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THE great success of the recent "Grand Assembly" of Freemasons at York suggests many reflections, and evokes many recollections for the thoughtful Masonic student. Freemasonry has not always been so honoured in Yorkshire as we see it to-day; its prestige has not always stood so high, nor its popularity so wide-spread. Indeed, these very concomitants of its present progress may well inspire sage and thoughtful reservations as to hasty admissions or indiscriminate affiliations to our great Order. Whatever may have been the earlier history of York Masonry, and however locally high it seems to have stood at one time in the opinions and support of local magnates, it is an undoubted fact that, for some reason or other, a little over the middle of the last century or thereabouts, brethren in York, dissatisfied with the rule of the Grand body at York, which the learning of DRAKE had enlightened, and the support of Yorkshire brethren had upheld, sought actually for a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the South, the outcome of the Revival of 1717. The York Grand Lodge itself faded away, collapsed before its more flourishing southern rival, and gradually went out from inanition without formal dissolution or legal winding-up. Since the beginning of this century, at any rate, the history of Freemasonry in York has been bound up with the fortunes of the Grand Lodge of England. Time was, as we before remarked, when Freemasonry hardly stood so high in Masonic zeal and public opinion in Yorkshire as it does now. But of late a great change has happily come "o'er the spirit of the dream." West Yorkshire Masonry devoted itself to charitable efforts, and those of our now very elderly brethren who remember the beginning of an energetic movement in 1859 and 1860 will call to mind how some worthy Masons and loyal brethren then essayed to make Masonic charity a reality and a verity. Some of us who still survive may recall JOHN SYMONS and Bro. HOPWOOD'S visit to Sheffield, when 100 guineas was voted to the Boys' School, and Bros. CREWE and PATTEN'S visit to Doncaster when, after a slight opposition, another 100 guineas were voted to the Girls' School by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Those votes were practically the commencement of that wonderful Provincial movement which culminated the other day in a Provincial return to the Boys' School of £15,000. Bro. HENRY SMITH, Prov. Grand Secretary for Yorkshire, one of the few survivors, with Bro. HILL of that active little band, will recall the earlier struggles of the Charity Committee, and how much it was indebted to the ready patronage and approval of Lords MEXBOROUGH and RIPON, Bros. DE FEARNLY and BENTLEY SHAW, and the untiring zeal of Bro. R. R. NELSON, and many other "good men and true." Of later years Bro. Sir H. EDWARDS and Bro. T. W. TEV have equally encouraged the zeal of the West Yorkshire brethren. In North and East Yorkshire an æsthetic and literary and intellectual movement has been latterly set up in York, under the patronage of Lord ZETLAND, which has sought to illustrate the history of Freemasonry in historic "Eboracum;" has given new ideas to, and inspired higher ambition in many good Masons, a movement to which we wish all success, and which has given us the names of WHYTEHEAD, POULETT, LUKIS, TODD, CUMBERLAND, and several others, as paving the way for further researches and future successes. May all of good go with them.

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By the courtesy of a kind correspondent we have had our attention directed to a curious law case, "COTTER v HOSFORD," contained in the *Limerick Reporter*, &c., of July 10th. This is an action by the Rev. R. H. COTTER, a clergyman in Ireland, against the proprietors of the *Limerick Chronicle* for a libel. Mr. COTTER has published some most severe and unjust attacks on the Irish Freemasons and Freemasonry generally, and termed it and them, as the judge pointed out in forcible terms, respectively "atheistic, heathenish, and dishonourable," and "blasphemers, murderers, craven cowards," &c. We think that when any person claiming to be "compos-

mentis" uses such terms about the Irish Freemasons, or Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry, he is "put out of court at once," alike by the evident incoherency of his expressions and the abject folly of his criticism. A body of men in Ireland which boasts of the Duke of ABERCORN as its head, and other noble and distinguished and learned and patriotic members of society and citizens of the realm, is not thus to be treated, is not thus disrespectfully to be described. The learned Judge seems to have leant somewhat to the reverend plaintiff, as the aggressive reply of the *Limerick Chronicle* could not be substantiated. Despite this fact, however, the jury returned a verdict for *one farthing* damages, and would have found for the defendants, evidently impressed by the utterly unjustifiable terms made use of by the reverend controversialist in respect of the Freemasons. We need hardly point out to our readers that the idea of our kind assailant is an entire delusion. No more loyal, religious, reverent body of men exists than the Masonic Body, especially when, as under our great Anglo Saxon family, we happily retain as the leading principles of our world-wide Order, reverence for God, respect for lawful authority, sympathy for our brotherhood, and goodwill for mankind. The distinguished Judge who presided, (we believe a Roman Catholic), in mentioning the Roman Catholic position quoad Freemasonry, curiously enough fell into a great historical error, and repeats a distinct fallacy as regards the Roman authoritative condemnation of Freemasonry. In the original Bull of 1738 nothing is said about the "Secret Society," and it is not merely "qua" a Secret Society, as the learned Judge assumes, that Freemasonry is condemned by Rome. The first condemnation proceeded on the assumption that the Masonic lodges in which Roman Catholics and Protestants met, thereby ignored the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, established a form of natural religion, and thus practically set on foot a form of heresy, contrary to the Christian teaching of the one True Church. That these meetings were held in secret was a secondary consideration. In this Bull all Freemasons were to be handed over to the Inquisition and put to death, the houses in which they met were to be pulled down, and those who permitted them to assemble in their house were to be fined and imprisoned. Such is the Bull of CLEMENT, which has been revived by subsequent Pontiffs, and is undoubtedly still in force. Later Popes, especially PIUS IX., mixed up, as Cardinal CULLEN did in Ireland, the Fenians and the Freemasons, just as PIUS the VII. had done the Carbonari and Freemasons, and political secret societies. But the mere act of "secrecy," despite the doctrine of the learned Judge, is not, and cannot be, the sole objection of the Church of Rome. The Jesuit Society is emphatically a secret society, inasmuch as the 4th vow constitutes in the order a distinct secret association. In the celebrated trial of BOYLE v. WISEMAN, the late Mr. Justice SHEE, then Sergt. SHEE, attempted to affix blame on Mr. BOYLE (originally a Jesuit), because he had refused to take the 4th vow. But Mr. BOYLE proved that he had received a dispensation from Mr. LYTHGOE, then the Provincial in England, who had allowed his reasons to be valid for declining to take it. One of his alleged reasons was, that then he ceased to be his own master, but formed part of a secret body, bound to go anywhere, and do anything at command of his superior. Lord Justice BARRY seemed to think that whereas the Roman Catholic Church condemned Freemasonry, so had Mr. COTTER as a Protestant equally the right to condemn it. Quite so. We are in a free country, and every body has the right to his own opinion, can "enjoy the luxury of his own pine apple." But truth itself is sometimes, paradox as it may seem, a libel, and because a person holds certain theories strongly, it is not a case of "sequitur" that he has an equal right to publish and parade them.

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We have been requested to explain, once for all, that the charge of 5s. was made to all except the Grand Officers of the year, and was not limited to Past Grand Officers. This mistake has probably arisen from two slips being issued. We think now this discussion had better cease, as the subject has been thoroughly ventilated.

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We publish the notice for a Special Grand Lodge on August 8th, to finish the consideration of the Revised Book of Constitutions. We hope the authorities will consider the advisability of making a "day" of it, and that some "good Samaritans" will see to it, that there may be some "refreshment" after "labour."

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We regret to have to call attention to a direct act of Masonic illegality in the distinguished province of Suffolk. Lord WAVENEY, the esteemed Prov. Grand Master, has thought well to confer the Past Rank of Prov. Senior Grand Warden on a worthy brother of that Province. It is quite clear that he has no legal right to grant such. It can only be done by the Fiat of the Grand Master, under the Book of Constitutions, or by direct vote of Grand Lodge. We call the attention of our authorities to the subject.

## SPECIAL GRAND LODGE.

The following circular has been issued :

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

“ W. MASTER,—Your attendance is requested, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, at a Special Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place on Wednesday, the 8th August, at half-past four in the afternoon, for the purpose of resuming and continuing the consideration of the report of the Board of General Purposes on the amendments on the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, referred to the Board by Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication of the 7th March last for consideration and report.

“ The Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock precisely.

“ By command of the M.W. Grand Master,

“ SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

“ Freemasons' Hall, W.C., 25th July, 1883.”

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted at the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter, at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 1st day of August next, at six o'clock in the evening, punctually:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

“ To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

“ The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th April, to the 17th July, 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :

To Balance, Grand Chapter ...	£912 14 5	By Disbursements during the	
“ ” Unappropriated		Quarter ...	£201 2 10
“ Account ...	209 7 4	“ Balance ...	1043 14 1
“ Subsequent Receipts ...	332 5 0	“ ” in Unappropriated	
		“ Account ...	209 9 10
	£1454 6 9		£1454 6 9

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

“ The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions :

“ 1st. From Comps. Thomas Pickles, as Z.; James Alexander Parr, as H.; Benjamin Preston, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, No. 264, Batley, to be called the Nelson of the Nile Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Batley, Yorkshire (Western Division).

“ 2nd. From Comps. Osborne Hambrook Bate, as Z.; George Brooke Attwell, as H.; William Darley Hartley, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Buffalo Lodge, No. 1824, East London, to be called the Sinai Chapter, and to meet at East London, South Africa, (Eastern Division).

“ 3rd. From Comps. Frederick Flood, as Z.; Thomas Wood, as H.; Benjamin Hicklin, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dorking Lodge, No. 1149, Dorking, to be called the Dorking Chapter, and to meet at the Public Hall, Dorking, in the county of Surrey.

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

“ The Committee have also received a petition from the principals and members of the Amphibious Chapter, No. 258, Heckmondwike, Yorkshire (Western Division), praying for a charter of confirmation, the original being lost.

“ The Committee also recommend that a charter of confirmation for this chapter be granted.

(Signed) “ JOHN CREATON, P. Pr. G. Soj., Grand Treas.,

“ President.

“ Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 18th July.”

## MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The annual festival on behalf of the Benevolent Fund attached to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters was held on Wednesday evening, at the Crystal Palace, Sir Pryse Pryse, Prov. Grand Master for South Wales, presided, and there were also present among others

Bros. Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales; F. Davison, Grand Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Assist. Grand Sec.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W.; J. H. Wynne, P.G. Stwd.; W. Maple, Old Kent Lodge; John Lane, W.M. 319; Edgar Bowyer, W.M. 315; J. McDavis, W.M. 265; C. Coupland, P.M. 226; G. Powell, Treas. 1; G. Hollington, P.M. 173; W. March, 173; F. Laurance, P.M. 13; R. Thrupp, P.G.J.O.; A. H. Jefferis, 32; Henri Brett, S.W. 235; T. J. Pulley, P.M. 235, 266, 54, 75, Prov. Grand Sec. Berks and Oxon.; Rev. J. Marsden, D.P.G.M. South Wales; J. Moon, Old Kent Lodge; W. Barkley, P.M. 59, P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Banks, P.M. 151, 60, G.I.G.; Alfred Williams, P.G.D.; H. R. Hatherley, G.M.O., Prov. Grand Sec. Notts.; C. S. Lane, P.G.D.; J. Jenkyn Jones, W.M. 115; Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.M.O.; Wm. Watkins, Grand Std. Br., Prov. Grand Sec. Monmouth; John Skinner, Old Kent Lodge; W. Lake, P.M. 78, P.G. Reg. Cornwall; and H. Massey (Freemason).

The dinner was admirably supplied by Bros. Bertram and Roberts.

After the dinner grace was sung, and the usual speeches followed.

The CHAIRMAN in proposing the toast of “The Queen and Mark Masonry” said the toast was of a twofold nature, and he was sure that

when drinking this toast the brethren would remember that with regard to the first part there were no more loyal men to be found anywhere than Mark Masons, and they always drank this toast with the greatest enthusiasm. With regard to the second part, Mark Masonry, he could inform any young Mark Mason who might be present, that if a Mason's heart was in the right place he must love Mark Masonry.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and was followed by the National Anthem, which was beautifully sung by the vocal brethren and Miss Edith Ruthven.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed “The Health of Lord Henniker, the M.W.G.M.M.M., to whom he paid the compliment of saying that he was punctual, painstaking, and thoroughly familiar with all his duties. (Applause.)

The toast having been drunk, Bro. Egbert Roberts sang “Only Friends.”

BARON DE FERRIERES, M.P., proposed the next toast, which was that of “The Past Grand Mark Master Masons, the Duke of Albany, Lord Leigh, the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Canon Portal, Earl Percy, the Earl of Limerick, and the Earl of Lathom.” In proposing the toast he said according to the custom of the Mark Degree the Grand Master only presided over them for the space of three years, and there was constantly a series of Past Mark Masters now on the roll, of whom all Mark Masons were justly proud. (Hear, hear.) In drinking their health the brethren had to remember that the Past Grand Masters had done much for Mark Masonry, and through their efforts Mark Masonry stood much higher than it did some years ago, and their thanks were due to them for their zeal in the cause, and the exertions they had made in promoting its success. As to the Duke of Albany, although he was the youngest of the Past Grand Masters, yet his social rank entitled him to that position, but he had done much for Mark Masonry, and the brethren were pleased at the position he had taken. As to the rest of the Past Grand Masters, he had nothing to say of them but what would redound to their credit. The Immediate Past Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, had also done much for Mark Masons, and all Mark Masons must feel that their special thanks were due to him for the efforts he had made to promote the welfare of this Degree. They all responded most cordially to the toast, for they were justly proud that the roll of Past Grand Masters, and those who followed them, would fully deserve their thanks for what they had done.

The toast having been duly honoured, Miss Edith Ruthven sang “The nightingale's trill.”

Bro. BOWYER, W.M. 315, I have pleasure in giving you the toast of “The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Mark Master Mason, the Earl of Kintore, and the Officers, Present and Past.” As Mark Masons we all know how zealous is the Earl of Kintore in all connected with this Degree, and I am satisfied that the officers, Present and Past, have done their duty in every possible way. I wish to couple with the toast the name of Bro. Matier, the Past Senior Grand Warden' and the Senior officer present. (Applause.)

Bro. MATIER in responding, said the toast was of the most comprehensive character that could possibly be proposed in Mark Masonry. It was the health of those who had carried on and who carry on the work of the Order from day to day and from week to week. Lord Kintore who would at some future day, probably not very long distant, be the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Mark Degree, and he was certain that when the brethren found his lordship in that position, they would find him the same genial, hearty, and earnest ruler that they had found him in the position of Deputy Grand Master. As regarded the other Grand Officers, so far as regarded himself he could say but little, but let him call the attention of the brethren present to the services of some who were present and of others who were absent. He wished to ask the ladies and the brethren to unite in this toast by giving a cordial meed of support to the services of Bro. Frederick Binckes, the Grand Secretary, who, unfortunately owing to illness, was absent for the first time since the festival of the Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund was established. He was sure they all regretted his absence, and that they hoped he would be speedily restored to health and strength. (Applause.) Although Bro. Binckes was absent, let him pay a tribute of respect of well-deserved admiration to one who is present, the Assistant Grand Secretary, his good friend Bro. Dewar, (Applause.) No one knew better than he did the attention which Bro. Dewar bestowed upon the duties which devolved upon him, and no one knew better than he did how faithfully and honestly those duties were discharged. (Applause.)

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.S.W., proposed “The Health of the Chairman,” who had presided over them that night with so much kindness and cordiality. He said if he told them a little circumstance he might reveal something which would show a very large amount of inconvenience undertaken by the Chairman in order to fulfil his engagement that evening. Sir Pryse Pryse left Paris on Sunday night, and was engaged in London on business all day on Monday. He left London on Monday night to go to Swansea to attend to the duties of the Mark Degree there. After that he left by the Flying Dutchman so as to be in town at four o'clock this morning to preside over this meeting. That amount of energy demanded from the brethren the largest consideration and kindness, and he was sure they would give it. With these remarks he proposed the health of the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN in responding said he could assure the brethren that when he was asked to fill the post that he now held he did it with great reluctance, because as we might say at once and openly he was a very bad hand at after dinner speeches or talking generally. In his own province he was ready to undertake any work, or in his province he was ready to do any work; but he only wished to be left alone after dinner. If he had his own way

he would like to have the speaking before dinner, so that he might not suffer from dyspepsia after dinner. He would rather do all the ceremonies in the Mark Degree than have to make speeches, but Bro. Dewar would have no mercy upon him. He trusted however that the fund had not lost for any lapse on his part, and he trusted he might say that it had not. He believed the fund would benefit to-night more than it did last year, and he was ready to stake a heavy wager that it was nearer £1000 this year than it was last year.

The Rev. Jonathan Marsden, of South Wales, sang a Welch song, which was loudly applauded, the tune being very pretty and enlivening.

The CHAIRMAN next proposed "Prosperity to the Mark Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund." He said he felt some difficulty about the toast, and he took great blame to himself that he felt great difficulty about it, because he thought it was essential to the duty of a Mark Master Mason, let alone those who were in the position which he now held, to know the working of the Charities of Masonry, so that they might, at any rate, be able to answer any questions or explain any points that might be put towards them about the disbursement of the funds of these different Charities, and any other points regarding the fund. The bye-laws of the fund laid down the principles on which the fund was distributed, and the Assistant Grand Secretary had given him the different figures. The fund was instituted in 1868, and from that time the sums collected and invested with interest thereon amounted to £3850. During that period 66 petitioners had been relieved with grants amounting to £938, and there had been transferred to the Educational Fund a sum of £1018, and also there had been invested for the Benevolent Fund £1800. There had also been invested on account of the Benevolent Fund another sum of £900. The subscription list last year was large, but he believed that this year it would be nearer £1000, one side or the other, than it was last year. Six boys and two girls were educated at the expense of the Educational Fund at an annual cost of £106, and there were three more candidates for it. These children were not removed from the charge of their parents, but were educated near their own homes. He now came to an item which he thought spoke for itself as it showed how economically the funds were worked. The working expenses were only £74. (Cheers.) He knew something about the accounts and the working of these funds, but he was sure that nothing could be worked more economically than these funds. With these few words he proposed the toast of "Success to the Mark Benevolent Fund."

The toast was drunk enthusiastically.

Bro. DEWAR, in responding, said the first thing he had to do was to apologise, and to express regret at the absence of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes, who had been at those festivals ever since the benevolent fund was established. (Applause.) He had that day received a note from Bro. Binckes, who was staying at Clacton-on-Sea, saying that he felt in such very uncertain health that he would like a few days more rest, and asking him to apologise to Sir Pryse Pryse for his absence on that occasion. Bro. Dewar then read the list of subscriptions which had been received this year, amounting to £710 12s. Two years ago, Bro. Dewar said, the subscription list amounted to £553; last year it was £557. They had not anticipated a very large increase on the amount; but it was his privilege and pleasure to announce that, under the presidency of Sir Pryse Pryse, the subscription list this year amounted to the magnificent sum of £710 12s. (Applause.) When the fund was established, £100, £120, or £130 was regarded as a liberal subscription; but when they received as much as £500 it was considered that they had got as much as they might expect, but they had now exceeded their most sanguine expectations. (Applause.) With the permission of the Chairman, he would like to propose "The Health of the Stewards." They had several of the Stewards present, including the representative of the Old Kent Lodge, the oldest Mark lodge under the Grand Lodge of England and Wales. He had great pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of Bro. James Moon. (Applause.)

Bro. JAMES MOON responded for "The Stewards," and said he was proud to see that those meetings were increasing in the number who attended them and in the success which followed. The Stewards were only too glad to assist those who could not assist themselves, and to educate their children. Speaking for the Old Kent Lodge, for which he was a Steward, he trusted that those who had not been its Stewards would come forward on future occasions, and assist the fund as heartily as he had done.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS proposed "The Health of the Ladies."

Bro. SPICE responded.

During the evening a beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. Edwin M. Lott, Past Grand Organist, by Miss Edith Ruthven and Bros. Henry Ashton, Edwin Moss and Egbert Roberts.

Three cheers were given for Sir Pryse Pryse, and the proceedings terminated.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee met on Thursday, 26th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Col. Creaton, when there were present, Bros. E. C. Mather, Frank Richardson, E. Spooner, H. A. Dubois, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The minutes of General Committee of 28th June were read and verified, and the following minutes were read for information: House Committee Special Meeting, 9th July; Quarterly Court, 14th July; House Committee, 19th July; and Audit Committee, 24th July.

The CHAIRMAN was authorised and requested to sign cheques amounting to £1608 13s. The payment of £400 to Messrs. Crapper on account of

sanitary work was ordered on the motion of Bro. Richardson, who said the amount was very moderate and brought the total well within the authorised sum of £1300. A payment of £162 10s. to Messrs. Halliday and Greenwood was ordered on account of the Swimming Bath. Also a sum of £33 1s. 5d. to Tarn and Co., for furniture; and various small amounts to other tradesmen.

On the recommendation of the House Committee, an estimate given by the Sanitary and Ventilating Company for the ventilation of the dormitories, at a cost of £73, was approved; and an extension of the tar paving in the playground was also authorised. Further lavatory accommodation in the Junior School, at an expenditure of £14 15s., was also ordered to be executed by Fish and Prestige; these works being referred back to the House Committee for immediate execution during the holidays.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL gave notice of the following motion for the next Quarterly Court: Rule 37—to come after the word "trustees," in the third line—"That three of the members of the Committee who have been longest on the Board shall not be eligible for re-election until after the expiration of 12 months."

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF KENT.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent was held at the Corn Exchange, Tunbridge, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., under the banner of the Medway Lodge, No. 1678. The attendance of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers and brethren was large, including the following: R.W. Viscount Holmesdale, P.G.M.; V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Bros. B. D. Thorpe, 709, P.G. Treas.; J. J. Hamilton, P.M. 1692, G.S.W.; Rev. Canon Baynes, M.A., P.M. 558, G. Chap.; Alf. Spencer, 1063, P.G. Sec.; R. Harrison, P.M. 1206, G.J.W.; F. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and others.

