged the toast. The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by harmony contributed by Bros. Hart, Atkins, Gough, Timson, Butcher, Emery, and N. T. Hewens, Bros. Brook, Sampson, and R. Croft accompanying. The room was beautifully decorated under the superintendence of Bros. H. J. Atkins and T. Emery.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF BENEFITS.

A most influential and numerous gathering of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday, the 1st inst., at the Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. Thos. Whitehead, W.M. 241. Applications for education and advancement in life on behalf of 18 children of deceased and distressed Freemasons were considered by the Committee, and it was resolved that these cases should be recommended to the next Court of Governors for acceptance, the expenditure for which will be upwards of £100 annually.

The following report of the sub-committee appointed to consider Bro. R. Brown's letter, suggesting an extension of the benefits of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was read by Bro. R. Martin, one of the Hon. Secretaries: "Having in accordance with your instructions given the letter sent to you by Bro. Richard Brown, P. Prov. G. Treas., suggesting the desirability of further extending the benefits of the institution, our best consideration, we beg to report that we think the time has arrived when the privileges and benefits of the institution can and should be extended. Among the various means by which the institution can become more useful, we consider the following scheme will meet with your and the Governors' approval, viz., that children who have lost both parents be elected on the foundation and sent to approved schools, where they will be educated, clothed, and maintained, such children to have the qualifications now required for admission into the London Masonic Institutions, the annual outlay on behalf of the children so to be elected not to exceed £400 per annum, except purchase nominations, &c., obtained for them for admission into a public school; in such cases the amount of the purchase money to be distributed pro rata over a given number of years. We also suggest that, should the invested capital of the Institution in consequence of this increased outlay at any time get below £15,000, elections for increased benefits should for the time be deferred until increased funds become at your disposal; but from our knowledge of the brethren, and the firm hold the West Lancashire Educational Institution has upon their sympathies, we believe that with increased outlay increased means will come. In conclusion, we think the thanks of the brethren are due to Bro. R. Brown for the continued interest he takes in the prosperity and work of our noble Institutions, indicated by the very able letter we have been called upon to consider. Trusting you will approve our recommendations, and take the requisite steps for obtaining the Governors' consent to them, I am, yours fraternally, (signed) "R. ROBINSON, Chairman."

On the motion of Bro. ROBINSON, P.P.G.R., seconded by Bro. J. B. MACKENZIE, P.M. 1609, the report was unanimously adopted, and it was further resolved to have it printed and circulated amongst the brethren.

Bro. R. BROWN in acknowledging a vote of thanks for his letter expressed a hope that the increased liberality of the brethren would enable the Committee to carry out the scheme, and spoke in high terms of the manner in which the London Masonic Charities were conducted, giving them a strong claim upon the active support of Masons in the provinces of West Lancashire.

Votes of thanks to the Sub-Committee and to the Chairman of the meeting brought the proceedings to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, V.P., presided on Saturday at the General Committee, at which there were also present: Bros. John L. Mather, C. F. Matier, E. B. Harding, Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, C. H. Webb, Dr. R. Morris, A. F. Godson, Charles Belton, Thomas Cubitt, Frederick Adlard, W. Maple, Dr. F. W. Ramsay, M.D., George Cooper, G. P. Gillard, Wm. Paas, Wm. Mann, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, W. W. Morgan, Binckes, Secretary, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of the General Committee of the 5th of May were read and verified, and the minutes of the House Committee were read for information. After reference to the death of Bro. Wordsworth, Bro. BINCKES said the next matter was the election of the House and Audit Committees, and as the name of one nominated brother had been withdrawn the list of nominees now stood at the exact number for election, whereupon the Chairman declared the following brethren duly elected: House Committee: Bros. Edgar Bowyer, V.P.; A. F. Godson, V.P.; Henry W. Hunt, V.P.; J. L. Mather, V.P.; James Moon, V.P.; J. Joyce Murray, V.P.; Wm. Paas, V.P.; F. W. Ramsay, M.D.; W. Roebuck, V.P.; Dudley Rolls, V.P.; Chas. Sanders, M.D.; and Raynham W. Stewart, V.P. Audit Committee: Bros. Thos. Cubitt, V.P.; H. S. Goodall, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, C. F. Matier, W. Mann, V. Pat., Charles E. Soppet, and Henry Venn.

Four petitions were considered, one of which was conditionally, and the remainder unconditionally, accepted. An outfit of £5 was granted in favour of a late pupil of the Institution.

Bro. BINCKES reported that, acting on the qualified sanction that had been given him, a further sum of £1000 had been invested on behalf of the Building Fund, which now stood at £6000.

The proceedings then terminated.



Craft Masonry.

WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).—The usual meeting of the lodge took place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Saturday, 26th ult. Present: Bros. Thos. Perrin, W.M.; B. Cooke, S.W.; J. B. Crump, J.W.; James Crowden, S.D.; P. G. Philips, J.D.; R. P. Jenkins, I.G.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; J. C. Woodrow, P.M. and Sec.; Gardner, I.P.M.; Robert H. Crowden, P.M.; Bellis, Johnson, Hicks, Fanshawe, Barnes, and others. Bro. Hands was duly raised in a very satisfactory manner by the W.M., after which Mr. Arthur Harris was duly balloted for and initiated in the ancient Order. Bro. W. Jamell was also balloted for and elected as a joining member. The banquet was served by Messrs. Bertram and Roberts in Crystal Palace style, and the brethren spent an enjoyable evening. Visitors: Bros. Bussy, W.M. 1928; Gillard, P.M. 657; Mercer, 295; Little, 901; Wilson, 1928.

ALL SAINTS LODGE (No. 1716).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Poplar, on Friday, the 1st inst., Bro. J. House, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. L. Kennett, S.W.; H. J. Hancock, J.W.; W. G. Wilshaw, Sec.; W. J. Rundell, S.D.; J. Grout, Org.; J. C. Pittam, I.G.; W. C. Young, I.P.M.; Leonard Potts, P.M.; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M.; H. J. Day, T. Morgan, J. Smith, W. Pearson, R. H. Harland, E. C. Knowles, T. Johnson, Edward Smith, J. S. Turner, G. Harrison, Tyler; and the following were among the visitors: Bros. T. Richards, 1185; A. Holmes, S.W. 548; R. F. Wilkinson, 1967; R. Logan, J.W. 1804; E. G. Johnson, I.G. 1804; and others.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Edward Smith, which proving unanimous in his favour he was duly initiated by the W.M., who afterwards gave an eloquent address on the "Allegorical Meanings of Freemasonry." After quoting Carlyle's definition of a "symbol and its meanings," as given in "Sartor Resartus," he proceeded to apply this definition to the Masonic system, and to show how every character, figure, symbol, eye, even movement in Masonry possessed a hidden meaning. Next he showed that faith, hope, and charity were the three principal ideas pervading the ceremonies—faith, in the First Degree, characterising man's early life; hope, in the Second, depicting the middle period of life; and charity, in the Third, so admirably illustrating man's declining years. Each Degree was then taken in its entirety, and in a very able manner the motive of each demonstrated from the ceremonial. The address, which was listened to with rapt attention, concluded with the invocation:

"Genius of Masonry descend,
And with thee bring thy spotless train;
Constant our sacred rites attend,
While we adore thy peaceful reign."

