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WE feel sure that the welcome given to H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER at York on the 18th inst. will be most loyal and significant. The attachment of Yorkshire Freemasons alike to the House of Brunswick and the constitutional ruler of our Craft is well known and most vivid. They do such things very well in Yorkshire, and we doubt not to hear of another great Masonic gathering, and of another memorable Masonic success. We desiderate for the good old city of York, and our many worthy and enthusiastic brethren there, a triumphant "Grand Assembly."

BEFORE we again greet our readers the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School will have taken place, and the important business of the "land question" will have been settled one way or the other. From what we know of the subscribers to the Girls' School, we feel sure that their decision will be one which will strengthen the hands of the House Committee, and seek to maintain distinctly the unique position and invaluable liberty of the Girls' School. "Est modus in rebus," says the Latin adage, and of course this is absolutely true as to land purchase and reduction of capital. But, in our opinion, it may be safely left to the House Committee, under instructions from the Quarterly Court, to pursue a course alike wise and moderate, sagacious and befitting, and to compass arrangements which, while they will preserve the untellable blessings of unenclosed space and free outlook, will *not* entail any very serious consequences in respect of the funded property of the Girls' School. Even if, however, we have to make an apparent sacrifice of funds, such is entirely justified by the imperious necessities of the position and safety of the Girls' School.

OUR attention is called by private and public correspondence, (see elsewhere), to a charge which has been made on the Past Grand Officers for entrance to the enclosure at the Masonic Ceremony at York, on Wednesday next, though summoned to attend on their Grand Master. There is undoubtedly a slight technical difference as between the Grand Officers of the year and Past Grand Officers, but we cannot think it right to discount the difference, or to accentuate the distinction by the payment of five shillings. We think this proposed payment a mistake, probably arranged hurriedly and without much thought, and should be glad to see it annulled. We wish so well to our good brethren at York, we sympathize so much with them in their labours and zeal for Freemasonry in all they aspire to effect, and all they seek to accomplish, that nothing but a sense of paramount duty would have induced us to strike even a quasi inharmonious chord in that felicitous programme which their Masonic sympathy has arranged, and their Masonic loyalty has brought about. But we always like to "run straight" and "speak the truth" at whatever hazards, as nothing in our opinion is gained in this world by Jesuitical evasions or timid suppression of the facts of the case. There may be a good reason for the charge in itself, but without such an official explanation, it seems to us, we confess, derogatory to the dignity of Grand Lodge, and specially hard on Past Grand Officers.

THE more we consider the last special Grand Lodge, the more we feel it to be a subject of sincere regret that arrangements had not been made by reference to a special Committee to reconsider "moot points," to amalgamate and review amendments, and save a serious collision of interests and a deplorable waste of time. But having begun we shall have to persevere. Several very important amendments and matters will be debated keenly on the next occasion, and a practical solution of all such vexed questions is greatly to be desiderated in the grave interests of us all alike, whether in the Metropolis, Provinces, or Colonial Dependencies. We beg therefore to suggest that at the next occasion a special Grand Lodge in September shall be called at 11.30 for 12, that it shall work from 12 to 2, that then an hour be allowed for refreshment; that it be resumed at three and work from three to 6.30, that at 6.30 it be again called off from 6.30 to 7.30, and that then it work steadily on to eleven. In this way, and this way alone, judging from the past, we shall be able to finish the whole Book of Constitutions and it can come up "for report" in December, and so finally appear in print in 1884. Otherwise our "sederunts" will be many, and the discussion never ending. There are certain worthy brethren who will speak, and certain irrepressible orators, the "enfants terribles" of Grand Lodge, who will "pose," and it will be as much as we can do to keep the tendency to be garrulous and confidential, at the same time, in our great Masonic "Talking-House" within reasonable bounds. We therefore commend these humble suggestions of ours to the thoughtful and practical attention of all who, like ourselves, prefer "succinct speeches" and "terse observations" to long-winded orations, and become peculiarly impatient in heat and a long sitting of that "tediousness of iteration," which is such a mournful infliction on us all alike, that desperate determination to speak "nilly-willy," often on nothing whatever at all; above all do we deprecate that hopeless persistence in impossible "fads," which neither Masonic precedent nor

customs can safely endorse, and which are fought out before a weary and perspiring audience to the "bitter end truly," and with an earnestness and solemnity utterly disproportionate to the point involved, as if the fate of nations depended upon their determination.

WE would recommend at the next Special Grand Lodge some arrangements may be made for an "Ordinary," or as we should more politely say, a "Buffet," at which, for a reasonable sum, the Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge may get something to eat. Many went without food on the last occasion until 10 o'clock. Some indeed slipped out and came in again, having got a mouthful elsewhere; but for those who had breakfasted at nine, and had no luncheon, and do not partake of the pernicious dissipation of afternoon tea, the last Special Grand Lodge was a very great trial indeed to not a few in this respect, and will be long remembered by the after sufferings of serious indigestion. The waiting for food was very trying, and bad alike to the bodily and mental condition of many distinguished brethren. Our Grand Stewards or some other patriotic body of brethren might surely arrange this little matter.

WE call attention to a statement elsewhere respecting the legal position of the Masonic lodges in the Province of Quebec. By this it appears that by the original enactment *no* Masonic bodies were lawful which did not derive warrants from the Grand Bodies in Great Britain. Even the Grand Lodge of Canada was not a legal body until it was made so by a subsequent enactment with a retrospective action. We fear very much that, as before the laws, the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its lodges, as severed from England &c., are not *legal* associations in the sense of being legitimized by legislation. If such an interpretation of the law be correct, if there be no loop-hole, no special plea, no overruling of plain words, then only, as before the law, the legal bodies outside the Grand Lodge of Canada are the English lodges at Montreal. What a "curious coincidence this would be if it be the fact." We leave such a "vexata quæstio" and such a "Crux" to wiser heads than ours to unravel and decide. Sufficient for us that we have called attention to a very peculiar state of affairs. We have to thank our very able Canadian brother for his correct summary and learned interpretation of the "Quebec Statutes."

WE have had several letters from Canada relative to the correspondence between our GRAND SCRIBE E. and the Grand Chapter of Quebec. We are requested to state that papers are on the way which will prove the essential correctness of the position taken up by our Grand Scribe E., Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE. The difficulty of the case so far has been that what one side confidently alleges, the other side as peremptorily denies. Quis judicet?

WE shall attempt to deal with some lengthy correspondence from Quebec next week relative to a complaint of another invasion of the rights and jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by the Grand Mark Lodge of England. From a cursory inspection of the correspondence it would seem to us "primâ facie" that, as the French say, the "point de mire" of the two parties, is as "far as the two poles asunder," and based on an entirely opposite point of view.

ALL our readers will learn with deep regret of the premature and regretted decease of our distinguished Bro. the Duke of MARLBOROUGH. Though he had not taken a very active part in Freemasonry, he was well known and valued for the kindness of his disposition and his great consideration for others. As a landlord and master, as a friend and neighbour, he will be difficult to replace and greatly missed. His public services have been many and considerable, and the noble aid to suffering humanity rendered in his vice-royalty by his amiable duchess will not soon be forgotten in Ireland. The sympathy of our entire Craft will go with his bereaved and afflicted family.

SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

At the special meeting of Grand Lodge on the 29th ult. there was a long discussion upon the alterations proposed to be made in the Book of Constitutions, of which the following is a summary.

Bro. LE FEUVRE, Prov. G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight, drew attention to the fact that certain proposed amendments forwarded by his province had been accidentally omitted from the agenda paper, although he believed the Grand Secretary would admit that they had been received, and he asked to be permitted to refer to them when the clauses were recorded; one was upon clause 81 relating to the power and status of the Prov. G. Master in his province.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON said that when the clauses were reached he thought proper explanations would be forthcoming.

The M.W. Pro G.M. said that as this seemed to be an exceptional case, it might be referred to at the proper time.

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON suggested that the report of the Board of General Purposes should not on that occasion be looked upon as a report to be taken as a whole; it might be better to take it clause by clause with the proposed amendments.

The clauses were then proceeded with.

On clauses 1 and 2 no amendments were proposed.

It was resolved that clause 3 should commence "every brother who shall &c.," and that the word "other" on the eighth line should be omitted.

That clause 4 should stand unaltered.

That small verbal alterations not affecting the sense be made in clause 5. With regard to clause 6, Bro. C. D. HILL DRURY, W.M. 85, P.G.R. Norfolk, said that as that clause stood on the amendment paper some mis-

apprehension might arise. Grand Lodge had been told that the alterations proposed in the precedence of Grand Officers had been cancelled. On the agenda paper it was stated that the table of precedence was altered according to the recent order of the Grand Master. That order it had been stated was cancelled, but he submitted that the order and another cancelling it would tend to show that Grand Lodge was under authority in this matter. He was sure there was no wish to infringe upon the powers of the Grand Master, but he thought this point ought to be noticed by Grand Lodge.—The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER here ruled that the speaker was out of order, as no clause upon which an amendment was not suggested was within the field of discussion.—Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST drew attention to the fact that the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Standard Bearer, and Past Grand Standard Bearer had been left out of the table of precedence.—The M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER said that they would be inserted.—Bro. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON, referring to a suggestion made by several provinces that an intimation should be made to the Craft as to the proper prefixes to Grand Officers' titles, suggested that a foot note should be put to this clause in the following terms: "The Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master are entitled to the appellation Most Worshipful (M.W.) The prefix Right Worshipful (R.W.) is accorded to and should be used by the Deputy Grand Master, the Present and Past Provincial and District Grand Masters, and the Present and Past Grand Wardens of Grand Lodge. The prefix Very Worshipful (V.W.) should be used only by the Present and Past Grand Chaplains, the Present and Past Grand Treasurers, the Present and Past Grand Registrars, the Present and Past Presidents of the Board of General Purposes, and the Present and Past Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodge, and no other. The address or prefix of Worshipful (W.) to be used by the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past Masters of lodges; and all other members should be styled and designated as brother only."—It was resolved that this foot note be added to clause 6.

That clauses 7 and 8 stand part of the code.

That clause 9 be altered as follows—in the 6th line to insert "such" before "lodge;" in the 8th to insert "English" before "lodge;" in the 12th to substitute "duly served" for "filled" and add "such" before "a lodge."

That clause 10 stand part of the code.

Bro. SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON said that clause 11 was proposed to be amended by adding "at 5 o'clock in the afternoon," and to insert after "London" "or some other provincial city or town." Those alterations were not recommended by the Board.—Bro. JAMES STEVENS said he was responsible for the proposed alteration in the hour of meeting of Grand Lodge. It had for some years been apparent that the business of Grand Lodge could not be transacted at four brief meetings in the course of the year, and many important matters had been crowded out by the pressure of business. A large portion of the time of Grand Lodge was occupied with reading and discussing minutes. The business of the Board of Benevolence also occupied some time, and the time for other business was therefore greatly curtailed. On these grounds he begged leave to press his amendment.—Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL seconded the amendment.—Bro. MCINTYRE regretted that he could not vote for the amendment. Grand Lodge used to meet an hour later than at present; then speeches were not so long as now. As it would be inconvenient for men of business to attend at five o'clock; he thought it would be for the convenience of the greater number that the hour of meeting should remain unaltered. On that ground he opposed the amendment.—Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., admitted the force of Bro. McIntyre's remarks, but felt with Bro. Stevens that the progress of Freemasonry and its increased business demanded more time for dealing with them, and suggested that Bro. Stevens should withdraw his amendment, and that they should ask for additional meetings in February and May.—The motion was then withdrawn, and it was agreed that clause 11 stand part of the Constitutions.

Clause 12 was passed, omitting the words "and hold" in the fourth line.

Clauses 13 and 14 were passed without alteration.

On clause 15 Bro. SMALLPEICE asked Grand Lodge to consider the amendment (not recommended by the Board of General Purposes) to strike out the words "who shall be a peer of the realm." He had a great many Masonic friends who were anxious to fill the office of Provincial Grand Master. A time would come when there was no qualified brother. It was resolved that the clause stand without alteration.

Clause 16 was agreed to with the addition of the words "or resign" after "die" in the first line, and the substitution of the word "summon" for "assemble" in the fourth.

Clause 18 was agreed to without alteration.—Sir JOHN MONCKTON said that clause 18 would follow clause 6; and on the suggestion of Sir ALBERT WOODS (*Garter*), G.D.C., the clause was passed with the addition of the words "he may also appoint a Grand Secretary for German Correspondence and an Assistant Grand Secretary," Past Grand Secretaries for German Correspondence to follow.—Bro. SIR JOHN MONCKTON referred to a suggestion to add to clause 18 "no brother under an Installed Master shall hold office in the Grand Lodge except the Organist and Tyler."—The alteration was not recommended by the Board; and as no brother rose to move it, the clause was declared carried.

Clauses 19 to 25 were agreed to without amendments.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON said that it had been proposed to add the words "being or having been Master of a lodge" on the seventh line of clause 26th after the words "Grand Lodge."—The alteration was not recommended by the Board, and on being put to the vote Grand Lodge passed clause 26 unaltered.

Clause 27 was passed with the addition of the words "The Prov. Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master" after "Grand Master," omitting the words "or his Deputy."

Clauses 28 and 29 were passed without alteration.

Bro. LE FEUVRE said that in clause 30 the Province of Hants had proposed to insert after the word "Auditor" in the sixth line "who shall be a Master Mason." That was not in either of the sheets that had been distributed.—Bro. SIR JOHN MONCKTON said that it came in the form of a letter and being taken as a suggestion only was not inserted.—The proposed alteration was agreed to by Grand Lodge.—Bro. SIR JOHN MONCKTON said that it had been suggested, and the Board recommended, that on the sixth line the words "elected annually in June by the Grand Lodge" should be substituted for "appointed by the Grand Master."—That alteration also was agreed to.

Clauses 31 and 32 were passed without alteration.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON said that for clause 33 a suggestion had been made to omit the rule, and another suggestion was to add in the fourth line "or Deputy Provincial Grand Master."—Bro. the Rev. H. A. PICKARD,

P.G.C., said he must support the proposed alteration; when the office of Provincial Grand Master was vacant the Deputy Provincial Grand Master should take charge of the province; it should not lapse to the Grand Registrar.—Bro. G. J. MCKAY seconded the amendment.—Bro. MCINTYRE said the office did not at present lapse to the Grand Registrar; it required the written authorisation of the Grand Master to place a province under the charge of the Grand Registrar. Where the power was exercised for a province it was only for a temporary purpose, and until the appointment of a Prov. G. Master.—Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST said he should support the amendment if pressed to a division.—Lord HOLMESDALE, R.W. Provincial Grand Master Kent, asked how the appointment of the Grand Registrar to take charge of a province could be made consistent with the appointment by him of a deputy to perform the functions of a Provincial Grand Master.—Bro. MCINTYRE said the amendment would take away the power of appointment from the Grand Master.—General BROWNRIFF, R.W.P.G.M. Surrey, asked whether it had not always been the case that on the death of a Provincial Grand Master the Grand Registrar had stepped into his shoes.—Bro. GOTTSCHALK said the Grand Registrar had laid it down that the Grand Master made the appointment; but had it ever occurred within the last four years that anyone but Grand Registrars had been appointed there any instance of the appointment of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and on those occasions the Grand Registrar had had the functions of the Provincial Grand Master.—Bro. SIMPSON supported the amendment.—Bro. SMALLPEICE said that clause 79 provided for the event.—The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD, P.G.C., said the latter part of clause 78 also provided for it.—Bro. MCINTYRE pointed out that rule 78 merely provided that the Deputy should rule until the Grand Master appointed some other brother to act.—The PRO GRAND MASTER then put it to Grand Lodge whether clause 33 should stand or be omitted; and it was decided to omit it.

