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THE entire country, nay, all civilized nations, as well as the whole Craft everywhere, will have heard with the deepest emotions of sadness and sorrow the mournful tidings, flashed by the telegraph on Friday last, of the sudden, premature, and deeply mourned for death of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY, better known, perhaps, to us all under his earlier and always pleasant appellation of "Prince LEOPOLD." It is in itself a very striking fact this entire heartfelt mourning of a great nation with their bereaved Sovereign, his bereft widow, and his sorrowing family. It is a marked and moving reply, if reply were needed, to those who affect sometimes to question or disparage that intense depth of loyalty which permeates from the highest to the humblest rank in life our good English people. The Duke of ALBANY was truly a gifted man, most really a Prince, and a Prince of no common order. It was impossible for all who were brought in any way in contact with him not to be struck by the unceasing evidence he afforded, in all he said and did, of gentleness of disposition, kindness of heart, power of intellect, and grace of personality. He was open and kindly and courteous and considerate to all; he knew all, and never forgot a face. A thoughtful student and a good speaker, each year as it passed over his head seemed to bring out matured powers, and striking manifestations of originality of mind, patient study, noble resolves, and highest aims. It was impossible to listen to him, whether addressing the public or our Order, without becoming persuaded that you had before you one born to lead and edify others; one who was most true in his convictions, and yet most tender in his criticisms; one who had thoroughly mastered and understood what he had undertaken; one who, like his great and lamented father, had the welfare of all classes ever before him, and by his words and life, his kindly sentiments and his cultured taste, was seeking truly to leave the world better and purer than he found it, to kindle good resolves in others, and to bring the lessons of abiding duty, and the refining tendency of moral beauty home to the minds of his hearers and of his own contemporary generation. We say nothing to-day of the irreparable loss his early and unexpected removal from amongst us must inflict upon his mother, his widow, and that entire family circle he loved so truly and by whom he was so loved in return. Our heartfelt sympathy goes with them in fullest and most enduring measure. But for many a long year to come "Prince LEOPOLD" will be most truly a missed man amongst us, while his name remains a "household word" deeply engraven in our warm and grateful memories. It is not given to many to inspire such general esteem, regard, affection, and confidence as did our lamented and Royal brother, and many of us may well repeat the poets' words, in after days, and scenes, and trials—

Oh for the touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of a voice that's still!

Our entire Order deplures to-day everywhere, at home and abroad, the loss of our royal and gifted brother, and for some time to come we shall not recover from the shock, the grief, the mourning, and the consternation, (to use the PRO GRAND MASTER'S words), which fell upon us on Friday last. Who could realize that in so short a time, and by such a sudden and at first sight unaccountable decree of providence, one of the most useful lives in our generation had been terminated, one of the lights and teachers of our times had been removed, one of the most promising and ennobling careers had in a moment of mysterious visitation come to a close. The grief of all classes on Friday cannot and should not be forgotten hastily, symbolical as it is of a national mourning and a world-wide regret for the loss of such an ornament to our times and comity. For most true it is that the high qualities of head and heart which so distinguished our Royal and learned brother, as well as the claims of his personal qualities, his earnestness of purpose, his student life, and his elevating convictions had endeared him to every class amongst us, and had given us the promise of a noble life devoted

to the welfare and best interests of his fellow creatures. So much so was this the case, that a great part of the grief and distress on Friday, when the sad news came, arose, from that terrible loss which had thus fallen on an admiring community, the sense of a void henceforth in our public, artistic, social life, all but, in its special measure and peculiar direction, impossible to fill, and hopeless almost to realize. We have but this one consolation, that our Royal brother has left us, sparing himself in nothing, working hard in various ways to the very last, full of interest in all that affected or gratified others, and "wearing the white flower of a blameless life," not only a pride to all who call themselves Englishmen, but a most striking figure in the great Walhalla of Humanity. The dispensations of Providence are often hard for us to realize and understand amid the shifting scenes of this sublunary life, the meaning of many striking developments of the eternal rule of T.G.A.O.T.U. are still kept back from us here below. But taught by the religious philosophy of Freemasonry, we bow, though dazed and overwhelmed, to the manifested will of our Great Creator, and humbly hope and trust that what is our long and lasting and irreparable loss, may be our Royal brother's great and happy and everlasting gain. The sympathy of our entire Order goes with that Royal Family of ours, so deeply cherished by our English people, of which we rejoice to say, in our happy and intimate acquaintance with them one and all, that their happiness and sorrows are ours. We rejoice with the former, we sympathize with the latter. Never at any time was the House of Brunswick so thoroughly associated with a loyal and chivalrous nation as in these latter days, when the Throne seems to shine with greater splendour than ever, because irradiated with the most gracious evidences of the virtues of a homely, and peaceful, and domestic life. Her Most Gracious MAJESTY, ever at one with her people, and taking them into her special confidence as regards her own great grief of all, will find to-day that the pulse of the nation beats wholly and perfectly true in loyal devotion, heartfelt condolence, warm-hearted sympathy, and enduring affection. For the bereaved Widow of our lamented brother, we believe that words are weak and altogether inadequate to express the unanimous feeling of interest and regard and intense sympathy with which her mournful and irreparable loss is regarded by our Order, and by all classes amongst us. She has lived long enough amongst us to win the good opinion and sincere respect of all, and all we can hope and wish for her is, that in this hour of extremest trial, she may find that Stay and Consolation which never fail!

## H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G., PROV. G.M. OXFORDSHIRE, P.G.W. ENGLAND, &c.

### IN MEMORIAM.

By far the saddest news which it has ever been the duty of this journal to lay before its readers is that which burst upon the public with such appalling suddenness last Friday afternoon, nor are we at all exaggerating when we say that the unlooked for death of Prince Leopold, the Queen's youngest and much loved son, has caused a widespread sorrow such as has not been felt since a fatal issue to the Prince of Wales's illness was momentarily expected or the Prince Consort succumbed to the insidious malady which attacked him. The life that his Royal Highness led was so quiet and unostentatious that in all probability a very large number of people, when they heard of his death at Cannes, must have then learnt for the first time that for some few weeks past he had been sojourning at that delightful watering-place. The delicacy of the Prince's constitution made it necessary he should adopt every precaution against the dangers of our variable climate, but the state of his health had been such as to excite no apprehensions. Indeed it is not so very long since, that on the occasion of his visit to the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. G.M. of Durham, he graciously received an address from the brethren of that province, and he had only visited Cannes that he might be the better able to fulfil the many arduous duties of his high station without unduly taxing his slender strength. The very day of his death there appeared in our advertisement columns the announcement that he had selected Thursday, the 26th June, as the day for holding the Eighty-sixth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and every one was looking forward with the most pleasureable anticipations to the success that would attend his presidency on the occasion. Many other functions of a similar character awaited him, as they await regularly all personages of such exalted rank, and yet,

as if to show more emphatically than ever how inscrutable are the ways of Providence, he was lying dead at the very time our readers first saw the announcement. But we need not dwell on the extreme painfulness of the circumstances, which have been described again and again by all our daily and weekly contemporaries. Our sad duty is to chronicle the brief but distinguished career of the deceased Prince as a member of our ancient and honourable Brotherhood of Freemasons.

A few short weeks more and a complete decade would have passed since his Royal Highness was received into the Craft, and during all that time the enthusiasm he had shown in his Masonic labours was very great. In that comparatively brief period he had attained to high office in almost every branch of Masonry, and by the deep interest he exhibited in our several Institutions, as well as by the admirable manner in which he performed whatever office was demanded of him, he showed to all his brother Masons that he, at all events, did not think lightly either of the aims and objects or reputation of Freemasonry. He was as zealous in our pursuits as his health would permit, and whenever a useful or graceful act was to be done that would prove serviceable to Freemasonry, Prince Leopold was ready enough, if able, to lend his assistance.

The honour of having received his Royal Highness into Masonry belongs to one of our most distinguished lodges—the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford—in which he was initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree on the 1st May, 1874. He was passed on the 7th November following, the ceremony, by dispensation from the Grand Registrar, then in charge of the province, being performed at his private residence in Oxford—Wykeham House. On the 16th February, 1875, he was invested as S.W. of his lodge, the ceremony of raising him to the Degree of M.M. not being carried out till the 17th April. In the course of a few weeks he was appointed a Prov. Grand Steward, and on 22nd February of the year following was installed W.M., Bro. the Rev. R.W. M. Pope being appointed to act as his Deputy. The next day he entered on the still more important office of Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, the ceremony being most ably conducted by Lord Skelmersdale, D.G. Master, in the Sheldonian Theatre. Subsequently his Royal Highness became W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, which he had joined 26th May, 1875, and remained such till 1880, and he was also Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, Suffolk. In 1877 his brother, the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., appointed him to the chair of Grand Junior Warden, that of Grand Senior Warden being filled by the Duke of Connaught. The only occasion, however, on which, we believe, the three Royal brethren met together in Grand Lodge was at the Special Communication called in March, 1882, for the purpose of passing a resolution of sympathy with the Queen on her fortunate escape from the hands of an assassin. In Royal Arch he held a corresponding rank with that conferred on him in Craft Masonry, that is, he was Prov. G. Superintendent of Oxfordshire, having been installed in that office on the 12th of June of last year, though his patent of appointment dates from a somewhat earlier period. Here again he received the earlier steps at Oxford, his exaltation having taken place in the Apollo University Chapter, in June, 1870, while on 17th December, 1881, he was installed its M.E.Z., the ceremony, however, being performed in the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, in the Masonic Hall at Red Lion-square. Last year, when Lord de Tabley declined re-election as Grand J. of the Supreme Grand Chapter, his Royal Highness was appointed in his stead. He became Knight Templar in the Preceptory of Cœur de Lion, Oxford, on 19th June, 1876, and was elected and served as E. Preceptor, with Rev. T. Cochrane as his Deputy, in 1878. He was also a Knight Grand Cross and Constable of the Order. He was perfected in the Oxford University Chapter, No. 40, Rose Croix, on 28th May, 1875, and was appointed and invested as First General on the 10th November following. He had also been elected, but had never served, the office of M.W.S., and had been made, at the same time as his brother, the Duke of Connaught, a 33° and honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. As to the Mark Degree, he was advanced in University Lodge, No. 55, on the 25th November, 1875, and had been elected, but had never filled, the office of W.M. In 1881, however, he gave a further proof of his interest in this branch of Masonry by accepting the rank and being installed as M.W.G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge. Moreover, only as recently as the close of last year he had taken part in the ceremony of installing his brother, the Prince of Wales, in the same capacity, so that in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry the deceased Prince had risen to high office, not merely because of his exalted rank, but after having fulfilled the duties of the less exacting and less distinguished positions. As regards our Charities, it will serve to show the interest he took in them, if we say that out of his means, as well as by his influence and advocacy, he had done much to help them on their way. In 1877 he had undertaken to fill the chair at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, but his health intervened and prevented the fulfilment of his promise. In 1881 he presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls with a success which fully justified the hopes and expectations of its numerous friends and supporters, and this year, but for his untimely death, he would have fulfilled the same kind office for the Boys' School. We trust, however, that if his personal advocacy is wanting, the knowledge that it was to have been exerted, had his life been spared, will be borne in mind by the Craft, and that all Masons who have it in their power will interest themselves in such a manner that the sum raised for our Boys' School may prove a worthy memorial of the departed Duke.

That our respectful sympathy is with her Majesty, the widowed Duchess of Albany, our Grand Master, and all the other members of the Royal Family need hardly be said, and if we have failed to convey it in terms of sufficient warmth, it is because no terms will serve to express the sorrow we feel in common with all our brother Masons and fellow subjects of the Queen at the sad and sudden grief which has overtaken them.

### REVIEW.

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. Vol. III. By Bro. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D.

We have perused with much attention and gratification the third volume of that very remarkable "History of Freemasonry" which Bro. R. F. Gould is writing, and of which the long-expected third instalment has at last appeared. Interesting and effective, most strikingly so, as were the first two volumes of the work, the third will not be found deficient in all that can commend it to the patient study of the expert and student Freemason. Indeed, the volume now before us is marked by most painstaking labour and a very lucid marshalling of statements, facts, and evidences, as well as by a commendable fairness of argument, accuracy of quotation, a careful record

of normal authorities, and a most elaborate verification of the assertions of previous writers. We are also struck by its thorough recognition of the efforts and contributions of others. We feel sure that this third volume will add to the popularity and prestige of the work, and that when completed in due time we shall possess in it a striking monument of the zeal, tempered with discretion, wherewith the writer deals with a very difficult and recondite subject, as well as an honest endeavour to set forth a critical and veracious history of our great Sodality. We cannot therefore too highly praise the third volume in such respects, and feel sure that all fellow student Freemasons will with us equally acknowledge their admiration and their obligations.

Having said this much, we feel bound to add, as honest censors and loyal critics of a very valuable work, that we, in order to render such a review worth anything, ought not to be estopped from any friendly or personal considerations in touching upon some topics on which we have the misfortune not to be quite in accord with the able writer of the history. But as we do thoroughly agree with the historian on most points, our remarks are intended to be only the fair representation of friendly and conversational criticism, worth only this—that it is the "outcome," kindly and Masonic, of the long study for years of the same evidences handled in such a masterly way by Bro. Gould.

I. The interesting evidence as to Ashmole is admirably brought out, and the great obligations of the writer to Bro. W. H. Rylands are not forgotten as to this intricate portion of Masonic history. The initiation of Ashmole at a lodge in Lancashire in 1646, and his presence at a lodge in London in 1682, are striking landmarks in the history of seventeenth century English Freemasonry. If Ashmole's MSS. eventually turn up, (and they are still probably extant,) we shall know more of the history of Freemasonry in general, and of the lodge at Warrington in particular. Rejecting all theories as to Ashmole's "Rosicrucianizing" English Freemasonry, we are not prepared to deny that we think it probable he did belong both to a Masonic and Rosicrucian Fraternity contemporaneously. The important fact as to Peter Schaeffer, the Rosicrucian, at Oxford, and his class of pupils like Wren, Locke, Boyle, &c., may yet receive further elucidation, and may be found to have some bearing on seventeenth century Freemasonry in England.