The roll of lodges having been called and the minutes read, the Prov. Grand Treasurer submitted his accounts, which were received and passed. All the offices having been declared vacant Bro. B. D. Thorpe was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and the officers for the ensuing year were then invested as follows:

Bro. F. Butler, P.M. 1174	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" W. B. Bacon, P.M. 874	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Canon Baynes, M.A., P.M. 538	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Rev. E. G. Banks, W.M. 1209	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" B. D. Thorpe, P.M. 709	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Spencer, P.M. 1063	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. Williams, P.M. 874	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Geo. Appleyard, P.M. 503	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. Lukey, P.M. 199	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" E. Beer, P.M. 972 and 1449	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" E. Denton, P.M. 913	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" J. R. Brett, P.M. 158	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" T. Puzey, P.M. 1107	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Secra, P.M. 972	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" H. Shaw, P.M. 1536	...	...	Prov. G. Swd. Br.
" J. Parsons, W.M. 829	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Jarman, P.M. 429	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. M. Amos, P.M. 125	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purst.
" T. R. S. Champion, P.M. 77	...	...	
" F. Klatt, 558	...	...	
" Bourne, 1089	...	...	
" R. Durnell, P.M. 1223	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Wyver	...	...	
" R. Tatham, 1725	...	...	
" Eastley	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then proposed that £20 be given to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 913, and a similar sum to the widow of a brother of Lodge No. 299, which was carried.

The following grants were then made on the motion of the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: £105 to the Boys' School, in the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, making him Vice-President of the Institution; £52 10s. to the Building Fund of the Boys' School, in the name of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who is Vice-Patron, for which sum an additional 20 votes will be obtained; total, £157 10s.

£21 to each of the Charitable Institutions, being the first grants to the three following lodges: No. 1678, Tonbridge, Boys, £21; Girls, £21; Benevolent, £21; total, £63. No. 1692, Hayes, Boys, £21; Girls, £21; Benevolent, £21; total, £63. No. 1725, Maidstone, Boys, £21; Girls, £21; Benevolent, £21; total, £63; making a grand total of £189. And £10 10s. on behalf of the eight following lodges to the Boys' School; 483, Milton; 503, Maidstone; 558, Folkestone; 615, Erith; 709, Ashford; 784, Deal; 829, Sidcup; 874, Tunbridge Wells; total, £84.

The consideration of several resolutions proposed by Bro. RUSSELL with reference to the Charities was, on the motion of the PROV. GRAND MASTER, postponed for 12 months.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the New Public Hall, where a banquet was served under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

CUBICAL STONE.—This Masonic symbolical emblem is called in French "la pierre cubique;" by Germans "der cubik Stein." It is no doubt the perfect ashlar of Anglo-Saxon Masonry. Oliver has a long statement in respect to it, which we need hardly repeat here.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.



### ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF THE BELGRAVE LODGE, No. 749.

On Friday, the 20th inst., the brethren of this lodge held a festival at the Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the lodge. The Belgrave Lodge, No. 749 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated on the 20th July, 1858, and consequently on Friday last had completed a quarter of a century of its existence. There were present on the occasion the following members of the lodge, viz., Bros. W. C. Hall, W.M.; E. N. Grogan, P.M. (the father of the lodge and one of its founders); H. Garrod, P.M., and Secretary from the date of its inauguration to the present time; J. Painter, P.M. and Treasurer; P. Parsons, P.M.; J. W. Hobbs, P.M. and D.C.; H. W. Greenwood, P.M.; J. Coltart, P.M.; W. Groves, I.P.M.; A. F. Leech, S.W.; G. S. Elliott, J.W.; H. John, J.D.; F. G. Newton, I.G.; H. Quint, J. F. Moran, Alf. Brooks, R. J. Tyrrell, Thos. Carroll, C. Todd Pullen, J. C. Scudamore, Alf. Banks, R. F. E. Hopkins, B. Richards, W. Tapstead, A. Barnard, G. James, James Tubbs, W. J. Tubbs, A. Tubbs, W. E. Beckett, W. T. H. Thackeray, F. Perry, E. C. Austin, H. Batt, F. Kedge, J. C. Walton, W. Marcus, J. Bevan, J. A. Chambers, R. Chipperfield, H. A. Donnelly, T. Weeks, H. Clemence, J. C. Skelington, C. L. Culpin, J. Hodges, R. S. Moss, W. Beeton, J. Grosutt, W. R. Burnett, S. G. Alford, E. Triggs, W. D. T. Turnpenny, P. W. Jones, C. J. Fox, and J. J. Marsh, Tyler.

Several of the brethren went down to Gravesend early in the day, and after making the necessary arrangements for the banquet, which was fixed for half-past five, chartered carriages and made excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood. Others took boat, and were ferried across to the Essex side, and inspected the works at the new docks of the East and West India Dock Company, where, besides seeing some 3000 men at work, they also saw the marvellous American steam navy in operation, and were well repaid for their trip. The bulk of the company, however, arrived shortly before the hour appointed for dinner, and all were soon assembled in the spacious dining room of the Clarendon, which looks on to the garden and the river. The dinner and wines did the greatest credit to Mr. Ernest Bibroe, the proprietor, being not only of excellent quality, but well cooked and well served into the bargain. Add to this the pleasant company of everyone bent upon making himself agreeable, and it must be admitted that these were the ingredients of a very pleasant evening, and so it proved.

After the cloth had been drawn the W.M., Bro. W. C. Hall, in rising to propose the first toast, said that they were all there met that evening in the country, far away from where the lodge held its regular meetings. It was not his intention to occupy the time with very long speeches; but as they were all loyal men and true he could not omit certain toasts. The first therefore that he would have the pleasure to propose was that of "The Queen," and to make it a Masonic toast he would add to it "The Craft." Her Majesty took a great interest in the Craft, as those who attended Grand Lodge knew from the statement of their Grand Master—how she took a great deal of interest in everything that took place under the name of Freemasonry. There was therefore ample justification for coupling the Craft with the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and he was quite sure the brethren would give it a cordial reception.

The CHAIRMAN, rising immediately, said that as time was short he did not propose to rest long between the toasts which it was necessary to propose. He therefore proposed to put to them at once "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," and as time was precious he should add to that "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The mere mention of the name of the M.W. Grand Master was quite sufficient to raise the enthusiasm of Freemasons on occasions of this kind. They were all aware of the interest His Royal Highness took in Freemasonry, and the trouble he took to be present at important Masonic gatherings whenever the manifold engagements of his high station made his attendance possible. His Royal Highness had only that week assisted in laying the foundation-stone, with full Masonic rites, of the Science and Art Institution in the province of Yorkshire. Bro. Hall said that he had been invited to be present, but he had not had the pleasure of attending; otherwise he would have had the gratification of recounting to them the details of the work that was done. It was extremely gratifying to Freemasons to observe the interest that His Royal Highness took in the Craft, and he was sure that the feeling would prompt them to join with the greatest cordiality in drinking to the health of the Grand Master and his very able assistants, the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; and the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; together with the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past.

Bro. W. GROVES, I.P.M., said the gavel had once more been placed in his hands, and although he had been entrusted with it on many occasions he never handled it with greater pleasure than he did that day. He needed not to tell them the reason of its being entrusted to him; they knew at once that he was able to propose the health of the W.M. It afforded him great pleasure to do so, for Bro. Hall had conducted the business of the Belgrave Lodge in a manner which commended it to all who had been visitors to the lodge. He was sure that no one who had been present in the lodge would confess that its reputation had lost anything, but had gained a great deal by Bro. Hall's conduct in the chair. The meeting that day was a fair—he was going to say termination of his year of office, but he might say it was a good zenith to his year of office, from which he would derive a great amount of credit. He was quite sure that all present were grateful to Bro. Hall for the way in which he had carried through the business of the day. As to those proceedings there would probably be something said at a later period of the evening, and he should therefore content himself by proposing to rise and drink a hearty toast to "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. HALL said he thanked Bro. Groves and the brethren for the very eulogistic manner in which his health had been proposed by the former, and for the very enthusiastic manner in which the latter had responded to it. He could assure them that his year of office had been a matter of great anxiety to him, but if he had in any measure satis-

fied them, he was in a very small measure satisfied himself. Everything he had done had been done in the interests of the Belgrave Lodge. It was his mother lodge, and he was necessarily so closely connected with it in every way that every duty he owed to Freemasonry he owed first to his mother lodge. As he said at the commencement, he did not intend to make long speeches, and he would, therefore, content himself with thanking them most heartily for the very kind way in which they had responded to this toast.

The next toast, the CHAIRMAN said, was "The Health of the Visitors," of whom they had that night a very goodly array. The Belgrave Lodge was always pleased to see among them a goodly number of visitors; they were pleased to receive them in lodge when there was work to be done, because they counted on the friendly criticisms of their visitors; they were also pleased to receive them at the festive board, being pleased not only to entertain them, but to enjoy their company. They had that evening a very distinguished list, to the number of 19. There were Bros. H. F. Atter, F. Newton, 157; W. Iron, W.M. 1579; John Shepherd, 140; F. Eckstein, P.M. 1196; F. Calvert, Royal Alfred Lodge; W. E. Rose, T. J. Cusworth, P.M. 813; H. E. Wilson, 47; W. Richards, 1853; S. Bass, 1087; Geo. Lowther, 823; W. N. Soley, 77; H. E. Coffin, 167; T. D. Spurgin, 1365; O. J. Bellis, W.M. 1901; A. W. Westcott, P.M. 1365; J. L. Cogan, P.M. 1365; and E. C. Massey, of the *Freemason*. He thought all the brethren would agree with him that that was not only a long list, but a very distinguished list of visitors, and he thought it a great thing for them to get so many visitors to come to them at so great a distance from London, and he would ask them to drink to the health of their visitors, with which toast he would couple the names of Bro. Cusworth, P.M. of the New Concord Lodge; Bro. Soley, of the Gravesend Lodge; and Bro. Shepherd, of Lodge No. 140.

In replying to this toast Bro. CUSWORTH said, speaking in his own behalf he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the generous and hearty reception which the visitors had received; for himself he could say that he had always very great pleasure in coming to the Belgrave Lodge, being on all occasions received with a great deal of kindness. The work in the lodge was unexceptionable. The Past Masters he had had the pleasure of knowing for a number of years; he need not enumerate them, but he might state that he had had the pleasure of seeing all but one of those brethren pass the chair in the Belgrave Lodge. He had heard that this was the silver wedding of the lodge, and it must be a great pleasure to the W.M. to occupy the chair on such an occasion. He hoped to visit them on many more occasions, but he could scarcely expect the pleasure of meeting them at the golden wedding of the lodge.

Bros. SOLEY and SHEPHERD also acknowledged the compliment paid to the visitors.

Bro. HALL then said he had another toast to propose, and it was one which he thought every member of the Belgrave Lodge would be most heartily disposed to join in with enthusiasm—it was "Prosperity to the Belgrave Lodge," or rather he should say, "Continued Prosperity to the Belgrave Lodge." No doubt there had been for a great many years a continual progress of prosperity; but what he wished to propose that evening was continued prosperity for that lodge. He thought that this year would be with one exception the most prosperous in the annals of the lodge; he thought that, excepting perhaps the year 1865, they would find that there had been more initiates in this, the twenty-fifth, year since its consecration, and that in his year of office it would have exceeded any year, except 1865, since 1858, the year of its consecration. He did not wish to enlarge upon the early days after the consecration of the lodge, because he was but a young member; he had not been a member more than half the time since its consecration; but he would ask Bro. Grogan to respond to the toast, and give the brethren any details that might be interesting to them. He would simply ask them to drink to the continued prosperity of the Belgrave Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Grogan.

Bro. GROGAN, P.M., said the W.M. had been pleased to couple his name with the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the Belgrave Lodge" as the father of the lodge and one of its founders. In the early days of the lodge it was his province, in conjunction with their deceased Bro. Froud, to procure a home for the Belgrave Lodge. After many months they succeeded in finding it a home and, strange to say, it was on the banks of the Thames. That was 25 years ago, and it was a singular coincidence that after the lapse of a period of 25 years they should without premeditation have selected a spot on the banks of the Thames for the holding of that festival. On the night 25 years ago on which they succeeded in finding a home for it they had intended to give it up in despair; and if they had not succeeded that night the Belgrave Lodge would never have come into existence. The house they found was at the New Gun Inn, Pimlico; the Old Gun Inn had been pulled down, and this new Gun was the house erected in its stead. After parsimonious management they contrived to establish the lodge at the New Gun, but the landlord finding that a Masonic lodge meeting there once a month did not answer his purpose so well as billiard tables, the Belgrave Lodge had to go. They then took up their quarters in Denbigh-street, Pimlico, but they had to leave that also. On leaving that they had to seek another roof to cover their heads, and they found one in the Thatched House Tavern, St. James's-street. It was a famous house for Freemasonry; it was there the Prince of Wales's Lodge was held. But they were obliged to leave that also, because they were going to pull the roof off over their heads. They then tried St. James's Hotel, but it was not at all to their minds, and then they found Anderton's Hotel, in Fleet-street, where they had been located ever since. They had met with a greater degree of prosperity than any lodge in London. During the five-and-twenty years they had been a lodge they had been the envy of many lodges, and they had conducted their affairs at very moderate expense. They had never been in debt for a single day; they had always endeavoured to give the members everything in reason, and to treat visitors with the greatest courtesy and the greatest generosity. Going onward he must tell them that during their twenty-five years' existence they had made 287 members; they had given away from a Benevolent Fund of their own, to which the annual subscription was only 2s. 6d. each, a sum of £125, besides other little matters. They had also given to the Masonic Charities—of all of which they had become Vice-Presidents—sums amounting to £300.

Looking at these facts, and at the small subscription which the Belgrave Lodge charged, and that they gave their members six banquets in the year very similar to that which they had just enjoyed, he thought that there were few lodges that could cope with them. He thought he need not detain them longer, as the night was getting on. It afforded him great pleasure, as the oldest Past Master, and the father of that lodge, and from the great interest he had always taken in its progress and welfare, to see when he looked round at the end of five and twenty years, so many of his children coming to that lodge and joining that lodge. His years of course were waning; but he trusted that the Belgrave Lodge would go on in the future without dissensions of any kind whatever, and with the same degree of prosperity. He thanked them for the very cordial manner in which this toast had been proposed and received.

Bro. HALL said that he had one other toast to propose to the brethren which he was quite sure they would be pleased to join in; it was the continued "Health of their Past Masters." It was only those who were in office and those who were aiming at being in office who knew the great value that was to be attached to the title of a Past Master. They were always ready to offer any service and advice that was necessary to anybody, to any other member that was coming along and endeavouring to emulate their example, and occupy the position that they had occupied before; and he (Bro. Hall), who at this present moment occupied the position of W.M., knew well that it was greatly due to the P.Ms. that he was in that position. He thought that all the brethren could not do better than rely upon the P. Masters' advice; they were old and tried members and their hearts were evidently set upon the continued prosperity in every shape and way of that, the Belgrave Lodge. The brethren were all animated by one spirit: the desire for the continued prosperity of the Belgrave Lodge. He therefore asked them to drink to the health of the P.Ms. of the lodge.

Bro. J. PAINTER, the Treasurer of the lodge, addressing the Master, officers, brethren, and visitors, said he thanked them all very much for the very handsome manner in which they had honoured the toast to the Past Masters. The W.M. had spoken of their earnest endeavour to perform the duty they had to fulfil. He remembered one occasion when he and others came down to Gravesend to ask their brethren to support a candidate at an election for the Benevolent Institution, and he remembered that their hardest work on that occasion was to get away from the lodge, and the consequence was that they did not get away at all that night, but went back to London the next morning. They were however so far successful that the widow of their brother received the annuity, and he thought she was still in possession of it. Bro. Garrod was his senior by many years, and Bro. Parsons, he thought, ranked before him; but he was quite sure it was their and his and all the Past Masters' wish to think and do for the best they could for Freemasonry in general, and for the Belgrave Lodge in particular.

Bro. HALL said it was his pleasant duty to propose to them still another toast, and that was "The Health of their Officers." The brethren knew that the lodge could not proceed in its work without good and tried officers, and it had fallen to the lot of the Belgrave Lodge to have a succession of remarkably good officers. He was himself peculiarly fortunate this year in being supported by a number of officers who were most zealous in all the duties they had to perform, and so relieved him of a great deal of the trouble which would otherwise occupy his mind in the working of the lodge. He asked them, therefore, to rise and drink to "The Health, long-life, and prosperity of their Officers," coupled with the name of their brother S.W.

Bro. LEECH, S.W., in reply thanked the W.M., P.Ms., and brethren very sincerely for the manner in which they had honoured this toast. The officers of the lodge felt very gratified at the high estimation in which they were held; they had always striven to do their best, and were pleased that the W.M. and the brethren thought they had succeeded. They had the Belgrave Lodge at heart, and they would always hold it foremost in their affections.

During the evening Bro. Tubbs and other brethren favoured the company with a selection of vocal and instrumental music, adding to the pleasure of what was even without it a most enjoyable evening.

### ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE NEWSTEAD LODGE, No. 47, NOTTINGHAM.

The brethren of this ancient lodge held their annual picnic on the 12th inst. at Matlock, proceeding by rail in Pullman cars. After luncheon at the Old English Hotel, the party drove to Chatsworth for the purpose of inspecting the art treasures contained in that magnificent mansion and viewing the beautiful grounds; the grand cascade and fountains, by the kind permission of his grace the Duke of Devonshire, being for the occasion in full play. After this pleasant break the party completed their journey to Baslow, where a most excellent banquet was provided by Bro. H. Mountain. Before separating to take part in the various amusements at hand or to admire the surrounding beauties of nature, the W.M., Bro. G. CHAPMAN, in a brief but very appropriate speech proposed "The Health of the Queen."

Bro. DERRY, P.M., in a very able and facetious speech proposed "The Ladies," Bro. SUTTON, P.M., responding on their behalf.

Bro. TOPLIS, P.M., proposed "The W.M." in a speech which was received in a most hearty manner, and the WORKSHIPFUL MASTER in reply said he was much obliged to Bro. Toplis for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and for the many kind things he had been pleased to say about him, and to the ladies and gentlemen for the generous way in which they had received it. The unkindest thing he could do would be to detain them while he attempted to make a speech; but as he did not wish to be under the ban of their displeasure he should not do so. The man most essentially qualified to make a speech was he who knew what to say, who knew how to say it, and who had sense enough to sit down when he had said it. Now, as far as that particular toast was concerned, he had proved that he knew what to say; he had shown that he knew how to say it, and he should at once convince them that he could sit down when he had said it. He thanked them for the toast.

The return journey was made through Edenson (where Lord F. C. Cavendish now rests) to Rowsley, and from thence by rail to Nottingham, where the party safely arrived, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

**ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING OF THE LODGE OF AFFABILITY, No. 317, MANCHESTER.**

The members of this lodge and their friends went to Clitheroe on Wednesday, the 11th inst., to hold their usual picnic. The party, numbering 44, was composed as follows: Bro. James Wilson, W.M., Mrs. and Miss Wilson and Mrs. Bramhall; Bros. W. J. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Jas. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; and John Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. Henry Walmsley, P.M., and Mrs. Walmsley; Bro. William Nicholl, P.M., Treas., and Mrs. Nicholl; Bro. John Smethurst, P.M., and Mrs. Smethurst; Bro. R. R. Lisenden, S.D., and Mrs. Lisenden; Bro. J. G. Elderton, J.D., and Mrs. Elderton; Bro. J. Garside, I.G., and Miss Wood; Bro. Walter Wood, Steward; Bro. Edward and Mrs. Smith; Bros. Isaac Pearson, Hugh Kerr, and G. C. Frühling; Bro. and Mrs. Bradshaw, Bro. and Mrs. Marsden and Mrs. Phillips, Bro. and Mrs. McAllister, Bro. John Walton, 625, and Mrs. and the Misses Walton (2), Bro. V. Vultchoff, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elderton, Mrs. Higginbotham, Bro. Eveyley, 1219, and Miss Eveyley.

The party proceeded, in saloon carriages, by the 10 o'clock train to Clitheroe, which was reached at 11.20. They then walked to the Swan Hotel, where Bro. Lofthouse, the genial and obliging host, stood ready to welcome them. At 12.45 the company sat down to a substantial luncheon (which might more aptly be styled a dinner), after which they took their seats in four-horsed waggons, bound for Stoneyhurst College, Mytton Church, and Whalley Abbey. An hour's drive through some of the loveliest scenery in Lancashire brought the party within sight of the famous Roman Catholic College, and they alighted to view the various objects of interest therein (leave having been previously obtained to do so through Bro. G. C. Frühling). A somewhat rapid inspection of the beautifully decorated chapels, old paintings and engravings, sculpture, antique coins, medallions, and books proved highly interesting to the company, who took their departure shortly before 4 o'clock, after being photographed by an artist from Clitheroe, who journeyed with them especially for the purpose. The return journey to the Swan Hotel was broken by a visit to Mytton Church and Whalley Abbey, and at 5.30 the company arrived once more at the Hotel, and were quite ready for the tea "à la fourchette" which Bro. Lofthouse had prepared for them, and to which ample justice was done. After tea advantage was taken of a spare hour to indulge in a little dancing, which was thoroughly enjoyed, by the ladies particularly, and the warning note for departure having been sounded by the W.M. the company returned to Manchester, arriving at 9.30 after spending a most enjoyable day.

A word of praise and thanks is due to Bro. Elderton (one of the Managing Committee) for his trouble in procuring such adequate accommodation from the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for the comfort and convenience of the party; to Bro. Frühling for obtaining permission to inspect the interior of Stoneyhurst College; and to the W.M., Bro. Wilson, for his untiring exertions throughout the day to make everyone comfortable and happy, in which (judging from the expressions of satisfaction heard on all sides) he was completely successful. The Managing Committee comprised Bros. Wilson, W.M.; R. R. Lisenden, S.D.; and J. G. Elderton, J.D.

**PICNIC OF THE DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161, MANCHESTER.**

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the members and friends of this lodge visited Alton Towers, and held their annual picnic in the charming grounds which surround the residence of the Earl of Shrewsbury. The company started by the 9.25 train from London-road Station, and included the following brethren, ladies, and gentlemen: Bro. J. Irlam, W.M., and Mrs. Irlam, Bro. S. P. Bidder, P.M., and D.C., with two daughters and niece, Bro. Anderton, P.M., Mrs. and Miss Anderton, Bro. Norton, P.M., and Mrs. Norton, Bro. Dottie, P.M., Bro. Burgess, P.M., Bro. Cowen, I.P.M., Bro. Hirst, J.W., and lady, Bro. Hotherhall, I.G., and lady, Bro. Maddick, Sec., and Mrs. Maddick, Bro. Loebell, Steward, and Mrs. Loebell, Bro. and Mrs. Davis, Bros. Lilley, Lewis, and Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maddick, Mr. S. Ehrenbach, Miss Warner, Mr. Warwick Brookes, and a number of others.