Clause 34 was carried without alteration.

Clause 35 was passed with the substitution in the fourth line of the word "qualified" for members of the Grand Lodge, and the omission of the words "as such" in the last line.

Clause 36 was passed with the third line altered to read "all building plans or works projected or undertaken."

In clause 37 the words "in addition to his other duties has" were omitted, and the words "shall have the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge and" substituted for them.

Clauses 38 and 39 were passed unaltered.

Sir J. B. MONCKTON said that an important alteration was proposed for clause 40, by increasing the number of Grand Stewards from 18 to 30; but it was not proposed by any one present, and it was resolved that the clause stand part of the Constitutions.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON said to clause 41 it was proposed to add "certain provincial lodges to be red-apron lodges," and "Grand Stewards must be Installed Masters." As regarded the first, that had virtually been decided by Grand Lodge. As regarded the provision that Grand Stewards must be Installed Masters, the Board felt that it would be inconvenient. In Grand Stewards' Lodge it was provided that a brother must have served as Grand Steward before he came to the chair, and that provision would be nullified by the proposed alteration.—The clause was passed without alteration.

Clause 42 was passed unaltered.

Clause 43 passed, substituting the word "eligible" for "presented."

Clauses 44 and 45 were passed unaltered.

In clause 46 the proposal to substitute the word "submit" for "transmit" was rejected, and the clause passed without alteration.

A verbal alteration in clause 47 was negatived, and the clause passed without alteration.

Clause 48 was passed unaltered.

Sir J. B. MONCKTON said that for clause 49 an amendment had been proposed to add "such Prov. or District Grand Officers Past and Present as are members of the Grand Lodge shall have set apart for them two cross benches below the dais." The Board did not recommend that alteration as they felt it would unsettle the arrangements of Grand Lodge.—Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST called attention to the Committee being called in some places the General Committee of Grand Lodge and in others the General Committee, and Sir J. B. MONCKTON said that the words "General Committee" had been adopted throughout for the sake of uniformity.—The clause was then passed without alteration.

Clause 50 was passed with the fourth line altered to read "which shall consist of the President of the Board of Benevolence, who if present shall act as chairman, the Present and Past Grand Officers and the Master, &c.," "and meet, &c."

Clause 51 was passed, substituting the word "any" for the word "some" in the fourth line.

Clause 52 was passed, adding on the eighth line after "Committee" the words "or by notice previously given or sent to the Grand Secretary."

Clause 53 was carried without alteration.

Sir J. B. MONCKTON said in clause 54 it was suggested and recommended to add on the third line after the word "is" the words "scandalous, improper, irregular, or."—The PRO GRAND MASTER said this was an important alteration. He saw no objection to it; there could be no doubt as to the words "scandalous and irregular," but "improper" was a very wide term.—Bro. JAS. STEVENS asked whether the President of the Board of General Purposes was going to read the amendments which were proposed and not recommended, so that the whole might be taken together.—The PRO GRAND MASTER said he thought that would be the proper course.—Bro. G. J. MCKAY proposed and Bro. BRACKSTONE BAKER seconded the omission of the word "improper."—Sir J. MONCKTON said that a province had suggested these words, and they had been recommended by the Board, leaving it for Grand Lodge to decide.—The clause was then passed omitting the word "improper" and adopting the words "scandalous and irregular."—Other verbal alterations having been proposed, Bro. JAS. STEVENS said that the amendment he proposed would raise the whole question. He proposed to omit the words from "The Chairman" to "specially," and to substitute the following: "The General Committee may direct that any notice which in the opinion of the majority is scandalous, irregular, or contrary to the principles of Freemasonry, shall be omitted from the list of business to be brought before Grand Lodge at its ensuing communication, and in such case the Chairman of the General Committee shall "do certain things." The object was to take away from any one person the opportunity of obstructing any notice of motion it might be desired to put before Grand Lodge.—Bro. E. F. STORR, P.M., Treas. 22, seconded the amendment.—The clause as amended by Bro. Stevens was passed.

Clauses 55 and 56 were passed without alteration.

Clause 57 was altered by the addition on the 6th line, after the word

"all," of the words "Present and Past," and after "officers," "Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Secretaries."

Clauses 58 and 59 passed unaltered.

In clause 60 "eight" was substituted for "six" throughout.

Clauses 61 and 62 no alteration.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON said that to clause 63 an amendment was proposed by adding the words "a resolution of the Grand Lodge at one Quarterly Communication if confirmed at the next ensuing meeting of Grand Lodge, becomes law." The Board did not recommend that.—Bro.

JAMES STEVENS said he was the mover of the amendment, which had been one of the old Constitutions, but had been eliminated from them, for what reason he did not know, but he thought it important that when a matter had been solemnly discussed and resolved upon, and that resolution had been confirmed, it should become a law which all officers were bound to see observed.—Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON said that when laws were passed and confirmed they were laws of course, which no one—not even the Grand Master—had any right to impede; but the Board thought it rather against the dignity of Grand Lodge to say that that should be law what was law already.—Bro. the Rev. J. SIMPSON intervened to raise the question of what was the proper definition of confirmation of the minutes, but the Chairman ruled him out of order, but waived his objection on condition that he would confine himself to the present.—Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON said he would confine himself to the present and the past, and referred to two decisions given from the chair, one favouring the view that confirmation meant verification of record, and the other that confirmation was a resolution without which a law decided upon could not take effect. He contended that all resolutions of Grand Lodge, except such as related to money grants, should be finally decided at the lodge at which they were discussed and carried.—Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, Prov. Grand Master Hants and the Isle of Wight, could not agree with Bro. Simpson. Grand Lodge was always able to revise its decision, and had frequently rejected a portion of the minutes which recorded something done at a previous meeting. He would give one instance. Twenty-five years ago it was decided at one Grand Lodge that the Mark Degree should be recognised by Grand Lodge; that was carried by a large majority; but at the next Grand Lodge that portion of the minutes was not confirmed.—Bro. JOHN HAVERS, P.G.W., was surprised at Bro. Stevens's proposal, which if made should have been proposed earlier, because the Book of Constitutions provided that no law could be made use of until it had been carried at one Grand Lodge and confirmed at the next. It was important that Grand Lodges should not be taken by surprise. As he understood it, minutes were put for confirmation for three reasons—first, to let the brethren not present know what had taken place; secondly, to see whether they were correctly recorded; and, thirdly, that they might be ratified.—Bro. A. E. GLADWELL called attention to the fact that a year or two since, when a question was raised as to whether a brother was in order in moving the non-confirmation of the minutes, the Pro Grand Master had said that he had no hesitation in ruling that in so doing the brother in question was out of order. His own opinion was that confirmation was equivalent to asking the brethren, "Do you now approve of the decision you then arrived at? If not, you have now an opportunity of reversing it."—After a short reply from Bro. STEVENS the question was put that the clause stand unaltered, and was agreed to.—Bro. STEVENS said he was quite sure that the motion was not understood; he had, in fact, voted against himself.

Clause 64, no alteration; also 65, notwithstanding a proposal to omit it from the Constitutions.

Clauses 66 to 71 were passed without alteration.—Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST said he sent in a suggested amendment of rule 66 by addition of the words "other than those sanctioned by the general Committee." He sent that in for the purpose of preventing any one being ruled out of order by the chair, a serious consideration when brethren came some hundreds of miles to attend Grand Lodge.—Sir J. B. MONCKTON could not recommend the alteration, which he considered an infringement of the rights of the Grand Master. It might by some accident happen that a notice of motion would emanate from the General Committee containing words of religious, political, international importance, when it would be proper that it should be overruled.—The Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Deputy Prov. Grand Master Norfolk, seconded Bro. GUEST's proposal.—Bro. MCINTYRE said this was not a new law, although the Prov. Grand Master for Dorset was considering it as such and as changing the universal practice of the Craft. He seemed to him to be curtailing the power of the chair, which would be useful in the event of any improper words in a notice having by accident been passed unnoticed by the General Committee.—In putting the question, the PRO GRAND MASTER said he thought it right to say a few words himself. The proposed alteration would alter what had been the practice for 50 or 60 years, and it seemed to him that unless there were something more than mere theory to be advanced it was not advisable to take away a power which was not likely to be abused.—On being put to Grand Lodge the clause was passed without alteration.

Clauses 67 to 71 were also passed unaltered.

Clause 72 was also passed unaltered, notwithstanding the proposition to insert the word "may" instead of "shall."

Clause 73, no alteration.

Clause 74 passed with substitution of "Wardens" for "officers."

Clause 75, no alteration.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON said that in clause 76 several alterations were proposed; those recommended by the Board were; in the sixth line to add after the words "Grand Master" "except in elections by ballot." In the eighth line to substitute "one hand" for "one of his hands." In the tenth line to add after the word "counted" "the counting shall be conducted in the following manner;" and then add the resolution passed in Grand Lodge in June, 1882. What the Board did not recommend was the provision for proxy voting.—The clause, with these amendments, was passed, and proxy voting rejected.

Clause 77, no alteration.

Sir JOHN MONCKTON said in clause 78 it was proposed to introduce 104 as 79 altered, so as to read "in colonies and foreign parts the terms District Grand Master and District Grand Lodge are used to distinguish such officers and bodies from Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodges as in England."—This recommendation was agreed to.

Clause 79 passed, the insertion of the words "or in such remote part of the district as to render it impossible to communicate with him" being rejected.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON said in clause 80 there were several alterations deserving of attention. It was proposed that Provincial and District Grand Lodges may enact by their bye-laws that in addition to the above, the Past Masters out of the province or district who have joined lodges in the province or district shall be members of Provincial or District Grand Lodge.—Bro. C. D. HILL DRURY spoke against the proposal. He

thought it should not be permissive, but should either be withdrawn altogether or else made absolute. Bro. Drury went on to instance the hardship of a brother who was a Past Master, and had been obliged to move into another province, finding when he joined a lodge of that province that though a P.M. he ranked in the lodge with its youngest members. Moreover, he had no vote in Provincial Grand Lodge. Hundreds of P.Ms. were affected by it, and it was a matter that gave more trouble in the provinces than any other. He would move that "A Past Master joining a lodge should be considered a P.M. of the lodge." No notice of this amendment having been given it was ruled out of order.—Bro. the Rev. C. J. ARNOLD said that the proposal before the Grand Lodge was proposed by the Province of Surrey, and the amendment was to this effect, that a note be placed at the end of this particular section that that would be the position of a joining P.M., because otherwise he would have been excluded from the membership and privilege of Grand Lodge. They therefore proposed that a P.M. of one province who joined a lodge in another province should take the rank of a P.M. in that other province.—The proposal was seconded by the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, and the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, and opposed by the Rev. AMROSE HALL, P.G.C.—Bro. MCINTYRE thought that brethren had been speaking upon a subject dealt with in a later clause. That was clause 186. He would most respectfully ask the Pro G. Master to rule that Grand Lodge could not deal with the status a Past Master was to have in his lodge; that must be dealt with in another place.—Bro. MONTAGUE GUEST said as it appeared to be the opinion of grand Lodge that the amendment should not be allowed he must give way, but he thought it would be far better that Grand Lodge should decide that there should be a bye-law having the effect suggested instead of making the matter permissive.—Bro. H. S. ALLPASS thought it would be much better if the proposal by the Board of General Purposes was absolute and not permissive.—Lord HOLMESDALE supported the proposals of the Board. He thought the provinces ought to decide whether they would or would not admit joining Past Masters as members of Provincial Grand Lodge.—After some remarks by the Pro Grand Master the clause reading "Provincial and District Grand Masters shall enact by their bye-laws" was passed.

Clause 81 was passed substituting on the 5th line "whom he may think fit" for "may be thought;" on the 9th line "those" for "that," and adding at the end "except that of summoning the Provincial or District Grand Lodge to meet for the purposes of installation."

We hope to continue our report of the discussion on the remaining clauses next week.

THE GRAND MASTERS' PROPOSED VISIT TO YORK.

On Wednesday next the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England, will lay the foundation-stone of the New Institute for Art, Science, and Literature in the ancient city of York. An especial Grand Lodge will be opened in the Guildhall at 10.15 a.m., which W. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the several lodges have been invited to attend, and the brethren of the York lodges in an especial degree, as well as of those in the province of N. and E. Yorkshire and its neighbour of W. Yorkshire, may be relied upon to do their utmost in order to give all possible splendour to the occasion, so as to make it worthy in all respects of the fair fame of the legendary birthplace of English Freemasonry. There will likewise, in all probability, be a large concourse of Craftsmen from other parts of England, anxious to do honour in the first instance to our Royal Grand Master, and in the next to the venerable capital of the north; and, in these circumstances, a glance at the claims of York Masonry may not be unacceptable to our readers.

It is unnecessary we should do more than refer to the legend which connects King Athelstan, a near descendant of Alfred, the greatest of our Anglo-Saxon monarchs, with the origin of Freemasonry in this country. Whether at the instance of Prince Edwin, his so-styled son, or not, it is probable that he granted a charter to the Masonic, as to other, Guilds, and it is just as possible that this Prince Edwin may have caused the first assembly of Masons in England to be held in York. What more immediately concerns us is that, even in connection with Masonry in its Modern or Speculative aspect, there is no other city in the world which is richer in historical associations with the Mason Craft than that of York. At the time when the Grand Lodge of England was established in London there was in York a lodge dating probably from the seventeenth century. It is on record that in 1705 its Master, or President, was Sir George Tempest. Towards the close of the year 1725, its chief assumed the style and title of Grand Master, and the lodge itself came to be designated as the "Grand Lodge of All England," to distinguish it, in accordance with the legend already referred to—that the Mason assemblies were originally held in York—from the Grand Lodge of England in London. But, though claiming for itself this superior distinction, it maintained relations of a friendly character with the Southern Grand Lodge. The latter, as will be seen on reference to the pages of Findel, was referred to by Bro. Drake in 1726, and in 1767 Bro. Lambert, Grand Secretary, York, writing to Bro. Spencer, Grand Secretary, London, informs him that the Lodge No. 259, in Stonegate, York, which had been constituted by the Grand Lodge, London, 12th January, 1761, had discontinued meeting, and after imparting sundry other particulars respecting his Grand Lodge, adds: "In all that appertains to the general good, and especially that of the fraternity at large, this Grand Lodge" (of York) "is ever ready to work in concert with the one in London, and demonstrate all proper respect for any information or advice she may impart."