The initiate was then admitted, and the W.M. delivered the ancient charge and the lecture on the tracing board in a most impressive manner, at the close of which a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his very able, interesting, and scholarly address.

We think this young lodge has every reason to be proud of the distinguished position it has attained. Its Past Masters have set for themselves a high standard of Masonic excellence. They have constantly stimulated the younger members to follow their example; and as an illustration of the success which has attended their efforts, we note the literary ability and research displayed in the address of Bro. House, who we understand was initiated in the lodge less than five years ago.

The adjourned discussion on the Benevolent Fund was resumed and its establishment, functions, and mode of administration decided upon. After some other business of a formal character, the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—A meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. Among those present were Bros. J. Strugnell, W.M.; C. F. Goodenough, S.W.; W.M. elect; H. B. Marshall, C.C., J.W.; H. J. Lardner, I.P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M.; Sec.; Young, S.D.; Simpson, J.D.; Clarke, P.G.P., I.G.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; W. Ramsey, P.M. (hon. member); James Terry, P.M., Sec., R.M.B.I. (hon. member); Lott, P.P.G.W. Jersey, Org. (hon. member); and Parkinson, Tyler. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. Gray, P.M. 22; Collings, P.M. 22; Oakley, P.M. 694; Garrad, P.M. 749; Hall, W.M. 749; F. Blake, P.M. 945; Paine, W.M. 1008; Turner, P.M. 1328; Cox, P.M. 1580; P. Jackson, 49; Snoden, 157; Seymour, 163; Tomkins (C.C.), 569; Payne, 1328; Postans, 1426; Pringle, 1475; Wiggins, 1580; Berg, 1613; Bloomfield, 1613; Clisby, 1623; Rumball, 1623; Higgins, 1623; King, 1929; Phillips, 1929; J. Terry, 1964; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. Schultz and Suskina were then raised to the Degree of M.M. in a most admirable manner by the W.M. The installation ceremony followed, and was well carried out by the Installation Officer, Bro. Strugnell, ably assisted by Bros. Lardner, Terry, and Clarke. The officers invested were Bros. Marshall, S.W.; Young, J.W.; Lardner, Treas.; W. H. Jackson, Sec.; Simpson, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; Lister, I.G.; Lott, Org.; L. Lardner and Herbert, Stwds.; and Parkinson, Tyler. Upon the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, the I.P.M. was presented with a jewel in recognition of his past services. The ballot was then taken upon behalf of Mr. Wm. Webber, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly invested into Craft Masonry by the W.M. in a manner which left but little to be desired.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. W. Bro. Clarke, P.G.P., responded upon behalf of "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." having been proposed by the I.P.M. was warmly received by the brethren and duly acknowledged by the W.M.

"The Initiate" came next in order. In giving "The Visitors" the W.M. expressed his satisfaction at seeing so many distinguished Masons present, and he sincerely hoped that their visit to the Farringdon Lodge had been in every way agreeable to them.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, a number of the visitors replied to the toast in terms of more than ordinary compliment.

"The I.P.M." followed and this pledge having been modestly responded to by the recipient of the honour, "The Masonic Charities" was proposed and gave Bro. James Terry an opportunity of advocating the cause of those excellent institutions in a speech of some length. The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR.

Of the lodges that have been warranted during the past few years there is probably none which has made its mark so distinctively in the annals of Freemasonry as the Alliance Lodge, which, not for the first time in its brief career, has had the honour of entertaining the chief magistrate of the City of London. The warrant of this lodge dates only from the year 1879, but from its consecration till Wednesday last, its meetings have been more attractive than are usually those of so young a lodge, while some of them stand out conspicuously as red letter days in the Craft history of the last four years. It was consecrated on the 30th July, 1879, by the present Grand Secretary, in the presence of a numerous and strongly representative body of Masons, its first W.M. being Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and its first Wardens, Bros. L. F. Littell, now G.P., the S.W., and Frank Green, one of the Grand Deacons, J.W. These latter have since passed the chair, which is now occupied (and very ably so) by Bro. Wildey Wright, who was appointed and invested as the lodge's first J.D. With a succession of such experienced chiefs it is not to be wondered at that the Alliance has made the most of the favourable auspices under which it started, and has gone on strengthening and confirming itself in the good opinion of English Masons. Nor, having regard to the fact that it was instituted for the convenience of brethren engaged in the service of the Corporation of the City of London, is it surprising that, whenever the chief magistrate happens to be a member of the Craft, the lodge should seek the opportunity of extending its hospitality to so distinguished a brother. This was done, for instance, in the case of the immediate past Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., P.G.J. Warden, and now, or rather on Wednesday in last week, Bro. the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Knight has been entertained, and has expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit a lodge which was so well known by reason of the excellence of its work and the large-hearted hospitality it loses no opportunity of dispensing. The occasion would have been still more impressive had the Sheriffs been able to attend, but unfortunately Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser was kept away by illness, and Bro. Sheriff Savory by an important private engagement. Still the gathering was a numerous one, and the reception of his lordship, who was formally introduced into the lodge and conducted to a seat on the right of the W.M. by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton and the Deacons, was cordial. The business transacted during the presence of Bro. Lord Mayor Knight was brief but interesting, a jewel of the value of ten guineas being presented to Bro. E. J. Pawley, one of the founders and the Treasurer of the lodge, by the W. Master, who spoke in complimentary terms of Bro. Pawley's personal qualities as well as of the indefatigable manner in which he had done his duties towards the lodge in his official capacity. The gift having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. Pawley, the proceedings terminated and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. The W.M. occupied the chair, having on his right the honoured guest of the evening, while amongst the other brethren present were: Bros. F. Green, I.P.M.; Major T. Davies Sewell, S.W.; C. W. Bowley, J.W.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; H. Wright, S.D.; E. J. Man, J.D.; J. Perkins, I.G.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; H. Squire, H. Clarke, Stewards; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.M.; G. N. Johnson, P.M.; A. B. Church, Tyler; P. Ashcroft, J. H. Smith, E. Jex, H. C. Richards, F. S. Jackson, E. T. R. Wilde, J. C. Whiddington, Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; Edgar Bowyer, Grand Standard Bearer; J. P. Godfrey, P.M.; H. H. Cooper, B. Morice. Visitors: Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; D. H. Ashford, 1827; Rev. W. O. Thomson, 10, G. Chap.; P. M. Cottrell, R. H. Thrupp, 223, A.G.D.C.; G. Skegg, P.M. 1441; G. A. Beckerton, 9; Rev. H. G. Morse, 859, G. Chap.; Dr. R. Gooding, G.D., Grand Master's, No. 1; J. W. Cook, P.M. 1672; Colonel Dundas, I.P.M. 370; J. D. Langton, I.P.M. 1673; T. J. Wilkinson, W.M. 92; J. A. Wild, P.M. 96; T. Bland, P.M. 101; H. W. Hart, 181; P. K. Langdale, 1316; Col. J. Peters, G.S.B.; Dr. E. Wendt, G.S.G.C.; G. Singer, P.M. 21, P.G.S.; W. Stephens, Asst. G. Purst; T. Berg, 1613; S. Blomfield, I.P.M. 1613; Sir A. W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; E. M. Daniel, J.D. 1694; J. H. Devonshire, P.M. 4, J.G.D.; J. S. Burroughes, S.W. 58, P.G.S.; E. H. Bromley, W.M. 957; H. Saxelby, S.W. 463; J. E. Halford, P.M. 177; Captain Skey, 697, P.J.W.; H. H. Myers, 1017; Major Campbell, S.D. 21; W. Michie, 72; S. P. Norris, 21, P.G.S.; J. R. Jewell, 194.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. proposed the customary loyal toasts, expressing his hope, in submitting that of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," that under his auspices a greater, mightier, and more noble temple might be erected in Great Queen-street than that even which had been so recently destroyed. In giving the Generals of Freemasonry, "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. remarked that it was with honest pride that he looked around him that evening and saw such an assemblage of Grand Officers. It had often struck him that the Alliance Lodge was a favourite trysting place for Officers of Grand Lodge. Long might it be so. Yet he could not help feeling that the honour which was paid to the lodge was intended also as a compliment personally to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, one of their Past Masters, and himself a member of Grand Lodge. He begged to give them "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., assured the brethren of the pleasure it gave Grand Officers to attend their festivities, and reciprocated the W. Master's wish that they might often make the Alliance Lodge a place of trysting.