The party arrived at Alton at 11.25, and were met by the Earl of Shrewsbury's band, which preceded them to the Shrewsbury Hotel, where a substantial luncheon was in readiness. After luncheon the party proceeded to view the beautiful grounds, and a convenient spot having been selected, grouped themselves together and were photographed. Dancing soon afterwards commenced near the Pavilion, and was continued until six o'clock, when the company repaired to the hotel for dinner.

After dinner "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. COWEN, and received by the company with cheers.

Bro. IRLAM in reply thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks when proposing the toast, and the brethren and friends present for their enthusiastic reception of it. He added he should do all in his power to further the interests of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, and expressed the great pleasure it gave him to know the company had so thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing, and trusted the pleasurable recollection of it would never be effaced from their memory. Before sitting down the W.M. proposed "Prosperity to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge," and coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Bidder, P.M., who had worked so ardently for their enjoyment.

"The Health of Bro. Rabone, the Head Gardener," was proposed and drunk with every manifestation of pleasure.

The company afterwards danced a set of quadrilles, and then set out for the station, the band playing "Auld lang syne." The train returned to Manchester at 7.48 with the party, arriving at the London-road at 10 o'clock. Every one confessed to spending a very happy day, and the enjoyment of all was intensified by the diversions of Bro. Norton, P.M., who has always a fund of wit and humour at his command, and who throughout the day dispensed it with unusual vigour, creating constant merriment.

The Duke of Albany has joined the committee of the Coventry Club.

**South Africa.**

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE (EASTERN DIVISION).**

The annual meeting of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple of Port Elizabeth, on the 13th June. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, including representatives from King William's Town, East London, Somerset East, Bedford, Cradock, Graaff-Reinet, Grahamstown, &c. In the absence of the R.W. District Grand Master, Bro. C. J. Egan, M.D., M.R.C.S., who was on a visit to England, the Dist. G. Senior Warden, Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, presided. The business transacted was of the usual routine nature. The minutes of the last regular convocation having been read and confirmed, the reports of the Audit Committee, the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Education, and the various financial statements connected therewith, were read and adopted after discussion. Of the balance in hand of the general funds, after covering all expenses, two-thirds (amounting to about £216) were voted to the Educational Fund. This fund is managed by a Board of Education, and has been the means of providing instruction in the leading public schools of the province for the children of deceased or distressed Masons who have claims upon the brethren for assistance. Most of the lodges in the district contribute liberally to the fund, and further contributions from members will be thankfully acknowledged. A warrant was read from the Dist. Grand Master appointing W. Bro. G. P. Perks, D.D.G.M., and he was thereupon presented by Bro. Mackay, P.M., D.G.D. of C., and obligated, after which he took the chair. The following is a complete list of the appointments:

- Bro. Geo. P. Perks, P.M. ... Dep. D.G.M.
- " A. Arenhold, P.M. 882 ... Dist. G.S.W.
- " A. E. Austen, P.M. 1469 ... Dist. G.J.W.
- " Rev. Alex. Grant, 863 ... Dist. G. Chap.
- " T. W. Robertson, P.M. (elected) ... Dist. G. Treas.
- " W. F. Sissing, P.M. 853 ... Dist. G. Sec.
- " Geo. Reynolds, P.M. 389 ... Dist. G.S.D.
- " W. D. Hartley, P.M. 1824 ... Dist. G.J.D.
- " T. E. Butler, P.M. 1581 ... Dist. G.D. of C.
- " G. M. Gates, P.M. 1590 ... Dist. G. Svd. Br.
- " Benj. B. Attwell ... Dist. G. Org.
- " Joseph Hart, P.M. 853 ... Dist. C. Purst.
- Bros. Geo. Scott, P.M. 918, John Vials P.M. 389, Fred. M. Rees, P.M. 1889, H. Everett, W.M. 1939, John Newing, P.M. 1800, A. Street, P.M. 1468 ... Dist. G. Stwds.

The business of the session occupied till near midnight and terminated with votes of thanks to the retiring D.G. Treas., Bro. R. J. Dick; the D.G. Sec., Bro. G. P. Perks; and the D.G.S.W., Bro. C. T. Wheelwright.

The newly-appointed officers of the District Grand Lodge were entertained at a banquet in the Liedertafel on the following evening, when there was a very numerous assemblage of members of the Craft from all the leading towns of the district. The gathering was presided over by Bro. A. C. Wylde, C.C. and R.M., and Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, P.D.G.S.W., occupied the vice-chair. After the removal of the cloth,

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England."

"The R.W. Bro. Dr. J. C. Egan, D.G.M.," was then proposed by Bro. WYLDE, who hoped that their ruler would return from England with increased Masonic lore, and that Masonry would prosper and flourish in the colony. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. G. Perks, D.D. G.M., who made a suitable response.

The toast of "The Newly-appointed Officers" was proposed by Bro. JAMES KEMSLEY, P.D.G.S.D., who said that the selections made would doubtless meet with general approval, and he most heartily congratulated the officers on the honour done them, in response to which the D.G.S.W., Bro. ARENHOLD, said that the formation of the District Grand Lodge had resulted very beneficially. Their task was not an easy one; but the lodge had produced increased usefulness, and the success so far achieved should stimulate them to further exertions. He might mention that Masonry was progressing in Graaff-Reinet.

Bro. J. C. KEMSLEY, P.D.G.S.W., then gave "The Retiring Officers," who had performed their duties in a most satisfactory manner. The holding of the meetings of the District Grand Lodge in different towns had met with marked success. He remarked that the education scheme was one that should commend itself to every Mason and he trusted that it would be more largely supported by the brethren and its usefulness be more widely extended. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. C. T. Wheelwright, who complained that owing to the distance he was placed from the last speaker or perhaps to the defective acoustic properties of the building he had not heard all that had fallen from him. He stated that during a Masonic career of over 30 years he had never experienced greater pleasure than he felt on Wednesday evening, when he presided over the District Grand Lodge meeting.

"The Entertaining Lodges" were honoured and responded to, and

Bro. H. W. PEARSON proposed "The Visiting Brethren," which met with a hearty reception, a suitable response being made by the Rev. WALLIS, of Cradock.

"The Absent Brethren" were not forgotten, while Bro. C. DICKENSON, P.M., gave "Sweethearts and Wives" in a short and pithy address, to which Bro. CALCRAFT replied at some length in humorous terms.

"The Sister Grand Lodges" was proposed by Bro. H. W. PEARSON, who remarked that though not down on the list the company could not part without its being submitted. He brought to mind the Dutch fraternity and the numerous lodges scattered throughout the Orange Free State, the Transvaal, and Natal, none of which should be forgotten on an occasion like the present gathering, and Captain OLSEN, of the barque Vega, who responded, said that he belonged to a Norwegian Lodge. It was in 65° N. and the most northerly lodge in the globe. They had recently had their King at the opening of their lodge. Wherever he had travelled he had always been well received by Masons, and he should convey home to the distant lodge in Norway the tidings of the hearty welcome accorded him.

Several other visitors responded, and among them were two from New Zealand who belonged to the southernmost lodges in the world.

Bros. Dr. REES, BEDFORD, and HARVEY also replied in

short addresses; and the PURSUIVANT of the Dist. Grand Lodge made a few remarks. Bro. Rev. A. T. WIRGMAN thanked the glee singers for their music, which formed the best part of an excellent programme, and "God save the Queen" brought a most pleasurable evening to a close.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.**

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this province was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, Maryport, on Wednesday, the 18th inst., under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 151. In the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, M.P., the W. Bro. Col. Sewell, J.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, presided, with Bro. J. Nicholson, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.W., as Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The muster of Present and Past Provincial Officers, as well as members of lodges, was perhaps almost without exception the largest ever held in the province. The following signed: Bros. Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 105, P.G.S.D. of E.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 151, P.G.J.D. of E.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 216, G.A.D.C. of E., P.G. Sec.; J. H. Banks, W.M. 60, G.I.G. of E., P.G.J.W.; G. G. Hayward, P.M. 60, P.G.I.G. of E.; W. B. Gibson, P.M. 213, P.G.S.W.; Jas. Gardiner, P.M. 151, P.G. Treas.; Thos. Mandale, P.M. 151, P.P.G.S.O.; G. W. Thompson, P.M., P.G. Reg.; Ed. Tyson, W.M. 213, P.G.M.O.; T. Dixon, P.M. 282, P.G.S.O.; A. Walters, 151, P.G.J.D.; B. Craig, W.M. 216, P.G.I.G.; J. Cooper, P.G.A.D.C.; R. Robinson, 229, P.P.G.S.D.; Rev. E. M. Rice, 282, P.P.G. Chap.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M. 282, P.G. Org.; L. F. B. Dykes, 229, P.P.G. Seward; J. Harper, P.M. 216, P.P.G.S.D.; E. G. Mitchell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hewson, 229, P.P.G.T.; J. Abbott, P.G. Stwd.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; H. Peacock, W.M. elect 229, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M. 229, P.G.S.B.; T. Weatherston, S.W. 151; J. H. Raven, J.W. 151; J. Dickinson, Sec.; T. Milburn, J. Wilson, J. C. Nicholson, W. H. Tickle, F. T. Allatt, J.W. 216; David Bell, S.W. 216; C. Gowan, S.D. 216; J. Peel, Sec. 216; J. Johnston, Tyler 216; W. Stoddart, F. Harrison, T. Mayson, S.O. 229; William Paisley, Sec. 229; J. Hodgson, W. Hadfield, J. Thompson, Reg. 282; J. H. Hartley, S.D. 282; E. Burrows, S.W. 282; J. Lewthwaite, J.O. 282; W. Carlyle, 282; J. O. Scott, S.O. 151; P. Wedgwood, J.D. 151; J. C. Thompson, M.O. 282; J. Eden, Sec. 282; J. Towers, 229; H. Carruthers, J. Messenger, Tyler 151; and others.

The Whitwell Lodge, No. 151, was opened by W. Bro. J. W. Robinson, W.M., and received the W. Deputy Prov. G.M.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers in due form. The minutes of last annual Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Whitehaven, under the banner of Fletcher Lodge, No. 213, were read and confirmed.

Bro. GARDINER, P.G. Treas., then intimated that all fees of honour were paid, and proceeded to read his statement of accounts, which showed a balance in the bank to the credit of Prov. Grand Lodge of £43 5s., an announcement which was well received; and on the motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, supported by Bro. BANKS, the statement was adopted.

On the motion of Bro. GIBSON seconded by Bro. COLLIN, Bro. James Gardiner was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in the chair then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:

- Bros. L. F. B. Dykes, 229 ... Prov. G.S.W.
- " Edward Tyson, W.M. 213 ... Prov. G.J.W.
- " Tom Dixon, P.M. 282 ... Prov. G.M.O.
- " J. F. Kirkconel, 216 ... Prov. G.S.O.
- " G. W. Thompson, P.M. 151 ... Prov. G.J.O.
- " Rev. Stewart Hall, Chap. 213 ... Prov. G. Chap.
- " J. Gardiner, P.M. 151 (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
- " Rowland Baxter, P.M. 216 ... Prov. G. Reg.
- " George Dalrymple, P.M. 216 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
- " J. J. Coverdale, P.M. 282 ... Prov. G.S.D.
- " J. W. Robinson, W.M. 151 ... Prov. G.J.D.
- " Henry Peacock, W.M. elect 229 ... Prov. G. I. of W.
- " Bryce Craig, W.M. 216 ... Prov. G.D.C.
- " J. A. Salkeld, W.M. 282 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
- " R. Wilson, 216 ... Prov. G.Svd. Br.
- " C. Nanson, S.O. 60 ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
- " John Smith, Org. 151 ... Prov. G. Org.
- " David Bell, S.W. 216 ... Prov. G.I.G.
- " Thomas Atkinson, S.W. 213 ... } Prov. G. Stwds.
- " Thomas Mayson, S.O. 229 ... }
- " James Thompson, Reg. 282 ... }
- " John Messenger, Tyler, 151 ... Prov. G. Tyler.

It was resolved that the sum of five guineas be voted on behalf of Bro. Dalrymple's (Steward) list to the Grand Mark Benevolent Fund, and also, that the sum of 30 guineas be voted to Bro. McKay as a donation to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, both motions being carried with applause; and the STEWARDS thanked the presiding Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the members of Prov. Grand Lodge for their generosity on behalf of such laudable objects.

The following brethren were then elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.S.W.; E. Tyson, P.G.J.W.; and Tom Dixon, P.G. M.O.

It was then moved by Bro. DIXON, P.M. 282, as a recommendation to the R.W.P.G.M.M., that the next annual Prov. Grand Lodge be held under the banner of Derwent Lodge, No. 282, Workington.

The W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then inspected the minute and Registrars' books of several lodges of the province, and expressed himself highly pleased at the way they were kept, and also congratulated the Mark Masters present on the steady progress the Degree of Mark Masonry was making in the province. It was considered a few years ago good service rendered to the province when one Steward went up to the Grand Mark Festival; but this year there were two, which was very gratifying indeed.

Several letters of apology were read from brethren for non-attendance, when Prov. Grand Lodge was close in form.

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**To Correspondents.**

X. Y. Z.'s letter, with all possible respect to him, is one which we think hardly in "good form" for him to write, and very unmasonic for us to publish.

We shall call attention to the new movement in the Colony of Victoria next week.

IGNORAMUS has not complied with our rule by sending his name, but we can tell him that the brother named was detained in town on official duty, as a reference to our report of the Lodge of Benevolence will show, and further, that the brother who represented the Grand Secretary is well-known in Masonry in London if not to "Ignoramus."

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"The Hertfordshire Mercury," "El Taller," "The Broad Arrow," "The Keystone," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Court Circular," "The Tricycling Journal," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Citizen," "The Hertfordshire Standard," "Bulletin Maconnique-de-la-Grande Loge Smybologique Ecosaise," "Le Réveil du Maroc," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, JULY 28, 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 MARK AND THE ARCH.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Perhaps Bro. Hughan or Bro. Binckes or Bro. Gould or yourself can tell me when the Mark was first "linked" on to the Arch? Is it not purely a modern arrangement? The history of the "Mark" in England, if somewhat hazy, is certainly altogether unconnected with the Arch. When did the Irish and Scottish Masons first put the "Mark" before the "Arch"? If I remember rightly, the Arch was not recognized until quite late in Ireland, despite its earlier manifestation. As to Scotland, perhaps Bro. D. M. Lyon can tell us? The American and Canadian Masons have borrowed from them.—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD MARK.

**"THE SAME USAGES AND CUSTOMS," VALE "UNIFORMITY."**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You have disarmed me at last! I lower my weapon in acknowledgment of your courteous appeal "for the sake of peace and rest, to leave the matter where it is." I would not willingly disturb the harmony of the Craft by pertinacious continuance in any scheme which might sacrifice the "lawful independence of lodges" or of individual members thereof; and therefore as I now recognise the "intense difficulties" which must interpose between the promotion and the realisation of my "fad," and the probabilities of wounding the susceptibilities of many esteemed Masonic friends, I surrender. But not, as I hope it may be credited to me, in any doubt as to the necessity for the full definition of the phrase "the same usages and customs," or the practicability of carrying out "unity of working," if only the "intense difficulties" could be encountered by an unanimous resolve to surmount them.

You and I have been at variance on this question for many years, and "thrust and parry" have been very frequent between us. I am glad now to know that notwithstanding differences in opinion our relationship as brethren of the Craft and personal friends has continued undisturbed to the last. In the capitulation I now make I trust to receive from those who have differed from me, as well as from yourself, the "honours of war," and permission to retire over the "golden bridge" you have yourself constructed, "if not with flags flying and beaten drums," at least with the fraternal regard and respect of those who can believe that only in a strong desire to promote the best interests of the Craft, according to the view I had taken of its requirements, has lain the "raison d'etre" for the controversy I originated, and to which I now bid farewell.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

When reading the excellent letter of "Masonic Student" in your last week's issue I noticed a word which the late Bro. Peter Thomson objected to, and which I think is incorrect, I mean the word "systems;" it should be "modes," because in England we have only "one" system of Freemasonry, though several modes of working that "one" system.

There is very little difference as far as the ceremonies are concerned between the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and the Stability Lodge of Instruction; the chief difference is in the Sections and Lectures, and there only in the arrangement and phraseology.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY MUGGERIDGE.

23rd July, 1883.



THE FIVE SHILLINGS CHARGE.  
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I hardly think there can be any possible good in continuing the discussion. My object in calling attention to the fact, and the outcome of the official announcement, have been entirely missed and misapprehended. It was not so much the charge of five shillings in itself, though I confess I did not realize at first that it was "Institutional" instead of being "Masonic," as the novelty of our esteemed Grand Secretary being made the medium of collecting five shillings apiece from Past Grand Officers and others in order to obey their Grand Master's summons. Had the "addendum" or slip simply read thus, "It is but fair that brethren should know there will be a charge by the Institution of five shillings," &c., I probably should have not ventured to trouble you and your readers with my lucubrations. But I objected, and object still, to our Grand Secretary being made a "collecting officer" of Institutional or Masonic tickets. I object to the distinction made between the Grand Officers of the year and Past Grand Officers; and I object, on principle, to those who go down at great loss and inconvenience, in answer to an official summons, paying their "footing" in order that they may appear in clothing when they get there.

There are no doubt some difficulties in the case, but for the greater part of the Past Grand Officers who went down, I still venture to think such a charge somewhat of a reflection on the known hospitality of Yorkshiremen. Of course the Masonic Committee, indefatigable in its exertions and most happily successful in its results, is entirely disculpated. No one would object to assist a praiseworthy institution, that is not the point, but I am for one a great believer in the "eternal fitness of things."—Fraternally yours, A MEMBER OF GRAND LODGE.

A CRY FROM THE RANKS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As I see that a Special Grand Lodge is convened for the 8th of August, and which will probably have a long sitting, is there no good Samaritan, or are there no good Samaritans, who will provide a reasonable ordinary, say at 7.30, when the Grand Master in the chair can be moved to call Grand Lodge from labour to refreshment for half-an-hour?—Fraternally yours, DIGESTION.

THE "WILLIAM MORGAN" AFFAIR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I was greatly interested in your editorial notice of my recent work on "William Morgan." To tell the truth, I had waited with some anxiety for your criticisms, and am free to say they are more kindly than I anticipated. I know that your people had never taken any interest in the "Morgan Affair," which was only a matter of local politics, and naturally supposed you would question the propriety of issuing a volume upon the subject at this late day.

Although so long gathering the threads of the Morgan history, it was not so much with the view of publishing them as to enrich our Historical Society with printed matter and MSS. upon the subject. Controversy is not more opposed to the Masonic theory than it is to my fraternal feelings. Compelled at times to strike out in self-defence, I have always avoided contention, and terminated debate as soon as honour permitted. In the case before us, you can see how prudently I acted when I tell you that from 1846 to 1882 I was diligently engaged in gathering information from the lips of living witnesses and from printed matter, yet all the time steadily refused the offers of publishers to furnish the facts for publication.

It was the senile folly of Mr. Thurlas Weed that forced me to change my plan. Impelled by excessive egotism, anxious to inflict one more blow upon our institution before he passed to the world where wars and contentions cease, he flung a poisoned arrow backward as he departed. Partisan-like, and in a long communication to the New York press, which has ever attacked us most bitterly, he repeats from memory (he being 86 years of age) events that occurred 56 years before. His dotage, rather than a deliberate purpose of falsehood, caused him to misstate the facts and to draw false inferences from the misstatements.

His epistle was copied far and near. Probably 5000 of our presses copied it, in whole or in part. Old animosities were hereby revived; old prejudices were kindled anon; the quiet, unassuming labours of Masonry were stigmatized as hypocrisy and treason to morals; and it was felt that someone ought to show up the falsity of Mr. Weed's death-bed attack. As I was the only person who had made a speciality of collecting the facts concerning Morgan, the charge devolved upon me. At heavy loss of time and that pecuniary loss which seem to be essential to Masonic publishing (at least in this country), I sent forth the volume which you so gently review, and thus ends my labour in this direction. The charges are answered. Freemasonry takes the offensive. The truth is put on paper, where all who are interested can find it.

Since the publication of "William Morgan" I have discovered to my very great surprise that Col. Edward Sawyer, whose name frequently occurs in it, is still living; but at the great age of 95. He was one of those condemned to a fine and a month's imprisonment for an offence so trivial as to show the depraved condition of the public mind that could permit it. I sent him a copy of my book and received a letter of acknowledgement which contains some remarks of general interest which I extract.

"He says, 'I presume no one suffered more from that unfortunate Morgan affair than I did. I lost nearly all my property. My business, which was prosperous, was ruined, and I was forced to seek a new home in the then wilderness land of Michigan. I have ever since rested under a suspicion of guilt. And yet I never knew what became of Morgan, and had absolutely nothing to do with his deportation. I had every confidence in N. G. Chesebro', and when he informed me that Morgan desired to get away from his associates, and that arrangements had been made to carry out his wishes, I went unhesitatingly to the jail,

and informed Mrs. Hall that I thought it proper for her to accept the money and release him. I confidently believed that Morgan went away of his own free will; but when a few days after there began to be some excitement in the community, I thought that the good of the Order and all concerned required that the facts be published, and I went to Fort Niagara for the purpose of learning all the facts and giving them publicity. But I could learn nothing. I went to Canada, but without success.

"In all the excitement of that unhappy time I counselled moderation on the part of the brethren, and I now believe that many men who escaped prosecution would have been prosecuted, and perhaps imprisoned, but for me. My love for the institution has never lessened."

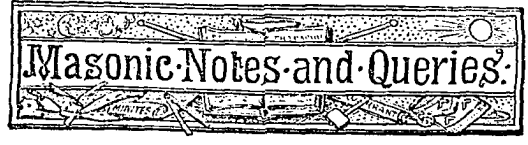
This venerable brother, whose memory is so clear at 95, was made a Mason at 21 years. He has therefore laboured in the mystic calling for 74 years! I think among the "old Masons" of whom so much has been recently said, we must place as the veteran and the eldest, Edward Sawyer, of Grand Blanc, Michigan.