As to the influence of the Grand Lodge of All England, York, whatever it may have been in the city itself, the Grand Lodge of England in London appears to have granted warrants freely for the establishment of lodges both there and in the country. Several of these are still flourishing and notably York Lodge, No. 236, originally, Union Lodge, No. 1777, as well as present No. 61, Halifax, founded in 1738; No. 123, Richmond, dating from 1763; No. 139, Sheffield, from 1765; No. 154, Wakefield, from 1766; No. 242, Doncaster, from 1780; No. 250, Hull, from 1783; Nos. 264 and 265, Batley and Keighley respectively, from 1788; No. 275, Huddersfield, from 1789, &c. In addition there are some 10 lodges still on the roll of Grand Lodge, whose warrants of constitution were granted during the years 1792-97, when the York Grand Lodge was no more; and it may further be mentioned that besides the Lodge 259, Stonegate, York, referred to by Bro. Grand Secretary Lambert as being defunct in 1767, an Apollo Lodge, York, was constituted by the "Moderns" as No. 450 in 1773, became which No. 290 in 1792 and subsequently died out. There are also lodges still flourishing, such as No. 57, Hull, No. 149, Meltham, which were founded by the "Ancients."

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER, M.W.G.M.M.M.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN AID OF THE MARK GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY, 1883,

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE, SYDENHAM.

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Dinner on the Table at Five o'clock p.m. Morning Dress—Mark Collars and Jewels.

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Brethren who are kindly acting as Stewards are requested to send in their Lists on or before Saturday, 21st inst.

FREDERICK BINCKES, Grand Secretary, 8a, Red Lion-square, W.C., 12th July, 1883.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT:

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

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, London, on MONDAY, the 16th day of JULY, 1883, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To Elect a Trustee of the General Fund in the room of Bro. John Wordsworth, V. Patron, deceased. To receive the Recommendation from the General Committee for the adoption of a list of Sixty-four candidates from which Twenty Boys shall be Elected at the Quarterly General Court to be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 15th October next.

To consider the following Notices of Motion by W. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart (P.G.D.), V. Pres. :-

1. That, having regard to the unprecedented success of the recent Festival, which involved unusual and excessive labour, and in appreciation of the result, after 22 years' service, the sum of £250 be awarded to the Secretary, Bro. F. Binckes.
2. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee, the sum of £105 be awarded to Miss Elizabeth Hall, now in the 20th year of her office as Matron, in consideration of her valuable services generally, and during periods of sickness, especially in the outbreak of scarlatina last year.

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the Afternoon precisely.

FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G. Std., V. Patron, Office, 6, Freemasons' Hall, Secretary, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., July 7th, 1883.

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MEETING OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AT YORK, JULY 16TH TO 20TH.

GRAND MASONIC CEREMONY BY THE M.W. THE G.M. ON THE 13th.

ORDINARY RETURN TICKETS issued between stations on the Midland Railway and York are available for one calendar month.

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ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AT YORK, MONDAY, 16TH, TO FRIDAY, 20TH JULY.

GRAND MASONIC CEREMONY BY THE M.W. THE G.M. ON THE 18th.

DOG SHOW, JULY 17TH TO 20TH.

The Great Northern Company's Daily Train Service to York will be as below:

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York ...	dep.	5.15	7.45	9.0	10.0	10.25	10.35
London (King's Cross) ...	arr.	9.48	12.50	1.40	1.55	2.35	3.0
York ...	arr.	11.45	1.15	3.15	5.40	8.0	8.30
London (King's Cross) ...	arr.	4.34	5.20	7.35	10.5	12.15	12.47
York ...	dep.	4.34	5.20	7.35	10.5	12.15	12.47

The 5.0 p.m. Express from King's Cross on Sundays now runs through to York.

On MONDAY, July 16th, a SPECIAL EXPRESS for YORK will leave LONDON (King's Cross) at 8.45 a.m., calling at Peterborough at 10.20 a.m., Grantham at 11.5 a.m., and Newark at 12.28 p.m.

On FRIDAY, July 20th, a SPECIAL EXPRESS will leave YORK at 5.15 p.m. for LONDON and certain intermediate Stations.

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HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.

King's Cross Station, July, 1883.

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Greenock . . .	5 52	7 15	9 5	11 42
Oban . . .	9 43	—	4 35	12 15
Perth . . .	6 50	—	9 35	11 40
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Aberdeen . . .	10 10	—	3 20	11 40
Inverness . . .	—	—	8 0	1 30

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June, 1883.

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To the Governors and Subscribers of the ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

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To Correspondents.

ALONE.—We deem it better not to print your letter; it can do no good.

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

- NOTES AND QUERIES.—Charles Sackville, Hadrian Craft Lodge, 1970; Derwent, 40. Union Mark Lodge, 124. Sesqui-Centennial of Relief Lodge, 42, Bury.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The American Masonic Chronicle," "The Keystone," "The Court Circular," "The Vaccination Inquirer," "The Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "The Canadian Craftsman," "Cox's Monthly Legal Circular," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Calendar of the Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, 1883 and 1884," "Die Bauhutte," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinion expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE SPECIAL GRAND LODGE AT YORK. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— May I ask you, through your columns, what is the meaning of this "Addendum" accompanying the Grand Lodge circular?

"Special Grand Lodge at York, 1st July, 1883. "N.B.—All Grand Officers (except those of the present year) attending the ceremony will require tickets of admission to the enclosure, for which a charge of 5s. will be made. Application for tickets should be made alone to the Grand Secretary."

I do not profess to understand why any Past Grand Officer who complies with the Grand Master's summons to attend is to be mulcted 5s. for "obedience to orders." It seems to me altogether "infra dig" to Grand Lodge, and utterly unworthy of the known hospitality and large-heartedness of our good brethren at York. It is evidently one of those little unfortunate specimens of red tape which linger north, south, east, and west among the authorities and committees of our benevolent old Order. I believe this is the first time any such arrangement has been suggested, and for fear of its being made a precedent, I think I may add that the Grand Officers, would I feel sure as a body, disapprove of any such innovation. It is, in my opinion, a great blunder, to say the least of it.—Yours fraternally, A MEMBER OF GRAND LODGE.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,— I think in a matter involving the outlay of so large a sum as £30,000 the opinion of more than one expert would have been advisable; I feel certain what the answer of Bro. Clutton will be—that it is an extortionate and unjust price, and that no man out of Colney Hatch or other lunatic asylum would ever dream of giving such a price for a piece of land so inaccessible and costly to build upon, where a street could not be formed, and where the houses must be built one above the other on the face of the hill. I

trust that the report will be full, and contain not only the value of the land as a whole, but of that, or those portions, which might be resold; or, if possible, to ascertain what price, if any, has been offered for them, and whether they are responsible parties.

I do not remember the size of Lyncombe House grounds—a purchase of far greater importance than this in contemplation—yet for ground, house, and all complete the price was £6500; and here we are asked £4000 per acre. Because the School has a large funded property it is no reason why it should be thrown away. Offer a fair price for it, and if the owner refuses to sell, except at an exorbitant price, let him keep it; he will find nobody to give him so high a price for it as this Institution, as no other has the same interest in obtaining it.

Hoping that there will be a good muster to-morrow, and that the matter will receive that consideration it demands, I remain, yours fraternally and faithfully,
V. P.
July 13th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Another "bogy" at the Girls' School, showing what a good game it is for those owning land adjoining.

The neighbourhood of Clapham Junction is not much in favour just now, and any owner of land would think himself well off if he got £2000 per acre for meadow land which would require a very considerable expenditure on roads and drains before it could be offered as building land.

Is it to be proposed that nine acres shall be purchased at £4000 per acre? because if so I see clearly a loss to the Craft of at least £20,000 on the transaction.

I trust that the Life Governors—London and provincial—will muster in force and oppose such a scheme as likely to waste the hardly acquired funds, and still further increase the injurious rumours that the Girls' School is well off and will not require such large amounts each year in the future as in the past.

Let the vendor keep his land or offer it by auction, when the market price will be seen to be about half the amount he is trying to obtain by frightening the House Committee.—Yours fraternally, LIFE GOVERNOR.

[We publish these two letters somewhat unwillingly, as we think the writers hardly deal fairly either with the common sense or business views of the House Committee. We, on the contrary, deem that they deserve all our thanks for their prompt attention to a matter so seriously affecting the position and comfort and safety of the Girls' School.—Ed. P.M.]

"THE SAME USAGES AND CUSTOMS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I wish to ask a question; but before doing so permit me "en passant" to thank you for your admission in your leaderette of last week that though we do not agree on all points, and our respective "theories" and "fads" do not assimilate, we are nevertheless friendly antagonists. Whilst such amenities exist between us, we shall neither of us be wrong in designating each other as "my friend, the enemy;" and respecting each other accordingly.

What I want to ask you is, what is meant by the words "the same usages and customs" as applied to Masonic working? Of course, after my having been defeated at the late special Grand Lodge on my amendment for the restoration of the original clause in the proposed revision, although such defeat was by a narrow majority, I shall bow to the decision then come to, and conform to "the same usages and customs" which the new Constitutions will enjoy to be observed throughout the Craft. But what are they? Surely, if you deprecate my "theories" and consider that I argue on false premisses, you will, either of your own knowledge, or through the medium of the undoubted circulation amongst Freemasons which your journal enjoys, enable me to receive information which may supply the craving to know what are the same usages and customs we are henceforward to observe? So I venture to put the question to you, and through you to members of our Order generally.

In the course of my Masonic career I have, on occasions, pledged myself to discountenance dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry, and have admitted that "it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovation in the body of Masonry." I have still more solemnly engaged myself "not to permit or suffer deviation from established rites and ceremonies;" but, on the contrary, "to maintain and support ancient usages and customs as Masters have done in all ages." I am enjoined to visit lodges to preserve these usages and customs. I do so, and then I wonder what I really meant by the pledges I have given; and which of the rites and ceremonies are established rites and ceremonies, and which of the usages and customs are the same throughout the Craft. And then, why then instead of being able to "preserve a good understanding amongst Freemasons," I lose, I fear, my own good understanding, and am haunted by "theories," "fads," "et hoc genus omne." Do help me if you can out of this maze of doubt and difficulty, and believe me, yours very truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS,
P.M. 1216, P.Z.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A meeting of the General Committee was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, at which Bro. A. F. Godson presided. There were also present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, Dr. J. W. Ramsay, David Crombie, John L. Mather, Alfred Williams, J. B. Sorrell, C. F. Matier, Geo. Cooper, George Skeggs, J. M. P. Montagu, W. H. Saunders, H. Goodall, A. M. Broadley, G. P. Festa, Frederick Adlard, and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the previous General Committee of 2nd June were read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee of the 29th ult. were read for information.

In terms of a recommendation contained in the minutes of the House Committee, Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART gave notice that at the next General Court he should move: "That, in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee, the sum of 100 guineas be handed to Miss Elizabeth Hall, now in the twentieth year of her office as matron, and in consideration of her valuable services during the outbreak of scarlet fever in the school last year."

The sanction of the Committee was given to the investment of a further sum of £2000 in India four per cents., on account of the Preparatory School Building Fund.

Eleven petitions were considered, and in nine cases the names were added to the lists of candidates for election. The two remaining petitions were deferred for information.

An application from Mrs. Taylor, on behalf of E. G. W. Taylor, who is about leaving the school, for a special money grant in lieu of the usual outfit grant was considered.

Bro. MONTAGUE, who was in attendance on behalf of the Council of the 33°, said that it having been reported to the Council that this boy had done very well at the School, having taken certain prizes and distinguished himself for Latin at the University Local Examinations; they were desirous of doing something to assist his start in life. The boy's father had been a gas manager, and had lost his life while following his profession in Central America. The boy was anxious to follow his father's occupation, and it was therefore proposed to place him for a term of three years with Bro. Sugg, gas engineer, to learn that business. The Council had made him a grant of £60, to be paid in three annual instalments. This sum, however, would not much more than suffice to repay Bro. Sugg (who provided all his employes with an excellent dinner daily at a shilling a head) for the boy's dinners, and would leave little or nothing for clothes and other expenses. He proposed therefore to ask this Committee to grant the boy's mother £10 a year for two years. The case was a special one, the relatives being unable to do more than they had already done for the support of the family. He proposed that the money should be handed to the mother, who would have to keep the boy.

After some discussion it was agreed to grant a sum of £40, to be handed to the Supreme Council of the 33°, to be disposed of according to arrangements to be agreed between Bros. Montagu and Binckes.

Outfit grants of £5 were made to J. W. Hutton, W. L. Morley, and H. E. Clarke. A grant of £20 was made to Keddle, who was going to sea, in aid of his outfit and other matters.

The question of appointing an additional trustee was deferred for future consideration.

Bro. BINCKES announced that the total financial results of the recent festival now amounted to £23,050, and that, as regards next election, there were 20 vacancies in the School to be filled up, and that there were 64 candidates for election.

Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART also gave notice of the following motions, to be moved at the next Quarterly Court:

"That, having regard to the unprecedented success of the recent festival, which involved unusual and excessive labour, the sum of £250 be handed to the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, who has now completed 22 years of service."

"That, in consequence of the largely increased office duties, the Secretary do receive a salary of £125 per annum in addition to his present salary for the years 1883 and 1884; and the clerk a salary of £25 in addition to his salary for the same years; to be paid out of the interest on the capital stock invested on behalf of the Special Preparatory Building Fund."

There being no other business a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of this Institution met at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. There were also present, Bros. J. Newton, John Bulmer, W. J. Murlis, C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, W. H. Goodall, T. W. Bush, Charles Atkins, Henry Moore, Robert P. Tate, C. J. Perceval, J. H. Sillitoe, G. L. Moore, and E. B. Harding.

The minutes of the previous meeting, of 13th ult., were read and confirmed.

The Secretary, Bro. TERRY, reported the death of two annuitants since last meeting—Bro. Riley and Mrs. Sarah Woods. He also reported the Stewards' recent visit to the Institution at Croydon, on which occasion the company were entertained by the performances of the band of the Boys' School, which, by the courtesy of the House Committee, had been permitted to attend on the occasion; and on the motion of Bro. MURLIS, a vote of thanks to the House Committee for their kindness was passed.

The Secretary then presented the report of the Finance and Audit Committee, which showed balances in favour of the Male Fund, £1359 6s. 4d.; Widows' Fund, £1604 14s. 3d.; and Sustentation Fund, £59 16s. 4d., and the same was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The SECRETARY read a letter he had received from the Grand Secretary enclosing a letter which had been forwarded by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which had been written to the Grand Master by a former annuitant.