II. Bro. Gould has been permitted to see the records of the Masons' Company, and confirms what had been an official authority promulgated some years back in the *Freemason*, that the Masons' Company and Society of Freemasons were distinct bodies, and that neither Ashmole, Wren, Padgett, nor Bray were members of the Masons' Company. He further confirms a previous statement by Bro. Hughan that the Masons of the Company were termed "Freemasons."

III. The vexed question of Hermeticism we gladly leave where Bro. Gould wisely does, namely, "undecided" and "sub judice." We may find more or less evidence of an Hermetic connection with Freemasonry as time runs on, but we apprehend that on one thing we may depend, namely, the accumulation of evidence as regards the existence of an Hermetic or Rosicrucian fellowship alike in the monasteries and the so-called Philosophic World. We can have little doubt of the existence of a Fraternity of Rose Croix before 1600.

IV. The question of Sir Christopher Wren's connection with Freemasonry is a most important one, and we regret that Bro. Gould has not treated it with the same praiseworthy discretion and reserve he has dealt towards Hermeticism. We do not see that he has adduced any further evidence on the subject, one way or the other, though we do note that he has expressed a very decided opinion, and made a very startling deliverance on the subject. Neither of these we venture humbly to submit is justified by what we do know of the facts of the case at present, except indeed as the honest expression of independent private judgment. We venture to think on the contrary that the question is still before us, an open question, and likely to be so for some time to come. Indeed we are ourselves somewhat tried by the evident "dilemma" into which so able a writer as Bro. Gould has, to our view, clearly fallen. For he rejects all but "positive evidence," apparently forgetting that owing to the facts of the case and the utter carelessness as to records which marked those days, "positive evidence" is hardly attainable at present. Accordingly he rejects Wren's Grand Wardenship as well as his Grand Mastership, and goes on to contend that he was not a member or Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Antiquity, and was not even a *Freemason at all*.

Though Bro. Gould cannot get over the evidence of Aubrey altogether, he endeavours to lessen its force in one direction by pointing out that it is destructive of the Andersonian theory. And so it is, no doubt, in one sense; but is it altogether so? We think not. We have never denied that there are great difficulties in respect of Sir Christopher Wren and his Masonic membership, &c. The silence of his contemporaries until (as is so far ascertained) 1738, the non-recognition of the Grand Lodge in 1723 of his death; the non-mention of his name Masonically until 1738, all these facts constitute grave "Cruxes," which demand the closest consideration. But then on the other hand we have the part testimony of Aubrey in 1691, the newspaper recognition of 1723, a continuous Masonic tradition since 1738 at any rate, together with the subsidiary witness of the Lodge of Antiquity, and that of the so called "Wren MS.," all pointing to a widespread belief founded on some evidence or other, of Wren's connection with our Order. It seems to us impossible and unjust to believe on any ground of legitimate testimony or fair deduction, that those brethren who were living in 1717 and survived until 1738, and must have been positively acquainted with the fact one way or the other, did not know, when Anderson issued his fuller work, whether Wren could properly be termed a member of the Fraternity or not in 1723, when he died, and whether he had been so previously. If Sir Christopher Wren was not a Freemason in our sense, no blame too severe can be awarded to Anderson for fabricating, and to Sayer, Desaguliers, Payne, and others, nay the entire Grand Lodge, for conniving in a wilful falsification of history to serve some purpose inexplicable to us. Many of those living in 1738 who read Anderson's fuller history must have known Wren personally, and we cannot see that there is the slightest evidence for connecting such men and brethren as Desaguliers, Payne, and Anderson with such a "pious fraud." Greater discredit even must be attached to Preston for repeating the statement in later years, and seeking to strengthen his position by a mistaken and garbled usage of the evidences of the Lodge of Antiquity. As we are most unwilling ourselves on every ground of direct and inferential evidence at present available to accept such a "dilemma," we must respectfully demur to and reject Bro. Gould's conclusions on the subject, feeling assured that other evidence will yet arise, and that his ingenious attempt to establish a negative "non est probandum." We think ourselves that much as regards the unsatisfactoriness of our early evidences on the subject may be fairly ascribed to the comparative hurry with which Anderson set to work to modernize the "old gothic legends." He does not

seem to have done more than attempt a crude and partial treatment of Masonic tradition. He was unaware apparently of Ashmole's membership, though Mr. Burman's "Life" had appeared in 1717, and as there is evidence how unwillingly the Freemasons of the day allowed any publication at all, we must regard the performance of 1723 as a perfunctory and incomplete one, practically an enforced "minimum" of information. And though it may be true that pains were taken with the 1723 work, yet it is evident that in 1738, when Anderson had also seen the "lodge records," his work became fuller at once. He mentions Wren and Ashmole and others, and may have had access to some authorities now out of sight. But we repeat to make the Grand Lodge of 1738 officially promulgate an "historical falsification" is a charge which ought not to be lightly made, is not supported, except by purely inferential arguments, by any evidence we are aware of, and is a conclusion, as we said before, we cannot, in all deference to Bro. Gould, possibly accept. We therefore do not regard his judgment as to Wren as final.

V. With respect to the Guild Legends, we think Bro. Gould's treatment of the question scholarly and lucid, and a help to Masonic students. Some observations, however, necessarily arise, as we do not quite concur with all his details, but which we will allude to more fully in a subsequent review. We cannot acquiesce in his depreciatory view of Harleian MS. 1942. We think, in the first place, after mature consideration, that Mr. Bond is right as to its earlier date, and that it is in itself a most important and valuable MS. A good deal of misconception apparently exists as to these Guild Legends, or Constitutions. They are in no case transcripts from a sealed book; they were not issued apparently by any one or central authority; they must be expected to vary according to the education of the transcribers, and according to local ideas, singularities, and colouring, and that they do so vary is an undoubted fact. We cannot at present accept without much further consideration and evidence any thing which makes the various texts dependent and derivable from any one particular text. Any theory that you can deduce nearly all the Constitutions from one text is, we feel sure, a crucial blunder. Even the grouping of the Constitutions into distinct families requires the greatest caution, as there is always a tendency in such manipulations of MSS. and the like, to make certain forms accommodate certain theories and ideas. The transcriber of the Harleian MS. 1942 has made some patent blunders in his work. He has omitted "Edwin" from the context, and one or two lines of "copy" (a line in a MS. is often wanting), and he has unaccountably interpolated the new articles between the two sets of charges, the normal and Apprentice charges, instead of placing them last of all, as was their natural place.

But these peculiarities in no sense detract from the value of the text, transcribed as it is by one hand, with no ulterior object apparently, and the MS. is, so far as we see, a perfectly bona-fide one. Its early history is apparently up to the present unknown; but it has been alluded to frequently, and partly and fully published. Anderson knew of it, and used it, and we can discover nothing in the arguments of Bro. Gould which militates with its value as a form of Guild Legend, or against its genuineness, except that it contains certain peculiarities which others do not. On the well-known "canon" of textual criticism, its abnormal form deserves attention, simply because it is not normal. Whether it be of earlier or later date appears to us to be an utterly indifferent consideration, as the objection of Bro. Gould goes to its reality, and he evidently treats it as if it was a form of no historical reality, no critical importance; in fact, to be rejected, whatever its date may be. We venture to add that the MS. clearly cannot be rejected on any such grounds; neither have we any warrant, as using our knowledge in 1884, of what has been and what is now, to attempt to deal with what was in the mind of a writer transcribing a MS. in 1625-30. There is no "a priori" reason against the verity of the Harleian M.S. 1942, except what arises from its variations, peculiarities, and the solitariness, so to say, of certain clauses. Without questioning Bro. Gould's great ability and right to form an independent opinion, which deserves all respect, we cannot concede on critical grounds that he has alleged any valid reason for doubt or rejection of the MS. so historically important. Even the canons of criticism and comparison he quotes must be taken cautiously, as their bearing in this particular instance appear somewhat strained. These special clauses demand no doubt the closest scrutiny, but they do not constitute insuperable objections to the MS. itself. At least if such an objection is to prevail in the study of Palæography, many very curious MSS. must be given up. It is no doubt the case that the MS. is singular not only in the New Articles, but in a form of special "obligation" therein contained; a different form but equally "sui generis" is preserved in Randle Holmes's 2054 Harleian. Indeed, if peculiarities are to lead to the rejection of a MS., No. 2054 Harleian is marked by one or two almost inexplicable variations. It must be borne in mind that these Constitutions belonged to lodges, and just as the Apprentice charge is only found in three, and the Orders of Antiquity in one, so the "New Articles" are confined to Harleian 1942. As regards the New Articles they were formerly attributed to 1663, but not, we think, critically.

The "idea" that 1663 was the "new departure" for Speculative Masonry must we think be received with great caution, but we are not all prepared to say that certain articles passed by a lodge in 1630 may not have been confirmed by a Grand Assembly in 1663. We therefore feel bound to say that we cannot see that any real objection can exist as to accepting the New Articles, however they may "dovetail" in with seventeenth century English Freemasonry. Any argument that a Scribe in 1623 or even 1660 could antedate certain subsequent usages, and educe them from his "inner consciousness," is too great a paradox, in our humble opinion, to need confuting.

It is quite clear from Bro. Rylands's discoveries that the Speculative element had forced an entrance into the Operative bodies earlier than was formally believed, and it may well turn out, that from the beginning of the seventeenth century the admission of Speculative Masons had been going on in lodges though not formally conceded until later in the seventeenth century. Bro. Gould will no doubt eventually connect seventeenth century Freemasonry with the revival of 1717. He objects, we note, to the use of the word "revival." We can however hardly see or suggest another epithet which so accurately describes the real state of affairs in 1717, namely the springing up into life and activity then, for some reason, of an apparently dormant and inactive Body. Believing the meeting of 1717 to be the actual "outcome" of a seventeenth century organization for some reason in a condition of "sommeil," we prefer the good old fashioned and meaning word "revival." We commend in conclusion this third volume to all our readers, for reference, study, perusal, and approval. It will well repay the careful application and intelligent attention of all students and all Freemasons everywhere, as well in America as in England. We shall hope shortly to give a second notice of a singularly able work.

## HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

It is on record that the Masonic Institution for Boys was founded in the year 1798 by that section of the Craft which at the time was designated as the Ancient, or Atholl, Masons, and it is known with a considerable degree of certainty that it was the Lodge of United Mariners, ranking as No. 23 on the roll of the Ancient, or Atholl, Grand Lodge, which played the leading part in establishing it. It has also been shown by Bro. Binckes, the present Secretary of the Institution, in the short yet interesting sketch he compiled some few years since, that a somewhat similar Institution was organised in 1808 by Bro. Francis, afterwards Sir Francis, Columbine Daniel, and his brother members of the Royal Naval Lodge, then ranking as No. 57 on the roll of the Modern, or Regular, Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and that in 1817 a conjunction was happily effected between these two Institutions, and they became, and have ever since remained, one. It is likewise a well-established fact that our Boys' School ranks deservedly high among the scholastic institutions of which this country has so much reason to be proud, and that the children who are received from year to year within its hospitable gates are tended with every possible kindness and consideration. Their moral and mental training is in the hands of a most efficient educational staff, presided over by a scholar of high repute. Their home comforts—for in this case the School is a veritable home—are the subject of daily care to a matron of long and tried experience, while above all is the governing body, with her Majesty as Grand Patron and H.R.H. the Grand Master as President, whose duty it is to regulate and direct the affairs of the Institution, as well as to propose and carry out whatever may appear to be most conducive to the present and future well-being of the youthful inmates. This much is known or has been established by a long array of evidence which cannot be refuted, but if any among our readers are under the impression, or have been led to suppose that the School as it is to-day bears the slightest resemblance to the Institution as it was originally founded in 1798, and as it remained during considerably more than the first 50 years of its existence, they are grievously in error or have been grievously misinformed. What it is now will be shown hereafter in its proper place. What it was at first and for very many years afterwards will perhaps be most truthfully described if we say it was an Institution which existed, but gave no outward and visible sign of its existence. There were subscribers who provided the funds; there was a committee which administered the funds; and there were boys on whose clothing and education the funds were expended; but there was no School. The children were scattered about all over the metropolis and in the country, and it was next to impossible for the Governors and supporters of the Institution to feel a personal interest in boys whom they rarely, if ever, saw. If they made progress in their studies, the masters got all the credit; if they misconducted themselves, it was next to impossible to say who was primarily responsible for the misconduct—the masters, through laxity or excessive strictness of discipline; the boys, or their parents or guardians. Once a year, when the Stewards of the Charity and their friends held high festival at the Crown and Anchor or Freemasons' Tavern for the purpose of raising a fresh supply of money, the boys were gathered together and marched into the banquet room, clad in their newest attire. They moved round the room in slow procession, to the strains of solemn music, and amid the hearty applause of the admiring guests. And when they had sung a hymn and two or three of them had received the rewards of merit they were entitled to, they withdrew and dispersed to their several homes, till next year's Festival brought them once again under the personal notice of their patrons and benefactors. This is what the Masonic Boys' Institution was during the first 58 years of its existence, and were it not that during all that time an incalculable amount of good was being done for those children of deceased or indigent Masons whom the governors and subscribers had taken under their care, the picture would be the reverse of impressive. However, the will was not wanting to confer more substantial educational benefits on their young charges. It was contemplated from the very beginning to erect a school building for their accommodation, but all these years elapsed before the requisite funds could be obtained, and now, as we have already pointed out, the Masonic Boys' School is in the front rank of English scholastic institutions, with apparently before it a long career of still more widely extended usefulness.