We have nothing in the way of news save the notes of preparation for the triennial sessions of the Templars and Capitular Orders. Both occur in August next, the former at San Francisco, California, the latter at Denver, Colorado. The hot month so unhappily chosen for these convocations, the long, weary journey to be reckoned by the thousands of miles, and the heavy expense, combine to keep many of us away who are accustomed to attend the triennial gatherings. Such will be the case of your correspondent. Quite a shock was experienced by the American Craft when the news of your loss by fire reached us. We took it for granted that the whole edifice, with its records and gatherings, had gone to ashes. Thank God it is no worse. La Grange, Kentucky. ROB. MORRIS.



THE TENURES OF KENT. By CHARLES I. ELTON. James Parker and Co., London.

The question of land tenure for various reasons has a great and special interest for all thinking persons at the present hour. Even the most inconsiderate, the most selfish, or the most flippant, to whom life may be a jest, and the general welfare void of interest, must admit, if they think at all, that the security and happiness of nations and communities, nay, of society and mankind, must rest upon the secure and peaceful tenure of that great commodity with which is bound up for the most part all that constitutes the safe and satisfactory progress of civilized life. Even savage nations have some laws of land tenure, and certain principles of patriarchal or tribal inheritance, though "might" with them too often "makes right," yet a certain recognized system extensively prevails. It would be impossible to-day to go into the old-world land tenures, interesting as the subject is, and though some may not like to see it, it is one on which have centred many of the conflicts which have agitated nations, many of the crimes which have troubled humanity, many of the wars which have devastated the world. Mr. Elton takes up the peculiar history of the land tenures of a special portion of our country, sometimes called the "garden of England," and which from their specific character have always been a puzzle and a "Crux" to writers on the subject. Many have written about them at length, and we apprehend have not clearly realized their full bearing. We all of us hear, for instance, of the law of "Gavelkind," and see the word in law treatises and county histories of Kent, but to a good many of us it is an expression which means very little, because we do not fully understand its meaning, its origin, or its actuality. Even Mr. Elton, who writes about it so ably, does not apparently feel quite certain as to its derivation. It is peculiar to Kent, a tenure, not a custom, and though it may rest on pre-Conquest land-tenure customs, having perhaps some traces of Roman legislation about it, and being in use in Anglo-Saxon times, it was greatly affected by the introduction of the feudal tenures, and the rules which became the common law. The lands under gavelkind were lands in "socage," and in the case of a holder dying intestate, were divided among all the sons equally, just as in "Borough English," a town tenure, which rested on Anglo-Saxon customs, the inheritance curiously enough went to the youngest son. The feudal law introduced what is now the common law, that real estate descends to the eldest male representative. Lands claimed by the Crown and lands given in charity ("Franc Almogne"), and lands for chivalric service, were not lands of gavelkind nor subject to its partitioned customs. But as time ran on, these divisions of tenure became confused, and after the confiscation of the monastic property, and this merging of lands in Franc Almogne, &c., in the generality, it became necessary to introduce a "disgavelling law" to prevent the confusion and difficulties which must have inevitably arisen. Even now a good deal of uncertainty seem to rest upon the subject, as all writers are not consistent, and the numberless cases quoted by Mr. Elton shew much of historical haze and specific doubt. Indeed, the whole question is surrounded by what someone has termed "the happy uncertainty of the law." To Mr. Elton we are indebted for a thorough, clear, and straightforward work, and at the same time satisfactory mode of dealing with such a "vexata quaestio." Incidentally in this able and exhaustive labour of nearly 400 pages we have many most able illustrations bearing on the tenure of land generally, the position of freeholders, copyholders, tenants, and serfs. These old customs just now have the deepest importance and the most vital interest. We are probably living in an epoch when land will be held by smaller owners than heretofore, and any work which throws light upon that most important topic deserves the thanks of the statesman and the student. We have read Mr. Elton's work carefully and with much pleasure, and though it is impossible in a purely non-technical paper like the *Freemason* to reproduce too many legal terms or abstract statements, we have thought it not unacceptable, nay, a reasonable, use of this column of the *Freemason* to touch upon a subject which, though familiar to some, is positively, yes, positively "Caviare," or anything else you like, to the great majority of our readers. All must recognize Mr. Elton as a great authority on the subject.



209] CENTENARY WARRANTS.

Sometime recently I drew attention to the fact that there were lodges holding centenary warrants for special jewels, granted prior to 1861, which are not acknowledged in the "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book." Of these, I enumerated the Royal Cumberland Lodge, Bath, and others. It seems that at the period of their being granted no fee was paid. My opinion is that no fee was required, though from 1861 to 1866 the sum of one guinea was charged. However, to set the matter right, No. 41, Bath, has paid a guinea, as per page 30 of the new volume of the Grand Lodge proceedings, and is now acknowledged by the letter "C." (for centenary jewel) being placed before its number, &c., in the "Official Calendar." Of others who would do well to pay a like fee, I may mention No. 9, Albion Lodge, London; No. 11, Enoch Lodge, London; No. 15, Kent Lodge, London; No. 16, Royal Alpha Lodge, London; No. 29, St. Alban Lodge, London; No. 67, Star in the East, Calcutta; and No. 76, Economy Lodge, Winchester. Bro. T. Francis, P.M., has kindly sent me a copy of the Centenary Jewel Warrant of No. 76, dated 9th May, 1862, which was issued on the authority of the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M. W. J. HUGHAN.

210] MASONIC TOKENS.

The token mentioned (Note and Query 207) is no doubt one of the "Provincial and Tradesmen's Tokens" so commonly issued from 1784 to 1817. It ought not to be difficult to trace out the brother who issued it, as probably there would not be at that date many tradesmen carrying on business at the three places named. Preston states that the Prince was elected Grand Master on 24th November, 1790, installed 2nd May, 1722. It is easy to understand a brother taking such an event as furnishing a design for his tokens. On referring to my own small collection of coins, I found, in very fair preservation, a very similar token, which, but for the query in the *Freemason*, I should probably not have noticed. The reverse is evidently the same design; the inscription is, of course, "Sit lux et lux fuit." The figure—an angel rather than a Cupid, I think—kneels on his right knee in the midst of a cloud and of the rays of light descending from the eye. The object on which his left hand rests is the plumb; but between the plumb and the left foot is a trowel, which no doubt in a worn token would resemble the fluke of an anchor. Beneath the right knee is a maul. The obverse—"24 Nov., 1790, Prince of Wales elected G.M." The coat of arms appears to be—Gules; on a chevron, a pair of compasses between three towers embattled. Crest—a globe, surmounted by a bird (dove?), close on a wreath. Supporters—two beavers. On the scroll—"Amor, honor, et justitia." The chevron, either by accident or design, forms a perfect square. On the rim of the token, in sunk letters, is the inscription, "Masonic Half-penny Token. MDCCXCV., x. x. x." Probably "P.M. 281" will be able by this description more clearly to decipher his token. There are no doubt many other tokens in existence more or less alluding to Masonry. S. R. BASKETT, W.M. 1367.

211] Allow me to state for the information of P.M. 281 (Note and Query 207), that I have two tokens, which as far as regards the obverse and inverse answers to his descriptions, and I can correct and fill in for him the undecipherable superscriptions. It should read in full "Sit lux et lux fuit." A free translation of the Latin is "Let there be light and there was light," but I would yet like a little more light as to the full Masonic meaning of the whole. I have been told that what P.M. 281 calls a Cupid is really intended for a "fatherless bairn," but be that as it may I think an accurate search will show that what he takes for an anchor is in the first instance a plumb rule, and which Cupid (?) with his left hand is holding perfectly erect, while at his feet lies, not the blade of the anchor, but a trowel. The gavel or mallet lies hard by, between the feet of Cupid, and that I think supports that theory. A little further light too upon the ball, which forms part of the crest, would be of much interest. It is possibly intended for the terrestrial globe, but I would prefer it possible to make it out to be the usual helmet upon which in ancient times every crest was planted. The blazoning of the coat or shield it may be noted, consists of the compasses extended upon the chevron, which in this instance forms a perfect square in the manner of a "pair of rafters to a house," and of what operative builders or beavers of that date would call "square pitch." Then there are the "three castles garnished with doors and windows," which Bro. Hughan has so aptly elucidated from ancient script in the British Museum. Except for the discrepancy of the chevron being really square, and of this question of the ball, the whole design appears to be almost an exact reproduction from the very vigorous frontispiece to that grand old Book of Constitutions which was printed by authority of Grand Lodge in 1767. I have only further to state that my examples of the tokens have apparently upon the rim this inscription: "Masonic Half-penny Token. MDCCXCV., and a few more Roman figures undecipherable, which I take to be the day and the month. It is remarkable as being four years later than the date of the striking of the token. C. COBHAM, W.M. 949.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Notable Facts.—Summer heats augment the annoyances of skin disease, and encourage the development of febrile disorders, wherefore they should, as they may, be removed by the detergent and purifying preparations. In stomach complaints, liver affections, pains and spasms of the bowels, Holloway's unguent well rubbed over the affected part immediately gives the greatest ease, prevents congestion and inflammation, checks the threatening diarrhoea, and averts incipient cholera. The poorer inhabitants of large cities will find these remedies to be their best friend when any pestilence rages, or when from unknown causes eruptions, boils, abscesses, or ulcerations betoken the presence of taints or impurities within the system, and call for instant and effective curative medicines.—[ADVT.]

\* Not certain as to kind of warrant for No. 16; it is probably not a centenary jewel.

### SESQUI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE RELIEF LODGE, No. 42, BURY.

In continuation of our report of above in the last issue of the *Freemason*, we now give an account of the proceedings which took place at the banquet which followed.

The Worshipful Master (Bro. CHARLES BRIERLEY) occupied the chair, and in proposing "The Queen," said he rejoiced to know that amongst all classes of the people that toast was always received with great enthusiasm. He was sure every Mason wished with him that her Majesty might long live happily to reign over this country.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the choir gave a Masonic version of the National Anthem.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master," and passed an eulogium upon the Masonic virtues of the Prince. He trusted his Royal Highness might long be spared to occupy the high position he now held among Freemasons. "The Health of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family" was also proposed, both toasts meeting with every mark of approval.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Healths of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and it was enthusiastically honoured.

Bro. T. RIGBY, S.W. 42, then proposed "The Health of Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the R.W. Prov. G.M. East Lancashire," who had been announced to be present, but was unexpectedly unable to fulfil the engagement. Bro. Rigby said that toast had often devalued upon him on previous occasions, and on every occasion the mention of Bro. Starkie's name had been received with enthusiasm. He set an example of assiduity which every brother might follow. He possessed great tact and went through his important rôle with great credit to himself and to the satisfaction of every member of the Grand Lodge. Especially were the Craft in East Lancashire indebted to their noble brother; his never ceasing anxiety in behalf of Freemasonry and everything connected with it was well known. He wished everything to prosper, and it was pleasing to know that all the Masonic Charities were in a prosperous condition. Towards this end Bro. Starkie had always been the head and foremost. By his presence and counsel he had done all that it was in the power of a Mason to do. He (Bro. Rigby) found that 50 years ago the name of Starkie was conspicuous in connection with the Prov. Grand Lodge Bro. Starkie's father being then the R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire. (Cheers.) He was sure that every brother present would with him regret Bro. Starkie's absence, and wish that his life might long be spared in order that he might continue to occupy a high position among the Freemasons of East Lancashire. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. EDWARD EVANS, J.W. of the lodge, proposed "The Very Worshipful D. Prov. G.M. East Lanc., Bro. George Mellor, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He expressed his regret that Bro. Mellor had not found himself able to be present, and said that he and the Provincial Grand Masters were a body of men of whom they had reason to be proud. They displayed an energy and an enthusiasm in Masonry which every brother might well copy.

Bro. RIGBY, P.G.T. East Lancashire, responded. He said the proceedings that day had been most gratifying to him, as they must have been to every brother present. In lodge they had a ceremony of a most instructive character; in church they had had a useful and edifying sermon, and if they only cherished in their hearts the instruction and advice given by Bro. Clayton they would do much; and that evening they had seen the unbounded hospitality of the Relief Lodge. On behalf of the Past Provincial Grand Officers he returned the brethren sincere thanks, and wished prosperity to the lodge under whose auspices they were met. (Cheers.)

Bro. BROCKBANK, W.M. 37, P.P.G.S.D. East Lanc., proposed "The Masonic Charities." He said it was a source of great joy to him to be present at the sesqui-centennial celebration of that lodge, which was a sister lodge to the one to which he belonged at Bolton. He had been 37 years a Mason, and he was bound to confess that was the most interesting event he had ever attended. Those present who attended the meetings of the Masonic Charities knew his views in respect to them. He always had done and always should do all he could for the support of the Charities of the Order. The services which those Charities had rendered in the cause of humanity had been well set forth in the sermon they had heard that afternoon from their worthy Chaplain. In 1846 the amount collected for charitable uses was £5000, but in the present year it was nearer £50,000. (Cheers.) It might therefore be said that Freemasons did something more than merely enjoy themselves. That afternoon, he believed, the offertory reached over £13, so that it would be seen they had by that amount enriched one of their Charities. They had in the Eastern Division of Lancashire a Charity of their own, and £4000 or £5000 was invested for it. They had dispensed £75 in relief last year, and in clothing and for educational purposes they had distributed another sum of £200. That was excellent. (Hear, hear.) He believed in frequent and systematic giving rather than occasional benevolence on the part of the brethren. If they had, for instance, a subscription of 5s. per annum from every brother in East Lancashire they would be able to distribute nearly £1000 per annum. That would enable them also to set aside a sum sufficient to meet every charitable call upon the body. It would bring the brethren into the habit of systematic giving, and give them a greater interest in the Charities. It was with great pleasure, therefore, he asked them to pledge the cause of the Masonic Charities, and he hoped they would always be kept in remembrance. (Cheers.)

The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. J. NEWTON, P.M. 37, of Bolton, appropriately responded, and also urged the cause of the charities in the form enunciated by Bro. Brockbank.

Bro. Councillor J. W. KENYON proposed "The Bishop and Clergy."

Bro. the Rev. W. R. CLAYTON responded. He regretted that Canon Hornby, the rector, had not been able to take part in the proceedings of that day, but he had placed the parish church entirely at their disposal. (Cheers.) He was glad to have had the opportunity of taking some part in the ceremonies of that day. The rev.

gentleman proceeded to state that Lodge 42 in Bury was the first lodge he visited in Lancashire. He came from the other side of the kingdom, and he must say he never met a heartier reception anywhere than that given him by the Bury brethren. In conclusion the speaker said he was greatly interested in Masonry, and hoped he might merit, if he did not obtain, the senior chaplaincy. (Cheers.)

Bro. W. O. WALKER, P.P.G.J.W., in proposing the toast "Prosperity to the Lodge of Relief," prefaced his remarks with "Worshipful Master, ladies, and brethren," the word ladies being greeted with laughter and applause. He said he included the ladies especially because he thought no one was more interested in such a toast than they were, for if a lodge was prosperous it meant prosperity for the individual members of the lodge, who were near and dear to the ladies. (Hear, hear.) After that brief digression he wished to express his regret that the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire was not there to propose the toast himself, for he would have put in a clear and lucid way, as he always did, his thoughts an instructions in regard to Masonry, which had made his name a household word in East Lancashire. (Hear, hear.) He (the speaker) had said nearly all he had to say on a previous occasion that day, but he must endeavour very briefly to express, on behalf of himself, the Prov. G.M., and his Deputy, and those who had been unable to come there, how heartily and thoroughly they wished Lodge 42 every success. (Hear, hear.) That lodge had been in existence for about 150 years, and from what he had seen that day, and from what he saw before him, he could only hope, though very few present might expect to be spared to see another jubilee come round, that when that time came the lodge might be found to have increased in stability, in prosperity, and in all those virtues which are most thoroughly related to Masonry, especially the great virtue Charity. By so doing, and by continuing to cultivate those qualities which especially stood connected with Masonry—brotherly love, relief and truth—he felt sure the lodge would never look behind it. He asked them all, whether members of the lodge or not, to drink success to Lodge No. 42.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk, those present joining in singing "Prosper the art."

Bro. CHARLES BRIERLEY, W.M. of the lodge, who was heartily received, responded. He said he had very great pleasure, on behalf of Lodge 42, in thanking Bro. Walker and the other brethren present for the very hearty reception they had given to the toast. He could assure them that they fully endorsed the importance of supporting the Masonic Charities, and of doing everything that lay in their power for the progress of Masonry, not only in that lodge, but generally. So long as he occupied any position in Lodge 42 it would be his sole endeavour and aim to do all he possibly could to further the ends of that most important, and he should say the greatest of all Masonic tenets, Charity. Of the past history of the lodge he need say little; the book that had been compiled by Bro. Evans, Junior Warden of the lodge, spoke for itself. As regards the future, he could only take that meeting as a pledge that the lodge would go on and prosper as it had done in the past. (Hear, hear.) He believed it was the sole wish of every member connected with the lodge at the present time that it should prosper, and he was told by old members, Past Masters of the lodge, that they had not known in their time a period when the lodge had been in a more prosperous state than it was at present. (Applause.) He felt sure from the success which had crowned their efforts that day, that if they only went on in the way they had begun, in another fifty years they would have no cause to regret the existence of that lodge in the town of Bury. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. H. GRUNDY, Prov. G. Purst., said the toast he had to propose for their acceptance was "Our Visiting Sisters and Brethren." He thought, as the ladies had been introduced into these toasts, that they could not do better than follow out that good plan and introduce them into that toast as visitors. The Lodge of Relief had for 140 years been in the habit of receiving visitors. He thought he only remembered about twice during the sixteen years that he had attended the lodge when they had been without visiting brethren. He hoped their lodge would prosper, and that they might have visiting brethren present with them, and, on occasions like that, visiting sisters also; and that they would be inclined to show to them the hospitality they had shown that day.

Bro. WILLIAM BRIERLEY, P.M. 344, Radcliffe, in responding to the toast, returned thanks on behalf of the visiting brethren. They had had that day a reception which could not have been excelled wherever they went. At no lodge that he had ever been to had he had a better reception or noticed a more hearty determination to make all comfortable, not only at the night's gathering but also in the afternoon. The brethren had heard something that afternoon that they could carry away with them to do them good, and that would stimulate them to work well for the lodges to which they belonged, and the reception the visitors had had accorded them showed that the members of that lodge wished to make the visiting brethren agreeable and comfortable, and they would ever look upon that festival with feelings of pleasure. (Hear, hear.) He again thanked them very heartily for the manner in which the visitors had that day been received. (Applause.)

Bro. W. O. WALKER craved a moment's hearing because when he was up before he neglected his duty to the members of that lodge, who had so kindly treated them that day. He did not wish to leave without tendering his most hearty thanks for the kind in which way they had received him amongst other visiting brethren.

Bro. COOPER, P.P.G. Swd. Br. West Lanc., testified that he never was in a better or more pleasant meeting than the present. He should go back to West Lancashire and tell them how very heartily they received visiting brethren at Bury. As Masonry was making such extensive progress, there was a word of caution which, with the permission of the chairman, he should like to administer, and that was that the lodge should be as careful as possible whom they admitted into Masonry. (Hear, hear.) They could not be too careful on that point. Their ranks were being in some cases filled, and he was sorry to say it, by people who had no right to be in the lodges at all. Their Board of Benevolence had so many claims upon it that it was right to test the question of the social status of everybody who came into the Order, to see that they were brethren of a proper stamp. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. T. CARTER asked permission to move a vote of thanks to Bro. W. O. Walker for having supplied the lodge with plants and flowers, thus giving a more attractive and charming appearance to the room, and concluding by

referring to the excellent services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Walker.

Bro. F. ANDERTON seconded the motion. Of the many meetings in connection with Freemasonry which he had since his initiation attended, he did not remember one at which there was greater unanimity and brotherly feeling, and at which such excellent sentiment and excellent advice had been given as in the lodge room by Bro. Walker. (Cheers.) Notwithstanding the absence of the R.W. P.G.M., they had found in Bro. Walker an excellent substitute. He had expatiated at length on the goodness and virtues of Masonry in all its bearings, and particularly alluded to the past officers of the lodge, and one departed brother, whom no one respected more highly than he (Bro. Anderton) did. He alluded to the late Bro. John Redfern. He felt he could hardly restrain himself when Bro. Walker spoke so pathetically respecting their deceased brother. He felt convinced that the provincial officers who attended the Craft lodge that afternoon would entertain nothing but the highest respect for the very venerable lodge, and would be greatly pleased with the sentiments expressed by the various speakers.

The motion was then carried with enthusiasm, and Bro. Walker appropriately acknowledged the compliment when the company had sung "For he's a worthy good Mason."

Bro. A. WOLSTENHOLME, of Heywood, proposed "The Health of the W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Charles Brierley." He said from the first moment he entered Freemasonry he had been in receipt of nothing but kindness from the lodge. When he considered the importance of the toast entrusted to his care, it reminded him of a remark which was made at a meeting held a short time ago in Liverpool, presided over by Bro. the Earl of Derby, in connection with some collegiate institution there. The speaker was Mr. Matthew Arnold, and he remarked that the great want of the English people as a nation was lucidity. He was not going to enter into that question that night, because there were times when it was an individual one, and at that moment he felt it strongly because he was in want of lucidity of expression in dealing with such a toast. As one who had filled similar offices to that held by Bro. Brierley, and having frequently induced other brethren, he had no hesitation in saying that the mastership of a Masonic lodge was a proud position; and as he had been the fortunate medium of placing their master in other offices before that which he then held he had not failed to arrive at the conclusion that he richly deserved his present position. He also thought he was in possession of those qualifications which were essentially necessary to make the lodge of which he was master a success. Now, what was a leader? A prime minister was once asked what a leader was, and replied that a leader was a man who could lead—and all the advantages of wealth would not long keep a man in that position who had not the qualifications necessary for the office. He knew of no office that needs so many varied qualifications as that of the master of a Masonic lodge, because the master was at the head of a section which belonged to a system that was known and practised in every country, in every clime, and by every race of civilised men. (Cheers.) It was a system based upon principles which taught a religion not of intolerance or bigotry, but one comprehensive system embracing men of every sect; a system based upon principles which taught politics, not as the strife of party or the contention of a faction, but of that kind which allied itself to all that was good, to all that was valuable in the country—in a word, principles which taught men to walk uprightly and with all humility before God, turning neither to the right hand nor to the left, and so directing their conduct that they could always meet on one common level. (Cheers.) As long as memory held her seat he could not forget the noble words of Lord Carnarvon when installed in his present high position; he used an expression which was as truthful as it was impressive: "There are two sides to Freemasonry, the higher and the lower." Humanity, so grand and so noble, was never so far removed from the brute creation as when, with its mighty power of reasoning in full force, it was choosing some better and nobler path. He had no hesitation in saying that their W.M. was choosing the higher and nobler path. He asked them therefore to show by the hearty way in which they drank the toast their desire that he might long be spared in full preservation of health and strength to continue in the way he had chosen, and add to the great credit he had earned in his present office. (Loud cheers.)