The letter in question was an appeal to H.R.H. to use his influence with the Committee of the Benevolent Institution to get his annuity restored to him.

The CHAIRMAN stated that this brother's name had been removed from the list of annuitants upon his being convicted and sentenced to a month's imprisonment for having made away with Masonic jewels, &c., entrusted to his care as Tyler of a lodge. He and his family had received considerable benefits from the Craft, his father, mother, and himself having all had grants from the Benevolent Fund, and having had a son in the Boys' School, and he had besides attempted to mortgage his annuity.

Under these circumstances it was ordered "that the letter do lie on the table."

The SECRETARY stated, as regarded the Steward who had not paid in the £40 he had collected, that he had been in communication with the province to which he belonged, and he had received a defined promise of the money under circumstances which he considered ensured its being paid.

Three petitions were received and approved and the names of one brother and two widows were added to the list of candidates.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX.

Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.W., R.W. G.M. of this province, presided at the annual meeting which took place at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, the 30th ult., and was supported by a very large gathering of Present and Past Grand Officers, together with numerous brethren from lodges in the province, and a fair proportion of distinguished visitors, amongst the latter of whom we noticed Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., P.G.C., Deputy P.G.M. Surrey; H. Potter, P.M. 11; J. Green, P.M. 27; James Terry, P.M. 228, P.P.G.W. Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; F. Binckes, P.M., Grand Stewards' Lodge, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; F. Eckstein, P.M. 1196; Henry Prenton, 1391; and others.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers and lodges having been called, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and adopted. Abbreviated reports of the Audit and Charity Committees were then presented, it being understood that they would afterwards be printed in extenso. From the statements submitted we gather that the funds are in a satisfactory state, there being a balance in hand of £441 18s. 5d. against £356 18s. 9d. last year.

On the motion of Bro. F. DAVISON, P.P.G.S.W., the report was received and adopted, and the sum of £10 10s. voted to a distressed brother from the Benevolent Fund.

Bro. H. C. Buss, Assist. G. Sec., was again unanimously elected to fill the office of Prov. Grand Treasurer, after which

The R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER announced that before appointing the officers for the ensuing year, he would call upon Bro. Raymond Thrupp to take the obligation as Deputy Grand Master. The patent, dated 30th September last, having been read, Bro. Thrupp was afterwards obligated, and the brethren, by command of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, were called upon to salute him as his Deputy. The appointment and investiture of officers then proceeded as follows:

- Bro. F. B. Archer Prov. G.S.W.
- „ F. McDougall Prov. G.J.W.
- „ Rev. L. M. D'Orsey } Prov. G. Chaps.
- „ Rev. R. Fawcett }
- „ H. G. Buss Prov. G. Treas.
- „ R. Horton Smith Prov. G. Reg.
- „ H. C. Levander Prov. G. Sec.
- „ G. Fehrenbach Prov. G.S.D.
- „ T. W. Ockenden Prov. G.J.D.
- „ C. C. Pearce Prov. G.S. of W.
- „ E. Poore Prov. G.D.C.
- „ A. F. Roberts Prov. G.A.D.C.
- „ Vincent Prov. G. Svd. Br.
- „ Stidolph Prov. G. Org.
- „ C. Russ Prov. G. Purst.
- „ Mayes Prov. G.A. Purst.
- Bros. Skinner, 946, E. Gilbert, 1236, }
„ G. C. Harding, 1238, T. W. }
„ Cooper, 1637, Featherstone, 1656, } Prov. G. Stwds.
- „ Forge, 1793 }
Bro. J. Gilbert Prov. G. Tyler.

The notice of motion in the name of the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, "that the following sums be granted from the Benevolent Fund, viz.: The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls £10 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Boys £10 10s.; and Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons £10 10s.;" was then put, and being seconded by the DEPUTY P.G.M., unanimously agreed to, after which Bro. R. H. THRUPP gave notice that at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge he should move that in future the sum annually contributed to each of the three Charities be increased to £15 15s.

The business on the agenda being ended the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER, before closing the lodge, stated that he wished to take that opportunity of congratulating Provincial Grand Lodge upon the state of efficiency and manner of working of the various lodges in the province. He might tell them that he had been ably assisted by his Deputy, Bro. Thrupp, who had spent a good deal of time in visiting different lodges, and had only the day previously handed him a report of the results of his visits, which was very satisfactory, and he (the Provincial Grand Master) was much indebted to Bro. Thrupp for what he had done. As he had said before, he found it impossible personally to visit all the lodges; but he had been much pleased with the admirable manner in which the work was conducted in some he had recently attended. Only the other day he visited the Sub-Urban Lodge at Great Stanmore. It was no easy matter to get from Richmond to Great Stanmore; but he must tell them that he had there an opportunity of seeing the outgoing Master install his successor, and the manner in which the ceremony was performed, and the charges delivered, he must say reflected the highest credit upon the I.P.M. He had not been to Great Stanmore for some time previously, but on his recent visit he was very much pleased with the way in which everything was conducted.

This ended the business of the meeting, and Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master afterwards presided at a banquet at the Mitre Hotel. Grace was sung by the musical brethren, after which the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were submitted and loyally honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, K.G.;" the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the Grand Officers Present and Past," the R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER paid a high tribute to the valuable services rendered by those brethren, and called upon all present to join him in drinking to their health, coupled with the name of the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., and Deputy Grand Master for Surrey.

Bro. ARNOLD having responded, Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., proposed "The Health of the R.W. the Grand Master of the Province, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart."

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in response, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He was greatly obliged for the support he at all times received from his officers; it was gratifying to see the lodges represented year by year in such increasing num-

bers; anything he could do for the lodges or the province he should at all times be most happy to do. Many of the lodges, as he had previously stated, had been visited by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master since his appointment; he was pleased to learn that all were in such a prosperous state. He had much pleasure in proposing "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thrupp;" he had not only been able to see, but to show them how those duties should be performed.

Bro. THURPP, in acknowledging the toast, mentioned that during the nine months since his appointment he had visited eighteen lodges and three chapters. He should like to have visited all the others, and he hoped to do so during the next three months. This, however, was no easy matter, seeing how the lodges were scattered about the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Visitors," coupled with the name of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

Bro. COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE having briefly acknowledged the compliment paid to the visitors and to himself by having had his name coupled with the toast,

The CHAIRMAN gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and dwelt at some length, referring to the unprecedented success which had attended the recent Boys' Festival, and expressing a hope that the Girls and Aged Masons might some day attain the like result; he incidentally mentioned that Bro. C. Hawksley, of the Sub-Urban Lodge, took up the sum of 60 guineas—the highest amount for the province. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School.

Bro. BINCKES, whilst protesting that he expected to have escaped any call upon him, begged to remove any impression that he was so elated with the recent success of the Boys that he should stop at what had been done; it was a legitimate demand made and responded to, and he trusted to be spared to see the R.W. Prov. Grand Master presiding on an occasion when he should have still larger results. The heart of Freemasonry was sound, and he confidently looked forward to greater successes.

Bro. J. TERRY, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, said whilst he congratulated Bro. Binckes on the result of his Board of Stewards—given the Girls and Old Folks the same privileges, he had little doubt but that a like result might be obtained; competition and rivalry were alike good.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings at the table to a close.

Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those whose names we have already mentioned, were Bros. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; James Inglis, P.G.S.W.; H. G. Buss, Prov. G. Treas.; C. Locke Smiles, Prov. G. Reg.; H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Sec.; Wm. Stephens, P.G.S.D.; R. Lonsdale, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Pearson, P.G.A.D.C.; T. J. Bird, P.G.S.B.; J. W. George, P.G.O.; Charles Russ, P.G.A. Pursuivant; J. Gilbert, Provincial Grand Tyler; E. Poore, W. Vincent, F. McDougall and W. G. Kentish, Prov. G. Stewards. Of the Past Provincial Grand Officers there were Bros. Fred. Davison, P.P.G.S.W.; J. M. Stedwell, P.P.G.J.W.; D. W. Pearce, P.P.G. Reg.; Hugh M. Gordon, J. Mason, F. W. Levander and Wm. Hammond, P.P. Grand Deacons; G. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. Bearer; George J. Dunkley, P. Prov. G. Organist; T. W. Ockenden and F. B. Archer, P. Prov. Grand Stewards. The various Lodges were represented by Bros. G. Fehrenbach, P.M. 382; R. Fawcett, P.M. 708; R. J. S. Barton, P.M. 788; S. Larcomb, P.M. 788; J. T. Skinner, I.P.M. 946; Thos. Cross, P.M. 1194; A. G. Fidler, S.W. 1237; Wm. Weaver, P.M. 1238; G. C. Harding, P.M. 1238; C. Sadler, 1293; Thos. Gurney, W.M. 1309; E. W. Devereux, P.M. 1423; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M. 1423; Alfred Brookman, S.D. 1460; Harold E. Stidolph, P.P.G.D. Essex, 1494; S. H. T. Saunders, J.W. 1503; J. C. Jessell, P.M. 1512; J. W. Cooper, I.P.M. 1637; J. Seathurst, W.M. 1656; J. Ferguson, S.W. 1691; Chas. Hawksley, I.P.M. 1702; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793; Jno. Piller, P.M. 1793; W. S. Cantrell, W.M. 1871; and many others.

The musical arrangements were most successfully carried out under the direction of Bro. J. W. George, Prov. G. Org., ably assisted by Bros. G. S. Graham, P.P.G.O., and E. Burrit Lane, Org. 1765.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. A. W. FENNER, P.M. 1227.

On Saturday last a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, who wished to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the lodge by Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227, on his retirement from the office of Secretary, which position he has occupied so ably for a number of years. Bro. Percy, Preceptor, presided, supported by Bro. Powell.

The CHAIRMAN in a few well chosen words presented to Bro. Fenner a handsomely framed testimonial signed by a number of the brethren, together with a purse of sovereigns, and expressed the gratification it afforded him on the present occasion of presenting this small token of respect and esteem to so worthy a brother, who by the assiduous manner in which he had at all times worked for the benefit of the lodge and Fraternity had won the approbation of all with whom he had been associated.

Bro. FENNER in reply sincerely thanked the brethren for this mark of their favour and assured them that although business required more of his time than hitherto he should still have the interest of the Percy Lodge at heart and attend as often as he possibly could.

The toasts of "The Preceptor," "Treasurer," and "Secretary," were duly proposed and responded to, as was also that of "The P.M.s. and present W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge" (which is really an offshoot of the old lodge of instruction) by Bros. Killick, Treward, and Hall.

In the course of the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Snook, Killick, Weeden, Rhodes, Hickman, and Hirst.

The meetings of this Lodge of Instruction are now adjourned till the first Saturday in September.

The Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament appointed to consider the scheme for the construction of a Channel Tunnel have decided by a majority of six to four against the measure.

THE MASONIC CEREMONIAL AT YORK.

The official summons of the Grand Lodge of England has made its appearance, calling a special meeting at the Guildhall of York, at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 18th inst. The Grand Master will ascend the throne at 10.15, and immediately proceed to open his lodge. All Masters, Past Masters, and actual Wardens of Freemason's lodges are members of the Grand Lodge of England, but the number of these who attend the Grand Lodge will necessarily be small, since Masons hailing from the Province of North and East Yorkshire have been summoned to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge, in the Assembly Rooms, at the same hour, and support their Provincial Grand Master. The bulk of the visitors, being Master Masons only, will also attend the Provincial Grand Lodge. It is expected that the brethren will be in their places in Provincial Grand Lodge at 10 o'clock, prompt time, as the Earl of Zetland will take the chair at that hour and open his Provincial Grand Lodge. It seems likely that the attendance of Masons will be very large, as 500 tickets had been sold some days ago, and the applications have been increasing daily. The streets will be barricaded for the whole distance from the Assembly Rooms to Clifford-street, and the barriers will be lined by troops. A mounted escort from the 5th Dragoon Guards Regiment will also precede the procession. It is most important that the public should understand that Coney-street will practically be sealed against any kind of traffic after 10 o'clock, except to those persons who are taking an active part in the procession, and those people who may secure windows in that street should therefore be careful to take actual possession of them before that hour, as otherwise they will find it impossible to reach them. One of the most graceful features at the ceremony will be the presenting and laying purses upon the stone by a number of children, and we are pleased to find that the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriff's lady have headed the movement. This step shows the lively interest which our citizens are taking in this great education work, and while the incident will be one which will mark the lives of the children who may be fortunate enough to take part in it, we feel sure that every citizen, both young and old, will have great reason to be proud of the event. Another circumstance which we think augurs well for the success of the occasion is that the Committee of the Institute have determined to number and reserve the half-guinea tickets, and to sell all reserved tickets at half-price to subscribers to the building fund. This will enable all who feel a citizen's interest in the educational work of the Institute to be present at the ceremony, and to secure their places at once.—*Yorkshire Gazette.*

SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

The annual summer festival of the above ancient lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The brethren assembled with their lady and gentleman friends at Waterloo Station at 12 o'clock, where saloon carriages were in waiting. Arriving at Richmond the interval was most pleasantly spent till 3 o'clock, the time fixed for the banquet. Before entering the banquet room each lady visitor was presented with a spray of choice flowers, and there were also button holes for the brethren and gentleman friends.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M. and responded to by the brethren and visitors with enthusiasm. The National Anthem was sung, Mrs. Loewenstark presiding at the piano and Bro. Wood giving the solo.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The M.W.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers," which was heartily received.

After a song by Bro. Willson, Bro. M. D. LOEWENSTARK, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. Wynne," and in the course of a few well chosen remarks alluded to the way in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of the chair and congratulated him on the success of the meeting.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in responding said that it would have been almost impossible for him to have succeeded on the present occasion without the co-operation and support of his officers. He thanked the I.P.M., Bro. Loewenstark, for the kind way in which he had proposed his (Bro. Wynne's) health, and the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it, and he assured the brethren that it would always be his endeavour to conduct the affairs of the lodge to their satisfaction.

Mrs. Loewenstark having favoured the party with a song, The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Health of the Past Masters of the Robert Burns Lodge," some of whom were unavoidably absent, but he had much pleasure in coupling the names of Bros. Loewenstark and Robins with the toast.

A song, "The four jolly smiths," next followed by Bro. Moorcroft.

Bros. LOEWENSTARK, P.M., and ROBINS responded for "The Past Masters."

After the toast of "The Officers," which was briefly responded to by Bros. MOORCROFT, S.W.; HARVEY, J.W.; and WEIGHAN, Hon. Sec.,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was briefly replied to by Bro. BLUM, W.M. 511, and several friends, the tenor of their remarks pointing to the great enjoyment of the day, and expressions of the pleasure it afforded them to be present on the occasion.