It is to be regretted that the official records of the School during the early years of its existence have been lost. Inquiries, successfully prosecuted in different directions, have enabled us to form a fairly accurate idea of the circumstances which attended its establishment, the difficulties it encountered at the outset of its career, and the means by which those difficulties were overcome. But secondary evidence thus obtained, though it may be ample and altogether trustworthy, is rarely, if ever, so attractive as even the simplest and most meagre narrative by the principal actors, especially if it has been preserved to us through a long series of years. In reading the story as originally told, we seem to take a deeper personal interest in the events that happened. When successes are achieved, we rejoice as though we had had a hand in achieving them. If difficulties occur, we immediately busy ourselves in scheming to overcome them. In fact, we forget that we are merely spectators of what is passing, and become, as it were, actors. Happily, those who played the chief part in founding the Masonic Boys' School were among the principal supporters of one of the two rival sections into which English Freemasonry was at the time divided. Some were for a brief period members of both sections; some migrated or were driven from one section into the other, while the majority of them lived to witness, if they did not help to bring about, that union of the two to which the Craft all the world over is so greatly indebted for its present degree of prosperity. Moreover, very many of these worthy brethren were members of Grand Lodge, and enjoyed opportunities of enlisting the support and sympathy of that body, of which they were not slow to avail themselves. Consequently, though the early minute books of the Charity are wanting, we find much relating to it in those of the Atholl and United Grand Lodges, and it is principally by the aid of these frequent references that we have been enabled to a certain extent to make good what was wanting—a connected official history of our Boys' School. But these have not been our only sources of information. We have learnt much from unofficial and even from non-Masonic publications, and if our story is not as complete in all its parts as we could have wished, it is nevertheless far more complete than we ever expected it would be. Fortune has certainly favoured us in the prosecution of our task, but we must leave it to our readers to judge if we have made the most of her kind assistance.

The School was founded in the summer of 1798, and the circumstances attending its foundation are described in the "Ahiman Rezon"—that is,



the Book of Constitutions of the Atholl or Ancient Masons—for 1813, the editor being none other than Bro. Thomas Harper, Deputy Grand Master, and a Patron and one of the principal supporters of the Institution. This is what Bro. Harper has placed on record in his official and editorial capacity: "July 3, 1798. A meeting took place for the purpose of establishing a Masonic Charity for educating and clothing the sons of indigent Freemasons. A subscription was opened to carry this object into execution, and six children were immediately put upon the establishment." He then goes on to describe the progress made by the Institution in the interim: "Since that period the Charity has been gradually approaching to its present flourishing state. Aided by the very liberal contributions of the Masonic Craft in all parts of the world, of the Grand Lodge in particular, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, his Grace the Duke of Atholl, the several Grand Officers individually, as well as of many others not of the Fraternity, but who have felt proud to assist so laudable an Institution, its funds have generally increased, and the establishment has been extended. The number of children who partake of the benefits of this Charity, which was originally only six, has been gradually enlarged; and at the celebration of the jubilee, when all ranks of society joined in joyful commemoration of our gracious Sovereign's long and happy reign, the establishment was increased to 50, that being the number of years during which his Majesty had then held the dominion of these realms." In the beginning of the paragraph that follows, Bro. Harper very briefly describes the work that was being done by the Charity and the hopes of its Directors. "The children admitted in this Charity are clothed and put out to school, in the neighbourhood of their residences, at the expense of the Institution, the funds not being yet extensive enough for the erection of a school-house; which object, however, by the aid of future voluntary contributions, the Directors of the establishment hope hereafter to accomplish." A more detailed account would have been acceptable to the brethren of the present day, who know the school as it is and how it has expanded into an Institution of which not only our Freemasonry, but the country likewise, has every reason to be proud. But the official publication containing the rules and regulations for the government of the whole body Masonic is obviously not the place in which we can expect to find an elaborate history of one of its subordinate parts; and at all events enough is said to prove how generous must have been the support of the Atholl brethren when it enabled the Directors to increase the number on the establishment from six to 50 in the brief space of 15 years.

If confirmatory official evidence is needed of the justice of Bro. Harper's account, we shall find it in the records of the United Grand Lodge for the year 1814. In the minutes of the communication held on the 2nd of March of that year we read as follows: "The Board of Schools reported that there were two Institutions under the auspices of the United Grand Lodge, one for the maintenance, education, and clothing of the daughters of indigent brethren, and the other for the clothing and education of the sons of indigent Masons." Having described the then state and income of the Girls' School, the minute goes on to say: "The other Institution has also been supported by private subscriptions and by grants from the Grand Lodge at various times, amounting together to upwards of £800, and by a recent regulation of the Fraternity to which the said Institution was attached, the lodges in the London district paid upon the initiation of every Mason five shillings towards its maintenance, and the Governors possess the sum of £500 Navy Five per Cents standing in the names of Robert Leslie, Robert Gill, and Thomas Scott, as Trustees; the number of boys at present on the establishment is 55, and the annual expenditure is about £410 or £7 10s. for each child clothed and educated." A few words are added to the effect "that the regulations of both Institutions appear well calculated to promote their respective objects," and then, having advised Grand Lodge to continue the same measure of support towards the school as had been afforded by the Atholl Grand Lodge during the last 18 months of its separate existence, the Board concludes by recommending and urging "most strongly the necessity there is that the same exertions which have heretofore been made should continue to be used to assist the two Charities, by the donations of lodges as well as the subscriptions of individuals."

These are the official, and therefore authentic, accounts of the state of the Boys' School before and immediately after the Union; but, satisfactory as they undoubtedly are, they help us but little towards a knowledge as to the manner in which the progress thus indicated was made, or the regulations which had been framed for its government. For this we must turn to Bro. John Cole's "Illustrations of Masonry," published in 1801. Bro. Cole was initiated in, and a Past Master of, Ancient Lodge, No. 195—now the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, and likewise a Past Master of Modern Lodges Nos. 113, 249, and 466. Moreover, he was among the most liberal supporters of the Charity, and his work—which, by the way, brought him a little later on into hot water with the Modern Grand Lodge—though it was "most humbly inscribed" or dedicated "to his Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons," was published for the express purpose of assisting the funds of the Institution, the following note appearing on the title page: "Part of the Profit of this Publication to be applied in Aid of the Masonic Charity for the Sons of Indigent Freemasons." From this source we learn that the Charity, which was established in 1798, was "sanctioned by his Grace John, Duke of Atholl, in 1801." Bro. Cole, too, is more precise in his statement as to the origin of the School. "The United Mariners' Lodge, No. 23"—now No. 30—"observing with concern the distressed circumstances of several of their brethren, and the exposed situation of their children, at the same time viewing with pleasure the daily progress making in the Freemasons' Charity, in St. George's Fields, for Female Children, induced them at a meeting held on the 3rd day of July, 1798, to consider of means for to establish a Masonic Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons; and for that purpose they immediately opened a subscription, which at their second meeting increased beyond their most sanguine expectations, that enabled them to receive six children to the benefit of this Charity; but, as it is their intention to extend the same, the Fraternity at large, the humane and benevolent in general, are therefore most earnestly solicited to contribute towards accomplishing this laudable undertaking, whose object is to clothe and instruct the Sons of Indigent Freemasons, and to train them up in the knowledge of virtue and religion, and to inculcate strongly on their minds obedience to their superiors."

But even Bro. Cole's account, though more precise, is as regards the design of those who founded the Institution scarcely less meagre than Bro. Harper's, as quoted from the "Ahiman Rezon," and it is from the pages of a non-Masonic work that we have been fortunately enabled to obtain a slightly fuller and more particular sketch of our Boys' Charity. Highmore, in his "Pietas Londinensis, or the History, Design, and Present State of the

various Public Charities in and near London," published in 1810, devotes a few pages to "The Masonic Charity for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Deceased and Indigent Freemasons," and from his version we have taken the liberty of quoting the following paragraphs. He begins thus: "The benevolent regulations and design of this Institution are to raise the means of clothing and educating the sons of deceased and indigent ancient Freemasons; and it was founded in the year 1798, with the aid of a number of brethren of other lodges. The assistance and encouragement which it has since received from its noble patron, his Grace the Duke of Atholl, the R.W. the Grand Lodge, a number of the Grand Officers, lodges, and brethren of the ancient Fraternity, have enabled the Governors, &c., annually to clothe and educate 30 boys, to which number such augmentation will from time to time take place as the funds of the Charity will permit. Children are eligible to be admitted at seven years of age, and are continued until they arrive at the age of 14, during which period they are taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, and when they quit the School are (in certain cases) bound apprentices to suitable trades, premiums being allowed towards placing them out to the best advantage. Every child applying for admission must (if resident within the Cities or suburbs of London or Westminster) personally attend the Committee and produce a certificate from the Master and Wardens of the lodge to which his father shall belong, certifying that he is a member thereof, the Grand Secretary's certificate of his being duly registered for three years in the Grand Lodge books, together with certificates of his parents' marriage and his own baptism. But where the candidate happens to be fatherless, the matter is left to the discretion of the Committee." After two paragraphs relating to the Committee, dates and place of meeting, &c., he continues: "The Governors, anxious to render the benefits of the Charity as extensive and efficacious as possible, intend (as soon as a fund can be raised for the purpose) to purchase or build a schoolhouse, sufficiently capacious to contain the children, and wholly to maintain as well as to clothe and educate them. Until that desirable period shall arrive, they will continue to be carefully educated at respectable schools adjacent to their parents' residence, and annually supplied with decent and appropriate clothing, viz., coats, waistcoats, breeches, shirts, shoes, stockings, and hats. There are now on the list of candidates for admission a number of poor and deserving children, some of whom are orphans, several fatherless, and all anxiously waiting to be admitted; but the limited state of the finances of the Charity will not permit an extension of the present number." The account concludes: "There are 31 boys on this foundation, who are at present educated by different masters; there are 34 subscribing lodges, besides the R.W. Grand Lodge at the Crown and Anchor, Strand. The officers are—his grace the Duke of Atholl, Patron; four Trustees; Robert Leslie, Esq., Treasurer, Tokenhouse-yard; Kennedy Johnston, Esq., Surgeon, Walbrook; Wm. Hancock, Esq., Secretary, No. 28, Tokenhouse-yard; and Benjamin Aldhouse, Collector, Wellstreet, Spitalfields."

Any slight inaccuracies in the foregoing passages must not be allowed to weigh too seriously against their undoubted value. The work was published in 1810, when the number of children clothed and educated was 50; but the materials for so important a work must have taken a long time to collect, and there is fair reason to suppose that the account was derived if not from official sources, at all events, from information which had been made known, and was accessible to the general public. At any rate, the "Rules and Regulations" in force in 1801 have been preserved to us in Cole's "Illustrations of Masonry," and a comparison of Highmore's version in its entirety with them fully justifies such a presumption. That our readers, however, may know what these Rules were, and see how far what we have quoted from Highmore above is in agreement with them substantially, it seems desirable to quote them in full.

I.—That this Institution bear the name of THE MASONIC CHARITY for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Indigent Freemasons.

II.—That there be four General Meetings in every year, viz., the first Friday in OCTOBER, the first Friday in JANUARY, the first Friday in APRIL, and the first Friday in JULY.

III.—That an Annual and General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers to this Charity, shall be held on the first Friday in JULY, of which each Subscriber of one guinea or upwards shall have three clear days' previous notice to attend, the accounts then be audited, and a true state of the Charity laid before the Subscribers, when a new Committee be chosen for the ensuing three months.

IV.—Any person contributing the sum of ten shillings and sixpence or upwards, per annum, be deemed a Subscriber to this Charity.

V.—That a donation of five guineas and upwards constitute a Subscriber for life.

VI.—That a donation of ten guineas and upwards shall not only constitute a Subscriber for life, but also entitle such benefactor to be perpetually on the Committee; and be added to the Committee of 21.

VII.—That the Master for the time being of any lodge contributing ten guineas shall be a Subscriber to this Charity so long as such lodge exist.

VIII.—That the Master for the time being of any lodge contributing one guinea per annum be considered a Subscriber during that time.

IX.—That the executor of any person paying a legacy of ten guineas be deemed a Subscriber for life.

X.—That any Subscriber who shall make up the sum of five guineas within twelve months after the first payment be deemed a Subscriber for life.

XI.—That every Subscriber of one guinea per annum have a right to vote at all quarterly and special meetings.

XII.—No Subscriber to be permitted to vote at any election or be on the Committee until their subscription of one guinea for the current year and arrears (if any) be paid.

XIII.—Any Subscriber being in trade and supplying this Charity shall not be on the Committee during the time he serves the Institution.

XIV.—That twenty-one Subscribers of one guinea per annum at the least be chosen every three months out of this Charity (the then Committee to be re-elected), who with the Treasurer and Secretary shall be a Committee, seven of whom shall form a board, elect a Chairman, and do the business of the Charity, order all necessary sums of money to be paid, all which orders shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and reported at the next quarterly or special meeting.

XV.—That no Subscriber shall vote or ballot at any General Meeting but those present (except ladies, noblemen, Members of Parliament, Masters of country lodges, Subscribers not residing within the bills of mortality, and those using the sea, who may ballot by proxy), and all matters shall be determined by vote or ballot (if required), and when the numbers are equal, the Chairman then presiding shall have the casting vote.

XVI.—That in case of the death, resignation, or dismissal of the Treasurer, Secretary, or Collector, a Special General Meeting be called by order of the Committee within fourteen days, to declare the same, and fix the time of election for filling up such vacancies, which shall be by ballot.

XVII.—That the Chairman put the question upon all motions made and seconded, declare the majority, and grant a division or ballot, if regularly demanded by three Subscribers, and sign the minutes of the meeting.

XVIII.—That there be educated and clothed by this Charity as many children as the annual Subscriptions and Fund will admit.

XIX.—That the time for transacting the business of this Charity at the quarterly, general, or special meetings be from six o'clock in the evening until ten, after which time no business shall be done, except finishing any motion which may be then under consideration.

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## THE MASONIC EXHIBITION AT YORK.

By Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

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Bro. J. S. Cumberland has been a collector of all kinds of Masonic relics for a considerable time, and has accumulated a very valuable series of books and jewels. The latter especially he has made a feature of his collections, and a very large number of them were exhibited at York. Amongst them were a massive silver Past Master's jewel, with a brilliant set at the junction of the limbs, the jewel itself being suspended from the short limb, so that the longer arm hangs perpendicularly to the 47th proposition. The silver Past Master's jewel of Lodge No. 520 (No. 6) is very handsome; from a sun within a circle we have a square suspended, with a segment of a circle over the limbs of the square. It is marvellous that old lodges should allow their traditional jewels to be dispersed; one would have thought that, in these days especially, veneration for all that is at all antique in Masonry would have penetrated even as far as "The Rock." Three W.M.'s jewels (Nos. 7, 8, and 9) are all good specimens. The first is Irish, and is silver gilt, and is engraved "G. M. L., George Knox, Esq., Worshipful Master Lodge No. 12." The next is silver, engraved "Joseph Gray, 1756." No. 11 in the catalogue is said to be very rare, and is described by Marvin. Bro. Hughan has, I believe, expressed an opinion as to its date, which he places at from 1750 to 1760, and says it is one of the earliest known. It is 13.8 diameter, pierced. On one side is engraved, on the letter G, "T. Hunt," and on the other "Veritas est intas." No. 12 is dated 5766, and is a circular Master Mason's jewel with emblems in open work in the centre, a variety of Masonic emblems, and the motto "Sit Lux et Lux fuit;" on the reverse is "Amor, Honor, et Justitia," diameter 13.4. No. 14 is another good specimen of an oval Master Mason's jewel of more than a century ago. It has numerous emblems pierced and engraved, two columns, candlesticks with "J" and "B," on the left and right respectively; both sides are alike and bear the first motto of the last named jewel. No. 17 is I believe unique; it is a silver oval—on one side are represented the sun, moon, and stars, on a scroll is the name "Robert Maddock." A cross inscribed "INRI" occupies the centre and is surmounted by the word "Supremus," the cross is supported by an angel each side and beneath are three birds with wings displayed. On the right side are three crowns and on the left is a mitre with "LVX" engraved on the fillet. The emblems of mortality are also engraved. On the reverse are the sun, moon, and stars, the All-Seeing Eye; two Corinthian columns, standing on a chequered pavement. In the middle is a male figure seated near a table on which is the 47th proposition, his arm resting thereon; a beehive is also represented. Some of the emblems are very significant and almost seem to point to a connection with the Order or Society of Rosicrucians. Some of the Royal Arch jewels exhibited by Bro. Cumberland are very interesting, particularly one dated 1767, depicting the wrenching off of the third cope-stone. A hand holds a lifeline supporting a figure employed in removing the stone with a crowbar, with many emblems, and with the motto (in what I suppose we must call Masonic Latin) "Veritas est intas, vertute et silentis." On the reverse are shown a group of builders at work and the legend "Anno lap. 5767." The jewel is of metal gilt and is numbered 24 in the catalogue. No. 25 is very unusual and is thought by Bro. Hughan to have been used by those who worked the Mark Degree at York in former days. It is of silver in the shape of a keystone with the square and compasses at the top. The usual Mark letters are engraved on a circle, as well as a ladder with "F.H.S." on its three steps. No. 27 is an antique Knight Templar's star of silver; on the band in the centre are the letters, "ROHDM, KDSII, KTR, HPR, LXXI," used doubtless by some Preceptory at a period when the Rose Croix and Kadosh Degrees were conferred under the authority of Templar warrants. In the collection was also a series of Masonic halfpenny tokens, of which a large number were struck in 1790 to commemorate the election in that year of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master. Amongst Bro. Cumberland's engravings and books were the large plate found in "Pickart's Ceremonies and Religious Customs of all Nations," published in 1741. It shows in a series of labels the signs of all the hotels at which Masonic lodges were held, Nos. 1 to 129. In the centre is a medallion portrait of Sir Richard Steele, and in the foreground is a group of Freemasons clothed and at work. Another curiosity was Hogarth's engraving "The Mystery of Masonry brought to Light by ye Gormagons." The great painter had small sympathy with the Craft, as is shown by his introduction into "Morning" of a drunken Freemason reeling home through Covent Garden Market in the wee sma' hours. The selection of books was interesting, and included the second edition of "Mahabone," 1766; "Browne's Master Key," 1790; two editions of "Pritchard's Masonry Dissected," Clavel's "Franc Maconerie," with the beautiful plates of ceremonies; the "Ahiman Rezon," of 1756; an unusually good specimen of "Long Livers," 1722; several Rosicrucian works, photographs of aprons, old warrants, &c. Concerning some of the jewels mentioned, perhaps Bro. Hughan may have something to tell us, as several of them have been forwarded to him for examination.

Bro. J. Atherton, P.M., of Bradford, sent some very interesting articles. Amongst them were an old jug of an early type, covered with numerous Masonic emblems, including those of the "Chivalric" Degrees; a very handsome punch-bowl in china, also bearing Masonic emblems; a number of drinking glasses, well cut with Craft devices; and a walking cane, dated 1818, carved with emblems. There was also a curious and valuable volume, much of it in neatly-written MS., containing one of the old Constitutions engraved by Pyne on copperplates, Drake's speech before the Grand Lodge at York, and other matters. Many of the songs in MS. are most curious.

Bro. J. Sampson, of York, exhibited a splendid specimen of that extraordinary engraving, "A Freemason's Surprise; or, the Secrets Discovered; a True Tale from a Mason's Lodge in Canterbury," in which the chambermaid who has been eavesdropping is represented in the act of falling legs first through the ceiling of a room in which a lodge of Masons is meeting. Eboracum Lodge, 1611, has a copy of this very old engraving; but that exhibited by Bro. Sampson is the cleanest, and in better condition than any I have seen. I believe it is for sale.

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## PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The yearly convocation was held on Tuesday, the 27th ult., in the Schoolrooms, Queen-street, Oldham, and was presided over by M.E. Grand Superintendent, Comp. Col. le Gendre N. Starkie, as Z.; Comp. Clement, R. N. Beswick-Royds, as H.; and J. H. Sillitoe, J. There were also present Comps. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.S.E.; W. H. Hopkins, P.Z., 815, 1055, P.P.G.D.C.; Julius Arensbergh, P.G.P. Std. Br.; Thos. Mason, P.Z. 126; John Roberts, P.Z. 204; Wm. Bagnall, P.Z. 467; G. T. Hardman, H. 283; Rev. W. D. Clayton, N. 42; Samuel Porritt, P.G.D. of C.; Henry Paulden, P.S. 204; Richard Rushton, P.Z. 283, S.E. 1145; J. E. Steward, Z. 317; James Dawson, P.Z. 317; Wm. Nicholl, P.Z. 317; John Greaves, P.Z. 467; J. A. Fayster, N. 62; C. J. Schofield, P.Z. 204; John Halliwell, P.Z. 42; F. W. Lean, 325; T. J. Hooper, P.Z. 152; Wm. Jaffray, P.Z. 752; Charles Heywood, P.Z. 152; Abraham Clegg, P.Z. 467; H. L. Hollingsworth, P.Z. 467; Henry Thomas, P.Z. 467; Richard Nelson, P.Z. 126; C. W. Godby, P.Z. 325; James Ingham, P.Z. 274; Joseph Harling, Z. 283; John Wilson, Z. 286; John Knowles, 126; J. Schofield, 293; A. B. Whittaker, H. 204; Thos. Schofield, P.Z. 288; Samuel Barnes, Wm. Cartwright, S.E. 1235; Wm. Dumville, 152; Andrew Milne, 42; O. C. Crompton, 42; Joseph Clatton, 467; S. Bailey, Z. 42; S. Dawson, S.E. 325; T. A. Martin, Z. 350; C. Startup, Isaac Whittaker, P.Z. 350; Edmund Rees, 42; J. W. Hulley, S.E. 268; W. Parker, Z. 993; R. L. McMillan, N. 350; T. Varley, 116; W. Newton, P.Z. 268; F. N. Molesworth, 204; Edwin Sleigh, 210; W. Balmer, P.Z. 42; Ralph Holden, J. W. Duckworth, John Barrett, R. R. Lisenden, S.E. 317 (Freemason); and others.

The Tudor Chapter, No. 467, was first opened with Comp. Henry Thomas officiating as Z.; Abraham Clegg, H.; and John Greaves, J. The Grand Superintendent then entered attended by a number of present and past officers and was duly saluted, as were also the Prov. G. 2nd and 3rd Principals. The Prov. Grand Scribe E., Comp. John Chadwick, called over the names of the Prov. Grand Officers, when four were discovered absent, but, with the exception of Comp. Mestayer, who is abroad, letters of apology for non-attendance were read from these absentees. On the roll of chapters being called it was found that three were unrepresented. The minutes of the last meeting held at the Baths Assembly Rooms, Bolton, were taken as read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Treasurer presented a statement of his accounts for the past year, which showed an income of £84 10s., against £76 15s. 1d. the preceding year, and disbursements, £73 8s. 5d., against £85 13s. 6d., leaving a balance in the bank of £31 7s. 4d. A proposition was put and carried that the Treasurer's accounts be passed, and on the motion of the Grand Supt. a vote of thanks to the P.G. Treasurer was seconded and carried. The election of P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and the name of Comp. H. L. Hollingsworth having been brought forward he was unanimously elected. The following companions were then appointed officers for the ensuing 12 months, and were invested by the Grand Superintendent:

Comp. Clement R. N. Beswick-Royds	Prov. G. H.
" James H. Sillitoe ...	Prov. G. J.
" John Chadwick ...	Prov. G. S.E.
" Charles Heywood ...	Prov. G. S.N.
" Abraham Clegg ...	Prov. G. P.S.
" James Dawson ...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" Wm. Jaffrey ...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" H. L. Hollingsworth ...	Prov. G. Treas.
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Comps. Abraham Clegg and John Greaves were appointed Auditors.

The PROV. GRAND SECOND PRINCIPAL read a report of the result of his visits to various chapters during the past year, and referred to the condemnable practice of several chapters in neglecting to send out circulars convening their meetings at the proper times, and for holding their meetings on different nights to those set down in the calendar.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT censured these practices very strongly, and said he trusted that at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter there would be no complaints of a like nature made to him.

Centenary warrants were presented by the Grand Superintendent to representatives of the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 42, Berry, and the Chapter of Nativity, No. 126, Burnley, who were congratulated on the possession of such valuable documents. Centenary jewels were also presented to Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, John Halliwell, Andrew Milne, S. Bailey, W. O. Walker, J. Kenyon, O. C. Compton, Rev. W. D. Clayton, Balmer, and Edmund Rees, all of the Chapter of Unanimity; and to Comps. Richard Nelson, John Knowles, and Robert Harrison, of the Nativity Chapter.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT here rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, which was to personally thank Comp. Sillitoe for his arduous labours in bringing to light the old records and papers in connection with the two chapters which had just received centenary warrants, and which entitled them to those precious documents, and he felt extreme pleasure in moving that a vote of thanks be accorded Comp. Sillitoe for his valuable services not only with regard to these two chapters, but Royal Arch Masonry generally.

The proposition was seconded by Comp. W. O. WALKER, and carried unanimously with applause, after which Comp. SILLITOE returned thanks.

The sum of £30 having been voted to the East Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution from the funds of Prov. Grand Chapter, Comp. R. Rushton, on behalf of the companions in Accrington, invited the Prov. Grand Chapter to hold its next meeting in that town, and there being no further business, Prov. Grand Chapter was closed in due form. A banquet was afterwards served in the Freemasons' Hall, presided over by Col. Starkie.

## THE DEATH OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY, P.G.W., &amp;c.

BOARD OF GRAND STEWARDS.—At the meeting of the Board held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, it was proposed by the President, Bro. J. W. Fuller, and seconded by the Secretary, Bro. A. Torkington: "That a vote of condolence on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany be sent to H.R.H. the Grand Master, through the Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke."

ETONIAN LODGE, No. 209.—At the meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, on Tuesday last, the W.M., Bro. Joseph Andrews, moved "That the Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, of Freemasons, desire to offer with the most heartfelt and sincere feelings of profound sorrow their condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty in the loss she has recently sustained in the lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and to assure her Majesty they fervently trust the Great Architect of the Universe will sustain and comfort her in this her sad bereavement, a prayer they are well assured will meet with a response from every subject throughout the length and breadth of the Empire over which her Majesty reigns." A similar vote of condolence was passed to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).—At the regular meeting to be held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Thursday next, W. Bro. Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Sec., will move the following resolution in connection with the death of R.W. Bro. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., &c.:—"That a respectful letter of condolence from the Past Masters, officers, and members of this lodge be addressed to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master upon the occasion of his recent bereavement in the death of his youngest brother, the R.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., &c., and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the lodge." By order of the W.M., the lodge will go into mourning.

ROYAL LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1669.—The birthday banquet, arranged for the 7th inst.—the anniversary of the consecration of the lodge, as well as the birthday of the late lamented Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany—will not take place. The lodge will meet, as usual, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, and Bro. Edgar Preston (son of the Secretary of the lodge) will be raised to the Third Degree. Election of Master for the ensuing year will then take place, and Bro. Edmondston will propose that a Past Master's jewel of the lodge pattern be presented to the retiring W.M. The lodge will wear Masonic mourning for six months.

ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.—A lodge of emergency was held on Monday last, for the purpose of expressing sympathy and condolence with the Royal Family on the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and Earl of Clarence, the W.M. of this lodge for the present year. The lodge furniture was draped with crape, and there was a full attendance of brethren, all of whom wore mourning. The W. Deputy Master, Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, P. Prov. G.S. Oxon, presided, and was supported by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. P. G.M. Suffolk, and Bros. Dr. Sedgwick, P.G.C.; C. Cooke, P.P.G.J.D.; C. H. Vincent, I.P.M., Sec.; T. E. Barnes, S.W.; Rev. B. B. Syer, J.W.; B. L. Tandy, Treas.; T. Stokoe, D. of C.; W. L. Fenner, J.D., and other brethren. Bro. General Ives referred in feeling terms to the loss sustained by the Royal Family, the nation, and the Craft, and especially by that lodge, in the sad event which had so unexpectedly deprived it of its head. He also mentioned that the portrait which the Duke had recently promised to the lodge was received at Moyns Park within an hour or so of the painful intelligence of the death of his Royal Highness. It was ordered that the brethren should wear Masonic mourning for the rest of the year, and it was resolved that the next regular meeting of the lodge should be postponed until May. Suitable addresses of condolence were adopted, and on the motion of V.W. Bro. Martyn, seconded by Bro. Cooke, P.M., it was resolved that they should be signed by the W. Dep. Master and Secretary, and forwarded to her Majesty and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, and also to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of England. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed.

BURGOYNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 902.—At the weekly meeting, held on the 2nd inst., the following resolution was proposed by the W.M., Bro. Salter, and seconded by the Preceptor, Bro. Frost: "That [the members of this lodge of instruction are desirous of expressing their great regret at the sudden decease of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, &c., and offer their sincere condolence to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Duchess of Albany on their sad bereavement, the same to be entered on the minutes of the lodge.]"

JOPPA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 188.—At a convocation held on Monday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on the motion of the First Principal, Comp. L. Lazarus, the chapter voted a letter of condolence to the Prince of Wales, Grand First Principal, on his sad bereavement by the death of the Duke of Albany.

## THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

A meeting of the Board of Grand Stewards was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, Bro. Jno. W. Fuller, President, in the chair. Satisfactory arrangements are being made for the forthcoming Festival, invitations for which will be issued forthwith by the Secretary, Bro. Abner Torkington. We stated in a former issue that the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, would probably preside. It will be seen by an advertisement in another column that the Grand Stewards are now in a position to announce the fact, and look forward to a very successful meeting.

## Births and Deaths.

## BIRTH.

TOWSE.—On the 22nd ult., at Clacton-on-Sea, the wife of Bro. W. W. Towse, of a son.

## DEATH.

SLADEN.—On Feb. 22, at Geelong, Victoria, Sir Charles Sladen, K.C.M.G., LL.D. Cantab. and Melbourne.

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ington, for 6 days.

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Conway, Llandudno Junction, Abergelge and Pansarn,  
Corwen, Denbigh, Holywell, Rhyl, Ruthin, Birken-  
head, Chester, Northwich, Blackburn, Blackpool  
(Talbot Road), Bolton, Preston, Southport, Wigan,  
Crewe, Nantwich, Whitechurch, Craven Arms, Here-  
ford, Leominster, Ludlow, Llanidloes, Llandrindod  
(Wells), Montgomery, Newtown, Minsterley, Oswestry,  
Welchpool, Newport (Salop), Shrewsbury, Wellington,  
Stafford, Macclesfield, Bollington, Marple, Longport,  
Stoke, and Stone, for 6 days.

C—For Allerton, Ashton, Batley, Dewsbury, Ditton, Hud-  
dersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Leeds, LIVERPOOL,  
MANCHESTER, Oldham, Runcorn, Staleybridge,  
Stockport, Warrington, Widnes, Buxton, Chapel-en-  
le-Frith, Burton, Derby, Lichfield, Tamworth,  
Leicester, Nuneaton, Rugby, Coventry, Kenilworth,  
Leamington, BIRMINGHAM, Dudley, Dudley Port,  
South Staffordshire Stations, Stour Valley Stations,  
Wallsall, Wednesbury, WOLVERHAMPTON, for  
6 days.

For Fares and full particulars as to times of return, see  
Bills, which can be obtained at any of the Railway Stations,  
the various Parcels Receiving Offices, and at Gaze's  
Tourist Office, 142, Strand.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager.  
Euston Station, March, 1884.

### To Correspondents.

Owing to pressure upon our columns the review of the  
monthly magazines stands over until next issue.

The following communications have been received, but  
are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—

CRAFT LODGES.—Foundation, 82; Adams, 158; (Duke  
of Edinburgh, 1259; Liverpool Dramatic, 1609; St. George,  
1723; Farrington (Without), 1745.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Caledonian, 204.

MARK LODGE.—Holmesdale, 129.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTERS.—St. Peter, 31; St. Margaret, 92.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Citizen," "City Press," "Hull Packet,"  
"Broad Arrow," "Philadelphia Record," "La Perseverancia,"  
"Court Circular," "La Chaine d'Union," "Proceedings of the  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana, 1884," "The  
Tricentennial Journal," "Montreal Daily Star," "New York Dis-  
patch," "Keystone."



SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1884.

### Original Correspondence.

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

#### A SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER—AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
It is a great pity that Bro. Gould, in his letter to  
you on the above subject last week, did not give his  
address, for many brethren would surely be glad to hand over  
their voting papers to him for Minnie Woodward if only  
they knew where to send them. He should also, I think,  
have asked for the voting papers of other institutions,  
which he could then exchange in favour of Bro. Wood-  
ward's daughter. No doubt every military member of  
the Craft who has votes will gladly support this case—  
certainly they ought to—for (as Bro. Gould says) the  
orphans of soldiers are to a great extent without the pale  
of provincial assistance.—Yours fraternally,  
Bensington, Oxfordshire,  
31st March, 1884. G. SHANKS,  
K.M., Major.

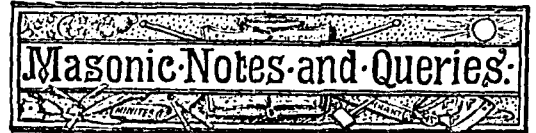
#### THE BIBLE AND THE DUTCH FLAGON.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,  
Absence from home for a fortnight prevented my  
seeing the *Freemason* of the 22nd ult., and the letter  
therein under the above heading signed "R. W. Hollon."  
If the reckless and untruthful statements made in that  
letter had been published merely in York, they would have  
been beneath my notice, for probably no Mason in York  
possesses less weight as an authority than its writer.  
Outsiders, however, may be deluded by the impudence  
of the attack into the belief that the assertions of "R. W.  
Hollon" are founded on fact.

The Bible was never on sale, at any rate not for the last  
50 years, during which period it reposed on the shelves of  
its private owners, the last of whom, Mr. Carter, of Stone-  
gate, made a present of it to the Eboracum Lodge  
when that body was founded in 1876. "R. W. Hollon"  
never knew of the existence of this Bible until it was the  
property of Lodge 1611, and he was then very anxious to  
secure it, and himself urged me to get it handed over to  
the York Lodge, 236, which I declined to do. The only  
lodge meeting at Howard's in York in 1761 was the Grand  
Lodge.

The Flagon is not of Bavarian origin, as any one with  
an atom of archaeological or philosophical knowledge could  
tell at a glance. It is, as I stated, Dutch. It was never  
offered for sale in Hull, except to the York dealer who  
bought it and brought it here, and from whom I purchased  
it. "R. W. Hollon" never saw the Flagon until it was the  
property of the Eboracum Lodge, of which he was then a  
member, and he subscribed to the fund raised for the pur-  
chase of this curious relic—a singular illustration of his  
non-belief in its authenticity.—Yours fraternally,  
York, March 31st. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.



313] HARLEIAN MS. 1942.

I see Bro. Gould mentions the date I affixed to this MS.  
in my preface to Bro. Hughan's "Old Charges." That was  
"Circa 1660." I used the word "Circa" purposely, to give  
myself a "margin." When, many years ago, Mr. Wall-  
bran and I spent some pleasant hours in studying side by  
side 1942 and 2054 Harleian, he felt, as I did, that it was  
most difficult to settle the date, and, above all, on "inter-  
nal evidence." Both the MSS. are "transcripts" from  
older ones, and though we may approximately find a date  
for the Chester MS., it is very difficult to give a date to  
1942, for many reasons. The "archaisms" of both  
are clearly anterior to 1670, and Mr. Wallbran then pointed  
out many words in 1942 which seemed to him of as early a use  
as many in 2054, if not earlier. But, at the same time, he  
was of opinion that, as the balance of probability was in  
favour of the 2054 being the earliest of the two, it might  
be assumed to be of date 1625. He also had formed an  
opinion, to which I acceded, that the Harleian 2054 was  
a copy of Dowland's, but modernized by some one,  
perhaps Randle Holmes. I am not so sure to-day, after  
longer study, that I take that view, though there are  
peculiar similarities. It also seems to me that my method  
of settling the age of the MSS. some years ago is open

to objection, and that it is far better to take the simple date of transcription. If I should ever revise the preface for Bro. Hughan, I should certainly somewhat rewrite the dates, and make Harleian 1942 (say 1630), and Harleian 2054 (say 1660).

314] **THE MASONIC POEMS AND "URBANITATIS."**  
I see that Bro. Gould says a portion of the Masonic poem is taken from "Urbanitatis." Surely that is a slip of the pen. "Urbanitatis" is much later than the Masonic poem. It would have been safer to say they both have a common origin. If "Pars Oculi" still exists, it is probably in Winchester College library, "ex dono Fundatoris." Let us hope that some one will search. It may be bound up with some other MS.

315] **THE WREN MS.**

Can any Chester brother help me to trace the so-called Wren MS.? As it comes before me it is only a portion containing at the end some corrupt lines as to the "Undena Metalla"; and the "Septem Artes Liberales," which however are no doubt scholastic adages and comparatively old. I have succeeded in making the lines on the Liberal Arts correct. The "Undena Metalla" seem Hermetic. It has this authentication: "Vera Copia, J. L. Higson," and also this endorsement: "This is a copy from an ancient parchment roll written in old Norman-English (French?) about the date of 1600 (?), and said to be a true copy of the original found amongst the papers of Sir Christopher Wren, who built St. Paul's Cathedral, London." (The notes of interrogation are mine.) "This parchment roll belonged to the late Rev. Mr. Crane, a very honoured divine and most zealous Mason, and who was for many years P.G. Secretary for the province when Sir W. Cotton, father of the present Lord Combermere, was the P.G.M. for Cheshire." This is said to be verified by a Bro. (name illegible) Secretary, member of the Cestrian Lodge, 615, Chester, A.L. 5852, Dec. 4th. Cannot we trace Higson and Crane?  
A. F. A. WOODFORD.

316] **THE WHITE ROSE OF YORK.**

Can Bro. Whytehead help in throwing light on the old Masonic tradition that the Masons adhered to Edward IV., and that the White Rose of York was the old badge of the Yorkshire Masons? I saw it, I believe, once on the clothing of the Prov. Grand Lodge for West Yorkshire.

MASONIC STUDENT.

317] **WILLS OF FREEMASONS.**

Would it not be a good idea to publish in some form the wills of Freemasons, in which Freemasons and Freemasonry are mentioned? We still want "Light, more light," on many points, and on Masonic life generally. We seem to be now in the great danger of doubting too much, of what is called in the schools arguing from "the particular to the universal." I think it well to put in this warning, in which I feel sure many others will coincide, because I have noticed lately, as it seems to me, that despite the careful labours of our little band of Masonic students for the last 25 years, we are still dogmatically repeating the same statements, or, on the other hand, denying everything. We require yet to strike an "even mean."

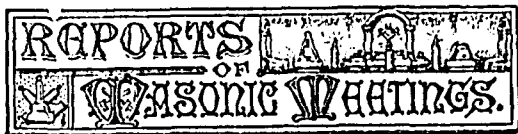
MASONIC STUDENT.

318] **THE FREEMASONS' MAGAZINE AND MIRROR.**

Will any brother lend me for reference "The Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" for the years 1860, 1861, and 1862? I will undertake they shall be properly taken care of and duly returned. Address, 7, Land of Green Ginger, Hull.  
GEO. L. SHACKLES.

319] **PRE-1813 CONSTITUTIONS.**

Where can I find a list or epitome of the different editions of the Constitutions prior to 1813? Perhaps some brother can help me with information on these editions. I understand Bro. Hughan has written an article on the subject; if so, where can the article be seen?  
GEO. L. SHACKLES.



### Craft Masonry.

**FAITH LODGE (No. 141).**—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Clark, W.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; acting S.W.; Fromholtz, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M.; Sec.; Coop, S.D.; McMullen, I.G.; Hakim, A.W.S.; Stent, M.C.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., I.P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Walls, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Dairy, P.M., "That a Benevolent Association in connection with the Lodge of Faith be founded in order to enable members to become Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by small weekly payments." This was put and carried "nem con." Several minor matters having been discussed the lodge was closed in due and ancient form and the brethren adjourned. There was no banquet.

**LODGE OF HONOR AND GENEROSITY (No. 165).**—This lodge held its usual meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., on which occasion Mr. James Adolf Poirez was duly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. W. H. Powell, the W.M., in a most effective and impressive manner. The brethren afterwards proceeded to elect the W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, when Bro. Charles Belton, W.M. and P.M. 777, P.G.D. Surrey, the S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. Westall, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, an office which he has held for upwards of a quarter of a century. The installation meeting will take place on the 27th May. Bro. Belton, by this election, will be enabled to occupy the exceptional position of W.M. for three consecutive years, he now being on the eve of completing his second year of office as W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777.

**WEST KENT LODGE (No. 1297).**—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham. Lodge was opened by Bro.

Thos. Perrin, W.M., and the officers, members, and visitors present were as follows: Bros. A. T. Bellis, acting S.W.; J. B. Crump, J.W.; H. D. Stead, Treas.; J. C. Woodrow, Sec.; James Crowden, S.D.; P. G. Philps, J.D.; B. Fullwood, D.C.; R. P. Jenkins, I.G.; H. Johnson and J. Hicks, Stwds.; Bowler, Tyler; R. H. Crowden, P.M.; Gardner, P.M.; Ancell, Hands, and Powles. Visitors: Bros. Colven, F. H. Atkins, W. Atkins, Lavington, R. H. Barton, Wilson, Kearney, Burnett, A. W. Stead, A. E. Stead, Powell, Golman, Reynolds, Tolman, Caux, Palmer, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, being the most satisfactory in the annals of the lodge. The installation ceremony was then performed by Bro. Robert H. Crowden, P.M., Bro. J. B. Crump being installed into the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. The officers were afterwards appointed as follows: Bros. Thos. Perrin, I.P.M.; James Crowden, S.W.; Philps, J.W.; Jenkins, S.D.; Johnson, J.D.; Bellis, I.G.; Stead, P.M.; Treas.; Woodrow, P.M., Sec.; and Fullwood, D.C. Bro. Thos. Perrin had a handsome P.M.'s jewel presented to him in the lodge as a recognition of his valuable services during the last 12 months. The new W.M. initiated Mr. Alfred Charles Dowding into Freemasonry, the ceremony giving the greatest satisfaction to the brethren, as also to the candidate. The working was carried out by the new officers in the same faultless manner for which this lodge has long been noted. A joining member having been proposed, the lodge was closed, the brethren subsequently sitting down to banquet, the W.M., Bro. Crump, presiding. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the meeting broke up at an early hour.