The entire company then rose to their feet, and drank the toast most enthusiastically.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in reply said he could assure them that he could scarcely find words to express his sense of the great honour they had conferred upon him, and for the cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He must say that he felt very deeply the words to which he had listened from Bro. Wolstenholme, with whom he had been so intimately and so long associated. Many a Mason had only been a very short time in the lodge, and had been promoted, and that was his case; he had got to the top of the tree, not from any efforts of his own, but perhaps because he had shown a deep sense of any duties which might come upon his shoulders. He was not the first of the family with which his name was connected who had presided over that lodge. He found from the admirable history compiled by Bro. Evans that in the year 1815 his grandfather was Master of that lodge. (Cheers.) At a later period, when the lodge celebrated its centenary in 1833, his uncle, a native of that town, took a very active part in the event. He therefore felt most especially honoured that he should occupy that chair during that the 150th year of its existence. When he was appointed to the Mastership he had little knowledge that the sesqui-centennial would fall upon the lodge; but when the knowledge was conveyed to him he felt that anything which he could do to make the event successful should not be left undone. (Cheers.) And he might add that so long as he could he should continue to use his utmost endeavours to further the objects of Masonry in general and that lodge in particular. He should also do his utmost to further those objects of charity which had been so ably declaimed before them that day. Charity was the grand principle which every lodge in the country should take up and work out with a great degree of fervour. Unless that was done no lodge could prosper; systematic charity should be encouraged, and it would be no fault of his if that was not done. He hoped that the future of the lodge might be as prosperous as the past until another jubilee was celebrated in a manner even exceeding what they had seen that day. That would be a red letter day in



his life; he should always consider it one of the most pleasing and interesting moments to have had the distinguished honour and privilege of presiding over a meeting like that. He thanked the brethren most heartily for their kind reception, and hoped that day's proceedings might never form anything but a pleasant and perhaps useful event in their lives. (Loud cheers.)

Bro. A. C. BUCKLEY, P.M., submitted "Prosperity to the Sister Lodges," and Bros. LEES, SANDIFORD, and J. NEWBOLD responded. The latter brother said it was a proud moment for him, as a Freemason, to be present at those rejoicings. The lodge had acquired a proud position in the town. When Bury was a different place, when it was almost what he might call out of the world, its people commenced Freemasonry, and it had been kept up and increased until now. That spoke well for the vitality of Freemasonry. They had now five lodges in the town, and were numerically as strong as any town in East Lancashire, except Manchester. (Cheers.) The work they had done during that long period could not be estimated, and therefore not adequately appreciated. (Cheers.)

Several other toasts were honoured, and the entire proceedings, which were of the most hearty character, were concluded shortly after 11 o'clock.



Craft Masonry.

**EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).**—An emergency meeting of the above old lodge was held on the 16th inst. at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C. Bro. D. Glass, W.M., was well supported by Bros. Martin, S.W.; Cooper, J.W.; May, P.M.; Treas.; Coverly, P.M.; Sec.; P.Ms. Carter, Rushton, Cutler, Recknell, L. Stean, Wood, Halsey, and Droscher; also Boyden, Walduck, Copson, Riches, Gobby, Burstow, Alliston, Swift, Pryer, McLean, J. J. Marsh, Tyler; and others. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. J. West, D. of C. 933; H. Stewart, 786; and others.

The summons convening the meeting having been read, the business named therein—of a very important character—was ably dealt with, Bro. F. G. Burstow receiving the Third Degree, Bro. T. Boyden the Second, and, after a favourable ballot, four gentlemen—Messrs. R. Swift, S. Alliston, G. Pryer, and W. W. McLean—were admitted to the privileges of the Order. The entire working was most ably rendered by Bro. Glass, whose Mastership of the lodge has proved highly successful. The brethren appeared in mourning in consequence of the lamentable death of Bro. Millett, S.D. Bros. Carter, P.M., officiated as S.D.; Recknell, P.M., as J.W.; and Cutler, P.M., as I.G.; and Bro. Schartau, the Organist, played the Dead March ("Saul") very impressively, after which lodge was closed and the brethren dispersed.

**SUNDERLAND.**—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—On Thursday, the 12th inst., the regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara, in the chair. The other officers present were Bros. J. H. Leech, I.P.M.; H. Tonkinson, P.M.; W. Beattie, P.M.; G. C. Watson, P.M.; J. C. Moor (Freemason), S.W.; M. Frampton, P.M. 94, acting J.W.; Robt. Singleton, Hon. Sec.; E. Clarkson, S.D.; C. M. Wake, J.D.; J. G. Nasbet, I.G.; W. Brown, Tyler; M. Douglass, P.M. 80; J. Murphy, W.M. 1389; W. Bousfield, W.M. 124; J. G. Kirtley, S.W. 949; and other brethren.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Mr. Peter Dove having been duly balloted for and accepted, was initiated by the W.M., Bro. Graham was next passed to the Degree of a F.C. by Bro. M. Douglass, P.M., Bro. Clifford being afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also gave the third tracing board and working tools in this Degree. Two gentlemen were then proposed for initiation. A petition was presented from the widow of a deceased brother, who was in distress. After being duly discussed it was ordered to stand over until further inquiries were made into the circumstances, and to be brought up at the next lodge.

"Hearty good wishes" having been conveyed to the W.M. by the brethren from the sister lodges, the lodge was then closed and the brethren retired to the banqueting hall, where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**MANCHESTER.**—Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—Bro. W. G. Watson's installation took place on the 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following members were present: Bros. Cartwright, W.M.; Watson, S.W.; Hughes, J.W.; Aspland, Treas.; Swain, Sec.; Wilson, S.D.; Davidson, J.D.; Macpherson, I.G.; Nathan, Sallon, Witton, Smedley, Rohmer, Broad-bent, Walkden, Duncan, and Sly, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Arensberg, P.M. 1161 and 1798, P.P.G.P.; Williams, P.M. 103; Hunter, P.M. 1088; Mottershead, W.M. 1011; Williams, J.W. 163; and Lee, 163.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The accounts for the past year were placed before the lodge, and their consideration was adjourned to next meeting. Bro. Duncan was next duly raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. William Gibb Watson was installed Worshipful Master of the lodge for the ensuing twelve months by Bro. Nathan, P.M., in solemn form and according to ancient custom. The brethren having saluted the newly-installed Master in the Three Degrees, the proclamations were made by Bro. Nathan, and the officers appointed and invested by the W.M. as follows: Bros. Hughes, S.W.; Swann, J.W.; Aspland, Treas.; Davidson, Sec.; Wilson, S.D.; Macpherson, I.G.; and Sly, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

**RUNCORN.**—Ellesmere Lodge (No. 758).—On Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., the installation of Bro. E. Marwood as W.M. of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Mellor officiated in a very able manner as Installing Master. There were present Bros.

G. Moss, I.P.M.; W. Mellor, P.M.; E. Marwood, P.M.; R. Olbury, S.W.; J. Torkington, J.W.; Geo. Bell, S.D.; Geo. Summerfield, J.D.; F. A. Lake, I.G.; John Coxhill, Treas.; G. Roberts, Sec.; Rev. J. Lockwood, Chap.; W. Houghton, Tyler; Robt. Rigby, P.M., P.G.J.D.; W. R. Bass, P.M.; John Le Conteur, I. H. Annett, J. S. Davies, W. Ritchie, T. Knight, John Hollingworth, J. J. Batesworth, R. Evans, John Cooper, R. T. Lowe, L. Rosenberg, R. R. Clarke, J. H. Sackels, and the following visitors: Bros. J. P. Platt, 537, P.P.G.J.W.; G. H. Taylor, I.G. 1386; T. Shenton, 1384; Jonas Foster, P.M. 1334; A. G. Kyle, W.M. 1384; John C. Robinson, P.M. 249; John Hough, 1384; W. E. Lee, and W. Garnett.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Marwood, having been duly installed into the chair of K.S. he appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Geo. Moss, I.P.M., D. of C.; Richard Oldbury, S.W.; J. Torkington, J.W.; Rev. J. Lockwood, Chap.; John Coxhill, P.M., Treas.; Joseph H. Salkeld, Sec.; George Bell, S.D.; George Summerfield, J.D.; F. A. Lake, I.G.; Thos. H. Annett, Org.; Saml. Williamson, Almoner; and W. Houghton, Tyler.

At the subsequent banquet Bro. Moss, the retiring W.M., was presented with a silver Past Master's jewel and a Life Governorship of the Boys' School, in token of the brethren's appreciation of his past services.

The following day the brethren and their friends had a picnic to Llangollen, visiting Valle Crucis Abbey and Plas Newydd, and the other sights of this beautiful vale.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Everton Lodge (No. 823).—The annual installation meeting of the members of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., and was attended by a numerous gathering of Grand Lodge Officers and others. The visitors included Bros. T. Evans, P.G.S.D.; A. Levy, P.D.G.T. Griqualand; F. J. Bailey, P.G.S.D.; R. Washington, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Bucknell, P.G.D.C. Stafford; J. Parkes, P.P.G.S.B. Hants, and others. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Brasseley, was impressively installed by the retiring Master, Bro. John Beesley. The following officers were afterwards appointed: Bros. John Beesley, I.P.M.; J. M. King, S.W.; Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.G.T. Treas. (re-elected); R. H. Webster, J.W.; John Galley, Sec.; R. W. Gow, S.D.; W. Maddox, J.D.; R. S. Milne, I.G.; R. T. Britten, S.S.; C. H. Ashton, J.S.; J. Mantle and John Getrey, A.S.; and John Holding, P.P.G.R., D.C.

During the evening the brethren presented Bro. T. H. Carefull, P.M., with a beautifully illuminated address bearing testimony of his zealous services in promoting the cause of charity, one of the noblest distinguishing characteristics of the Craft. A valuable Past Master's jewel was also presented to the retiring Master.

**WOOLWICH.**—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was a most pleasant and successful affair. The lodge was opened in due form by the Bro. G. Beaver, W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Warren, P.M., took the chair as Installing officer, and Bro. J. H. Roberts, S.W., W.M. elect, was with the usual ceremonies placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted by the brethren. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Ovenden, S.W.; Ross, J.W.; T. Butt, P.M., Treas.; C. Norman, P.M., Sec.; C. Sweeting, S.D.; W. Lacey, J.D.; J. Sanderson, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; and R. J. Naylor, W.S. Bro. Warren then finished his work by giving the addresses both eloquently and with deep feeling, being heartily applauded for his admirable working, and it was resolved that a vote of thanks should be tendered him, and inscribed upon the minutes of the lodge, to show the brethren's appreciation of his services as Installing officer. Bro. Warren having returned thanks, it was proposed that a Past Secretary's jewel of the value of ten guineas should be presented to Bro. Norman, Sec., as a mark of recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the lodge during the past five years. To this Bro. Norman objected, but after seeing that the resolution was carried "nem dis," requested that the ten guineas might be spent in procuring a Life Governorship to one of the charities, and it was resolved that a Life Governorship should be presented to Bro. Norman instead of a jewel.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the New Falcon Hotel, at Gravesend, where Bro. Hubbard had prepared a most sumptuous and tempting repast.

"The Queen and the Craft," "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and the rest of the Grand Officers" having been honoured, the I.P.M. took the gavel, and said the brethren knew the reason of his assuming it again, although it had passed perhaps for ever out of his hands. He had to propose the toast of "The W.M.," and to wish him happiness and success during his year of office. They all knew the great interest Bro. Roberts took in everything Masonic; that had been shown most unmistakeably during the time he had held office in the lodge, through each office of which he had honourably passed up to the proud yet onerous position he that day had arrived at; and that interest would be now even more intensified, because Bro. Roberts was a conscientious Mason, and what he did he did with his whole heart and soul. He had been a constant attendant at the lodges of instruction, so then they might expect a good year for their lodge. He asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

Bro. Roberts, who is exceedingly popular with the brethren, was heartily cheered on rising to respond. He said he rose with a great deal of diffidence to respond to the toast, in the first place because he was so new a W.M., and felt so deeply impressed with the responsibilities attached to the office, and in the next place from a natural inability to find words sufficient to properly explain the feelings of pride and gratitude that strove for mastery within him; but he did thank them, and from his heart, for their kindly good wishes, and could assure them that it would be his aim to be worthy of their confidence and keep up the high prestige of the Nelson Lodge. It would be his earnest endeavour so to do his duty that at the end of his year of office they would when they next year met him at the festive board say "Bro. Roberts, you have done well for the honour and prosperity of the Nelson Lodge."

A handsome Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas was then presented to Bro. Beaver by the W.M.,

who, in pining it on his breast, wished him many years of health to wear it as a token of the esteem in which he is held in by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Beaver having feelingly returned thanks, The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The P.Ms.," paying a high compliment to them, especially to Bros. Butt and Norman, the Treasurer and Secretary, for their earnest work for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Graham in response said the Past Masters felt deeply indebted to the W.M. and brethren for the kind expressions of regard tendered them. The W.M. had spoken of the constant attention of the Past Masters to the interests of the lodge, and the instruction of the brethren; but they (the Past Masters) were only doing their duty, and following in the footsteps of those grand old Masons who had gone before. The highest ambition of a Master Mason was to reach the chair their W.M. had reached that day, and the teaching of the Past Masters was the foundation of all success in that direction, and although it was not given to every Mason to reach to such a height, yet the very teaching they received while seeking the chair was of so noble and excellent a nature that if it did not land them on the happy shores of Mastership it made them better men and better Masons. It taught them to feel for the sorrows and unhappiness of others; it opened their hearts to the claims of charity—a noble example of which they had seen in the self-abnegation of one of the Past Masters that day, who, sooner than be decorated with a jewel, gave the 10 guineas to the cause of charity. He earnestly asked the younger brethren to strive to reach those heights, and work for it, so that when the last dying throbs should come they might close the chapter of life and say "it is well finished;" and the brother who had then done his duty would never regret the work so nobly worked through the teaching and example of the Past Masters.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the "Visitors," and in so doing assured them that a hearty welcome always awaited them at the Nelson Lodge.

Bro. Matham, as W.M. of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, one of the kindred lodges to the Nelson, spoke highly of the splendid working both of the I.P.M., Installing Officer, and the W.M. and his officers, and also of the generous hospitality extended to the visitors. He cordially wished the W.M. a successful year of office and the lodge every prosperity.

Bro. Kenneday for the United Military, and Bro. Ayres for the Crystal Palace Lodges, having responded briefly,

Bro. Manning, as one of the grandchildren of the lodge, having been initiated in the Henley Lodge, an offspring of the Nelson, and of which he was Treasurer, wished to thank the W.M. and brethren for their hospitality to him and all the visitors, while, as for the working, if their grandchildren would only take a notch from their grandmother they would do better than they do now.

Bro. Hayes, of the Pattison Lodge, averred that the installation had been simply an intellectual treat to him, while the working of the lodge from I.G. to W.M. was perfect. Their lodge had a grand old historical name; the very name of "Nelson" recalled the word "duty," and nobly had the Nelson answered to the call. He felt sure by the officers who were following the W.M. that the lodge had a long and honourable career before it.

Bro. Richey, an old Past Master, related his Masonic experiences since some seven years ago he left Woolwich on service and went to Colchester, and the success that had attended him as Master and First Principal of the Angel Lodge and Angel Chapter there were due to the admirable lessons he had received in the Nelson Lodge.

Bros. Weston and Reece also responded. The other toasts were "The Installing Officer," for which Bro. Warren returned thanks; "The Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Ovenden, who responded; "The Masonic Press;" "The Host," Bro. Hubbard, receiving a high eulogy from the W.M. for his excellent catering.

Mr. H. J. Roberts, son of the W.M., presided at the piano, and some good singing filled the pauses between the speeches.

Among the brethren present as visitors and Past Masters of the lodge were Past Masters Bros. G. Crawford, W. J. Graham, E. Bowles, W. Richey, C. W. Hobson, J. Warren, J. Wilkins, E. B. Hobson, A. Woodley, and G. Beaver; and Bros. W. Weston, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.D. Kent; A. J. Manning, P.M. and Treas. 1472, P.G.S.D. Essex; G. C. Mathams, W.M. 706; G. Kenneday, W.M. 1536; J. Hatham, W.M. 1714; E. Ayres, W.M. 742; J. Childs, W.M. 453; E. Farwig, P.M. 180; T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913; J. Andrews, P.M. 1227; T. Holleyman, P.M. 1536; Capt. J. Sculley, S.W. 706; Dr. C. H. Y. Godwin, J.W. 706; W. Rees, S.W. 913; W. Sargent, S.W. 1227; A. Ives, J.W. 1472; W. Moulds, J.W. 1536; J. Aillud, J.W. 615; C. Holland, S.D. 949; G. Letton, S.D. 913; G. Mitchell, J.D. 615; H. De Gray, 706; G. Nichols, 1507; Capt. Jos. McCaffery, 1536; F. Hayward, 913; Jas. Butler, 1536; T. Cooper, 1536; W. H. Poppelstone, 1536; J. Bilton, 1536; H. Hammond, 913; T. Appleby, 13; G. J. Calton, 158; and C. Jolly, 913 (Freemason).

**WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.**—Townley Parker Lodge (No. 1032).—The brethren of this lodge assembled in good numbers on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Howard Arms. The lodge was opened by Bro. Robt. Irving, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. James Winsor, P.M. 203 and 241, assumed the chair. The W.M. elect, Bro. James Bryham Cardwell, was then presented by Bro. J. Lawrence, P.M., for installation, and Bro. Winsor duly installed him in the chair of K.S. in a masterly manner. Bro. Cardwell invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. R. Irving, I.P.M.; A. G. Leigh, S.W.; J. A. Atherton, J.W.; J. Heald, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); J. Hopkinson, Sec.; A. G. Bird, S.D.; J. Briers, J.D.; H. Gardner, I.G.; and J. Atherton, P.M. as Tyler. The following members and visitors were also present: Bros. J. Winsor, P.M. 203 and 241; W. Corbitt, 84, P.M. 1032; E. Sale, P.M. 178; J. Shaw, S.W. 269; T. Gardner, 1032; I. Jacobs, 1099 and 1182; W. Williams, 1909; T. Forrester P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 730; W. H. Deighton, P.M. 113; J. Pollard, W.M. 269; I. G. Christian, 113; J. Thompson, 1032; H. Hall, 249; John Worthy, 1505; and others.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by the hostess, Mrs. Garstang, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. Bros. Webster Williams, James Winsor, J. Worthy, I. G.

Christian, I. Jacobs, and several other brethren gave a choice selection of songs and recitations, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

**MANCHESTER.—De Grey and Ripon Lodge (No. 1161).**—The installation of Bro. Job Irlam as W.M. of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, when the following brethren were present: Bros. T. J. Cowen, W.M.; J. Irlam, S.W.; R. Dottie, I.P.M.; W. Nicholson, J.D.; J. M. Moss, I.G.; T. Burgess, P.M.; Julius Arensbergh, P.M.; P.P.G. Purst.; W. H. Anderton, P.M.; S. P. Bidder, P.M.; W. T. Norton, P.M.; G. Loebell, Steward; W. Sturm, P.M., Treas.; J. B. King, John Davies, R. Fairhurst, J. Maddick, S. J. Lewis, H. L. Lilley, Jno. Hotherhall, E. A. Ehlinger, L. McHall, George Burrows, Tyler, Jos. Maddick, and W. G. Atkins. Visitors: Robt. White, Thos. Fallows, Samuel Davies, P.Ms. 1052; Jacob Smith, 41; A. Templer, W.M. 344; Geo. A. Yates, W.M. 993; W. Brown, W.M. 1033; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; Seth Wrigley, Sec. 1052; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Bidder, P.M., then took the chair, and with all due rite and ceremony installed Bro. Job Irlam W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Cowen, P.M., delivered the address to the newly-installed W.M. Bro. S. P. Bidder, Installing Master, invested the newly-appointed officers as follows: Bros. A. H. Jefferis, Hirst, J.W. (by proxy); W. Sturm, P.M., Treas.; J. Maddick, Sec.; W. Nicholson, S.D.; J. M. Moss, J.D.; J. Hotherhall, I.G.; G. Loebell and Dr. Thomas, Stwds.; L. McHall, Org.; and Geo. Burrows, Tyler. Bro. Bidder, P.M., also delivered the addresses to the Wardens and brethren. There being no further business "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a grand banquet. At the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, the first three by the W.M.

"The Health of Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. P.G.M.," was proposed in eulogistic terms by Bro. Burgess, P.M., as was that of "Bro. Geo. Mellor, V.W.D.P.G.M.," and "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," by Bro. Strum, P.M.

The I.P.M., Bro. Cowen, rose to propose "The Health of the W.M.," amidst loud applause, and in so doing remarked that it was unnecessary for him to dilate upon the stability and sterling qualities of Bro. Irlam to the members of the lodge, who were well acquainted with the facts. He would therefore content himself with asking all present to drink the W.M.'s health, not only as a good and faithful Mason, but as a true and valued friend.

The W.M., having responded, proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Cowen." He said that was a toast that was always well received by the brethren of No. 1161. He had known Bro. Cowen for a considerable number of years, and it was not merely out of personal friendship that he now stated no Master had ever filled the chair of K.S. so ably as their I.P.M. had done. Bro. Irlam went on to say he had a more pleasing duty to perform, which was to pin on Bro. Cowen's breast a small token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren who had subscribed a sum of money to purchase for him a handsome P.M.'s gold jewel. In conclusion, Bro. Irlam said he sincerely trusted that Bro. Cowen might live for many years to wear the jewel amongst them, and he believed that was the earnest wish of every member of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge.