A song, "I dreamed a dream," by Miss Wynne next followed, and

The W.M. then rose to propose the toast of the evening, "The Ladies." It was always a pleasure to have the ladies with them, but particularly on such an occasion as the present when they all met "en famille." It was a great satisfaction that the ladies had enjoyed themselves as it was from the first intended as a ladies' day. He thanked them for the grace of their company and assured them that the honour was highly appreciated.

The toast was drunk in a bumper, and responded to in a most felicitous manner by Mr. ANNAS.

A dance followed, interspersed with songs by the brethren and lady and gentleman visitors, Mrs. Deacon and Mrs. Loewenstark contributing towards the success by performing some choice selections of instrumental music.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469.

On the 2nd inst. the brethren of the above lodge observed their annual celebration, and we think we may fairly say that never was a day more thoroughly enjoyed. Arrangements were made with the railway company to run a through train for the convenience of the brethren, ordinary excursionists being also taken by the same train. A journey through some of the loveliest scenery of the valleys of the Trent, Derwent, and Churnet, brought the pleasure seekers to Alton, from whence a stroll through the lovely lawns, sylvan glades, picturesque terraces, and magnificent vistas of Alton Towers led the party to the Swiss Cottage, where a hot luncheon awaited them, and it is almost superfluous to add that to it ample justice was done. A descent was then made into the valley, at the head of which, on an eminence commanding extensive and beautiful views on every side, the princely mansion of Alton Towers stands. This valley, which within living memory was but a rabbit warren, without a vestige of vegetation a foot high, is now clothed with trees, conifers, and shrubs of the most luxuriant growth—the gigantic rhododendrons, with their gorgeous masses of blossom, and the trained yews and graceful cypresses, especially arresting the attention. A series of terraced walks, in which shady plateaux with inviting seats are arranged at every point where an unusually fine view may be obtained, brought the party to the ornamental waters, where fountains, cascades, and waterfalls on all sides met the view of the delighted visitors. A Chinese pagoda, of enormous height, throws a fountain stream 60 feet from its top, whence the water returns trickling over innumerable bells into a lake studded with water lilies, and containing many rare waterfowl. A climb up on the other side brought the party to the conservatories, where they were joined by a brother who deservedly stands in high position amongst the Masons of Staffordshire—the steward and head gardener, Bro. Rabone. The kindness and courtesy of this worthy brother were literally unbounded, and under his conductorship all the beauties of the place, both natural and artistic, were explored, while his graphic and lucid descriptions of the various spots in a place abounding in historic interest, both legendary and actual, kept the party in rapt and pleasurable attention. Of course but a moiety of the 26 miles of drives within the grounds could be compassed, and reaching the "Towers" itself, the private gardens, the hot houses, the orchard houses, the embowered altar at which Earl Bertram regularly paid his daily devotions, the chapel blazing with gold and colour, the entrance gallery in which only last year 3400 tenants and retainers dined in honour of the coming of age of the noble Earl, and not least interesting an ale cellar some 70 feet high, from which issued a stream of "home brewed" for the delectation of the now thirsty souls—all these were rapidly and thoroughly enjoyed.

Returning into the village, an exploration was made of the immense unfinished monastery on a dizzy height overlooking the valley. This is said to be one of Pugin's best architectural efforts, and certainly the beautiful tracery of the windows, the graceful columns and corbels, make it a matter of regret that so beautiful a building should have been given over to the owls and crows before a door was hung or a window or floor put into place. At the death of Earl Bertram, some 40 to 50 years since, the 150 workmen then employed were ordered to cease their work, and it remains in the same state now as it was then, save only the dilapidations that Father Time has made.

At four o'clock the brethren assembled at the Shrewsbury Hotel for dinner, after which, as is the custom with the Fraternity, royalty was duly honoured, the rulers of the Craft and of the lodge duly toasted. At seven o'clock the train left for the return journey to Spalding. We have only to add that the popular W.M. of the lodge, Bro. E. Cammack, was untiring in his exertions, as was also the Secretary, Bro. Barrell, an expert in the manner of organising, and through their exertions, aided by the excellent travelling arrangements of Bro. Blunt, and the general assistance beforehand of Bro. Ham, everything may be said to have gone off without a single hitch. Several Masons from Lynn, Holbeach, Boston, Bourn, and Sleaford joined the party.

THE QUEBEC STATUTES IN RE FREEMASONRY.

During the seditious troubles in Canada, which commenced in 1837, the Special Legislature constituted for the province passed an Act, or Ordinance, 2 Vict., c. 8, for more effectually preventing the holding of seditious meetings and practices, and administering or making unlawful oaths, under the penalties of felony, with the proviso following (sec. 9): "And, whereas certain societies have long been accustomed to be holden in this province under the denomination of lodges of Freemasons, the meetings whereof have been in a great measure directed to charitable purposes, nothing in this Act shall extend to the meetings of any such society or lodge holden under the said denomination, and in conformity to the rule prevailing among the said societies of Freemasons, providing such society or lodge has been constituted by, or under, the authority of warrants in that behalf granted by, or derived from, any Grand Master or Grand Lodge in the United Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland."

At the time of the passing of this Act no such authority existed in the province competent to constitute Masonic lodges therein existing as above, until the Grand Lodge of Canada was duly established in October, 1855. It is only necessary to add that the Grand Lodge of Canada assumed to exercise exclusive Masonic jurisdiction throughout the Province of United Canada, comprised of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, but seeking recognition from the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, it was only granted upon the condition that the English lodges under English warrants working in the province should not be disturbed or interfered with in their loyal allegiance to, and connection with, the Grand Lodge of England.

After this settlement the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1865 sought and obtained from the Provincial Legislature of Canada its inscription by name on the Masonic protection

under the 2 Vict., and by Act 29 Vict., c. 46. The former Act was amended as follows (sec. 1): "The words 'or Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Canada' are hereby added to, and shall follow, the words 'Great Britain and Ireland' in the 9th sec. of the 10th chap. of the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, intituled An Act respecting seditious and unlawful associations and oaths, and shall be taken and read as part of said section, and the provision shall be construed and have effect as if it had been contained in, and form part of, the 9th sec. of the Ordinance passed in the second year of her Majesty's reign, intituled as above."

In the interval and after the passing of the amending Act of 1865 some of the lodges in Lower Canada broke away from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and refused to recognise its jurisdiction over them, assuming to constitute themselves into the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec for the Province of Quebec.

A long controversy between these bodies followed, the Grand Lodge of Canada refusing recognition to the Quebec establishment, which controversy was finally settled between them by the Grand Lodge of Canada abandoning the Quebec province and all jurisdiction over it, and withdrawing into Upper Canada, now Ontario. Thereupon the Quebec Grand Lodge also sought the recognition of the Grand Lodge in Great Britain, which was refused except upon the similar terms of agreement between the Grand Lodge of England and that of Canada, namely, the recognition by the Grand Lodge of Quebec of the English warrants for the lodges holding loyalty to their allegiance and continual connection with the Grand Lodge of England, which the English lodges have invariably retained notwithstanding the persistent attempts of the Quebec Grand Lodge and its members, and more especially its late Grand Master, for the disruption of the English lodges.

No amendment to the existing acts above recited has ever been obtained from the Provincial Legislature of Quebec, which has made them part of its codification and local laws, but which has never been codified for Ontario (Upper Canada), and therefore the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its lodges are to all intents subject to the penalties of the existing law, and no recognition by the Grand Lodge of England would suffice for their protection or set aside the law as it. The discussion mentioned in the Article in the Post of April 19th had reference to the incorporation of the Orange Society, which the Legislature refused to grant, and it is not a little probable that any application by the Grand Lodge of Quebec for the further amendment of the Original Seditious Act, 2nd Vict., in their favour would meet with the same result as that for the Orange Society.

A LODGE OF INSTRUCTION AT SEA.

The s.s. Moor, a fine vessel belonging to the Union S.S. Company, arrived at Plymouth on Saturday evening last, at seven o'clock, after the fastest homeward passage on record from Cape Town. A notable feature of the voyage took place on the 25th June. The 24th being the anniversary of St. John's day, a number of Freemasons on board determined upon celebrating the event, but it falling on Sunday it was decided to commemorate on the following day. Permission being obtained from Capt. Caines, R.N.R., the spacious smoking room was placed at the disposal of the brethren for the evening, and they accordingly decided upon holding an extraordinary lodge of instruction, amongst whom the following were present: Bros. H. W. Bull, P.M. 394, acting W.M.; J. H. de Villiers, P.M. Goede Hoop (Dutch Constitution), Cape Town, acting I.P.M.; P. Talleman, 1574, acting S.W.; F. M. Campbell, Peace and Harmony (Dutch Constitution), Du Toits Pan, acting J.W.; E. H. Williams, 1509, acting Sec.; G. Stokes (chief engineer), 359, acting S.D.; H. J. White, 543, acting J.D.; Lewis Joel, 43, acting I.G.; T. B. Kisch, Trinity (Scotch Constitution); S. Wiltshire, 956; F. H. C. Wright, 334; W. Graham, 97 (Scotch Constitution); and J. E. Sanger, 1780.

On the conclusion of the business of the evening the brethren partook of a cold collation, excellently provided by Bro. Wright, the genial chief steward of the Moor. The usual toasts having been drunk the brethren parted in peace and harmony, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

A general meeting of the Court of Governors was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street Liverpool, on Friday, the 6th inst., when nine children recommended by the General Committee were elected for education and one for advancement.

The minutes of the General Committee, containing recommendations for grants for the advancement in life of several children now on the foundation of the Institution, and for further extending the benefits of the Institution were confirmed.

A motion, of which notice was given at the Court held in March, referring to the purchase of Life Governorships by lodges was proposed and carried.



Craft Masonry.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 1524).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. C. Lorkin, W.M.; C. W. Smyth, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Lee, P.M., Sec.; A. Ferrar, S.D.; R. Polak, J.D.; A. R. Olley, Steward; F. Brasted, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; and a large muster of the brethren. Bro. Alstrom was raised to the Third Degree, and Messrs. O'Donnell and Bannister were initiated into Freemasonry.

Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured and a very pleasant evening spent. Bro. Dr. Haskins, Organist 1364, presided at the pianoforte. Visitors: Bro. Beamish Hamilton, J.W. 411 (I.C.); A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1693; and G. Clayton, 780.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green. Bro. A. J. Bellis, W.M., presided, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. Dr. Nicod, I.P.M.; Burnett, S.W.; Powles, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; W. H. Hook, P.M., Sec.; Rotheroe, acting S.D.; Wimble, acting J.D.; Anderson, I.G.; Bowler, Tyler; also Bros. Davies, Phillips, Wills, Tarrant, Gurney, sen., Gurney, jun., Sweeting, Layland, Dean, Andrews, Ball, Dadd, sen., Dadd, jun., and others. The following visitors were also present: Bros. J. J. Brown, J.W. 435; Cattermole, D.C. 1839; Wallis, 901; Tyler, 1702; Bridger, 79; Rotheroe, 30; Rhodé, Zur Deutschen Redlichkeit Lodge, Germany; Poole, The Star in Orient Lodge, Flushing; and Col. Browne, 706.

The lodge was opened in due form at 5.45 p.m., when the following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bro. J. Poole, Star in Orient Lodge, Flushing; A. Rhodé, Zur Deutschen Redlichkeit Lodge, Iserlohn, Germany; and Henry Lea, 1155.

The W.M. then proceeded to raise Bros. Layland and Rhodé to the Third Degree, the ceremony being most impressively performed. Bros. J. Dadd, F. C. Dadd, and J. Poole were then passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. W. Pitt Palmer having been balloted for and unanimously elected was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the hotel, and sat down to a very excellent cold collation provided by Bro. Gurney, the esteemed proprietor. The usual loyal toasts having been given and responded to in a very hearty manner,

Bro. Hook, acting I.P.M., said it was his pleasing duty in the absence of the I.P.M. to have the privilege of proposing "The Health of the W.M." He was quite sure that the brethren would agree with him in thinking that the W.M. would have a most successful year of office—this being the second emergency meeting he had been obliged to summon—and also called attention to the able and impressive manner in which the W.M. had carried out the whole of the working on that evening. He therefore would without any further remark ask them to be upstanding and drink the health of their W.M., which was most cordially responded to.

The Worshipful Master replied and thanked the brethren.

The W.M. in rising to propose "The Health of the Past Masters" said he was quite sure the brethren must regret that the I.P.M. was unfortunately (owing to professional engagements) unable to be with them at the festive board, but he was quite sure that he might say in the absence of Bro. Nicod that he had the welfare of the lodge at heart and that he would always do his best to support it; but although the I.P.M. was not present there was a most excellent substitute for him in Bro. Hook, P.M., who was also a founder and the first W.M. of the lodge. He knew he need not again tell the brethren what Bro. Hook had done for the lodge and as their Secretary would still continue to do in the future, and he therefore asked them to drink the health of the Past Masters, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Hook, Secretary.

Bro. Hook having replied in suitable terms, the Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Initiate," who he said was a gentleman that he was sure the brethren would be glad to receive amongst them. At the same time he would ask them to drink also "The Health of Bros. Poole and Rhodé," who, although they were not Initiates, were on this occasion for the first time received into English Freemasonry.

The toast having been very heartily received and the Initiate having replied,

Bro. Rhodé, in a very able speech, said it afforded him an immense amount of gratification in having been received as a member of the Selwyn Lodge, and he would take that opportunity of thanking the W.M. and other brethren for the great kindness shown to him during his short stay in this country. He was quite sure that the same feeling of gratification would be felt by the members of his lodge in Germany on his return.

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given, and the whole of the visitors expressed their admiration of the excellent working of the lodge, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind reception they had met with.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a very pleasant conclusion. The toasts were interspersed with songs by Bros. Hook, Wallis, Campbell, Tyler, Tarrant, and others.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—An emergency lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 2nd inst., the W.M., Bro. George Kirby, presiding. There were also present Bros. Geo. Garbutt, S.W.; Dr. Draper, J.W.; W. Thompson, S.D.; T. Hodgson, J.D.; S. Border, I.G.; Joseph Todd, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Smith, Sec.; Rev. A. B. Day, Chap.; Sir James Meek, P.M.; Lawton, P.M.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M.; J. Sykes Rymer, I.P.M.; Cox, P.M., P.G.S.W. and Treas. Derbyshire; Giffard, P.M. 570; and Banks, P.M. 570. The lodge having been opened in due form, Mr. Robert Wise Richard Scott was balloted for and initiated into the ancient Order by the W.M., the tools being given by Bro. Garbutt, S.W.; Bro. Mark Rooke, P.M., D.C., delivering the charge. The lodge was then duly advanced, and Bros. Ramsay, Forbes, Rev. Tweedie, and Carter were passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. J. S. Rymer, P.M., the W.M. giving the tools, and Bro. Sir James Meek, P.M., delivering the charge. The lodge was then duly closed.