**FLEETWOOD.—Hesketh Lodge (No. 950).**

On the 19th ult., the 21st anniversary of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, when Bro. the Rev. J. K. Turner, M.A., vicar of Stalmine, was installed as Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Capt. Jameson, the owner of the hotel, had entirely remodeled a room for the occasion and for the future meetings of the lodge. The arrangements and decoration of the room from both a Masonic and an artistic point of view are very effective. The lodge room is in its form and situation essentially Masonic. The windows are also very appropriate. The brethren of the Hesketh Lodge are to be congratulated upon now possessing one of the finest lodge rooms not only in the Fylde district but in the whole province of West Lancashire.

The lodge was opened in the presence of about 30 brethren, including Bros. T. Mahir, W.M.; W. H. Poole, P.M.; R. Hainsworth, P.M.; R. N. Horsfall, P.M.; Rev. J. K. Turner, S.W.; Alfred Barker, J.W.; Rev. A. W. Smith, Chap.; J. Lofthouse, Treas.; J. A. Orr, P.M., Sec.; Capt. Ormsby, P.M., D.C.; G. E. Lichfield, Org.; H. Markus, I.G.; Jas. Gibson, Tyler; Capt. Hughan, G. Gibson, and the following visitors: Bros. H. S. Alpess, Prov. G. Sec.; Major A. H. H. Whitehead, 113, P.P.G.D.; S. P. Bidder, P.M. 933; J. Wray, P.M. 1061, 1476; J. Winn, W.M. 1256; C. P. Fish, W.M. 703; E. Leigh, W.M. 1476; Capt. Turner, S.W. 1051; Rev. F. J. Dickson, 1256; Jno. Sumner, J.W. 1256; J. Smith, 41; and Dr. Fausset, 236.

After the installation Bro. T. Mahir was invested as I.P.M., and then Bro. Orr, P.M., Sec., invested Bro. Alfred Barker as S.W. and Bro. Capt. Robertson as J.W., Bro. Hainsworth, P.M., investing the rest of the officers as follows: Bros. Rev. A. W. Smith, Chap.; S. M. J. Lofthouse, Treas.; J. A. Orr, P.M., Sec.; G. Gibson, S.D.; G. E. Lichfield, J.D.; Capt. Humphrys, P.M., I.G.; Capt. Ormsby, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Poole, Org.; B. Hainsworth, P.M., S.S.; P. N. Horsfall, J.S.; and J. Gibson, Tyler. The whole of the ceremony was conducted with the greatest dignity and exactness, and at the conclusion of the proceedings the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

**BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when Bro. Charles W. Duke, P.P.G.D., P.M. 40, P.M., presided, supported by Bros. W. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M., S.W.; H. G. F. Hughes, Prov. G.A.P., P.M., Treas., as J.W.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; T. J. Walder, acting S.D.; W. T. Jordan, J.D.; T. Fielding, Org.; W. C. Till, acting I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; R. Davison, M.D.; C. Martin, and others.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes read and passed, a vote of sympathy was passed on behalf of the family of Bro. E. Kenward, one of the founders of the lodge, and the Secretary was requested by the W.M. to record the same on the minutes. Bro. Lamborn then gave a lecture on the various orders of architecture, after which the sum of £10 10s. was voted towards the funds of the Boys' School. Lodge was then closed.

**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.—Chorlton Lodge**

(No. 1387).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival was celebrated in the Masonic Hall on the 25th ult., when a large number of the members and visitors assembled on the occasion. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the W.M. elect, Bro. David Williams, was with all due rite and ceremony inducted into the chair of K.S., after which the following officers for the ensuing year were invested: Bros. Heywood, S.W.; Hall, J.W.; H. B. Jones, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Chadfield, Treas.; Dr. Rains, P.M., Sec.; Dewhurst, D.C.; Blair, S.D.; Dr. Pownall, J.D.; Botham, I.G.; Morris, Robinson, Riley, and Locke, Stwds.; and Cheshire, Tyler. Bro. Schofield, P.M., Prov. G.J.D., completed the ceremony by delivering the addresses. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. J. Dewhurst presented Bro. J. J. Lambert, I.P.M., on behalf of the brethren, with a Past Master's handsome gold jewel for his valuable and efficient services during the past year. Bro. Lambert acknowledged the present in suitable terms, and the lodge was shortly afterwards closed in peace and harmony.

A departure was made from the usual custom of sitting down to a banquet on this occasion, the brethren preferring to have tea instead, and to enjoy the society of their wives and sweethearts at a later period of the evening in a few dances. The brethren therefore sat down to a substantial tea "à la fourchette," and at 8.30 the ladies arrived, and dancing commenced and continued until 11 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to supper, which all present

seemed to thoroughly enjoy. During supper Bro. J. J. Lambert, I.P.M., presented Bro. Crompton, P.M., on behalf of the members, with a gold watch, on the dome of which was engraved: "Presented to Bro. Joseph Crompton, P.M., by members of the Chorlton Lodge, No. 1387, in acknowledgment of his valuable services as Secretary for the past four years. March 18th, 1884." After supper dancing was resumed, and kept up with spirit until two o'clock a.m.

**NOTTINGHAM.—De Vere Lodge (No. 1794).**

—The sixth annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Davis, W.M.; Gilbert, Sec.; Elborne, S.D.; Bullock, J.D.; Oakden, D.C.; Cokayne, I.G.; Loverseed and Howard, Stwds.; Bros. P.Ms. H. J. Harris, P.G.D.C.; Dodd, P.P.G.O. Kent; and G. C. Wragg, P.G. Sec.; J. Wigglesworth, W.M. elect; Underwood, E. Norris, Mountney, and Parker. Visitors: Bros. Hatherley, P.G.S.W.; Comyn, P.P.G.S.W.; Truman, P.P.G.J.W.; Dobbin, W.M. 402, P.G. Chap.; A. Page, W.M. 411, P.G.R.; Kidd, P.P.G.R.; Tate, P.M. 402, P.P.G.S.D.; George, P.G.D.C.; Hickling, P.G. Steward; Wood, P.G. Steward; C. Rogers, W.M. 47; Fisher, W.M. 1405; Alenson, W.M. 1435; Hobson, W.M. 1852; Patchitt, W.M. 2017; McLean, P.M. 1470; Stevenson, P.M. 1028; Hugh, 47; Turner, 47; Fish, I.G. 411; Sackett, 366; Cash, I.G. 1852; and Lawrence, Org. 1909.

The lodge was opened in ancient form and musical ritual according to custom. The minutes of the previous meeting having been unanimously confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. Parkin, J. Benton, and W. J. Rolise, as candidates for Freemasonry, and in each case unanimously elected. The lodge was called from labour to refreshment and on resuming a large muster of distinguished Grand Lodge Officers entered into lodge in procession during the singing of the processional hymn composed by Bro. Hugh, No. 47, who led the choir. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. Wigglesworth, was presented to the Installing Officer, Bro. Davis, P.P.G.S.D., by Bro. Gilbert, P.P.G. S.B., to receive the benefit of installation, and was duly and impressively installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of 22 Installed Masters. The W.M. having been duly proclaimed and saluted according to custom, then invested the following brethren as officers for the year: Bros. J. Davis, I.P.M.; Elborne, S.W.; Bullock, J.W.; H. Norris, Treas.; Gilbert, Sec.; Cokayne, S.D.; Loverseed, J.D.; Oakden, D.C.; and Howard, I.G.

The installation proceedings being ended, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Secretary, that 10 guineas be voted from the lodge Charity Fund in support of Bro. P.M. Davis's list as Steward of the Boys' School at its next festival. The Prov. Grand Lodge Officers then retired, and the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to the banqueting hall to a sumptuous repast, provided by the Stewardess, Mrs. Simpson, the room being specially decorated for the occasion by the W.M. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given by the W.M. and duly honoured, that of "The Prov. G.M., the Duke of St. Albans; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Watson, J.P.; and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. Hatherley, Prov. G.S.W., in his usual happy manner, and who in conclusion proposed "The Health of the W.M.," congratulating him on attaining the position of W.M. of the De Vere Lodge, and although he had not attained it according to his rank and seniority, yet by patience he had that day been rewarded for his labour in connection with the lodge, and concluded by heartily wishing the W.M. and the lodge greater prosperity than ever in the past had been enjoyed.

The Worshipful Master in reply feelingly acknowledged the compliment the lodge and Bro. Hatherley had paid him, and stated he intended working every ceremony himself during his year of office, and to install his successor, as all the previous W.Ms. had done, and asked for the support of his officers and brethren generally.

"The Health of the W.Ms. of Lodges in the Province" was responded to by Bro. Page, W.M. 411, Prov. G. Reg. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Dadd, P.M., and replied to by Bro. Truman, P.P.G.J.W., Secretary of the Notts Benevolent Fund, and Bro. Davis, the Lodge Charity Steward. "The Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who heartily welcomed every brother to the lodge, and invited them to favour the lodge with their presence at its ordinary meetings. Bros. Comyn, P.P.G.S.W., and McLean, P.M. 1470, responded. Bro. Davis, P.M., having proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to which the S.W., Bro. Elborne, replied, the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast, after a most enjoyable time thoroughly spent in harmony and peace.

The evening was enlivened with songs and instrumental music by Bros. Oakden, E. T. Norris, H. J. Norris, McLean, Sackett, Kidd, and Lawrence in an admirable manner.

### INSTRUCTION.

**BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).**—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at Bro. Austin's, 25, Charterhouse-street, E.C., on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Present: Bros. Salter, W.M.; Cross, S.W.; Field, J.W.; Cooper, I.G.; Frost, Preceptor; and Batty, Sec. The First and Second Sections of the First Lecture were worked, questions by the Preceptor, answers by the brethren. The W.M. then very ably rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. A vote of condolence, in terms to be found elsewhere, was passed to the Queen and the Duchess of Albany on the sad and sudden death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. The lodge was then closed in due form and solemn prayer.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—At a meeting held on the 31st ult., at Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-st., Paddington, W., there were present Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; F. Chandler, S.W.; W. Middleweek, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, I.P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; J. Laurence, J.D.; C. J. Morse, Stwd.; H. Purdue, W.M. 834, I.G.; F. T. C. Keeble, P.M. 1426; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974; W. H. Chalfont, W.M. 1425; C. S. Mote, A. Hardy, C. H. Wood, D. Stroud, M. J. Green, H. Robinson, G. Coop, C. Horton, C. W. Hunt, W.M. elect 1425; and J. T. Mickelburgh, P.M. 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed,



Bro. Green candidate. Bro. Hardy was entrusted and the lodge opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and closed down to the First Degree. A sincere vote of sympathy and condolence with H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany was passed. Bro. Chandler was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was closed in perfect harmony and adjourned.

#### PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).

The usual meeting was held at 202, Whitechapel-road, E., on the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. P. M. Myers, Preceptor; Richardson, W.M.; P. M. Partridge, S.W.; Kimbell, J.W.; J. Robson, Hon. Secretary; C. Robson, S.D.; W. McDonald, I.G. and Dep. Preceptor; Heath, Tyson, Winkley, and Holdom. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Winkley being the candidate for raising, answered the usual questions. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in an able manner by the W.M. Lodge being closed down, and Bro. Partridge, the S.W., unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, was then closed in due form.

#### CHAUCER LODGE (No. 1540).

The annual banquet of the above lodge was celebrated on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the old White Hart Inn, Borough, with a marked degree of success. Lodge was held previous to the banquet, and the ceremony of the Third Degree was impressively rendered. The chair was occupied by Bro. C. Graham, W.M. 1540, &c., who was supported by Bros. Moorcroft, W.M. 25, as S.W.; J. W. Catterson, W.M. 1981, as J.W.; Croaker, P.M. 185, Preceptor; Wingham, I.G. 25, Hon. Sec.; Reeves, P.M.; Robins, P.M. 25; Catterson, sen., P.M.; Sears, P. Prov. G.S.D. Kent; S. Wood, Jones, Steng, Arrowsmith, Bygrave, Benjamin, Chapman, Norrington, Holditch, Roots, Pierpoint, Collins, Cannon, Matthews, Stephens, and others.

Lodge business being ended, the brethren sat down to a splendidly served repast, which reflected the highest credit upon Bro. Renaut, 1623, the worthy and experienced host. The tables were tastefully decorated, and we have seldom taken part in a more satisfactory and enjoyable little spread. Bro. Graham introduced the usual loyal and Craft toasts at the conclusion of the banquet, and "Success to the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction" was most enthusiastically given and received, in connection with the name of Bro. Croaker, P.M., its energetic Preceptor, who in his reply gave some details of the means by which the brethren of 1540 were endeavouring to secure a good and regular attendance. The funds derived from fees are allotted for among the members who have attended a specified number of times—one ballot having recently taken place; and support to the Masonic Charities is further being organised, the second association being now actively in work, whereby each subscriber will, by a small weekly payment, become entitled to a Life Governorship to one of the three Masonic Institutions.

"The W.M., Bro. Graham," was appropriately honoured and that brother fittingly responded; and "The Visitors" received a hearty reception, the task of replying being entrusted to Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623. "The Officers' Healths" was proposed, Bro. Graham remarking upon the pleasure it afforded him to be supported on that occasion by two Worshipful Masters in the Warden's chairs, viz., Bros. Moorcroft, 25, and J. W. Catterson, 1981. The excellent services of the worthy Hon. Sec., Bro. Wingham, were also recognised, and in response that worthy brother furnished the brethren with some statistics concerning the lodge. There had been 50 meetings and 32 new members had joined during the year. The support the lodge had received from the mother lodge could be gathered from the fact that only two members had attended, and one of these was their esteemed W.M. Bro. Wingham further alluded to the steps being taken to support the Benevolent Institutions of the Craft. The associations in course of working promise to afford some 165 guineas support thereto.