The jewel, which was an unusually handsome one, was made in 18 carat gold, by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, and was much admired by the members and visitors.

Bro. Cowen in reply thanked the brethren most heartily for the handsome jewel, which he should highly value. He assured them he felt very pleased that his services had been appreciated by them during his year of office. He considered his duties had been made much easier by the valuable assistance of his officers, and to them he owed his success. He should never forget the way in which the toast of his health had been received by them all when retiring from the chair, and taking his seat, as it were, in the upper house.

Bro. A. H. Jefferis, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge," and coupled with it the names of Bros. Anderton and Bidder. Bro. Jefferis said they had Past Masters both young and old in the lodge, and all had rendered valuable assistance during their tenure of office, and were willing to do so again. He would ask all to rise and heartily drink the health of the Past Masters of the lodge.

The invitation was cheerfully responded to, and Bros. Anderton and Bidder replied.

Bro. Norton, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. S. P. Bidder," said it gave him very great pleasure to propose this toast, as Bro. Bidder was one of the founders of the lodge sixteen years ago, and ever since had proved himself a most valuable member. He (Bro. Norton) had been especially pleased that day to see the satisfactory and able manner in which Bro. Bidder had performed the ceremony of installation, in fact he had outdistanced himself. They all felt proud of possessing so useful and able a member, and trusted he would live many years to come amongst them.

Bro. Bidder acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms.

Several other toasts were proposed and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Bros. McHall, W. Dumville, J. D. Smith, R. Dottie and others contributed to the brethren's enjoyment by singing some excellent songs, glees, and recitations, whilst Bro. Batchelder performed some choice morceaux on the piano, and accompanied the singers with his well-known ability.

**BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. C. W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40 and 1184, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. D. Womersley, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., S.W.; James F. Richardson, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M., acting S.D.; Charles Armstrong, J.D.; James Fielding, Org.; Henry Kimm, I.G. (*Freemason*); Jesson, Tyler; Charles Martin, Richard M. Lambert, Thos. J. Walder, W. T. Jordan, W. A. Raper, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Plowman, J.W. 40; and T. H. Case, 40.

The lodge having been opened the Secretary read the previous minutes, which were confirmed. Bro. W. A. Raper was then passed through the ceremony of Fellow Craft by Bro. Duke, P.M., who also explained the working tools in an admirable manner, Bro. Lamborn, P.M., giving the tracing board. Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and responded to.

**BYKER.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., at 7 o'clock, when a good many members and visitors were present, the W.M., Bro. Wm. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, in the chair. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed and the ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Fletcher, and he was declared elected. Mr. Christian Jurgensen was present and in due course duly initiated by the W.M., the working tools being ably given by Bro. Charles Roope, S.W. 24. Bros. Geo. Brown, John Wm. Robson, and Francis Graham were raised to the degree of M.M. by the W.M. in a most solemn and impressive manner, the W.M. also giving the working tools. Messrs. Robert Smailes, Archibald Turner, and James William Turner were proposed as candidates, and other business having been transacted, lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the festive board, where a light repast was provided, presided over by the W.M., the S.W.'s chair, in the absence of Bro. D. Cowie, being occupied by Bro. John Brown, Past S.W. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. "The Visitors" was heartily received, and responded to by Bros. J. Montgomery, P.P.G. Purst.; R. Whitfield, P.M. 48; and C. Roope, S.W. 24; and the initiate, Bro. C. Jurgensen, very ably acknowledged the toast of his health. "The Worshipful Master," given by Bro. Wm. Cooper, I.P.M., was received with the greatest enthusiasm by the brethren, to which the W.M. briefly responded, and proposed "The Past Masters," the responses being given by Bros. Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; John Donald Annan, P.M., D. of C.; and W. Cooper, P.M., I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D. The Tyler's toast, given at the request of the W.M. by Bro. Joshua Curry, Past Prov. G. Tyler Northumberland and Prov. G. Tyler Durham, brought a most pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

Amongst those present were the following members: Bros. William Smith, P.M., P.G.S. of Wks., W.M.; William Cooper, P.M., I.P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; Dixon Cowie, S.D.; Chas. Roope, acting J.W., and S.W. 24; Jos. Purvis Sec.; Arthur Munro, Past S.W., acting S.D.; T. P. Bennett, J.D.; John Donald Annan, P.M.; M.C.; James Harle, I.G.; Jethro William Mathews, S.S.; Michael James Barkas, J.S.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; Frank Graham, G. McDonald, James Huntley, John Wm. Robson, Jno. Taylor Schollar, Geo. Brown, Joseph Davis, William Varty, John Brown, Past S.W.; Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; and others. Visitors: Bros. James Montgomery, P.M. 991, P.P.G. Purst.; William Jackson, O. Falton Lodge, No. 576, United States America; Thomas Lewens, 393; R. Ferry, Org. 48; John W. Lambton, S.S. 541; Armstrong Usher, 541; W. T. Clarke, 315, 1829; John S. Clarke, 240; Seymour Bell, W.M. 1626; J. A. Young, 1664; J. D. Dixon, J.D. 1427; Robert Whitfield, P.M. 48; Charles Dixon, 139; Thomas Thompson, 48; W. Mathieson, 481; Charles E. Pattison, 481; N. Watson, 481; W. F. Carman, J.W. 481; J. Patterson, 48; and others.

**PARK GATE.—Dee Lodge (No. 1576).**—On Thursday, the 19th inst., this lodge held its annual celebration of the festival of St. John, at the Union Hotel, a large number of the brethren attending. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Hon. H. Holbrook, P.M. 605, D.G.M. British Columbia; W. Vines, P.M. 220, P.P.G.D.C. W. Lanc.; J. C. Jackson, P.P.G.S.W.; J. H. Jones, W.M. 127; T. Hatton, P.M. 203; P. E. Rothwell, W.M. 220; Powell, P.M. 605; C. S. Dean, W.M. 1289; C. Wise, P.M. 786; Ashbury, W.M. 1620; Waight, W.M. 477; and W. Oliver, W.M. elect 220. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hugh Chesworth, presided, supported by his officers, and P.Ms. Bros. Thomas Chesworth, P.P.G.D.C. (father of the lodge); John Duddon, P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Shaw, John Jones, and William Jones. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Munnerley, S.W., was presented for installation by P.Ms. T. Chesworth and W. Jones, and was duly installed with the customary honours in a masterly manner by the W.M., Bro. Hugh Chesworth. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Hugh Chesworth, I.P.M.; John Barnes, S.W.; William Taylor, J.W.; John Morris, Sec.; Thomas Chesworth, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed); G. M. Lloyd, S.D.; T. E. Lloyd, J.D.; James Bayleg, I.G.; A. A. Gass, Bird, and Richmond, Stewards; Phipps, Org.; and J. Dutton, P.M., M.C. (re-appointed). On behalf of the lodge the W.M. presented to Bro. Hugh Chesworth a beautiful Past Master's jewel, and thanked him for the very able and efficient way in which he had governed the lodge in the past year. Bro. H. Chesworth suitably replied.

A banquet followed, Bro. Acton being the caterer.

**BELVEDERE.—Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 1973).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 23rd inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. G. Chillingworth, W.M.; Spurrell, Treas. and I.P.M.; Frederic Wood, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. H. Bateman, J.W.; E. B. Bright, S.D.; J. Elliot, J.D.; the Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chap.; W. G. Kentish, A.D. of C.; J. K. Paine, Stwd.; H. A. E. de Pinna, Sec.; Birts, Coup-land, Hulett, Heather, C. R. Paine, F. E. Houghton, Kendall, Lemon, Maynard, Colman, and Robinson. Visitors: Bros. Spencer, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; Glüenstein, Lucas, Bishop, Iedder, Kennedy, Fletcher, Orchard, and others.

The minutes of the meeting of the 16th April and of the emergency meeting of the 26th May, were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and taken as read, and the J.W. proposed that a copy of the balance sheet should lie upon the Secretary's table for the perusal of the brethren. Seconded by the W.M. and carried. Bro. Frederic Wood, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. as W.M. elect, to receive at the hands of the out-going Master the benefit of installation. Bro. Chillingworth performed this ceremony and subsequently delivered the charges in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. invested Bro. Chillingworth with the collar and jewel of the I.P.M.; Bros. F. Spurrell, P.M., and Richard Youngman were invested with the collars and

jewels of Treasurer and Tyler respectively, to which offices they had been elected by the lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren to the various offices: Bros. A. H. Bateman, S.W.; J. Elliott, J.W.; W. J. Colman, Sec.; the Rev. F. B. Gribbell, Chap.; E. B. Bright, S.D.; H. A. E. de Pinna, J.D.; W. O. Robinson, I.G.; W. G. Kentish, D. of C.; J. K. Paine and C. R. Paine, Stewards.

The Worshipful Master then presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. Chillingworth, and in making the presentation stated that although the sum of £10 10s. had been voted, Bro. Chillingworth, in order not to create a precedent for the presentation of an expensive Past Master's jewel, had elected to accept a jewel of the value of five guineas.

The Worshipful Master proposed that the Secretary should convey to Bro. A. H. Hooker, a member of this lodge, at present in Egypt, the expression of the lodge's admiration of the noble manner in which he had devoted himself to aiding the sufferers in the epidemic of cholera now raging in that country. Seconded by the S.W., who suggested that a copy of the letter should also be sent to Bro. Hooker's family, and carried.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren drove to Erith, where, at the Prince of Wales' Hotel, an excellent banquet had been provided. The usual Masonic toasts were given and honoured in due form; and, during the evening Bro. Cozens, Glüenstein, Elliott, and others, varied the proceedings by rendering some songs in a most admirable manner, thus greatly enhancing the pleasure of the brethren assembled. The meeting terminated soon after ten o'clock.

## INSTRUCTION.

### UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).

This lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Bro. J. B. Sarjeant was W.M., the officers being Bros. J. N. Bate, S.W.; Eldridge Johnson, J.W.; H. H. Hughes, S.D.; J. Bain, J.D.; R. W. Pooler, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; R. Poore, Sec.; G. K. Chapman, and others. The lodge was duly opened in the Three Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was effectively rehearsed by Bro. Sarjeant, whose progress in Masonic working is very satisfactory. Lodge was closed down, called off for entry drill, and called on. This (Friday) evening, the 27th inst., being "Preceptor's night," Bro. Stevens gives place to Bro. Bate, who purposes to work the three ceremonies on this occasion. Officers were appointed in rotation, and after "Hearty good wishes" lodge was closed and adjourned.

### WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE (No. 766).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the St. Andrew's Tavern, Baker-street, Manchester-square, on the 20th inst. The meeting was rendered somewhat more interesting than usual by the attendance of Bro. Lieut. H. Smith (I.G. Port Elgin, 359, G. Register Canada) and Bro. D. Smith (Ionic, 52, Quebec Register), both members of the Canadian team of volunteers, who have been lately under canvas at Wimbledon. Bro. G. Read, P.M. 511 and Sec. 1681, occupied the chair, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, S.W.; Dehane, W.M. 1543, P.G.S.D. Essex, J.W.; Jones, S.D.; R. E. Cursons, J.D.; Mote, I.G.; G. Coop, Preceptor; H. Moore, Sec.; G. Tribble, P.M. 1287; Taylor, W.M. 1767; Festa, P.M.; B. G. P. Sedgewick, P.M.; Wickens, S.D. 436; Lee, 511; Weatherhill, Robinson, C. Bellerby, F. Smith, H. Philips, D. Wilson, R. Parsons, B. Wilson, E. B. Cox, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very able manner, Bro. Tribble being the candidate; Bro. Jones gave the charge. The lodge was then called off, and on resuming labour was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Tribble being a candidate for the Third Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising most admirably rehearsed, together with the traditional history. Five brethren were elected members of the lodge, and honorary membership was conferred on the Canadian visitors, who expressed the pleasure it afforded them to visit the lodge, and their cordial greetings, "Hearty good wishes," and best thanks to the brethren for the manner in which they had been received amongst them. A vote of thanks to the W.M. for so ably fulfilling the duties of the chair was unanimously passed, and the lodge closed in due form and perfect harmony.

### EXCELSIOR LODGE (No. 1155).

A meeting was held at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, S.E., on the 17th inst., there being present Bros. J. W. Walker, W.M.; H. Wilson, S.W.; H. Strickland, J.W.; W. Topp, P.M. 879, S.D.; R. Dale, J.D.; J. B. Williams, I.G.; J. G. Milbourn, J.D. 13; Preceptor; W. Williams, Moth, Holdsworth, and others. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Milbourn being the candidate. The questions preparatory to passing having been answered, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Walker passed to the Degree of a F.C., the ceremony being most ably and impressively rendered by Bro. Topp in his accustomed excellent style. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the First Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Topp, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed by Bro. Milbourn, seconded by Bro. Strickland, and carried unanimously, that the lodge be adjourned until the 25th September next. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

### HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).

This lodge met on Monday, 23rd inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington. Present: Bro. James Stevens, P.M., F.Z., W.M.; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425, S.W.; F. T. C. Keeble, J.W.; Jubal Webb, S.D.; J. H. Taylor, J.D.; R. E. Cursons, I.G.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Preceptor; H. Dehane, W.M. 1543, Sec.; C. S. Mote, Wine Stwd.; Lieut. Henry Smith, I.G. Port Elgin, 359, Canada; David Smith, Ionic, 54, Quebec; M. J. Green, P. Monson, H. Robinson, J. H. Smith, A. Leclair, C. R. Wickens, Bellerby, P. Burton, Jas. Lawrence, 1326; J. C. Rhind, G. A. Fuller, 943; E. A. Roberts, 192; E. F. Ferris, Capt. A. Nicols, W.M. 1974; C. E. Botley, F. Smith, 1305; W. Harris, F. Rayment, 753; G. Tribble,

P.M.; W. Death, W. A. Vincent, E. Rogers, 818; M. S. Rodet, S. J. Humfress, F. Goswell, Job Windle, J. H. Wood, J. Reid, W. R. Hutton, J. J. Thomas, and W. H. Wadhams.

The lodge was opened with solemn prayer and the minutes confirmed. Lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and resumed to the First. Bro. Fribbel was examined and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Stevens gave the lecture on the tracing board in his usual able manner. The Second and Third Sections were also worked by him, assisted by Bros. Read and Taylor. Bro. Ferris answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bros. J. Lawrence, F. Smith, and F. Rayment were elected joining members. Bros. Lieut. Henry Smith and David Smith were unanimously elected honorary members. After a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens the lodge was closed and adjourned. A ballot was drawn, and a member joined the Benevolent Society, being No. 34 on the roll.

The brethren then spent a social hour, Bro. Stevens reciting Morris's beautiful poem, "The Level and the Square." Bros. Wickens, Mote, and Death assisted by some capital songs. Our Canadian brethren assured the members they would take to Canada a lasting remembrance of the excellent working of the ceremony and the brotherly love extended to them in the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction.

**Royal Arch.**

**PLUMSTEAD.—Pattison Chapter (No. 913).**—The above influential chapter held its installation meeting at the High School for Boys, Fox-hill, on Thursday, the 19th inst., when M.E. Comps. Capt. Eugene Sweny was installed as Z.; H. Mason, H.; and R. Edmunds, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S. Kent, Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.S. Kent, S.E.; W. Rees, S.N.; E. B. Hobson, P.S.; J. H. Roberts, 1st A.S.; G. Letton, 2nd A.S.; W. Myers, P.Z., D. of C.; W. Musto, P.Z., W.S.; and H. Mabbett, Janitor. The ceremony of installation and investiture was most impressively performed by M.E. Comp. the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., G. 1st A.S. England, P.P.G.H. Kent. On its conclusion it was unanimously resolved that Comp. Robinson should become an honorary member of the chapter, and, further, that a vote of thanks should be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day.

Comp. Robinson having briefly, yet feelingly, returned thanks a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was presented to M.E. Comp. W. B. Lloyd, I.P.Z., for the very excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of First Principal during the past year, and also for valuable services rendered. Comp. Lloyd suitably returned thanks. On the application of Comp. Penfold, a guinea was given to purchase a prize for the Girls' High School, the same sum having been presented by the Pattison Lodge to the Boys' High School for a similar purpose.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to Comp. Bray's famous hostelry the Bull Hotel, Dartford, where that indefatigable and courteous caterer for all comers had ready for them one of those admirably served banquets for which he is so famous. The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts being honoured, Comp. Robinson responded for "the Grand Officers of Grand Chapter," and in eloquent terms spoke of our royal G.Z., the Prince of Wales, whose hands were so full of public business, and who yet found time to carry out the duties of G.M. in the Craft and G.Z. in the Royal Arch. In Lord Carnarvon, their Pro G.Z., they had a nobleman who in the absence of their G.Z. presided with grace and ability. Lord Latham, G.H. was "beau ideal" of a mason, and could initiate a candidate and take him on through all the higher degrees up to the highest. While their G.Z., Lord de Tabley, was an honour to the very name of a Mason. The rest of the Grand Officers were only actuated by one desire, and that was to do their duty, and were proud of the honour conferred upon them; for them, and for himself, he thanked the companions for the hearty reception the toast had met with at their hands.

The toast of "Lord Holmesdale, Grand Superintendent Kent," having been honoured, that of "Prov. G.H., Comp. Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. G.C. Officers" followed, coupled with the name of Comp. T. S. Warne, P.G.S.E., who, in response said that it was only for the last six or seven years that they had had a Grand Chapter for their respected Prov. G.S., Lord Holmesdale, to preside over. It was always a pleasurable thing to be a member either of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter in a province like Kent, and it was an especial pleasure to him to be brought into such close connection, through Grand Chapter, with a chapter like the Pattison. He again thanked them for the toast and assured them that it was a great pleasure and a high honour to receive from such companions, such marks of esteem and respect to Grand Chapter.

The I.P.Z. then proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and said the companions had had an opportunity during the two previous years of seeing how admirably Comp. Sweny had filled the third and second chairs, and from the experience of those two years they might expect a good year of office for the chapter under the rule of their excellent Z. He hoped there would be plenty of work for him, and that the companions would surround him as often as they could and help him by every means in their power.

The M.E.Z. said he felt a great deal of diffidence in responding. He knew that the task before him was anything but a light one, yet the sublime ceremony with which he had been installed into the highest chair of the chapter had inspired him with a resolution to go on and work even harder in the future than in the past. The bright examples he had to follow—companions who had made their mark not only in the chapter but in the province—made his task no light one, yet with their help and the cordial support of the companions, he trusted to be able to fulfill all their expectations. If he could, and did give them satisfaction, when he proposed his successor's health in that or some other room he should feel that he had not striven in vain. Might God spare him and give him health and strength to do his duty to their satisfaction and the honour and reputation of the chapter.

The toast of "The Second and Third Principals" followed, and Comps. Mason and Edmunds briefly acknowledged the toast.

Comp. Butter in responding for the "Past Principals," said it was the usual thing for those who occupied the principle

chair, either in lodge or chapter, to speak highly of the "superannuated" ones, and a good thing too, for nothing but that could allay the feelings of regret that filled the bosoms of the "superannuated" at the dreary prospect of inactivity before them. Of course they, the "Pasts," did not regret having done their work, but the fact was that it was "done," and they were left to fade and wither at the left of the chair. They had, however, tried hard to make the chapter what it was, and in their name he thanked the companions for the toast.

The "Visitors" was coupled with the name of Comp. R. Piddock, P.Z. 92, 916, and P.P.G. Std. Br. Sussex, who said it was always a great pleasure to visit, especially where the companions were so courteous and genial as those of the Pattison Chapter. It had afforded him no small amount of pleasure to be present at the installation of his old friend, Comp. Sweny, as Z. of the Pattison Chapter. In fact he had determined, if they would accept him, to become a member of the chapter, and if they did he should congratulate himself upon the fact that that would be the last time he should have to respond as, and thank them on behalf of, the visitors for the hearty reception given them.

Comp. the Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., H. 1837, in answer to repeated calls, favoured the company with a brilliant and witty speech, which provoked much mirth by its quaint yet telling delivery.

"The Officers" and Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Among the companions, besides those above-mentioned, were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.Z.; Major White, P.Z.; Dr. F. Spurrell, P.Z. 829; W. Richey, P.Z. 51; the Rev. H. Cummings, Z. 1837; W. G. Batchelor, J. 79; G. Spinks, 2nd A.S. 13; Capt. J. Sculley, 13; J. Scott-Mutch, J. 13; J. P. Britton, 1837; T. R. Richardson, W. G. Lloyd, F. H. Johnson, D. C. Capon, C. Ellis, G. Nichols, G. Frost, C. Barth, R. Hewitson, Wilson, and C. Jolly (Freemason).

The singing was excellent, Comps. Cummings, Lloyd, Roberts, Nichols, and Ellis contributing, while Comp. Jamblin accompanied them in admirable style.

**Mark Masonry.**

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE (No. 199).**—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on the 18th inst. Bro. H. Stevens, W.M., presided. Among those present were Bros. J. J. Gould, S.W.; Little, J.W.; J. Funston, S.O.; S. Smither, J.O.; Meek, P.M.; and W. Beasley, P.M. After the usual business, Bro. Holden, who had specially journeyed from Birmingham to be present, was duly advanced by the W.M. in a very able manner.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in a hearty manner.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).**—The election meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 14th inst. The W.M., Bro. C. Kipling, P.P.G. Std. Br., presided, and was ably assisted in the ceremony by Bros. G. Clark, P.M., P.G. Std., and T. Poore, P.M., P.G.I.G. There were also present Bros. Hy. Lovegrove, P.M., P.G.S. of Works; H. Baldwin, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.A.D. of C.; G. J. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org.; and others. Bros. Tattersall and Coulton were balloted for and elected, and duly advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. Bro. G. J. Dunkley was elected W.M., Bros. H. Lovegrove and J. Daly were re-elected respectively Treasurer and Tyler. Bros. E. Storr and E. Clarke were elected Auditors. A cold collation followed.