Succeeding this toast came that of "The Guest of the Evening." The Lord Mayor, the W.M. said, occupied a unique and happy position; he was monarch of all he surveyed. In every company in London he was a welcome guest, still more so amongst Masons, when, as the present Lord Mayor did, he belonged to the Craft. His lordship had been a working Mason now for nearly 20 years. He was a P.M. of the Mount Moriah, No. 34, the present Master of the John Carpenter Lodge, and a member of the Cripplegate Lodge. Notwithstanding the many calls upon his time, he had not forgotten his Masonry. Whatever he had done he had done with all his might. He had succeeded in becoming an honoured citizen, and he was also an honoured Mason. Ever since the Alliance Lodge was established four years ago it had been their custom to entertain the Lord Mayor at a banquet, if the Lord Mayor was a Mason; and in only one year, he was happy to say, since their establishment had the Lord Mayor not been a Mason. He (the W.M.) and the S.W. waited upon the Lord Mayor and told him of the custom, and he at once promptly and genially promised to attend. It was his only hope that those who came after the present Lord Mayor would keep up the old custom. The City of London was just out of great tribulation. Someone, who was either popular or unpopular in the country, had announced that he would allow it to remain a little longer, to give it a little more breathing space. Let them hope that it would remain yet for many years, and that its chief office would be occupied by men of the same genial and high character as the present occupant of the civic chair.

The Lord Mayor in response assured the brethren that he should only be too pleased to come again amongst them should, as they said in lodge, "time permit." The W.M. had spoken of the position of the Lord Mayor as a unique and happy one. Unique it certainly was, for there was no other which would compare with it. It had grown up with the progress and greatness of the country, and it had always accommodated itself to the requirements of the time. And it was the earnest aim of each who occupied it that it should lose nothing of its lustre and prestige during his year of office. In all respects it was unique—unique in the universal respect that was entertained for it. He could not describe the opinion entertained of the Lord Mayor in a foreign country; and the greater the distance they went from the centre the greater was the wonderment as to who the Lord Mayor was and what were his powers. He had heard that the fame of him had travelled into remote countries, and that in the interior of Arabia there had been a great dispute between the sheiks and the chiefs as to which was greater, the Queen or the Lord Mayor. With regard to the happiness of the position, they were told that happiness consisted of labour—that that man was happy who was employed constantly morning, noon, and night. He thought if that were so, the man who occupied the position of Lord Mayor ought to be supremely happy. It had indeed been a source of enjoyment to him, and he regarded it as a great privilege to attend the Alliance Lodge meeting in the same manner as some of his predecessors had done. The Alliance was a young lodge, it was true, and he had been informed by their excellent Senior Warden that, although they were called the Alliance Lodge, they ought almost to be called the Guildhall Lodge. In coming amongst them, therefore, he had felt that he was not only visiting brother Masons, but friends with whom he had been accustomed to work in public matters for the public welfare for many years past. Extremely did he regret that his excellent Sheriffs were absent, one, as they knew, through illness, and the other upon a pressing private engagement. In conclusion his lordship commended all young Masons to diligently study the ritual of the Craft, which would not only have a beneficial effect upon their lodge work, but upon their private life. Most cordially did he hope with the W.M. that those who succeeded him in office would accept, as he had done, the hospitality of the Alliance Lodge, for which he cordially thanked them. Masonically speaking, he was happy in being not only a Masonic Lord Mayor, but in having two Masonic Sheriffs. He did not think such a trio had come together before.

Bro. F. Green, I.P.M., in eulogistic terms gave "The Health of the W.M.," dwelling upon his characteristic "bonhomie" and good-fellowship qualities so essential in a successful Master.

The Worshipful Master having acknowledged the compliment proposed "The Health of the Visitors," who, he was proud to say, numbered so many that evening.

Bros. Rev. H. G. Morse, G. Chap., and Dr. Gooding, G.S.D., responded.

"The Past Masters" was also cordially welcomed, the W.M. impressing upon the members the debt they owed to each and all of them, Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, L. F. Littell (who, he regretted, was absent through illness), and F. Green. Bro. Sir John Monckton's name was coupled with the toast, and he shortly replied. The W.M. warmly eulogised the manner in which his officers worked in proposing "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bro. Major Sewell, who, as S.W., responded, made a suggestion, which was warmly applauded, that they should give a lodge ball. He was sure the members would most cordially support such a proposal.