LIVERPOOL.—Mariners' Lodge (No. 249).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 5th inst. As its number indicates, the Mariners is one of the oldest lodges in this province, having been established a century ago. At its anniversary meeting on this occasion there was a large and influential gathering, amongst those present being about 20 Past Masters and several Grand Officers, including Bros. H. S. Alpess, P.G. St. Br. and Prov. G. Sec.; James T. Callow, P.P.G.T.; Councillor Lunt, P.G.T.; and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. Morris Davies, was installed in a highly efficient manner by Bro. Dr. Kellett Smith, P.M., the presentation being made by Past Master's Bros. Robinson and Barnett. The officers invested were Bros. J. Jenaway, I.P.M.; John Whalley, P.M., M.C.;

D. Cangle, S.W.; R. Bradley, J.W.; Dr. Kellett Smith, Treas. (re-elected for the twelfth time); R. Collings, Sec.; John Pye, S.D.; James White, J.D.; James Pye, I.G.; John C. Spur, S.; W. Hewson, J.S.; D. C. Davidson and M. C. Bridge, A.S.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren dined under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. In the course of the evening a beautiful P.M. jewel and a valuable marble timepiece were presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Jenaway.

LIVERPOOL.—St. John's Lodge (No. 673).—The annual installation gathering of the members of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst. There was a very numerous and highly influential attendance, which included no fewer than 25 P.G. Lodge Officers, W.Ms., and P.Ms., hailing from other lodges. There were present during the proceedings Bros. C. Marsh, the retiring W.M.; J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas., D.C.; Councillor J. Ball, P.M.; W. T. May, Sec.; D. Jackson, Treas.; T. Roberts, P.M.; T. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W.; L. Herman, P.M.; M. Roberts, P.M. 384; J. King, J.W. 823; G. Musker, P.M. 1181; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; W. Crane, P.M. 249; A. Bucknall, W.M. 667; H. Firth, P.G.S.; J. Jenaway, P.M. 249; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; J. N. Caine, W.M. 594; T. Wareing, J.W. 1182; J. O. Rea, S.W. 1182; R. P. France, P.M., Treas. 594; P. B. Gee, P.M. 1264; W. Evans, I.P.M. 594; T. Dutton, W.M. 1182; F. Petersen, P.M. 594; A. D. Hesketh, P.M. 1182; A. Barclay, P.M. 1182; R. Warriner, P.M. 1547; F. Knight, P.M. 1325; R. Foote, P.M. 1505; and others.

A most successful close to a popular year's office was made by Bro. C. Marsh, who efficiently installed Bro. George Godfrey as Worshipful Master, the excellence of the performance of the ceremony well warranting the special vote of thanks which was afterwards given, and also the presentation of a valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of Bro. Marsh's services. The officers invested by the newly-installed W.M. were Bros. C. Marsh, I.P.M.; S. W. H. Hulse, S.W.; Dr. T. Clarke, J.W.; J. T. Callow, M.C.; D. Jackson, Treasurer (re-elected); W. T. May, Secretary (re-appointed); C. B. Robeson, S.D.; C. Cochrane, J.D.; J. B. Parker, I.G.; J. Skeaf, Organist (re-appointed); J. H. Stillings, S.S.; J. O. Mallabar, J.S.; J. Orme, A.S.; and W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler. Before the close of the lodge Bro. R. Martin, P.M. 1182, called the attention of the brethren to the proposed memorial portrait to Bro. the Earl of Lathom, and expressed a hope that the brethren of St. John's would liberally support the admirable scheme.

After business the brethren adjourned to banquet, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

WOOLWICH.—Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday week last, at the High School for Boys, Brook Hill Park, Plumstead, and was certainly one of the most enthusiastic and pleasurable gatherings that have occurred during the some 20 years the lodge has been in existence. About 1 o'clock, the lodge was opened by Bro. H. Mason, W.M., and Bro. W. B. Ledger was raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. R. Edmunds, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then, with the usual formalities, placed in the important position of W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and saluted in due form. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Rees, S.W.; E. Palmer, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent, Treas.; E. Denton, P.M. and P.G.J.D. Kent, Sec.; G. H. Letton, S.D.; T. R. Richardson, S.D.; C. Lawson, J.D.; A. Penfold, P.M., D.C.; S. D. Keeble, Assist. D.C.; H. J. Butter, P.M. and P.P.G.R. Kent, W.S.; F. H. Johnson, Assist. W.S.; W. B. Ledger, Org.; and H. Mabbett, Tyler. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Officer in his own eloquent and inimitable manner, and the ceremony was concluded.

Among a large number of distinguished brethren and visitors present were Bros. the Rev. H. Cummings, W.M. 1837, P.P.G. Chap. Cornwall; C. A. Ellis-Fermor, P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Kent; W. Tongue, P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Kent; J. McDougal, P.M.; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; W. B. Lloyd, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M. 1536, P.G.S.B. Kent; Capt. J. Sculley, S.W. 700; Capt. J. McCaffery, 1536; Lieut. S. Watkins, S.W. 1789; G. Mathams, W.M. 706; G. Beaver, W.M. 700; T. Hollyman, W.M. 1536; E. Stuteley, W.M. 158; C. White, W.M. 299; C. P. Drawbridge, W.M. 77; E. W. Parkes, W.M. 861; W. Denison, P.M. 1541; W. Topp, P.M. 897; J. G. Pakes, P.M. 871; E. H. Williams, P.M. 1056; G. Smith, W.M. 1839; G. Smith, sen., J.D. 1839; F. Kirk, P.M. 1328; J. Randall, 1328; E. B. Hobson, P.M. 700; G. Spinks, P.M. 1536; Dr. C. H. T. Godwin, J.W. 706; A. Knox, P.M. 1076; A. Saunders, J.W. 1536; J. H. Roberts, S.W., W.M. elect 700; G. Risch, 706; K. Uglan, 706; G. Frost, jun., 13; H. De Gray, 700; C. Turner, 1472; G. Tedder, 11; and the W.Ms. of several of the neighbouring lodges, in all about 100 brethren.

Bro. Mason was then presented with a handsome P.M.'s jewel as a mark of respect by the brethren, and also for the valuable services rendered to the lodge during his year of office, and he returned thanks in suitable terms. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Butter, and ordered to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, as some acknowledgment of the admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremony of installation, and he also returned thanks. A telegram was received from Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M., regretting that important duties in the House of Lords prevented his attending, but cordially wishing the W.M. every success.

Bros. Denton and Shaw were congratulated on the provincial honours awarded to them by the Prov. Grand Lodge, and then the lodge was closed and the brethren went their various ways by road or rail to the Bull at Dartford, Bro. Bray's famous hostelry, where a superb banquet was partaken of. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, the W.M. gave that of "The R.W.P.G.M., Lord Holmesdale." He said they, as provincial Masons, had more to do with their Prov. G.M. than any Grand Master in England, and knew his many excellencies as a Mason, and what he had done for Masonry, especially in the province. He asked them to drink the toast in bumpers.

The toast of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Eastes, and the rest

of the Grand Officers" followed, and after the W.M. had eulogised the services of Bro. Eastes, he referred with pride to the fact that Bro. Denton, who had held the post of Secretary to the Pattison Lodge for 21 years, had again been recognised and rewarded by their P.G.M., who at the Provincial Grand meeting the day previous had bestowed upon him the collar of P.G.J.D. They were also honoured by the presence of Bro. Shaw, P.M. of the United Military Lodge, who received the collar of P.G. Swd. Br. at the same meeting. He coupled the names of those brethren with the toast.

Bro. Denton thanked them for the toast, and felt it a very great honour to be G.D. of such a province as Kent, and under such a Grand Master as Lord Holmesdale. But the honour was all the greater as coming through him to the Pattison Lodge. It was a great pleasure for him to be at Tonbridge, and see how admirably their noble Grand Master and the other Grand Officers present did their work, and he felt that it was to that excellent work, combined with a genial heartiness and courtesy of manner, that had made Masonry so popular and so successful in Kent. At the meeting mentioned by him his lordship had been pleased to speak of the late Boys' School Festival, and told those present that just 21 years ago he took the chair at the festival then held, and the whole sum collected was some £3200. The total amount received this year, when he again had the honour of presiding, was over £23,000, and of that sum the Province of Kent sent up some £2300. At the last festival presided over by his lordship 700 brethren and ladies were present, and he did not think the day would be far distant when they would have ladies to grace their annual festivals.

Bro. Shaw was also proud of belonging to the noble body of P.G. Officers; but as Bro. Denton, who was an old Grand Officer, had told them all about the excellence of their P.G.M., it was unnecessary for him to do more than cordially thank them for coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. Coupland quite endorsed everything that had been said by Bro. Denton as to the admirable manner in which the Grand Master and Officers carried out their duties, especially in the distribution of the purple. There were 49 lodges in the province, and it was a difficult thing for the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to select in such a manner as to give universal satisfaction; but they did so, and that was the wonder of it.

Bro. Butter also responded to a persistent call, and congratulated the lodge and Bro. Denton upon the honour paid it through him. He also eulogised Bro. Denton's services as a Preceptor. For the past four years Bro. Denton had asked them to relieve him from the position of Secretary, but every new Master entreated him to keep on "just through my year of office," so that with his proverbial good nature he took the collar again and again, and it was his, Bro. Butter's belief, that Bro. Denton would die in harness.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M." They all knew what the W.M. had done in the various offices he had filled in the lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) felt sure that even as he had done well in the subordinate offices, so would he now that he had given into his keeping the highest office in the lodge. There was one thing that struck him very forcibly, and that was that as soon as the W.M. took the gavel in his hand he seemed to be at home with it, and wielded it like a veteran, and with the lodge in a state of ascendancy, and with a staff of young and energetic officers he felt that their W.M.'s year of office would be a very prosperous and successful one.

The Worshipful Master said he now had a very delicate matter on hand, and that was to speak for and about himself. He was very gratified at being the Master of such a lodge, among Masons older and better in many respects than himself. He had not taken the office lightly, or without due consideration of the responsible nature of the work placed in his hands; but he felt sure he should have the cordial support and good wishes of every brother. He should endeavour so to work that when he should have to give up the gavel to his successor the lodge would not have lost one beam of the exalted prestige it now held in the Province of Kent and district of Woolwich.

In replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Ellis-Fermor said that for several years past he had invariably the honour to respond for that toast, and in the face of those distinguished Masons standing up around him he felt the heavy responsibility of the task imposed upon him. He thanked them for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast, because it showed that the services of those who had some of them years ago worked for the credit and prosperity of the lodge were not forgotten. It was a matter of gratification to him to look back some six or seven years ago and see how many a young and promising Mason then had filled the chair of the lodge with honour to themselves and dignity to it; it was an encouragement to every good Freemason to look "upwards and onwards." The precepts taught in the lodge would be the guide of their life, and lead them on to happiness through a path of brotherly love, truth, and charity. The latter especially was a glorious attribute of the Order, and had spread around it a halo of glory that was reflected back upon its centre here from every part of the habitable globe. It relieved the poor and wretched, and made "hope spring eternal" in the breast of even the most afflicted of the human race. He again thanked them, and resumed his seat amid applause.

Bro. Mason, I.P.M., also returned thanks, and spoke of the incidents relative to his year of office with pride and satisfaction. First the lodge had been satisfactorily removed; five candidates had been raised by him; he had stood Steward for the Boys' School festival and taken up over 100 guineas. It had been a work of pleasure to him to go and see the Boys' School. The youngsters were well trained and educated, had a good band, and were clothed in such a manner as to remove any idea of charity from their appearance. He once again thanked them for the many favours shown him during his year of office.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Officers," "The Host, Bro. Bray," "The Masonic Press," and the Tyler's toast; and then the proceedings, which were most agreeably supplemented by a quartette party from Rochester Cathedral, and lead by Bro. Tinney, who sang a selection of glees, part songs, duets, solos, &c., in rare style, were brought to a conclusion.

COCKERMOUTH.—Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., Bro. Peacock, W.M., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Sewell and Cooper were

admitted and duly passed to the degree of F.C. There were present, besides the W.M. in the chair, Bros. Shelton, P.M.; R. Robinson, P.M.; F. R. Sewell, P.M.; Lewthwaite, P.M.; T. Mason, S.W.; E. L. Waugh, J.W.; H. Carruthers, S.D.; W. Paisley, Sec.; F. Smith, Sewell, Cooper, and G. Hewson, Tyler. Bro. Col. Sewell, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., gave notice of motion that the sum of 20 guineas be given to Bro. McKay's list for the Boys' School from the funds of the Skiddaw Lodge. There being no other business the lodge was closed according to ancient usages of the Order.

LIVERPOOL.—Royal Victoria Lodge (No. 1013).—The annual installation festival in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., Bro. Longbottom, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren; the officers of the lodge present were Bros. Squire Chapman, S.W.; R. Johnson, J.W.; S. Howard, Sec.; W. H. Cooke, S.D.; T. W. Edwards, J.D.; W. F. McDonnell, I.G.; and amongst the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. J. Newell, P.P.G.S.W.; W. J. Lunt, P.P.G.T.; J. Lunt, P.P.G.D.C.; M. Levy, P. Dist. G. T. of S. Africa; H. H. Smith, W.M. 1505; and J. Devaynes, P.M. 667.

The W.M. elected Bro. Squire Chapman, S.W., was presented by Bros. Newell and Longbottom, and was installed W.M. with all the ancient ceremonies and honours by Bro. Hughes, P.M., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Johnson, S.W.; S. Howard, J.W.; T. W. Edwards, S.D.; W. F. McDonnell, J.D.; F. Evans, I.G.; T. K. Hughes, P.M., D.C.; J. D. Cockerton, Treas.; W. H. Cooke, Sec.; J. Jack, Org.; Gittins, Connell, and Thornton, Stewards; and Peter Ball, Tyler (re-elected).

The members then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a sumptuous repast was provided by the house Stewards. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and in the course of the evening the W.M. on behalf of the lodge presented the I.P.M., Bro. Longbottom, with a jewel of considerable value and chaste design (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning).

In a speech, which in common with all other speeches from the chair was marked by much earnestness and feeling, the W.M. in sketching the career of the retiring Master, made reference to the high esteem entertained for him by the brethren, and to their appreciation of the exceptionally able manner in which he had governed the lodge, and to his clever rendering of the ritual, which evoked from the brethren frequent outbursts of genuine applause.

The pleasures of the evening were enhanced by a capital programme of songs, recitations, and instrumental music, the lodge having acquired during recent years a reputation in this respect. The recitation by Bro. Cooke, the tenor solos by Bro. Evans, and the instrumental performances by Bros. Cockerton and McDonnell, stood out prominently as proofs of ability of a high order.