**COCKERMOUTH.—Faithful Lodge (No. 229).**—At the meeting held in the Masonic-rooms on Tuesday, the 17th inst., Bro. Peacock, J.W., was unanimously chosen as the W.M. elect for the next twelve months, it is a rather singular coincidence that Bro. Peacock should have been chosen as the head of three lodges this year, viz.: the Craft, Mark, and Red Cross Degrees, which fact speaks for itself that he must be a very popular brother.

**GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 305).**—The quarterly convocation of this flourishing young lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, on the 17th inst., for the transaction of business. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, W.M., Prov. G. Treas. in the chair. A large number of members were present, also Bros. H. J. Guy, P.M. 2, Prov. G.S.O.; J. Gieve, W.M. 2, P.P.G.D.C.; and other visiting brethren. Several candidates for advancement were successfully balloted for, but neither being present the W.M. directed the bye-laws to be read. The brethren were then called upon to ballot for the W.M. for the ensuing year, and their choice proved to be unanimously in favour of Bro. R. W. Mitchell, S.W., P.P.G.S.D., who amidst applause suitably returned thanks. Bro. Geo. Darby was re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Lancaster made the gratifying announcement that his list for the Mark Benevolent Festival next week now amounted to £40. After the transaction of some routine business, and the proposal of several candidates for advancement, the lodge was closed and the Royal Ark Mariners lodge attached to the lodge was opened, at the close of which Bro. Mitchell, P.M. and Z. 903, &c., was the recipient of a handsome present on the occasion of his marriage.

**Ancient and Accepted Rite.**

**MOUNT CALVARY PRECEPTORY (D).**—An excellent gathering of this old and distinguished chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Bros. F. Curlier, 30°, M.W.S.; Alfred Williams, 30°, H.P.; T. C. Walls, 1st Genl.; F. W. Driver, 2nd Genl.; W. Paas, 30°, P.M. W.S., Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; C. W. Tayleur, G.M.; E. J. Gardiner, R.; W. B. Kidder, D.C.; E. M. Lott, 30°, Org.; T. W. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; R. W. Stewart, P.M.W.S.; D. Nicols, P.M.W.S.; J. L. Mather, Grimwood, J. E. Anderson, T. Poore, A. Pears, and H. J. Lardner. The visitors were Ill. Bros. F. Weston, 32°, and C. F. Matier, 31°.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Bros.

C. E. Ferry, F. J. Tyler, E. F. Storr, and W. B. Williamson to be perfected, and for Bro. William Lake, of 61, for joining, and it proved to be unanimous in each case. Bros. Williamson and Storr being in attendance were initiated into the mysteries of the Degree by the M.W.S. in a most excellent manner. The installation of the M.W.S., Bro. Alfred Williams, for the ensuing year then took place, and the ceremony was performed by Ill. Bro. Curlier in a way that left little to be desired. The officers appointed were Bros. T. C. Walls, Prelate; F. W. Driver, 1st. Genl.; C. W. Tayleur, 2nd Genl.; W. Paas, Treas.; D. M. Dewar, Recorder; E. J. Gardiner, G.M.; G. A. Berkeley, Raphael; J. E. Anderson, D.C.; and E. M. Lott, Org. The retiring M.W.S. was then presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his valuable and efficient services. Upon the motion of Bro. Dewar the annual subscription was unanimously increased to three guineas.

The chapter having been closed the brethren adjourned to the Café Royale, where a most elegant and excellent banquet was served. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts were ably given by the M.W.S. Bros. Williamson and Storr responded upon behalf of "The newly perfected brethren."

Bros. Matier and Weston replied at length for "The Visitors."

Ill. Bro. Curlier acknowledged "The Health of the Past Sovereigns," and Bro. Walls responded for "The Officers." The proceeding then terminated.

**Knights Templar.**

**YORK.—Ancient Ebor Preceptory (No. 101).**—A special assembly of the members of this preceptory took place at the Masonic Hall on the 24th inst. By desire of Lord Londesborough, V.E.P. Sir Knt. T. W. Tew presided, assisted by his officers from the province of West Yorkshire. About 100 American brethren and Templars were present, and were received with the greatest cordiality. The Lord Mayor of York afterwards received the Sir Knights in the Banquet Hall of the Mansion House, and at half-past eight a grand banquet was served in the Guildhall to about 130 Sir Knights, who were entertained in a most sumptuous manner. Many excellent speeches were made in response to the toasts given in honour of the visitors. The proceedings did not conclude till nearly midnight. The Pilgrim Sir Knights have since left York for London.

**Red Cross of Constantine.**

**MARYPORT.—Dyke's Conclave (No. 36).**—The annual assembly of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of installing Sir Knight Henry Peacock as Sovereign, and Sir Knight G. W. Dalrymple, Viceroy, for the ensuing year. The muster of Sir Knights was good. Eminent Sir Knight Tom Hird occupied the chair, when Sir Knight Lewthwaite, P.S., read the minutes and statement of accounts, which were passed, when Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., assumed the chair and with the able assistance of Sir Knight Edward Tyson, P.S., discharged the duties of the installation in an able manner. The newly-installed Sovereign then invested the following Sir Knights as his officers: Sir Knights Rev. E. M. Rice, S.G.; J. J. Robinson, J.G.; David Bell, H.P.; W. H. Lewthwaite, Treas. and Recorder; John Mills, Prefect; J. F. Kirkconel, S.B.; W. Holloway, Orator; Charles Gowan, Herald; James Hunter, Almoner; J. Dodd, D.C.; William Bradley and John Bowness, Stewards; and John Hewson, Sentinel. A vote of thanks to be recorded was passed to Eminent Sir Knights Robinson and Tyson for their services, when the conclave was closed with the usual solemnities.

**Royal Ark Mariners.**

**GOSPORT.—Gosport Lodge (No. 305).**—On the 17th inst., at the close of the business of the Gosport Mark Lodge, the lodge of Royal Ark Mariners attached to it was opened. Bro. George F. Lancaster, P.M., W.C.N., presiding. Several candidates were successively balloted for, and two being present, were duly elevated. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.C.N. for the ensuing year. Bro. Mitchell, J., and at present W.C.N. of the Carnarvon Lodge of R.A.M., stated he was desirous of waiving any claim to the office and suggested the re-election of Bro. Lancaster; this was carried by acclamation, and the business terminated.

**Jamaica.**

**KINGSTON.—Royal Lodge (No. 207).**—On Monday evening, the 7th of May, 1883, a very large gathering of Freemasons took place at the Friendly Lodge Room in this city, the occasion being the installation as W.M. of the Royal Lodge for the ensuing year of Bro. Thomas Newton Aguilar, who succeeds Bro. William Duff, W.M., in that high and important office. Amongst those present were Bros. Altamont De Cordova, D.D.G.M.; A. H. Jones, D.G. Treas.; J. J. G. Lewis, E. X. Leon, C. W. Tait, C. M. Knox (S.C.); D. I. Motta, W. D. Byles, George Duff, C. L. Campbell, C. H. Davis, E. Melville (S.C.); J. W. Scott (S.C.); J. F. Rickard, A. J. L. Lyon, M. H. Lawrence, (S.C.); and others. The installation ceremony was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. William Duff, after which the following officers were chosen by the incoming W.M.: Bros. J. M. Simpson, S.W.; C. M. Sherlock, J.W.; W. A. Feurtado, Treas.; C. T. Burton, Sec.; T. Demetrius, I.G.; A. E. Langley, S.D.; J. Massias, J.D.; and G. Magnus, Tyler.

The officers and brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquetting room, where an elaborate repast had been prepared. The customary toasts were proposed and duly honoured, and it was until a late hour that the large assemblage broke up, everyone expressing great satisfaction at the manner in which a most enjoyable evening had been spent. The large attendance of visitors showed the high esteem in which both the retiring W.M. and his successor are held by the brethren generally.



## Australia.

## PROPOSED MASONIC TEMPLE FOR MELBOURNE.

A meeting of Masters and Past Masters of lodges under the three Masonic Constitutions was held in the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, on the 23rd April, to take into consideration the formation of a company for the erection of a Masonic temple.

Bro. Dr. WILLMOTT, W.M. 752 E.C., was called to the chair, and in opening the proceedings stated the object of the meeting. He pointed out at length the great need of a hall, not only in which to hold their meetings, but a building of which the Masons of Melbourne might be proud. They could effect such an object, and it only rested with them to say how the matter was to be accomplished. He had received a letter from Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Victoria under the Irish Constitution, promising his assistance in the project. He (the Chairman) was quite sure that if they formed a company that evening they would find support not only from Sir W. J. Clarke, but from all the influential brethren of Victoria. He then invited suggestions.

Bro. CAPPA, W.M. 474 E.C., said it had entered his mind long ago that the place in which they were assembled was no credit to the Masonic fraternity. He contrasted it with the halls of Sandhurst, Ballarat, Wagga Wagga, and other places, and had come to the conclusion that Melbourne was much behind other towns in Australia, considering its population and its wealth. He also objected to the uses to which the present hall was put by the Directors in allowing the freethinkers and secularists to assemble therein. He was of opinion that the time had arrived for the Freemasons to look out for other premises.

The CHAIRMAN, in answer to inquiries, produced particulars of Masonic hall and club companies in England. One at Weston-super-Mare had cost £2500, and comprised reading, billiard, and smoke rooms on the ground floor. It was now paying 5 per cent., and 3 per cent. had been carried forward for the last year in addition. That was a town where there was only one lodge. Another at Taunton paid 7½ per cent. He was perfectly certain a company of the kind would pay as well in Melbourne on a larger scale, say not less than a capital of £10,000. The principal difficulty would be a suitable site; but that would be easily met, on the formation of the influential directory. He was prepared to make a proposition that they form a Masonic Hall Company.

A long discussion then took place with regard to the position of the present company. It was stated that 12 months ago arrangements had been made for the erection of a new building on the present site; but the scheme had fallen through. It had been ascertained that the proprietors of the existing hall would offer no opposition to the formation of a new company.

Bro. J. A. CANTOR, P.M. 474 E.C., then proposed "That it is essential that steps be taken to provide better accommodation for lodges and chapters than is now available at the present hall."

Bro. C. SHAW, P.M. 752 E.C., seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously.

The following committee was then appointed to make inquiries as to a suitable site, and report to a meeting at as early a date as possible: Bro. Dr. Willmott, J. A. Cantor, M. Capua, F. L. Flint, F. A. Burton, C. Shaw, J. Parnell, and Major Trythall. Bro. W. F. Lamony was appointed Hon. Sec.

The proceedings then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

**MELBOURNE.—Combermere Lodge (No. 752).**—At the regular meeting of this, with one exception, the strongest lodge in Victoria under the English Constitution, held on May 17th, in the Masonic Hall, Bro. Dr. J. E. Willmott, W.M., moved: "That the Combermere Lodge desires to express sympathy with the Grand Lodge of England at the losses sustained by the recent fire, and fraternally offers assistance, should any fund be raised to replace them."

On the motion of Bro. Chas. Shaw, P.M., D.G.S.W., the following addition, was made to the resolution: "That Combermere Lodge further takes this opportunity of expressing its loyalty to the Grand Master of England."

The W.M. accepted the addition and the motion was then carried unanimously. The addition had reference to the agitation now in progress for the institution of an independent Grand Lodge in Victoria. The initiation fee was raised from five to seven guineas, an amendment by Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., that it be ten guineas, being negatived. The annual subscription was increased from two to three guineas. During the evening two brethren were raised to the Third Degree, and four candidates initiated, several others also being subsequently proposed.

**MELBOURNE.—Neptune Lodge (No. 1881).**—The installation festival in connection with this young lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, May 8th. There was a large attendance of visitors belonging to the three Constitutions, inclusive of Bros. W. F. Lamony, P.M. 747, 752, 1002, and T. C. Robinson, P.M. 1002, who had only arrived in the colony three days previously. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Aikett, is a townsman of the two brethren named, and therefore their attendance had an interesting significance. Bro. T. Astley, P.M., one of the oldest Masons in Australia, performed the installation ceremony, and delivered the addresses to the W.M. and Wardens, that to the brethren of the lodge being given by Bro. Lamony, on the invitation of the W.M.

During the proceedings Bro. T. Astley was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his services as acting Master, the late W.M. only being once present since his installation. Although so young a lodge, it has passed through vicissitudes that would have proved the downfall of many a lodge. The first year the Treasurer cleared out with the whole of the funds and books, leaving the lodge with liabilities of more than £100, and with no means of ascertaining the pecuniary standing of members. Through the active and resolute endeavours of Bros. Astley, Aikett, and other brethren, all the debts have been cleared off, and the lodge is now on the high road to success and usefulness.



On Friday evening last, the St. James's Theatre was closed, and will remain so until September 17th, when "Impulse" will be revived, it having proved a gigantic success. Bro. and Mrs. Kendal and Bro. Hare will now enjoy a short holiday. They then go to Liverpool, Manchester, and other provincial theatres to fulfil a round of engagements. We, in common with other lovers of the play, will welcome them back to London in September, and in the meanwhile wish them a happy time of recreation, well and hard earned. "Emerald" is the title of a new comedy ready when "Impulse" begins to flag.

The *Daily News* says the Communal Council of Brussels have issued some new regulations for the management of theatres in that city which are specially directed against "sensational" scenes of the kind which introduce fire and explosives. No such scenes are henceforth to be permitted without the permission of the authorities, and then only under prescribed conditions. The manufacture or storing of explosive substances in theatres is prohibited. Such substances, when permitted, are to be kept in a building apart, in the charge of the firemen of the establishment, and can only be introduced by them immediately before the time at which they are required for scenic effects. When fireworks are used the scene must be so arranged that the firing shall not be in the direction of the spectators, and when a mimic representation of a fire is to be given, the commandant of the sapeurs-pompiers (or firemen) must receive notice of the fact, in order that the precautions required by the regulations may be taken.

On May 17th a new comedy was produced at a *matinée* at the Vaudeville written by Mr. Joseph Derrick. So well was it received on that occasion that it has been a subject of some regret with playgoers that it has not taken its place at some theatre in the evening programme. It has been anxiously looked for, and as the Arabian proverb says "everything comes to him who only waits," so we are glad to chronicle its appearance now as the principal piece at the same house where it was first introduced to the public. "The Rivals," after a most unprecedented run, has at last been withdrawn, and the Vaudeville company have for the most part gone for a holiday. Bro. Thorne, we understand, when the proper theatrical season recommences will bring out Oliver Goldsmith's ever fresh comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," and later Bro. Byron's comedy "At Home," which has not yet seen the light of day. For a space Mr. Derrick's eccentric comedy has taken possession of the theatre and a few days ago was received with unmistakable signs of approval without so much as one dissentient. Not only were the different actors heartily applauded and called for again at the close of each act, but the author was summoned after the second act and again at the final close to receive the heartiest congratulations of an appreciative audience. The people had come to be amused and they went away more than satisfied. "Confusion" may be termed a laughter-producing play. At this time of year, when theatres are not the best places—almspherically speaking—to be in, one wants something bright and interesting, and one gets a large portion of it just now at Bro. Thorne's favourite house. The acts are crisp, and the dialogue though not polished is witty and to the point. Some may say the plot is nearly suggestive, but so well played is the piece and so thoroughly genuine the fun that it would require a very fertile brain to turn it to anything which we English pride ourselves has not yet taken possession of our stage. The whole thing hangs on the utter confusion that several parties are brought into by a little pug dog and a baby. All three acts take place in Mr. Mortimer Mumbleford's house. He and his wife have some guests staying with them, amongst them being Christopher Blizzard, bachelor, uncle to Mrs. Mumbleford, and an elderly spinster aunt, Miss Lucretia Trickleby, one of those ladies of a certain—or rather uncertain—age, who have designs upon bachelors. Mrs. Mumbleford wants to have a pug dog, to which her husband strongly objects. Blizzard takes the part of his niece, and not seeing any harm in having such an animal arranged that he will give it to his niece and bring it home slyly, then her husband surely cannot turn it away. On receipt of a telegram he arranges to start for London for it. He and Miss Trickleby, it is needless to say, have been making love with all the ardour and sentimentality if not the same amount of reserve as young people. Miss Lucretia is delighted when Blizzard calls her by her Christian name and kisses her, but she cannot understand what the private business can be which takes him to London. He says it is a secret, not wishing anyone to know he is going to bring the dog. In Mortimer's household are a housemaid and butler who are married unknown to their master. They answered an advertisement for a butler and housemaid and got the situations. They moreover have a baby, in London. Maria gets a telegram "Come at once, your baby is worse." On this hangs the fun of the confusion which ensues. She asks her mistress to be allowed to go to town for the afternoon on the excuse that a near and dear relation is ill. She says to James this is perfectly true. Maria drops the telegram from which she had torn the address and name. Miss Trickleby happens to pick it up, and knowing Blizzard received a telegram at breakfast which has taken him to town very mysteriously, she concludes she has found him out, and goes off into hysterics, and instantly denounces the innocent and kind-hearted Blizzard as a heartless profligate. Blizzard returns with the pug, and puts it in a cabinet in haste on the approach of footsteps. Maria also returns with her baby, and while showing it to its anxious father hears footsteps also, and puts it in another cupboard. In the meanwhile, Mr. Mumbleford has written to her husband telling him her little darling has arrived, and she is sure he will like it, and tells him to look in the cupboard. He opens the wrong cupboard, when, of course, his horror and anger know no bounds. Poor Blizzard, who gets bullied both by Mumbleford and Miss Trickleby, is at sea to know what it all means. Of course a lot of fun can be made of this. In the last act still more confusion arises, for Mumbleford calls his manservant James to go for a detective to come and watch the premises, for

murder is about to be done. He had overheard his wife regretting having been made so unhappy by her conduct—of course in persisting in having the dog. She consents to have it drowned, and Blizzard, seeing the mischief it has made, promises to take it up the river in the morning and "make away with it." James, before going to the police office, communicates this to his wife, and at a favourable opportunity she gets her baby safely away. Sunberry, a friend of Mumbleford, thinking the latter is ill, asks his friend, Dr. Bartholomew Jones, to come and see him. The doctor arrives, but Mumbleford takes it for granted he is the detective he has sent for, and converses with him to that effect. The doctor at once puts his patient down as a lunatic, and a most amusing and splendidly-acted scene occurs when the doctor endeavours to master him "with the power of his eye." The detective also arrives, who is mistaken by Mumbleford for the medical man. When the butler and housemaid explain matters all is put right, and several couples are united. Mr. Chas. Groves, as Blizzard, acts the old bachelor uncle to perfection, as does Mr. Chas. Glenny, Mortimer Mumbleford. It is by the crisp way the piece is played that the laughter is kept up from beginning to end. Mr. Frederick Thorne's James is so good that one wishes there was more of it. We are glad to see back on this stage Bro. Lestocq, who played Dr. Jones. Although not on till the last act, he has good opportunity of displaying his capacity as an actor, which he makes the best use of, and which produces perhaps as much laughter as any other part. His dialogue is somewhat short, but it is his gestures and actions which are so heartily applauded. Bro. Lestocq is no stranger at the Vaudeville, but a favourite of some standing. Miss Sophie Larkin, as Miss Trickleby, is delightful, and on her much of the success depends. Miss Winifred Emery, as Mrs. Mumbleford, and Miss Kate Phillips, as the housemaid, are seen also to great advantage; the latter pert as usual. We are sorry Miss Alma Murray has not a part, but having played so long, is resting; sitting in a stall in the front of the house she joined as enthusiastically in the fun as the rest of the large audience. The performance commences with "An Old Master," in which Bro. Thos. Thorne appears. Mr. Sydney Alport still presides as manager, indeed without his audiences would feel not so comfortable as they do at this popular little theatre.

## Obituary.

## BRO. E. T. INSKIP, P. PROV. G. SEC. BRISTOL.

Bro. Edward Thomas Inskip, who at one time was amongst the best known inhabitants of Bristol, died last week, at a very advanced age, at his residence, Hucclecote Court, near Gloucester. Our deceased brother was usher of the Bristol Court of Bankruptcy from its formation to its dissolution, in 1869, when, in common, with the other officials, he retired upon a pension. He served under Mr. Serjeant Stephen and Mr. Matthew Davenport Hill, and, owing to his intelligence and close acquaintance with the routine of the court practice, he was useful to and popular with both commissioners. Bro. Inskip was associated through the greater portion of his life with the Masonic body, and filled many high offices in connection therewith. He was a P. Prov. G. Sec. Bristol and P. Prov. G.W. Somerset. He took a very active part in all movement on behalf of the Masonic Charities, having served no less than six Stewardships for the Girls' School, the same number for the Boys', and three for the Benevolent Institution, being, in addition, Vice-President of all three Institutions. Bro. Inskip had been for a considerable time past an active member of the Gloucester Board of Guardians, and was a frequent speaker at the County Chamber of Agriculture.

## BRO. CAPT. WEBB, NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

It is with very great regret we announce the death of Bro. Capt. Webb, who came so prominently before the public eight years since in connection with his successful swim across the Channel, but who on Tuesday was unfortunately tempted, against the advice of all the most experienced persons in the vicinity, to essay a swim through the whirlpool and rapids of Niagara, and, as everyone anticipated, paid the penalty of his rashness by losing his life. Bro. Webb was only 35 years of age, of short stature, but massive build. Years before he became known as the Channel hero he had distinguished himself by leaping into the sea in mid-Atlantic from the deck of a Cunard steamer in order to save the life of a sailor who had fallen overboard, and for his gallant deed on this occasion was awarded the gold medal of the Royal Humane Society, which he had the honour of receiving from the hands of the Duke of Edinburgh. In August, 1875, after one failure, he swam the channel, the time occupied in the journey being about 15 minutes short of 22 hours. Since then he has devoted himself to giving exhibitions of his powers and endurance as a swimmer. Of his last regrettable appearance in this capacity we have already spoken. Bro. Webb leaves behind him to mourn his untimely end a wife in delicate health and two children, who, we trust, will receive a portion of the money, for which he risked his life. Bro. Webb was initiated into Freemasonry in the Neptune Lodge, No. 22.

## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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## BIRTH.

MILL.—On the 23rd inst., at South-hill-road, Toxteth-park, Liverpool, the wife of J. Mill, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

RUTTY—ROUS.—On the 23rd inst., at St. Peter's, Hammersmith, Herbert Waring, son of W. Rutty, to Florence Victorine, daughter of G. H. Rous.