The list concluded with the Tyler's toast. During the evening songs and recitations were given by several of the members.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—A lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, 4th inst., the W.M., Bro. George Kirby, presiding. There were also present Bros. George Garbutt, S.W.; Dr. Draper, J.W.; Joseph Todd, P.M.; Treas.; W. Smith, Sec.; Mark Rook, P.M., D.C.; R. W. Hollon, P.M.; Sir James Meek, P.M.; W. Lawton, P.M.; W. H. McGachen, P.M.; George Balmford, P.M.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; and many other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the following gentlemen were balloted for and initiated into the mysteries of the Craft: Mr. James Ramsay, M.D., Mr. Charles Mansfeldt Forbes, the Rev. Archibald George Tweedie, and Mr. Edwin Carter, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by Bros. M. Rook, P.M.; Garbutt, S.W.; who explained the working tools, and Sir James Meek, who delivered the charge in a most impressive style. Bro. R. W. Hollon, P.M., presented the lodge, of which he

has been an earnest supporter and has won for himself the kindly appellation of "father," with several valuable works, including two old Books of Constitutions, one dated 1763, relative to the town of Alnwick, and the last volume of the Palestine Exploration Fund. The lodge was afterwards duly closed.

HAZEL GROVE.—Grove Lodge (No. 1957).—The first installation (since the consecration) meeting in connection with this young lodge was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Cock Inn. It scarcely seems 12 months ago since this lodge was consecrated by the Right Hon. Lord de Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Cheshire. At that time the total number of members was 12, but during the ensuing 12 months 15 members have been initiated, and the lodge has made rapid strides towards shaking off the trammels of debt, and so far succeeded that the balance against it is nullified by the value of the furniture. For bringing about this satisfactory state of things, and working the lodge up to its present pitch of excellence, great praise is due to Bro. J. P. Bardsley, the first W.M. and a P.M. of the Lodge of Peace, Stockport. We are sure from the expression which fell from the lips of several brethren that all the members thoroughly appreciate the untiring zeal and labour which Bro. Bardsley has all along displayed towards this lodge, and we unhesitatingly say that few brethren are to be met with who are both able and willing to devote time and labour in furthering the interests of their lodge and the Craft generally as he has done. Some idea of the extent of Bro. Bardsley's powers may be gathered from the fact of his performing the initiation and passing ceremonies, and also the whole of the installation, including the three addresses, unassisted during one afternoon.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. P. Bardsley, W.M.; Thos. Smith, I.P.M.; Isaac Hegginotham, S.W.; Thos. H. Moore, J.W.; G. Pearson, Treas.; W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler, Sec.; Thos. Axen, S.D.; E. Smith, J.D.; S. Fidler, Tyler; M. Hegginotham, H. Lomas, Nathan Van Weir, F. H. Jones, C. W. Bickerton, J. Grundy, W. H. Maxfield, James Haworth, J. Reid, J. C. Atkinson, D. Bullock, R. Clayton, and J. Singleton. Visitors: Bros. Daniel Edwards, W.M. 1903; Abraham Pemberton, W.M. 1030; J. Mitchell, W.M. 1126; J. H. Goulden, W.M. 323; J. A. Birch, W.M. 287; J. T. Wright, P.P.G.T. Derbyshire; J. W. Wyatt, P.M. 654; John Thompson, P.M. 1534; and R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened in the usual manner at 3.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which Mr. Daniel Bullock was balloted for, elected, and initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. On the retirement of the initiate Bro. Nathan Van Weir having satisfactorily given proofs of his proficiency was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. The S.W. presented and explained the working tools to both candidates. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with. The W.M. elect, Bro. Isaac Hegginotham, having been presented to the Installing Master, Bro. J. P. Bardsley, by Bro. W. C. Fleming, P.G. Tyler, was with due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., and afterwards proclaimed and saluted. The investiture of officers resulted as follows: Bros. Thomas Moore, S.W.; Thomas Axon, J.W.; George Pearson, Treasurer; W. C. Fleming, Sec.; Edwin Smith, S.D.; J. W. Hegginotham, J.D.; C. W. Bickerton, I.G.; Nield (by proxy), Org.; S. Fidler, Tyler; and Josiah Grundy and W. H. Maxfield, Stewards. The three addresses were delivered by Bro. J. P. Bardsley.

Before closing the lodge the W.M. rose and said it gave him great pleasure on behalf of the brethren of the lodge to present to their retiring W.M. a small token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by them all, in the shape of a Past Master's gold jewel, he having so faithfully and zealously fulfilled the onerous duties of his office during the last twelve months. The W.M. went on to say that all who knew Bro. Bardsley were aware of his proficiency in Masonic working, and he trusted he might long be spared to come amongst them.

At this juncture, Bro. W. C. Fleming, Sec., P.G. Tyler, rose and said that with the W.M.'s permission he would present Bro. Bardsley on behalf of the members with his own portrait, which he thought would be a fit accompaniment to the jewel, and trusted the lodge would successfully continue to advance under Bro. Bardsley's auspices as it had hitherto done.

Bro. Bardsley in a few well chosen sentences thanked the brethren for both presents, which he said he should highly value, but as regarded the portrait, he hoped the W.M. would allow him to have it placed on the walls of the lodge to be joined by the portraits of others who would come after him. When hearty good wishes had been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.30.

The amiable hostess, Mrs. Lowe, prepared a capital dinner for the brethren, to which ample justice was done, and on its conclusion the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

The portrait previously referred to was executed by Bro. Bullock, of Stockport, and was a faithful likeness of the first W.M. of the lodge, whilst the jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester.

BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).—At an emergency meeting, held on the 26th ult., there were present Bros. J. G. Chillingworth, W.M.; F. Spurrell, Treas.; F. Wood, S.W.; A. H. Bateman, J.W.; J. Elliott, J.D.; J. K. Paine and W. G. Kentish, Stwds.; H. de Pinna, Sec.; Birts, Lemon, Cohnan, Robinson, and Lee, and Tedder as visitor. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M., and Bro. J. D. Lee, was afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. No further business presenting, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

PERCY LODGE (No. 108).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 2nd inst. Present: Bros. Fox, W.M.; Larchin, S.W.; Cohen, J.W.; Lorkin, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Gribbell, I.G.; Gush, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; Lone, Bleakley, Fenner, Goodall, Linfield, Fitzpatrick, Ball, Venning, Killick, jun., Manger, Ferrer, Wolf, Brock, Gaskin, Bullock, Appleton, Long, Killick, sen., Liebman, Gellan, Payne, Morris, Ball, Browne, Moss, Wright, Hirst, Smith, Weeden, Richardson, Snook, Calmady, Richardson, Hall, Bevan, and Chipperfield.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge having been opened in the Second and Third Degrees respectively, was afterwards resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. at once proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, calling upon Bro. Gush to assist him to work the First Section of the Lecture, Bro. Fitzpatrick, the Second; Bro. Ball, Third; Bro. Fedner, Fourth; Bro. Lorkin, Fifth; Bro. Larchin, Sixth; and Bro. Powell, Seventh. Lodge being resumed to the Second Degree, the W.M. called upon Bro. Cohen to assist him to work the First Section of the Lecture; Bro. Gush, Second; Bro. Morris, Third; Bro. Fox, Fourth; and Bro. Brown, Fifth. The Third Degree being resumed, Bro. Appleton assisted the W.M. to work the First Section of the Lecture; Bro. Gribbell, Second; and Bro. Moss, Third. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Smith, 933, and Bros. Calmady and Richardson, 1641, were unanimously elected joining members. A cordial vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted in working the Sections, and a proposition that honorary membership of the lodge be conferred upon Bro. Fox, were proposed by Bro. Lorkin, seconded by Bro. Killick, jun., and carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