Another matter incidentally alluded to during the proceedings was the annual summer outing, which with 1540 brethren is a much prized annual occurrence, mainly through the indefatigable exertions of Bro. C. Graham. Bro. Sears, P.P.G.S.D. Kent, promised all the assistance at his command, he being connected with the Freemasons of Kent and the railway facilities of arriving there.

Some really excellent singing was furnished by the brethren and heartily enjoyed, Bro. Renaut obliging by acting as accompanist, the evening being marked throughout by high tone and true enjoyment.

#### COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).

A meeting was held at the Cranbourne Hotel, Upper Saint Martin's-lane, W.C., on the 20th ult., there being present Bros. Ford, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; Read, J.W.; B. Solomons, S.D.; G. H. Reynolds, J.D.; Frank Gulliford, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. H. Gulliford, P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; Fowles, T. A. Dickson, Robinson, Green, Shannon, Mogford, and E. W. Smith. The lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. H. Richardson worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C., Bro. Dickson as candidate. Bro. Fowles worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Lodge resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Robinson, 1681, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. G. Coleman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was passed to Bro. G. Reynolds, Secretary, for his exertions in connection with the late supper, and also for the manner in which the same had been carried out. Bro. Reynolds replied, and then made an appeal to the members to join the Charitable Association connected with this lodge. The lodge was closed in ancient form.

#### WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).

A very successful meeting was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the new and comfortable quarters, the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate-street. The evening was devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, under the presidency of Bro. G. H. Stephens, S.W. of the mother lodge. That brother had, to give the proceedings a pleasant variety, selected some 15 brethren from the Merchant Navy Lodge of In-

struction, No. 781, and invited them to the West Smithfield. This was cheerfully accepted in good Masonic feeling, and Bro. J. H. Pringle, J.W. 781, the able Preceptor of 781, and his team certainly acquitted themselves in capital style. Lodge having been opened, Bro. Stephens was supported by Bros. J. H. Pringle, J.W. 781, as S.W.; W. Richardson, 174, J.W.; W. Pennefather, P.M. 1623, I.P.M.; J. King, J.D. 1623, Hon. Sec.; E. Mallett, P.M., Sec. 1623, S.D.; F. Robinson, S.W. 781, J.D.; T. T. Phillips, W.M. 1929, I.G.; Morris, 317 S.C.; A. Robertson, 781; Springall, 781; Perkins, J. West, J.W. 933; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; J. Amey, 1326; R. K. Bull, D.C. 781; J. Taylor, S.W. 554; Sinclair, 1816; Fisher, P.M. 1382; Patrick, 1227; G. W. Rowe, 1227; S. H. C. Rumball, and others whose names we could not gather. In consequence of some of the brethren being unavoidably absent, the list of workers was somewhat altered, Bro. Stephens finding among his numerous kind supporters ready and able volunteers to work any section required. Indeed, some idea may be formed at once in which the working was carried out when at its completion the W.M. announced that the entire Sections of the Lecture had been rendered some quarter of an hour under the time usually occupied.

Bro. Pennefather, P.M., moved a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stephens for his very able discharge of the difficult duties appertaining to the office of W.M. on a Fifteen Section night, saying the least the brethren could do then—Bro. Stephens having already gained the honorary membership of the lodge by previous services—was to inscribe upon the minutes a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. This was unanimously carried, and was emphasised by Bro. Pringle saying he did not know a more painstaking or hard-working Freemason than their W.M., who he felt fully deserved the compliment passed by the brethren.

The working brethren next received a warm mark of the appreciation of their hosts, and Bros. Pringle and Richardson, who had discharged the duties of S. and J. Wardens respectively, were accorded the privilege of honorary membership. About a dozen brethren were admitted into membership with the lodge, and all business ended harmoniously and in a most satisfactory manner. In conclusion, we may add that if the practice of brethren of different lodges visiting each other were more general, a good deal of good would be the result not only in the assimilation of the style of working, but in encouraging that kindly feeling which Freemasonry so actively promotes among its members, and in stirring up the dormant energies of brethren who have settled down, as is too often the case in lodges of instruction, to one dull routine of lodge work.

#### EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).

The weekly meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, when upwards of 50 brethren responded to the call of the officers of the lodge to listen to the rehearsal of the installation ceremony. The lodge was opened by Bro. R. J. Taylor, P.M. and W.M. 1922, Installing Officer, assisted by Bros. Shadler, S.W.; S. Wood, J.W.; J. Stafford, I.G.; and C. A. Woods, D. of C. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. J. R. Johnson, Preceptor, was in due form presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and, after the address from the installing officer and having given his assent to the ancient charges, proceeded to take the obligation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and afterwards a board of thirteen installed masters was formed. On the readmission of the brethren the W.M. was duly proclaimed in the Three Degrees, and received the salutations of the brethren. He then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. D. Smith, S.W.; Wood, J.W.; C. Sims, Treas.; Paton, Sec.; Edgley, S.D.; C. Evans, J.D.; Spencer, I.G. The W.M. rose for the first time when 18 brethren were elected joining members of the lodge. The W.M. having risen for the second and third times, cordial votes of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, were passed to Bro. Taylor, Installing Officer, and Bro. C. A. Woods, as D. of C. Nothing further offering for the good of Masonry, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, it being generally remarked that this meeting was one of the very best ever held in South London.

### Royal Arch.

#### ROYAL JUBILEE CHAPTER (No. 72).

The usual March convocation was held on Thursday, the 13th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. The chapter was opened by Ex. Comps. H. Lovegrove, M.E.Z.; W. Ackland (visitor), as H.; F. Thurston, H., as J.; J. Walker, S.N.; G. Edwards, P.S.; J. Potter, Tyler; and a number of members. After the reading of the minutes of the December meeting the M.E.Z. proceeded to install Comp. A. J. Cox as J., as owing to an accident he was absent from the installation meeting. The candidate for exaltation not being in attendance, a portion of the ceremony was rehearsed. The M.E.Z. presided at a pleasant dinner at the close of the proceedings.

#### WIGAN.—Harmony Chapter (No. 178).

The members of this chapter held their annual meeting at the Masonic Hall, on the 12th ult., for the purpose of installing the principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year. There were present Comp. C. B. Holmes, P.Z., as Z.; T. Milligan, H.; H. D. Croft, J.; J. D. Murray, S.E.; W. M. Wyld, S.N.; J. Phillips, P.Z.; T. Milner, J. Browne, A. H. Crossley, R. B. Seddon, G. Makinson, T. Bullock, W. Holt, T. E. Skidmore, G. B. Cliff, T. Forrester, A. Weir, T. Sharples, J. Nixon, R. Leyland, J. Holmes, J. Wilson, G. Airey, and W. H. Horrocks. The visitors were Comps. G. Broadbridge, P.Z. 680; C. F. Matier, P.G. 2nd P., P.Z. 59, 645 Illinois; R. Martin, 1350, P.G. Treas.; W. Nicholl, P.Z. 317; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 42, 116, Prov. G.J. East Lancs.; Wm. Tomkinson, 680; and T. Wilson, P.Z. 348.

The chapter was opened in the usual manner and the minutes of the last regular convocation, as well as those of the emergency meeting, were read and confirmed, after which Comp. T. Milligan was installed as Z., H. D. Croft as H., and J. D. Murray as J., by Comp. C. B. Holmes, who was most ably assisted by Comps. C. F. Matier and J. H. Sillitoe. The other officers invested were Comps. T. Milner, S.E.; R. B. Seddon, S.N.; A. H. Crossley, P.S.; J. Browne and J. Holmes, the

Asst. Stwds. Comp. C. B. Holmes was re-elected Treasurer and W. Patterson, Janitor. The Treasurer's accounts were next presented and reported upon by Comp. J. Browne, one of the Auditors, and adopted. The Treasurer then said he had a pleasant duty to perform and that was to propose that the best thanks of the chapter be tendered to Comp. J. D. Murray for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of S.E. during the past year, for solely owing to his exertions the chapter was placed in a very healthy position, every subscription having been got in and every account paid, and a balance left in hand. The resolution was seconded by Comp. Milligan, Z., and carried unanimously, and Comp. Murray suitably acknowledged the compliment.

"Heartly good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting companions the chapter was closed in peace and harmony, and the companions adjourned to a most substantial banquet, after which the usual toasts were given, "The Healths of the Newly Installed Principals" being heartily received, and in the usual course responded to. Responding on behalf of the "Charities," Comp. R. Martin urged the claims of the West Lancashire Educational Institution and thanked the companions of the chapter for their donation of £10. 10s. towards that Institution. Several of the companions contributed to the harmony of the evening with music, in which they were assisted by Comp. Tomkinson, one of the visitors, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The chair was taken by Comp. C. B. Holmes, P.Z., the newly-installed Z. being unexpectedly called away.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

#### HUDDERSFIELD.—Prince of Wales Chapter

(No. 69).—This chapter was opened on Saturday, the 22nd ult., by the M.W.S., Bro. John Marshall, assisted by the officers of the chapter. Bro. Frank William Banister, son of Ill. Bro. Chas. J. Banister, S.G.I.G. 33, and I.G. N.E. Dist., being a candidate for this beautiful Degree, was together with Bro. Alfred Gill perfected by the M.W.S., assisted by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, with due solemnity. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. John Hey, was presented by the Grand Marshal to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, who installed him into the chair of his predecessors with his usual care and impressiveness. The M.W.S. then appointed his officers, viz., Ill. Bro. John Marshall, 30, High Prelate; Ex. and Perfect Bros. Hy. Shaw, 1st General; Atherton, 2nd General; Monckman, Grand Marshal; Crabtree, Raphael; Ill. Bro. Wrigley, Treas.; Ex. and Perfect Bros. Shaw, Recorder; F. W. Banister, Capt. of Guard; Sugg, D.C.; and Gill, Herald.

The chapter was closed in due form, and the brethren dined together in the hall, under the presidency of the M.W.S. The loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair.

Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister responded for "The Supreme Council and the Members of the 33," and alluded to the pleasure he experienced in his son being perfected in this chapter by his old and valued friend Ill. Bro. John Marshall, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the M.W.S." with great cordiality.

The M.W.S. was received most enthusiastically, and in a neat speech thanked the brethren for their great kindness. He proposed "The Health of Ill. Bro. John Marshall," which was received with rounds of applause, and that brother in a truly kind and Masonic manner thanked the brethren for their great kindness.

"The Candidates" was proposed by the M.W.S. in suitable terms, and heartily drunk by the brethren. Each candidate responded for himself, Bro. Frank W. Banister saying that he noted so many good examples in the chapter and so many old friends had he found amongst the members, that he could not help taking extra interest in the ceremonies, and trusted that he should emulate them in every particular. Bro. Gill also suitably responded.

The health of those brethren who were not able to attend were not forgotten, and all spent a very happy evening.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. A. D. LOEWENSTARK.

We much regret to announce the death on Sunday, the 23rd ult., at his residence, No. 45, Fernhad-road, St. Peter's Park, of Bro. A. D. Loewenstark, P.M. 805 and 1035, and P.Z. 73 and 185, in his 67th year. Our deceased brother was well known and much esteemed in Masonic circles. The funeral took place on the 25th ult.

#### FUNERAL OF BRO. W. P. PHILLIPS, P.M. DORIC LODGE.

The mortal remains of Bro. W. P. Phillips, eldest son of Bro. W. P. I. Phillips, of the Grange, Woodbridge, and a well-known amateur athlete, whose sudden death, at the premature age of 25, took place last week, were laid in their last resting place, Woodbridge cemetery, on Tuesday afternoon, amidst every token of heartfelt grief. During the hours of the funeral the bell of St. Mary's tolled, the shops in the town were closed, blinds drawn, and business entirely suspended, whilst hundreds flocked to the church and burial ground to bear testimony, in paying their last respects to the departed, to the popularity and public esteem in which the deceased was held. The funeral cortege was met at the gate of St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, the rector, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., Dep. P.G.M., who had just left an emergency meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge, held for the purpose of expressing condolence at the death of its W.M., the Duke of Albany. The grave was tastefully lined with moss and primroses, and the coffin when lowered was literally smothered with magnificent wreaths and bouquets. The 3rd Suffolk Regiment was represented by the Regimental Sergeant-Major and the Sergeant-Major of A Company, to which deceased belonged. Amongst the many letters of sympathy and condolence received by his bereaved parents was the following from the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823: "At an emergency meeting, called in consequence of the death of the Duke of Albany, the following resolution was passed: 'That Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. Eng., Deputy Prov. G.M. of Suffolk, be requested to convey to Bro. Wm. P. T. Phillips, of Melton Grange, this expression of their earnest sympathy in the bereavement he has recently sustained in the loss of his son, Bro. Wm. P. Phillips, P.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 81, Woodbridge.'"



The Bank rate has been reduced to 2½ per cent.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., has been unanimously elected a Governor and Guardian of the Foundling Hospital.

At the installation meeting of the West Kent Lodge on the 22nd ult., at the Crystal Palace, Bro. J. B. Crump, J.W. and W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. R. H. Crowden, P.M.

Bro. J. W. Woodall, R.W. Prov. Grand Mark Master North and East Yorkshire, will preside at the annual festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which will be held at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, the 23rd of July.

The Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, hitherto meeting on Friday, at 8 o'clock, at the Harp Tavern, Jernyn-street, has now been removed to the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, where, for the benefit of the City members, it is proposed to meet in future at 6.30 p.m., on Thursdays.

Bro. Charles Belton, W.M. and P.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 177, P.G.D. Surrey, has been elected W.M. of the Lodge of Honor and Generosity, No. 165, and on his installation in May next will enter upon his third consecutive year as W.M. in the Craft, his second year in the chair of K.S. of Lodge 177 being just about to terminate.