## DEATHS.

BURRELL.—On the 22nd inst., from accident, Wyndham, second son of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex, aged 26.

INSKIP.—Recently, at Hucclecote Court, Gloucester, Bro. Edward Thomas Inskip, P.P.G. Sec. Bristol, and P.P.G.W. Somerset.

WEBB.—On the 24th inst., drowned in the Niagara, Bro. Capt. Webb, aged 35.



Bro. Alderman Hadley leaves America next week, and may be expected in London on the 4th prox.

Bro. Sir Thos. Brassey was one of the guests at the annual dinner of the Army and Navy club on the 18th inst.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., has been elected president of the Anglo-Jewish Association for the ensuing year.

Prince Victor Bonaparte came of age on Wednesday. He is still serving his 12 months' "volontariat" in the army.

Bro. J. Irlam was on the 18th inst. installed into the chair of K.S. in the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, Manchester.

Bro. H. Peacock, has this year been chosen as head of the Craft, Mark, and Red Cross Degrees in Cocker-mouth, a fact of itself speaking for the popularity of that brother.

The Nelson Lodge, No. 700, held its installation meeting on the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich, when Bro. J. H. Roberts was placed in the chair of K.S.

Bro. H. Lovegrove proposed Bro. A. T. Hawkins as a candidate for the Common Council of the City of London, in the room of Mr. Lowman Taylor, Deputy, deceased, at the wardmote in Cornwainer Ward.

On Tuesday the Prince and Princess of Wales visited the headquarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and witnessed an exhibition of the system of drill and fire extinguishing which is adopted by the brigade.

It is reported that Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, in his capacity as President of the Local Government Board, will make a personal inspection of all workhouses, poor-law infirmaries, hospitals, and schools in and around the metropolis during the month of November next.

The Excelsior Lodge of Instruction, No. 1155, meeting at the Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, has adjourned for the summer recess. The meetings will be resumed on Tuesday, the 25th September next.

Great improvements in the entrances and exits of the Britannia Theatre, Hoxton, with additional fireproof floors, ceilings, and partitions are nearly completed by the contractor, Bro. R. Conder, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.M., P.Z., of 26, Budge-row, E.C.

The window in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, in memory of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, was unveiled yesterday, the Premier, with Mrs. Gladstone, Miss Gladstone, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone, being present at the opening service. Lady Frederick Cavendish accompanied them.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has accepted the position of vice-patron to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, which was founded by his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent A.D. 1814. The receipts of the public festival, at which the Prince of Wales presided, on June 1st, have reached the sum of £5,082

The last of the new 100-ton guns ordered to be mounted for the defence of the Mediterranean fortresses has been embarked at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, on board the War Department steamship Stanley, for conveyance to Malta. The four guns were bought from Sir Wm. Armstrong out of the vote of £6,000,000; the amount paid, including the charge for seven 10 in. (18-ton) guns, was £90,000.

Mr. Edison, it is stated, is building an electric locomotive of 375 indicated horse-power and six-foot driving wheels, which is to be used on the Underground Railway in London, "where smoke and vapours are very offensive." This engine is to haul from eight to ten passenger coaches at a high rate of speed, from forty to fifty miles an hour; and as Mr. Edison promises to make it perform what he has undertaken, it is to be hoped that the pioneer engine will soon be on its road.

Wednesday was speech day at Christ's Hospital, and the great hall of the school in Newgate-street was crowded with friends and relatives of the pupils, who had come to witness the distribution of prizes by Bro. the Lord Mayor, who attended in state, and to hear the speeches of the foremost scholars. Amongst those present were Messrs. Aldermen Finnis and Staples, Bro. F. Dixon-Hartland, M.P., Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, head master; Bro. John Derby Allcroft (Grand Treasurer), treasurer of the hospital, and Mrs. Allcroft. At the approach of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan's grand march was performed by the school band.

The 29th report of the Postmaster-General has been issued, from which we learn the gross business for the year slightly exceeds £9,413,812, made up as follows:—Receipts—Postage on letters, postcards, newspapers, &c., £7,034,982; commission on Money Orders and on Postal Orders (to which is added £3500, the value of unclaimed Money Orders), £265,978; Savings Bank profits, £344,792; Revenue from Telegraphs, £1,768,060; total, £9,413,812. The expenditure is accounted for as under—For Postal service, including Money Order and Postal Order business, £3,911,519; Packet service, £633,879; Savings Bank, £221,653; Telegraph service, including expenditure by other departments, £1,585,013; total, £6,352,064. The net profit was therefore £3,061,748; being a decrease of £38,727 on the previous year.

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Bro. W. G. Watson was installed W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 633, Manchester, on the 18th inst. A new English daily paper was started in Paris on Wednesday.

Bro. Lord John Manners, after a long absence through illness, has resumed his duties in the House of Commons. He was warmly cheered on making his appearance.

Bro. Lord Alcester presented the prizes to the successful competitors at the Royal Naval School, New Cross, on Tuesday last.

The twenty-third anniversary of the birthday of the Duchess of Connaught on Wednesday was observed in the usual manner.

Mr. Joseph Deveraux, Mayor of Windsor, has been offered the honour of knighthood, which honour will be accepted by that gentleman, who has been during the last few years three times mayor of the Royal Borough.

Bro. the Lord Mayor on Tuesday entertained at the Mansion House the members of the American and Canadian teams, who recently competed at the Wimbledon meeting, headed respectively by Colonel Howard and Colonel Otter.

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction has removed from the Temperance Hotel, Wimbledon Hill-road, to the Prince of Wales Hotel, opposite the Wimbledon Railway Station, and holds its meetings on Thursday evenings at 7.30.

It has been pointed out that no monument exists to perpetuate the memory of Mr. Murdoch, the inventor of gas, and the desirability has been suggested of preserving Sycamore-hill House, Handsworth, the residence of Mr. Murdoch, which was the first house ever lighted with gas, and which is in danger of demolition.

It ought to be generally known that *Rose's Lime Juice Cordial* supplies a delicious cooling drink in water—effervescing in all mineral waters—wholesome and refreshing in summer. Purchasers should order *Rose's Cordial*, Wholesale Stores, 11, Curtain Road, London, and Leith. N.B.—[ADVT.]

Bro. George Moss, I.P.M. Ellesmere Lodge, No. 758, Runcorn, was presented with a Life Governorship of the Boy's School and a P.M.'s jewel, in token of the brethren's appreciation of his efforts in the interests of the lodge. Bro. E. Marwood was at the same meeting installed W.M. of this lodge.

Bro. William Brassey was installed into the Master's chair of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, Liverpool, on the 18th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren, including many Present and Past Provincial officers. Bro. Carefull, P.M., was at the same time presented with a beautifully illuminated address thanking him for his efforts on behalf of Masonic Charities.

The Duke of Albany distributed the prizes at Marlborough College on Monday, and was subsequently entertained at luncheon. It was announced that his Royal Highness had been elected a member of the Governing Council of the College in succession to Lord Lansdowne, who had resigned in consequence of his appointment to the Governor-Generalship of Canada.

Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan visited Leeds at the end of last week in order to make acquaintance with the choral forces which will be under his command at the triennial festival in October next, and conducted two rehearsals. The result was most satisfactory, the richness of the material and the controlling intelligence of the choral body being strongly manifest. The fame of this body of vocalists will be at least upheld next October, to judge by present indications. Sir Arthur had a most enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Alderman Sir Sydney H. Waterlow, M.P., presided on the 19th inst. over a meeting of medical gentlemen and students in the great hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to consider a proposal to establish a Volunteer Ambulance Corps for the Metropolis. Resolutions were passed that a Volunteer Ambulance Corps be formed of members of the staff, and of past and present members of the medical school of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and that a provisional committee be appointed for the enrolment of such corps in October next. A large number of students gave in their names as members.

The third summer festival of the Southwark Lodge, No. 579, took place at the Crystal Palace, on the 12th inst. Bro. John Davis, W.M., presided. About seventy-five ladies and gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous repast in the dining-room on the terrace. Various toasts were given and replied to, Bro. S. Smither, of the Confidence Lodge, gracefully responding for "The Ladies." Unfortunately the unpropitious nature of the weather compelled the party to remain under cover. During the evening songs, &c., were given by Bros. Kent, Fountain, Smither, and others. The company separated in time for the last train after a highly successful meeting, much being due to the exertions of the committee, and notably the W.M., Bro. Davis.

Referring to a recently published article on the theory of storms, Captain Jinman, F.R.G.S., asserts that the circular theory has been abandoned; that the spiral theory has been adopted in its place; that the latter is as erroneous as the one abandoned; and lastly, that the circular theory ought never to have been adopted, incontestible proofs of its fallacy, and the misleading nature of the rules founded upon it, being found in the details of every storm, including those quoted by Redfield, Reid, and Piddington. Captain Jinman having many years ago in his published works attacked the views that were then popular, points to the fact that the Meteorological Department, in resorting to the spiral doctrine of cyclones, is compelled to admit that "storms are often enormously elongated," and are accompanied by variations of direction of force not to be accounted for on the principles in vogue. The writer thinks he has proved that "every great storm and every small whirl of wind is formed by the joint action of two or more distinct air currents; that each current has a distinct existence, temperature, humidity, density, and force; and hence the sudden shifts and varied phenomena to be met with in the same storm." Captain Jinman thinks the time arrived when the Board of Trade should let it be known that the circular theory, at any rate, has been abandoned.

Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., has qualified as a magistrate for the county of Sussex.

Bro. Henry Irving has accepted the Lord Mayor's invitation to the banquet to her Majesty's Ministers at the Mansion House, on Wednesday, August 8th.

It is announced that the Queen has been pleased to confer the honours of a baronetcy both on Dr. Andrew Clarke and Mr. Prescott Hewett.

The August number of the *Fortnightly Review* will contain an important article by M. Léon Say on the question of the Suez Canal and the relations between England and France in Egypt.

Comp. Capt. Eugene Sweeney, P.Z., was installed into the First Principal's chair of the Pattison Chapter, No. 913, at Plumstead, on the 19th inst. Comps. H. Mason and R. Edmunds were installed as H. and J. respectively.

The bulletin issued on Wednesday stated that Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough had passed a quiet night, and had suffered less pain during the previous twenty-four hours; but his condition in other respects remained unaltered.

Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Sussex, has sustained a bereavement by the death of his second son, Mr. Wyndham Burrell, at the age of 26, which took place on Sunday last, the result of injuries received in an accident while tricycling one day last week.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen were present at a conversazione given by Sir W. Siemens and the members of the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, at the International Fisheries Exhibition, on Wednesday evening.

Bros. Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., and Sir W. H. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., have become patrons of the Shop Hours Labour League Early Closing Movement. Bro. Lord Brabazon's recent articles on Early Closing in No. 68 of the *Nineteenth Century* will appear in pamphlet form, after being revised by his lordship.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue have given notice that, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 46 Vic., cap. 10, all gun licences, and such licences and certificates to kill game as are dated to expire on the 5th April, which are now in force, or which may be granted during the current year, will continue in force up to the end of July, 1884.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held on Wednesday next at the Railway Hotel, Parkston, near Harwich, at 12.45 p.m. Banquet at four o'clock. Ample arrangements have been made for the comfort of the brethren, and the Great Eastern Railway Company have consented to issue return tickets at single fares. Under these favourable circumstances we have no doubt the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master will be well supported at this his first annual Prov. Grand Lodge.

The Covent Garden Promenade Concerts will be the next musical speciality in London. The theatre, only just vacated by the Royal Italian Opera Company, will reopen on August 4th for a series of concerts under the *lesseeship* of Mr. W. F. Thomas. A fine orchestra of about 100 performers, led by Mr. Carrodus, and conducted, as heretofore, by Bro. A. Gwyllym Crowe, will give effect to the symphonies and overtures of the great masters; a military band will co-operate in some of the music, and skilful solo players and eminent vocalists will also, as heretofore, contribute to the performances.

At the conclusion of the business at the meeting of the Gosport Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, on the 17th inst., a number of Masonic friends connected with the Royal Engineers and Royal Marine Light Infantry assembled in the coffee room of the India Arms Hotel, Gosport, for the purpose of presenting a silver biscuit barrel to Bro. Mitchell, P.M. and P.Z. 903, &c., on the occasion of his marriage, as a token of their esteem and respect. The article, which was very handsome and bore a suitable inscription, was presented by Bro. F. Powell, I.P.M. 903. A few supplementary remarks were made by Bros. Lancaster, P.M., and Green, P.M., and other brethren. Bro. Mitchell, who was quite taken by surprise, in replying expressed his inability to thank the brethren as he would wish for their very generous and unexpected present, but thanked them sincerely for their very kindly expressed wishes for the future happiness of himself and wife. After "Hearty good wishes" all round the brethren separated.

The late Bro. Whyte Melville, Past G.M. Scotland, whose obituary notice we printed in our last issue, performed the following public Masonic ceremonies during the period of his active participation in the affairs of the Scottish Craft. He laid, on April 10th, 1865, the foundation-stone of the monument erected at Logierait to the memory of his friend, the late Duke of Athole; and the foundation-stone of the Poorhouse of the city parish of Edinburgh at Craiglockhart; on July 7th, 1853, the foundation-stone of the Asylum for Imbecile Children at Bal-dovan, near Dundee; and also, in his capacity of Provincial Grand Master of Fife and Kinross, the foundation-stones of various public buildings throughout the county of Fife, including the county prison, Cupar, September 2nd, 1842; Kirkcaldy extended pier, Kirkcaldy Academy, and Episcopal Church, all July 20th 1843; Buckhaven pier, April 18th, 1853; Union Club House, St. Andrews, July 13th 1853; City Hall, St. Andrews, June 2nd, 1858; Corn Exchange, Cupar, July 25th, 1861; Fife and Kinross District Asylum, August 23rd, 1864; St. Andrews College Hall, April 6th, 1867; Episcopal Chapel, St. Andrews, July 31st, 1867; Anstruther Town Hall, August 18th, 1871; Corporation Buildings of Dunfermline, October 12th, 1876; the Gibson Hospital, St. Andrews, July 12th, 1882. He further, in his strictly Masonic capacity, consecrated New Lodge Minto, Lochgelly, No. 383, November 5th, 1853; Lodge Dunearn, No. 400, Burntisland, December 22nd, 1859; Lodge St. Clare of Dysart, No. 520, September 26th, 1872; Lodge Rothes, Leslie, No. 532, May 29th, 1873; Lodge St. John's of Crossgates, No. 540, November 5th, 1873; Lodge Union St. Andrews, No. 542, November 24th, 1874, &c. He also presided at the Funeral Grand Lodge held in Queen-street Hall, on 24th February, 1855, in memory of Bro. Lord Frederick Fitzclarence, Past Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Roslyn (then Lord Loughborough, Grand Master 1870-73), supporting him as Senior Grand Warden.

## SOMETHING WORTH NOTICE.

There has been no lack of remedies offered to ailing members of the community in recent years, but their difficulty still is to know how to select one that is simple, natural, and safe. The following quotations from our contemporaries may guide our readers to one combining all these qualities, and which has certainly stood the test of time and increased in public favour.

*Barnsley Chronicle*, June 23rd.—THE TERRIBLE DISASTER AT SUNDERLAND AND ELECTRICITY.—The following extract is taken from the *Rotherham Independent* of Monday, June 18th: One child was carried to the Hospital for Foreign Seamen, where Dr. Abrath succeeded in restoring her by the use of electricity. The above is an instance of the extraordinary power electricity exerts upon the human body when properly applied. It is therefore a matter for regret to those who have seen the wonderful benefit to be derived from Mr. Lonsdale's Magnetaire Appliances that so little should be known by the general public of this marvellous power in the cure of disease and of the preservation of health, but the increasing number of testimonials published week after week from well known residents in Barnsley and district, who have received great benefit from his system of treatment, must go far to prove that electricity succeeds when all other means fail.

*Bedford and Gainsborough News*, May 5th.—THE MAGNETAIRE AT THE TEMPERANCE HALL, GAINSBOROUGH.—Nothing could be more encouraging to Mr. R. Lonsdale, M.E., than the numerous letters of gratitude in favour of his Magnetaire which he is receiving every day from those patients who have been restored, and many others who have derived great benefit, during his visit to this county. Many who had abandoned all hope of recovery have described their restoration to health as marvellous, and have expressed their gratitude that ever they adopted this novel means of cure.

*Huddersfield Weekly News*, May 12th.—MR. R. LONSDALE, M.E., is still in the town, and is publishing a number of new testimonials this week. The complaints that magnetism successfully attacks seem numerous and widely different in their symptoms, the secret of its potency being that each individual organ is strengthened and made to do that work which nature intended it should; and the blood receiving its proper nourishment, in turn circulates healthily to every part of the body, and becomes the determined enemy of most of those painful complaints that creep on us with increased age. The freedom from any unpleasant sensation, and the care used to make the Magnetaire Appliances perfectly adapted to every-day wear, make them very popular with all who have tried their powerful aid.

*Sheffield Daily Post*, April 4th.—THE MAGNETAIRE.—Although electro-magnetism has only recently been employed as a curative agent, the question of its efficacy has long been settled. The many testimonials received from all parts of the globe prove that it is acknowledged universally as one of the greatest of all known medical agents. There does not exist a disease, however morbid, that electricity cannot alleviate. A supply of electricity fills an invisible space in the system, it mysteriously pervades every nerve, and secretly though surely steals through every tissue of our frame; it is the medium whereby the minor members of our body are made to obey the impulses of the mind—the dictates of our brain. Electricity, in short, is the mainspring of life itself, and not only the life of us mortals, but also the great machinery of our universe. All things, however great, however insignificant, exist by the power of electricity. This is indicated by the fact that there is not a known substance from which electricity in a visible manner may not be extracted. The loss of this vital power in the human body is the sure sign of disease and decay. Mr. R. Lonsdale's Magnetaire, which is the safest, simplest, and most modern method of applying electricity to the body, replaces with the force which it generates that which is wasted by disease. Mr. R. Lonsdale publishes many letters, with name and address in full, which speak for the *bona fides* of the benefit given.

*Hull and Lincolnshire Times*, March 17th.—MR. R. LONSDALE'S MAGNETAIRE.—All those who have used Mr. Lonsdale's appliances declare that their effect is remarkable, their application being very easy and simple. It is apparently a fact that Mr. Lonsdale's Magnetaire is one of the most wonderful appliances ever invented. The numerous new, unsolicited, and authenticated testimonials, which are weekly appearing are sufficient evidence to convince the most sceptical of the curative properties of this invention.

*The Grimsby Observer*, June 28th.—THE MAGNETAIRE.—During Mr. Lonsdale's visit to Grimsby scarcely a week has passed but some fresh testimony has appeared in our advertising columns evidencing the good done by means of this gentleman's wonderful system of conveying magnetism to the body, which is acknowledged to be the most beneficial remedy yet discovered, and these Magnetaire appliances having now been so thoroughly tested, it only remains for those who may be sufferers and desirous of obtaining relief to give them a trial.

*The Grimsby Observer*, July 4th.—THE MAGNETAIRE.—The curative properties of Mr. Lonsdale's magnetic appliances continue to be asserted by sufferers who make the experiment of testing their efficacy. Amongst other recent testimonials is the following of yesterday's date:—It is very pleasing to be able to tell you of the wonderful amount of good your Magnetaire belt has done me. I have only had it about a fortnight, and already I feel quite restored, which is simply marvellous. I had suffered for years with pains in the back, especially in the summer, through having in my business (that of a tailor) to stoop so much. I have also lost the dizziness I had, and my whole system seems thoroughly braced up. I have recommended your treatment to a lot of friends, who will no doubt be paying you a visit shortly.—JOHN FYTCHE, 10, Garibaldi-street, Grimsby.

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## METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS,

For the Week ending Saturday, August 4, 1883.

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 28.

Lodge 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton-st.  
" 1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
" 1541, Alexandra Palace.  
Chap. 1339, Stockwell, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.

## 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.

## MONDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hot.  
Mark Grand Masters, M.H., Sa, Red Lion-sq., W.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.  
Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.  
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.  
Ooric 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 31.

(No Meetings).

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.  
Pilgrim, F.M.H., 1st and last Tues.  
Varborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.  
Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Prosperity, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., at 7.30.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, 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 Edgecumbe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1.

Supreme Grand Chapter, at 6.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.  
Prince Leopold, Grand Avenue M.H., 88, Gracechurch-st.,  
United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.  
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Newington Causeway, 8.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.  
United Strength, Hope Tav., 179, Stanhope-st., Regent's Park, at 8.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.  
Burdett Coutts, 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.  
Creton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting hill, 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.  
Wanderers, Black Horse, York-st., S.W., at 7.30.  
Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow-st., Regent-st., at 8.  
Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Holloway, at 8.30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 742, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.

## 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, Burwick 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, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway 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 Hot., 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., Limehouse, 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 Victoria-st., at 6. (Emulation Working.)  
St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Upton, Swan Tav., Bethnal Green-rd., at 8.  
Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7.  
North London Chap., Canonbury Tav., at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 1489, Marquis of Ripon, 90, Ball's Pond-rd.  
" 1716, All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar.  
" 1815, Penge, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.  
Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Robert Burns, North Pole, 387 Oxford-st, W., at 8.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.  
Unions Emulation (for M.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, Ladbroke 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, AUGUST 4.

General Committee Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 1929, Mozart, Harewood Ho., High-st., Croydon.

## MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE,

For the Week ending Saturday, August 4, 1883.

## MONDAY, JULY 30.

Lodge 148, Lights, M.R., Warrington.

## TUESDAY, JULY 31.

Chap. 721, Grosvenor, M.R., Chester.  
Merchant's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1.

Lodge 287, Unanimity, Dog and Partridge, Stockport.  
" 1013, Royal Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
" 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tuebrook, L'pool.  
Chap. 1356, De Grey and Ripon, M.H., Liverpool.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 2.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
" 1384, Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
" 1565, Earl of Chester, M.H., Lymm.  
Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
" 1502, Israel, M.H., Liverpool.  
Harmonic L. of I., Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
Duke of Edinburgh L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 3.

Lodge 1375, Architect, Town Ha., Withington.  
" 1387, Chorlton, M.H., Chorlton-cum-Hardy.  
" 1561, Morecambe, M.H., Morecambe.



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