Royal Arch.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER (No. 95).—The installation meeting of this young and prosperous chapter was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Friday, the 1st inst. The chapter having been opened, the following were present: Comps. F. J. Goode, M.E.Z.; H. W. Ruff, H.; A. Fish, J.; S. Brooks, Scribe E.; J. Tickle, P.P.G.R. Middx., N.; J. Batting, P.Z., P.S.; Milner Jutsum, J. J. Barnett, G. S. Ayres, Howard Ruff, J. N. Keen, C. Buck, R. J. Ward, F. Johnson, J. Knight, A. Painter, Collier, P.Z. 1366 (Hon. Member); John Lewis Holmes, William Eckstein; also, as visitors: Comps. Baker, P.Z. 753; S. Lazarus, P.Z. 53; F. Eckstein, J. 1196; T. Wright, 55; and R. Higgin, 1216.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received. A Board of Installed Principals having been formed, Comp. Baker then proceeded with the installation, Comps. H. W. Ruff being installed as M.E.Z.; A. Fish, H.; and S. Brooks, J. Comp. Goode was then invested with the I.P.Z.'s collar. The M.E.Z. afterwards installed Comps. Tickle, P.P.G.R. Middx., as S.E.; J. Batting, S.N., and Ayres, P.S. Comp. Hill was re-elected Treasurer. Comp. Ayres, P.S., then invested Comps. Jutsum as 1st Asst. S., and C. S. Buck, 2nd Asst. S. Comp. C. T. Speight was elected Janitor. The exaltees, Bros. J. L. Holmes, Lodge 95, and William Eckstein, Lodge 1196, being in attendance, were exalted to the Supreme Degree by the M.E.Z. It is needless to say that the ceremony throughout was performed in a highly creditable and efficient manner.

The chapter being closed in due form the companions then adjourned to the banquet, which was served by Messrs. Painter in their excellent manner. The cloth being removed the various toasts were proceeded with.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Queen," stated that in Masonry this toast was always received with enthusiasm, her Majesty being the Patroness of the Order.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.Z. of the Order," and observed that his Royal Highness took a great interest in Freemasonry, and that they were proud in having so illustrious a companion at their head.

The toast was enthusiastically received. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was next proposed in suitable terms.

Comp. Goode, I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z." stated that he was satisfied that the companions had a splendid year before them under the presidency of Comp. H. W. Ruff. He had anticipated having to do the work himself, but after the very excellent manner in which it had been done by the M.E.Z. that evening he was sure it could not have been in better hands.

The M.E.Z. in reply thanked the companions for the kind manner in which they had received his name. He was pleased to see the chapter in so flourishing a condition, and he assured them that it should always have his support, and he thought the attendance that evening was one of the best since the formation of the chapter.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of Comp. Goode, I.P.Z.," and in presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel (unanimously voted by the chapter) remarked that Comp. Goode had not shrunk from any duty that had been imposed on him as one of the founders, and he trusted he would live many years to wear that token of their respect and esteem. The M.E.Z. said he would also couple with the toast the name of their esteemed Treasurer, Comp. Hill, P.P., and they must all sincerely regret his absence that evening and wish for his speedy recovery.

Comp. Goode, then thanked the companions for the very handsome jewel with which the M.E.Z. on their behalf had presented him; he should wear it and ever think of the many pleasant evenings spent in the Eastern Star Chapter. Comp. Goode called attention to the Chapter of Improvement about to be started and hoped that companions would avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded. He also thanked them on behalf of Comp. Hill, whom he was sure as one of the principal founders was never so happy as when amongst them.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Health of the Exaltees" said Freemasonry was a great reality and a great religion, and the further they went into it the more impressed they were by the realities and religious views it taught. He trusted that the exaltees had been impressed and instructed by the ceremony, and he felt convinced from what he had heard and from what he already knew of them that they would be an ornament to the chapter. He sincerely congratulated them and welcomed them as companions of the Order and members of the chapter.

Comp. Holmes expressed great satisfaction at his exaltation and assured them he would never disgrace the chapter. Comp. Eckstein had been induced to join the chapter by visiting the lodge, and he thanked Comp. Tickle for proposing him.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Health of the H. and J." (Comps. Fish and Brooks). He was proud that he had two such excellent colleagues, who were thoroughly versed in all pertaining to Royal Arch Masonry. They had performed their duties in a highly creditable manner that evening, and he had no hesitation in saying this chapter

would not have proved so great a success had it not been for their exertions.

Comp. FISH in returning thanks stated that the position of the chapter was unique, and it was very encouraging in so short a time to achieve so grand a result.

Comp. Brooks, J., thanked the M.E.Z. for the flattering manner in which he had proposed his health, and strongly recommended the companions to support the new chapter of improvement; it would be sure to be a grand thing for the chapter. They were also to be congratulated on the grand results attained during the past year, for not only was the debt extinguished but they had a balance in hand. The companions had subscribed nearly £60, and all the furniture was their own property.

The M.E.Z. in proposing "The Health of the Visitors" stated that the Eastern Star Lodge was noted for its hospitality, and the chapter would follow in its footsteps. After reading the list of visitors, he stated that no one was better up to the work than Comp. Baker, who had so ably performed the installation ceremony that evening, and he was greatly indebted to him for the instruction he had received under his Preceptorship.

Comp. Baker in returning thanks stated that he was present owing to the unfortunate indisposition of Comp. Hill, P.P., but he would do anything for Freemasonry. The chapter was to be congratulated on having three such Principals and on its financial position.

Comp. Lazarus stated he never dined better than at the table of the Eastern Star Lodge. He was 85 years old and over 55 years a Mason.

Comp. Eckstein predicted a great future for the chapter. It was evident the Eastern Star was in the ascendant.

Comp. Collier, P.P., responded for "The Honorary Members."

After the toast of "The Officers" and the Janitor's toast had been duly honoured the companions separated after a very enjoyable evening.

Comps. R. J. Ward, Buck, and Fish greatly added to the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent music.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHAPTER (No. 1589).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel on the 29th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., M.E.Z.; W. Lake, P.P. G.R. Cornwall, H., M.E.Z. elect; H. Turner, J.; Alfred Tisley, S.E.; G. Manners, S.N.; H. Dalwood, P.Z., Treas.; Clewlow, 1st Asst. S.; J. H. Dodson, P.Z.; C. Brown, W. E. Farrington, F. Farrington, R. Skelton, and others. Comp. Tinney, late 1589, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, some correspondence was read and several matters affecting the chapter discussed. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned.

WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER (No. 1623).

—A meeting of this chapter took place on the 24th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., Comp. Lardner, assisted by Comps. T. Butt, I.P.Z., as H.; T. C. Walls, M.E.Z. 1589, P.Z. 1381, acting as J.; and C. Driver, P.Z. 742; also afterwards admitted Comps. E. Mallett, S.E.; J. King, S.N.; Greenwood, P.S.; Phillips, 1st Asst. S.; Kent, 2nd Asst. S.; Brasher, Brickdale, and E. Roberts, Org.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, an unanimous ballot was taken for Bro. W. Malthouse, I.P.M. West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, after which Bros. P. K. Clisby and A. K. Clisby, who had been previously balloted for, and were now in attendance, were exalted to the Supreme Degree, the ceremony being performed in a faultless manner by the M.E.Z. On the proposal of the M.E.Z., a vote of thanks was carried, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to the visitors, Comps. Walls, P.Z., and Driver, P.Z., for their able assistance in carrying out the ceremonies.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the companions afterwards partook of an excellent banquet. In proposing the loyal toasts the M.E.Z. said he rose with more than usual pleasure to propose "The Queen and R.A. Masonry." On the present occasion they had met on her most gracious Majesty's birthday, and it would ill-become him to pass over the toast without directing the companions' attention to the fact. Her Majesty had for many years been patron of all their charities and had at all times evinced a deep interest in their welfare. She had also given their present Grand Master and his two royal brothers to assist and direct the welfare of the Craft. More, it would be admitted by all Freemasons that Masonry had flourished and extended its influence during her glorious reign far exceeding any other period in the history of the order. The 24th of May would bring all loyal subjects of the Queen, figuratively speaking, within hailing distance of each other. He would not detain them further, but ask them to rise and extend the hand of fellowship to every Mason and loyal subject, and join with them in loving cry to the Queen, and God bless her.

The National Anthem was played by Comp. Roberts and sung by the companions.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.Z." He had endeared himself to all Freemasons, and he (the M.E.Z.) hoped the day was far distant when their G.Z. should be summoned from their midst. The toast was drunk with full honours.

The toasts of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Comps. Walls and Driver.

"The Exaltees" and "The Officers" were proposed and responded to, and the Janitor's toast completed a very enjoyable evening.

NORTHAMPTON.—Northampton Chapter (No. 360).—There was a large attendance of companions at the Masonic Hall on Thursday week, many no doubt attending specially for the purpose of taking part in the presentation of a testimonial to Comp. M. A. Boémé for his long and valuable services to the chapter. Amongst the other business transacted was the exaltation of Bro. H. Manfield, 1764, Comp. H. J. Atkins, the M.E.Z., performing the ceremony in a most efficient manner, being very ably supported by Comps. S. J. W. Sanders, H.; John Bingley, J.; and George Ellar, Principal Soj. Amongst the P.Zs. present were M. A. Boémé, Butler, Wilkins, D.P.G.M.; John Kellett, N. (pro tem.); George Robinson, E.; J. U. Stanton, Treas.; J. T. Green, George Cotton, and others.

At the conclusion of the chapter proceedings the companions adjourned to the banquet room, which was thrown open to all Craft Masonry.



In opening a Smoke Abatement Fund, the Council of the National Smoke Abatement Institution have not had to wait long for a practical recognition of their efforts to deal with the smoke nuisance, the Duke of Westminster having notified his intention to subscribe £500 to the fund.

The Earl of Shaftesbury has consented to preside over a public meeting at Willis's Rooms on July 12, the object of which will be to make a national effort to save the lives of our fishermen and sailors by providing more efficient refuge harbours for safety in times of storm.

The Princess of Wales with her sons and daughters were present at St. James's Hall on Thursday afternoon week at a concert given in aid of the funds of Kew Church.

The Prince and Princess Christian visited the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House on Thursday week and stayed to lunch.

The hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen left London towards the close of last week for Flushing on his return to Germany.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will review the troops at Aldershot at an early date.

The Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Connaught were represented at the funeral of General Lord Rokeby, an old Waterloo and Crimean veteran, in Clewer Churchyard, on Thursday last. Among those present were the Duke of Albany, the Duke of Cambridge, and Bros. Lord Alcester, Admiral Sir Henry Keppell, and Viscount Dangan.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough were among the guests at the dinner just given by the Earl and Countess of Malmesbury at their house in Wimpole-street, on Saturday last.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., J. G. Dodson, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., were present at the Cabinet Council held on Saturday at the Premier's official residence in Downing-street.

Monday, July 2nd, subject however to alteration if necessary, in order to suit his Royal Highness's convenience, has been chosen for the Prince of Wales's visit to Crewe for the purpose of opening the "Abattoirs" recently erected.

Lady Brassey distributed the awards given under the prize scheme for needlework in the Town Hall, Oxford, on Saturday afternoon last.

It is said that Bro. Earl Granville has declined to be publicly installed as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, on the ground that as he had held the office for so many years, a public installation is unnecessary.

On Tuesday the Countess Granville distributed the prizes to the successful pupils of the London School of Medicine for Women, which is associated with the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's-inn-road, and is located in Henrietta-street, Brunswick-square.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, preceded by Bro. the Earl of Cork, Master of the Buckhounds, with the whips and outriders, drove to Ascot Races, in semi-state on Tuesday afternoon, the royal procession in such bright weather being more than usually attractive.

The Duke of Portland, Captain Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., Sir Richard Cross, G.C.B., M.P., Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir Donald Currie, K.C.M.G., M.P., Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, the Dean of Lichfield, the Poet Laureate, and Mr. Henry Irving have signified their willingness to become Stewards at the festival dinner of the Cabdrivers' Benevolent Association to be held at Willis's Rooms on the 22nd inst., when General Lord Wolseley will take the chair.

Middlesex brethren will see by the advertisement in another column that the Grand Lodge of that province is to be held at Hampton Court on the 30th inst. We trust there will be a good gathering on the occasion. Other Masonic duties will not prevent the brethren attending, as we notice that on that day there will be no lodge or chapter meeting either in London or the province.

The opening ball of the "New Club" on Thursday last was attended by the elite of the London world of fashion. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Albany were present, while among the rest of the company were Bro. the Earl and the Countess Granville, Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Breadalbane, Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Zetland, Bro. the Earl of Fife, Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Hardwicke, Bro. Lord and Lady Alington, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., with whom the Princess of Wales opened the ball.