INSTRUCTION.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. A. Jones occupied the chair for the first time and most ably conducted the proceedings of the evening, rendering the ceremony of initiation in a manner which would have reflected credit on any Past Master of the Order. The W.M. was supported by Bros. G. H. Chapman, S.W.; C. H. Phillips, J.W.; S. Richardson, S.D.; J. B. Sarjeant, J.D.; Eldridge Johnson, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; Richard Poore, Sec.; J. N. Bate, M. E. Stokes, and others.

After the confirmation of previous minutes and the working of the introductory section of the First Lecture, Bro. Stokes acting as candidate, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in perfect manner and impressively. The Fourth Section was then worked and the lodge called off. All present joined in entry drill, by the frequent practice of which the members of this lodge of instruction have gained confidence when entering their regular lodges. Lodge was called on, and a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Jones for his services as W.M. having been recorded, Bro. Chapman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and the lodge was closed in harmony.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).—This lodge met on the 6th inst., at St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker-street, Manchester-square, W. Present: F. Smith, W.M.; T. W. Sedwick, S.W.; R. D. Smith, J.W.; G. Tribbel, S.D.; H. Robinson, J.D.; M. J. Green, I.G.; G. Coop, Preceptor; Cursons, Parsons, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the Seventh Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cursons having offered himself candidate for the Second Degree was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cursons was duly passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. rehearsing the ceremony in a very able manner. Lodge was closed to the First Degree, and Bro. Sedwick, P.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was unanimously decided that the lodge continue to meet through the summer months, many brethren having expressed the desire to have one lodge of instruction in the neighbourhood open during the week. Lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—The weekly meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bros. Rhind, W.M.; Coop, S.W.; Cursons, J.W.; Vincent, S.D.; Green, J.D.; Moore, I.G.; Read, Preceptor; Dehane, Sec.; Death, W.S.; Motte, Chalfont, Keeble, and Mickelburgh.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425, being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Death was passed. After the First Section of the Second Lecture had been worked by Bro. Read the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Votes of thanks were unanimously carried, to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. J. C. Rhind, J.D. 1543, for the able manner he had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time, and to Bro.

D. Stroud, 55, for his gift of carpet to cover the stands on which the pedestals stand. A brother then joined the Benevolent Society (No. 3), being the 32nd since April. The lodge was then closed.

Mark Masonry.

LANDPORT.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 2).—On Saturday evening last the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, when there were a large number of brethren present. On the presentation of Bro. Gieve by Bro. Ellis, P.M., as the one chosen by the brethren to occupy the chair for the ensuing year, Bro. G. Felton Lancaster, P.M., Prov. Grand Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight, very impressively performed the installation ceremony.

Bro. Gieve then appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Turney, S.W.; Willmott, J.W.; Buck, M.O.; A. Miller, S.O.; Westaway, J.O.; Ellis, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Guy, P.M., Sec.; Williams, Reg. of Marks; Barnden, S.D. and Org.; Sanders, J.D.; Brickwood, I.G.; Fay, D. of C.; Ray and Elverston, Stewards; and G. Carter, Tyler.

On the motion of Bro. Carote, P.M., it was proposed by Bro. Ellis, P.M., seconded by Bro. Buck, M.O., that the sum of £5 5s. be devoted from the lodge funds towards the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. This was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Installing Master, Bro. G. F. Lancaster, for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the ceremonies of the installation. He was also congratulated upon his appointment as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Nothing further offering for the good of the Order, and for the lodge in particular, it was closed in due form. The brethren afterwards sat down to a supper, when the usual toasts were duly honoured.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).

—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. J. Coverdale, W.M., P.P.G. Org., presided, and was well supported by members and visitors. On the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. S. Woodhead was advanced to the honourable Degree of M.M.M. The ceremony was rendered by Bro. Tom Dixon, I.P.M., P.G.S.O., and, with Bro. Jas. Cooper's musical arrangements, was beautiful in the extreme; "music hath charms," and our P.P.G. Organist's taste is always worthy of admiration. Bro. J. A. Salkeld, W.M. elect, was then presented and installed, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. E. Burrows, S.W.; S. W. Bradbury, J.W.; J. C. Thompson, M.O.; J. J. Little, S.O.; J. Harding, J.O.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; J. Thompson, Reg.; Tom Dixon, P.M., Treas.; J. Eden, Sec.; J. Hartly, S.D.; Philip Podmore, J.D.; W. A. Smith, D.C.; J. Cooper, Org.; S. Woodhead, I.G.; and W. Wagg, Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was performed by Bros. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., G.A.D.C. of England, and James Gardiner, P.M., P.G. Treas. The following brethren were also present: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W.; B. Craig, W.M. 216, P.G.I.G.; J. Abbott, P.G. Stwd.; and John Wilson, 151.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren subsequently dined, Bro. Salkeld in the chair, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D).—A meeting of this old and distinguished preceptory was held at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion Square, Holborn, on the 22nd ult. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights D. M. Dewar, P.E.C., P.G.C.G., Registrar, acting E.C. in the absence, through severe illness, of Sir Knight Chas. Sanders, M.D.; Alfred Williams, I.P.E.C., Prelate; R. Berridge, 1st Captain; F. Driver, 2nd Captain; Stohwasser, Herald; H. J. Lardner, S.B.; W. Paas, P.E.C., Treasurer; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C.; Harris, Freer, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M. Leicester, and Captain J. G. F. Richardson, P.M. 1560, and being unanimous they were duly installed as Knights of the order by Sir Knight Dewar. Several communications having been read from absent members the encampment was closed and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where they partook of refreshment. There were no toasts.

New Zealand.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW MASONIC HALL.

The new hall at Warkworth, erected for the Rodney Lodge, No. 1711, E.C., was duly consecrated on the 17th May last. The s.s. Rose Casey, having on board Bro. Lodder, D.D.G.M., and the principal officers of the District Grand Lodge, together with a large number of visiting brethren, left Auckland shortly before 9 a.m., and arrived at Warkworth wharf at 2 p.m., where the visitors were received by the brethren of the Rodney Lodge and conducted to the new hall. After the usual preliminary business had been transacted, the brethren marched in procession to St. Mary's Church, where a short service was held, and an eloquent address delivered by Bro. the Rev. W. E. Mulgan, acting District Grand Chaplain. After returning to the hall the consecration ceremony was completed, being ably rendered by Bro. Lodder, D.D.G.M., Bro. H. G. Wade acting as Director of Ceremonies. After a short interval, Bro. W. P. Moat, D.S.G.W., took the chair, and installed Bro. Enoch Richards as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year.

The labours of the day being ended, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by Bro. G. F. Such, of the Warkworth Hotel, in a style which gave general satisfaction. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The Auckland contingent were landed on Queen-street Wharf at 7 a.m. on May 18th, all apparently well satisfied with their trip.



Bro. Squire Chapman was installed W.M. of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 1013, Liverpool, on the 4th inst.

We refer our readers to a very interesting account on another page of the annual outing of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, working at Spalding, which took place on the 2nd inst. at Alton Towers.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to open the new Orphan Homes at Swanley, in connection with the Home for Little Boys, and have fixed Friday, the 20th inst., for the ceremony.

We understand that in consequence of the great crowd attending the Agricultural Show at York next week the local Masonic Committee have been quite unable to obtain sleeping accommodation on the night of the 17th, either for the Grand Officers or other brethren, who will have to seek room at the various adjoining towns.

A most interesting gathering in connection with the sesqui-centennial celebration of the Lodge of Relief, No. 42, took place at Bury, on the 3rd inst. We have received a very voluminous account of the proceedings which we regret we are unable to find room for this week, but as full a report as our space will admit of will appear next week.

Bro. Morris Davies was installed into the Master's chair of the Mariner's Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, on the 5th inst., in the presence of 20 P.Ms., including several Provincial Grand Officers. The retiring W.M., Bro. Janaway, was presented with a P.M.'s jewel and a valuable marble timepiece.

We are asked to announce that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, meeting at the St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker-street, Manchester-square, W., on Friday evenings, have decided to continue to meet throughout the summer months. A cordial invitation is extended to all brethren.

The post of Usher of the Black Rod, rendered vacant by the death of the late Sir William Knollys, has been offered to and accepted by Admiral the Hon. Sir James Robert Drummond, G.C.B., who was a Lord of the Admiralty for many years, and commanded the Mediterranean Fleet for three years.

As will be seen from the official announcements in another column Quarterly General Courts of the Girls' and Boys' Schools will be held at Freemasons' Hall, tomorrow (Saturday) and Monday next respectively. Important business is set down for transaction in both cases. The Girls' Court meets at 12 noon, and the Boys' at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Prince Albert Victor, who is going into residence at Trinity College, Cambridge, at the beginning of the October term, will occupy a suite of rooms in that part of the college known as the cloisters, close by the rooms which are said to have been occupied by Lord Byron. The Rev. C. N. Dalton, M.A. (Clare), who has been tutor to his Royal Highness for some years, will have rooms adjoining. The Prince is at present studying at Sandringham.

At a meeting of the Alliance (Guildhall) Lodge, No. 1827, held on the 4th inst., Bro. Willey Wright, (Barrister at Law), W.M. presiding, Bro. Major T. Davies Sewell, P.G.S., P.M. 21, (Chamberlain's Court), was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year commencing in November next. Bro. R. J. Pawley (Lord Mayor's Court) was re-chosen Treasurer by acclamation. On the nomination of Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, President Board of General Purposes, Mr. Thomas Roderick (Secondaries' Court) was balloted for and initiated into the Craft.

On Monday, after the concert at the Guildhall, the Irish Lace Exhibition at the Mansion House was visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Albany, the Hereditary Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Meiningen, and the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who were escorted round the exhibition by Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and other members of the Mansion House Committee. The Princess of Wales was pleased to order from Messrs. Forrest, of Dublin, a piece of lace similar to that lent by Countess Spencer.

It is with pleasure we announce that Bro. Staff-Commander W. B. Goldsmith, R.N., F.R.A.S., F.R.G.S., has been selected to command the Royal yacht Alberta. Bro. Goldsmith is an ardent Mason, and has likewise seen some service. He joined the service 1st July, 1852, passed his examination for navigating sub-lieutenant 27th July, 1853, promoted navigating-lieutenant 3rd October, 1852, and staff-commander 10th July, 1874. Served in the Philomel on the West Coast of Africa in the suppression of the slave trade, 1853 to 1856; in boats of the Amethyst, 26 guns, at the destruction of the Fatshan flotilla of war junks, 1st June, 1857; at the blockade of Canton River and Macao Passage Reach, and other operations 1857-58 (China medal, Fatshan and Canton clasps); commanded the Ventura at the blockade of San Blas and Mazatlan, coast of Mexico, 1859, mentioned in dispatches; in the Amethyst through the whole of her remarkable voyage round the world, 1856-60; staff-commander of the Serapis during the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, 1875-76; staff-commander of the Bellerophon, flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir A. Cooper Key, K.C.B., on the North American and West Indies Station, 1876-77; in command of the Royal yacht Elfin, 1878-83; obtained first-class certificates in seamanship and navigation, and a first-class extra certificate from the Trinity House.

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The annual picnic in connection with the St. John's Lodge, Liverpool, was held at Llangollen, on the 4th inst.

Bro. the Duke of Buccleugh, High Steward of Westminster, opens the new Westminster Town Hall, situate in Caxton-street, Victoria-street, on Thursday next.

The Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, meeting at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., have adjourned till the first Saturday in September next.

At the installation meeting of the Derwent Mark Lodge, No. 282, at Workington, on the 6th inst., Bro. J. A. Salkeld was installed into the chair of A. by W. Bro. George Dalrymple, G.A.D.C.

On and after the 13th inst. Greece will issue and receive double or reply post cards. From that date therefore reply cards impressed on each half with a penny stamp may be sent to Greece.

The Duchess of Albany, accompanied by the Duke, on Tuesday opened the new Chelsea Hospital for Women, in the Fulham-road, in the presence of a large and distinguished company.

The St. John's Lodge, No. 673, held its installation meeting on Tuesday last week, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, Bro. George Godfrey being the W.M. elect. Nearly 30 Prov. Grand Lodge Officers, P.Ms., and W.Ms., were present.

The Grand Mark festival takes place on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the Crystal Palace, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M.M.M. South Wales.

The rate at which the United States are redeeming their debt is marvellous, and reflects great credit upon the people. In three successive years they have redeemed 78 millions sterling of debt, and since the close of war the total redemption has exceeded 180 millions sterling.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, C.C., will preside at the half-yearly election of the Asylum for Fatherless Children on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Subscribers are reminded that for every new subscription of a guinea paid on the day of election they will be entitled to receive an additional vote from Bro. Marshall.

The installation meeting of the Phoenix Mark Lodge, No. 2, was held at Landport on Saturday last. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, Prov. Grand Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight, installed Bro. Gieve into the Master's chair of the lodge. Five guineas were voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the degree of Doctor of Music on George Clement Martin, Mus. Bac. Oxon, sub-organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, in consideration of the high reputation achieved by Mr. Martin as a composer of church music. The degree was granted on the recommendation of Dr. Stainer and other persons of eminence in the profession of music.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough has been lying seriously ill at his country residence, Stoke Dry, Northamptonshire. On Sunday his medical advisers, Dr. Duke and Dr. Walker, regarded his condition as most critical, and on Thursday but little hopes were entertained of his recovery.

Mr. J. S. Curwen, President of the Tonic Sol-fa College, has just returned from a tour undertaken with the object of studying the condition of music in elementary schools on the Continent. By the courtesy of the several authorities, Mr. Curwen conducted his investigations in Cologne, Munich, Vienna, and Basle. He will compile a report on the subject.

The handsome pulpit, the result of the appeal to the brethren of England to undertake some portion of the restoration of the noble Cathedral Church of St. Albans, will be unveiled on the occasion of the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire on Monday next, the 16th inst. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at the Town Hall, St. Albans, by the R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. A banquet will take place subsequent to the above proceedings.

An International Electrical Association has been founded in Paris, the promoters of which are M. de Lesseps and two of his fellow-members of the Institute, Messrs. Lowy and Fay. M. Cochery, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, who has accepted the presidency, will place at the disposal of the Association for their meetings certain rooms in the electrical laboratory which is to be established with the surplus proceeds of the great electrical exhibition.

The Gallery Lodge held its annual picnic last Saturday, and chose Tunbridge Wells for the site. The weather was beautifully fine, and the day passed off most enjoyably. Permission had been given by the Marquis of Abergavenny to drive over the park and to visit and inspect the castle and grounds, and the company were favoured with a minute inspection of the charming spot, which well repaid the early rising and the long journey. Subsequently they dined at High Rocks, under the presidency of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. H. E. F. Bussey.

A special morning performance organized by the Church and Stage Guild for a somewhat novel purpose, that of aiding the funds for providing comfortable lodgings for English dancers in Brussels and other continental towns, was given on Monday afternoon at the St. George's Hall, Langham-place. The audience was small, though appreciative. The chief attraction was Buckstone's whimsical comedy of "Married Life." A concert followed, and Miss Florence Marryat recited a piece from Mr. Buchanan, and some musical selections were given by solo singers and the choir of Her Majesty's Theatre under the direction of Signor Unia. Very appropriately also Mlle. Pattie danced an "operatic solo," and Miss Eva Clifton went through the performance known as a "breakdown," both of them with marked success.