It is expected that the festivities at Pompeii, to be held at the beginning of May, will be carried out with great care and magnificence. The proceeds are to be devoted in relieving the sufferers by the earthquake in Ischia. The festival committee are awaiting permission from the Government, which it is hoped will grant a subsidy to carry out their plans.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, the Dep. G.M.M. Mason and Grand Master elect, has named Tuesday, the 29th inst., for the consecration of the Kintore Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 333, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at which place the meetings of the lodge will be held—not at the head-quarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles as announced in a recent issue. The principal officers designate are Bro. Newington Bridges, W.M.; Bro. Thos. Edmondston, S.W.; and Bro. Jas. Hepburn Hastie, J.W.

Mr. William Cook Doune, a country gentleman with a substantial income, living for some years near Ross, has published printed statements and written letters to the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the Bishop of Liverpool complaining that the Prince, as Grand Master Mason, had exercised his art with the Duke of Edinburgh to send mesmeric shocks through Doune's heart. He further threatened to shoot the Prince, and this led to his arrest, and the police found in his possession two loaded revolvers and a large quantity of ammunition. It was proved that Doune was suffering from a dangerous form of monomania, and Doune's answers before a medical commission in lunacy showing that he still laboured under these delusions, the Master certified that he was a person of unsound mind.

The March issue of the *Voice of Masonry* prints the following significant paragraph. Of the truth of the strange assertions therein made we must leave to our contemporary the onus of establishing: "In the extraordinary honours paid to the deceased Emperor Victor Emanuel of Italy, January 15th last, I have looked in vain to see any part taken by the numerous and influential lodges of that country. Victor Emanuel was an active Mason. In the Scotch Rite he had been honoured with the highest grade. To Freemasonry he was very largely indebted in the great Revolution which gave him the throne of Italy and for ever displaced the Papacy as a temporal power. I hope the fuller accounts, to come by letters and the press, will show that 'the Free and Accepted' were admitted to their proper place in the great festivities of January 15th.—R.M."

The Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast held its sixth annual meeting and election of officers January 9th, 1884. The address of the President, James M. McDonald, and the report of the Secretary, Edwin A. Sherman, were presented. There are 120 Past Masters of the Pacific Coast and a large number of other eminent Masons borne upon its rolls. Among them are United States Senators, Judges, and others distinguished upon the bench, at the bar, and in the councils of the nation, as well as throughout the various States and Territories whose waters flow into the Pacific. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. Washington Ayer, President; Hon. Leonidas E. Pratt, Vice-President for California, Past Grand Master; Christopher Taylor, for Oregon (the first Mason made on the Pacific Coast); Alex. D. Rock, for Nevada; Edwin A. Sherman, Sec.; David W. Laird, Treas.; Charles H. Haile, Marshal; Rev. David McClure, Chap. At the close of the meeting the Association, as the guest of Captain James M. McDonald, the retiring President, proceeded to the Olympic Club rooms, where a fine collation awaited them. Speeches and toasts were the order of the evening, and when concluded the members retired in good order with Cremony's benediction, "May the Lord love us all and not call for us too soon."

ANOTHER CURE OF BRONCHITIS (COUGH AND COLD) BY DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS.—MRS. D. M. SHEPHERD, 19, South Saint David Street, Edinburgh, writes:—"March 17th, 1884. I have great pleasure in recommending Dr. Locock's PULMONIC WAFERS, having used them years ago with best results while suffering from Bronchitis." They instantly relieve, rapidly cure Asthma, Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds, Shortness of Breath, Phlegm, Pains in the Chest, Rheumatism—and taste pleasantly. Sold at 2s. 1d. and 2s. 6d. per box, of all druggists.—[Advrt.]

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Safely and Securely.—When the severities of winter have yielded to the genial spring, invalids should make a determined effort to regain their lost health; when through confinement indoors, want of appetite, and disturbed sleep, the entire system has been weakened, and the spirits have been broken down, Holloway's remedies are equal to the occasion. The Ointment rubbed over the regions of the stomach and liver, aided by the internal administration of his Pills, will rectify the digestion, regulate the bile, and purify the blood—three sanitary actions which will speedily confer renewed vigour, brace up the falling nerves, confirm the flaccid muscles, and restore to the ailing cheerfulness, that great charm of existence.—[Advrt.]

Bro. Westall, P.M. 177, has been re-elected to the office of Treasurer in that lodge, a position he has already held for a quarter of a century.

Bro. C. J. Rich was installed W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, on Thursday, the 27th ult. A Past Master's jewel and a pianoforte were presented to Bro. Schadler, the retiring W.M.

Mr. James Wallenger Goodinge, C.C., has been initiated into Freemasonry in the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818, by his brother, Bro. George Thorp Goodinge, W.M. of that lodge.

An entertainment by the Pickwick Histrionic Club will be given on Monday evening next, at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Wood Green. Bro. G. S. Graham will take part in the musical programme, and the pieces to be performed by the Club are Craven's "Chimney Corner" and Hazlewood and Williams's "Leave it to me."

We are asked to announce that the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, now meets at the Alfred Hotel, Roman-road, Barnsbury, on Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock. Bro. Gabriel Treadwell, 1076, has been appointed Secretary, in place of Bro. F. Sillis, who, to the regret of the members, has been compelled to relinquish the office owing to pressure of other duties.

At a meeting held at 25, Manchester-square, on Monday week, Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., in the chair, on the motion of Canon Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Joseph Peters, a committee was formed to raise a testimonial to Mr. Weston to reimburse him for his heavy pecuniary losses during his late plucky and extraordinary walk. It is proposed to raise at least £1000.

BRO. GOULD'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.—Many correspondents in all countries have written in disappointed terms to ask why our publisher could not supply the needed volumes. Owing to some private arrangements of the publisher of the History this has been rendered impossible, and in notifying the fact to our friends we desire that they should understand that it is from no fault of our own or disinclination to execute their valued orders that we do not do so.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week: Monday, March 31st—Eclectic Chapter. Tuesday, April 1st—Royal York Lodge of Perseverance. Thursday, 3rd—Caledonian Society, Linnean Club, St. James's Chapter, Westminster and Keystone Lodge, Universal Chapter, and Victoria Rifles Lodge. Friday, 4th—Britannic Chapter, New Holborn Quadrille Ball, Royal Kensington Lodge, and Thistle Lodge of Mark Masons. Saturday, 5th—St. James's Soiree.

An officer of great experience with the Eastern races makes the following striking suggestion:—"Why not raise a Chinese contingent for Egypt? General Gordon won forty general actions with Chinamen against Chinamen (Taepings). There are plenty of officers in England and India who have been in China, and could take command of them. Again, they are the best agriculturists in the world, and would grow more corn in Egypt than the gentlemen did when Joseph acted the part of Sir Evelyn Baring in the days of Pharaoh."—*Broad Arrow*.

A splendid portrait of H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany is published by Messrs. S. B. Angle and Co., of 11, High-street, Colchester, which does great credit to the photographic artist. His Royal Highness is one of a group consisting of the Right Hon. Lord and Lady Brooke, &c., the picture having been taken immediately after the installation ceremony of Lord Brooke, M.P., as R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Essex by the late Duke of Albany. The figures are full length, presenting his Royal Highness in very pleasing position. The photograph is published in both cabinet and panel portrait size, and at a very moderate price.

I believe in holidays. Not in a frantic rushing about from place to place, glancing at everything and observing nothing; flying from town to town, from hotel to hotel, eager to "do" and to see a country, in order that when they get home they may say that they have done it, and seen it. Only to say;—as for any real vision of eye, heart, and brain, they might as well go through the world blindfold. It is not the things we see, but the mind we see them with, which makes the real interest of travelling. "Eyes and no Eyes,"—an old-fashioned story about two little children taking a walk; one seeing everything, and enjoying everything, the other seeing nothing, and thinking the expedition the dullest imaginable. This simple tale, which the present generation has probably never read, contains the essence of all rational travelling.—*The Author of "John Halifax, Gentleman."*

Ye Antiente Fraternitie of ye Rahere Almoners gave a smoking concert on Monday last, at the Manchester Hotel, E.C., Bro. C. Morton, Grand Prior, presiding. The entertainment was as excellent as those which had preceded it, and as productive of assistance by donations and memberships. Bro. James Stevens, the originator of this society, undertook the management of the concert, and was supported by a large number of friends connected with the Craft. Bros. Sinclair Dunn, G. J. Graham, Cox, and Poole, assisted by Misses Susetta Fenn and Amy Graham, furnished a programme of national ballads, humorous songs, and recitations which kept a large audience fully interested for nearly three hours. The concert room was decorated with English and American flags, the former unfortunately draped with black crape, and several American brethren attended and expressed their great pleasure in joining in the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Dunn introduced a new song, "Ye Prior Rahere," of his own composition, and the concert terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. "Ye Rahere Almoners" deserve well of all friends of charity for the admirable manner in which their public entertainments are carried out, as well as for their careful disposition of the funds with which they are entrusted.

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Miss Kate Santley will reopen her theatre—the Royalty—at Easter with a new comic opera, "La Cosaque," the libretto being by Mr. Sidney Grundy, the music by Mons. Heroé. Bro. H. Ashley will leave the Comedy to appear in the cast.

A Mr. J. R. Taylor has taken Her Majesty's, and at Easter purposes reopening it with a romantic drama and popular prices. With the exception of a few stalls—necessary for reserved rights—the whole of the floor of the house will be devoted to the pit at a charge of 1s. 6d. The stalls are to be also only 5s.

The re-acting of Mr. W. S. Gilbert's drama, "Dan'l Druce," at the Court, is chiefly interesting because it has brought before the public Miss Fortescue, the young lady who was affianced to the heir of a celebrated earldom. The part of Dorothy is one in which possibly Miss Fortescue has the best chance of coming out as an actress, for up to this date the young lady was known only in the theatrical world as a fairy who looked extremely pretty but spoke only some half-dozen lines. The puritanical character of the Quakeress Dorothy suits Miss Fortescue's face and voice very well. Her manner has to be so quiet and cold that there is scarcely opportunity to come to any conclusion as to whether this charmingly pretty young lady is also an actress of merit. She evidently has been well trained in her part though a little too mechanical in all she says and does. Still there is something which at once strikes the sympathetic organs and draws one to the actress, and it is impossible to leave the theatre without having been impressed with the touching voice, the elegance of manner, the pleasing refinement in speech, and the intelligent and winning face, and we see no reason why Miss Fortescue, though no doubt elevated to this place by a peculiar circumstance, should not with study make her mark on the stage which we believe she is fond of. It is about eight years since this play was acted. The cast is entirely changed, with the exception of the chief actor, Mr. Hermann Vezin, who still is Dan'l Druce, and were it not for his splendid rendering of this part the drama would fall flat. We have never heard any one explain how it is that Mr. Vezin, a master of elocution, is not always in an engagement. His pathos is perfect, and when he speaks silence reigns with the audience; the effect is irresistible when he displays his powers of emotion. To hear his "Touch not, it is the Lord's gift," is worth going to hear. We suppose there is no one at the present day in the profession who understands the art of acting and has mastered elocution better than Mr. Vezin. Messrs. Clayton and Cecil we would say have done a good stroke of business in bringing out this drama, for the house, from more reasons than one, is nightly full. As there is no part in the play for Mrs. Wood and Mr. Cecil, Mr. Godfrey has written a duologue for them, called "My Milliner's Bill," which as long as it lasts keeps the audience in convulsions of laughter, and is a good antidote to the pathetic piece preceding it.

The Novelty has had nothing but success, and we gladly record the fact, since Miss Nellie Harris took the management. A little time ago a new farcical comedy was given here at a morning performance, and met with such a reception that it was resolved to at once put it in the evening programme. It will be remembered that "Confusion" was brought out at the Vaudeville in a similar way, and then played in the evening, and has now passed its 290th performance. There is another similarity betwixt "Confusion" and "Nita's First"—for that is the name of the Novelty comedy—in that they both have for their groundwork a baby to cause all the mischief. But there the likeness ends. We cannot see that Mr. Warren, the author of the last-named, has improved on Mr. Derrick's work. It may be thought that the ground is a little delicate to tread upon; but such is the genuine fun derived, that no one after seeing "Nita's First" can say there is anything coarse in it. It appears that Nita has married secretly, and whilst on a six months' visit to her friends her baby is born. Her friends are going to Australia, and she must go home to her parents, but she dare not let them know that she is married, so she sends the baby to her brother's house and posts a letter advising him of what she has done. But, unfortunately, the baby arrives before the letter. Fred Frizzleton is alarmed, and fearing this unwelcome visitor will bring about domestic trouble, and not knowing whose it is, he immediately takes it out of the house and deposits it in the house of a middle-aged spinster. Fred's wife has heard the crying of a child and asks for an explanation. Of course it is difficult to give one. The spinster being horrified sends the baby to the police station. Fred now receives his sister's letter and goes on a hunt after his little nephew, who has undergone by this time several adventures. From the police-station it was put in a cab to go to a railway station to be sent to Edinburgh, and is ultimately deposited in the workhouse, whence it is rescued and brought to its mother, who has owned to her secret marriage and been forgiven by her parents. It is just the sort of play which spoils by being fully described. We can promise all who go to see it that they will enjoy a hearty good humoured laugh. When "Nita's First" is not the topic of conversation her irascible old father keeps the audience in roars with his cantankerous conduct towards his wife and every one about him. Every character is thoroughly well sustained. This comedy is not adapted from the French, but is purely original. We shall not be surprised if "Nita's First" has a long run; it is so amusing and clever that it will bear seeing more than once. The chief part is played by the author, Mr. T. G. Warren. We may add that the ladies will be delighted at seeing a fine real baby brought on the stage as the curtain falls. A very pretty little piece, "The Bonny Fishwife," precedes the farce, in which Miss Minnie Bell appears to much advantage. On the 12th inst., besides "Nita's First," a new extravaganza will be produced, in which Miss Kate Vaughan, Mr. W. Farren, sen., and Mr. Sugden will appear. A good prospect seems at last before this theatre.