The Inland Parcels Post will commence on the 1st of August next. Parcels will be accepted for transmission by the Inlands Parcels Post under the following general conditions in regard to weights, dimensions, and rates of postage, viz.: For an inland postal parcel, of a weight not exceeding 1 lb., the rate of postage (to be prepaid in ordinary postage stamps) will be 3d.; exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 3 lb., 6d.; exceeding 3 lb. and not exceeding 5 lb., 9d.; exceeding 5 lb. and not exceeding 7 lb., 1s. The dimensions allowed for an inland postal parcel will be: maximum length, 3ft. 6in.; maximum length and girth combined, 6ft.

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The Prince of Wales has appointed Captain F. Durrant, R.N., to be governor to his son, Prince George F. E. Albert of Wales, R.N.

On Friday last the King of the Belgians proceeded to Ostend for the purpose of paying a visit to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and their sons went to the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday evening, and witnessed the first performance of the revival of "The Lyons Mail."

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived at Dover from the continent on Sunday afternoon, and, after luncheon, proceeded to London.

The Royal Caledonian Fancy Dress Ball is appointed to take place on Monday, the 25th inst., at Willis's Rooms, under the patronage of the Duchesses of Richmond and Gordon, Hamilton, Buccleuch, Athole, Roxburgh, Wellington, and Sutherland, and a long list of influential ladies connected with great Scottish families.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting, held at the Mansion House on Monday, for the purpose of promoting the establishment of a Junior City of London Club.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norths and Hants was held at Peterborough, on Thursday, under the banner of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

Bro. Edward Ayres was on Thursday last, installed W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742. We hope to report the meeting next week.

The Strand Theatre opens to-night (Saturday), with the adaptation by E. Rose of Mr. Anstey's popular novel "Vice Versa," and a burlesque by W. Wareham, entitled "Silver Guilt." Several well known names appear in the cast including Messrs. E. Righton, R. Brough, and others.

Messrs. Gladwell Brothers announce an exhibition of sporting subjects at their "Cittie of London Fyne Artte Galleries," Gracechurch-street.

An original drama, entitled "Passion and Principle," by Leopold Wagner, is to be produced at New Sadlers Wells Theatre on Saturday evening.

The Lodge of Relief, No. 42, Bury, will celebrate its Sesqui-Centennial Festival on Tuesday the 3rd July next.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri has decreed that the keeping of liquor stores by any of its members is a Masonic offence, and those who do so "are liable to be dealt with for unmasonic conduct."

A bazaar, representing an Alpine village, will be held on Thursday and Friday next, from 2 to 10 p.m., in the Chelsea Vestry Hall, King's-road, in aid of the extension of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. The Countess of Cadogan will officiate, supported by H.S.H. the Duke of Teck (President of the Hospital), Sir Spencer Wells (President of the College of Surgeons), Lady Brassey, Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Charles and Lady Freake, &c. The bazaar promises to be one of the most successful of the season.

Monday, the 4th inst., being the anniversary of George III.'s birthday, was celebrated at Eton with the customary speeches, procession of boats, and general hospitality. Among those present to hear the speech-making were Bro. Lord and Lady Brabourne, Bro. Sir John and Lady Mowbray, the United States Minister and Mrs. Lowell, &c.

The marriage of Lady Georgina Elizabeth Spencer Churchill, fifth daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, with Viscount Curzon, eldest son of the Earl and Countess Howe, was celebrated at St. George's, Hanover-square, on Monday morning. Amongst those present were H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Leinster, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, the Marchioness of Waterford and Headfort, and the Countess of Jersey. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., assisted the rector, the Rev. E. Capel Cure, in the performance of the ceremony.

A great National Temperance Festival, under the auspices of all the leading temperance organisations throughout the kingdom, will take place at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, July 10th. Great temperance meetings, to be conducted by Mr. Richard T. Booth, Mr. Francis Murphy, and Mr. William Noble, the leaders of what is known as the Blue Ribbon Movement, are to be held throughout the day, and three monster choral concerts by 15,000 abstainers—5,000 in each choir—are also to be given, contingents coming from all parts of the country. No intoxicating drinks will be sold at the bars. Excursion trains at low rates will be run from nearly a thousand provincial stations.

The following is a list of the Masonic and other banquets held at the Freemasons' Tavern fortnight ending 9th June, 1883. Monday, 28th ult.—Royal Engineers; 5th Dragoon Guards; Royal Somerset House Lodge; De Grey and Ripon Lodge. Tuesday, 29th ult.—Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday, 30th ult.—18th Royal Irish; Royal Artillery; Royal Fusiliers; Smeatonian Society of Art Engineers; Nobody's Friends. Thursday, 30th ult.—90th Regiment; Tailor's Benevolent Institution; Girl's School Club; 8th Hussars. Friday, 1st inst.—60th Rifles; The Association Club; Old Volumes. Saturday, 2nd inst.—Phoenix Chapter. Monday, 4th inst.—Premier Conclave of England. Tuesday, 5th inst.—Grand Lodge of Mark Masters; 107th Regiment. Wednesday, 6th inst.—Grand Officers' Mess; Assistant Grand Secretaries; Grand Lodge. Thursday, 7th inst.—32nd Regiment; 1st Middlesex Engineers; Linnean Club; Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday, 8th inst.—The Buffs; 6th Regiment; 98th Regiment; 10th Regiment; Westminster and Keystone Chapter; and 12th Regiment.

"RUPTURES."—WHITE'S MOC-MAIN LEVER TRUSS is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round the body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent Lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected. Send for descriptive circular, with testimonials and prices, to J. White and Co. (Limited) 228, Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell an IMITATION of our Moc-Main. J. White and Co. have not any agents.—[ADVT.]

Bro. George Vickery is the architect for the new buildings to be erected in Farringdon-street, on the ground belonging to the Armourer's and Brazier's Company.

The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England and Prov. G. M. West Lancashire, will preside at a dinner to be given on Tuesday, the 26th inst., on the occasion of a new Conservative Club at Liverpool on that day.

H.R.H. Prince Swasti Sobhon, brother of the King of Siam, the Siamese Minister and suite were presented to the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House on Monday.

Her Majesty has presented a handsome silver cup bearing a suitable inscription, to Capt. Sir Alfred Balliston, on his retirement from the command of the royal yacht Alberta after many years' service.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the ball given on Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hope, at their residence in Chesterfield-gardens.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Jersey gave a dinner party on Friday last at their house in Great Stanhope-street, Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, with Lady Leigh and the Hon. Miss Leigh being among the guests.

It is announced that Bro. the Marquis of Waterford has finally resolved not to accept the Mastership of the Curraghmore Hounds for next season, and has intimated that he will not hunt with them.

Bro. H. J. Tayler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Secretary of Pilgrims Lodge, No. 772, Glastonbury, has been presented with an elegant Past Master's jewel and a silver and gold Secretary's jewel, the former bearing the following inscription: "Presented to W. Bro. H. J. Tayler, P.M., Secretary, P.P.G.P., by the members of Pilgrims Lodge, No. 772, as a souvenir of the visit of Provincial Grand Lodge to Glastonbury, 17th May, 1882."