"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.]

An extensive Government torpedo factory is to be erected at Gillingham.

The amount received at the Mansion House on account of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund reaches nearly £33,000.

Last week at Aldershot the Duchess of Connaught presented new colours to the 4th Battalion Oxfordshire Light Infantry.

Bro. Lord Charles Beresford has consented to contest Pembroke Boroughs in the Conservative interest in the next election.

Bro. E. G. Lewis was on Wednesday last installed W.M. of the High Cross Mark Lodge, No. 284, at Tottenham.

The Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will on and after Monday next meet at their old quarters, "The Moorgate," 15, Finsbury Pavement, E.C. Brethren are cordially invited.

On Tuesday the remains of the late Duke of Marlborough were interred at Blenheim. The chief mourners were the Marquis of Blandford, Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., the Earl of Sunderland, and the Duke of Roxburghe.

The Picture Galleries in South Kensington Museum were lighted for the public on Tuesday evening by the "Sun" Electric Lamp. It was used for the conversation last week, and the Museum will now be regularly lighted by this lamp.

As the London and North Western Railway Company are unable to make arrangements for conveying holiday makers to Coventry on the 6th August, the "Godiva" procession has been postponed until the 20th August.

A female survivor of Waterloo exists in the person of Mary Strachan, who was born in 1791. She has received a pension since 1822 of £14 a year, her first husband, Simon Cochrane, a sergeant of the 28th Regiment of Foot, having been killed in the battle of Waterloo, and she herself being on the battlefield at the time.

Mr. E. J. Physick last week completed the erection of the memorial of the late Commander Wyatt Rawson, R.N., who fell in the battle of Tel-el-Kebir. It is intended for the Garrison Church, Portsmouth, and has been raised as a token of affection and esteem by Bro. Lord Wolseley, and the members of the personal staff.

A lodge of instruction was held under somewhat novel conditions on the 25th ult. A number of brethren on board the s.s. Moor met in the smoking room of that vessel, and after the business partook of a cold collation. The brethren present were gathered from lodges working under the English, Scotch, and Dutch Constitutions.

On Wednesday 72 little girls left Dr. Barnardo's Village Home for Liverpool, to embark on board the Sardinian, which left the following day for Quebec. This makes the fourth party Dr. Barnardo has sent out within the last eleven months, being a total of 300 children sent out to our various colonies.

Bro. A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227, was, on the 7th inst., presented with a handsomely-framed testimonial and a purse of sovereigns by the members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, as a small mark of their esteem, and as a slight recognition of his valuable services and the interest he has taken in the affairs of the lodge. Bro. Fenner has held the office of Secretary of this lodge for many years.

The Savage Club entertainment, which has been organised with the view of founding a scholarship in the Royal College of Music, took place at the Albert Hall on Wednesday night. There was a large and distinguished company, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince and Princess Christian, and the Duke of Albany. A ball which formed part of the festivities, commenced soon after 11 o'clock, by which time the Albert Hall was a scene of great gaiety and even splendour. Actors and actresses from the theatres increased the fancy dresses, and there was scarcely a character usual at costume balls that was not represented. The dancing was suspended temporarily at one o'clock for supper.

Bro. M. Mildred, of the firm of Alfred Williams and Co., has recently been presented by the office staff and others employed by the firm with his portrait in oil, as a token of their esteem, the presentation being accompanied with hearty good wishes for his health and happiness. We congratulate our esteemed brother on the cordial relations that exist between him and his employes, which in these days of strikes and discontent are not so common as they ought to be. The portrait has been executed by the London Stereoscopic Company, and is an excellent likeness.

LATHES AND OTHER APPLIANCES FOR ORNAMENTAL TURNING.—Visitors to the Engineering and Metal Trades' Exhibition, now open at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, will find one of the principal attractions of this remarkably attractive show at Stand No. 238, where Mr. J. H. Evans, of 159, Wardour-street, Soho, engine, lathe, and tool manufacturer, and general machinist to her Majesty's Board of Ordnance, exhibits a very excellent assortment of his manufactures. The firm of Evans was established as far back as 1810, and during the greater part of the period that has since elapsed has enjoyed a high reputation in the trade. This reputation is more than confirmed by the character of his present exhibits, which consist chiefly of lathes for the use of amateurs in turning, with two cases added of articles which have been turned by gentlemen who have purchased machines of Mr. Evans, and many of whom are indebted for the skill they have attained in the art to his able instruction. The former are of exquisite workmanship, while the material of which they are manufactured is the best that can be procured. We may venture to say that while it is possible, perhaps, to equal them, they cannot be surpassed; nor, having regard to the class of machinery that is to be seen here, can the latter and other appliances be pronounced excessively costly. As to the articles of turnery, it must be very gratifying to Mr. Evans to be in a position to furnish such evidence of the excellence of his apparatus and method of instruction.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

The dedication of the Albion Lodge took place with full ceremony on the 30th April last at the Oddfellows' Hall, Auckland, and was an event in the Masonic history of the North Shore. The D.G. Lodge of England had a large representation, including the following brethren: V.W. Deputy D.G.M. Wm. Lodder, acting District G.M.; W. P. Moat, V.W.D.G.S.W., acting D.D.G.M.; H. G. Wade, D.G. Sec., and Grand D. of C.; Skinner, D.J.W., acting S.W.; Dr. Goldsbrough, J.W.; Cole, S.D.; Rev. C. M. Nelson, D.G. Chap.; Rev. W. Tebbs, D.G. Reg.; N. G. Brassey, S. of W.; Hatswell, D. of C.; W. R. Waddell, Swd. Br.; J. P. Clark, Purst.; H. Gordon Gooch, Musical Conductor; and Tonge, D.G. Tyler. The Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. Slater, P.G. Sec.; Bulford, D.G.I.G.; and Hitchens, D. of C. The Irish Constitution was not represented as a Prov. Grand Lodge, owing, no doubt, to the absence of Bro. G. P. Pierce, R.W.P.G.M., in the South, but all the city and suburban lodges were represented, and there was a large and influential gathering.

District Grand Lodge was opened by the V.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. Lodder, Bro. Skinner occupying the S.W.'s chair and Bro. Goldsbrough that of the J.W. Bro. J. A. Beale presided at the organ, and the whole of the musical arrangements of the ceremony throughout were under the direction of Bro. Gordon Gooch.

The D.G. SECRETARY addressed the brethren on the purpose of the meeting. A number of gentlemen at the North Shore had thought it advisable to form a lodge, and forwarded a petition to the District Grand Master. This was recommended by the Prince of Wales Lodge, 1338, and the District Grand Master being satisfied had granted a charter, or warrant, of dispensation, and had requested the Deputy District Grand Master to carry out the celebration. The District Grand Secretary read the minutes of the meeting which gave rise to these proceedings, also the petition forwarded to the District Grand Master, the minute of approval from the Prince of Wales Lodge, and finally the charter issued by the D.G.M., Bro. G. S. Graham.

The members of the new lodge then took their places in the centre of the lodge room, and signed their approval of the officers named in the charter as the first officers of the lodge. The choir sang the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful," and a procession was formed with Bro. Wade as Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Bros. Hastwell, Chapman, and General Gosset as Marshals, and the procession, headed by the band, marched to Trinity Church, where the Rev. C. M. Nelson, P.G. Chaplain, delivered an address. A collection amounting to £8 13s. was taken up in aid of the Benevolent Fund about to be started in the new lodge. The procession reformed and returned to the hall.

The business of the grand lodge being resumed, the D.G. Chaplain offered the prayer of dedication, and the choir sang the sanctus, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." The D.G.M. delivered a brief address, and the D.G. Chaplain read a selection of scripture. The hymn "Supreme Grand Master, God of Power," was sung, and the Grand Lodge formed in procession, and the D.G.M. consecrated the lodge. The officers designate, Bros. G. N. Brassey, W.M., A. W. Gardner, S.W., and O. Mays, J.W., and the members of the Albion Lodge were presented to the D.G.M. by Bro. H. G. Wade, D.G. Secretary, and duly constituted a lodge for the purposes of Freemasonry. The D.G. Chaplain briefly addressed the newly-formed lodge, and after another hymn the D.G. Lodge was closed in due form.

The regular meeting of the Albion Lodge was then held, for the purpose of installing the W.M. designate, the V.W.D.D.G.M., Bro. Lodder, presiding. Bro. G. N. Brassey, W.M. designate, was presented by Bros. W. P. Moat and H. G. Wade for installation, and after the ceremony, was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. Bro. Moat gave the charges. It was a feature at this gathering that there were 26 Installed Masters present.

The W.M. then installed his officers as follows: Bros. A. W. Gardner, S.W.; O. Mays, J.W.; H. P. Stark, Treas.; Cecil Gardner, Sec.; W. H. Fenton, S.D.; R. H. Duder, J.D.; T. Ingles, I.G.; Tonge, Tyler; S. Vosper and J. Glenny, Stewards; and J. Beale, Org.

The addresses were delivered by Bros. the D.G.M. and Rees George. After the usual congratulations from all the representatives of lodges, grand and sister, the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony.

A banquet afterwards took place at the Flagstaff Hotel.



"A Trip to the Moon" has been withdrawn from Her Majesty's, and the theatre is closed for the present.

Miss Ward has given up the Olympic and gone into the provinces. The Beatrice company have taken it for the fifth time, and produced "The Wages of Sin." This drama has proved one of their greatest successes.

Mr. Wilford Morgan has recently been married at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, by the Rev. Henry White to Miss Kate Morton, eldest daughter of the genial manager of the Avenue, Bro. Charles Morton.

The Folies Dramatiques has been closed during the present week, "Estrella" being withdrawn till the 1st September next. A new Italian opera, "Regina di Scotia" (Mary Queen of Scots) will be produced tomorrow (Saturday).

The Alhambra is being rebuilt by Bro. Deputy Brass, who is under a bond to complete the building and hand it over to the directors in October. It is likely to be the finest theatre of its kind and will again become the home of operatic music and the ballet. Bro. William Holland will again be the manager, whilst Mons. Bertrand will be ballet master. Milles. Pertoldi, Palladino, and La Bruyere have been engaged as premier danseuses. The sisters Elliott will also form part of the new company. Mr. Frederick Clay is writing the music for the opening piece.

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS, For the Week ending Saturday, July 21, 1883.

MONDAY, JULY 16.

Quarterly General Court Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 255, Harmony, Greyhound Hot., Richmond.
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.
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.
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, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
Kingsland, Canonbury Tav., N., at 8.30.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15 Finsbury Pavement, 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, JULY 17.

Board of General Purposes at 4.
Lodge 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hot., London-rd.
704, Camden, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
857, St. Marks, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
1420, Earl Spencer, Craven Hot., Lavender Hill.
Chap. 890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Mark 238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hot.

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.
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe, at 8.
West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
Islington, Crown and Cushion, 73, London Wall, at 7.
Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-rd., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, Finchley-rd., at 8.
Corinthian, George Hot., Millwall Docks, at 7.
Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
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., Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, 8.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18.

Special Grand Lodge at York, at 10 a.m.
Lodge of Benevolence at 6.
General Committee Grand Chapter.
Lodge 619, Beadon, Greyhound Hot., Dulwich.
700, Nelson, M.H., William-st., Woolwich.
1278, Burdett Coutts, Approach Tav., Victoria Park.
1382, Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town.
1731, Cholmeley, Alexandra Palace.
Chap. 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.
Mark 199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

Lodges of Instruction.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopgate-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, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel Road, at 8.
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
Temperance in the East, G. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30
Creation, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.
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, JULY 19.

House Committee Girls' School, at 4.
Lodge 1227, Upton, Spotted Dog Tav., Upton, Essex.
1320, Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath.
1321, Emblematic, Horns Tav., Kennington.
1623, West Smithfield, F.M.H.
1872, St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton.
1963, Duke of Albany, M.H., Shaftesbury Parks,
Lavender Hill.
Chap. 63, St. Mary's, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
Mark 7, Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.

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.
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.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd.,
Maida-vale, 7.30.

FRIDAY, JULY 20.

House Committee Boys' School, at 4.
Lodge 1118, University, F.M.H.
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., Jernyn-st., W., at 8.
Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), 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, Surrey 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.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's T., Baker-st., Manchester-sq., W.
Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
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.
Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich
Old Kent Mark, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.

SATURDAY, JULY 21.

Lodge 1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hot., Wood Green.
1329, Sphinx, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
Mark 205, Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow.
251, Tent-rd., Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
Lodges of Instruction.
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.
Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.

MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LAN- CASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, July 21, 1883.

MONDAY, JULY 16.

Lodge 89, Unanimity, Astley Arms, Dukinfield.
613, Unity, M.H., Southport.
703, Clifton, Royal Hot., Blackpool.
1730, Urmston, Lord Nelson Hot., Urmston.
1814, Worsley, Court House, Worsley.
Chap. 32, Jerusalem, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.
Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

TUESDAY, JULY 17.

Lodge 667, Alliance, M.H., Liverpool.
830, Endeavour, Queen's Arms, Dukinfield.
979, Four Cardinal Virtues, Rycal Hot., Crewe.
986, Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1225, Hindpool, Hartington Hot., Barrow.
1256, Fidelity, Bull Hot., Poulton-le-Fylde.
1276, Warren, Queen's Arms Hot., Liscard.
1570, Prince Arthur, M.H., Liverpool.
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Cholmondeley L. of I., Commercial Hot., Frodsham.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18.

Lodge 86, Loyalty, Crown Hot., Prescott.
178, Antiquity, M.H., Wigan.
484, Faith, Gerard's Arms, Ashton-in-Makerfield.
533, Eaton, M.H., Congleton.
580, Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.
758, Ellesmere, M.H., Runcorn.
823, Everton, M.H., Liverpool.
959, Hesketh, Royal Hot., Fleetwood.
1086, Walton, Skelmersdale Hall, Liverpool.
1345, Victoria, Cross Keys, Eccles.
1353, Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Toxteth L. of I., M.R., North Hill-st., Liverpool.
Chap. 580, Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk.

THURSDAY, JULY 19.

Lodge 203, Ancient Union, M.H., Liverpool.
343, Concord, Bull Hot., Preston.
425, Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
605, Combermere, Queen's Hot., Liscard.
1032, Townley Parker, Howard's Arms, Whittle-le-
Woods.
1299, Pembroke, Rawlinson's Hot., W. Derby.
1393, Hamer, M.H., Liverpool.
1576, Dee, Union Hot., Parkgate.
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.
Chap. 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.

FRIDAY, JULY 20.

Lodge 1357, Cope, Brooklands Hot., Sale.
Mark Lodge 165, Egerton, Rock Hot., Rock Ferry.