Bro. L. F. Littell has sent in the resignation of his position in the Town Clerk's office. He has been in the service of the Corporation between forty and fifty years, and, as the Corporation have adopted the practice of pensions, they will possibly feel constrained to provide for him for the rest of his days. Bro. Littell has been a painstaking officer, and as such deserves consideration at the hands of the Corporation.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by their sons and daughters, and the Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen left Marlborough House for Cowarth Park, Sunningdale, on Monday. Their Royal Highnesses remained during the week and to-day (Saturday), after being present at a cricket match between the 1. Zingari and officers of the Life Guards at the Spital Barracks, will give a picnic at Virginia Water and return to town on Monday next.

Mr. John Holm, F.R.C.S., Edin., has established a Medical and Hygienic Gymnasium at 48, Conduit-street. The object is to introduce the medical and hygienic sections of Ling's system of Swedish gymnastics on the basis of the Royal Gymnastic Central Institute at Stockholm. Mr. Holm possesses peculiar fitness for the work, he having been for many years pupil and assistant of the late Professor Georgii, lecturer on anatomy at, and sub-director of, the Royal Gymnastic Central Institute, Stockholm. In view of the great importance to health of this system, we trust Mr. Holm's efforts will be eminently successful.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales presided on Friday evening last at the sixty-ninth anniversary festival of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest. Among the principal guests were Bros. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.S. Warden, Sir George Elliot, Bart, M.P., P.G.M. South Wales East, and Sheriff Savory. The subscriptions and donations amounted to £4,355, towards which the Queen contributed £50 and His Royal Highness £105.

Earl Cairns presided on Wednesday evening at the annual meeting of the subscribers of Dr. Barnardo's Homes for Orphan and Destitute Children, in Exeter Hall. It appeared by the report, which was adopted, that during the past year the homes had operated upon no less than 4102 boys and girls.

Sir William Jenner and Sir William Gull, who saw Lord John Manners on Wednesday at his residence, Cambridge-gate, Regent's-park, reported a slight improvement in his condition, but owing to the severity of the gouty attack from which he is suffering he is advised perfect quiet at present.

An important appointment in connection with the volunteer movements in India will, it is understood, shortly be made, the Indian Government having recommended that an officer should be selected to act as Inspector-General of Volunteers for that country.

Wednesday was the eleventh anniversary of the birth of the Princess Victoria Alice Helena Louise, fourth and youngest daughter of the Grand Duke of Hesse and the late Princess Alice of England, and a granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

The following resolution was accepted at a meeting of the weekly board of governors of St. George's Hospital, held on Wednesday: "A rumour having reached the weekly board that the governors of St. George's Hospital are considering the question of its removal, the weekly board are of opinion that such a step would be most undesirable and prejudicial to the interests of the hospital, and cannot be entertained."

The Queen and Princess Beatrice are expected to stay at Balmoral about a fortnight longer, after which the Court will return to Windsor Castle.

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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.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, June 16, 1883.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 9.

- Lodge 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1415, Campbell, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1446, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1584, Loyalty & Charity, Star & Garter, Kew Bridge.
 " 1637, Unity, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1685, Guelph, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 " 1928, Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MONDAY, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 20, St. Alban's, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 1691, Quadratic, Greyhound Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1790, Old England, M.H., New Thorton Heath (near Croydon).
 " 1891, St. Ambrose, Baron's Court H., W. Kensington
 " 1922, Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hot., Streatham.
 Chap. 56, Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hot., Highgate.
 Mark 239, Royal Naval, SA, Red Lion-sq.
 K.T. Precept. 140, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 12.

- Lodge 167, St. John's, Holly Bush Tav., Hampstead.
 " 834, Ranelagh, Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1269, Stanhope, Thicket Hot., Anerley.
 " 1518, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
 Chap. 71, Bayard, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13.

- General Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Inst., at 4.
 Lodge 13, Union Waterloo, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
 " 708, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 " 1260, John Hervey, F.M.H.
 " 1305, St. Marylebone, Langham Hot., Portland-pl.
 " 1580, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Upper Norwood.
 " 1610, Northern Bar, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 " 1629, United, F.M.H.
 Chap. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 Rose Croix 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion, Piccadilly.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's
 Park, at 8.

- Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Dukes Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.30.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
 Pannure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.
 Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14.

- Lodge 1216, Head-qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-rd.,
 Camberwell.
 Chap. 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.C., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, 6.30.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate S.W., at 8.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 King Harold, Britannia Hot., Waltham New Town, at 7.
 Royal Arthur, Temperance Hotel, Wimbledon Hill Road,
 (close to the Station), at 7.30.

- Burgoyne, Cock Tav., St. Martin's-crt., Ludgate-hill, 6.30.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent
 Garden, W.C., 7.45.

- Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Lime-
 house, at 7.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Vic-
 toria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerken-
 well, at 9.
 Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.
 Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.
 North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15.

- Lodge 6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 143, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st., Hot.
 " 975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
 Chap. 92, Moira, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 " 1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 K.T. Precept. 6, St. George, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 16.

- Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
 " 1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 " 1897, Citadel, Railway Hot., Harrow Station.
 Mark 104, Macdonald, Guildhall Tav.
 " 203, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
 " 251, Tenterden, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE, For the Week ending Saturday, June 16, 1883.

MONDAY, JUNE 11.

- Lodge 104, St. John's, Ashton Hot., Stockport.
 " 292, Sincerity, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
 " 314, Peace and Unity, Militia Mess R., Preston.
 " 941, De Tabley, Royal George, Knutsford.
 " 1021, Hartington, M.H., Barrow.
 " 1350, Fermor Hesketh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1496, Trafford, Alexandra Hotel, Moss-side, Man-
 chester.
 " 1588, Prince Leopold, M.R., Stretford.
 Derby L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13.

- Lodge 281, Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.

- Lodge 323, Concord, Florist Hotel, Stockport.
 " 430, Fidelity, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
 " 1094, Temple, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1140, Ashton, Victoria H., Withington.
 " 1356, Toxteth, M.R., N. Hill-street, Liverpool.
 " 1398, Baldwin Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 " 1547, Liverpool, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1715, Arthur John Brogden, M.H., Grange-over-
 Sands.

- Chap. 673, St. John's, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 703, Clifton, Clifton Arms, Blackpool.
 Mark Lodge 158, Rose and Thistle, M.H., Wigan.
 Neptune L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14.

- Lodge 333, Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
 " 477, Mersey, M.R., Birkenhead.
 " 786, Croxteth United Service, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1035, Prince of Wales, Skelmersdale H., Liverp'l.
 " 1182, Duke of Edinburgh, M.H., Liverpool.
 " 1213, Bridgewater, Cross Keys, Eccles.
 " 1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
 Mark Lodge 268, Lathom, M.H., Southport.
 Antient Union L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
 Mariners L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15.

- Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.

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